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Seniors Jazmyn Robey and Kenzie Nelson cheer at the Battle of 403.

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Senior Scholarships *Graduates Seek Tuition Help*

by Sophie Potts

Throughout the school year, there are always scholarships that seniors can apply for. Some current scholarships include the Centra Scholarship, the James Holt Charitable, the Clark County Recycling District 2024 Sustainability Scholarship, the Louisville Community Foundation - Art Guild Scholarship, and more. There are scholarships within art, engineering, education, and other categories.

Lorianna Liu, senior, has applied for several scholarships including the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship and Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship. Lorianna said, "They were all medium difficulty to apply for, but the easiest out of them all so far was the Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship."

The Elk Most Valuable Student Scholarship is based on leadership, service, academic, and financial need. Lorianna recently won the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship. This scholarship doesn't have specific qualifications that need to be met. Its only requirement is the desire to succeed.

Jerwin Palencia, senior, applied for scholarships like the Cox Scholarship. He thought that all the scholarships weren't too difficult to complete and sign up for. Jerwin said, "Many of these scholarships are relatively simple to complete. They tend to require a lot of student information, such as GPA, extracurricular activities, and awards. However, many require additional writings or essays that tend to require a lot of reflection and time to complete, which may be the only difficult aspect." The Cox Scholarship is for future students of Indiana University, and can help students financially go to college.

Rosey Keller, senior, thought it was easy to find

all the scholarships. She is also going to an out-of-state college. Rosey said, "The scholarships were very accessible at the counselors office and on our schools website. Since I am going to an out-of-state university, I've applied for every scholarship available that became accessible from December onwards that isn't Indiana specific."

Mrs. Emily Losey, counselor, said, "The running list of scholarships is updated often and as soon as we know of new scholarships. Here is the link for the scholarship listing: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1D6NY_TYvS-FRr-s5-vpNXjVuaFx-BN-ziUdv51x-kvLow/edit?usp=sharing. We also have paper copies of scholarship applications printed and available in the counseling office." This list shares some of the available scholarships that can be applied for.

A future scholarship is the 2024 Clark County Farm Bureau Scholarship. They are giving away \$1,000 to two people that apply. One requirement for this scholarship is that the people whom apply need to be a citizen of Clark County and have applied to college after high school. Another future scholarship is the Ojeda Multi-County Youth Scholarship.

In order to apply for some scholarships, students may have to write an essay or create a project. Scholarships can help pay for students' college. Applicants should be sure to look at the requirements before applying. There may be financial requirements, GPA requirements, etc. There are also school requirements for some scholarships as well, including Indiana colleges only, out-of-state, or even for a specific school.



photo by: Kami Conlen

Senior Boaz Ndaruhutse waves with a smile after being crowned SC's Homecoming King.

Basketball Royalty *Silver Creek Homecoming Court 2024*

by Makayla Mitchell

The Homecoming ceremony was held on January 26th, 2024 before the varsity game, against the Madison Cubs.

Student Council and their sponsors were in charge of planning the event.

The freshman representatives were: Rowan Colwell and Elliott Kopf, sophomore representatives were Emma Schoen and Jacob Jones, and junior members of the court were Reubin LaMaster and Lydia Wright.

Senior queen nominees included: Kinsey Ryland, Emily Saul, Aislyn Vormbrock, and Ava Weber.

Senior king nominees were: Nate Davidson, Dillon Smith, Boaz Ndaruhutse, and Lucas Campbell.

Kinsey Ryland and Boaz Ndaruhutse were crowned king and queen.

"I am really excited because I did not know that I would be able to win (the freshman nomination)," said Rowan Colwell.

Emma Schoen, sophomore, stated, "I am so excited and I love the feeling of getting all dressed up. I am happy to see all my friends and get everyone's support."

"I originally never found

out until the day the ballet came out. Nobody had ever told me. I was surprised and thought that I would never win this," said Jacob Jones.

King Boaz Ndaruhutse stated, "I was a little shocked, I felt nervous in the final moments before they announced I was the winner. I am grateful for those who voted for me."

Homecoming Queen Kinsey Ryland, "I was so thankful that I won. I could've never expected it. I am so glad that people voted for me and that I got to walk as queen."



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Seniors Kinsey Ryland and Emily Saul pose for the camera before walking out for the Silver Creek Homecoming Court.

Columns

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Pajama Pants at Silver Creek *Student Thoughts about PJ Policy*

by Grace Chandarlis



It's 6am. It's dark outside. It's 12 degrees. It's Monday morning and you have to leave for school in 45 minutes. So you hit the snooze button. Twice.

When you finally roll out of bed, you are faced with the age old question - what do I want to wear today? For many students, the answer to that question is simple-my pajama pants. They are comfortable, warm, and often adorable. Alas, here at Silver Creek High School, we can only give in to that pajama pants need on special designated days. Why? School administrators and decision makers say that it isn't appropriate and students should be dressed business casual to prepare for life after high school.

An overwhelming majority of students who answered the poll question about this topic agreed that students should be allowed to wear pajama pants in school. As Owen Shartzter, jr, said, they are "basically the same as sweatpants."

We have the rest of our lives to dress like adults ready to go to work. School may *be* hard work, but as long as we are students, we should get to feel like we are at school and not a work place.

Ella Stark, freshman, said, "Pajama pants should

be allowed so that students can be comfortable while learning and stay focused instead of focusing on something they are wearing that is uncomfortable."

Pryce Whalbring, jr, agreed with that saying, "It matters more the way students feel rather than the way they look."

If teachers and parents want students to get the most out of their education, then they should want to do everything in their power to create an environment that students can succeed in. Allowing a student to be dressed comfortably should be a priority. Students already have to get up too early, sit in uncomfortable classes that are too full, in a building with ever shifting construction - surely an allowance in the dress code could be considered.

Diesel Day, freshman, pointed out that, "Pajama pants cover a lot more skin than things like shorts and ripped jeans."

Morgan Schuetz, sophomore, similarly said that, "They are still covering the same amount as normal pants. These are just fuzzy or more comfortable." So they have designs of pizza. Or Hello Kitty. Or Hello Kitty eating pizza. At the end of the day, they are just pants."

Sydney Shoffner, senior, agreed with the majority saying that students should be allowed to, "Wear pj pants, unless it's inappropriate."

So I suppose we should leave our lace and silk at home.

Aubree White, sophomore, said, "As long as the pajama pants are within terms of the school dress code, I believe we should be able to dress comfortably."

Kelo Lee, sophomore, pointed out, "If we aren't allowed to wear pj's then we should not be allowed to wear sweatpants."

Since sweatpants can have designs, regular pants come in stripes and patterns, and leggings can be plaid and holiday themed, this seems like a reasonable argument. In which case we would be left with solid colored pants with no rips or holes. That's just a uniform, and let's not even entertain that craziness.

Students should be allowed to express themselves. Their clothing is a big way that students can do that. Students should be comfortable in a learning environment. Students by and large don't find pajamas distracting. Students should also get to enjoy the last few years they are students, as grown up time with business casual work is coming all too soon.

A teacher at Silver Creek High gives feedback on what she thinks of the issue. "If we're talking about the flannel ones, I'd rather not see them at school," said math teacher, Mrs. Diana Smith.

Teachers, administrators, and decision makers - please consider the will of the student body. Give them a win. Maybe everyone in the building can go the way of the pajama pants, and you can join in the fun.

Grace's Opinion: I think PJ pants should be allowed in school. They are just articles of clothing, and should not be a top priority. They are comfy, cute, and no big deal. If they get me through the school day, I feel I should be allowed to wear them. As long as they are appropriate, I see no issue in the matter.

Mentor Discussion *Reflection on Mentor's Absence*

by Alyssa Nelson



Two years ago, a half an hour was dedicated to mentor at Silver Creek High School. Mentor became unavailable to students due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Juniors and seniors were asked to reflect on their experiences and share their opinions on if the class should be brought back.

Junior Elizabeth Leech thinks Silver Creek should bring mentor back. She stated, "It should come back because it is important to discuss our future with a trusted adult and get advice that could be very beneficial, and also advice from other classmates. Although, I think it would be difficult to fit in because of Prosser students."

Junior Ariana Bernard thinks mentor should not be brought back. She said, "Mentor should not come back because it was a waste of time that could have, and should have, been spent doing other things. It would cut into a portion of class time, making teachers have to stop their lesson and most students did not enjoy mentor. If a student were to have a mentor it would be someone they can trust and who they pick on their own terms, not someone who has been assigned to them."

Junior Sophia Burnett

thinks mentor should be brought back. She said, "I think it should come back because it was a period of time in the day where students could meet with other students and their mentor teacher to relax and unwind for 30 minutes. The teachers for mentor would do fun activities with us or whatever we could fit into that time span."

Senior Augustus Myers believes that mentor should come back. He said, "It was fun and a good way to build interpersonal relationships between students and teachers."

Senior Claire Kirchgesser thinks that mentor should be brought back. She stated, "I think mentor should come back because we got to spend time with our friends and do fun activities."

Senior Alex Minnic thinks that mentor should not take place again. He said, "It held such a high promise and delivered nothing when it was in place. The only purpose it held in my eyes was as an extra time space similar to flex."

There were 33 students that thought mentor was not beneficial and 45 that thought mentor was beneficial and should be brought back.

Alyssa's opinion: I think that the mentor should not be brought back. Most mentors made their classes much like flex. If all mentors used their half an hour to teach students valuable lessons such as how to change a tire, how to cash a check, how to file taxes, etc. mentor would be a good addition to our block schedule.

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Snow Day or E-Learning

Students Give Feedback on Bad Weather Options

by Chloe Gadd



a day to relax and take some mental time for ourselves which is much needed for growing men and women.”

Hunter Speck, freshman said, “Traditional snow days because when it’s eLearning we get behind on work. People want to play in the snow all day and have fun. When people think of snowy days they are really happy they don’t have school, but since we have eLearning people get sad. It’s also good for the teachers because they don’t have to hear the annoying students. Teachers don’t have to do as much. Teachers also don’t get paid enough to teach. If I was the head of the school district then I would give all the teachers a raise. When it’s eLearning a lot of people don’t show up and they just do it on their own. I hope you have a good year.”

Some people prefer having the day off and enjoying the snow day like Elizabeth Leech, junior who said, “Traditional snow days because the development of technology should not affect the past history of snow days throughout the decades. Sometimes the snow can take out power in the area so why is it fair? Let kids enjoy snow how we used to.”

Griffin Miller, junior, said, “I prefer traditional snow days because of the numerous difficulties of e-learning. When we have an eLearning day there are many difficulties that both the student and the teacher face.

A big one is conveying/receiving information. I know from personal experience that students learn better in school than at home because of the many distractions that surround them. This means that even if the teacher finds an effective way to present their information the student might not be in the right head space to understand it. That’s only if the teacher has an effective way to present their ideas. Most teachers struggle to come up with a lesson plan for these days because of how used they are to in person learning. This can often lead to the teacher assigning more work than the students are capable of handling. This causes extra stress on the kid that an extra day at the end of the year wouldn’t have. ELearning days only have negative effects on kids learning that is worse than them getting a day behind.”

Chloe’s opinion: It differs a lot between people who enjoy traditional and e-learning, on one side we get a day off but on the other we have to have the day cut out of our holiday breaks. We should have eLearning days instead of traditional snow days. I like the longer summer days. I also enjoy eLearning days because you can get the assignments done fast and enjoy the rest of your day off. The google meets don’t last long and the assignments are fairly easy so I would rather do an eLearning day than miss a day of summer.

It has been a fairly snowy season this year, which means there have been a couple snow days this year due to the roads being icy.

When asked if students prefer more traditional snow days or eLearning the majority of the students said they would prefer to have a traditional snow day, which means that students would have no work to do on the snow day instead of a eLearning day which means students meet with teachers on google meets throughout the day and do school work that way.

If Silver Creek had more eLearning days students would have a longer summer instead of a shorter summer if Silver Creek did traditional snow days.

Some people said they liked traditional snow days including Alex Martinez, junior. He said, “I prefer traditional snow days. I prefer this because of the little break it gives us high schoolers. As high schoolers we have barely any time to ourselves especially the upper classes where the majority of kids have jobs. Snow days give us



photo by: Lucy Fletcher

Construction workers make strides on the new building.

Construction Noise

Commotion Causes Disruptions

by Maison Davis



disruptions. “We have moved rooms for testing if the noise is too bad,” said Mr. Day.

Looking at the view of students, there is a mix of feelings about the construction.

Freshman Cayden Rogers said, “While it doesn’t affect me academically, the noise can be disturbing at some points.”

Sophomore Trent Henry said, “Minorly, sometimes it impedes my hearing of lessons and I miss out on material.”

Junior Addison Messer also weighs in on the noise, “It has disrupted my concentration and my focus causing me to lose track of what I’m working on. It has also affected me being able to hear my teacher talk or instruct.”

Senior Reagan Freitas added, “Less time to get to class, more stress... distracting noises during class and presentations.”

Maison’s opinion: The noise can be a lot sometimes, depending on how intense the class day in question was. Hearing loud bangs and the whirring of saws can be quite distracting while trying to learn or test. Despite that, you tend to zone it out after a while. But it can certainly be lent to having a negative effect on the learning environment.

Silver Creek High School has been in a state of change. Since approximately May of 2023, construction workers have been working to reconstruct sports facilities and eventually the main school building itself. Despite the reconstruction school is still in session, leading to notably noisy teaching environments.

As of this year, the front section of the school has seen the majority of the construction progress and thus has caused disruptions to student teaching spaces in the area. Chiefly among these disruptions are in the math hallway. Mr. Mike Day, who was beside the newest constructions, reports his experience on the noise. “It was a bit loud during the first semester, but it has calmed down quite a bit recently.”

A constant concern has been about keeping student focus in such an environment. However, some moves can be made to avoid further



photo by: Grace Chandarlis

An updated front building view of the construction process at Silver Creek High School.

Diversity Council

Silver Creek's New DAC

by Mia Granados

Principal Dr. Rob Willman and Silver Creek High School's student body have come together to start the Student Diversity Advisory Council. Students meet twice a month to discuss diversity issues surrounding Silver Creek High School and what students/teachers can do to improve them.

Students meet in a classroom during Block B of their flex classes, the main objectives of these meetings are to create a safe space where students can honestly express themselves regarding race, gather feedback regarding school culture and curriculum as it relates to race, and to get honest feedback on other school topics that may or may not directly relate to race.

Recently, The Diversity Advisory Council created a video with the help of Mr. Alex Smith, audio visual teacher. Students created a video reciting the Martin Luther King Jr. speech. For the month of February in celebration of Black History Month, Dr. Rob Willman has asked students to do a daily announcement every morning with information about Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr and much more and suggested to students to check out a book in the SCHS library if interested further on learning about black history. "I think that this group is a

good way to let us students discuss the few minor issues within the school relative to race. I do hope to keep this group open to future students," said Deontay Gazaway, freshman.

The second meeting of the month consisted of students discussing "business" such as celebrations like The Underground Railroad Candlelight Prayer Vigil hosted by Baptist Health Church on February 24th. The group discussed getting some ideas for a logo and possibly getting t-shirts for the members of the council.

"One that I think is very important is to find ways to develop a culture where people effectively give and receive feedback on issues such as race and diversity. These are very personal topics for many people and the better we can listen and speak to one another, the better. It helps our school in that it gives voice to concerns of different groups so that we can all learn from one another," said Dr. Willman.

The Diversity Advisory Council is open to all students who would like to join and come together as one to help the school become a safe place for every individual student and create a school culture where people are open to feedback on race/diversity.

Diversity Council



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Row 1: Rowan Colwell, Audra Gibson, Lily Allen, Indie Miles, Libby Kochert, Maricela Gama, Mia Granados, Alex Martinez, Mrs. Virginia Gama, Mrs. Linette Colwell.
Row 2: Kristel Cantillano, Helen Rojas, Lorianna Liu, Jerron Miles, Ryan Graham, Vojta Dytar, Jose Lopez- Pina, Jamari Powell, Arie Harris.
Row 3: Saybin Alameda, Jeremiah Coleman, Deontay Gazaway, Boaz Ndaruhutse, Ramiro West, Jamison Colwell, Dr. Rob Willman.

Super Bowl 2024 KC beats 49'ers

Silver Creek's PreGame Predictions

by Emma Fosse

The Super Bowl is an event for the National Football League. Throughout the season, all 32 NFL teams compete to make the playoffs, and only 14 teams are able to play in the playoffs. After the playoffs, only two teams that had consistently won in the playoffs will play in the Super Bowl. The Super Bowl took place on February 11, 2024. Students were asked about their predictions when the only four teams remained. Those four teams were the Detroit Lions, San Francisco 49ers, Kansas City Chiefs, and Baltimore Ravens.

Freshman Ryan Johnson said, "The Ravens have had every other NFL offense on lock and with Lamar Jackson as a QB/Running back, it will be hard to stop due to Zay Flowers and OBJ being good in distance and receiving."

Sophomore Riley Clift said, "The 49ers because

they are the best and they have Christian McCaffrey."

Junior Bianca Knott said they believe the Kansas City Chiefs will win. Bianca said, "I think they're going to win because they have done very well this season and they worked out on their wins."

Mariano Montelongo, senior, believes that the Detroit Lions will win. Mariano said, "I believe this team will win because I think Jared Goff can be the best there is, he just needs to improve."

Freshman Christian Eurtson said, "The Ravens are the best team in the NFL. They confirmed it during the regular season with a 13-4 record. No team posted a better record than John Harbaugh's side. Moreover, Baltimore had crushing wins over the San Francisco 49ers, Detroit Lions, and Miami Dolphins. They swatted aside all challengers."

Finn Miller, sophomore,

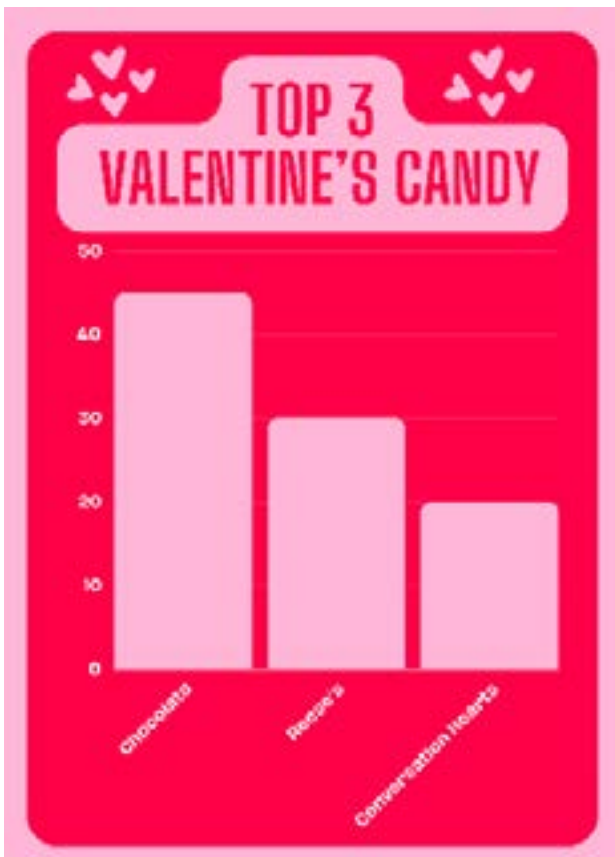
said, "Travis Kelce and Patrick Mahomes make the absolute dream team, and are just really good players."

Chloe Horstman, junior, thinks the Detroit Lions are going to win, and said, "They have wanted it from the beginning and deserve it."

Senior Robert Stotts believes that the Kansas City Chiefs will win, and they said, "I just root for them and I like their play style."

On February 11, 2024, the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers faced each other in the Super Bowl. These two teams last faced each other in a Super Bowl on February 2, 2020. In the 2020 game, the Kansas City Chiefs won with a final score 31-20. This year's game was a rematch of these two teams. The final score of this year's Super Bowl was 25-22, with the Kansas City Chiefs winning in an overtime game.

SC's Favorite Candy



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Travis Kelce, Kansas City Chiefs

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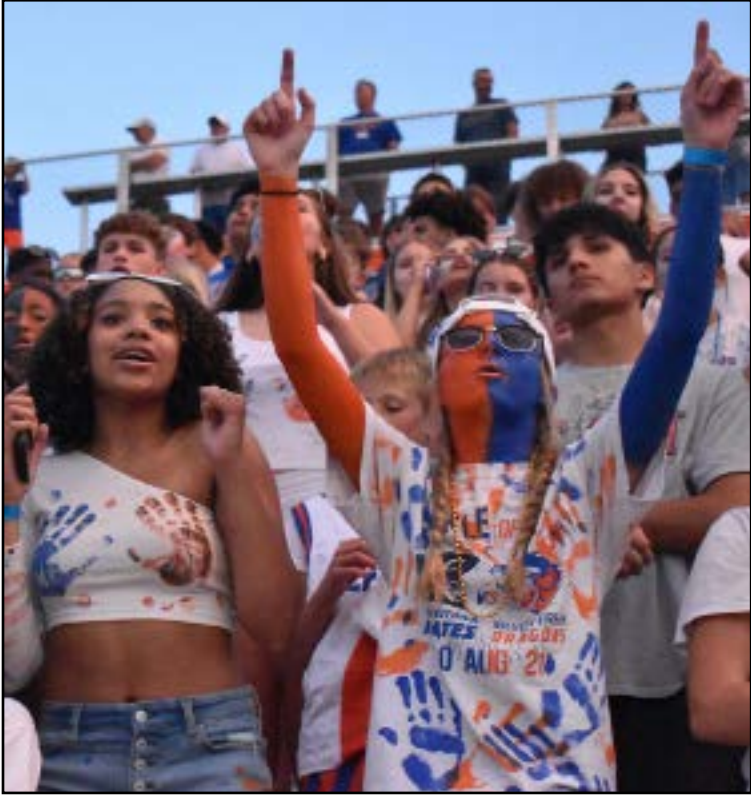


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Seniors Jazmyn Robey and Mackenzie Nelson show their Dragon pride at the Charlestown versus Silver Creek game.

Favorite Ozone Theme Student Opinion on Themes

by Lucy Jones

As SCHS students fade into the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year, students dress up in their favorite gear for the school's sporting events. The student section, Ozone, has given students the opportunity to create memories for themselves through the themes assigned to the group, and has displayed school spirit. Students around the school were asked to explain their favorite themes the Ozone leaders have assigned and why it is their favorite.

"My favorite theme is when we do a white out for the Battle of 403 and everyone paints their shirts and themselves, I just think it's a very good way of showing our school spirit," stated sophomore Morgan House.

A variety of students claimed that their favorite Ozone theme was the grill dad vs. soccer mom theme.

"I think the best Ozone theme was soccer moms and grill dads because a lot of people dressed up for it and it was hilarious to see all the outfits," commented freshman Jordyn Leonard.

Freshman Daelynn Hatton said, "I liked the BBQ dad vs soccer mom. I think it is funny how people dress and I like seeing all of the ideas people come up with."

Another segment of students declared that their favorite theme is a white out or black out.

"I think the best Ozone

theme is white out or black out, they are easy to do, and everyone can easily do it without anything too extra," said freshman Reese McRae.

Junior Keiko Dallmann said, "I like blackout because we look cohesive and it is an easy thing for everyone to do."

Additional students claimed that they have other themes that are their favorite.

Freshman Jackson Terry stated, "I think the best theme is the costume theme because it is funny. I also love it when they do the face paint because it shows that they really support us and want the sports teams to win. It shows more togetherness."

Sophomore Kelo Lee said his favorite theme is, "Construction: It is an easy theme for most people to participate in because some items are household items and if not, then it is cheap to buy."

Averie Thornton, junior, commented that her favorite themes are, "The creative ones (Minions, grill dad and soccer mom, etc.) because they're fun yet still easy to do."

Themes for the Ozone club can be fun and cooperative ways to get involved in school spirit and activities.

"I just like the classic school colors," said junior Will Schuman, "I think it's the truest form of school spirit."

Saying Yes to the Dress Choosing the Perfect Prom Attire

by Ellie Lage

Around this time of year is when all the Prom activities start to roll around. Students are trying to figure out where they are going to go to eat or who they want to be their date to the dance. But one of the most important and exciting activities for girls to do during Prom season is shopping for a dress. There are multiple Prom dress stores in the area, and it can be so exciting and fun to go out and look for the perfect dress for this special occasion. When students look back on their lives, they will always remember these special dresses for their junior and senior years.

While looking for and buying a Prom dress can be very exciting and fun to do, the price tag on these dresses can be a make or break deal for what dress students decide to get. Some Prom dresses nowadays can be more expensive than wedding dresses were 10 years ago. Karaline Spillman, jr., a student who recently bought a Prom dress, compared her prom dress cost to how much an average wedding dress was 20 years ago, which was around \$600.

"I spent \$650 on my Prom dress this year."

Maddie Anderson, senior, got her dress at Formal Affairs in Louisville. Maddie said, "My prom dress was \$420."

Besides how much the Prom dresses are, there are multiple Prom dress stores around southern Indiana where there are beautiful Prom dresses from any different size and style. One of the most popular Prom dress shops in southern Indiana is House of K Boutique in New Albany. This locally owned

boutique has skyrocketed in business in recent years with customers coming in from all different schools in the area to get a Prom dress.

Presley Paden, jr., commented on why she purchased from House of K. She said, "I saw a lot of cute dresses come from there so I just went and looked and found one I really liked."

Senior Kami Conlen replied, "The reason why I chose to shop at House of K was because I got my dress there last year and I had a really good experience. I enjoy the atmosphere that they have and how they are always trying to help you find the 'perfect' dress."

Junior Zoe Mangels, who had her first experience looking for a Prom dress, why she thought House of K was one of the best places to look for a dress in Southern Indiana. She said, "I think it's the best place in Southern Indiana because they make you feel so special about yourself. The whole time I was there the girl would compliment me and she would even pull dresses she thought I'd look good in. I also like how they write your school down so no one can get the same dress from Silver Creek."

Caroline Emly, sr. also got her Prom dress at House of K this year, but got her prom dress last year at Miss Priss in Kentucky. Caroline stated why she decided to go to House of K this year instead of where she went last year. She said, "I felt like House of K was a popular environment and I have seen a lot of good dresses there. I had also heard they are very welcoming."

The experience of looking for a Prom dress can be

different each year for Prom. One year looking for dresses could take months, and then another year the perfect dress could be found instantly. No matter what the experience is, it can be special to students and what they want to get out of their experience to remember these moments forever. As students look back over the years at different experiences, a senior this year, Lilly Giefer, stated their different experiences have been throughout high school and how their experiences went throughout high school.

Lilly has gone to Prom three times since being in high school, and was asked how her experiences have been when looking for a Prom dress more times than the average girl. Lilly said, "I've gone to Prom since sophomore year and I feel that when you're in a younger grade, it's easier to find a dress. When I was a sophomore I wasn't as picky because I had two years of Prom after that. My dress was also cheaper than my junior Prom dress because I did not want to go all out. As of now most girls start shopping for the dress early. I got my junior year Prom dress in early January and this year's dress in late January. Overall, it's kind of stressful because you don't want to get a dress like one you find later."

Madeline Knigge, is a junior who had her first prom experience this year. Regarding her first prom experience she said, "I tried on a bunch of dresses and the women at Formal Affairs were very kind and she helped me pick dresses and try them on. They had a variety of styles and colors and would have dresses to suit everyone."



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Juniors Gavin Taylor, Mikey Williamson and seniors Hayden Garten, Nate Davidson, and Peyton Lacy show up in theme to the Salem versus Silver Creek game.



photo by: Lucy Jones

Kasen Daeger, soph., weaves the ball between his legs on the dribble in a game against Providence.

Dragon Boys' Basketball Wrap-Up SC Loses in Sectional to Eventual Champs

by Alexa Mattingly

Silver Creek's boys' basketball team played against Scottsburg with a loss of 65-59 in the sectional. The team finished with a 14-10 season record. Scottsburg would go on to win the State 3A basketball title.

The coach of the basketball team is Brandon Hoffman. Coach Hoffman has been coaching for 21 years at Silver Creek.

Coach Hoffman also teaches freshman PE, ADV PE, and AP PE. Philosophy for Coach Hoffman is that the team scores more points than the team that it is playing, and that the team plays to their strengths and exploits their opponents' weaknesses.

Coach Hoffman's expectations for his players are to be good teammates, to try to do whatever it takes for Silver Creek to win and to be a good representative for the school.

Coach Hoffman wanted to be a coach because he likes to compete and be a part of the team. He also said that he likes to work with kids and watch them grow.

Hayden Garten, senior, said, "Balancing a sport and school is fairly easy if you have good time management. Someone who I really look up to is David Goggins. (David Goggins is an ultramarathon runner.) I deal with a loss by forgetting about it and moving on."

Brandon Hunter, freshman, said, "Balancing school

with sports is not very hard. I am pretty good at balancing my time between school and sports and most of the time put school before sports. Someone I look up to is my dad. He has been a great role model in my life as well as a dad and a coach. Some other people I look up to are the upperclassmen on the team. To prepare for my games I always get there plenty early to listen to music and get extra shots up before the team gets there. Dealing with a loss is not always easy. Personally, what dealing with a loss looks like to me is I will be upset with myself, wondering what I could have done better to make the team better."

Brody McLaughlin, freshman, said, "No, it is not that hard balancing a sport and school because school usually comes first and I don't have a lot of work that I have to do outside of school. I try to manage all of my homework during Flex and that is very helpful. Someone I look up to is Brandon Hunter, he always pushes me to do my best and always encourages people to do the right thing. How I prepare for games are watching film, getting iced and praying. How I deal with a loss is by thinking about all the mistakes that happen in the game and repeating them in practice, but with good outcomes, so when it comes to the game it is natural to

do the right thing instead of making the same mistake over and over again. Another way I deal with a loss is by thinking about the next game. I can't let one game hold me back because I played bad or something. My team needs me for the next game and if I'm still thinking about the last game then I'm not doing my role and I'm holding my team back. Not every win is a parade and not every loss is a funeral, you just have to be humble about it and look towards the next game."

Walker Hoffman, junior, said, "Sometimes it gets hard and stressful but at the end of the day if you put your mind to it, you can do them both. I look up to my dad because he pushes me to be the best player/person, and unlocks potential I never knew I had. I usually eat a Subway sandwich, take a nap, get ready, get to the gym, drink an energy drink, shoot around, watch the JV game, and then finally go back to the locker room and put my shoes on and play. Losing sucks, so I usually am in a bad mood, but then I get over it and move on."

Jayce Just, senior, said, "No, not really, me playing basketball helps have better time management and get my work done in class or during Flex. Someone I would look up to is definitely my mother. I really don't do anything before the game, I just play. With losing, I just move on and look ahead."

End of Swim Campaign 2024

Young Team Makes Strides Through Season

by Grace Chandaris

Silver Creek's swim team finished their 2023-2024 season. Though they do not have a team record, the swim coach, Erika Fitzgerald, said, "Swimming is largely an individual sport and we did not have enough swimmers to fill relays this year. However, we had a lot of first to third place finishes in all meets this season."

The swim team is making strides to become a bigger team to have team records

Alice Wade, a freshman, says, "If I could've done one thing differently, I would've tried to convince more of my

friends to join the team."

Not many kids joined the swim team, making it hard to compete in events, but that didn't stop them from pushing themselves to do their best.

Royce Apple, freshman, said, "I enjoyed the season very much, I think it was a very productive year." And if Royce could do anything differently, he would've, "swam more events".

Logan James, soph., said, "This season I have not hit the goals I set for myself in the 500 free. I have, however, hit my goals for the 100

breaststroke and got multiple personal records." He also says, "This season was so much better than last season. We have a great coach and a great team."

On Thursday, February 15, 2024, the swim team competed in the boys' sectional at Floyd Central. They came back with some new records.

Logan James, a sophomore, got 12th in the 100 breaststroke. Nic Ganchev, freshman, got 8th in the 200 free and 500 free. Royce Apple, freshman, got eighth in the 100 fly, and sixth in the 100 back.



photo by: Mrs. Debbie Sappenfield

Royce Apple, fr., uses the kickboard during a swim practice at New Albany High School.

SCHS Bowling Team

The Inside Roll on Bowling

by Keagan Minton

Silver Creek's High School bowling season came to an end in January due to not moving past the sectional.

According to Coach Amanda Owen, the Silver Creek bowling team started approximately in 2010 and it has continued until now. Mrs. Owen and Mr. Jeff Harrell coached the bowling team.

Mrs. Owen said, "I've been coaching the middle school since 2018, then started helping with the high school team in 2020. Mr. Shewman started the bowling team in 2010 and we usually average around 10-15 students on the team."

"Bowling is fun, we don't really win, but it is still a fun experience. We

bowl at Strike and Spare or Blackiston Bowl. We practice once a week," stated sr. Kleighton Wild.

Sophomore Nolan Fish said, "The bowling team was a great experience and I learned a lot. I enjoy bowling and that's why I joined the team. Joining the team made me want to join the team next year and bowl competitively. I think it's a great opportunity for kids who want to join a team and aren't sure what sport to join. I think anyone with a moderate interest in bowling should join the team because we need more competitors."

"It's pretty fun and relaxing. It's a way to get your mind off things and spend time with friends," fr. Ashlyn Elmore stated.

SC Cheerleading

Silver Creek to Nationals

by Lilly Giefer

The Silver Creek Cheerleading team advanced to Nationals. Nationals were held at the World of ESPN located in Walt Disney World. The team left February 8th and returned February 13th.

The Silver Creek Cheerleaders advanced to finals in Game Day. They competed on February 10. They placed top 13 in Game Day for Small Varsity D2. The Silver Creek Cheerleading team did not advance to the second round in Timeout.

"I liked spending time with my team during Nationals," said Danica DeWees, sr.

"For me this year's nationals was really different. I felt I was pretty close to the majority of the team, which I felt made the experience a lot better. The feeling of advancing to the next round is something indescribable and we got to experience it twice this year, which was awesome. Obviously getting to go to Disney with my friends is fun too," said

Kaitlyn Jackson, sr.

"Nationals was super fun and I enjoyed spending it with my closest friends," said Avery Troutman, sr.

"My favorite part at Nationals was hanging out with my team," said Sophia Roy, sr.

"I liked eating the Disney dessert at Nationals," said Ava Weber, sr.

"This year, Nationals was so much fun. I loved getting to spend time with my teammates and enjoy the warm weather along with getting to compete with them for the last time," said Kennedy Welty, sr.

"Nationals were fun and I enjoyed spending time with my team and performing with them," said Emma Mannucci, soph.

"My favorite part of Nationals was getting to bond with my teammates and being able to make it to finals. Next year I look forward to making relationships with the other girls on the team," said Zella Trindeitmar, soph.



Photo by: Mrs. Tanya Welty

Cheerleaders Bella McKim, fr., Emma Mannucci, soph., Heather Abt, Ava Weber, and Kennedy Welty, srs., compete at Nationals.



photo by: Mia Granados

Junior Katy Rooney dribbles the basketball. The girls' basketball team finished their season 18-4. They made it to semi-finals of sectional.



photo by: Steve Lopez

Freshman Seamus McBride wrestles his opponent. At the end of the wrestling season, six wrestlers went to sectional.

Wrestling End of Season

Newer Program Finishes Strong

by Steve Lopez

When December rolls around many associate it to Christmas, snow, and many other festive assortments. To wrestlers it is the beginning of a long journey to being a state champion. Wrestling is a sport that takes blood, sweat, and tears with hard work being shown when matched up against an opponent one on one. In the end it's the wrestler who wants it more, making the sport unique.

Silver Creek wrestling was formed back in 2019 with head coach Mike Brown. Coach Brown has put many of his hours into the program focusing himself on his wrestlers and the mats.

One of the wrestlers who made it to sectional was senior Christian Bergstrom. When asked about making sectionals Bergstrom said, "I was pretty happy but honestly I just wanted to bulk." He has

been wrestling for two years now and is the only senior to make it out of sectional. He competed in regional on February 2.

Senior Jacob Losey is the longest member of the wrestling program, joining a year after the program was created. Jacob said, "I loved watching my teammates improve during the season." While this might be his last year it will not be the last time this program sees a Losey as Jacob's younger brother, Lucas Losey, will wrestle when he becomes a freshman in the 2025-2026 season.

Every year new athletes roll in and attempt to compete at a higher level. Silver Creek is mostly made up of underclassmen, but these young wrestlers are out to prove something for themselves.

Freshman Gabriel

Wheatley stated, "It's a new experience but I like the challenge," when asked about the difference between middle school and high school wrestling. Gabriel won two brackets this season as well as making it to sectionals.

An underclassmen that has made herself known is sophomore Ava Allen. Ava has been wrestling since middle school winning Girls' State her freshman year and coming in second this year. Allen has made history for the program as she is Silver Creek's first female wrestler. Ava commented on her favorite part of the season, "It was probably making it Girls State again."

While the program is very young compared to other schools, the Silver Creek program was able to have their wrestlers win brackets and sent six wrestlers to sectional.

Girl's Basketball Recap

The Team Finishes 2023-2024 Season

by Lucy Fletcher

The girls' basketball team finished the season with 18 wins and 4 losses. The team ended their season when they were defeated by Bedford North Lawrence in the semi-finals of the sectional at Floyd Central.

Coach Scott Schoen gave some of his goals for the season, "We always have a few concrete goals, win conference, win sectionals, but, more importantly, it is to improve each and every day

and compete at the highest level possible."

"My favorite memories are the bud tides before games and also singing in the locker room before games," Emma Schoen, soph., said.

Katy Rooney, jr., said, "My expectations for next season is to make a run in the postseason."

"I think this upcoming season is going to be even better than the last one and we are going to go even fur-

ther," said Jenna Davidson freshmen.

"This team has shown incredible growth, we won conference and have competed with the top teams in the state. More importantly this team has bonded and pulled through adversity," Coach Schoen said.

Sophomores Brooklyn Renn and Emma Schoen were both named first team All Mid-Southern conference.

Homecoming Dance Snowball Celebration

by Keagan Minton

Silver Creek's PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) hosted the first ever annual Homecoming Snowball dance, which was sponsored by the PTO.

The PTO was hoping to sponsor more fun events that bring students together, like this winter formal. There was a snow globe, inflatable photo booth, free dessert bar, and the first 300 people to have checked in at the dance received a candy necklace.

The DJ had asked students to pick the playlist. A group of students were able to help in the making of this dance. Sophomores Joslyn Chesser, Kelo Lee, and Raegan Cook all helped the playlist come together.

"It would have been a lot more fun if more people were there, but other than that it was a good experience," said Lucy Jones, jr.

Sophomore Brooklyn Mivelaz stated, "There were not many people there, I just went to hang out with my friends and to get out of the house."

Freshman Samantha Marks commented, "I don't think it was very good. Nobody went and you want to think of it as fun, but it just was not what I was expecting."

"It was pretty good. I went for an excuse to get ready and hang out with my friends," fr. Addison Lacy replied.

Senior Zoe Da Silva said, "It was very interesting, the dance was very cute, but the people there did not make it fun."

Sophomore Kileigh Rojas said, "It was a very cute set up and I went to hang out with all my friends and get dressed up."



photo submitted by: Clara Anderot

Lucy Jones, jr., Clara Anderot and Zoe Da Silva, srs. and Makayla Doherty, jr. pose for a photo before the Homecoming Dance.

SC Construction Update

Building Continues to Change and Advance

by Clara Anderot and Angel Looney

Silver Creek High School is scheduled to be completed in December of 2025. The facilities director from the district, Mr. Kyle Poole says that the latest updates for construction are as follows: the second floor electrical and plumbing are almost complete, the walls have been studded and the drywall is almost complete in the large major areas. The student union has been framed and the drywall and insulation has begun to get put up to enclose the space. The new offices and door A entry has been studded and during the first week of February, drywall was started in that area. All first floor

concrete has been poured which means that electrical and plumbing will start taking shape and connecting with the second floor to finish the inside.

The front addition is currently three months ahead of schedule and Calhoun Construction is planning on turning the new front addition, main gym, aux gym locker rooms and concession stands, over after Fall Break of 2024.

Mr. Poole also said that the bathrooms by the cafeteria are almost complete, the floors have been done, and the base tile for the walls is almost complete.

"There was a delay in some of the ornamental tile

for the bathrooms but that has since arrived and they will start installing that this week," (February) said Mr. Poole.

After the ornamental tile the floor will get its final finish and the toilets and sinks will be installed. This work was roughly completed the week of February 19th-23rd.

As for the auditorium, the construction crews are continuing brick work for the exterior of the building and beginning to stud walls on the interior for the band room and storage areas. These updates are scheduled to be completed approximately December 2024-January 2025.



photo by: Clara Anderot

Kileigh Rojas, soph. and Parker Killen, jr., smile for the camera at the Winter Snowball Dance.

Ella Bluehs, soph. (Winnifred)



Averie Thornton, jr. (Jester)





Griffin Miller, jr. (Sir Harold)





Once Upon a Mattress

Kylie Rodman, jr., (Lady in Waiting), Alice Wade, soph., (Lady Larken), Nathan Potts, sr., (Sir Harry), Reese McRae, fr. (Princess #12)