

THE SONIC SOUND

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Freshmen Advice Column

By: Kerri Miller

Transitioning from junior high to high school is one of the hardest changes one can go through. The workload becomes harder, more is expected of you, and your school/home balance shifts greatly. You are constantly at war with your own body, and the relationships you have are changing by the day. While the change is hard, it is also one of the most important transitions we go through.

Your future is determined by your performance in high school. Colleges and jobs look at your work ethic, your grades, and your attendance to determine whether you are a hard worker, and whether they want to consider you for admittance or employment. Both of these things seem far into the future as a freshman, but in just 3 short years, these will become the most influential decisions of your life. Take it from a senior, it comes faster than you think. High school can be hard, especially when you have no idea what you are jumping into. Here are a couple pieces of advice from myself, some fellow seniors, and staff members on how to navigate the rest of your high school career:

- “Do not worry too much about school. Don’t overthink things. Your work is important, but not worth overstressing yourself over” - Olivia Graves
- “Read more books, and join the book soiree! Meet new people and exercise your brain!” - Mrs. Coomer
- “Turn in your work!! You will deeply regret it later if your grades slip because you simply lacked the motivation to turn in a simple assignment. It may not matter now, but it will in the long run” - Kerri Miller
- “Put a smile on your face, ignore the drama, and know that your grades and attendance are important!” - Mrs. Maurice
- “Be a social butterfly!!” - Lexi Olson

Student of the Month Spotlight

By: Molly Krauss

One morning Sydney Baker got taken out of choir class. She had been told that she received student of the month. She was surprised mostly because she thought that they started picking “student of the month” in September, so she was confused and did not think that they were going to pick a student of the month in October. Some reasons why she thinks that she would get student of the month is because of how good her grades have been this year and how hard she works. I would completely agree with her. One thing that I would add to that is how she has a positive attitude to all of her classmates and has treated everyone with kindness. Sydney has gotten student of the month in elementary school last year. She has always been a good student, but is looking to this year. She is liking cross country and is doing great. Her meet on Oct. 9th she got 9th place. Her best is 14 minutes and 32 seconds! She plans to do track in the spring and is looking forward to doing sprints. She is looking forward to this year and thinks it is a big difference from elementary school. She says that she is having a lot more fun and likes not being in the same classroom all day. Congratulations Sydney! She definitely deserves it!

Other students of the month included Tanner Flora, Kalynn Huecker, and DJ Jamison.

Sydney Baker is pictured to the right.



Senior Parking Spots

By: Hallie Aslinger

A couple of weeks ago, a few seniors took some time to paint their personal senior parking spots.

This was the second year at FM that seniors have painted their parking spots. This year, Olivia Graves, Gracie Beeson, and Zach Wilson participated. Olivia's parking space was based on the BTS album "O! RUL8,2?" Grace's parking space has her name on it and a bee standing for the "Bee" in her last name, "Beeson." Zach Wilson painted his parking spot the logo of his favorite NFL team, the Steelers.

All of the parking spots are very well done and personalized to the seniors that painted them.



Upcoming Dates:

November 5: FFA Blood Drive 8-12PM, SADD Volleyball Tournament 7PM

November 10: 2 Hour Early Dismissal, Parent Teacher Conferences

November 11: No School for Students, Parent Teacher Conferences

November 12: NO SCHOOL

November 19: Season Opener HS Girls Basketball at Southeastern 5:30PM

November 22: Season Opener JH Girls Basketball at TVS 5:30PM

November 23: National Honor Society Inductions 8AM

November 24-26: NO SCHOOL

November 27: Season Opener HS Boys Basketball at home vs. TC at 6PM

November 29: Season Opener JH Boys Basketball at MV 5:30PM

December 13: Choir and Band Winter Concert 7PM

December 21: 2 Hour Early Dismissal

December 22-31: NO SCHOOL

January 3, 2022: School resumes from winter break

Real World Issues:

Climate Change, Environmental Concerns, and Covid-19

By: Alexis Kleismit

When people think of climate change they think it is a myth, but climate change is real and happening right before our eyes each day. Climate change means a gradual increase in overall temperature of the earth's atmosphere generally attributed to the greenhouse effect caused by increased levels of carbon dioxide, chlorofluorocarbon, and other pollutions. The United States is the worst climate change offender on earth, producing about 27% of the world's total carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. China is second with climate change problems. I interviewed Mrs. Rowland: she does studies in the summer about climate change in the beaches and water levels. She said that scientists have looked at what could happen in a couple years, and everything as we know it could change. When you walk outside, suddenly there could be a rainforest climate. Here are some things we need to slow climate change: try to walk more instead of using transportation because that puts pollution in the air. Recycle your plastic bottles and other plastic things and try to slow down the climate change.

By: Elli Earwood

Based on an article from University of Cambridge it is no longer believed that humans caused the extinction of woolly mammoths. It is said now that they went extinct because of climate change and the melting of icebergs. The wet conditions killed the vegetation and with them being herbivores they had nothing to eat. The scientists did a 10 year case study using soil to replicate the ancient DNA samples of the mammoths. Since the most recent ice age (about 12,000 years ago) happened at such a rapid rate they had no time to adapt and evolve to their surroundings. "Reptiles and amphibians are sometimes thought of as primitive, dull and dimwitted. In fact, of course, they can be lethally fast, spectacularly beautiful, surprisingly affectionate and very sophisticated." – David Attenborough. October 21st is considered "reptile awareness day". It is a day that educators use to reduce the stigmas around herpetology (the study of reptiles) and the animals themselves. On the topic of reptiles, a lizard has perfectly regenerated its tail using the aid of STEM cells as of October 14, 2021. They use specifically neural STEM cells, they are also referred to as NSC's. The reptiles are unable to perfectly regenerate their tail since it is impossible to independently replace the spinal column and nerve. When the adult reptile's stump (missing tail) is injected with NSC's then it is able to regenerate the spine. In September at MIT they are working towards developing pancreatic organoids. They have the intention to perfect these organoids so they can use them to test various medications for pancreatic cancer and hopefully develop a cure. This is one of the most difficult cancers to treat so developing this could be a huge step in the right direction to cures and preventative measures.

By: Olivia Graves

There has been a rise in child labor since the start of the pandemic because children are out of school. Some low income families or families who have lost their jobs have put them to work to make up the difference in their lacking of income. According to The New York Times, "The United Nations estimates that 24 million children have dropped out for good (from school) because of the pandemic" (Pérez-peña and Richard). Even though it has been over a year since the pandemic started, and the people of the world have adjusted, it is still affecting families today. There are many problems that are linked to Covid, but this one is severely overlooked as a Covid related issue. It is imperative that children are still receiving an education that is beneficial and meaningful.

Creative Writing: Short Story (in the spirit of Halloween)

By: Sophi Durst

The old Luxerton Home was abandoned for many years. If you walk down the halls, eerie moans and shrieks are heard. There were thumps and crashes from things being thrown. Some say it's the spirits of the former residents, others say it's a town hoax. The former residents, Abraham Luxerton and Lilith Luxerton were found dead in their house almost a year ago. They were found together, with a poisonous residue in their mouths. The maid, Agatha, had poisoned them and was put in jail for murder and hasn't been heard of since then.

A young journalist named Sabrina was anxious to know if something really was haunting the house or not. Her friend, Riley, had also been curious and wanted to join along, with a lot of protest from Sabrina. Riley was known for being mischievous and very clumsy. Sabrina didn't want Riley to end up getting hurt, but there wasn't a lot for her to do when Riley threw a backpack in the backseat and said, "Off to find this ghost!"

Now they were both walking up towards the supposed haunted house with nothing but an old video camera, a notepad, and a bottle of holy water for Sabrina. "I'm pretty sure this is illegal," Sabrina said. Riley only nodded and gladly hopped up the old, cracked stairs. The house was small for such a wealthy family, but the exterior really showed what the couple was worth. The walls were a clear white, but now they were darker from being uncared for. The house lacked the beauty it once had before the murder.

"Who cares what's legal or not? The people are dead and tons of squatters come here. Besides, you need a good story for the paper and haunted houses are a good subject." Riley reassured Sabrina. Sabrina ignored Riley's comment and continued to the door. Sabrina stepped up to the door and hesitantly touched the doorknob.

"I really don't think we should-" But before Sabrina could finish, Riley already barged through the door and into the entryway. Floorboards were cracked and waste was covering most of the floors. Riley gagged at the mess, "I see why this place is haunted now. These ghosts wouldn't want anyone in this place with the way it looks right now."

Sabrina looked up at Riley in fright. "Then they surely aren't going to want us snooping around here. Maybe we should go and I'll do an article about something else. Not many people want to read ghost stories anyway."

Riley walked over and hugged Sabrina. "Nonsense. Besides, we're already here and we need to look around. I wouldn't let a ghost hurt you," Riley reassured again. Sabrina nodded reluctantly and followed her friend around the house.

They both decided to thoroughly check all the safe parts of the house. The first few minutes went completely undisturbed. Sabrina began to become more calm at this fact, realizing that the stories might've just been rumors. Riley and Sabrina were finally approaching the large dining room, when a noise started coming from the living room. Riley happily rushed over to see what could be causing the noise, while Sabrina followed closely behind, not wanting to be alone. Sabrina kept her head down in fear. She believed that if she couldn't see the ghosts, then they weren't actually there.

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Fall Sports Update

By: Lexi Olson

JH Girls Cross Country:

The girls got 1st in the conference meet. They have worked so hard to reach that goal. They awarded the top 15 girls in the race: Hannah Wolfe 5th, Sami Stull 7th, Sydney Baker 9th, and Andrea Kleismit 15th place.

JH Boys Cross Country:

The boys got 3rd in the conference meet. Vail Cox was in the top 15. Vail got 8th place. This season all the boys have worked hard and put a lot of effort into their running.

HS Boys Cross Country:

The high school boys got 2nd in the WOAC at National Trail. They achieved an exceptional runner up finish. At the conference meet they gave the top 10 recognition and Aaron Crist got 7th.

HS Girls Cross Country:

The HS girls got 3rd in the WOAC at National Trail. At the conference meet, they gave the top 10 recognition. Zoe Brookey got 8th place.

HS Boys and Girls Golf:

The boys received 4th place in the WOAC conference. Brayden Cable went to Districts for the 2nd year in a row. The girls were 5th in the WOAC conference.

7th and 8th Grade Girls Volleyball:

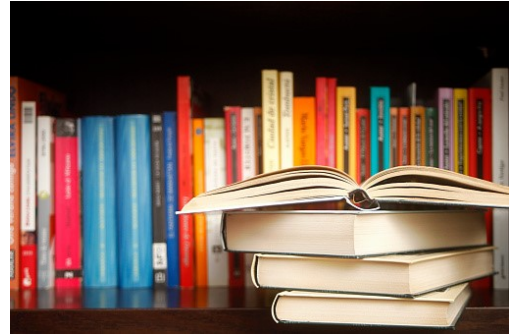
The 7th grade girls record was 5-5. For their tournament they won 1 and lost 1. 8th grade girls record was 3-4 this season. For tournaments they won one and lost one.

HS Girls Volleyball:

High school volleyball girls are 11-10 as their record this year. Skylar Bauman received 1st team, Sadie Bowser 2nd team, and Rebecca Gilmore was special mention.

Creative Writing: Poetry

By: Natalie Suter



I've read a thousand
different stories
Been to a thousand different places
And lived a thousand different lives
But the moment my eyes wander
off the poetry inscribed on
this precious paper,
my heart overturns.
For some enigmatic reason
the worlds I have imagined,
For most of my life, are no longer
in existence
Instead I'm cemented in a
never ending cycle:
No fairytales,
No magic,
No great adventures.
Have I created false hope of
the real world
from the words haphazardly
scribbled across a page?

Sonic Sound Staff

Writers and Staff:

- Olivia Graves - Senior
- Kerri Miller - Senior
- Lexi Olson - Senior
- Hunter Warner - Junior
- Hallie Aslinger - Sophomore
- Elli Earwood - Sophomore
- Amber Nottingham - Sophomore
- Natalie Suter - Sophomore
- Sophi Durst - Freshman
- Nate Good - Freshman
- Alexis Kleismit - Freshman
- Molly Krauss - Seventh

Adviser:

- Mrs. Howell

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New Staff Spotlight

By: Amber Nottingham

The teachers interviewed were Mr. Neal and Mr. Zimmerman. Mr. Neal comes to us from Indiana to fulfill an open health & PE position. Mr. Zimmerman is now our athletic director, overseeing Franklin Monroe sports.

Mr. Zimmerman's first impression of the school was very nice. The most chaotic thing that happened to him on their first day was the changing and switching classes. The most interesting thing that happened was he was able to meet and interact with a lot of new students.

Mr. Neal's first impression was very welcoming! The students and staff were great to him. His most chaotic thing was pronouncing numerous student names wrong during the first day of school. He is excited to be here!

The following people are also new staff members for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Ms. Madison Evers: 11 & 12 English. She comes to us as a Wright State University graduate and a first year teacher.
- Mr. Chase Clark: Guidance Counselor. He comes to us from Sidney with previous experience as a counselor.

Creative Writing: Realistic Fiction

By: Hunter Warner

It was the night of the big game, Jets against Trojans. People were pouring into our school left and right. Amongst that crowd was a thief. But not just any thief, he was the best known thief in the county. After the doors shut and the game began, it was loud enough for him to make his move. Once the game was over, people, including the basketball players, started to leave. While the players were walking down the hall fame hallway they noticed that one of their important trophies was gone. They won that trophy the year before Covid hit and it meant a lot to the players. So they decided to try and figure out who stole the trophy. They made a mock crime scene, interviewed people, checked the cameras, and even looked for DNA; but the case was still open. After a while they gave up and to this day they still talk about the trophy thief and how he stole their most prized possession.

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