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A Day in the Life of Mr. Keller

by Sam Martinjako, BP Staff Writer

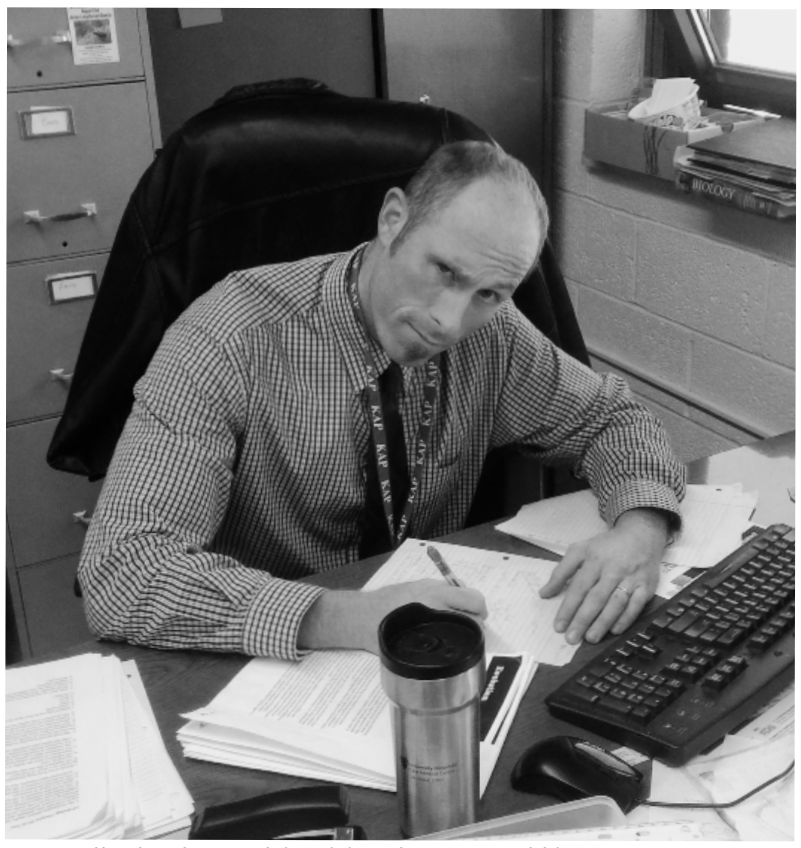
With how busy and stressful school can be for students, sometimes we forget that teachers are people too. They have their own lives in and out of school, just as unique as our own. To get a better understanding of what an average weekday is like for a teacher, Mr. Keller was asked to explain his day, in this case a Friday, starting in the morning. "Friday is a holiday for some people, me included. The most important holiday of every week is Friday," he began. "So I get up, and in order to start my heart I need drugs. Caffeine. I need caffeine, so usually I sort of walk around like a zombie in the morning until I get the caffeine dripping. Then, I consume as much as possible as fast as possible so I can get my heart rate up again, and I can get out of my hibernation state, so to speak." A very understandable way to spend a morning.

"Then I drive to work, about a half hour, and I like to listen to a variety of things: *NPR*, stuff about sports, or some entertaining discussion. I like to listen to news and discussion in the morning usually," he continues.

"So then I get to work, and then it's time to get ready for the day. My main focus is getting things organized, getting things printed out, getting things ready to put on a show, because everyday I'm a performer up here. I gotta get ready for the big show." Mr. Keller is truly an entertainer at heart, not just a teacher. "First period is my planning period, so I'm usually listening to some heavy metal to get pumped up for the day and just get going. Then second period, the show begins, and we just go. A lot of times it's just impromptu." Adlib is one of Mr. Keller's specialties. "I mean, I have my lesson plans, and it's all organized, but sometimes the discussion just takes on a mind of its own. We have some neat discussions in class when that happens. Of course, my performances each period are able to be modified and adapted as the day goes on. New jokes emerge, so we have to share them with classes as the day goes."

"The day is broken up with lunch, which is always lovely. I like to eat my lunch in my room. Usually I'm working while I'm eating; I take a working lunch," he explains. "Then I've got a couple more big gigs. six different gigs, so after lunch I finish my last four gigs. Then, we conclude our work day. I wrap up any loose ends, then I go home and I do what I love to do more than anything, which is to play with my son." His son is three, for those who may be curious. "When I walk in the door he usually runs to me and jumps in my arms and it's the best part of the day. We wrestle, and we read books, and we go outside and play in the creek. Then, I usually exercise and cook dinner. I like to cook, it's one of my favorite things to do! I like to cook vegetarian meals, vegetarian dinners." Health seems to be very important to Mr. Keller! "I spend some more time with my family, put my son to sleep, and then I relax a little bit by watching some Netflix. Some of my favorite things on Netflix are *Louie*, documentaries, *Workaholics*, *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*, *Family Guy*, some irreverent humor kind of helps me wind down at the end of the day." Laughing is a pretty good way to unwind. "Sometimes I have to do some more work at home, so I'll do some grading, or some preparing for the next day. Then, it's lights out. I usually just crash at the end of a long day."

After he explained his day, Mr. Keller was then asked a couple of questions. He was first asked what his driving force is everyday, what keeps him going. "You mean cell respiration?" he joked.



Mr. Keller hard at work inspiring those around him.

day, what keeps him going. "You mean cell respiration?" he joked. "One thing that keeps me going is seeing the bright, smiling faces of my students on a sunny day, every period of the day, every day of the school year. Spending time with my family keeps me inspired. I like what I do, I have fun at my job. Teaching is fun to me, which helps keep me going." He was also asked about his alter ego, dubbed MKK. "So MKK, for those who don't know, is my alter ego. He's a science rapper that shows up usually once a unit." he explained. "It's challenging a unit." he explained. "It's challenging to have this creative alter ego that's always trying to hijack the traditional teaching framework and throw this science rap in the middle of it. So just trying to keep that alter ego at bay as long as possible until he just erupts in a hit single. It's challenging. He hasn't come forward, he hasn't manifested himself yet this year, but I assume I can't keep him at bay much longer." According to Keller, MKK hasn't had a new hit single in years, which is unfortunate due to his amazing rap skills. Thus ends the average day of Mr. Keller.



A screenshot of the positivity shared on the After School App

The After School App: Fad or Forever

by Noah McCaskey, BP Staff Writer

What do you do after school? Maybe you go catch up on sleep, dedicate a few hours to physical exercise, or devour the food from your fridge. You could even be among the Berkshire students using the new After School App, which seems to be at the center of some interesting gossip, random surveys, and crush reveals.

This new app allows Facebook users who are also Berkshire students to make anonymous posts about anything. However, it seems too easy for anyone to go onto Facebook, make an account, and say they are from Berkshire High School. The question that comes to mind is: Are there really only Berkshire students on this app or is it just some random people who live off of high school drama?

Sadly, no one will ever find out thanks to the anonymous feature the app includes.

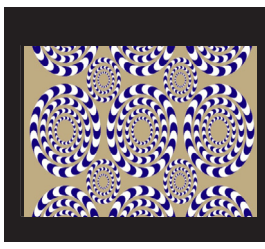
It's hard to tell whether or not this new app will become the new Twitter or the next Ask.fm. It has been filled with numerous posts each day, most of them anonymous crush posts such as: "Will B is such a sweetheart", "Brian, just date me", "Jarett is perfect from head to toe" or "Malia is bae."

Other posts are motivational messages similar to what people normally tweet, such as "Suddenly you made my day" or, "As you breathe right now another person takes his last."

The posts so far have all been positive, but recently, have started to take a turn to more inappropriate comments. For those of you who had Ask.fm, you know this happened with that app as well.

Will the After School app become the new hated Ask.fm because of the rude, provicative and bully like comments, or could it potentially stand up to Twitter five years from now?

Either way, based on its popularity, it looks like Berkshire students will still be enjoying the social feed provided in these



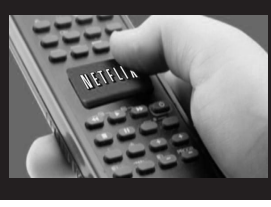
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Current Events

by Julia Losasso, BP Assistant Editor & Alex Yokules BP Staff Writer

As many people know, Americans are terribly misinformed. Ask any American about what is going on in the world and many times they will make something up about it. That is why we are going to inform you about what's going on.

Each class was asked a number of questions regarding current events. Here are some of their answers. Fair warning, you should start paying attention to the happenings of the world around you!

Who is Bashar al-Assad?

The responses to this question varied, however few of the answers were correct. We got everything from "the prince of some country" by freshman Dean Peters, to the most common answer, which was simply "I don't know." The one and only correct answer was from Sophomore Amy Pfiester, who correctly declared him as the leader of Syria.

Has Russia taken military action in Syria?

All interviewees from every class answered this correctly! ...Possibly from our resident history and middle eastern current events aficionado, Mr. Higgs? The answer is yes! Russia has deployed troops to assist al-Assad in his fight against rebels. The big problem here is that the US is funding the rebels fighting against Assad. Syria is at the frontlines of a major conflict with nations around the world putting resources into it.

Recently, a Harvard debate team went against a Prison debate team, who won?

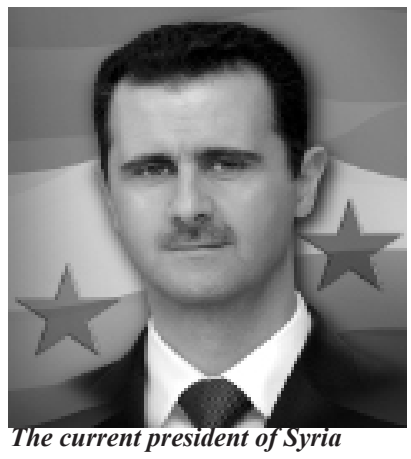
The answers were mixed, but shout out to the people who chose the underdogs, because they came out on top! Led by Max Kenner, the program has involved the inmates in a number of ways to challenge them academically, something they would normally have no chance at. In a debate, as Kenner says, "a student is forced to master arguments that don't come naturally to her or to him. When one has to go through that exercise of articulating an argument that you may not respect or may not have thought through, you're forced to honor the argument, honor another person's perspective, and I think become more empathetic."

Who is Mexico's President?

The amount of people who didn't know this was surprising, considering they are our neighbors to the south, and share and vast majority of our border. Freshman Dean Peters was the only one who got this right. Enrique Peña Nieto was elected in 2012 and has become famous for cracking down on the drug cartels.

Who, besides Trump, is running for president?

We received several answers, and to the credit of Berkshire students, they were (almost) all correct. Jeb Bush and Ben Carson were the most common answers. On the Democratic front, the frontrunners are, of course, Hillary Clinton at the front, with Bernie Sanders trailing behind.



The current president of Syria

Who was the most recent Nobel peace prize winner?

Though no one responded correctly as to the most recent winner, nearly everyone knew last years recipient, Malala Yousafzai, or as eloquently put by Sophomore Amy Pfiester, "That education girl". This year's winner is in fact, a few winners. The Tunisian Dialogue Quartet works to prevent tyranny and upheaval in their home country and although peace seems far off, they are optimistic about their long term goal.

Recently there was a bombing at a Doctors Without Borders hospital in the city of Kunduz, and is being called a war crime.

Who was responsible?

Shoutout to the seniors, who were the only to answer correctly. Other answers included Russia, "A group of bad people", and Obama. The USA was the culprit in his case. We were supposedly trying to bomb the Taliban, and then hit the hospital. The reason that this is such a travesty is because this hospital helps anyone in need regardless of who you're fighting for or what you've done.

In which country is Kunduz located?

There was a wide range of answers regarding this question, however very few correct. No, Kunduz is not in Greece, Chad, Iran, or Wales. In fact, Afghanistan is the country where Kunduz is located.

Life Hacks

by Amelia Monroe, BP Staff Writer

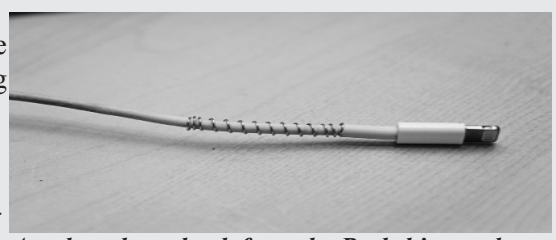
What is a life hack, you might ask? Well, a life hack can have a variety of definitions to different people, but however you look at them, they are awesome! I mean, who doesn't love a cheaper, more fun alternative to the average way of life? There are your basic hacks that everyone knows about, like using an eraser when you lose the back of your earring.I took to the mean hallways of Berkshire to find out what your favorite life hacks are.

Senior Jessica Conklin enjoys DIY-ing her own ice cream sandwiches by taking a small ice cream container and cutting it into a small section and putting it between two cookies. Yum! She would rate this a 12 on a scale of 1-10 for you hungry hackers out there. When asked how often she uses this nifty DIY, she responded with, "when I am hungry and want an ice cream sandwich."

Also included in my research was junior Bree Pennypacker. She gave a helpful tip of getting rid of wrinkles in your shirt by blow drying it. If you just stretch it out a little and blow dry your wrinkly shirt, it is as good as ironing. "This hack is a 10 out of 10, especially for busy people." And the busy athlete herself uses this hack at least once a week, so it must work.

In my last trusty interview, sophomore Mckenna Tucek gives the almighty spring around the phone charger to keep it from breaking as her favorite life hack. She has never actually used the hack but has it handy for when she needs it. She rates it a 9.

The wonderful internet and a tv show, Hack My Life to find some more useful hacks. Everyone has bought a pair of shoes they just love so much that they are blinded by how much the suffocate their feet, until actually wear them out. To save your poor little piggies, you can put a ziplock bag in your shoes and fill it with water. The theory is that water expand when it is frozen (although only slightly) which would then expand your shoe size. Simply freeze your shoe for 3 hours, maybe wait a few minutes for them to calm down and then test it out. It should have stretched them out slightly. Let's not forget that all of us have shrunk a shirt down to the size of a small child's. According to Hack My Life, if you have a bowl of ice water and 1 cup of conditioner, your problems will be solved. For all you ladies and gents out there that love a good manicure but hate having to wait for your nails to dry, I have a solution for you! Also seen on Hack My Life, if you just get a fresh manicure, if you place your fingers in ice water for 3 minutes, your nails will be dry by the time you take them out. Your fingers might be a little chilly, but it works great when you need to go out into the world and be a functioning human being with awesome looking nails. Basically, the hacking world is full of other unique helpful alternatives, you just have to go out there and grab them! Anything you break or maybe is just too expensive probably has a nifty alternative to get the job done just as well.



Another clever hack from the Berkshire students.

Redskins come to Berkshire

by Alex Sanda, BP Staff Editor

Surely by now you all know that former Ledgemont students have joined Berkshire High School. You're probably thinking, "Yay, another article about the merge...borrrring." Not so fast, I'm going to give you the scoop on school traditions. That's right, you'll get to read all about what Berkshire has to offer, what Ledgemont is bringing to the table, and what students like and want.

To start off, Berkshire has a long history of quirky customs. Seniors, as lucky as we are, get Toga Day during spirit week, senior skip days, a senior prank, Tractor Day at the end of the year, and a senior class trip (maybe). Each and every year seniors get to don a sheet, a blanket, or an actual Roman costume and run through the hallways chanting "Toga" in the most obnoxious way possible (Note to new students: this is unrelated to cult activity, I swear). Seniors are also known for having a skip day during which, you guessed it, they skip school for the day. Similarly, seniors are expected to have a senior class prank (which doesn't happen too often, much like the class trip). Tractor Day is a beast all its own. Due to the recent distance added to many Berkshire students' commutes, it'll be interesting to see what becomes of the custom. But don't worry, underclassmen, seniors aren't the only ones who get to have fun: students in Chemistry or Analysis class enjoy special days. Anyone who knows Ms. K is aware of her yearly tradition: Mole Day. Taking place on the 23rd of October, each Chemistry student gets the opportunity to let their creative side shine by making a stuffed mole (usually involving some sort of clever-or not-so-clever-pun, like Guacamole, Holy Moley, or Moledemortt) complete with props. And what better day to hold a pie making competition? March 14th, of course. Mr. Lester invites his Analysis students to bake pies, memorize digits of the irrational number, or sing a song or write a poem about Pi. Kooky days such as these are loved around the school.

Ledgemont, yet again, proves to be more similar to Berkshire than perceived. The school also held a Powderpuff game, although it was juniors and freshmen v. seniors and sophomores. For Ledgemont's homecoming parade, each grade made a float; this tradition was planned on being transferred to Berkshire, but was not; perhaps, in later years, the floats will make an appearance. A drastic difference between the schools is that Ledgemont held couch races, were people attached wheels to couches and pushed them around a track.

It seems like every student has a favorite custom, no matter from which school they are. As far as Tractor Day goes, students either love it or passionately hate it. A junior new to Berkshire, Cody Martin, says that his favorite "was the cook-out because everyone was together and we could have fun with friends." Senior Alex Yokules enjoyed "pranking Cardinal because it brought us together as a school." Students seem to appreciate most the activities that united the student body. Others just liked the pajamas: "The PJs were so soft and warm so they should stay" says former Ledgemont student Seth Kulch. Comfort seems to be one of the biggest priorities of students, one boldly stating, "Yoga Pants Year should happen." And who can argue with tradition?

Berkshire's Tattooed Teachers: A Satire

by Justin Duda, BP Staff Writer

Tattoos are one's way of expressing themselves through art. While many tattoos are hidden, inside the halls of Berkshire, we have discovered some strange and interesting tattoos from our staff members. As I did some digging, I found myself learning their unexpected meanings.

While going through Ray's social media accounts, I discovered a few of her tattoos. As I begin to ask her more questions, she confesses the meaning of her Pi tattoo located on the inside of her left ankle. When I asked her about the tattoo, she claimed it's for her love of math, but the way she smiled said otherwise. The following day, I went to confront her about the information I found while searching her family tree the past night, the next day when asked again, she unraveled her story like an open book. She confessed that her great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great, grandfather's, grandfather's, grandfather's, grandfather is the discoverer of Pi that was founded in 287–212 BC. From a young age, Ray has always loved math. As early as she can remember, she has been solving all types of equations, no matter the level of difficulty, although she says her great, great, grandfather's, grandfather's. grandfather's, grandfather has an influence on her love of math. Only in her second year of teaching math at Berkshire, she hopes she will teach math as a Badger for years to come!

As you may be aware, Mr. Higgs has a tattoo that no one, not even the staff know about. But as recent events occur, Mr. Higgs slipped up and his tattoo became visible, but only if you look at it with precision. When my 7th period bell rang, I walked down the stairs into the cafeteria to make sure Mr. List didn't mark me absent for 8th period class. When I arrived at the lobby, I realized I forgot my math binder because I had to finish some incomplete work so I went upstairs to my locker and as I turned the corner, Mr. Higgs approached and stopped me and asked me how I am liking Berkshire, and as he was talking I became lost in my thoughts. I glared and glared at his right shoulder, I couldn't figure out what was on his shoulder. I shifted my body so I was closer to his right arm without trying to make it obvious. After replying to his question, I discovered a "Berkshire Mystery."

His tattoo is of the Bill of Rights! Yes! THE Bill of Rights! As a history buff, I never would've expected that was permanently etched into his shoulder. It sounds so silly, but at the same time it makes so much sense. I mean, c'mon, a history teacher who enjoys history so much, he gets a tattoo of a document that shaped our society into what it is today. He is shaping our society everyday! He is teaching the next generation about history so we don't repeat the past in the future.

As the story goes, Mr. Kover and Mr. Colabuno met back in 7th grade at band camp in Michigan. While in band, the both men played the clarinet. In the middle of their warm-up song: "Hot Cross Buns", Kover caught Colabuno playing A flat when he should've played a B flat. After their warm up song, Kover approached Colabuno and called him out. Colabuno looked at Kover with such admiration, like he just witnessed Lebron James sinking a 3 pointer to win the NBA Finals. After their trip, they parted ways but only after exchanging phone numbers with one another. When Colabuno settled back down in Perry, OH and Kover in North Olmsted, OH, they began calling to catch up. For years, the two of them have planned a meetup somewhere so they could rekindle their love of the clarinet and "Hot Cross Buns." At the age of 22 and 27, Kover and Colabuno finally met up. When they met, the two of them played their favorite instrument and song together. After their clarinet jam, Colabuno had to tell Kover something but didn't know how to say it. Colabuno told Kover that for the past 10 years, 7th grade Band Camp has been his greatest memory. Kover had tears dripping from his ducts and was mumbling words that had no meaning. While sobbing, he takes his shirt off and turned around. Colabuno couldn't believe it, a tattoo of the two of them playing "Hot Cross Buns" together on his right shoulder blade. As of 2015, Colabuno and Kover are teaching at the same high school in Burton, Ohio. Mr. Colabuno teaches Economics, Government, and Current Events, and Mr. Kover teaches physical education and exercise science.

Mr. Kover describes their friendship as "loveable, step-brothers." Mr. Colabuno says their friendship is very brotherly. "We do so many things together. We love watching shark week. He comes over every Saturday night to do karate in my garage. He once helped me defeat the playground bully. I'll never forget the first time we met. I remember him saying 'Maybe someday, we can become friends. Friends who ride majestic, translucent steeds shooting flaming arrows across the bridge of Hemdale,' from that moment, I knew he was going to be my best friend, better yet, my brother from another mother."



(Above) Ms. Ray's tatoo that's closely tied to her family's history.

(Below) Mr. Colabuno (left) and Mr. Kover (right) together again.



The Mandela Effect: Conspiracy or Reality?

by Claire Milano, BP Staff Writer

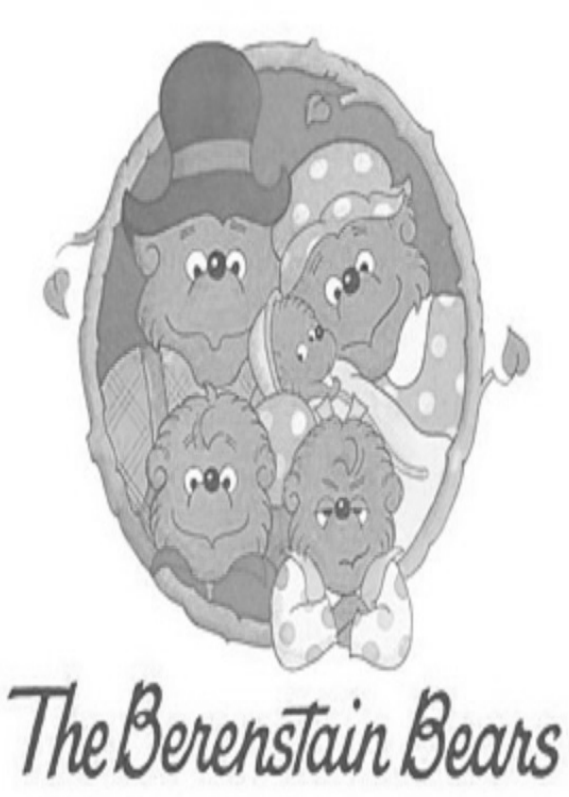


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The Mandela Effect is somewhat of an urban legend and a conspiracy. The name derives from a researcher named Fiona Broome who invented the idea in 2006. Broome met up with some friends to catch up. They started discussing the death of Nelson Mandela, the former president of South Africa from '94 to '99. Broome had always thought that Mandela died in prison, when in actuality he died at his home in Johannesburg in 2013. Shocked at her discovery, she started researching the topic of false memories. She concluded that our world is sliding in between parallel universes. She claims, "It's not a conspiracy theory. It's related to alternate history and parallel realities" (mandellaeffect.com). In a nutshell, the Mandela Effect is that we sometimes remember things differently than how they happened in real life.

One of the more famous examples of this is in the movie Snow White. I asked some students to fill in the blanks of this question: "____ ____ on the wall, who's the fairest of them all?" Sam Martinjako, Marissa Miller, Bree Barker, and Jacob Hanson all responded with "mirror mirror." Here is where everything became interesting. After reviewing the scene in Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves", I realized that the quote is actually, "Magic Mirror on the wall…" not "Mirror Mirror on the wall..." All of these students were surprised that they had remembered the wrong words to this famous quote. I myself have always remembered it as "Mirror Mirror."

Another example of this is the famous kids' show The Berenstein Bears. I asked Dan Bridavsky and Jillian Humes how to spell The Berenstein Bears. Both responded with the way you are reading it now. In reality, The Berenstein Bears is spelled The Berenstain Bears. Again, I have always remembered it as "Berenstein" like many other people.

Agatha Christie, a famous British novelist, went missing in 1926. She returned ten days later, but some people remember her never being found. Many people seem to think Barbra Streisand spells her name as "Barbara." Betty White is currently ninety-three years old. Some people remember her dying many years ago.

Could this just be a fancy way of telling ourselves that we're wrong, or could this actually be true? You decide.

Haunted Houses

by Alex Yokules & Amy Pfiester BP Staff Writers

Fear Experience

Fear Experience is located on 10701 Brookpark Rd, Cleveland Ohio 44130. This haunted house is open from 7 p.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday nights, and on Sunday nights, they're scaring customers from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. General admission is $25, however, to avoid lines, you can purchase general admission with a fastpass for $35. Fear Experience includes four haunted houses, food vendors, and picture booths. It is not recommended for anyone under the age of twelve to visit.

Spooky Ranch

Spooky Ranch is located on 19066 East River Rd, Columbia Station, Ohio 44028. On Thursdays and Sundays, the attraction is open from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights, Spooky Ranch is open from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Admission to all five attractions (guests that are 11 years of age or older) is $20.00. However, if you are younger or do not wish to go through all five sections, the price becomes cheaper.



Fortress of Fear

BP staff writers, Alex Yokules and Amy Pfiester, braved their way through in this terrifying place for the sake journalism. Fortress of Fear is located on 10268 Hewins Rd, Garrettsville, Ohio 44231. For $18, you have admission to all three attractions: "Fortress of Fear," "Fearanoia", and "Zombie Abomination." It has been open for fifteen years, and about 10,000 people visit it annually. Something Alex and Amy found interesting is that the owner ,Jason, was born on Friday the 13th. Fortress of Fear is unique from other haunted houses because they limit their use of animation and electronics to scare people, and instead, they use more live actors to do their frightening task. The walking space is very tight, the widest hallway being only two feet wide. No weapons, unless a chainsaw is considered one, are used. Jason said, "you don't need knives and guns to scare people." Speaking of the chainsaw, it is reasonable to be terrified because Jason says the actor with the chainsaw is 6'4" and 302 lbs. When asked how one gets prepared to do the job of scaring people, Jason answered, "nothing happens until you put the costume on. You become anonymous." The stereotypical characters such as Freddie Krueger and "Jason" are not used, instead, all of the characters are original. Six to seven months are spent designing this terrifying place. On October 31st, Fortress of Fear has their "Black Out" night. On that night, customers must sign a waiver because during the "Black Out", the actors are allowed to touch you and separate groups. The owner especially wants prospective customers to know that kids under twelve are not recommended to visit. Actors "don't let up" and the more scared you are, the more the actors will taunt you. This will be the last year that Fortress of Fear will reside in Garrettsville because after this season, it will be moved to Alliance, Ohio. The new Fortress will have four ten-thousand square feet buildings. As for this year though, there is a Zombie Paintball attraction at the same location. Included in the $18 price, guests will receive an extra adrenaline rush by shooting zombies that run at you with paintball guns! If you decide to gather the courage and make the trip out, Fortress of Fear is located behind The Roller Hutt in Garrettsville.



Amy and Alex set out to inverstigate

Halloween FX Makeup and Costumes



by Claire Milano & Andrea Miller BP Staff Writers

We all loved dressing up for Halloween and going out to trick-or-treat when we were younger. The classic Cinderella costume or the scary ghost were very popular. Now that we're in high school, some people might think wearing a costume is lame. Others use the fact that they're older to step up their costume game. Things like special effects makeup and awesome clothes to go with it are these Halloween buffs' secret weapons. One such Halloween lover is Junior,Kylee Minick. When asked about FX (shorter for effects) makeup, she shared that she hopes to get into the FX makeup business when she graduates from school. We asked her:

"Where do you go to get your Halloween makeup supplies?"
"I go to Party City or any other Halloween store that would carry the makeup I need."
"Is FX makeup expensive?"
"It depends on what brand you get or how much of the product you buy."
"Is it worth the amount of money it costs?"
"YES definitely."
"What are some techniques you use?"
"For bruising you can use eyeshadow with any purple, blue, or black paint and concealer. Cuts you can use latex with tissues or toilet paper with fake blood, concealer, or red paint. If you want to do something extreme like bullet holes, use the same method with cuts, except make them wider with a circular shape."
What will you be for Halloween this year?
Junior **Kylee Minick**- Annie from League of Legends



Sophomores:
Megan Casalandra- Super Woman
Claire Milano- A Mexican Sugar-Skull

What's your favorite part of Halloween?
Sophomore, **Claire Milano** - Haunted houses (attractions), horror movies, going to Pattersons
Junior, **Melissa Braun-** " I like being able to dress up as anyone or anything you want for a night, going to haunted houses with friends even though I get scared very easily, watching scary/ halloween related movies especially Halloweentown!"
Freshman, **Marissa Miller -** "Candy definitely, decorations and pumpkin carving!"
Senior, **Abbie Maschek -** I like candy corn, our family always goes to the Hiram Fire Station and I was always Dorothy from "The Wizard of Oz."

2016 Costa Rica Trip

by Noah McCaskey & Tommy Blaha, BP Staff Writers

After this 2015 school year concludes, on June 13th, a few of the lucky students who choose to be part of the 'Costa Rica; A Touch of Tropics' tour led by Senora Rea will take off on a six hour flight that lands in the beautiful city of San Jose. The travelers then have the night to get settled in, and the next day students will take a tour of a coffee plantation and explore the Arenal region including the Poas Volcano and hot springs. On the third day of the trip, the students will experience the breathtaking view of La Fortuna Waterfall and swim in its brisk pools and streams. The fourth day includes a visit to the beautiful city of Monteverde where a visit to a local school is planned and the students will have the choice to either explore all the city has to offer, or enjoy a guided horseback ride through the scenic city. Going into the fifth day, they will make their way to the Santa Elena Cloud Forest, plant a tree in the EF reserve, and enjoy a tour through the canopy. On day six, the tour comes to the Central Pacific Coast where a ride around the top of the canopies in a aerial tram awaits, along with a hike through the trails and a visit to a butterfly sanctuary. The seventh and last day of adventure is at Manuel Antonio National Park in which students will travel by boat to observe river life in its natural habitat that includes crocodiles. As the day ends they will make their way back to Central Pacific Coast for the night. On the last day of this vacation a flight will be taken back to San Jose where students have the night to theselves, or the option of a folklore evening.

Students that are going on this trip already have great expectations for what's in store. Asya Martin says, "I can't wait to zipline through the trees and enjoy all the amazing food that the country has to offer." Other students, like Lauren Parrish, are looking forward to their first time flying on a plane. These lucky students are definitely in for a wild adventure, so make sure you don't miss your chance to sign up before it's too late!

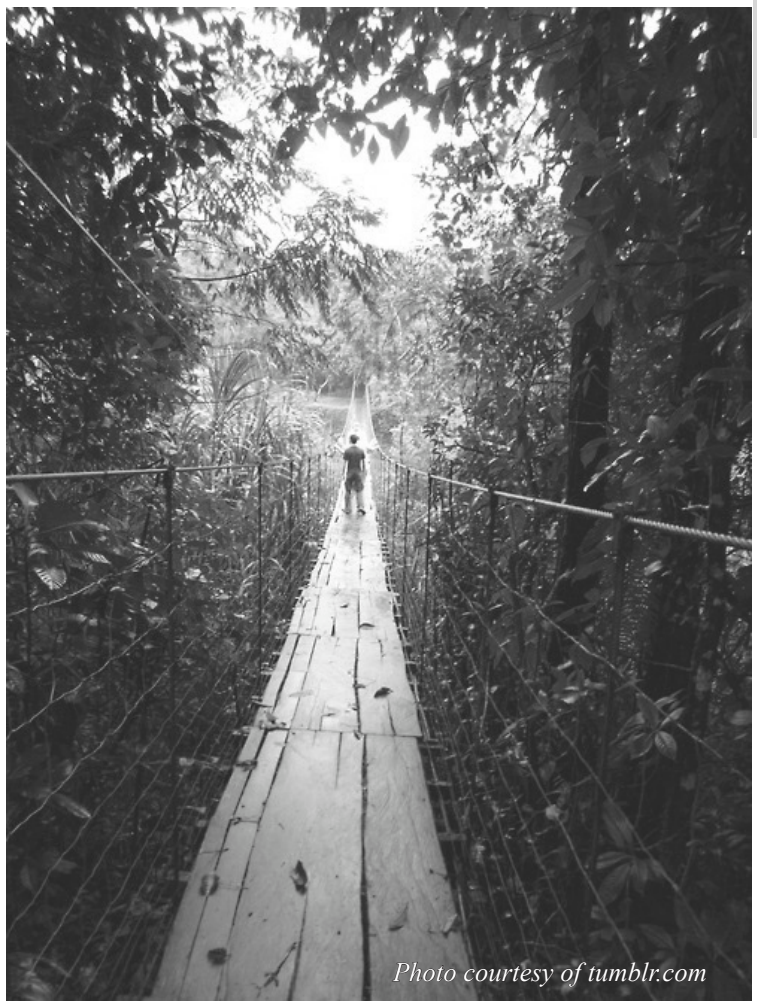
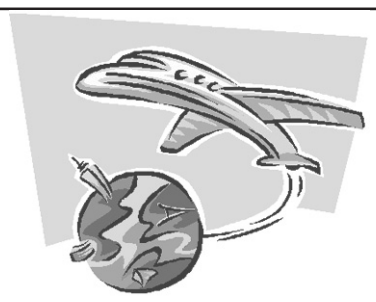


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Introducing the 2017 Europe Trip



by Sam Martinjako & Alexis Caponi, BP Staff Writers

To those who dream of traveling to other countries, get excited! In 2017 Berkshire will be hosting a trip to the United Kingdom that current Freshmen through Juniors can sign up for. It lasts for eleven days and costs $3655 for a student, and $4020 for an accompanying adult. However, with an extra three day extension, the trip will last for fourteen days and will cost $4185 for students, and $4640 for adults.

Ms. Hull, the tour coordinator, was asked some questions about the trip. When asked for her favorite part of the trip, Hull said "traveling, in general, but I definitely like sharing all these new places with students. It's really fun to see it not only through my eyes, but through their eyes as well." Likewise, we also asked her about students' favorite parts of the trip, to which she responded, "it depends, a lot of times they really like the urban areas when we go, like London, or Paris, or Rome, but actually what I've found in both of our trips is that students really like when we go out in the countryside even more."

As for what's new about the trip, she had this to say, "it's going back to the British Isles, like we did in 2013, but in that trip [we] did Dublin, London, and Paris. We decided to keep it Ireland, England, and Scotland this time, and so we're hitting more areas in Ireland, more areas in England, and then heading up in Scotland as well."

On the topic of who should consider going on the trip, Hull said, "I think anybody who is interested in travel, this is an excellent experience to have. There is never going to be another time in your life that you can travel like this for two weeks for this price." Hull suggests, to any who are planning on going, to travel lightly, plan for being on the move constantly, and keep a travel journal.

Info will be out soon for this trip. Be on the look out and sign up quickly for the lowest monthly payments.

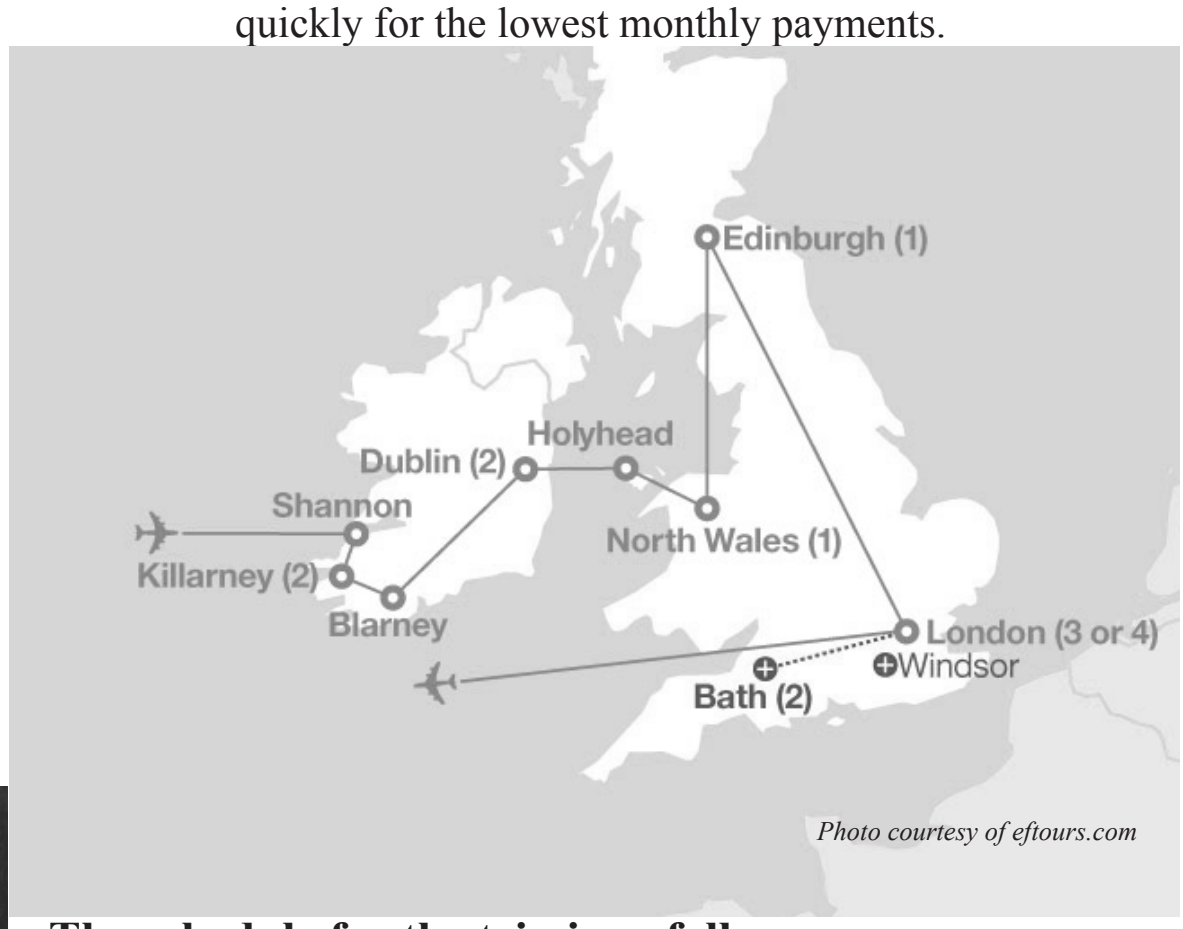


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The schedule for the trip is as follows:

(Highlighted sections are part of the extension)

Day 1: Flight to Ireland
Day 2: Shannon/Killarney- meet tour director and travel to Killarney
Day 3: Killarney- Bog Museum
Day 4: Killarney/Dublin- Blarney Castle, Rock of Cashel, go to Dublin
Day 5: Dublin- Expertly guided tour, Irish sport in Gaelic Games
Day 6: Dublin/North Wales- take ferry to Holyhead, visit castle, travel through Snowdonia
Day 7: Lake District/Edinburgh- visit Edinburgh Castle and Alexander Graham Bell's home
Day 8: Edinburgh/London- tour of Edinburgh, walking tour of Edinburgh, travel to London
Day 9: London- tour to see House of Parliament, Big Ben, St. Paul's Cathedral and other places, ride London Eye
Day 10: London- full day to sightsee, or visit Windsor Castle
Day 11: Depart for home

Extension:

Day 11: Oxford tour and Roman Baths
Day 12: Bath Region- excursion to Glastonbury, Wells and Cheddar
Day 13: Bath Region/London- Visit Stonehenge and Salisbury Cathedral
Day 14: Go home

Cooking Corner: Festive Fall Flavors

by Julia Losasso, BP Editor

Long gone are the scorching days of summer, and fast approaching are the unwelcome icy days of winter. But let's not forget about what's in the middle. Many people's favorite season, fall, is a host of coziness and fun ranging from sweaters and scarves to haunted houses and hayrides, and everything in between. It almost makes the end of summer bearable, almost. And of course, it is when the number one guilty pleasure of all autumnal flavors (including my own), Pumpkin Spice, becomes the featured flavor of, well, everything. If fall foods were defined by one thing, pumpkin spice would be front and center. And while pumpkin spice flavored latte's, cakes, muffins, even yogurts and oatmeals are nice, I figured it's time we branch out a little, expand our horizons, and embrace the wide variety of new and old flavors fall has to offer.

Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Bread

Recipe courtesy of: sallysbakingaddiction.com

Think banana bread, but revised with traditional fall flavors. This recipe blends two favorites: pumpkin and chocolate, but before you turn up your nose at combining the two, I want to make a case that this is delightful. After all, has chocolate chip anything ever been bad?



Ingredients:

1 and 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
3/4 teaspoon salt
2 large eggs
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup packed light or dark brown sugar
1 and 1/2 cups pumpkin puree (canned or fresh)
1/2 cup vegetable oil, canola oil, or melted coconut oil
1/4 cups orange juice
2/3 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Preparation:

1.Preheat the oven to 350F degrees.

2.Spray a 9x5 inch loaf pan with non-stick spray. Set aside.

3.In a large bowl, whisk the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and salt together until combined. In a medium bowl, whisk the eggs, granulated sugar, and brown sugar together until combined. Whisk in the pumpkin, oil, and orange juice. Pour these wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and gently mix together using a rubber spatula or a wooden spoon. There will be a few lumps. Do not overmix. Gently fold in the chocolate chips.

4.Pour the batter into the prepared loaf pan. Bake for 60-65 minutes, making sure to loosely cover the bread with aluminum foil halfway through to prevent the top from getting too brown. The bread is done when a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean with only a few small crumbs. This may depend on your oven, so check frequently near the end of the baking time.

Curried Lentil Soup

Adapted from: epicurious.com

Serves 6

As the days grow colder, a warm soup is the perfect meal to cozy up with. Whether it be while watching football or after a day outside, this lentil soup is both filling and flavorful. The curry flavor is an added plus that changes this soup into something worth making again and again. For those not familiar, curry is a blend of spices usually including cumin, coriander, and turmeric, among others, and is often used in Indian and Southeastern Asian cuisine. Look for it at any grocery store near the other spices, and you should be able to find it.

Ingredients:

1 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 medium onion, chopped
1 medium carrot, finely chopped
2 large garlic cloves, chopped, divided
2 tablespoons (or more) curry powder
1 cup green lentils
4 1/4 cups (or more) water, divided
2 tablespoons (1/4 stick) butter
2 green onions, thinly sliced 1 lemon, cut into 6 wedges

Preparation:

1.Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in heavy large pot over medium heat. Add onion and carrot; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cook until onion is translucent, stirring occasionally, about 4 minutes.

2.Add half of chopped garlic; stir until vegetables are soft but not brown, about 4 minutes longer.

3.Add 2 tablespoons curry powder; stir until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add lentils and 4 cups water. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Increase heat and bring to boil.

4.Reduce heat to medium; simmer until lentils are tender, about 30 minutes. Season to taste with salt, pepper, and additional curry powder, if desired. Add water by 1/4 cupfuls to thin to desired consistency.

5.Divide soup among bowls. Sprinkle with thinly sliced green onions and serve with lemon wedges.

Traverse City Salad

Serves 4

To lighten up, as well as compliment any fall meal, this salad has flavors that meld together and add a burst of fresh flavor. The Traverse City salad combines a few key ingredients, but can be changed to fit the season. It's ideal in fall to use things in season such as apples, pomegranate seeds, or cranberries. In summer, switch it up and use dried cherries in place of cranberries or pomegranate.

Ingredients:

4 cups spinach
1 apple, chopped (any kind will work)
½ cup feta cheese
seeds from ½ a pomegranate
¼ cup cashews or almonds (optional)
balsamic vinaigrette, or dressing of your choice

Preparation:

1.Wash greens and pat dry; place in bowl

2.Sprinkle apples, feta cheese, pomegranate seeds, and nuts over top of greens

3.Serve with dressing on the side

Upcoming Dates You Must Know About

by Sydney Mighton & Justin Duda, BP Saff Writers

Attention all Juniors and Seniors! These next upcoming months are full of important dates that you do not want to miss out on. For seniors, there are many colleges that plan to come and tell you all about their campus and everything there is to know about it. For the next couple of months, there are a few colleges that have yet to come and visit. Gannon University of Erie, Pennsylvania will be coming out on November 6th at 9:30 AM. You can sign up in the guidance office to sit in on these meetings with your future college!

Junior and Senior year screams ACT. Taking the ACT can be rather stressful and a little scary. In guidance, there are practice tests you can pick up and study guides to help make this- what seems dreadful- test not so awful. There is a test date on December 12th, February 6th, April 9th, and June 11th coming up over this next year. You register for the ACT online at www.actstudent.org. The test costs $39.50 without the writing test, and $56.50 with the writing test.

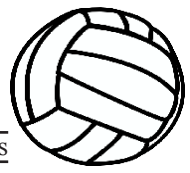
Along with colleges coming to visit, going on college visits, and many more stressful events that come along with the glorious senior year, there are some other events that you need to remember. On November 5th, there will be a senior class meeting held in the small gym during second period classes. The fun that comes along with career day, does not stop when you get to senior year! Senior career day at Kent will be on November 11th, and when being a senior will actually start to set in. Cap and gown ordering will be held on December 10th, and depending on how sad or simply great graduating is to each of you, bring the following: tissues, party poppers, more tissues, and more party poppers.

Enjoy the rest of your 2015, it will be over before you know it!

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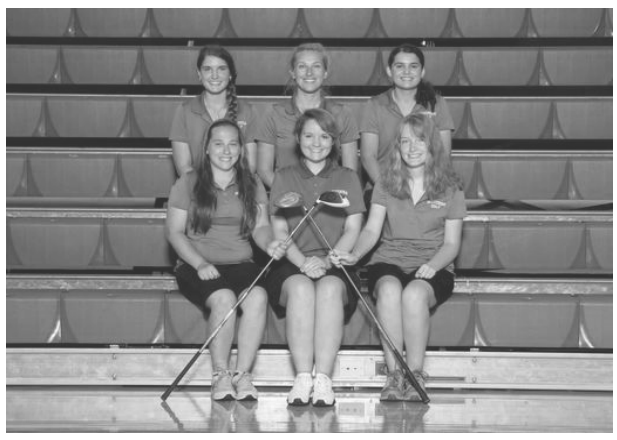
Fall Sports and Activities Wrap-Up





by Kody West & Amy Pfiester BP Staff Writers

Fall sports are coming to an end at Berkshire, but with the merging of Berkshire and Ledgemont, we have seen new players and new talent! Brian Hiscox, the athletic director, comments on this by saying, "the new kids coming in added to what we already had." We had many new coaches this season, which created some new training and ideas. Maddie Timmons, girls soccer senior, spoke of improvement: "last year we only had three wins." This year the team had nine! The girls soccer team broke the school record for the number of wins in a season. Boys soccer also enjoyed a new head coach this season, Paul Reed.



Berkshire's marching band has been given a great new director, Mr. Gattozzi, and he is also a new teacher at the high school. Senior band member, Kieran Wichert, says "it's a rebuilding year." Michelle Sohm, a senior badgerette, went along with Kieran's comment, and added," there are lots of new girls." Berkshire's cross country teams have also had two new coaches, and their season is still in session. Coach Kizcek, a coach from the cross country team spoke of the athletes saying, "we've seen a shift in focus, determination, and mental toughness!"

The girls golf team went 0-7 for the CVC matches, and they were 8th in both the pre-season and post-season matches. The boys placed 3rd in the CVC preseason, and were 4th in the postseason. Also, the boys golf team had a 4-3 record in CVC matches. Our teams are pretty kick-butt now; all have seen improvement from previous years!

Editorials

Students of the Month

by Kody West, BP Staff Writer

Every month at our wonderful little school, students from each grade are nominated and voted on by the faculty to be recognized as "Students of the Month". These little rays of sunshine are Berkshire's finest. Here's what they said when their wisdom was called upon for advice.

Warning: Do not take the following words lightly. These questions are completely serious and the scenarios described could happen to you. Take this advice and try to be more like these people.

7th Grade - Becca Hauser



Becca hanging out in the hallway

If you were in the woods and needed to survive for 30 days, what three items would you bring?
"Food, water, and my phone"
Describe yourself in three words.
"Athletic, fun, and clean"
What do you think about the Berkshire-Ledgemont merger?
"I think it's good because the schools can combine and become one"
If you were the first person to walk on Mars what would you say?
"I'm on Mars!"
Who is your best friend in the whole wide world?
"Probably my cousins, Olivia and Katie."

8th Grade - Jillian Kumher



Jillian on her way to class

If you were in the woods and needed to survive for 30 days, what three items would you bring?
"Food, water, and something to stay warm"
Describe yourself in three words.
"Nice, smart, athletic."
What do you think about the Berkshire-Ledgemont merger?
"I'm glad I have them because I got new friends"
If you were the first person to walk on Mars what would you say?
"I'd walk out say 'I don't know' and walk back in."
Who is your best friend in the whole wide world?
"Probably one of my family members because they're always there for me {which one?} Probably my brother John."

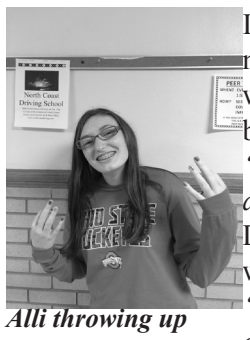


Danny keeps it clean all day long

9th Grade - Danny Fabian

If you were in the woods and needed to survive for 30 days, what three items would you bring?
"A phone so I could, you know... a phone yeah. Guns and ammunition, but I'd get a long gun so I could smack the animals."
Describe yourself in three words.
"Loud, and um that's it"
What do you think about the Berkshire-Ledgemont merger?
"I think it's good because we're bigger now and there's more people to meet now."
If you were the first person to walk on Mars what would you say?
"Heck yeah, I'm the first one here. And I'd write 'Dan was here'."
Who is your best friend in the whole wide world?
"Eddie"

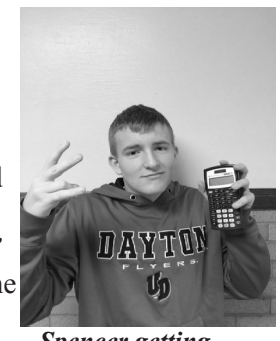
10th Grade - Alli Dingman



Alli throwing up threes

If you were in the woods and needed to survive for 30 days, what three items would you bring?
"Duck tape, probably water and something to hunt with."
Describe yourself in three words.
"Artistic, intelligent, and creative"
What do you think about the Berkshire-Ledgemont merger?
"I like the idea of new students coming in that havent gotten the chance to experience other schools and stuff."
If you were the first person to walk on Mars what would you say?
"This is the land of Alli Dingman!"
Who is your best friend in the whole wide world?
"I have too many of them"

11th Grade - Spencer Adams



Spencer getting readey for his math test

If you were in the woods and needed to survive for 30 days, what three items would you bring?
"Fishing pole, tackle, fishing hook"
Describe yourself in three words.
"Handsome, not athletic, and not handsome."
What do you think about the Berkshire-Ledgemont merger?
"I like it, it's fun."
If you were the first person to walk on Mars what would you say?
"*What up cuz, I'm on Mars"*
Who is your best friend in the whole wide world?
"My lunch table in 7th period lunch"

12th Grade - Jess Conklin

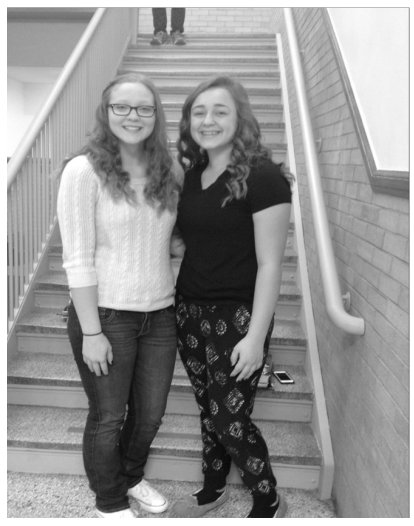


Jess enjoying the selection in our library

If you were in the woods and needed to survive for 30 days, what three items would you bring?
"A knife, some toilet paper, some food"
Describe yourself in three words.
"Awkward, nice, and friendly"
What do you think about the Berkshire-Ledgemont merger?
"Yes"
If you were the first person to walk on Mars what would you say?
"*I'm on Mars"*
Who is your best friend in the whole wide world?
"*My mom. I don't have any friends."*

Dress Code Rants: An Ode to Leggings

by George Fekete, BP Staff Writer



Imagine this, it's super early in the morning, 5:30 to be exact. You're rummaging through your closet trying to find the perfect Tumblr inspired outfit, then BOOM! You pull out that Forever 21 must have tank top you bought five months ago, and match it with black leggings and your absolute favorite Ugg boots. Later when you arrive at school, your friends are quick to point out that you can't wear leggings. "Girl, Ms. T. ain't going to have it!" they say. You make it through first and second period, then Ms. Timmons stops you in the hallway. Bye, bye, Tumblr and hello ugly sweats.

The dress code, Dun Dun Dun! It's the most dreaded section in the entire student handbook, stating the Yes and the No's of Berkshire. Some, more than others, have walked the halls wearing tape and post-its over and under ripped holes in jeans, ugly t-shirts over their best tank top, and the worst: sweatpants over those super cute short shorts that you had to have!

Eighth Grader, Liz Ward, says that she thinks the dress code is meant to prevent girls and guys from wearing clothes that are way too tight and revealing. She says, "It's not fair that girls can't wear the super cute short dresses they want or the cut off tank tops, when guys can wear their pants down to here" (gesturing to her knees). Although Liz doesn't like most of the dress code, she does feel it keeps girls and guys from acting inappropriate and feels somewhat protected under the policy.

Freshman, Lindsey Hill, has had past issues with the school's dress code. She believes that the school is "taking away our constitutional rights and freedoms of expression and emotion" by not letting girls wear the things that they feel are appropriate. Lindsey says she does not feel males are affected by a girl wearing yoga pants or leggings, and says if she were a guy she wouldn't think the dress code for girls was fair.

Sophomore, Sam Martinjako, adds that he doesn't like how strict the dress code is for girls. He believes the dress code is in place to keep everyone dressed appropriately. He says he is glad we don't have to wear uniforms, but says if he could ask the school board anything it would be: "Why can't we wear hats and other headwear?"

Junior, Kayli Holschuh, has a stronger opinion. She doesn't like the school dress code because "Girls are not treated equal." Kayli thinks girls should be able to wear yoga pants and leggings as long as they fit, and you wear them the right way. "Dress code teaches young girls that they are sexual objects to boys," Kayli says. In spite of this, she agrees the dress code protects her somewhat.

Senior Abbie Maschek says she doesn't like that girls can't wear leggings in school, "I love wearing leggings; they are super comfortable and they make your legs look skinny, who doesn't want that?" Like the others, she believes that the dress code is in place to keep girls and guys from being too revealing, and although most Berkshire students don't like the dress code, Abbie is glad you can dye your hair whichever color you want.

Towards the end of all these super awkward interviews I got to talk to a new face in Berkshire High school, Seventh grader Lexi Byler. She said something extremely mature for her age, "I don't think that girls shouldn't be able to wear what they want because it might distract boys". She believes the only intention of the school dress code is to keep boys from getting distracted during school. Lexi says that if she could ask one thing to the Berkshire Board of Education regarding the school dress code it would be "Why can't girls wear yoga pants and leggings? They are comfortable."

So tomorrow morning when you awake, make sure to remember the student dress code located in the front of your agenda, after all, you don't want to be that kid with duct tape all over their pants.

****BADGER PAUSE EDITORIAL STATEMENT: This article does not address both sides of this issue and should be considered strictly editorial.**

Your Online Profile: Who's Really Looking?

by Abbie Mascheck, BP Staff Writer

If you take a look at today's world, you see people everywhere with cell phones in hand. The majority of those cell phones also contain an online profile of some sort. These profiles range from Instagram, to Twitter and Facebook, and the never ending creation of new social and dating apps.

We all say that we know who looks at our profiles. Maybe it's your mom who is just wanting to check up on you or your aunt that lives in a different state, or a crazy ex-boyfriend, or maybe a friend whom you're no longer civil, with, either way, most of us claim to know all of our online friends. What we don't realize is the fact that once we submit an online profile of any kind, we become accessible to people all over the world. All it takes is your first or last name and possibly a city, maybe a mutual friend and then you're found by someone you didn't even know existed.

It's easy to get freaked out about who might be creeping on our profiles, but do we even realize that a lot of us are doing the same thing? Some have even become masters of creeping, they know all the tricks and key-words necessary to find someone. Most of the time it starts off as an innocent way of wanting to know more about someone. Before you realize what's even going on, you've already figured out where they go to school and what kind of dog they have. I used to be a firm believer that anyone who is creeping on my page should be discovered and punished, but now I realize that I'm just as guilty. I've done my fair share of online-creeping, have you?

I wanted to get some of my fellow students opinions on the matter, so I challenged them to a series of five questions; Billy Maschek, Amber Brickell and Amy Pfiester were the daring ones interviewed, and some of their answers might surprise you.

When Maschek was asked who he thinks looks at his online profiles he thought for a brief moment and replied: "Umm, probably some hot chicks wondering about me." I then went on to ask him if he ever searched someone that he didn't personally know. When asked this, Maschek gave a solid response of : "No." Next, Maschek was asked if he has ever saved someone's photograph that they had posted online without them knowing, When asked this, Maschek casually responded with: "Oh yeah, I've done that before." I then asked him if he personally knows all six-hundred and ninety of his online friends, Maschek quickly responded with: "Of course I do!" To finish up his interview, I asked him if he has ever received a friend request from someone he didn't know,and after admitting that it has happened before, Maschek went to on to say how he felt about it: "I was like, ohh I don't know this person but I'll be friends with them."

Amber Brickell was next on my interview list. After reading over the questions, she reluctantly accepted. When asked who she thought looked at her online profile, giggling, Brickell answered: "My family, especially my grandmother." Next, I asked her if she has ever searched anyone that she didn't personally know, she slowly replied: "Yes, I've searched friends of my friends." After that, I asked her if she has ever saved a photograph that someone had posted online without them knowing. Brickell answered: " Yes, I save them because maybe they have something funny in it". The next question that I asked her was if she personally knew all of her online friends, admittedly, Brickell answered with a solid "No, I do not." To finish off our interview, I asked her if some that she didn't know ever sent her a friend request, and if so, I wanted to know how she felt about it. When asked, Brickell said: "Yes, I thought it was normal."

Amy Pfiester was the last person to be interviewed. When I asked her who she thought looked at her online profile, laughing, she replied with:



"My followers." When I asked her if she had ever searched anyone that she didn't personally know, she replied with: "Yes, like friends of friends, that kind of thing." Next, I asked her if she had ever saved someone's photograph without them knowing. After a slight pause, she replied with: "Yes I've screenshotted some, that sounds so creepy." After taking a small break to laugh, we continued on with the next question, where I asked if she personally knows all of her online friends, she replied: "Not personally, but like the friends of friends thing again." Lastly, I asked her if she had ever gotten a friend request from someone that she didn't know, she quickly responded with: "Yes." When I asked her how she felt about it she said that: "Usually I press no unless a lot of my friends follow them."

If you can relate to Billy, Amber and Amy, you are probably among the many. If you still aren't convinced, then here are some questions for you, don't worry, I won't publish your answers in the school paper! If the majority of your answers are yes to these questions, then you might be an online stalker. Here we go. Number one: do you often find yourself not being able to survive the day without looking up their profile? Can you name some of their family members? Do you have random pictures of them secretly saved to your phone?

Netflix and... What Next?

by Lexi Sell, BP Staff Writer

Winter is nippily approaching, Friday night football games have ended and now you can't seem to find anything on Netflix. Don't worry; your friendly Berkshire classmates have helped me gather the top binge worthy shows in an attempt to encourage Netaflixia, the intensifying self-diagnosed medical condition defined as the addiction to watching Netflix and the video streaming bender as we all know as being sitcom obsessed.

In my attempt to promote Netflix usage, I bring you the best shows to ever greys your subscription… okay yes Greys Anatomy as you may have already caught my pun. If you are currently loving anything and all things Shonda Rhimes (like most people) you definitely need to get on the greyhound bus. Just know once you get on it's a 10 season ride;fingers crossed the 11th season of Greys will be streaming by September, following the 12th season on ABC. This may seem biased as I just gushed over the ten year phenomena, but, if you have gone through the emotional roller-coaster of McDreamy and McSteamy you would know how real the struggle is. Now if you're a junior I highly recommend you not watch this due to the fact that it's the hardest year of high school. From personal experience, being a high school student by day and Meredith Grey's imaginary medical student by night may just be the sweet end to your bitter GPA.

If you thought my addiction to Grey's was bad then you haven't seen Netaflixia at its finest. Two words: Vampire Diaries. When you put a bunch of attractive high school students, also known as thirty-year-olds playing seniors crazed by a blood thirsting urge, it tends to get pretty deadly. I started this series when I was a sophomore and the obsession became so intense there may have been several school nights where I watched this sensation all through the night and went to school on about five seconds of sleep. This is just a statement, I'm not claiming it true or false, but…I might have gone home sick before just so I could stay home eat soup, cough, cough, sniffle, and watch the wonderful Ian Somerhalder glance his smoldering eyes my way. So if you're human and like to watch interesting things happen this is the show for you. Go ahead and binge your life away on it.

By request from junior Nick Guarnera, Blue Mountain State (BMS) is making the list of splurge worthy shows. I just watched BMS myself and really loved it; it's about football and other things (viewer's discretion advised). It's definitely what I would consider a late night comedy; filled with college girls, guys and a goat named Billy. The Goat House is the ultimate party place so when you're home alone with no friends and eating; throw Blue Mountain State on and the party comes to your room. It's like taking Project X and The Wolf of Wall Street and making a baby series.

So, this is pretty adolescent of me but I love Trailer Park Boys; if you watched The Office TV series it is of similar filming, a mockumentary. So imagine taking three petty thieves, recording their lives inside Sunnyvale, their trailer park, and then watching them get into a whole ton of funny schemes. To give you a better mental picture it's like Joe Dirt if he never met Brandy and then was able to live out his redneck life alone with two other guys. If you're in need of a good, long comedy that you can watch whenever, Trailer Park Boys is for sure a sarcastic ride with Ricky, Julian and Bubbles.

I started this article thinking I would write some comical article and along the way enlighten the Berkshire students of some streaming shows they're missing out on. I've come to realize through this, I might have a serious problem with overwatching Netflix. I'm going to defend myself by saying I only watch it at night and it's more like my background light when going to sleep; justified. Seriously though, everybody needs to get on Netflix if they aren't already. If you don't want to pay, maybe you can find a nice friend to leech off of.



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Second Quarter Resolutions

by Abby Carlson BP Staff Editor & George Fekete BP Staff Writer

Cori Rockefeller, Junior: "I definitely want to be more organized and improve my study habits".

Don't we all. Organization and studying are two key aspects of surviving high school which are often overlooked. I myself am guilty of a messy locker and cramming the night before a big test, bursting out in tears because I procrastinated on my studying. Who hasn't? Seriously though, if you haven't, come see me for a reality check. A tip to help with the organization dilemma is to take an extra second and tuck those loose papers into a folder! This way you won't have an inch thick cushion of papers at the bottom of your locker; yes it may get chilly in the winter, but your locker doesn't need any more insulation than it already has! As for the studying problem that we all face, just take ten minutes each night to look over the notes you took that day, and you'll be golden by the time the test rolls around.

Kat Ostrander, Freshman: "I want to improve my Bio grade and I want to complete homework not at lunch".

Oh Kat you speak for us all! Bio can be a tough year, you just have to power through it with your head held high. Hint: don't be afraid to ask questions, the teachers actually kind of know what they're talking about. As for the completing homework at lunch scenario... WE ARE ALL GUILTY. After a long day of school and homework, we all look at the clock, see 12:13 am and think "oh I'll just do it tomorrow during lunch". Although this may work for some, if you're anything like me, you'll start to set lunch aside for too many homework assignments and end up not having enough time to finish them all. Instead of this, utilize your study hall as best you can and if you still end up with too many problems to answer and not enough minutes, talk to your teachers, they are pretty understanding people!

Joe Bennington, Junior: "I would like to not procrastinate on all my books in English because then they all pile up and I end up spending ten hours on the weekend finishing them".

Well there you have it folks, Honors English III in a nutshell. No, I'm just kidding, we love you Mrs. Hunter! But on the down low, this is probably the biggest problem us Honors English III students have to overcome. Although you may be loaded down with so much other homework, before saying "naw, I can do that over the weekend," remember that it's easier to just get it done now and cross it off your huge-pile-of-things-to-do list than procrastinating and pushing it off.

Maddie Timmons, Senior: "For second quarter I plan to keep my grades up and work on scholarships as well as figure out what I'm doing with my life".

Setting a goal such as "planning to keep my grades up" is a great move! However, saying that you want to earn an "A" in this class, or a "B" in another, can also be helpful because it gives you a more distinguished goal to meet. As for scholarships, I luckily haven't had to deal with them yet, but my time is approaching, and fast. I'm dreading all the essay writing that most scholarships require, but the end result puts all the pain into perspective. Many scholarships offer a hefty sum of cash which can really help when it comes time to apply for colleges. When it comes to figuring out what we're going to do with our lives... Can't it just wait until later? Nope. For many, the time has come to start looking into colleges and career paths, which is a fun and exciting opportunity, except for the fact that it's absolutely terrifying! What you decide to major in can always be changed, you're life isn't set in stone the moment you choose Anthropology or Chemistry as your major. Just remember, your life will be full of great opportunities, so don't miss out!

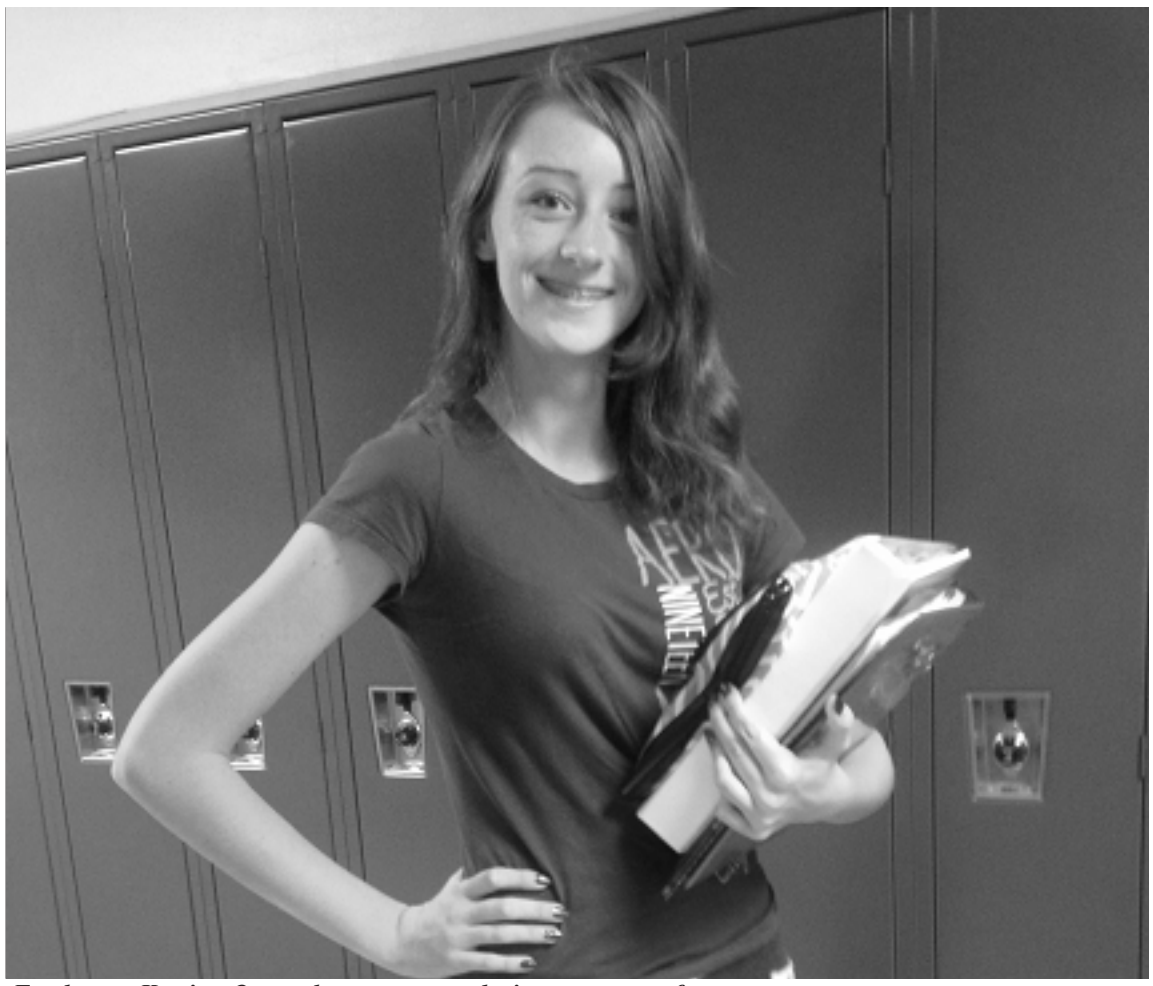
Seventh Grade, **Lexi Byler**: Says she wants to get better grades in school, which she can do by listening better to the teachers and studying .

Sophomore, **Lexi Caponi**: wants to balance her school with work and sports.

she says she can do this by working at a job close to school, on the square. She needs to stay organized and make sure her work schedule doesn't interfere with her school and sports, which she can do by talking to her coaches and her bosses.

Sophomore,Sam Martinjako: says he wants to keep getting average grades, He says this should be easy if he pays more attention in class and tries to study harder.

Freshman, **Brennan Stivers**: says he wants to do better in classes. He says, "first quarter I was able to understand the material and learn how the teachers run their classes. I realized that as long as you pay attention and you are able to keep up then you'll do fine."



Freshman, Katrina Ostrander wants to make improvements for next quarter.



Senior, Lexi Sell helps comfort her fellow classmate, Noah.

Where to go for help

by Andrea Miller & Claire Milano, BP Staff Writers

Tutoring - The school offers after school tutoring on Thursdays for all students from 1:55 - 2:41.

Counselors - They are here everyday if anyone needs help socially or academically. If your last name begins with A-L, you can visit Mrs. Paluf, and M-Z can visit Mrs. Bakalar down in the guidance office. To get to the guidance office, starting at the cafeteria, you go straight until you reach the first stair case. From there, turn left and go straight until you reach the second staircase. take another left and you should see signs pointing to the guidance office doors.

When students need extra help what do you do to help them?

Miss Hull - " I usually pair them up with someone especially for writing. I recommend after school tutoring and I am also here everyday after school if anyone needs help."

What do you do in after school tutoring?

Sophomore George Fekete - "We work on homework, study, and they help you interpret and understand what you are being taught.

What is CARE Team?

Senior Abbie Maschek: "CARE Team is a group of students who promote Compassion, Acceptance, Respect, and Enthusiasm."

How do you get into CARE Team?

Abbie: "You fill out an application of about twenty five questions and the teachers pick you based on your answers"

What special things does CARE Team do for the kids?

Abbie: "We do this program called Big Brothers Big Sisters that sponsors the kids at the elementary school who need a friend or someone to talk to. We also hold a special welcome party for the new students every year. We have breakfast with the new kids and play games to make them feel like a special part of the school."

Claire was a new student last year as a freshman and she attended the party. She says that they introduced you to all of the other new kids and said three special things about you. Then, everyone sat down for donuts with juice, milk, and other delicious drinks. Then, everyone gathered to play duck-duck-goose and a game that involved the color of the clothes you wore.

New Year, New Spirit:Dreams of SpiritWeek Revealed

by Andrea Miller, BP Staff Writer

Spirit Days:

Monday: Pajama Day/ Animal Day- wear your pj's to school/ dress up like an animal

Tuesday: Hawaiian Day- dress Hawaiian

Wednesday: American Day- support our country

Thursday: Costume Day- dress up in your Halloween costume.

Friday: Toga Day/ Purple and Gold Day- seniors wear togas and underclassmen wear purple and gold to show school spirit.

Spirit Week is important because the spirit gives us unity, and it helps us feel like we belong to the Badger community more than usual. We show support not only for the athletes but also for the community as a whole as it aims to remind everyone what it is like to be a Badger.

A few Badgers give their opinions on their perspective of spirit week.

What do you think about Spirit Week?

Sophomore Megan Casalandra looks forward to purple and gold day and thinks spirit week is exciting and fun. "All the energy that's displayed by the students makes me proud to be a Badger."

Sophomore Gedeona Kosova says "spirit week is a great opportunity for kids to just have fun in school. Spirit week gives school a little twist and makes it more enjoyable for the students as well. I especially like when everyone wears their costume because a lot of them give students a great laugh. It also allows students to be competitive while having fun. Not only can it be competitive between grades but also individuals while getting hyped for the big rivalry game against Cardinal. I think it's a great way to get students excited and ready to cheer on the football team for their big game at the end of the week."

Junior Melissa Braun thinks "spirit week is fun because of the different themes each day (even though some of them are repetitive each year and those get kind of boring) but it is fun to see how far people will go during spirit week!"

Senior Abbie Maschek "looks forward to spirit week each year. My favorite day is pajama day" I think everyday should be pajama day. Also, I'm kind of looking forward to toga day. That should be fun!

What is your dream spirit week?

Sophomore Claire Milano thinks she would like Monday as pajama day, Tuesday as twin day, Wednesday as purple out, Thursday as nerd day, and Friday as Halloween costumes.

Sophomore George Fekete's dream spirit week would be Monday as space/ galaxy day, Tuesday as bad hair day, Wednesday as rainbow day, Thursday as Kardashian day, and Friday as muscle mania.

Junior Gabbie Jadach's dream spirit week would be Monday as pajama day, Tuesday as twin day, Wednesday as camo day, Thursday as costume day, and Friday as purple and gold day.

Sophomore Class President Sadie Hopkins's dream spirit week would be Monday as crazy hair day, Tuesday as cowgirl/cowboy day, Wednesday as ugly sweater day, Thursday as dress like your teacher day, and Friday as dress like an animal day. Sadie would also like to say "Everyone should dress up and be involved because it's only one week out of the school year and it's very important to us. One week will do no harm to students and it's a way to make learning fun. Friday I expect to see the whole sophomore class covered in purple and gold to show our spirit and get everyone pumped for the football game!!"



Hallway Style

by Lexi Sell, BP Staff Writer

Humans of New York is a blog exploring the streets of New York City and taking a collection of interviews along with their personal statement. Strolling down the hall of Berkshire High, you find yourself in an array of different students; all wearing different things and expressing themselves through their hairstyles, kotd (kicks of the day), and creative outfit collaborations. Instantly, as a student or outside viewer you can relatively see the personalities of student, by the way they walk down the hall or into our Burton circle. When given the go ahead to write an article of such importance to myself, I automatically thought of a few standout students who go above and beyond the five minute morning routine to present their best self to their peers.

Starting each interview is a series of questions such as: "What wavers your decisions to get dressed in the morning? Do you feel living in Burton minimizes your style option? If you could only wear one outfit for the rest of your life, what would it be? Why do you feel it's always important to look presentable in social settings? What ambitions do you have in life? What are your fashion and style influence?"

First to be interviewed Kaitlyn Moses, Berkshire's very own junior Journalism editor and Badger Pause Staff writer. If you don't her personally, I'm sure you have seen her around with her dark minimalist nostalgic looks and her firey red hair. As I took to the the streets (halls), I was able to interview my fashion forward friend and got her perspective on what fashion and style means to her.

"Every morning, when I'm ready to get dressed, I check the weather app on my phone. 60's are my favorite for the kind of clothing I like to wear. I decide my outfit based on the weather, and of course my mood. If I'm feeling too tired or I just want a lazy day, I'll wear jeans and a t-shirt with some minimal jewelry. If I'm having a good day, I'll go all out. I don't stray from the basics too often: black, white, tan, etc. in fact, most of my outfits consist of all black... And my wardrobe.

My fashion is influenced by many things. I like both minimalist fashion and the more grunge look, so I blend both to get my desired style. I am constantly checking Pinterest and Instagram for new looks, and believe it or not, I take tips from people I see in the halls too. It's notably Ms. Bomback, but sometimes I see girls or guys on my way to class who are killin' it in the clothing department."

Secondly, Asya Martin, a sophomore Varsity soccer player and world traveler. While trying to gain some inspiration for my artistic athlete; I found myself scrolling through her Instagram. Falling more and more in love with the conviction and personality she exudes in her day to day life. Once again, I was on the hunt to find a confident women, and was able to score and interview with the busy teen.

"In the morning I do get dressed depending on my mood. If I'm feeling a little down or sad I usually wear colors to reflect that. Somedays I just wake up and I feel like dressing up or dressing down...Living in Burton definitely minimized fashion options. The weather as well. But living in such a small town it feels weird to wear outfits that could be considered outside of the box...If I could pick one outfit for the rest of my life, it would be a body fitting t-shirt dress that is a burgundy color with gray heels...When in social settings you want to look your best because it makes you feel good to look good and it gives people around you the impression that you care about your appearance...I want to become a high paying or high class lawyer in a big city. I dream about leaving the small town of burton to go to a big city... Media definitely play a big role in my fashion choices. I watch movies, shows, look in magazines and there's always new looks coming out that I just fall in love with. By seeing other people rock a look it gives me inspiration to attempt to rock that look."

On my short journey, I would like to point out these two women for their efforts and personal accomplishments in looking beautiful in there own skin. Being an individual is what makes them stand out of the bunch; they have two completely different styles yet they both hold one thing in common, and that's a style that cannot be taken away. Look for next month's issue as I will be interviewing two boys for my take on Humans of Burton.

Right: **Katie Moses**
Left: **Asya Martin**





What's Up, Burton Elementary?

by Abbie Maschek & Breonna Barker, BP Staff Writers

As you open the doors of Burton Elementary, a beautiful, hand-painted mural catches your eye, displaying cheerful children that are eager to learn. As you walk through the halls, warm smiles and cheerful hello's fill the air. Burton Elementary is a cozy school filled with staff that want to see their students succeed and children that want to make this world a better place.

Recently, we were able to go down to the school and find out what the students and staff have planned for this year. Mrs. Mandy Randles is the principal of Burton Elementary. When she was asked what the biggest challenge she has had to overcome so far this school year, she happily replied: "You know, every year our challenge is, and our mission here at Burton Elementary is to keep kids happy and safe. And we do a really good job at that but it's [takes] a constant reassessing, what you do in the classroom, assign what we could do to help at home, and what programs we could add. It's always a challenge to find the right amount of people to provide the kids the extra help that they need."

Next, Randles was asked what is different this year in comparison to last year. She answered, "Year by year you keep adding new things, you're trying to build on new things, you're trying new programs so I would just say, every year you just have a little bit more change and things you have to assess."

The next stop on our trip to Burton Elementary was Mrs. Kriz's third grade class. We were shown her room and got to know her and a few of her students a little better. Her classroom was great but when asked what she thought her students loved most about it, she said, "I think in my classroom, and in the school as a whole, there is a very warm environment and a lot of learning goes on, but above all the relationships that are here, not just my classroom but the whole school, I think that's what they enjoy most." Next, I asked Mrs. Kriz what she as a teacher hopes to accomplish this year, she replied with: "Well, of course I want my students to learn as much as they possibly can and progress in all their goals, meeting all the basic state standards, but mostly, I want them to enjoy the learning process." To finish up the interview, Mrs.Kriz was asked what her favorite thing about teaching at Berkshire is. She immediately replied with, "Absolutely the kids and the families, just the relationships that are here. It's a really special tight-knit community. I loved having brothers and sisters of students that I've had in the past."



Pictured From Left to Right; Noah, Elise, and Wyatt

Mrs. Kriz class was just coming back from recess, standing in the hallway, giddy about what was going on, and a few of them wanted to share some of their favorite things about school. Noah Valentino was asked what subject he enjoys the most, and after a slight pause, he responded "Math. You get to solve problems." He was then asked what his favorite thing do at recess was, and with a big smile forming on his face, he said: "Play football!" Lastly, we asked what his favorite thing in his lunch was. He gave me a serious look and said: "Pizza, I bought lunch today."

Wyatt O'Dell was up next. When he was asked what subject he enjoys the most, he said: "Can it be basketball?" After a slight laughter filled the room, Wyatt said that his favorite subject is "probably math because it's easy." Recess was the next topic of discussion. He told us that his favorite activity was "playing football." The school must have made good pizza because, like Noah, Wyatt also enjoyed the pizza.

Elise Tiber was the last student of Mrs. Kriz' third grade class that I got to talk to. When I asked her what subject she enjoys the most, she softly replied with: "Art because I like to mix colors and paint." When she was asked what her favorite thing to do at recess was, she said: "Climb on the jungle-gym." Elise didn't buy her lunch at school, so her favorite thing in her lunchbox was "yogurt covered raisins with peanuts."

At the elementary, there are some important dates that you might want to mark down on your calendars. On October 30, 2015 there will be a pep assembly, make sure you get there a little bit early because they will be starting on time. In honor of Vererans Day, there will be an assembly on November 12. A zoo assembly will take place on November 24, 2015. And beginning December 14-18, The Snowflake Shoppe will take place at the school, where students can buy gifts for their families. To find out more about the exciting things happening at Burton Elementary, check out the school website, located under the Burton Elementary tab on the Berkshire Schools webpage.

An Inside Look at Journalism & The Badger Pause

by Tommy Blaha, BP Staff Writer

There are many electives at Berkshire High school and one of the more enjoyable electives is Journalism. Journalism is taught by Ms. Hull in room 204. It's main goals are to write and create *The Badger Pause*, which is the school newspaper, every month while school is in session. It has been created and printed for twelve years. Ms. Hull started and has been teaching this class since she was hired at Berkshire. This year the staff has already printed the first paper which has been released throughout Berkshire's community. The newspaper is distributed at the Berkshire High School, the Burton Elementary School, Burton Public Library and at Coffee Corners, Burton's very own coffee shop. The paper covers everything that is happening in the school and even current events all over the world.

When Ms. Hull was asked about the goals of Journalism, she replied: "Overall [the goal is] to let students write what they want and get them involved in the school community. Also, to help their writing skills." She also mentioned that her favorite parts of teaching the class are "the creativity and the different kinds of students." She is impressed to see a wide range of personalities in the class and enjoys hearing all of their different ideas.

After learning about Ms. Hull's goals, staff writer Alex Yokules, a senior who is new to Journalism this year, was asked why he took the class. He replied, "it seemed to be a good class to take instead of a study hall." Alex's favorite part of Journalism is interviewing people because it is fun to ask people questions and he enjoys writing about the strange topics that he could imagine. To cover all the roles that Journalism offers, staff editor Abby Carlson, a junior who started this class her sophomore year, was asked why she became an editor instead of staying a staff writer. Her reply was that she really enjoyed writing and thought she would be able to take on more work. Abby's favorite part of the class is that she can express her opinions through her writing instead of through her actions. She also likes having the freedom to be able to write what she is passionate about instead of typing another essay about a book she read in English Class.

Journalism welcomes everyone who enjoys writing or wants to become a better writer to join. Since the start of the year, people have already improved their writing skills. One of the best parts of the class is that after every paper is printed and distributed we celebrate by having a party where food is brought and the newly released paper is discussed. Then after taking a few days off to read over the paper the class goes back to work and starts working on the next issue. The first year you can take the class is sophomore year, but if you want to join later you can. If you are curious about joining the staff of The Badger Pause, talk to your guidance counselor or talk to Ms. Hull to learn more about what the elective offers.



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Senior, Alex Yokules takes on the trying task of typing up his newest article.



Photo Curtesy of Zone Entertainment

Pictured above; Homecoming queen and king, Shannon McGee and Michael Risko

Goodbye October!!

by Lexi Sell & Amelia Monroe, BP Staff Writers

As October comes to an end we look back on how it was filled with chills and exciting events; from the Friday night football games to the the Candyland Homecoming, it was a busy month for the Berkshire community. The week prior to the Homecoming game and dance, the senior class voted on their king and queen representatives for the 2016 class. A special congratulations Shannon McGee and Mike Risko for winning court!

Thanks to Student Council for this delicious event, the dance was topped with chocolate fountains, colored drinks, and candy covered tables; Berkshire High School was definitely a candy wonderland!

Anonymous Corner:

Unedited, uncensored, and anonymous writing

Once Upon A Time... there was a girl of about sixteen years of age. Her hair was as red as the sunset streaks that grace the skies, her eyes as blue as the sea that graces the land. She was beautiful, and not just because of her features. She was bright and creative. Caring to a fault, almost. Inspiring. One couldn't help but be drawn to that certain spark in her blue eyes, couldn't help but be captivated. One day, this woman was walking in the woods, taking a stroll. She sang in a sweet voice that would put you at ease from the moment that first note cradled your ear. It was said the when she started singing, even the trees stopped their rustling and leaned in to her her pure melodies.

While taking this stroll, she heard a noise. The noise of someone running. It took a minute, but the smudge of a person was seen dashing between the trees. The person got closer and closer until to the young girl before full out sprinting to her. The girl was short and had a mess of blonde hair and striking brown eyes. The girl held a tired, stressed, anxious, and terrible numbness and sorrow about her face. She gazed up at the woman. "Help me," she called. "Demons have been hunting me, following me, and tearing me up. They're going to kill me. They won't rest until they do."

It was true. Just glancing at her you would see the torn'up clothes and blood that ran from the attacks of them."I'm just about ready to give in and let them take me." The young girl started to reach for the destroyed girl, but suddenly, with a crash, black Nothings crashed out of the trees and went for the girl. The beaten girl screamed and tears began to slide down her face fast. She fell to her knees and hands, weak and frail from the attacks of the demons. They looked like nothing. Like shadows, the demons did. They could barely be seen attacking the girl unless looked upon closely. The demons went after her, using their claws and lashing at her, creating gashes in her thighs and paining her.

Suddenly, the kind girl went into action. She grabbed the girls wrist and pulled her away into a tight, protective, and loving embrace. The girl hugged back equally as hard, clinging to her savior. But the demons were still there. they grabbed at the girl with their claws, creating gashes into her hips and trying to her tear her away from the embrace. "She will let you go, she will let you go," the Nothings whispered into the girls ear as they came at her againa and again. "I. Will. Not. Let. Her. GO," the kind girl said.

As each word was said, the demons hissed and let go of their victim reluctantly. They started to smoke and as the last word was said, they shrieked a chilling, high-pitched shriek and ran away, They were alone now. The demons were temporarily held at bay. The girl cried and hugged her savior. "I love you," she said. "I love you too," the kind girl said. And she meant every word. They both did. The demons came back, they did. And they were terrible, but she made it through with the protection of the girl. Those two became best friends. They loved each other and always would. Nothing in the world could ever separate them, and the demons were easier to handle with such a kind person. They didn't live happily ever after, such is impossible, but at least they had each other to make life somewhat bearable. The end.

Mental Illnesses are serious. Always be kind and helpful and loving.

The Tale of Two Towns:

The Berkshire Cardinal Rivalry

by Sydney Mighton, BP Staff Writer

The infamous Berkshire-Cardinal rivalry is extra strong this week while the football team battles for the Kinsman Cup. The Kinsman Cup is a trophy between Berkshire and Cardinal, the team that wins the game when the two schools play, get to take the trophy back to their school for the rest of the year up until the following year. This is one of the most well known rivalries in Geauga County. The Cardinal Huskies of Middlefield, Ohio have dominated the CVC for the past three years; but not this year. This year it is time to bring the Kinsman Cup where it belongs.

The rivalry between Berkshire and Cardinal came about because we are the closest schools to each other; the rivalry has always been in existence. It is not just between football, although during this time of the month, that is all we think about; battling them for the Kinsman cup. The rivalry is between all sports, academics and even something as small as flipping a coin.

Several people were asked what the Berkshire/Cardinal rivalry means to them and what their favorite part of the rivalry is and the responses were not much of a surprise. Senior, Shannon McGee responded "the competitiveness between the two schools that makes our sports more fun, interesting, and competitive is probably my favorite part about it." An anonymous junior from Berkshire said, "just the atmosphere alone in the buildings and on the fields of these games are so intense. The fans get going from the first point or first second of the games. It's so fun because you can be friends off the field/court and be arch nemesis' on the field/court." Stand out graduate, KC Cress from Cardinal was interviewed to see if his views of the rivalry- being a huskie- were different from those from Berkshire. KC responded, "the rivalry meant more to me than just a couple sporting events, it represented your town and it meant everything. If my team won only one game a year and it was against Berkshire I would be satisfied. My favorite part about it was how the rivalry never died, and it is still very alive today. I love how tense every game got." It's not that surprising that the way Cardinal athletes view the rivalry is similar to Berkshire athletes. It shows the passion that each of the schools have for their community, school and sports teams. Although the games get extremely intense and may be nail biters at times, but there is never disrespect.

"The competitiveness between the two schools that makes our sports more fun, interesting, and competitive is probably my favorite part about it."



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Sportsmanship is important to both schools and will always symbolize the character of each of the communities. The Kinsman Cup, along with the rivalry itself, is a major part of both of our communities. As members of the communities we should take pride in our school. That is what this rivalry is all about, proving and showing Geauga County what our school is all about; always be proud to be a badger.