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The Sonic Sound

BPA

By: Kaitlyn McNutt

BPA has started! And so far there are 39 high schoolers, and 7 junior high students. The BPA officers are as follows: President: Danielle Mcvey, Vice President: Grace Zimmerman, Secretary: Grace Fee, Treasurer: Nicole Brocious. Some important upcoming events are on November 1st, it is the BPA state fall leadership conference.

I talked to Mrs. Wiant the advisor about what were some of her big plans this year. Mrs. Wiant says that, "My big plans this year are to help my students do well in competition, to do more community service, and fundraisers.

So there you have it! BPA is doing more community service and more fundraisers for FM. Don't forget to support their fundraisers. Also, BPA collects old phones and used ink cartridges to dispose of them properly and help raise money for BPA. Good luck Mrs. Wiant and BPA students!

Mr. Gish

By: Will Blackburn



Above is a picture of Mr. Gish in action, taken by Grace Gilmore

From the throng of the many talented teachers here at Franklin Monroe, Mr. Jim Gish is perhaps the wisest. Armed with his quick wits, keen intellect, and bawdy sense of humor, the seventy year old expert has been able to dominate the teaching field for forty-five years and also defy the age of retirement.

Mr. Gish attended college for four and a half years majoring in English and minoring in History and Political Science. In 1974-1976 he attended law school but dropped out because he ran out of money. In 1996-1999 he went back to college to receive his Master's in Counseling.

For his first twenty-eight years of teaching at FM, he headed classes in english and psychology. For the next eighteen years he was the school's guidance counselor while also continuing to teach psychology for one period a day. Now, in his forty-fifth year, he is teaching Edison college credit psychology courses for four periods a day.

Besides his teaching at FM, Mr. Gish has taught classes for Edison, Sinclair, and Wright State for twenty years. (cont'd p2)

FFA

By: Makayla Knipp

The Franklin Monroe MVCTC FFA chapter is a great place to be. There are a lot of activities that some people enjoy doing and projects they might enjoy as well such as Supervised Agricultural Experiences and Career Development Events. Right now in the third period Mechanical Principles class Makayla Knipp, Wyatt Baker and Marcus Glass are fixing the Aquaponics System which is where there is a tub full of plants and a tub full of fish, the fish feed the plants and the plants give the fish new water because the plants absorb all the nutrients from the fish water.

Some activities that some kids will participate in this year is the 2017 Tractor-Cade (as below), Soils Judging (as below), the Citrus Fruit sale, Parliamentary Procedure contest, National and State Convention, Oktoberfest, and in the spring they will participate in the Poultry, General Livestock, and Equine judging contest.

The 2017-2018 FFA Officers are: Elisabeth Williams-President, Keara Kneppshield-Vice President, Morgan Hissong-Secretary, Taylor Armstrong-Treasurer, Faith Williams-Reporter, Makayla Knipp-Student Advisor, Jake Armstrong-Sentinel. (cont'd p2)

Mr. Gish (cont from pg. 1)

During his student years at college, Mr. Gish had the intention of becoming a college professor. Also occurring at this time was the height of the Vietnam War. So, he was faced with either becoming a soldier or a teacher and he chose to be a teacher. When he did become a teacher though, he fell in love with it. He says "If you like teaching, it's the best profession in the world."

Mr. Gish applies a variety of teaching methods that creates a unique blend which becomes entirely his own. Some of the methods he uses include the Socratic method, which is a form of argument between the teacher and a student, giving lectures, comedic anecdotes, use of writing, and audio visual learning. Mr. Gish's signature method though, as some other students may know, is the Gish Battery™. It is the life source of all his classes. Its sole purpose being to revive students and to bring life and energy to dead spaces within the silent classroom.

With such a long career, Mr. Gish was bound to have a few inevitable moments of embarrassment. One of these moments happening sometime between 1982-1983, was when he walked around teaching for most of the day with his pants

It wasn't until seventh period that someone told him his fly was down to which he responded by saying "Okey dokey", coolly zipped up his pants, and then carried on with his day.

When Mr. Gish isn't teaching he can usually be found writing, reading, or jogging (the latter two often done at the same time). He has written numerous stories with many becoming published and receiving awards.

Mr. Gish is also an avid fan of the Los Angeles Dodgers and the University of Kentucky's Wild cats. Some of his favorite authors are William Faulkner, Lee Smith, and Mark Twain. His favorite books include *Catch 22*, and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. *Zorba the Greek*, *The Green Mile*, and *Lonesome Dove* are his favorite films and the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, and Pink Floyd are a few of his favorite bands.

All in all, Mr. Gish is a remarkable teacher and a very interesting person, and I highly recommend students to take one of his classes and get to know him. And to all those who have only seen him standing sentinel at the corner of the cafeteria, an awful monster who only yells at kids, do not be daunted because it is just an act in order to keep students where they are supposed to be.

FFA (cont from pg. 1)

This year five students participated in the 2017 Tactor-Cade. This was held on September 26, 2017, this is where kids are able to drive their tractors to school and park them out in front of the school building. Those student are: Walker Lindenmuth, Jacob Winterrowd, Garrison Warner, Austin Cool, and Clem Montgomery. The FFA chapter wants to thank all those students that helped with it for making it a memorable time for all the new FFA students who were not in the FFA last year.

On September 25, 2017 seven students from our Franklin Monroe MVCTC FFA chapter participated in the county Soils Judging contest located in Union City along with seven other school districts. These students are: Morgan Hissong, Elisabeth Williams, Taylor Armstrong Walker Lindenmuth, Jacob Winterrowd, Garrison Warner, and Kolby Rogers. These students also participated in the district soils judging contest on September 27, 2017 at the Saint Charles Seminary in Celina Ohio along with 30 other schools. They placed 23rd out of 34 teams that participated in the 2017-18 Soils Judging.

On September 29, 2017 eight students participated in the Minster Ohio Oktoberfest along with five adults that were with them. These students are: Taylor Armstrong, Jake Armstrong, Keira Kneppshield, Matthew Jones, Morgan Hissong and her dad, Elisabeth Williams, Wyatt Baker and his mom, and Makayla Knipp and her dad. For helping with the Oktoberfest our FFA chapter got a check for One-Thousand dollars that is going towards our chapter activities that will occur during the year.

At October 2nd meeting, members talked about the Citrus Fruit sale that will begin on October 12, 2017 and the fruit will come in the first week of December, National Convention which is from October 25-28 2017 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Below are some of our FFA members posing in the woods.



"The Scalene Knight" A Ballad Poem

By: Will Blackburn

A man they sent from Triangle's point
To retrieve the figure of knowledge
At mountain's peak from a dragon's beak;
The Scalene Knight sails to the red ridge.

Two minds possessed his conical head,
Atimes a dragon atimes a knight;
On a small lake the haughty snake
And the Scalene Knight with fire fight.

"I am the Knight so cunning and bright,
Much wiser than those other fools from
Triangle's dome, the Right, Acute, and Obtuse gnome;
The Scalene Knight hast the smartest sum.

Much cleverer than the Equilateral head,
With his pretty sides and equal angles,
The Isosceles Knight who came from Kite,
All bound unto the Scalene Knight's tethered tangles".

"Thou coward, thou fool, thy dumbened skull
Is shrouded by the manic tide.
Two plus one is three my son,"
The Scalene Knight to himself replied.

"'Twas I they called, the four limbed dragon,
To slay the mountain's coiled snake,
And only a knave, a willful slave
Is the Scalene Knight, the fraudulent fake".

"Cease thy feast on my fruits of reason,
Stop spreading seeds in the field of peace!
Unhand thy harp distorted and sharp;
Don't shear the Scalene Knight's fervent fleece"!

"Without me thy brain wilt crumple
And sink into the sea of woe;
The bells of death shalt din thy breath.
O, Scalene Knight thy gloom wouldst grow".

With his wooden boat and oar
On, on, on, on, on he goes,
Through cold mires and sloping spires
The Scalene Knight rapid rows.

O'er the strands of bearded mist
Topology shows its pallid head.

"Get ye gone misshapen imps,
Crawl back to Chaos' mournful deep.
Flee the path or face the wrath
Of the Scalene Knight ye stupid sheep!

Ye taint the ground with your sickly bile,
Biting the air and tearing the grass,
Insanity reigns with fury's bane;
The Scalene Knight shall murder your mass"!

Voices of evil bending with sin,
The four they spoke in their disorderly way;
Like poisoned lead the polygons said
"Scalene Knight in metal skins, come play, come play"! (Cont pg. 4)

Student Spotlight: Emma Fisher

Q. Who is your favorite teacher this year and why?
A. Mr. Ingold because he does more than just teach. He makes us laugh, tells jokes, and basically just teaches in a fun way with us still learning. He also knows a lot of the students at FM really well.

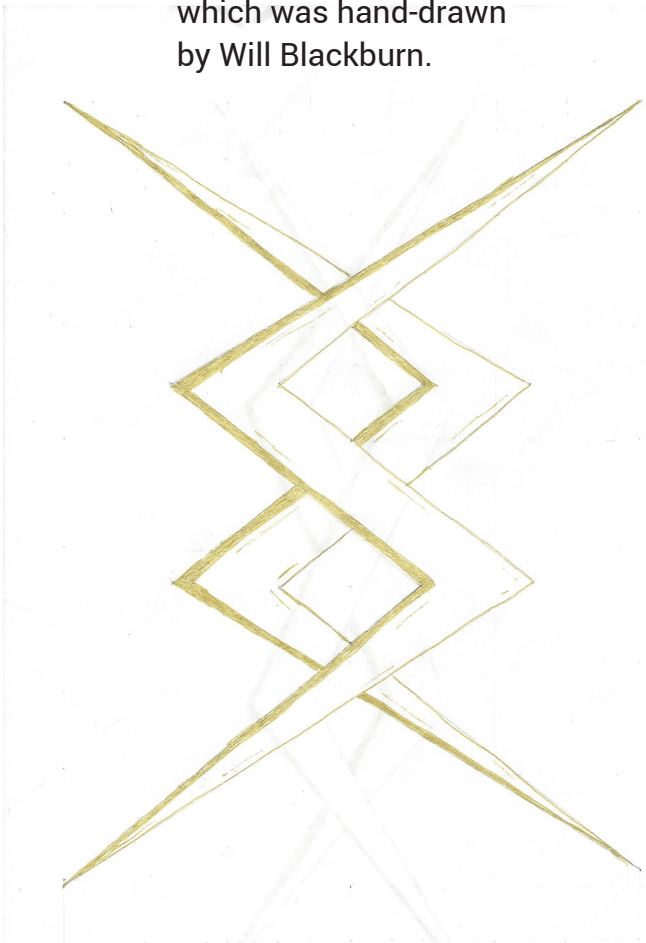
Q. What is your favorite class this year and why?
A. My favorite class is Spanish even though it is difficult it will benefit me later on in life by knowing a foreign language.

Q. Are you planning on going to college? If so what for and where?
A. Yes. I'm not exactly sure where I want to go yet but I want to go to be a veterinarian.

Q. If you could change one thing about high school what would it be and why?
A. I would change the amount of time we get to eat and socialize. We only get a half hour to talk to friends and I don't think that's enough. Another thing would be the amount of time in some classes. I would give more time to the harder classes that need more explaining like Algebra.

Q. Are you doing any extracurriculars this year?
A. Yes. I'm in band, soccer, Spanish Club, and Sonic Sound.

Below is the symbol for the literary pages of The Sonic Sound, which was hand-drawn by Will Blackburn.



"The Scalene Knight" (cont'd from p3)

On whistling winds the Knight did leap
O'er waters swift as gurgling rump
And threw his spear at howling steer;
The Scalene Knight slew one short stump.

The other three approached Knight's knee
And released their maddened rage.
In giggling throes they tickled the toes
Of the Scalene Knight, wicked weapons wage.

He kicked them off, the gnashing teeth and
With a wish and a woosh of his blade
He cut the heads from their unclean beds,
And the Scalene Knight watched their forms fade.

He followed the river 'till it curved
Into a cave through mountain's root,
And to its face with wondrous grace
The Scalene Knight gazed at the big brute.

It's giant body from throat to thigh
Was riddled with broad cavernous holes,
Many tunneled that dragon funnelled,
And the Scalene Knight leaned 'pon his pole
And began the climb on Mount Topology.

Three days had pulled the chariot of time
Before he came to its snow capped crown
By myriad holes, like burrowing mole
The Scalene Knight dug through ground's gown.

In a hole so lean and long, he
Found the dragon draining its bladder.
The pit it reeks with waste it leaks;
The Scalene Knight muffled by matter.

"I'll stick thee in thy buttocks thou pointless squirm!"
Down it shot the spear of steel,
Up it sprang screaming in pain,
"The Scalene Knight's fright thou feel!"

"What have thee done thou tittering tool,
Covered and splattered in fountain's waste?
Thou made a hole with thy pointy pole;
O Scalene Knight why thy hateful haste?"

"Where is the figure the source of logic?
Show me where thou fattened cow,
Serpent of slime showered in grime,
The Scalene Knight demands to know!"

The dragon laughed so violent and vile,
Spreading its wings like pointed towers.
"It's in my belly wobbling like jelly!
Scalene Knight lie fore my crest and cower".

"Crazed clown thy mind is lulled,
Wyvern th'art none but mortal weak with sides
Thrice unequal, I'll prick my needle
Through Scalene Knight's psychotic pride".

"Fool thou art, a lesser wyrm can
Not kill a greater dragon,
With talons that claw and tail that saws;
The Scalene Dragon, like flaming flagon!"

"Irregular man thy sight is flawed,
Hide hath thee none, nor talons nor tail,
But plates o queer and gauntlets and spear
Hath the Scalene Knight, like woman's wail".

And with that wail the knight he charged
The dragon's stomach with sharpened tip,
But the beast did flail its barbed tail
And blocked the Scalene Knight's nasty nip.

The claws unfurled from their scaly masts,
That flung at helm and with breath did wield
Fire that smoulders the dark gray boulders
Round the Scalene Knight's silvery shield.

With a spiralled spin the dragon broke
Spear's haft in two by jagged tooth.
Quickly drawn was the sword like dawn,
And Scalene Knight pierced the traitor's truth.

In half blinded ire the dragon took
An eye for an eye and a taut breast.
With a dreadful lunge its teeth did plunge
Into the Scalene Knight's cuirassed chest.

The dragon threw the Knight's body rent
To the scornful ground; his flesh
Stretched asunder by mouth of thunder,
The Scalene Knight's blood flows fresh.

"Look at thee now what the serpent hath done,
Poked holes in thy mail so proud.
With fangs so dire they made a liar
Of the Scalene Knight, the cone of the crowd".

The Knight he glanced at foe's keen eye,
The setting sun hind the wizened neck,
And the belly great from the figure ate.
The Scalene Knight beaten by serpentine speck.

And in the sky where white clouds breed,
He glimpsed their shapes and caught the sight
Of blessed fates at Logic's gates
And said, "I am the Scalene Knight".

Hand-drawn picture titled, "The Triangle Knights" by Will Blackburn for his ballad poem, "The Scalene Knight."



"A Girl With A Secret" A Short Story

By: MacKenzie Rock

I guess you could say that The doctor said that without what I am doing is a little treatment she wouldn't live to wrong but there isn't much of a see me graduate next year. choice I have here. My mom Even though I'm of age to had medical bills that need to legally to take care of myself, be paid and this is one way she doesn't want to miss that. that I can make sure that My mom knows that I have a happens, fixing cars on the job but she is always so tired race track (I race the cars as from the chemo and cat scans well). I make good money get that she doesn't know that doing this, two thousand I'm out almost all night fixing dollars each time I fix a car. cars. She doesn't know where I I've known how to fix cars can have that much cash to since I was little. Before my pay for the medical bills. She dad left he showed me how to still has her job, she works as fix them up. He lost his job he an administrator for a trucking felt like he couldn't handle his company but she now does it life anymore so he left one day. from home. Over the years I've We haven't seen him since I gotten even better with cars, was ten years old. My mom is for some reason it just comes my best friend, she is always naturally to me . My friends there for me when I need her. think it's funny that I'm so She has been there for me good at everything I do, I'm a when I was sick with the flu, volleyball star, I have a perfect and when I broke my arm too. I gpa, and I'm able to hold down couldn't imagine life without the job I have. Even with her and I don't want to. She school, my mother, and my became sick about a year and other responsibilities that I have to do. I am so thankful a half ago. She has stage four for having such an amazing breast cancer. She has job and friends. invasive ductal carcinoma, it causes her to feel weakness and not wanting to do anything, she barely even eats.

8th Grade Jets Volleyball

By: Grace Gilmore

All of the Volleyball teams for Franklin Monroe High School did great this year by working hard and practicing. As the Seventh grade had 7 wins, they were out of the championship in the second game against Arcanum. Junior Varsity had a winning year with 13 wins, losing the first game of the tournaments, and Varsity had a winning year with 20 wins, losing the second game in the tournaments. While everyone worked very hard this year, eighth grade came through this year with 13 wins and placing Runners-up in the championship. As they won left and right against teams like Bethel and Arcanum, they had a struggle in the last game against the Tri-Village Patriots.

With Olivia Graves, Lexie Olsen, Maleighna McHugh, MacKenzie Brown, Grace Beeson, Chloe Wolf, Skylar Baughman, and Emma Hein working in perfect harmony passing, hitting, and setting the team right into the last championship game. Although the Jets did not win the tournaments, they still were proud of beating the school's rival, Arcanum, winning two out of three sets. With all of the girls practicing and working harder we are all hoping that can come back next year and smash all of the competition winning the whole championship.

8th Grade Girls Volleyball team.
Picture courtesy Grace Gilmore.



FM Cross Country

By: Weston Sease

No matter the condition of the weather, cross country runners endure it all, while in the company of their friends. In high school runners run roughly three miles a day, Junior High usually runs two miles. If you want to be a part of a family-like sports team, XC is the way to go.

There are many differences between track and cross country. Where track is more of a sprinting sport, cross country is more about running long distances and keeping a steady pace. One of the only similarities between them is that both compete to get the fastest time for their section.

Cross Country officially starts on the first of August. Optional running for pre-season is throughout the summer, then the season ends right around the middle of October.

There are also many scholarships that are reachable in the state of Ohio for running.

Currently, at FM the top high school boys runners are Cole Good and Kyler Ressler. For the high school girls team, the current top runners are Selene Weaver and Audrey Cable. At the Tri-Village meet on September 26th, the high school boys came out with a 2nd place win, and the girls emerged with 1st place.

Though the season is coming to an end, cross country will still be standing strong next year. For more information about the sport, or running times, you can contact Mr. Ingold, our current cross country coach.

FM Jets Soccer

By: Emma Fisher

The Franklin Monroe Lady Jets soccer has had a rough season to say the least. With finding recruits at the last minute, they managed to make one varsity team with three subs, substantially smaller than most high school teams.

Nychelle Cool is the captain of the Lady Jets and the only senior for the 2017 season. It's been a rough year with two recruits with no soccer experience. They also have a German exchange student, Lina Thiele. Lina is a good player with a great effort towards the team. They have had two wins, 11 loses, and two ties.

The Franklin Monroe Boys Soccer have also faced the same problems as the girls team. They face major struggles trying to find more boys to play.

They have three subs, with one injured, Parker Hesler is out with a broken arm. They do not let this struggle weigh them down by playing their absolute best.

Brice Robinson is the captain of the boys soccer team and with four years of school soccer experience he helps to teach the freshman his advanced soccer skills. They've had an educational year with four new recruits. They began their season on August first with two practices a day for two hours. Speed camp, (Pre-conditioning) was available during the month of July.



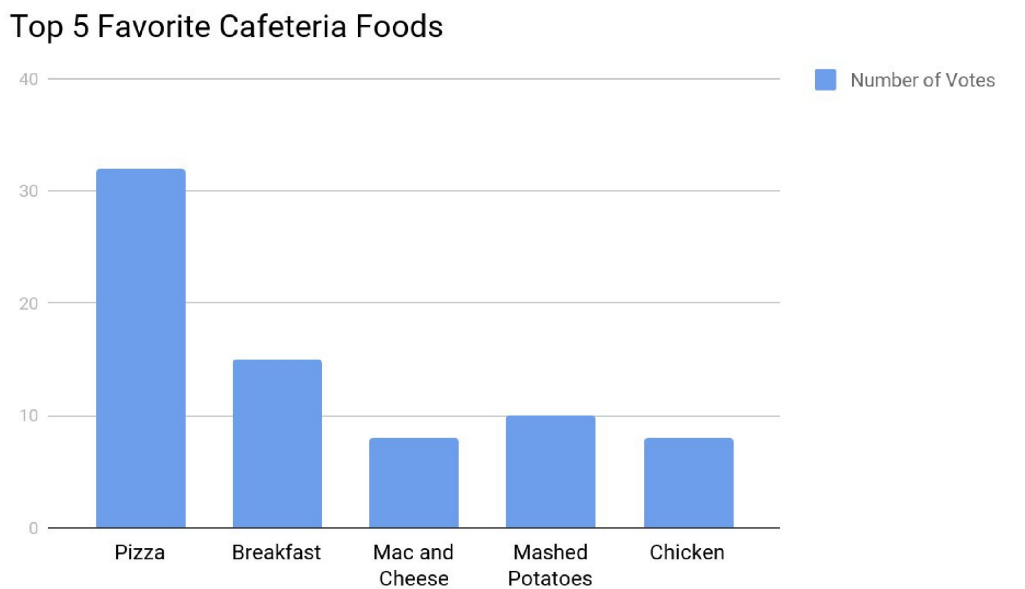
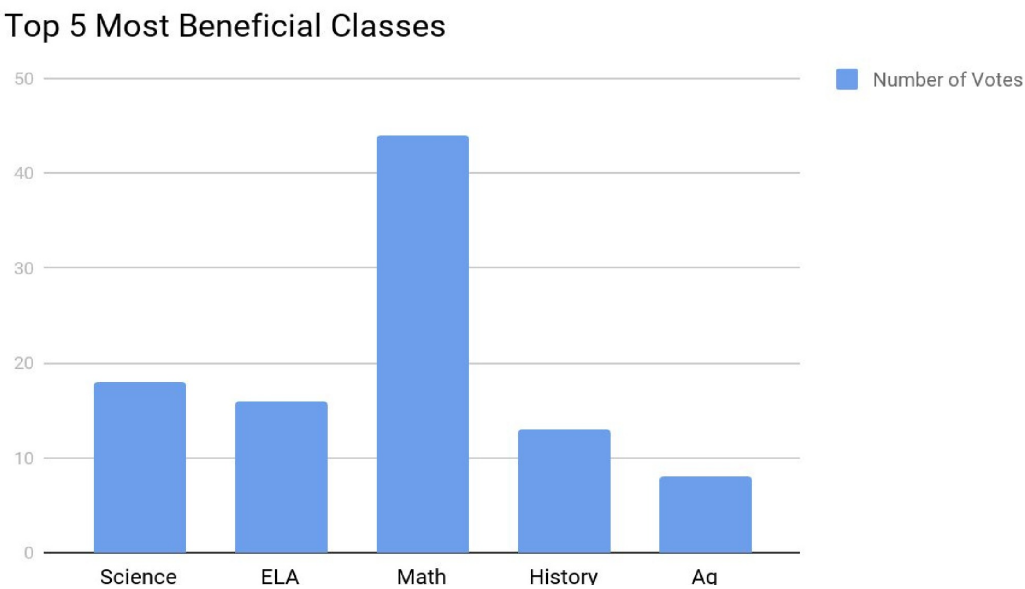
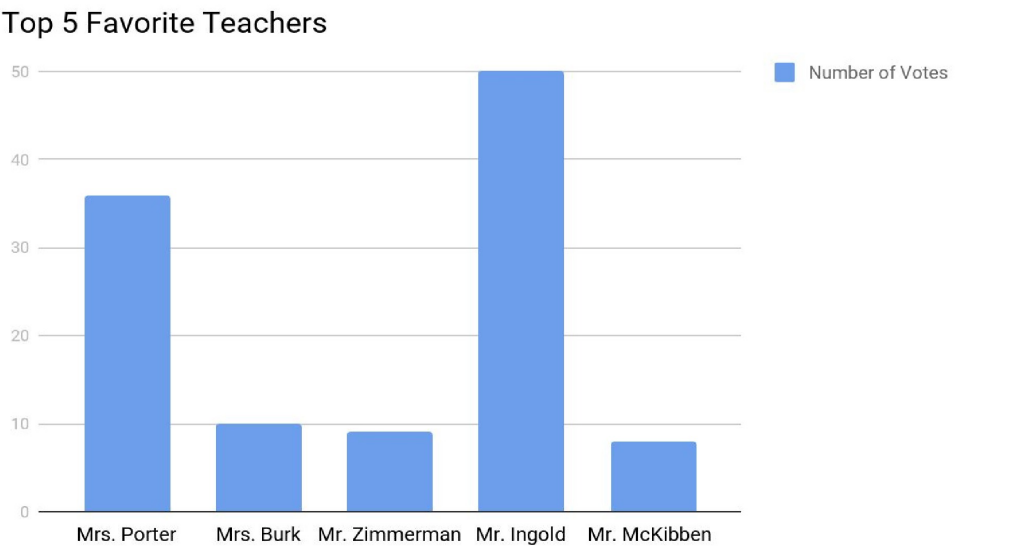
Left: FM Boys Cross Country team. Picture courtesy of the FM Twitter page.

In the picture below is the FM Jets guys Soccer team, picture is courtesy of the FM twitter page.



The staff of FM's Sonic Sound polled the student of both JH and HS students during homeroom. (Trying to get as many CCP students as readily available.) We had chosen three different poll questions that are of the following:

- 1. Who is your favorite teacher here at FM?
- 2. What do you think are the most beneficial classes offered?
- 3. What is your favorite cafeteria food?



"Life's A Book" An Extended Metaphor Poem

By: Marcus Glass

Life is like a book,
There are short chapters,
There are long chapters,
And each page of each chapter represents a day gone by

Life is like a book,
There are emotional and hard parts,
There are funny and easier parts,
But no matter how each part goes, it still goes into one story of one book.

Life is like a book;
A book containing stories;
Stories that may inter-write with other people's books.
And since life is like a book, each book is unique;
Unique as the person who wrote it.

Life is like a book,
It has a setting;
A setting that represents your life span and what makes you, you.
And like most books,
Life has its conflicts and its solutions.

Life is like a book,
life has its beginnings;
And like all books, life has its end.

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