



# Trojan Tempo

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## Student Spotlight



Senior Chloe Klawon in downtown Helsinki near the Helsinki Cathedral.

**Name:** Chloe Klawon

**Age:** 17

**Grade:** 12

**Where are you from:** Orlando, Florida

**Claim to fame:** Foreign exchange student to Finland last year.

**Plans after THS:** I will attend the University of Dayton and major in International Business.

**Siblings at THS:** Nope.

**Extra Curricular Activities:** CISV Board Member, Student Government, Senior Cabinet, Travel Lacrosse.

**If you could be a foreign exchange student, where would you go?** I went to Finland, but if I could go on another exchange, I would go to Switzerland.

**Favorite Lunch at THS:** I pack.

**Best Friend(s):** MariCait Gillespie lol.

**Favorite home cooked meal or restaurant:** Bipibop and Asian food in general.

**Job:** I work at Trojan Florist.

**Drive:** Honda Odyssey.

**Goals in life:** To be happy and present.

**Something you want to change in the world:** Getting people to broaden their perspectives and to become cultured rather than ignorant.

**Favorite THS memory:** Graduating (If it happens for me lol).

## 'Tis better to give than receive

By Trojan Tempo Staff Writers

**THS-** This is the time of year where people often think of what they hope to find under the tree with their name on the tag. But for many people, giving gifts is even better than receiving them. The Trojan Tempo Staff Writers and members of Mass Communications 1 and 2 classes asked: "If you could give someone any gift in the world, what would it be and who would get it?"

"If I could give anyone any gift I would give my dad a 1962 Ferrari GTO SI coupe, because it is his favorite car," Ambrosia Westcott.

"I would give my little brother a rubik's cube, because he likes those," Carter Mary.

"I would make food for Mrs. Allen, because I want to give her something handmade with all of my love," Nhu Pham.

"I would get my mom a necklace," Landen Ouellette.

"I would buy my mom tickets to go on a trip to England because she has always wanted to go there and see where our ancestors are from," Anna Harman.

"I'd give my dad his dream car. He's worked so hard to take care of me and he deserves it," Matthew Griffith.

"I would give my mom a mug I made, my dad a painting I made, and my brother a car," Frida Hoening.

"Money for food, and I would give it to me because I'm broke," Xander Irey.

"I would buy my brother a plane ticket to come home for Christmas," Michael Mong.

"I would buy my friend Josie a horse charm necklace," Kaylee Huffman.

"I would buy a new dog toy for my dog," Tori Ricks.

"I would like to buy my mom a baby turtle for Christmas so she can finish her addicting turtle collection," Connor Reed.

"I would give my dog Lily a new bone," Samantha Matthies.

"I'd give Mrs. Lehmkuhl all

of the math shirts I can find for all the help and support she's given me!" Mrs. Arnold.

"I would want to give my friend Becca a dinosaur plushie because she really likes those," Anna Mobellini.

"I would buy my sister a phone or a new iPad because she really wants one," Sophie Matthies.

"I want to give my friends fuzzy socks and face masks because they're VSCO girls like that," Erin Bruce.

"I'll give Santa coal," Sarah Castaneda.



"I'd give Ryan a haircut," Ella Kirkpatrick.

"I would like to give Ella a buzz cut!" Ryan Martz.

"I would like to give happiness to everyone because people aren't as happy as they used to be," Andrew Oates.

\$100 gift card to Amazon," Zack Aboulkassim.

"I would buy my daughter a unicorn," Mr. Metz.

"I'd pay people's student loans," Angie Rice.

"I'd bring my grandpa back for my family," Jaiden Hunt.

"I would give the high school air conditioning for the kids who have to come back next year," Adam Tibbits.

"I would take my best friends on a road trip and vacation to show how much I love and appreciate them and spend time with them," Cheyenne Cope-land.

"My gift would be to see my grandma who passed away and give her a hug one more time," Arik Viney.

"I would give Mr. Matthews a hug," Josh Lovitt.

"I would give Morgan Kaiser another ACL," Maddie Brewer.

No matter who you give a gift to, or what the gift is, remember that it is the thought that counts. Happy Holidays THS!

## Christmas break plans, Trojan Family style

By Michael Mong, Trojan Tempo Guest Writer

**THS-** We all know the holidays are a great time to get away from all the stress of school and getting up early every morning.

Sure, sometimes trips and flying around can be a bit of a hassle, cars break down and flights gets canceled or delayed... or even both, but hey, what beats a chance of seeing grandma and grandpa again for the holidays?

As we all know, a lot of teenagers are just in it for the gifts and time off of school. Christmas break provides us with time to



Take time to enjoy the holiday lights in and around Troy.

Photo by Ambrosia Westcott

stay home and do nothing but watch "The Mandalorian" on Disney+ (still never seen it). Having a great time over break is never wasted time, but remember that perfect trip

is a great way to say "hi" to Christmas vacation.

Christmas break is right around the corner, and THS is already ready for the days off.

"I want to go on vaca-

tion somewhere warm," said senior Frida Hoening, "If I can't do that, I would be with friends for Christmas and get together with them and make or buy food, go ice skating, and exchange gifts."

Senior Tasia Newton said "I am going to be in Florida for Christmas break."

"I'm going to go bowling with friends and play Fighter Z and Dokkan Battle," Justice May said.

The wonderful Mr. Woerner said he will be reading as well as "GRADING PAPERS" all break. That really sounds like a lot of fun. Doing school work over your

time off, nobody wants to do that.

"I will be celebrating the holidays with family and going to see the lights at Lost Creek Nature Preserve," said Mrs. Foster.

My Christmas break consists of going ice skating, spending time with friends and family, as well as going to a big New Year's Eve party. That is kind of the normal Christmas break for me and it has become a tradition sort of. Have a Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year THS.

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Christmas Cookie Adventure

Favorite holiday traditions

By Ambrosia Westcott,  
*Trojan Tempo Staff Writer*

**THS-** When thinking of Christmas cookies, sugar cookies are usually the first one that comes to mind. Yet, a holiday classic that gets overlooked quite often is gingerbread.

Usually people say they love or hate them because of their unique taste. No other cookie can quite compare to the taste of them, yet many don't want to make or eat them. Here is a slightly dulled down recipe that can be the perfect mix of what people love about gingerbread.

For this recipe you will need: ½ cup butter (softened), ½ cup butter- flavored shortening, 1 ½ cups white sugar, 1 egg, 1 tablespoon vanilla, 3 tablespoons molasses, 3 cups all-purpose flour, 2 teaspoons baking soda, 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon, 1 teaspoon of ground ginger, ½ teaspoon ground cloves, and ½ teaspoon salt.

Step one: Cream butter, shortening, and sugar to-

gether. Add the egg, vanilla, molasses and mix until well blended.

Step two:

Add flour, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, ground cloves, and salt mixing until well combined. Use a wooden spoon if your mixer can't handle it.

Step three: Transfer dough to an airtight container and chill for 2-3 hours.

Step four: Preheat your oven to 375 degrees.

Step five: Lightly floured surface and roll the dough out to about ¼ inch thick.

Step six: Use cookie cutters to cut the dough into your desired shapes.

Step seven: Place cookies 1 inch apart on greased cookie sheets (the dough rises slightly).

Step eight: Bake 10-12 minutes until cookies are light brown along the edges.



**This year Ambrosia baked and decorated gingerbread cookies.** *Photo by Ambrosia Westcott*

Step nine: (Optional) decorate with icing, candy or powdered sugar.

This recipe is not too sweet, or too gingery which are the cause for many people not liking gingerbread cookies.

They are quick to make (excluding the wait time to refrigerate) and are pretty easy. This holiday treat is a classic that can blow those plain sugar cookies out of the water, and depending on how you decorate them, can have an elegant or fun look. It is a cookie that leaves you wanting more, it makes you grab another and another.

By *Trojan Tempo Staff Writers*

**THS-** Everyone has their favorite holiday traditions. Members of the Trojan Family are no exception.

Anna Harman - "On Christmas Eve, my three younger siblings sleep in my room on a bed made out of blankets on the floor. We all wake up and get ready around 6 a.m. and then go wake up our parents. My mom reads us a Christmas book and then we open presents. I like our little routine."

Sarah Kinder - "I think one of my favorites is when my family and I go out and look at all of the Christmas lights around Troy and the surrounding cities while we listen to Christmas music. Everything just feels okay in the world."

Hailey Cox - "We go to a family restaurant and we do a Secret Santa along with music pool."

Connor Knapp - "Every year we have a pickle ornament at my grandparents' house and the first one to find it gets to open their presents first."

Amaya Jackson- "We go look at Christmas lights."

Lydia Now- "My mom buys us matching pajamas and we have to make cookies."

Lilly James- "We usually get Christmas Eve pajamas and then we always open one present on Christmas Eve."

Erin Bruce- "I watch Rudolph every year, because to me, it's the comfort food of Christmas movies...the mac and cheese of cinema."

Jaiden Hunt- "At my grandparents' house the first person to find the broken light on the Christmas tree gets \$10."

Ashley Andrews- "Whoever finds the hidden pickle on the Christmas tree gets to open the first present."

Mr. Dilbone- "We wake up early and my kids open one present, then we eat breakfast and we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Then we finish opening our presents."

Bryce Staten- "My family has a gift exchange."

Skylar Mader- "We bake chocolate chip cookies."

Brennah Hutchinson- "My family and I go to church on Christmas Eve, then go out to eat somewhere nice."

Jaden Owens- "I go to my grandma's house and open presents, eat, and watch the NBA games on Christmas Day."

When I was a senior

By Cheyenne Copeland,  
*Trojan Tempo Staff Writer*

**Dream job as a child?** Being a professional football or baseball player.

**Favorite color?** Red of course (Reds, OSU, and Troy).

**What high school did you attend?** The Troy High School.

**Grad year HS?** Wow, why don't you just ask me how old I am? 1998.

**What songs, TV shows or movies were popular your senior year?** **TV:** That 70s Show, Seinfeld, Friends (I personally liked A-Team, MacGyver, Night Rider). **Songs:** Gangster's Paradise, Ice Ice Baby, Anything Metallica. **Movies:** Saving Private Ryan, James Bond, Star Wars, Titanic.

**What college(s) did you attend?** Wright State University.

**What subject do you teach?** Math.

**Favorite thing about teaching your subject?** Being able to show students how math can truly be used outside of class through projects or hands on activities.

**Tips to succeed in your class?** No individual has ever been able to get every math problem given to them correct the first time. If you fail the first time, don't be scared to try another approach. Learning from your mistakes can help you master a concept more than just memorizing something. If all else fails, ask for help.

**Plans after you retire?** I know this is a scene from Forrest Gump, but I would like to mow and take care of local youth baseball diamonds. Traveling would be a bad idea either.

**What job would you have if you couldn't be a teacher?** I knew since high school that I wanted to be a high school math teacher, but there was a dream job that I almost pursued instead. Before taking my teaching job, I considered going to a two month camp in Florida to become a Major League Umpire.



**Mr. Huelskamp's senior football picture.** Photo provided by Mr. Huelskamp

**Favorite book?** *Friday Night Lights*.

**Best teacher friend?** Julie Watson (The Yoda of knowledge and wisdom).

**Who would you choose to play you in a movie?** Kevin James (Some say we are twins)

**Advice for graduates?** Here is a copy of a card that I only give to seniors as they leave THS. It highlights some of the really important things in life that they will soon encounter as they continue on with their lives.

IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE

1. FINDING THAT SOMEONE SPECIAL
2. FAMILY, FAMILY, FAMILY
3. ASSOCIATE YOURSELF WITH PEOPLE THAT PUSH YOU AND MAKE YOU BETTER.
4. LOVE YOURSELF AND TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEALTH
5. HAVE A PURPOSE OR GOAL IN LIFE
6. EXPERIENCE LIFE
7. HELP AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE

**Name:** Mr. Huelskamp

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Top 10 songs of the decade

By Allison Irey,  
*Trojan Tempo Entertainment Editor*

**THS-** With the 2010s rapidly coming to an end, it's time to reflect over what a decade we've had- especially in music. In the '10s, anything was popular- from trashy pop music, to club filling dance anthems, to heavy rap. Regardless of what your taste is, there was a chart topper for you at some point.

**10. What Do You Mean?- Justin Bieber (2015)**  
**9. Give Me Everything (feat. Ne-Yo, Afrojack, & Nayer)- Pitbull (2011)**  
**8. Old Town Road (feat. Billy Ray Cyrus)- Lil Nas X (2019)**  
**7. Thrift Shop (feat. Wanz)- Macklemore & Ryan Lewis (2013)**  
**6. DJ Got Us Fallin' In Love (feat. Pitbull)- Usher (2010)**

**5. Centuries- Fall Out Boy (2014)**  
With astounding vocals from frontman Patrick Stump, powerful lyrics, and quite mesmerizing drums, it's no mistake for "Centuries" to be in everyone's uplifting Spotify play lists. "Centuries" united the pop and emo scene once again, and kick started the modern emo kid movement. Believe me, I was one of them for a few years.

**4. Don't You Worry Child- Swedish House Mafia & John Martin (2012)**

This song was probably the best yet most overplayed song of 2012. Granted, it's an amazing song, but you couldn't get in your car without hearing it at least twice before reaching your destination. The leading melody and overall story has a nostalgic feel to it, which is why it stands as a hit today.

**3. A Sky Full of Stars- Coldplay (2014)**  
"A Sky Full of Stars," a collaboration between vocalist Chris Martin and producer Tim Bergling, is an underrated masterpiece. Even if you aren't a Coldplay fan, it's really a song for any perfect night. Whether you listen to it while with your significant other, on a long drive with your best friends, or while studying for finals, it will always give you a feeling of love and warmth.

**2. Party Rock Anthem (feat. Lauren Bennett & GoonRock)- RedFoo & Skyblu (2011)**  
"Party Rock Anthem" is one of the most important songs of the decade, if not of all time, as it somehow united the entire world for just a moment. Together, we all screamed "everyday I'm shufflin'" at the top of our lungs while wearing slotted sunglasses, YOLO shirts, and giant hats. It was beautiful.  
But do you ever wonder what happened to these guys? They had four big hits, and immediately disappeared. Wherever

they may be now, I hope they eventually make a return to pop music. The world needs party rockers now more than ever.

**1. Wake Me Up- Avicii (2013)**  
For the music world, "Wake Me Up" was groundbreaking. At the time, it was so ambitious that nobody knew how to react. In fact, when Avicii premiered the song at Ultra Music Festival in 2013, he was booed and met with extremely unhappy reactions from fans. A few months later, it became one of the most streamed songs of all time.  
"Wake Me Up" was one of the first songs to accomplish what most producers back then had been afraid to do: combine dance with another genre. The crossover became what most pop music is today. Not only that, it had incredibly meaningful lyrics, which was uncommon for both dance and pop at the time. "Wake Me Up" changed the game, and lead today's pop to have deep lyrics, heavy kicks, and strong leading melodies.

In our generation, there has been no other producer quite like Avicii. He was never afraid of anything, which led to his immense level of success. Without his influence, mainstream music would be very different. He'll be forever in our music, no matter what we listen to.



# Popular gifts this season

By Adam Shiltz,  
Trojan Tempo Guest Writer

**THS-** What are the most popular gifts this season? The USA Today published a 20 item list of their own and Apple air pods took the No. 1 spot. I asked some people to see their number one gift for Christmas.

**5. ECHO SHOW**  
The Echo Show is a popular gift because it isn't as expensive as some other gifts. The Echo Show came out in May of 2017, and is being advertised on television. There are many different generations of the echo show, the third generation is my number 5 gift this season.

**4. AMAZON FIRE STICK WITH VOICE CONTROL ALEXA**  
"The one gift I would give to someone would be an Amazon fire stick with the voice control thing," Jennifer Shiltz said. The Amazon Fire stick is a great gift because you can have Netflix and Hulu on the same device and you do not have to have a Play Station.

**3. FITBIT CHARGE 3**  
A Fitbit Charge 3 is a good gift because it is not only a watch, but it also can keep track of your heart rate and it can keep track of your steps you have



Members of the Trojan Tempo staff show off their Secret Santa gifts from this year's Christmas party. Photo by Morgan Shilt

taken. The Fitbit can help someone try to get fit and not be too overweight. "I would love to get a Fitbit Charge 3 for Christmas," exclaimed William Reed, a freshman at THS.

**2. AIR PODS or APPLE PRODUCTS**  
Air pods are a good gift because you can listen to music without the cord to worry about. "I would rather have the original Air pods than the pros because the rubber tips irritate the inside of my ears," said Hope Shiltz. The Air pods pro are also good, but for some people the earbud tips hurt their ears so they would rather have the older earbuds. Some people don't want to have Air

pods of any sort. They might like some other Apple products like an iPhone, or maybe an Apple watch or some other products from Apple.

**1. Money**  
Money is a good gift to get someone if you don't know what to get them or if you don't know what they would like. If that is the case, cold hard cash is also good because they can buy what they want to themselves.

Thank you to everyone who helped me gather this gift list that I put together.

# Christmas Music: What's playing at THS!

By Jesse Barnhart  
Trojan Tempo Guest Writer

**THS-** When it comes to Christmas music, people often subscribe to one of two trains of thought: No music until after Thanksgiving, or, Any time is good for Holiday music. Whether it is your favorite artists singing their favorite holiday tunes or the classics your grandparents enjoyed, Holiday music is inescapable. I hit the hallways of THS to find out what the Trojan Family enjoys listening to this time of year.

"I like listening to "Mele Kalikimaka" because I love to sway to the tune," said Tyler Moser.

Kyle Coleman only likes originals and his favorite Christmas song is "Jingle Bells".

"My favorite Christmas song of all time is "All I Want for Christmas," said Sydney Stolz.

Lily James agrees with Stolz, "My favorite is All I Want for Christmas is You."

"Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" is Colton Block's favorite song because it is just plain good. Nate Vernon agrees with Block, but likes Rudolph because he grew up listening to it and that makes it special to him.

Jingle Bells makes a return to the list of THS's favorite holiday songs. Jayhon Baker said it's just catchy and that is why he likes it.

Jadon Lacey, and Elvis Presley fan, said his favorite holiday song is "Blue Christmas" by The King.

Alex Beckner likes the song, "Last Christmas" because it "slaps".

"I like 'Jingle Bell Rock' because it is groovy," said Kaylin Lee.

Whether you have classics or modern holiday songs on your playlist, enjoy the music that makes the season so merry and bright. And just in case you were wondering, my favorite song is "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" because it just makes me happy!

# UGLY Christmas Sweater Advice

By Erin Bruce,  
Trojan Tempo Guest Writer

**THS-** As the stores have improved their ugly sweater game through the years, our society has reached the point of no return, where tacky sweaters hold more value than the classic ugly sweater.

The station wagon of sweaters, with a silhouette of reindeer, flying gracefully on a background of muted reds and greens has been replaced by the sweater with the most bells, most tinsel, or the most atrocious pun.

Human beings in a modern capitalist society are presented with the choice to indulge in change, or reject it, and accept their fate with grace. Troy students reflected on this, and shared their opinions.

"I think ugly Christmas sweaters are actually ugly, and most of the time cute and a must have!" Shelby Dynes explained. "I've seen some pretty dumb ugly

sweaters, but I've also seen a lot of cute ones, like my Santa on a unicorn."

"I think they're really cute, I personally have never worn one but I think that seeing them on people, it's really wonderful," Victoria Van Hook continued. "Store bought ones can be trash sometimes, but other than that, they're really cute, they're really creative, and I love them!"

"They're ugly," Gage Goodwin eloquently stated. He stuck by this statement, and provided no further comment.

If you wish to appreciate the changes in society, then start with a cheap crew neck sweatshirt. Pick a color scheme, maybe red and green, or blues and purples. Or, pick a theme based on a seasonal song, movie, or weird Christmas pun your 60 year old aunt might post on Facebook.

Take a trip to the dollar store, and buy decor in

your scheme or theme. Put a piece of cardboard in the middle of the sweatshirt to avoid any major issues with the hot glue. Or just sew, if you're into that. Allow intuition to take over, and make this sweater the tackiest, sparkliest, ugliest atrocity you can imagine. If all else fails, Walmart is always open.

In any other case, may you enjoy your time spent rejecting the tacky lifestyle that has become so heavily suggested through the years. And in every case,



Sporting her first ugly Christmas sweater in 8th grade, sophomore Erin Bruce offers advice on creating your own sweater. Photo by Erin Bruce

may your holidays be merry and bright, and may your hot chocolate always be the perfect temperature.

# Holiday Decorations

By Ryan Davis,  
Trojan Tempo Guest Writer

**THS-** With Christmas coming soon, decorations are starting to get put up outside, inside, or wherever else. Some people go a little over the top with decorations and some people don't put up any at all.

With outside decorations comes lights, inflatables, wreaths, and much more. Members of the Trojan Family seemed to be very one-sided with their favorite outdoor Christmas decorations.

"My favorite Christmas decorations would probably be the colorful lights you can put on your gutters," Quenton Shepherd said.

"That's a tough question, I really don't even know, but probably Christmas lights... but the white ones because they look classier than the different colored lights," said

Wyatt Smith. "The craziest Christmas decoration outside are probably the inflatables," added Chase Murphy, Tyler Moser, and Brycen Palivec.

"My favorite outdoor Christmas decorations are probably just the normal lights you put outside because they aren't too much, but are still a decoration. The craziest decoration I have seen is a projector projecting snowflakes onto the house that had it," Karlee Khatibloo said.

Personally, my favorite outdoor Christmas decoration is probably when a house has inflatables and colorful lights. Growing up, the house across the street from my grandparents always had some crazy inflatables that I was very intrigued by. I always wanted to have one in my yard, so that's why I think inflatables are my favorite.

# FCCLA hosts breakfast for senior citizens

By Cheyenne Copeland,  
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

**THS-** The Troy FCCLA hosted the senior citizen breakfast held at THS on Tuesday Dec. 3, 2019.

FCCLA members and Mrs. Kies' classes helped prepare the breakfast of blueberry pancake casserole, sausage patties, and fruit cups along with coffee, tea, water, apple juice and orange juice.

"Mrs. Kies and the FCCLA students did a tremendous job of preparing and serving the food," said THS Principal Mr. Dilbone.



Members of FCCLA smile for a quick picture after a successful senior citizen holiday breakfast. Photo by Trojan Tempo Staff

"Also, Mrs. Sagona and the Troy Tones provided outstanding music for the

crowd to enjoy! All the guests were extremely complimentary of the

event. We even received a phone call from a senior citizen who missed it this year and wants to know how they find out about it for the next year. Our students represented THS very well."

## Update on The Franklin House Drive

This year was not a super great year for our drive. The word was not really spread around and a lot of the kids did not even know about it due to word about the drive not getting out as well as hoped. With all this being said, THS did

collect about 1,000 items, compared to the 2,000 items collected in 2018.

The Franklin House runs off of donations, specifically of toiletry items and books for the children. If you would like to help out our local families in need, please go and donate even though the FCCLA drive is over.

## FCCLA District Meeting

The THS chapter of FCCLA also headed to its district meeting in Jackson Center. During districts students learned more about the organization at

the national level, they found out where nationals will be held this year. This year nationals will be held in Washington DC.

Members also went over the power of one event, and the district officers ran workshops to teach the first year members about FCCLA. All members love the district meeting.

"Districts were a really great experience leading different techniques and skills to help make our regional state and national competitions better," said Audri Ferguson.



# Young hockey team earns first win

By Payton Ross,  
Trojan Tempo Sports Editor

**HOBART ARENA-** The hockey team is back in action for the 2019-2020 season. Troy's current record is 1-3-1. With a slow start to this winter season, the Trojans are still hoping to make an impact on the Southwest Ohio High School Hockey League.

Last season, the Trojans were 11-16 overall and lost to Mason, 5-3 in the League Tournament. Troy is currently 1-3-1. The boys tied 1-1 against Mason and lost 2-10 against Sycamore. Because of a heavily injured roster, the Trojans were forced to drop out of the Thanksgiving Tournament against LaSalle. The Tojans split the preseason with a loss to LaSalle and a win against Worthington Kilbourne. The hockey team is led by seniors Zak Uhlenbrock and Connor Bell.

"The main goal is to rebuild and help grow the hockey team," said senior Zak Uhlenbrock. "The boys and I have had to overcome the small number of people on our team by conditioning and executing drills. We have also had some injuries, which caused us to drop out of the

Thanksgiving Tournament. We are just making sure we are healthy, prepared and ready to work."

"We always play to win and we play together," expressed goalkeeper Connor Bell. "At the end of the day, no matter what, we have always got each other's backs, so that it what makes us a strong team. Our team philosophy is to be kind to one another, work together and always give it our all. We want to give a show to the fans that makes each and every single member of the audience feel like they are right there on the ice with us through every pass, every goal, every moment."

On December 15, the Trojans held the "Pink the Rink" game dedicated to breast cancer survivors and fighters. The Trojans played Mason and won by a score of 4-3. On December 21, Troy will host Alter. The game is dedicated to the teachers and faculty at Troy High School and honor them for all that they have done for the students.

"Our goals are to continue to improve our team play and just grow as a team in gen-



Celebrating a goal against Worthington Kilbourne, Kellen Glover turns to the crowd at Hobart Arena. *Photos by THS Hockey Instagram*

eral," expressed Head Coach Szabo. "We have a group of seventh and eighth graders coming up so these guys want to set the bar as to what the expectations will be, to be part of the team."

Senior Zak Uhlenbrock has the same vision.

"The boys and I are very optimistic and positive about the rest of our season," said Uhlenbrock. "We plan to build the hockey team by getting more students and fans to come to the games. We want future players to join this brotherhood. The team has been in the shadows for a while now and we want to change that by getting more students to attend the games.

We want to be more involved in the school and community."

With the rest of the season left for the Trojans to play, they have a lot of accomplishments to work for and look forward to. Stay tuned into Troy's 2019-2020 hockey season and come out to Hobart Arena to watch the Trojans shred the ice. Make sure you make your way out to Hobart Arena on December 21 to support the Trojans as they play Alter. December 21 will also be Teacher Appreciation night.

# First Mile

*Troy shows off new track to the public.*

By Michael Mong,  
Trojan Tempo Guest Writer

**THS-** Even though football and soccer have ended, Troy citizens had the chance to go to an event that was long overdue.

Troy City Schools hosted an event that took place at Troy Memorial Stadium that put a smile on the face of everyone who attended. An event was held that gave everybody a chance to run or walk a mile on the newly constructed track.

Although the weather was very cold and grim, this did not stop the track from producing a big turnout. With a newly red colored painting, the track is showing off its Trojan Pride. This new and improved track has been in the works for several months now, starting the renovation back on May 28, 2019 and finally being completed September 22, 2019.

The new track cost a total of \$665,000. Although the old track was 25 years old, it did receive some repairs here and there over the past 7-10 years.

"I do appreciate on how well they have managed to redoing the track. Although I am not from Troy, I did come down from Piqua to see the new track and I am highly impressed," said Timothy Boniface.

This does bring some good news coming from a

Piqua resident. The people who showed up from the hometown of Troy were also excited to see the new track their sons and daughters will be racing on.

"It's about time they updated something that isn't strictly for the football team," said John Marshall, a Troy resident. "I'm glad they're looking into other athletic groups as well."

But, the parents and the older generation aren't the only ones excited about this big change. The spring track and field teams are also excited to run this spring and show off the new track to the other schools.

Senior Sarah Kraynek said "I'm very excited for the new track and to be able to run on it as well as to show it off to other schools."

Tala Barnes, also a senior said,"I really like it and am excited to run on it, it's also about time." As track seasons starts back up in the spring, the track team is excited to break in the new track.

I personally am excited to see something new come into the stadium. The new turf sidelines are cool, I wish it would have been the whole field. But the new red and gray track this season is a great way for the senior track and field team to end their season.

# College Football Playoffs

By Payton Ross,  
Trojan Tempo Sports Editor

**THS-** All of Conference championships have been played and the College Football Committee has made their decisions on the four teams with the best records, statistics and outstanding players that should compete for the National Championship Trophy.

Last year, the Clemson Tigers ran away with the 2019 National Championship trophy. This year Ohio State, LSU, Clemson and Oklahoma are all in the race for the National Championship victory and none of them look like they will be loosening their grip anytime soon. The only certainty is that this year will not feature the typical Alabama vs. Clemson showdown, but the question is what team will make their mark on the 2020 College Football Playoffs?

On December 8, The Selection Committee chose the four teams that they thought were best equipped to fight for the National Championship Trophy. Oklahoma got the fourth seed, Clemson got the third seed, Ohio State got the second seed and LSU got the first seed.

LSU will face off against Oklahoma on December 28 in the Peach Bowl. Following that game, Ohio State will take on 2019 National

Champions, Clemson, in the Fiesta Bowl. The winners of The Peach Bowl and The Fiesta Bowl will play against each other in The National Championship, held in New Orleans.

"I feel like Ohio State has been the best team from the start of the season to the end of the season," said English teacher and Varsity Soccer Coach Mr. Rasey. "Ohio State is the best on three different aspects: offense, defense, special teams. Until someone shows me they can beat them, I expect Ohio State to potentially win it all. I think that they are being overlooked at this point. Everyone thinks Clemson will win, they love LSU, they're giving Ohio State no chance whatsoever, but I think Ohio State has it. Go Bucks."

"I think that LSU or Ohio State has a good chance of winning the National Championship," said Nick Barr. "Joe Burrow has a really good pass game, but LSU's defense is kind of weak. Ohio State has three good players, but the past couple of games they have come out flat. If Ohio State plays an overall good, clean game, I feel like they have a really good chance of winning the National Championship."

I am also rooting for the Ohio State Buckeyes to win the National Championship. The lows that the Buckeyes have been through this year, new coach, Chase Young suspension, Justin Fields tweaking his knee against Michigan, seemed to have only boosted Ohio State's game play.

J.K. Dobbins has had a phenomenal season, especially past couple games and I think this is Dobbins' time to shine. Justin Fields is obviously a force to be reckoned with as well as he is both a pass and run threat. I am having 2014 deja vu and can't wait to root on The Ohio State Buckeyes until the end.

The National Championship that will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 13 with a kickoff time of 8 P.M. Will Ohio State, Clemson,

Oklahoma or LSU win the National Championship Trophy? Make sure you get your friends and family together to watch the big game because it

is about to be the Scarlet and Grey take over. Go Buckeyes.

**\*\*Correction from November.**  
**The Trojan Tempo apologizes to senior Riley Hubbard for leaving him off the First Team MVL list.**  
**Hubbard earned 1st Team MVL as an offensive lineman.\*\***

BOWL GAME	Payton's Picks	Mr. Owen's Picks	Logan's Picks
<b>Camping World Bowl- Dec. 28</b> <i>Notre Dame vs. Iowa State</i>	Iowa State	CYCLONES	Notre Dame
<b>Cotton Bowl- Dec. 28</b> <i>Penn State vs. Memphis</i>	Penn State	We ARE	Memphis
<b>Liberty Bowl- Dec. 31</b> <i>Navy vs. Kansas State</i>	Kansas Stae	K. STATE	Kansas State
<b>Holiday Bowl- Dec. 27</b> <i>USC vs. Iowa</i>	USC	USC, the other Trojans	USC
<b>Outback Bowl- Jan. 1</b> <i>Minnesota vs. Auburn</i>	Minnesota	AUBURN	Auburn
<b>Citris Bowl- Jan. 1</b> <i>Michigan vs. Alabama</i>	Bama	BAMA	Michigan
<b>Orange Bowl- Dec. 30</b> <i>Virginia vs. Florida</i>	Florida	FLORIDA	Florida
<b>Rose Bowl- Jan. 1</b> <i>Oregon vs. Wisconsin</i>	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin
<b>Sugar Bowl- Jan. 1</b> <i>Georgia vs. Baylor</i>	Georgia	Baylor	Baylor
<b>PLAYOFF:</b>			
<b>Semifinal: Peach Bowl- Dec. 28</b> <i>LSU vs. Oklahoma</i>	LSU	OKLAHOMA	Oklahoma
<b>Semifinal: Fiesta Bowl- Dec. 28</b> <i>Ohio State vs. Clemson</i>	OSU	OH You know	Ohio State
<b>National Championship- Jan. 7</b> <i>Winner vs. Winner</i>	OSU 45-31	<b>Go Bucks 52-43</b>	Ohio State 45-42
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# 2019 Motorsports recap

By Logan Watern,  
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

**THS-** Ladies and gentlemen it is finally over, the 2019 auto racing season has come to a close and that means many racing fans have to resort to playing racing video games and watching “Best Racing Moments” on Youtube for the next two months. But for one last HURRAH from the 2019 racing season in America, we will look back on the best of the year for Indycar, Nascar cup series, and NHRA Drag Racing series.

Starting off with the great American racing series, NASCAR. A series synonymous with freedom, eagles, and Dale Earnhardt Sr. In the beginning of the season Joe Gibbs Racing started off strong with Denny Hamlin in the #11 Fedex Toyota winning the Daytona 500.

It was all uphill from that point with the season being dominated by all four Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota drivers, Martin Truex Jr. #19 (7 wins), Denny Hamlin #11 (6 wins), Kyle Busch #18 (5 wins), and Erik Jones #20 (1 win) win 19 races and 2019 Monster Energy Championship with Kyle

Busch. This will be the final year that Monster Energy will be sponsoring the Cup Series with Geico, Coca-Cola, Xfinity, and Busch Beer all sponsoring the series for at least the 2020 season forward, and will most likely sponsor 2021 when NASCAR switches to the Generation 7 platform. The NASCAR community as a whole is hoping that the NASCAR top brass brings at least two more brands into the sport to compete with the likes of Chevrolet, Ford, and the all too powerful Toyota, who made fans leave when they joined NASCAR in 2007.

Many rumors and speculations are surrounding whether Honda could come in and challenge the might of Toyota, and Dodge, who left at the end of 2012, to come in and make NASCAR whole again. Honda executives have been spotted inside Charlotte North Carolina at the NASCAR headquarters negotiating with NASCAR executives, and have been running a V8 sounding car around the Honda HPD test course in Marysville, Ohio, but no more has come from this development.

The Indycar world was changed earlier this season



Lined up at pit row, NASCAR fans can get close to their favorite cars at the B&L Transport 170 at Mid Ohio. *Photos by Logan Watern*

as the media giant Verizon ended its sponsorship and opened the door for NTT Data, a company from Tokyo, Japan to come in and be the new face of Indycar. Roger Penske’s team was great in NASCAR but even better in Indycar with Simon Pagnaud’s Chevrolet winning the 2019 championships and the Indy 500, the greatest and most prestigious race in history.

This year Honda was able to get the manufacturer’s championship award and win a couple of races including Mid-Ohio, the track that Honda pretty much owns with the hundreds of signs, test cars parked in random places, and Honda North America big wigs walking around the place.

The Mellow Yellow NHRA Drag Racing series

was kinda lackluster this year with Erica Enders winning Pro Stock, Steve Torrence winning Top Fuel Dragster, Robert Hight winning Top Fuel Funny Car, and Andrew Hines winning the Pro Stock Motorcycle Championships. Dodge changed the bodies of their factory sponsored Top Fuel Funny Car bodies to the 2019 Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat as a way to advertise the brand and its performance, but also to switch up the older 2015 Dodge Charger R/T facia that has been on the car sense mid 2015.

Racing fans have a lot to look forward to in 2020 and when the green flag drops at the 2020 Daytona 500 we will be in store for another historic racing season.

## Let’s go clubbin’

Key Club is the December Club Feature.

By Ambrosia Westcott,  
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

**THS-** Key Club is one of the most important clubs at THS. The club began in 1925 with the simple goal: to make the world a better place.

“Our members make the world a better place through service. In doing so, we grow as individuals and leaders,” said Key Club Advisor, Mr. Wibbeler.

Key Club is an international student-led organization which provides members with opportunities to provide service, build character, and develop leadership skills. Troy High School’s chapter of key club currently has 73 members and is no longer accepting new ones until next year.

“If anyone is interested in joining they can give me their name and sign up for our remind to at least see what’s going on and be a part of the club next year,” said Wibbeler.

“I love key club and how it gets young people to support the community we love,” said Haylee Bridge.

Key club works with the soup kitchen, senior citizens, animal shelter, and even helps students within our school.

“This club has taught me the importance of helping others and learning how to lead groups of people,” added Bridge. Key club gives its members a chance to help the community in a number of ways they haven’t before.

“The people we help are the definition of grateful and it makes me feel accomplished,” said Alayna Jones. This club is a great opportunity to be a part of something bigger than yourself and helping those around you in need of help.

“My favorite thing about key club is the fact that I know I’m helping my community,” said Sumedha Wandavalli.

If you are interested in key club, talk to Mr. Wibbeler or members of the club to see what you can do to get involved as soon as possible, even though you will have to wait until the beginning of next school year to become an official member.



## November TROJAN WAY Winners



### Congratulations!!

November *Trojan Way* Drawing Winners.

Lilly Pike	Kaitlyn Miller
Carter Evans	Brie Wilson
Logan Watern	Christopher Law
Brandon Beasley	Kaylyn Lee
Saniyah Jones	Allison Irey

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

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# Drew Baldridge concert proves sweet reward for THS

By Anna Harman,  
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

**TROY-** Many of you attended the concert that was awarded to us by K99.1FM. The station held a contest in September-October to see which school could raise the most money for Dayton Children’s Hospital. Our school raised over \$12,000 and won! On December 11th, Hasting and Co. and up-and-coming country artist Drew Baldridge, came to Troy High school to sing for us.

Twenty-seven year old Drew Baldridge, is originally from Patoka, Illinois but when he was 19 he moved to Nashville, Tennessee to pursue country music. He released songs such as “She’s Taken” and “Whistlin” in 2013, but he didn’t be-

come popular until 2015 when he released “Dance With Ya”. Several Sirius/XM channels were playing this single that year. During all of this, Baldridge was writing the 2016 album “Dirt On Us”. It took him five years to finish the album because he wanted to make sure it was different from your everyday country music.

Ever since Baldridge could talk, he was singing. He sang in church with his dad, and music is something that’s always touched his heart. He played sports in high school and even got a scholarship



for it but turned it down because he said “I felt like God was calling me to country music.” In high school, he went to a small town school that had no music programs, “I graduated with 22 kids in my class so it was super small. I played basketball and baseball, but we had

no music programs.” That didn’t stop him from making music because now he’s doing it for a living! He said he loves his job because “I love being able to just talk to people. I love being around people. I love being here and performing in front of kids. I want to make an impact. That’s why everybody starts writing songs and making music because you have a chance to make an impact.”

He wants people to take the story out of his songs because all of them have a

purpose behind them. His favorite song that he’s written is “She’s Somebody’s Daughter”. Baldridge wrote it about meeting his girlfriend’s dad for the first time. He wrote it as a message to never forget if he breaks her heart, her heart isn’t the only one breaking, it’s her mom’s, her dad’s and hers.

Baldridge became part of the K99.1FM contest when his label found the opportunity and asked him to help with Dayton Children’s. He said, “They asked me to be a part of it and I said, ‘1000 percent.’ Anytime you can be a part of something bigger than yourself it’s always a good thing.” The past couple of years Baldridge and his team have come up here they’ve been a part of Dayton Children’s through K99.1FM.

They love supporting the kids and being a part of it in any way they can.

The concert was full of laughing, jumping, girls trying to grab his hand, and lots of screaming. I think it’s safe to say Troy High School really enjoyed Drew Baldridge’s performance last Wednesday. Don’t lie and say you didn’t, because 99% of you got a picture with him and posted it with a caption like “Omg best concert ever. He’s definitely my new country crush.” Even if you aren’t a huge country music fan, it was a time for us all to get out of class early, sing and dance together. Thank you to Hasting and Co. and to Drew for coming out and performing for us!



## Band visits the mouse

By Samuel Shuman,  
*Trojan Tempo Guest Writer*

**ORLANDO-** On Monday Nov. 25 members of the Troy Trojan Marching band left for Walt Disney World resorts to perform in Disney’s 2019 Thanksgiving Parade of Bands.

The performance was streamed live on YouTube and on Banddirector.com. The band was also featured on WHIO news in Dayton Ohio. The band has since returned from the trip after an outstanding performance at the parade.

“Getting to meet new people and eating lots of new food was one of my favorite parts about the trip,” said Keegan Miller a sophomore at THS. “It was a great experience playing in front of the castle and marching on the way in.”

Parents watched at home as their children marched across screen. “I was proud of my kids and thought it was a neat experience to have,” said Jessica Shuman, whose sons participated with the band.

“The parade was my favorite part of the trip because I got to meet new people and had an amazing experience,” said Braedon Erwin a junior at THS.

“For me, the best part was getting to the castle before anyone else did and performing on stage at the castle,” said Olivia Mills a sophomore at THS. “I also really enjoyed meeting people from different bands from different states.”

The band had a great time at Disney World and had a blast marching in and performing in front of the castle. The band’s performance is still on YouTube just search Disney’s 2019 Thanksgiving Day Parade of Bands.

## Logan’s play list: Songs you long for

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

By Logan Watern  
**THS-** It is now my turn to write about some of the fantastic songs that gets played on a daily basis on my phone or tablet. Some of these songs and albums have been around for a few months, and some are almost as old as my mother. So without further adieu, we will get on with my play list top five recommendations.

**1. “Back to Life”, Skillet, “Victorious”.**  
“Back to life” by Skillet is an awesome rock song on Skillet’s new album “Victorious”, released back on August 2, 2019. It has a good sounding tune and an upbeat tempo, it is super hard to resist banging your head whilst listening to it. Plus it has no curse words in the song so you do not have to worry about playing it louder while the extended family is over, or you are watching a younger kid whose parents do not want music with curse words being played around him or her.

**2. Random Classical Music, no particular composer or anything.**  
I know, classical music is sort of a dying music type that only older people listen to on a daily basis. But before you start thinking I’m crazy and stop reading, I can explain. When you listen to classical music while studying and doing work, it can actually help you with memorizing and staying

focused on the task or tasks at hand.

**3. Any Pink Floyd song.**  
Pink Floyd is arguably one of the best bands to ever exist, better than Queen and even the over-rated Beatles, yes I did just go there. Albums like “Dark Side of the Moon”, “The Wall”, and “Pulse Live” has some of the most iconic and awesome songs to ever exist, so I highly recommend that you listen to Pink Floyd and watch the movie about Pink Floyd’s album, “The Wall.”

**4. “Sultans of Swing”, Dire Straits**  
“Sultans of Swing” is a 1978 rock song that will get you to turn up the volume on the radio in your car. A song with a nice rhythm and some good guitar solos, it is a song that does not disappoint and is always overlooked. Dire Straits is sort of forgotten in time due to other bands of the same time period like ACDC and Queen.

**5. Random rock music from the ‘80s**  
Random ‘80s music is what I jam out to on a daily basis, and I rarely ever stray away from this music (unless I am listening to Skillet). I find it really difficult to listen to today’s country music, pop, and some rap due to the fact that it really sounds unappealing and does not make much sense.

## Artist in Residence: Dubbs wins banner contest

By Taylor Flanagan  
*Trojan Tempo Guest Writer*

**Name:** Morgan Dubbs

**Grade:** 9

**How long have you been drawing/an artist?**

As long as I can remember, but I’ve gotten more into it since about 6th grade.

**Is there anything else you involve yourself in artistically?**

Although I’m not very good, I love to sing.

**How long did it take you to design the banner for the contest?**



Freshman Morgan Dubbs was a winner in the 2019 Troy winter banner contest.

I procrastinate a lot, so I only started the night before. It only took me two hours!

**What was the most challenging part of the design for the banner?**

The trees, I had to re-do them like 6 times!

**What inspired the design?**

To be honest I just looked up winter landscapes and found one like that.

**What advice do you have for people who may want to improve at drawing?**

Draw as often as possible and prompts are really fun and help for artist block.

**How has drawing, or art in general, impacted your life?**

A lot actually.

**What artist are your biggest inspiration?**



The mayor of Troy recognizes the winners in the 2019 Troy winter banner contest. Photos by Troy, OH official website

Keith Flaring, his art is so different and doesn’t stick to standards like art and people should be.

**Have you won any other**

**contests?**

Last year in 8th grade, I won a yearbook cover contest.

**What is your favorite part of art?**

Pencil sketches, hands down.

## “Let it Snow” on Netflix worth the watch

By Allison Irey,  
*Trojan Tempo Entertainment Editor*

**THS-** Typically, modern Christmas movies don’t stand out compared to the classics. However, the Netflix original “Let It Snow” is definitely an exception.

Based on the book written by John Green, Maureen Johnson, and Lauren Myracle, the film follows three simple stories that all occur between seniors in high school, when a small town is snowed in for all of Christmas Eve. Each story is very different, but all connect in

the end- in a run down, non-copyrighted Waffle House (which they call Waffle Town).

Each individual story has a different, cliché teen movie lesson to it. It’ll give you confidence to finally confess your feelings to that girl you’ve liked for years, or to stop caring about people who don’t care about you at all. Though they may be cheesy, some of these lessons are actually very valuable, and many students should find a way to

learn from them.

While these cheesy moments are great to the film’s plot line, it also has its quirks, like watching a social media obsessed character’s phone get chucked off a bridge, and a weird tow truck driver who wears tinfoil over her clothes (and never says why...). But with John Green being involved with this story, you just have to expect the quirkiness and go with it.

If you’re looking for a unique, short Christmas

movie to watch while you’re bored over break, I highly recommend “Let It Snow”. Each character has something lovable about them, but like most teenagers, you might not be able to stand them at first. It may take some time to warm up to them, but when they finally meet at the Waffle Town party, you’ll wish you could be there to party with them.





# Connor Reed’s Top 10 Holiday Movies

By Connor Reed,  
*Guest Writer for the Trojan Tempo*

**THS-** There’s nothing better than curling up on the couch with your loved ones around the holidays and gearing up for a Christmas-movie marathon. But don’t waste your precious film-watching time surfing through Netflix—just bookmark our definitive guide of the best seasonal films instead. From the heartwarming classics like “It’s a Wonderful Life” to Christmas-movie-legend “Home Alone”, you’re bound to find at least one flick on the list that the whole family will love.

**10. “It’s a Wonderful Life”**  
The uplifting triumph of director Frank Capra’s fantasy drama hasn’t lost a bit of its power over the decades. James Stewart gives his most iconic performance as George Bailey, a banker who discovers the value of his life thanks to a visit from his guardian angel. According to the American Film Institute, “It’s a Wonderful Life” is the most inspiring movie of all time.

**9. “Miracle on 34th Street”**  
A winner of three Academy Awards (it was also nominated for Best Picture), George Seaton’s dramedy stars Edmund Gwenn as a department store Santa who claims to be the real thing. The fresh, well-acted 1994 remake starring Richard Attenborough is a Christmas classic in its own right.

**8. “A Charlie Brown Christmas” (1965)**  
Snoopy and his pals overcame a lot of challenges to make it to the small screen in 1965. Executives didn’t like the slow pace of the show. They didn’t want Linus to recite Bible verses. They hated that there was no laugh track. And they thought that having the children be voiced by real

children instead of adult voice actors was the worst idea in broadcast history. Turns out they were wrong about all of it. It’s been estimated that nearly 50 percent of households with televisions tuned in to watch “A Charlie Brown Christmas” that November, and they’ve been coming back ever since.

**7. “How The Grinch Stole Christmas” (1966) / (2000)**  
The original TV special got mixed reviews. One critic shrugged it off as “probably as good as most of the other holiday cartoons. I can’t see why anybody would dislike it.” The Jim Carrey remake in 2010 wishes the reviews were that kind. It received mostly negative reviews.

**6. “Mickey’s Christmas Carol” (1983)**  
Neither Disney animation nor its biggest star, Mickey Mouse, were riding high in the early ’80s. Disney had suffered a string of disappointments and setbacks, and although he remained an inescapable icon, Running just 26 minutes — and originally serving as the opener for a re release of “The Rescuers” — “Mickey’s Christmas Carol” offers a brisk, moving take on the familiar story. Scrooge McDuck (who else?) assumes the Scrooge role, but it’s Mickey and Minnie’s turns as the Cratchits that give the lovingly animated film its heart. After years of cutting corners and coasting on past triumphs, it provided an early sign that Disney was trying again — almost as if the studio has been visited by spirits reminding it what really mattered or something.

**5. “A Christmas Carol” (a.k.a. Scrooge) (1951)**  
What makes an adaptation of “A Christmas Carol” great? Above all, it’s the actor playing Ebenezer Scrooge. There have been many memorable movie Scrooges (take a look at the

multiple entries above), but few as memorable as Alastair Sim. He’s not just terrifyingly convincing as a pitiless miser in the film’s early scenes but also heartbreakingly affecting as a changed man in its closing moments. Not that Sim doesn’t get help from director Brian Desmond Hurst, who whisks the action along while surrounding his lead with lushly realized Victorian trappings and an able supporting cast. But the film rests on Sim’s shoulders, and it’s not hard to see why he’s yet to be supplanted as the definitive Scrooge.

**4. “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer”**  
Brush up on the tale of Santa’s leading reindeer by watching this animated classic. Featuring a colorful cast of characters, including an elf who wants to be a dentist and a prospector who can never find anything valuable, and plenty of catchy songs, this 1946 film is a great way to celebrate the holidays.

**3. “A Very Brady Christmas” (1988)**  
Christmas is coming and Mike Brady (Robert Reed) has a surprise for his wife Carol (Florence Henderson)...a trip to Japan! Unfortunately, Carol is planning a trip to Greece with the same money. When they decide to compromise, they invite the whole Brady clan home for the holidays. With tickets to come home, Greg (Barry Williams) is forced to take a separate holiday from his wife Nora (Caryn Richman), Peter (Christopher Knight) is trying to determine his relationship with Valerie (Carol Huston), Bobby (Mike Lookinland) hasn’t told his family he dropped out of graduate school to become a racecar driver, Marcia (Maureen McCormick) learns her husband Wally (Jerry Houser) has lost his job at the toy company. Jan (Eve Plumb) is separating from her husband Phillip (Ron Kuhlman), and Cindy (Jennifer

Runyon) just wishes her family respected her...and Alice (Ann B. Davis) learns Sam (Lewis Arquette) has left her for another woman. The Bradys are all back and at Christmas, miracles can happen!

**2. “Elf” (2003)**  
Get into the holiday spirit with this fish-out-of-water tale starring Will Ferrell. Buddy the Elf’s adventures with his New York family are sure to delight the whole family, and you’ll be quoting some of the movies best lines well past Christmas Day. It also features one of the best holiday musical moments of all time, provided by the velvety vocal stylings of Zooey Deschane. But above all, Buddy’s positive attitude is an inspiration to us all, that no matter how cynical and jaded we all may get, kindness, love and optimism will ultimately champion all else.

**1. “Home Alone”**  
This zany, hilarious film about the bumbling burglars who meet their match in a child left home alone while his family goes on a holiday vacation doesn’t seem like Christmas fare, but some unexpectedly sweet scenes will keep you remembering the true spirit of the holiday. Throughout the movie, Kevin gets mixed up in a bunch of shenanigans while the family is in Paris for Christmas. The movie opens in the Chicago suburbs with a houseful of people on the eve of a big family Christmas vacation in Paris. There are relatives and kids everywhere, and when the family oversleeps and has to race to the airport, Kevin is somehow overlooked in the shuffle. When he wakes up later that morning, the house is empty. So he makes the best of it. When the burglars invade Kevin’s home, they find themselves running a gamut of booby traps.

# Clunker of the month The Swaying Saturn!



Would you expect anything less from Logan Rolon-Pawlaczyk than a picture of him on top of his clunker? *Photo by Logan Pawlaczyk*

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

**THS-** Ladies and gentlemen, students of Troy High School, it is finally time for the December Clunker of the Month! This is just not a normal issue though, its is Christmas time and that means this edition will be a bit festive.

On to the star of the series for this month and its issue, a Bright Silver 2006 Saturn Vue and its owner Logan Pawlaczyk, a senior who is recognizable around school for his curly blonde hair, super chill attitude, and frequent appearances on your WTHS Trojan TV screen as both a reporter and news anchor.

So Logan’s car has seen some better days in its 13-14 years and 213,972 miles on the road, but shows its owners and passengers that it is still able to drive on the road without falling apart like something you would see on Cartoon Network when you watch Warner Brothers Looney Tunes. One of the best features on Logan’s Saturn Vue is that the shocks and CV joints are worn out, making it so whenever Logan turn his CV joints make a loud crack and when he hits the brakes the car sways like it is a low rider on Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg’s “Still DRE” music video. It would be kind of fun to slam on the brakes real hard when coming to a stoplight to see how much sway you can get out of your car, although I do not recommend doing this for the safety of yourself, your passengers, and other motorists around you.

Another interesting feature on Logan’s ride is an amazing thing where the lights dim whenever Logan rolls down the window. This possibly happens because of the electrical system is being overloaded, but nevertheless, it provides Logan with mood lighting. The passenger seat is stuck in the permanent position of being reclined so the passenger is more than comfortable when riding down the road, and perhaps then can’t see Logan’s crazy driving.

Now for the 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 to be festive it will be called santas.

Reliability is going to be low because of the fact that the CV joints are on the verge of giving out, and the shocks make it seem like you are driving a sailboat, making it 4.5/10 santas. Cost effectiveness is higher due to the inexpensive parts, and cost of the vehicle, but not too high because of the things that need replaced, making the score 6/10 santas.

Teenager sensibility is a high score because the car is cheap, yet pretty safe according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, or better known as the IIHS, so 6/10 santas for this one. Squad Room is a bit higher due to the fact that Logan was able to fit thirteen passengers in his Saturn Vue, with only seats for five, so this makes it a 7.5/10.

Style is lower than other cars we have reviewed in the past, this is due to the fact that it is a midsize SUV, and my Grandmother had a 2005 Saturn Vue in bright red. This one is merely opinionated on what is and is not cool so 6/10 santas.

The grand total is 30/50 santas, not too shabby for an old Saturn Vue with almost 214,000 miles and low rider like suspension. Huge shout out to Logan Pawlaczyk for letting us review his clunker, 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, or owen-j@troy.k12.oh.us. Remember to be kind to one another, keep warm, and have a very Merry Christmas.

# The Grande Finale of A Galaxy Far Far Away

By Logan Pawlaczyk  
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**TROY-** A story that started 42 years ago is coming to an end this holiday season.

“Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker” is the ninth and final movie in the epic space saga. This J.J. Abrams directed film will be released in all major theaters this Friday, December 20 with a run time of 2 hours and 35 minutes.

The saga originally started in 1977 with the release of the first movie, “Star Wars”, or later to be known as “Episode IV- A New Hope”, which was created by George Lucas. Although the film had little hope for success before its release, it turned out to be a blockbuster hit.

Its success started a craze for Star Wars. Lucas now had the money to finish the story which he started. He completed the original trilogy with “Episode V- The Empire Strikes Back” (1980) and “Episode VI- Return of the Jedi” (1983). He then went on to finish the prequel trilogies with “Episode I- The Phantom Menace” (1999), “Episode II- Attack of the Clones” (2002), and “Episode III- Revenge of the Sith” (2005).

“I remember going to see “Return of the Jedi”

with my dad as a reward for finishing first grade,” mused Mr. Owen. “Taking my sons to see the recent releases has meant a lot to me. Mrs. Owen and I have tickets to watch “Skywalker” Saturday Dec. 21 in the morning.”

In late 2012 Disney acquired Lucasfilm and the rights to all of Star Wars. They announced that they were soon to begin releasing the sequel trilogy.

As a die hard Star Wars fan since I was four, I can remember being so excited hearing this news. In 2015, “Episode VII- The Force Awakens” directed by J.J. Abrams Was released. Then in 2017, “Episode VIII- The Last Jedi” was released. Throughout all this time, multiple spin off movies, several cartoons, and hundreds of comics, books and video games have been created into Star Wars universe.

Along the way, countless numbers of fans have all been made. It’s played a part in all of our lives, whether it be big or small. The closing of this saga will be emotional.

“I feel that it is sad, the long story is coming to an end,” remarked Riley Hubbard, a senior at THS who is



a Star Wars fan. “It is awesome how a story that dates back from 1977, has been so popular through the years. I have loved Star Wars since I was a kid, and I’m happy I will get to see its end.”

Despite so much difference in opinion on the previous films of the decade, it seems that fans are coming together for this last one.

Although the Skywalker Saga is coming to a close, Star Wars is actually more alive than ever. “The Mandalorian”, a brand new television series, had its debut alongside the premiere of Disney+, Disney’s new streaming service. It gives

the story of a bounty hunter, making his way in the outer reaches of the new republic, which takes place five years after the “Return of the Jedi”.

“‘The Mandalorian’, no matter how you feel about it, has introduced a slower, grittier feel to Star Wars,” said Riley Coleman, another senior at THS, who has been keeping up to date on the new show. “Although the show has its flaws, it’s made this new film relevant.” So it seems that even if one Star Wars story is coming to an end, new stories are just beginning.



# Bean Bag Books with Jakob

By Jakob Smith,  
*Trojan Tempo Staff Writer*

**THS LIBRARY-** For years, *Dune* has been, for years, a cornerstone of modern science fiction literature. Written by Frank Herbert, and published in 1965, it takes place on the dunes of the desert planet Arrakis, which is as much of a character as the central cast, and is home to both the ever-rare spice, and giant sand worms.

I originally read *Dune* on a trip to North Carolina a couple years ago, and I like to re-read it a couple times a year. Although it is regarded as the monolith upon all modern sci-fi is balanced, *Dune* is really both a simple story and an easy read. Its sheer size may intimidate some, but inside those pages is a grand space opera/conspiracy story, mixed with philosophy, environmental messages, and religion.

As not to give too many spoilers, the basic run-down of *Dune* goes something like this: Paul Atreides is the son of the Duke, who has recently been sent by the Emperor to oversee Arrakis. Arrakis is a hostile planet that is the only known source of spice, a drug used for faster-than-light travel and prescience, or seeing the future. The Duke Atreides, sensing a trap, has no choice but to go. TL;DR, the situation goes south, and Paul and his mother Lady Jessica go on the run from both the Emperor and Baron Harkonnen's men; the Baron being the former ruler of Arrakis.

If that sounds like a complicated plot, don't worry, you can mostly ignore the politicking through your first read. It starts making sense while re-reading, especially since my edition has a handy little appendix and background info at the end. It is worth re-reading if you have the time. Understanding the background and reasons for why the characters are the way they are adds another layer of intrigue to an already very solid story.

The sequels are a complete mess. The one's written by Frank Herbert can't be considered cash-grabs, he just wanted to finish off his story. While that is respectable, the ones partially written by his son after Frank's death are widely considered to be the worst of the bunch. Personally, I'd rather just read *Dune* again rather than taint what fondness I have for the book as a whole.

I'd give it a 10/10 regarding the characters in *Dune*. Everyone has their own goal, and they are all written as normal people who have boundaries and morals they abide by. For pacing, I'd give a 7 or an 8 out of 10. Some parts can (somewhat unreasonably) be consid-



ered slow at best, and an absolute drag at worst. The action is also a 10/10, hands down. No-one can write a knife-fight like Frank Herbert, and that's a fact. Dialogue is another 10/10, with personal monologues side-by-side with interpersonal dialogue. In some other works this has proven to be an almost impossible task for authors to write properly, but Frank Herbert makes it flow as natural as breathing. Overall, *Dune* is rightly considered a masterpiece in fiction, and you owe it to yourself to give it a try.

(Also, it's not my fault the library only has a single copy.)

This month, the library has added quite a few books to their catalogue, such as *Mexican WhiteBoy*, by Matt de la Pena, *The Pioneer* by Bridget Taylor, and *Permanent Record*, by Mary H.K. Choi. Feel free to come down during study hall or before/after school and pick up some books!

# 2019, The good and bad

By Jakob Smith,  
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**TROY-** As the holiday season rocks around yet again like a mall Santa doing donuts in a Target parking lot, people often take some time in this tumultuous month to reflect upon the year. Some look back at their regrets and mistakes, others look back at their accomplishments with pride, and a few try to forget the past year with the help of eggnog and Hallmark Christmas movies.

This year, of course, is no different from every other year. Every year people put up their Christmas trees and lights earlier and earlier in an attempt to fill a void, every year people seem to get more and more insane, and every year people sit back, look around, and say, "What in the world just happened?" But, while people may be slow to change, the world is not. For that purpose, a year in review is in order. A glance back through the last 12 months of our lives, all neatly bundled in our very own Trojan Tempo for your reading pleasure. Don't say Christmas can't come early.

This year, on April 10, we caught the first glimpse of a black hole in recorded history. Although NASA hasn't taken humans out of low orbit for 47 years, this is still an impressive milestone, requiring near-perfect cooperation and coordination from cameras all across the globe.

On April 30, an uprising in Venezuela titled "Operation Freedom" started, when Juan Guadio announced himself as interim president to massive public support. The capital was stormed and overrun by protesters for nearly a week, as clashes between regime-loyal and rogue elements of the national guard and army occurred on a nearby highway. Reportedly an arms manufacturer for the regime was captured by revolutionary elements, before police elements started firing live rounds upon protestors. A reported four people were killed, although it could be much higher. As of right now the protests have ceased (bbc.com).

On July 7, the now infamous Hong Kong protests officially started. It was in protest of a new law where Chinese officials could send people into mainland China to stand trial. People protested due to inhumane treatment of prisoners in China, where reports of illegal human organ harvesting and concentration-camp conditions flowed out on the daily. This is along with further reports of similar mistreatment of the Uyghurs, Turkish Muslims native to central Asia and northeastern China. It is still happening, although on-the-ground reports are scarce, due to Chinese police storming the college campus that housed the last bastion of Hong Kong wifi (wsj.com). Some students have escaped safely, but a video was recorded of student's being loaded onto trains into mainland China. It is feared that they may never be seen again (thesun.co.uk.com).

Okay, so far, it's been kinda a downer. But, like all things, there are good things in with the bad. For example, the population of polar bears is increasing (and has been increasing) for some time now! The earth is also getting much greener. According to NASA, green area on Earth has increased by 5% in two decades. For some perspective, that's larger than the Amazonian rain forest. Yup, we grew the equivalent of an entire Amazon rain forest in two decades. High fives all around.

Terrorism is also down around 33 percent all around the world, according to a US report released in January (inc.com).

Humpback whales are bouncing back incredibly- once number at around 450, now 25,000 are thriving in the oceans. Also, advances in clean technology are advancing at an incredible rate. While solar and wind power may not be the silver bullet to helping our planet, we are reducing our footprint overall in many areas. For example, a steel plant in Germany is using hydrogen instead of coal, which, if proven safe and reliable, could spread all over the globe (goodnewsnetwork.org).

This holiday season, especially as we are running up to an election year, it is easy to get caught up in all the negative nonsense. I ask you, dear reader, to look around as you read this. Each and every person you see is struggling with something right now. Each person is trying to navigate their own path through life. And while everything may seem like it's all doom and gloom, the only way to move past that is to move forward. Only through moving past our limitations can we grow stronger, both mentally and physically. So, as we finish looking back upon this old year, I ask you, reader to look forward. Look forward, and take that leap of faith. For there are only two things that can happen: you'll find something solid to stand on, or you'll be taught to fly.

# Need some advice? Just Ask Ambrosia!

**Q: How do I better myself?**

**A:** First, why do you need to improve yourself? Assuming you have a good reason, figure out exactly what you want to improve, and look for ways to do so.

**Q: How do I smell good?**

**A:** Shower often, wear deodorant, and add a spray or two (and that's enough) of perfume or cologne, and make sure to do your laundry.

**Q: How do I get a girlfriend if no one likes me?**

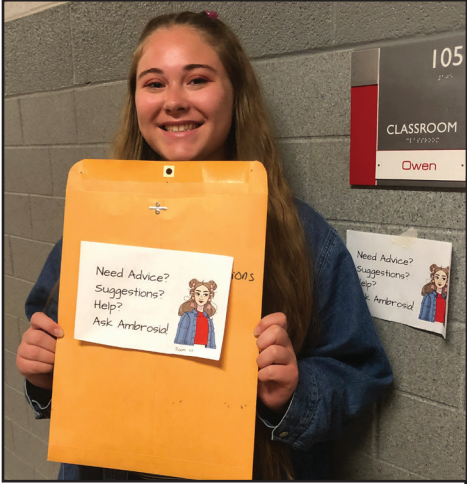
**A:** To get a girlfriend start by becoming friends with a girl, talk to each other often, then make your move. That is all any of us can do.

**Q: I need a girl. How do I do it? Help please, prom is soon.**

**A:** First, prom is all the way in April, you have time. Second, to get a girlfriend look at the answer to the previous question.

**Q: What do I do if my ex is telling me I'm beautiful and texting me a bunch while he has a girlfriend? He's the one who dumped me!**

**A:** It seems like your ex is not quite over you yet, if you are trying to get over him I suggest not talking to him. I do not mean to sound rude but that is a lot of drama, especially if he has a girlfriend.



**Q: I can't seem to focus on anything that used to be important to me; my life seems like a shell of what it used to be. What do I do?**

**A:** Check in with yourself, make sure you are okay. Try talking to someone, it can help a lot.

**Q: My friend and I both think the same guy is cute, and I know it sounds cliché, but guys always go for her. What should I do?**

**A:** Talk to your friend about it and see if she is as into him as you are, and go for it. Who knows maybe he thinks your cute too.

# Tik Tok, our guilty pleasure

By Anna Harman,  
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**THS-** I know, I know, "Tik Tok? Really?" Don't act like you haven't scrolled on Tik Tok already today.

You probably got one of your teachers to dance in one, made one in the bathroom with your friends, or you will at some point. We all act like it's so annoying but in reality, we are all addicted.

Tik Tok is a social media platform where users can make an account and then film videos of themselves lip syncing or acting out comedy skits, up to 15 seconds long, and can choose from a database of songs, effects, or make their own sound. Users can also view and like other videos.

It used to be called Musical.ly until 2018, when the company was bought by a company that owned Tik Tok, and all accounts were transferred from Musical.ly to Tik Tok. As of 2019, over a billion users have downloaded Tik Tok.

Not just teenagers have become addicted to it. If you scroll on Instagram right now, 90% of your feed is Tik Toks. If we're being honest, we all try to learn the dance challenges and we quote videos on a daily basis. We can waste an hour trying to learn the steps to a dance or film the perfect take on a funny video.

Ambrosia Westcott, senior, is a frequent Tik Tok user. "Tik Tok can be appealing to so many people because it has such a vari-

ety of people and music. You can really find people just like you. It's so addicting. I spend an embarrassing amount of time on there."

"Tik Tok? I love it. It's my life. I actually think it's just as good as vine," said junior Ellie Weaver.

Senior Nolan Lutz said "Like most people, I downloaded the app as a joke but, somehow I too became addicted to the cringey yet funny videos."

Tik Tok is a great place to see tons of creativity, laugh, be emotionally touched and gone through the same experiences as somebody else. It's a community for teens to be a part of, that's so different from Instagram and Snapchat.

# Real Christmas Tree or Artificial?

By Dakota McGill  
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**THS-** With Christmas break rapidly approaching, THS students are starting to put up their Christmas decorations. There's a question to be asked, what kind of tree are you putting up this year, real or fake?

"I grew up with a real one, but I disliked stepping on the pine needles. Now I have a nine foot fake tree since it's less of a fire hazard and I still can put the angel on top," said Mr. Owen.

"Fake, because I don't live near places that sell real Christmas trees," explained Connor Reed.

"Fake, so my family doesn't have to buy a new one each year," said Adam Shiltz.

Personally, my family has a fake Christmas tree to save money and we don't have to spend the time to cut one



down and haul it to our house plus a fake tree doesn't leave a giant pine needle mess.

It doesn't matter what type of tree you put up this year. Whether your following an Instagram life hack, celebrities holiday, or what your parents do, celebrate how you want to celebrate just do it responsibly. This holiday season. Mass Comm. 1 students hope that you are showing the Trojan Way and teaching family members about it. We also hope you enjoy your holiday break, whether you do or don't celebrate Christmas, stay safe this break.