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Engineering a future: Val & Sal 2014

by Christin Dornback, BP Assistant Editor

As the senior year drew to a close, the rankings for the graduating class were announced, with Nick Millet as Valedictorian and Cassandra Cameron as Salutatorian. These two wonderfully gifted students have certainly earned their positions and Berkshire High is honored to have them at the top of their class.

Nicholas Millet

Nick Millet, a reserved and suave student, admitted that he didn't know where he stood in class rankings before the administration told him. When they did tell him, he was excited and sort of surprised, but this Valedictorian with a killer and classy fashion taste was pleased, nonetheless. Millet is heading to Miami University in the fall to become a Redhawk and pursue a degree in computer engineering, but he says he'll miss walking the halls and seeing his friends and everyone he met here especially. Millet recalled his time in high school and shared his favorite memory, which was making it to the State Cross Country Championship Tournament meet during his freshman year with the team. And although his favorite memory was way back when from freshman year, Millet has had an incredible high school experience since. "Honestly it's a little hard to pick out one specific favorite memory. It's all about the little things. The little things really do make it all worthwhile as a whole," he explained.



The top two in the Class of 2014 will both continue their education in engineering.

This year, he was involved with the Interact Club, National Honors Society, Spanish Honors Society, in addition to running for Berkshire's cross country and track teams. Being constantly busy with clubs and sports, it's a wonder that Millet ever had time to do his schoolwork, but he always found time and credits his success partially to his organization. His mom, who was Salutatorian for her senior class, taught him to stay organized and he agreed that it was key, although senioritis has gotten the best of him and he's become messier lately.

As if his schedule wasn't busy enough, he also had the task of balancing two AP courses: AP Calculus and AP Chemistry, in addition to other challenging classes like Honors English III. His favorite course that he's taken in school is Physics, mainly because he enjoys math but also because the class supplied a lot of interesting and fun labs, including building a catapult out of bamboo. Looking back, he wishes that the Forensic Science class had fit into his schedule, and joked that solely "on the record", there were no classes that he regretted taking. Throughout these courses, he maintained a level-headed balance in order to succeed. Millet set aside time to study, but after a certain point, he would take a break and go do something else. Keeping a balanced academic and social life is necessary, and he shared that the underclassmen should remember that. Offering more advice, Millet said that school-wise, it's important to study and do homework, and in life, "set goals and try to work towards them."



Cassandra Cameron

Cassandra Cameron, a spunky concert goer, ender her high school career as the Salutatorian of her class. Next year, she is attending the University of Akron, hoping to earn a degree in chemical engineering. She admits she's a bit nervous about the transition, trading in this little town for a city experience. Laughing, she added "I've heard people talk about how it's completely different from high school, and I'm just thinking what if I fail out my first year?" But it's probably safe to assume that she won't; excelling through her strenuous high school courses definitely prepared her for the next part of her academic career. This year, her schedule was also filled with AP Chemistry, AP Calculus and other difficult courses. Because of which, Cassy doesn't have a lunch or study hall and goes straight through her classes. Although she had an intense schedule, Cassy really enjoyed her time in high school. Her favorite memory was definitely spending time with the teachers and "growing up with them" as she had them over multiple years. She loved her chemistry and science classes especially, and she kids that its because the science department is kind of crazy (in a good way).

Cassy mentioned that her teachers, friends, guidance counselors and parents really inspired her, supported her and helped her to work as hard as she could. They gave her great advice such as "if you want to do something, just do it." She learned that it really helped to accept that sometimes she had to settle for a lower grade, that she couldn't always get a perfect score, and she was really thankful she kept that in mind. In addition to that, the past few years taught her that the key to succeeding is understanding balance, advising that "if you completely swamp yourself, you're just going to end up harming yourself…life is about the small things. Sometimes you need to go out and have fun."

This year, Cassy was involved in Spanish Honors Society, National Honors Society and Interact Club, but also plays clarinet, is a server at JC's Restaurant and loves to have fun, like going to concerts (she mentioned that she has actually crowd-surfed. It was a blast). She joked that she wants her eyebrow game to be the surviving legacy of Cassandra Cameron at Berkshire High School, and if she could do anything in the world, she would probably start a band. Cassy's motto has become "to each his own", which means that she lives her life and lets everyone else live theirs. And as she and the rest of her class prepare to begin another part of their lives, she admits she'll miss how close she's become to her fellow classmates, especially since now they will all head their separate ways. □



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Schoooool's out for summer...almost.

Regarding beach bodies & fun things to do, page 6 has everything summer.



If college isn't for you, don't fret. It wasn't for some (very successful) people either. Page 7.

How to make your dorm room look great without breaking the bank

by Katie Uterhark, BP Staff Writer

With school letting out and high school seniors moving on to college, they have a lot to think about, one being their college dorm room. Students have to think about all the things they're going to need in/for their room, such as bedding, shower caddies, laundry baskets, clothes, photos, and decorations just to list a few. I don't know about boys, but most gals go out of their way to make her dorm room look great. Decorations are something that gives your room style and personality, and you want to show up to college with a bright personality, right? There are many ways to make your dorm room look the way you want. These ideas are cheap and easy, and they can also be fun to make on a boring summer day before you pack your things up and head off to college.

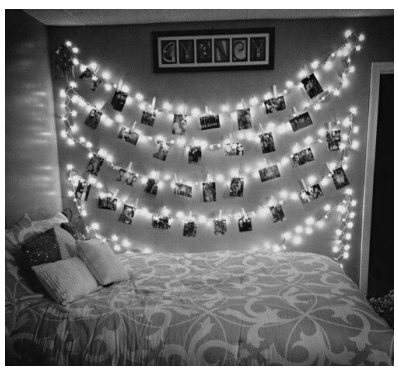


Dollar store metal trash can: These are perfect to add color in your room. Just buy a trash can at a dollar store and get any color spray paint you want. Simply spray paint the trash can and let it dry then you're good to go. Then flip it over and make it a bed side table for a clock, a vase for flowers, or anything else you have in mind. Plus this would be easy to pack for college; it won't take up a lot of space in the car as you head to your new living space.



T-shirt quilt: Instead of buying a new bedspread for college, make one out of your old high school t-shirts. Not the sewing type? Ask your friends or even Grandma to help you, and if you're someone who wants to hang onto high school memories, making a t-shirt quilt to take to college is the way to go.

Twinkle lights: You can never go wrong with twinkle lights; they are always so pretty and bright. You can buy twinkle lights just about anywhere, and they usually cost under three dollars. Twinkle lights can be just hung up in a room for some light, or you can pin pictures onto them to prevent your room from being clustered with picture frames. Put cupcake wrappers or ping pong balls over the lights for a more decorative flare.



Picture frame calendar: Calendars are something everyone needs in order to stay on schedule and keep organized. Even though paper calendars are cheaper, this calendar is more decorative for not much more money.



First you're going to need an 8x11 picture frame, seven paint chips in whatever color you'd like, and a dry erase marker. You can get paint chips from any paint center; the best place is Wal-Mart. These paint chips are little cardboard rectangles you use to test what color you want to paint a room. All you have to do is put the paint chips in the frame like you would put a picture in and, bam! you have a colorful calendar for your dorm. You use the marker to write down events and tests for that month. You can easily hang it on the wall and it looks way better then a normal paper calendar.

Mason Jars: Like twinkle lights you can do any things with mason jars. You can decorate them by painting them, draw on them or even put glitter and ribbons on them. The ideas are endless. In addition to the finished jar's potential you can put pencils, pens, or markers in the jar. You can also put flowers in them and place the mason jar on your DIY bed side table. You can even put make up brushes, mascara, or eyeliner in them. The possibilities are infinite when it comes to the DIY mason jars.

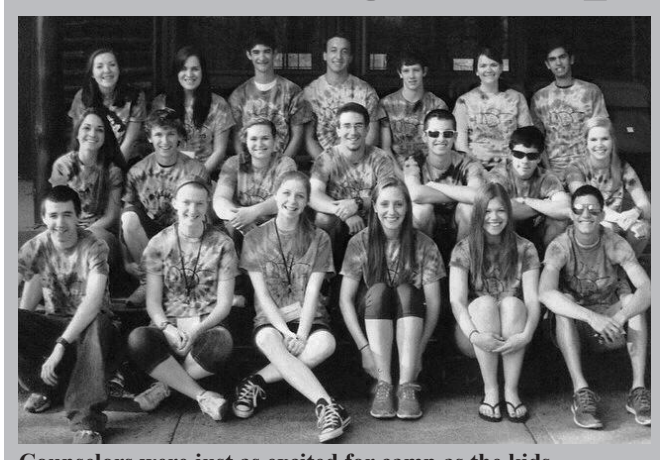
Toilet paper roll flowers: This sounds weird but they turn out so amazing. You need a glue gun, a toilet paper roll, and any color paint you want. One toilet paper roll equals four petals. Take the paper roll and cut it four times equally for your petals. Next, glue the petals together so you start to see the formation of your flower. Once the glue has dried, you can paint your flowers. Once the paint has dried the flower is ready to be hung on the wall. You can use more paper rolls to make a collage of flowers or just put single flowers all over the wall.



These DIY projects will give your dorm room the decorative flare that you want without the cost. You should consider some of these ideas to save money and make your living space unique. □

Surviving camp: Rugrats in the rain

by Adam Thompson, BP Staff Writer



Counselors were just as excited for camp as the kids.

The forecast was rain, and lots of it. However the campers, counselors, and staff of Hiram House camp were determined to make this year the best sixth grade camp ever. Loaded with ponchos, rain boots, and slickers, the sixth graders eagerly jumped out of the buses that warm Tuesday morning. The campers looked around excitedly, absorbing what will be their home for the next few days.



Some sixth graders excel in the yoga class.

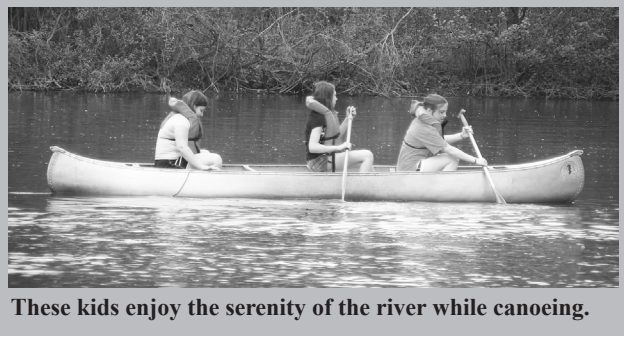
After unpacking, and running around the cabin like crazy for an hour, the sixth graders sat down for a nice lunch of chicken nuggets. What sixth grader doesn't love chicken nuggets? The real fun began after lunch however. Campers were split into five activity groups (different than cabin or lunch table groups), and sent to the various corners of the Hiram House property to discover nature, shoot some arrows, mediate with yoga, or brave the heights of the climbing wall. These stations lasted around an hour, and the groups would rotate between them, assuring that every camper got a chance to go canoeing, or do the "low ropes" obstacle and agility course. However, the weather was not permitting for some groups, who unfortunately were unable to scale the climbing wall or nimbly balance in the high altitude obstacle course dubbed "high ropes".

Following the afternoon activities, the campers had some down time, which was normally used running around the cabin while frantic counselors yelled, "Put down that shoe!" or "Stop turning on all the showers!". After dinner, there were large scale activities that campers participated in. The first night was the Olympics of the Mind, a game where points are rewarded based upon creativity and complexity of answers. For example, one prompt was to come up with a word with "ring" inside it. Some kids said "gold ring", or "diamond ring", however, the big point winners normally said something like "conjuring" or "cringe". Wednesday night, the campers listened to Mr. Young rock out and watched a mystical magician perform. Also scheduled that night was a bonfire, but since the rain was in full force, the campers roasted marshmallows and sang silly camp songs around the giant fireplace in the dining hall instead. Thursday night was the Beauty and the Beast competition, where the counselors made complete fools of themselves by dressing up and pretending to be characters based on random props and clothes given to them. A dance followed, where the little sixth graders danced till the wee hours of the mornings, bringing the camp to a satisfying close. Weary from all the fun times, Friday morning was less hectic than the others. The kids packed up, used the last of their pictures by camera flashing unsuspecting friends, and said goodbye to their counselors. A great experience was had not only by the campers, but by the moist-eyed counselors, reluctant to see their kids leave.



This camper learns how to shoot an arrow.

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These kids enjoy the serenity of the river while canoeing.

Cool cats that didn't need college to earn cash

by Carolyn Mayer, BP Assistant Editor

It's that time of the year again: every adult asks you what your plans are for the future, and you say the same thing a million times. Most people assume you're going to college, but that's not the case for some students. College is not always the answer for everybody, so as encouragement for those who decided against continuing on to higher education, you're not alone. Below are a few men who were very successful without college degrees:

Frank Lloyd Wright

Frank Lloyd Wright was a contemporary American architect in the 20th century. He was born on June 8, 1867 in rural Wisconsin where he later built his famous house which he called Taliesin. As a boy, Wright spent much of his time outdoors, which he later used as inspiration for his architecture.

He attended the University of Wisconsin, but dropped out two years later to work under the renowned architect Joseph Silsbee. It was under Silsbee where Wright learned of his passion for architecture. Silsbee's philosophy had always been that American architecture should be based on American ideals and lifestyles, not European traditions. This later became Wright's motivation as an architect.

He wanted to build homes with the changing times. When Wright was young, people were traveling by horse and buggy, but by the time he died in 1959, man had gone into space, and he embraced this change in American society rather than scoffed at it. He incorporated the American lifestyle into his buildings, a concept which set a precedent for future architects.

Wright had no formal education in architecture, but his style was, and still is, legendary for its uniqueness. The homes that he designed were made out of all natural and unpainted material; the rooms were open with each other, and he often used large windows and skylights to capture the essence of nature, which made his style stand out from the rest. He also incorporated many of the shapes found in nature, such as the tree, into his structures. The skyscrapers he designed were modeled after a tree with one trunk and numerous branches extending outward.

Frank Lloyd Wright had a magnificent career filled with worldwide recognition. In 1915, he was asked to design the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, and in 1991, he was named the greatest American Architect of all time by the American Institute of Architects.

Milton Hershey

Milton Snavely Hershey was born in Derry Township, Pennsylvania on September 13, 1857. At the age of fifteen, he dropped out of high school and became an apprentice at a local confectioner's in Lancaster where he discovered his love of making candy, which he pursued for the rest of his life. From then on, he revolutionized the candy business.

As a young man in his early twenties, Hershey learned how to make caramel while in Denver, and he started up a caramel company soon after. His first few businesses were failures, but in 1883, the Lancaster Caramel Company became his first of many successes. Not long after the opening of the Lancaster Caramel Company, Hershey was shipping his caramel all over the country.

In the middle of his caramel endeavor, Hershey learned how to make chocolate at the World's Fair in 1893. He was fascinated about the process and was determined to make quality milk chocolate accessible and affordable to the American people. He eventually found a way to mass-produce milk chocolate, and it became a hit when he opened the Hershey Chocolate Company. In 1900, Hershey sold his caramel company for $1 million, and focused solely on his chocolate



company. During this time, he created the Hershey Kiss, which was a huge success, and still is today.

His chocolate factory was based in modern-day Hershey, Pennsylvania, where he housed his workers. Even during the Great Depression he helped out struggling families by funding projects in his town. Because of his candy successes, Hershey became a wealthy man who dedicated much of his time to philanthropy, especially concerning kids. Since he and his wife, Catherine, couldn't have any children, he spent much of his money to help orphans and underprivileged kids through his Milton Hershey School, which is still in operation today. He even helped out in World War II by supplying the troops with the Ration D Bar and the Tropical Chocolate Bar. He was a philanthropist until the day he died in 1945.



Ray Kroc

Ray Kroc may not be a name many of us will recognize, but many can recognize his successes. Kroc was the president of the ever popular fast-food chain called McDonald's.

Kroc was born in Oak Park, Illinois on October 5, 1902. When he was fifteen years old, he lied about his age so he could drive ambulances for the Red Cross during World War I. After the war he became a salesman of various products, but his job selling milkshake machines brought him to the McDonald brothers: Dick and Mac. They bought eight of Kroc's milkshake machines, which drew his attention to Dick and Mac's small, but successful restaurant chain in Southern California called McDonald's.

Kroc soon became a business partner with the McDonald brothers, and his main goal was to expand the chain's reach to all over the country. In 1960, Kroc had exclusive rights over the chain, and it took off. It was very successful from the start, and continues to be one of the most successful restaurant chains in the world.

Kroc was a successful and well liked businessman who did not stop working until the day he died. He was still showing up to work at the office while confined to a wheelchair, well into his eighties, and his legacy lives on through every perfectly crafted Big Mac you buy from McDonald's.

So, now when someone asks you what you're doing after high school and you don't say college, you can back up your decision with these fantastic stories of successful people who made it big without college degrees, and don't forget to be awesome.

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Changed Expectations

Not always a bad thing...

by Steven Sitko, BP Staff Writer

As a newly-arrived seventh grader, what I felt about high school is pretty similar to what I feel about college now. Going to a new school with new people, classes, and teachers is a huge transition for anyone – especially when you're coming from Troy Elementary (which only had 130 kids!). What was it that I felt on my first day of seventh grade? Apprehension? Anxiety? I think that everyone felt something a little different, but as a whole we all shared the same sense of excitement with a twist of impending doom. We had just taken the next big step in our education, but we were definitely more concerned with the newfound lack of recess.

One of the biggest fears for a lot of new students is finding a group to hang out with, or even just friends in general. Probably the second most intimidating aspect of high school is the completely unfamiliar building – room numbers and confusing teacher names are the bane of any forgetful seventh grader (it doesn't help that the schedule is just as confusing).

Schoolwork and academics in general is where the biggest change takes place. I remember hearing countless classmates in Pre-Algebra claiming that learning how to graph a set of points on a coordinate plane will never benefit them. I'm pretty sure I agreed with them – now, going into Computer Engineering, I know better. In fact, it's not really all about grades and test scores; the things that we learned are important for where we actually intend to use them. Sure, if you plan on being a receptionist, mathematics might not really be of much use to you. As time goes on and we figure out what to do with our lives, most of us realize that those classes we took as seventh and eighth graders helped us shape our careers by showing us what we enjoy doing.

Once you've reached the senior stage, recess really isn't that big of a priority anymore. More often than not, the idea of recess or even free time is a long-lost prospect. Mixing college, scholarships, and preparing for dorm life while trying to finish out high school strong is not an appealing aspect for a lot of seniors – it's no wonder they named the end-of-the-year lethargy "Senioritis". All these responsibilities and schoolwork over the years have shown us "big kids" that high school really isn't all that we thought it to be in seventh grade.

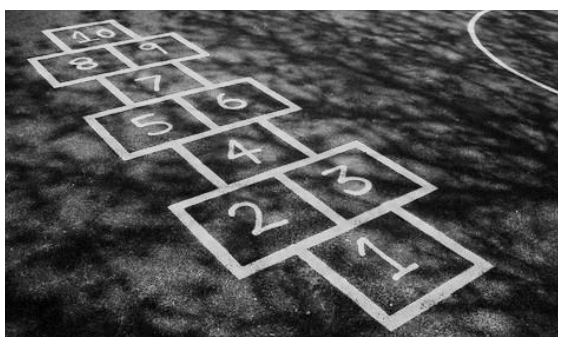


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The Band Geeks



What's your favorite ice cream flavor, and why?
Madison: "Cookies and cream, because that's where it's at."
Max: "Neapolitan because it's all of the flavors coming together and being greater than the sum of their parts, like Berkshire."

If you had a sidekick what would their name be?
Madison: "Alec Vizy"
Max: "Sam Kwasniewski"

What're you most proud of with band?
Madison: "Working under the prestige of Matt Marks"
Max: "Having the transition from Mr. Marks to Mrs. Paul be smooth and drama free"

What is your dream?
Madison: "To create movies."
Max: "To graduate from Ohio State and go on to Medical School, hopefully for cardiology"

What will you miss?
Madison: "I will miss Steveo."
Max: "coming to school and joking with my friends all day"

What will you not miss?
Madison: "All the Snitches (Snitches get snitches; you know who you are)"
Max: "Some of the politics and drama that comes with a small school"

The Choir Crew

What is your favorite ice cream flavor and why?
Amy: "Definitely chocolate chip cookie dough. I know it seems like a cliché, but it's like ambrosia, you know."
Ian: "Mint chocolate chip because its rad"

If you had a sidekick, what would their name be?
Amy: "Ryan Gosling. No explanation needed"
Ian: "Jesus because he can walk on water"

What're you most proud of musically?
Amy: "I'm proudest of being asked to sing back-up for Beyoncé. Of course I said no because singing back-up is an insult"
Ian: "Participating in the talent show. I sang "Rain" by Breaking Benjamin."

What is your dream?
Amy: "My dream is to take a selfie with a guard at Buckingham Palace"
Ian: "I want to move to Venice and own three Lamborghinis. Mainly move to Venice because Venice is awesome."

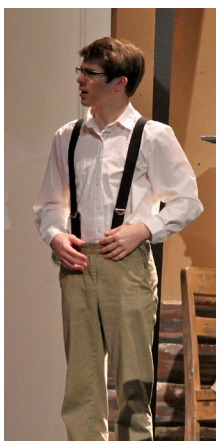
What will you miss?
Amy: "I'll miss Mrs. Malkus and Mrs. Hansel. They're my guidance family."
Ian: "I'll miss my group of friends and the conversations we have at lunch"

What will you not miss?
Amy: "My alarm clock waking me up at 6:30 in the morning"
Ian: "Waking up early"





The Drama Queens



What is your favorite ice cream flavor, and why?
Lisa: "Vanilla because it's supercalifragilisticexpialidocious"
Sam: "flavorless because I don't have taste buds"

If you had a sidekick what would their name be?
Lisa: "The Mad Hatter"
Sam: "B Coop. He's a dime" (that's Bradley Cooper for those who aren't in the loop)

What're you most proud of in your acting career?
Lisa: "getting over my stage fright and being comfortable on stage"
Sam: "definitely the one where I died." (that's The Seussical also for those who aren't in the loop)



What is your dream?
Lisa: "I would love to settle down and write for a living and travel. Or be on Broadway, that would be cool, too."
Sam: "It would probably involve cloning myself, and then marrying my clone, and that clone would somehow birth to another me, but I don't know how, yet. Then, those kids would clone themselves and the world would be full of Sam clones."

What will you miss?
Lisa: "I will miss the feeling of family in the community you get. I'll also miss the teachers, specifically Mrs. Hull."
Sam: "Ronnie's body and Gwen"

What will you not miss?
Lisa: "I won't miss the drama about things that don't matter so much"
Sam: "Nick Millet because he's stupid, a jerk, the bottom of our class scum"

The Paintheads



What is your favorite ice cream flavor and why?
Megan: "Strawberry because it's pink"
Branson: "twist, Vanilla/Chocolate because vanilla and chocolate ice cream is amazing"
Danny: "I like Mint Chocolate chip a lot because it tastes good"

If you had a sidekick, what would their name be?
Megan: "Matt Healy"
Branson: "Beowolf"
Danny: "Giuzeppi"

What're you most proud of artistically?
Megan: "How well I draw foxes"
Branson: "How far I've come and how much I've learned, especially over the last few years"
Danny: "My spinosaurous. I made a dinosaur out of clay and it was really cool."

What is your dream?
Megan: "to follow The 1975 on tour for the rest of my life."
Branson: "to improve on my art and get a really nice career that I enjoy out of it."
Danny: "my dream is to assume the form of Mrs. Hull and take over the world"

What will you miss?
Megan: "Art Class"
Branson: "just the experiences with the people. The people you meet and the times with them"
Danny: "I'll miss school lunches"

What will you not miss?
Megan: "Waking up early every morning"
Branson: "I will not miss how constricted you are in high school when it comes to classes."
Danny: "I won't miss my doctor's appointments"

Tech Nerds

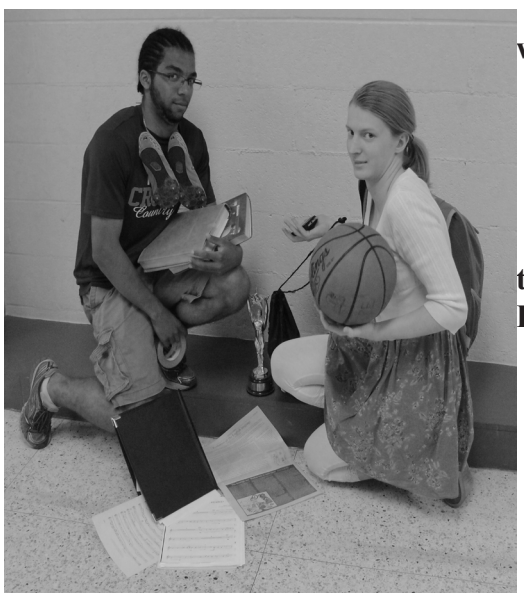
What is your favorite ice cream flavor, and why?
Steve- "Cookies and cream, because it's the flavor of my childhood and it reminds me of home."
Chuckie- "Orange sherbet because it's a fun flavor."
If you had a sidekick what would their name be?
Steve- "Kody West"
Chuckie-"José"
What're you most proud of technologically?


(L-R): Steve & Chuckie

Steve- "I spent a month researching computer components, and talking to friends and family in order to build my very own computer that I will use in college."
Chuckie- "Just knowing the program languages, and the fact that I can look at a computer and understand how it works."
What is your dream?
Steve- "To have a salary good enough that I can eat a box of Girl Scout cookies every day of my life."
Chuckie- "My dream is to live in a world where people are seen as people and they're not judged by their beliefs, race, or religion."
What will you miss?
Steve- "I will miss the week long due dates and four hours of study hall a day."
Chuckie- "Stupid conversations at lunch. It's a very interesting table we have."
What will you not miss?
Steve- "I won't miss the obnoxiously loud and smelly fifth period lunch."
Chuckie- "The food. Definitely the food."

The (Most Active) Groupies

What is your favorite ice cream flavor, and why?
Danielle- "Cookies and cream, because Oreos are the meaning of my life."
Ronnie- "Rocky Road for the win, but I really don't remember the last time I had ice cream."



If you had a sidekick what would their name be?
Danielle- "Molly, because that's my dog and she is already my sidekick."
Ronnie- "Morgan Freeman"
What are you most proud to be a part of here at Berkshire?
Danielle- "Newspaper and Yearbook, because those are my passions"
Ronnie- "I'm most proud of the robotics club, and being a part of starting it up for future years."
What is your dream?
Danielle- "Being able to love what I do and laughing while doing it."
Ronnie- "My dream is to be happy and live life."
What will you miss?
Danielle- "The bonds that have been formed. I don't think we realize how much high school has supported us."
Ronnie- "I'm gonna miss the track and cross country teams."
What will you not miss?
Danielle- "The petty drama of high school and the focus on the little things that don't matter."
Ronnie- "I'm not going to miss all the wasted time in classes when I could be doing work."

Kind, Karismatic, and Karing

What is your favorite ice cream flavor, and why?
Katie U- "Strawberry because it has chunks of strawberry in it."
Katie F- "Recently it has been red velvet from Edy's because it's creamy and good."
Katie P- "Phish Food by Ben and Jerry's because they're always there for me."


(L-R): Katie F., Katie P, Katie U.

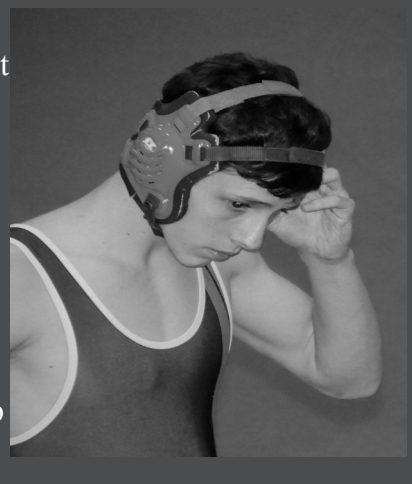
If you had a sidekick what would their name be?
Katie U- "Happy Helper"
Katie F- "Zac Efron"
Katie P- "Gwen"
What makes you proud that you are considered one of the nicest people in your class?
Katie U- "I want people to be able to come and talk to me. I want to come off as a bubbly person and have fun."
Katie F- "I'm very forgiving; I don't get mad easily, and I'm accepting and outgoing."
Katie P- "That I've kept it hidden that I'm not nice."
What is your dream?
Katie U- "Right now, I just want to get through college easy without any problems or issues."
Katie F- "To change people's lives for the better, one by one."
Katie P- "To live on an island by myself in Greece."
What will you miss?
Katie U- "Being with everybody for twelve years, it will be weird to be away since we're such a small school. It will be weird with everybody going their different ways after being together so long."
Katie F- "The innocent factor; that everything's easy and simple. Not having to work too hard."
Katie P- "Gwen"
What will you not miss?
Katie U- "I won't miss having a locker."
Katie F- "The small atmosphere. I'm ready to go to a bigger school, meet new people, and be a part of the 'real world'."
Katie P- "I won't miss driving my brother to school every day."

The Game Changers

What is your favorite ice cream flavor, and why?
Peyton: "Chocolate extreme Blizzards because chocolate is my favorite"
TJ: "Just chocolate because I don't like vanilla"



If you had a sidekick, what would their name be?
Peyton: "Theo James"
TJ: "Nick Millet"
What're you most proud of athletically?
Peyton: "I feel like I've been a good role model to my teammates because I'm captain of three sports, and since we haven't had winning season; I want to be a good leader and motivate them for years to come"
TJ: "Probably going to state twice in wrestling"
What is your dream?
Peyton: "I've had a dream of traveling the world. I really want go to Greece."
TJ: "My dream is to make a lot of money one day"
What will you miss?
Peyton: "Sports, and Mr. Guthrie's entertaining outfits"
TJ: "Wrestling on the team"
What will you not miss?
Peyton: "The stairs. I think I walk up and down stairs too much"
TJ: "Cutting weight"



Fun in the sun-your summer bucket list on a budget

by Anna Carlson, BP Assistant Editor


Kelley's Island

No more pencils. No more books. No more teachers' dirty looks! Summer is just around the corner and life is looking up with the promise of sunshine, tank tops, and some much needed free time. For the first few blissful days of summer break, we're content with just lazing about the house, going to the pool, eating an entire bag of potato chips, or even catching up on some Netflix series, but at some point we find ourselves wondering what to do and where to go. So we go to the mall. Again. Make a trip to DQ. Again. Pull into the Drive-In. Again. There must be somewhere new to go or something new to do that won't smash our teeny tiny teenager piggy banks, somewhere that's relatively close and actually kind of fun

Kelley's Island
(Ferry and Parking Fees)

Kelley's Island is an island in the western basin of Lake Erie. It has awesome Glacial Grooves and the beautiful Sandy Beach which is part of the Kelley's Island State Park. There's some little shops and restaurant or two. For ferry fares and schedule check out www.kelleysislandferry.com.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park
(FREE Admission)

Pack a picnic and take a hike at the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. You can explore the park on your own or take a Ranger led tour through the natural beauty of the park. There's bike trails, places to canoe and kayak, and a scenic train ride.

Mentor Headlands Beach Fest
(FREE Admission)

This isn't your typical day at the beach! The festival is July 26th, from noon to 8:00 PM. Take part in flying and making kites, constructing sand castles, embarking on a scavenger hunt as well as learning to kayak and paddle board. There are also activities for younger kids like beach art projects, games, art performances, inflatables, facing painting and ceramics. There will be arts and craft vendors and lots of food.

Cleveland Flea Market
(FREE Admission)

It's a mash-up of all that's new with all that's vintage! There's local vendors selling their handmade goods as well as re-purposed items. Take a look at locally made jewelry, art, crafts, and clothing. Not to mention food! Local restaurants and vendors sell their delicious tid bits which you can snack on while learning some techniques from these artisans at the Maker Center. Visit theclevelandflea.com for a list of dates.

Baseball Game
(Tickets)

Buy me some peanuts and cracker jacks! Baseball goes with summer like…well…summer goes with baseball. Visit the Indians or attend a Captains game with a group of friends or one on one with someone special. It's a great time with music, cheers, hotdogs, fries, ice cream, and, of course, BASEBALL. Visit cleveland.indians.mlb.com for the Indians game schedule and tickets (check out bleacher seats, they're much more affordable) and lakecounty.captains.milb.com for Captains schedule and tickets.

WOW!
(FREE Admission)

It's Wednesdays on Wade Circle! Head on up to University Circle at 6:00 PM to enjoy diverse food vendors and a concert until 9:00 PM. On some select Wednesdays, a film will be shown instead of a concert. Take a blanket or some lawn chairs and sprawl out on the grass while the summer night is filled with music. Check out www.universitycircle.org for a schedule.

Night Haunt at Malabar Farm
($30.00 Admission Fee and Registration Required)

Put on your big girl (or boy) pants, because this is not suitable for those younger than seventeen, and explore the paranormal at Malabar Farm. Bats, murders and haunted houses will fill this evening which starts at 8:00 PM and ends at Midnight. There are walking and wagon tours, a campfire with hotdogs and S'Mores accompanied by ghost stories, a tour of a graveyard and a flashlight exploration of the "Big House". For a schedule and registration visit www.malabarfarm.org.

Shakespeare
(FREE Admission)

The show starts at 7:00 PM, and audience members are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on during the production. Enjoy the incredible plays of William Shakespeare out under the night sky and stars. It doesn't hurt to bring along a small dinner and a pillow or two. For a list of locations and dates go to www.nps.gov/jaga/outdoor- □

Lookin' smokin' hot this year

by Christin Dornback, BP Assistant Editor

With summer right around the corner, all the girls around the neighborhood are sweating. Maybe it's because of the rising temperatures and the blazing sun above or maybe it's because when summer comes, so do teeny weeny bathing suits and a slew of insecurities, fueled by magazines and celebrities telling you "how to get that perfect beach body!"

One time, I was walking through a store and the latest and greatest Hollywood gossip captured my eye from the magazine rack. Because, hey, who doesn't want to read about Mila & Ashton's incoming baby or whatever new socialite has been soaking in the paparazi's limelight. After scanning the titles around an artfully photoshopped celebrity babe donning a skimpy bikini and a pearlescent smile, "10 Tips on How to Look Great [super sexy, hot as heck, better than your ex-boyfriend's new gal] in a Bikini for this Summer" caught my eye.


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Ah, yes. Perfect. Exactly what I want, another article telling me to remember that no matter how proud I am of this body, there are ways to improve it, to sexualize it, to make it more attractive and appealing. I flipped to that page, read the article and found it quite entertaining, to say the least. There's all this talk on playing up what some writer deems are "good" features, including ways to slenderize your body. And then there are suggestions on cutting back on the carbohydrates in your diet while doing certain (most likely awkward and painful) exercises to flatten tummies, slim thighs, perk up tushies, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera. However in this busy day and age, I understand that not everyone has the time to casually peruse the magazine stand or even read out a full ten (not body-positive) tips. So, I'll make a few new, improved and condensed tips.

Step 1: Put a bikini on your body.

That's it. You're done. Go to that water and swim in it, basking in the summertime like the beautiful goddess you are. If you can revel in the simplicity of Step 1, great. But if not, I get it. Sometimes you need a little more direction in your life, some guidance from an assistant editor of a small town school newspaper.

So, on to Step 2: Slather on some sunscreen lotion and put on a fancy fashionable hat along with a stylish cover-up (a dress, shorts, whatever you want). Now, dig up those big sunglasses that make you feel like a shady millionaire, hiding out in an expensive resort for some mental health reparations and go find your favorite snacks. Yes, snacks. The range of summer snack food is endless; it could be healthy food, like fruit and veggies, or it could be some cheesy bread creation concocted to fill the cracks in your heart with an excessive amount of calories. Whatever it is, if you like that food and you want to devour it for a snack, go for it. Eat that snack. Eat those carbs or fruit or both. Eat whatever makes you feel confident because your body needs fuel.

Speaking of bodies, Step 3: Rock yours. When your friends want to take a photo to help capture these memories of your youth, don't be bashful. Stand up and ask whoever is taking the photo to take one on your phone too. Wrap your arms around your friends or whoever is in that photo, and smile. Smile. Smile. Forget what those magazines tell you; don't suck in your stomach, push your hips back and your legs apart for that coveted thigh gap, or do anything that you think makes your more attractive. I know that it's easier said than done, but know that your body is gorgeous. Whether you're top heavy, blessed with a booty and curves, or you're stick thin and flatter than your nine year old cousin from Vermont (or you're in between because no body is the same), if you tell yourself that you look great in whatever you're dressed in, you will. Happy is healthy.


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And as much as happy is healthy, safe is healthy too. So here we are. We've finally reached Step 4: Get your killer beach body to wherever it needs to be safely. Do all the things your momma probably nagged at you about, including but not limited to: buckling up, making good choices, not running out of gas, obeying traffic laws, drinking enough water and applying and reapplying sunscreen often. Sometimes we can forget how important a little common sense can be for our bodies. Be safe this summer in all aspects; your hot bod will definitely thank you. □

Senior Editors say so long, farewell

by Danielle Young, BP Editor

After three years of being a staff writer, assistant editor, and finally co-editor of the lovely Badger Pause publication, this is my final goodbye, and the last time the "BP" will come after my name. It's been a crazy three years of laughter, singing, oh, and a little bit of writing thrown in there. Each staff has been very unique in their own way, and I am so happy to have grown as a person and writer throughout the years. I have spent so much time in and out of class writing articles, editing, and especially working on layout, which is my favorite component of the publication. I would say one of my best decisions in my high school career was joining both the school newspaper and yearbook, and the work I've done in those creative groups have helped me chose a field in Visual Communication. Journalism at Berkshire has really taught me the importance of quality work and deadlines, as we have gotten down to many last minute situations before, but we always pull through. I have always looked forward to 7th period over the years, and I would like to give a shoutout to Mrs. Hull for being so awesome, and a big thanks to the readers and all my fellow staff members, with a special thank you to my future editors for next year, Anna, Christin, and Carolyn, for everything you have done. I wish you three good luck as Amy and I pass on the torch and move on, as I Let It Go. So, I guess this is adios Berkshire, it has been totally awesome. This is Doctor/Detective/Darling/Dazzling Dani, signing off,



The dynamic duo at their best.

by Amy Lasco, BP Editor

So now it ends. I have been a staff member of the Berkshire Badger Pause for three years, and I was co-editor for this final year. I have spent months reading articles, editing papers, putting together layout, and planning the issues that have been put out to the school. And I have loved every minute of it. When I began as a new staffer, everything was fresh and new, and I had never been more lost. But now, putting together a paper is not only completely possible, but actually pretty fun. I love coming up with new article ideas and watching as new staff members fall into the groove of journalistic writing. When the paper comes out each month, I love sitting down and rereading each article and looking at every page again. It's such a good feeling, and I hope that the rest of the staff and school enjoy the paper as much as I do. As I leave

For the first time in forever, I'm writing my last goodbye.

Berkshire, I just hope that the staff continues to love journalism as I have, and to continue doing the awesome job that they are. I will be reading the papers in college and thinking of Mrs. Hull's room, Coffee Corners runs, layout week, and Chinese food parties on Fridays. And especially watching and singing Frozen together. Thank you for letting me be your editor, as it was one of my favorite memories from high school. For the first time in forever, I'm writing my last goodbye .

Senior Editor Last Testament

By Danielle Young, BP Editor

As my high school career comes to an end, there is a lot that I look back on that makes me smile, but also many things that I would do differently. High school has been a very memorable experience to say the least, but the time has definitely come to move on from Berkshire High. I thoroughly hope that high school is not the best four years of my life, because I hope it only can go up from here. That being said, cherish the memories and the bonds formed through these years because you will never be in this exact situation again in your life. After leaving high school, you will be forced into *gasp* the real world, and then all of a sudden, things are going to start happening. But it will never be quite like these last four years have been. So, sit back, relax, and let Dr. Dani tell you how it is.

Don't sweat the small stuff

Seriously, I've stressed over so much about school-related things throughout the years, and looking back, I wasted so much energy being overly-anxious, when I could have been channeling that energy into something positive. I'm not saying that those long nights when you are crying a river over something school or people-related are never going to happen because, trust me, it would not be high school without a boatload of emotions, but try to remember that it is actually all going to be okay. Don't focus on the petty, frivolous things that won't matter in five years. It may seem like you're living a hard knock life, but it's alright, because the sun will come up tomorrow (Don't worry, I checked the weather, but hey, its Ohio, we could have all four seasons in one day).

NO DRAMA!

It's just not worth it. Period. Unless you are up on some stage serenading your heart out for some performance, then I don't want to see it or hear it.

Take lots of pictures

Hopefully you are living a life and creating memories that you will be proud of and want to look back on. Unless you are some super computer robot, you won't remember everything. Take a picture, it'll last longer. But don't take away from the moment by trying to stick a camera in everyone's face. If it's meant to be, then snap that shot. If not, then at least enjoy the moment.

Get involved

Do everything you can in high school, the possibilities can literally be endless, but it's all up to your attitude. Join a sport, join a club, find something worthwhile on which to spend your time after 2:31 everyday. No club that suits you? Start your own. Just remember that there is more to life than sports, and that there is life after high school athletics. High school is what YOU make of it, so experience it to the fullest, so you can accept that diploma with no regrets.

Appreciate your teachers

They do a lot for you. Yes, they often make you do a lot, but hey, that's their job. Contrary to popular belief, teachers actually have *gasp* lives once they leave the school building (You mean they don't live and breath school 24/7? Yes, that is correct). We see these adults, more often than not, more than we even see our distant relatives. Maybe try forming a friendly relationship with them. Actually respond



Librarian Mrs. Arnold gets some serious props from a student, which all teachers greatly deserve.

when they say hello or when they ask how you are doing, and then give them the courtesy of asking them how they are doing as well. Respect all adults in general, because they have more wisdom and experience than you do, so acknowledge it.

Haters are gonna hate. Don't be a hater.

Sadly, there will always be negative people wherever you go. Try to surround yourself with positive people that only bring you up, instead of pulling you down. We could all probably use a dose (prescribed by Dr. Dani of course) of "looking at the glass half-full". Try to think positive and don't say things that are only said with a malicious intent. So, basically, don't be a hater, be a lover.

This is the best advice I can give right now as I depart from Berkshire High forever. I will now like to throw a somewhat clique (everything seems clique these days…) quote for you all to take with you, "Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind"

Message to Future Seniors

by Daniel Walsh, BP Staff Writer

I've got a few messages for you soon-to-be seniors who are interested. These are just a few tips I've gathered through personal experience or advice others have shared with me.

I'm sure you've heard it a hundred times, but it is important, so I'll say it again. To all of you future seniors: go all out this year. I encourage you to do a lot of the things you may not have had the chance to do or simply didn't feel like doing before, like going to school dances or attending one of the school's many sports. Certainly those things aren't for everyone but I think you should at least give it a try once. You may find out that you really like it. The last thing you want to do is finish up your senior year and look back with regret towards the things you didn't want to do at the time.

In addition to that, make sure you pick classes you really want to take. Try to pick something you may have always been interested in but never got the chance to experience because your schedule was filled with other mandatory classes. It's a good way

Senior year flies by, so make it count.

to ensure that your last year is a fun one. It wouldn't be very fun to sit in a class you don't like throughout your last year here, so just make sure that the classes you're going in to are ones that interest you.

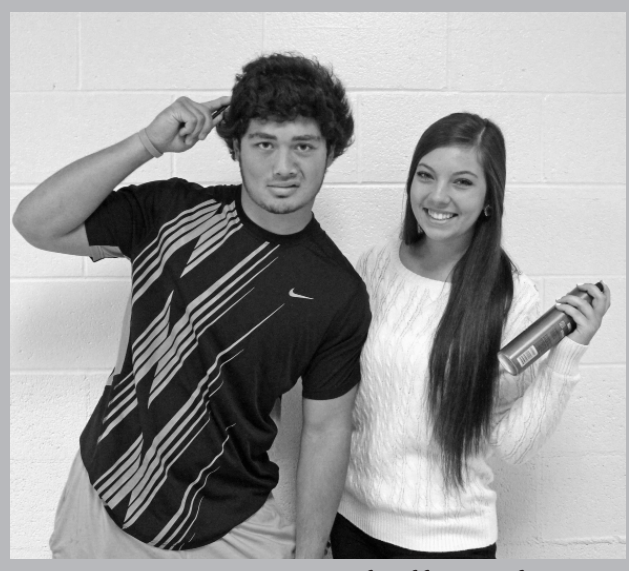
Here's another big message: don't assume this year will be infinitely easier than any other year; it's not a cakewalk like some say. You can just as easily fall behind on work as any other year and be stuck trying to get your grades up before graduation, which is obviously not how anyone wants to spend the end of their high school career. Just do your best to stay on top of your schoolwork, which may be hard, especially if you have a job or extracurricular activities. Combat that awful senioritis, it really is the bane of your senior existence.

That's all the information I can really provide for you. In short, just stay on top of your work but enjoy your time here as much as you can. Senior year flies by, so make it count.



Best Eyes: Brandon Vander Maas and Julie Combs

Most Likely to Succeed: Ronnie Simpson and Cassy Cameron
Most Unique: Chris Pallegi and Maria Sohm
Most Spirited: Kaitlyn Freiling, Stephen Horvath, and Darren Redd



Best Hair: Keanu Martin and Gabby Spangler



Most Likely to Stay in Burton Forever: Zach Motil and Kaylee Evans

Most Athletic: Ben Wiley and Peyton Neumore
Cutest Couple: Lisa Marcy and Brandon Haycox



Best Eyes: Gabe Wilson and Emma Yokules

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Most Changed: McKinley Parker and Erica Harris
Best Friends: Ronnie Simpson and Logan Timmons, Olivia Roach and Julie Combs
Most Likely to Die Laughing: Caroline Milano and Romolo Rabassi
Friendliest: Amy Lasco and Sam Kwasniewski
Most Sarcastic: Dominic Deluca and Lyndsey MacIntyre
Best Laugh: Cody Charvat and Bianca Brown
Most Gullible: Steve Sitko and Lindsey Burnett
Most Outgoing: Ian Moore and Mikayla Ashba



Best Car: Hunter Klarich and Katie Paul



Best Friends: Ryan Miller and Josh Garrett



Biggest Flirt: Anthony Tiber and Tia Maier



Best Dressed: Olivia Roach and Nick Millet