



photo by: Lydia Fleming
Seniors Chris Woods, McKenna Wilson and jr., Cammy Sears at Polar Plunge.

The Creek's Current

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Capture The Dragon's Flag

SC Girls' Flag Football Team Being Formed

by Bella Caldwell and Mallory LaHue

Flag football is something new Silver Creek High School is bringing to the school. It is something very exciting the girls are looking forward to next year. They have started having meetings about it in Flex with Mr. Jeremy Risen, who will be the coach of the team.

Junior Morgan Wilson said she will be signing up for flag football and that, "It's about time."

Freshman Lexi Brown said she won't be signing up for flag football but, "I think it's a really fun opportunity."

Sophomore Katie Dolphin said she will be signing up for flag football and that, "I think it's a wonderful idea to start up."

Coach Risen said, "I have coached football in the past at the middle school level and I really enjoyed it. I was ready to start coaching again and saw the opportunity to start a girls' flag football

team here at Silver Creek. This is a new program, and I thought it would be an exciting opportunity to get back into coaching and to do something new. When I approached Dr. Willman and Coach Hoffman about the possibility, it was something they had already discussed and they encouraged me to look into what we needed to do to make it happen." He continued, "The National Football League is pushing all states to start girls' flag football teams, and the Indianapolis Colts have committed significant resources to make that happen in Indiana. There were 27 schools with teams last year and 12 more schools (including us) have committed to having teams for this coming fall season. Clarksville is the only team in our area with a team, but Floyd Central has also committed for next fall. We're

hoping some of the other schools around us will also start teams. Right now, most of Indiana's teams are around Indianapolis or in the northern part of the state. There are about 30 girls who have shown interest in playing," said Mr. Risen.

Junior Joslyn Chesser said, "I am looking forward to trying a new sport and am very excited for the relationships I am going to make during the season. I enjoy watching football but I'm not a super physical person so I feel like flag football would be something I enjoy as well."

Junior Ava Allen said, "Honestly, just the experience and it's always seemed interesting to me."

Lily Philpott, fr., said about flag football, "I am most looking forward to trying a new sport and meeting new people. The reason I am doing flag football is so I can stay active while having fun."



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Karaline Spillman, sr., and Adrin Montes, sr. smile for the camera. They were nominees for Homecoming King and Queen.

Dragon Royalty

SC Homecoming Court

by Rowan Colwell

This year's Homecoming Court took place on February 14, 2025. The participants from each grade were: Evan Renn and Addie Carter fr., and Trey R. Smith and Ashlyn Elmore, sophs. Juniors were: Tony Poindexter and Lisa Weeks. Lastly, the seniors were: Layla Hargett and Darius Gray, Chloe Marion and Parker Killen, Reese Turner and Walker Hoffman, Karaline Spillman and Adrin Montes, and Katy Rooney and Brycen Johnson.

Addie Carter, fr., commented about Homecoming dress shopping. "It was extra fun this time because I got to go shopping in Florida for my dress and shoes." Addie said she was excited, but a little nervous while walking out because the whole gym was watching her. Addie said she had an

overall great experience on the court.

Senior Walker Hoffman, this year's homecoming king, stated, "I was not expecting to win and it was a surprise and great honor." As a freshman, Walker was also on the football homecoming court. "It felt good to be on the court again, and this time to be on the basketball court." In regards to walking out on the floor, Walker said that it's a little nerve wracking for a few seconds, but you get used to it and enjoy the moment.

Junior Tony Poindexter, gave his input about the Homecoming Court. "I didn't really know I was one of the candidates until I took the poll myself, so I was kind of surprised when I was chosen." This is Tony's first year on the court, and he said, "I am not sure I will run as a senior, but may consider it later down the road."



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Seniors Walker Hoffman and Katy Rooney pose for the crowd as they are awarded the titles of Homecoming King and Queen.

Endless E-Learning

Weather Influences Education

by Noah Melton



As Silver Creek High School goes into the new year, it's inevitable for snow to come and change perspectives: literally. With the use of Chromebooks, schools now have to make a choice: A snow day with makeup, or e-Learning. With this new choice that has to be made, what do the students think on the matter, which one do they enjoy more?

"E-learning days are fine for a day or so, but for a prolonged period, I prefer make-up days. The main purpose of e-Learning is to 'keep the train moving' so that learning is disrupted as little as possible," said Dr. Rob Willman, principal.

Student opinions were varied on the subject.

"None of the teachers actually post anything that is that hard. We should just call off and make it up," said Peyton Hicks, soph.

"I don't focus well or learn anything on e-learning days and most teachers change their lesson plan because they want to lighten the load on their students at home anyways so it's useless," said Morgan Schuetz, jr.

"Because it is difficult to focus on schoolwork at home. In addition, almost all students say they learn better at school,"said Gunnar Duckwall, jr.

"No work at home," said Liam Wells, jr.

"Because who doesn't like snow," said Sydney Maier, fr.

"Snow days just push us behind schedule in our classrooms, while e-learning may not be ideal, we can still stay on schedule and not feel rushed when we return," said Morgan Wilson.

"We typically don't have too much work to do on e-Learning days. Some people work faster, so we get finished with schoolwork before school would be released on a day we would go in. Plus I'd rather not have makeup days,"said Katelynn Sinclair.

"E-learning days do not require makeup days, and they are easier to complete if asynchronous," said Hayden Hall, fr.

"Because we don't have to make it up afterwards plus if you have an asynchronous day you don't have to meet with the teachers, but even if you have to I find it better than having to take away one of the days we should have had off," said Emma Orman, soph.

"I think that e-Learning is better because we don't have to make up the days at a later date, but I do think that people should have an extended period of time to get the e-Learning assignments done since snow can mess up their connection to the internet, or some people already had plans for the snow that day," said Lucy Krajnak, fr.

Noah Melton's opinion: So who won? Who lost? E-Learning by a lot. I see this as a way for us to see old ways can be changed, its nice to know out with the old and in with the new still stands, but what do you think of the situation?

COLUMNS

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Newest Additions for Dragons

Fresh Classrooms and Common Spaces Now Used

by Maddy Larson



Since returning from Fall Break at Silver Creek, there has been an addition to the school. A new part has been added with new classrooms, a new library, and a brand new section called the Student Union. The Student Union is a place where the student can sit and do work or just sit and hang out.

Mrs. Dee Kramer, librarian, works in a part of the Student Union which connects to the library. She said "I absolutely love it. I especially like how the library is attached to it, so it has led to the library being located at the heart of the school. And it has. Students have a space in which they can collaborate in small or large groups. It has also been a special place for upperclassmen to eat lunch. More opportunity for collaboration and socialization. An area in which we can hold large meetings."

This area is also a place where students can eat lunch, but there has been a rule where only seniors and juniors have been allowed to sit in the Student Union for lunch.

Principal Dr. Rob Willman said, "The main idea was to provide a space where students could gather before, during and sometime after the school day. It should be an attractive space that makes people feel welcome. Yes, it goes along with the entire school in that it is a well lit area that has plenty of space. People tend to act better when they are in nicer areas - especially when there's sunlight. There really was no place in the old building that

served this type of function."

Junior Morgan House said, "I personally like the Student Union. It gives more room for people to eat lunch in since the cafeteria gets pretty full."

Whitney Haas, freshman said, "Its overall structure and size is incredible. From the designs on the walls to the large amount of space, the Student Union is perfect for all students to walk through, study in, and even have meetings."

Freshman Braelynn Brandenburg said, "I like the Student Union a lot. I think that It was a great touch to our school and gives students an opportunity to study, relax, eat lunch, and socialize."

Junior Katelynn Sinclair said, "It's spacious with a variety of seating options to choose from. It allows for classes to occasionally study in a different environment."

Senior Dawson Balmer said, "Great new addition, I appreciate that it's reserved for upperclassmen, reinforces that feeling if going up to the next grade. And gives the underclassman another thing to look forward to."

Senior Meghan Mollyhorn, said, "I like it, I love how small it is. If people had trouble eating in a big area with like 80 other students, the Student Union is perfect since only 30, maybe less students go in there to eat."

The Student Union can also have some negative effects, and not just positive. It can get crowded very easily by the amount of students that are trying to get to class or lunch, or even meet up with friends.

Junior Morgan Wilson said, "I like it, but I agree and think the junior and seniors only should be enforced. There are classes going on that are next to the union and having a ton of people sitting there is not ideal. It does not apply to everyone, but

generally the upperclassmen understand the importance of maintaining a respectful volume in the union."

Junior Kerrie Duggins said, "I think it needs more tables or Prosser students need their own section to sit because they take up tables out there where the first lunch is. It's annoying trying to race there every day just to find the tables already all taken."

Sophomore Peyton Hicks said, "I like it. I think it is cool that they are letting people have lunch there. However, I think anyone should be able to have lunch there that way everyone can before someone ruins it for everyone."

Junior Miles Smith said, "The library in the middle gets in the way walking between classes and the layout is hard to get around."

Maddy's Opinion: I think that the Student Union is a great addition to our school. It allows people to work together or individually, and meet up with friends or eat lunch. The library is also attached to the Student Union, and if students need to get a book for a project or on a subject that they're studying it's right there. The Student Union also has some flaws. There are a lot of students that pass through the Student Union, and it gets filled up really quickly and I cannot get through and have to push past people just to get my class. This area is also only allowed for the seniors and juniors to eat lunch in, but I think they should allow everyone to eat in there but obviously a limit needs to be placed on the number of people that can be in there. The Student Union can get in the way of getting to their class because it is really big, but the amount of students that have classes in the newly built part of the school gets crowded very fast and students could be late to their classes.

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Lunch Adjustments Food Policy for New Addition

SC Now Has Three Lunches

by Jacob Striegel



On January 7th, 2025, Silver Creek High School input a new lunch schedule that the student body and staff have had varying opinions on. A lot of the students have had issues on how clean lunch has been at some tables, how crowded the lunchroom is, and how getting lunch takes a long time. A lot of the complaints that students have voiced have been primarily about the lunchroom being crowded and the line having a lot of students in it.

One issue that some students have voiced is how lunch has been too crowded since Silver Creek decided to change the four lunch schedule to a three lunch schedule. Sophomore Kaleb Dwelly said, "Lunch is extremely crowded now. There's nowhere to sit. Getting lunch takes forever."

A lot of students are now able to spend time with their friends with three lunches. Junior Katelynn Sinclair said, "I now have both lunches with my friends, who I originally didn't have lunch with." This change from a four lunch schedule to a three lunch schedule has allowed for students to be able to be with their friends that they originally could not interact with when the four lunch schedule was still in effect.

Students have voiced various issues that they have had with the three lunch schedule and another issue discussed is long lines. Freshman Lucy Krajnak said, "The cafeteria is really crowded and the lines get so long that any benefit that could've come from kids not having a late lunch is basically nonexistent."

While there have been complaints, students have found positive aspects of the new schedule. Junior Liam

Wells said, "I like the changes is schedules within classrooms." The changes have provided some of the students with a new routine to their lunch, which can be a welcome adjustment. However, the benefit that this new adjustment provides to students is overshadowed by other issues that the three lunch schedule has created.

Freshman Braelynn Brandenburg expressed a complaint with the long wait period for lunch to begin. Braelynn said, "I dislike how my third lunch before this got pushed back. I also don't like having that late of a lunch."

Senior Alexander O'Rafferty said, "It divided people from old lunches into ones without their friends. When we finally get our food we get 10 minutes to eat on average. The one senior eating area which was once nice and calming has been invaded by juniors, and more seniors. Causing a much louder room, less seating, and more problems with friends."

However, Mr. Aaron Boggs said, "Cleanliness is the best improvement; there is now time to clean the lunchroom between lunches." Mr. Boggs points out that cleanliness has improved while students have an opposite opinion on that, which shows that there are differing views on how clean lunch has been between teachers and students.

Sophomore Gage Duckwall shared his advice on how to improve the lunch schedule. "I would make the lunches 40 minutes each, although, I understand why they are still 30 minutes," said Gage.

Jacob's opinion: I have seen some of the problems that students have with the three lunch schedule. I have noticed that the Student Union is crowded with a lot of people ever since juniors were allowed to sit in there, but it does allow the lunchroom to be a little less crowded. One thing that I do not like is the long waiting time for lunch to start.



Food in classrooms has been a big conversation since the new addition has been opened since Fall Break. The new rules state that students are not allowed to eat in classrooms, or bring in drinks other than water.

Dr. Willman, said, "This decision was made by our Building Committee, which is a group of teachers and administrators. We meet monthly. If we did (allow food in the classroom), that would need to be something that the committee would be comfortable doing - not

just me. There are designated areas for students to eat in the building. The classroom is not equipped for that purpose. Spills and leftover food would quickly affect the new facility. We have been given this wonderful, new facility and we want to keep it that way. Students also have 10 minutes between blocks to grab a quick snack."

Senior Hailey Carte, said, "It sucks because some of us have fourth lunch and get hungry before then."

Sophomore Emma Orman, said, "I think it's all right but I think we should be able to have other drinks besides water in the classrooms because sometimes you are coming from lunch and still have your drink but then you can't drink it because it's not water."

Freshman Braelynn Brandenburg, said, "I don't



like it because of our later lunches I am always getting hungry in class and especially if I didn't get the chance to eat breakfast."

Senior Jordyn Kremer said, "It sucks. I get hungry and when I'm hungry I can't focus."

Bella's opinion: I think we should be able to eat in classrooms as long as we clean up after ourselves.

Mallory's opinion: As long as we are cleaning up after ourselves, and being clean, we should be able to have food and drinks in classrooms.

Modern Seating Added at SC Furniture Additions Allow for Variety

by Ramiro West



New furniture has been added to the new additions of Silver Creek High School.

Schools usually have one arm desks. Silver Creek used to have one arm desks. But in the new areas, students have a trapezoid-shaped desks with triangular chairs. These new desks allow students more freedom to move around and grants them more leg space.

Senior Dawson Balmer said, "I enjoy the new chair and desk arrangement and I love that they can roll. I also like the new furniture in the Student Union. It gives the school a more modern look and it's comfortable."

This isn't the only addition to furniture. There are also new couch chairs that are in the new library of the school. Instead of having a trapezium desk, the library

has trapezium high chairs that are placed near high sitting tables. The library has seats of all shapes and sizes. The library also has small tables that students can put chromebooks and beverages on.

Freshman Hayden Hall stated that the furniture, "Feels modern and it matches well."

The new furniture compared to the old furniture is very different. The old building was built in the early 1960s, which means it fit the aesthetic of the building at that time. Many of the previous classrooms contained antiquated chalkboards, although white boards were added to most.

Even though the new furniture is very sleek there are still problems with it.

Freshman Adrienne Bailey stated, "I like most of it, but the furniture in the classrooms could be better. They're bulky and hard to get around."

The reason why it can be hard for most students to move around is because of the shape of the desk and classrooms. The class-

rooms in the new areas are different in many ways. All the classrooms are different sizes which means that the furniture can fit differently from room to room.

Rooms are connected or are by themselves with glass that students and teachers alike can look through to see teachers and students in the classroom.

Sophomore Emma Orman stated, "The shorter desks are all right but the chairs sometimes hurt my back and since I'm on the shorter side getting in the tall chairs kind of sucks because I can't reach my backpack on the floor, but if I put it on the table I lose room."

Ramiro's opinion: I feel like the new furniture is just mediocre. The reason why I feel this way is because of how uncomfortable the desks can be. The high desks in the science rooms are my personal favorite, but the smaller chairs are just meh. I feel like we could have done better. But, other than that, I'm very excited to see what we add next to the school since half of it is completed.

Frigid Dip in Deam Lake

Plunging for Special Olympics

by Georgia Disney

Silver Creek has a few fundraisers through the athletic department. What sets the Polar Plunge apart is that it had been taking place for years. Originally this fundraiser was through Silver Creek's athletic department as well, but this year it was opened up as a "club" so that anyone interested could join.

At the beginning of the year it was an option for students to sign up for Polar Plunge. Going on from there, students participated in Flexes that were primarily for the Polar Plunge directed by Mrs. Dee Kramer. These Flexes were available to students through Enriching Students.

The goal for students that signed up for Polar Plunge was to raise at least \$99 through sponsors. Anyone could be a student sponsor, sponsors helped students raise money through their Polar Plunge funding page with a cash or check donation.

The Polar Plunge is a fundraiser for Indiana's Special Olympics. Within Silver Creek, the Polar Plunge funds Silver Creek's Unified Track Team.

Morgan Wilson junior, helped last year with Unified Track and she described her

experience as, "There is no judgment or pressure. I often find myself in a group of people from other school's who I have never met before just cheering on the same person who is running. I always leave the meets feeling so happy and proud of the community that takes part in Unified Track."

Twenty-eight Silver Creek students participated in this year's Polar Plunge which took place on Friday, February 14 at Deam Lake. Students and staff went to Deam Lake and as a team they ran into the lake where there are rescue divers waiting for them.

Once they get to the divers, participants give them a high five and get back to shore. Mrs. Dee Kramer said, "It is freezing!" She also showed that her experience with Polar Plunge has been very positive by stating, "It is an incredible program. It encourages everyone to work together to help each other, and the money raised goes towards helping our special-needs kids be able to participate in extracurriculars all across the state."

As a school, Silver Creek definitely has people dedicated to the Polar Plunge. An example of this would

be Mr. Ben Ahlbrand, who had participated in the Polar Plunge every year it's been available.

Many students described their experience as enjoyable. Riely Hale, fr., said, "My experience with the Polar Plunge was very exciting, we got to wear coloring for our theme we chose (Valentines) then did a dance off before. We then ran into Deam Lake and went and high fived four firefighters that were in the water. After that we changed into our back up clothes then went and ate lunch at Sherilli's."

Freshman Ethan Whitaker said, "The best part of the Polar Plunge was hanging out with my friends then jumping into the freezing water. I would do it again. It was really fun. The community was really cool, good atmosphere."

Freshman Isabel Miller said, "I thought it was a very thrilling experience. It was really cool to participate in something like this, and to help support a good cause. I would definitely participate in the Polar Plunge again in the future because it felt good to be a part of a group that was raising money to help another group that may be in need."



photo by: Lydia Fleming

Senior Chris Woods and McKenna Wilson and junior Cammy Sears pose for a photo prior to participating in the Polar Plunge.

Driving School

Area Schools Provide Training

by Wyatt Vernon and Ramiro West

A significant focus of driver's ed is on defensive driving techniques. Defensive driving involves being aware of potential hazards and knowing how to respond to prevent accidents. Students learn to maintain a safe following distance, anticipate other drivers' actions, and stay focused on the road. By promoting these safe driving habits, driver's ed aims to reduce the risk of accidents and foster a culture of safety among new drivers. Overall, driver's education is a critical step in preparing individuals for the responsibilities of driving and ensuring they contribute to safer roadways.

The current generation can access and accidentally see videos of violent car crashes, which can make teens scared to get behind the wheel. This is why it is crucial for teens with anxiety to take driver's ed. Driver's ed offers classes for people with high anxiety or nervous drivers.

Sellersburg offers multiple driver's education classes that anyone can take. Advanced Driver's School is \$425 (<https://www.advanceddriving.org/>) for six lessons total.

The Advanced Driver's School package includes 30 hours of online instruction and six hours of behind the wheel training. This program offers pick-up for students. Students can be picked up for behind-the-wheel training at their home, school, or work for each driving lesson within Clark and Floyd counties. Additional driving

lessons beyond the included six hours can be scheduled for \$65/hr.

The first two hour lesson with the basic package involves the student driver driving around New Albany and through the Floyd Knobs. The second lesson with the basic package brings a challenge to drivers by having student drivers drive on city streets. The third lesson of the basic package has student drivers go on the freeways across New Albany and Floyd County.

Mr. Cody Munk offers three packages with his driver's ed school which is named Southern Indiana Driver's School. The most affordable price with this driver's ed class is the basic package which costs \$415 (<https://southernindianadrivingschool.com/>) This basic package offers six-hours of behind-the-wheel training and pick-up for students. Students can be picked up for behind-the-wheel training at their home, school, or work for each driving lesson within Clark County and surrounding counties. Additional driving lessons beyond the included six hours can be scheduled for \$60/hr. A driving skill test occurs after completing the online instruction. Six hours behind the wheel training is offered for an additional \$35. Even though Mr. Munk owns the company he still participates in teaching students.

Mr. Munk states, "I enjoy getting to know the students and teaching them about driving and the decisions they will make."

Student-Led Prayer Group

Group Dedicated to Worship and Fellowship

by Braelynn Brandenburg

This year Silver Creek High School has decided to take leadership in Christ a step further with adding a prayer group every morning in room D113. The group is student led by senior, Bella Scott whose idea it was to start the group this school year. Bella stated, "I wanted to incorporate my faith more into my daily life and not just at home."

According to the members of the group, being able to start the day off with prayer has had so many impacts on students' lives. Also being able to pray each morning before school is a great way to start off your morning with a great attitude.

Sophomore Caroline Baerenklau said, I would say

it gave me a positive start to the day. Instead of being grumpy/ tired in the morning, I was able to remember God's love for me to start the day."

One thing Bella Scott said about what she is hoping to come out of Silver Creek High School's prayer group is growing closer to God and each other as the goal. "My hope and prayer is that we can see how praying every morning can be so powerful and we can see all the wonderful things God does through this group. And that we can grow closer together as brothers and sisters in Christ to have community at school."

Since Bella is a senior in high school some have questioned if the prayer group

will continue to grow and go on after she graduates and goes off to college. She stated that, "Yes, the group will continue to grow and I hope that it will continue to grow even after I am gone."

There are many ways praying each morning can help socially and spiritually according to Bella. Bella said, "Praying each morning is so important to get your heart ready for the day. Jesus taught us we cannot speak to people about God before we have spoken to God about people and by spending time in the presence of God while also in community, allows us to receive a message to proclaim throughout the day. If we all start our day together in prayer, God's hand will be in everything we do."



photo by: Maddie Tanner

Juniors Abby Tow, Alice Wade, Lilly Fouts, and Ella Bluehs smile while at the Winter Formal.

Dragons Dancing in the Snow

by Maddy Larson

Silver Creek High School held a magical dance at The Jefferson on January 18th, 2025. This dance was produced and made by the Student Council and the sponsor of the Student Council, Mrs. Jacklyn Burke. The theme of this formal dance was “Masquerade,” the students got all dressed up and looked their best for this event.

Mrs. Burke explained, “The themes of the dances are chosen by the Student Council. A winter formal is just used to describe the type of dance it is. Many students dress up for the dances. We help decorate for the dance. We decide the theme. We contribute money towards each dance. The winter formal really doesn’t have a lot to do with Homecoming because we do not recognize the Homecoming Court at the dance. Next year the dances will not relate to Homecoming. The dates of the dances are just close to when the Homecoming game is. Whether it’s a dance or a formal doesn’t really matter because students usually dress up for the dances. We have considered the idea of having a more casual dance in the future where students do not have to dress up. However, many students like to dress up for the dances.”

Jacob Jones, junior, Student Council member said, “The Winter Formal went well and, from what I heard, many people enjoyed themselves. Though doing it at a different location came with its difficulties. The PTO planned this one, but the Student Council helped advertise and put it on. There was not much set up required as we rented the venue. The homecoming dance at the begin-

ning of the school year was mostly planned by the Student Council alongside the PTO. We stayed for many hours before the dance for setup and also stayed late for cleanup with a small committee with helpful people from Student Council, the dance decorating committee, and with PTO volunteers. A lot of behind the scenes work goes into these dances and usually the people who make them possible don’t get enough credit. The dance decorating committee founded by Abigail Tow and Lisa Weeks has been very helpful and has taken a lot of stress off of Student Council and has made the set up for these dances much easier.”

Junior Lisa Weeks said, “Planning dances for the school is so much fun for me. Seeing everyone dance their night away with their friends warms up my heart. Not a lot of people realize how much work and planning dances take, and I doubted it before I had the opportunity to take charge. The PTO was in charge of the winter formal, but I had the honor of choosing the theme. The winter formal theme was masquerade ball, which was a theme that had been requested for a while. I had to propose the theme to Dr. Willman, mainly discussing safety precautions and management, which turned out to be a successful proposal. We did have to postpone the event due to weather, but luckily that gave us more time to sell tickets. I thought that the dance was very successful, and it was a lot of fun. The dance floor stayed packed and the venue was absolutely beautiful! It was our first dance (besides

Prom) that was off campus, and, hopefully, there will be many more to come.”

Senior Kaitlyn Dallmann said, “I really enjoyed the Winter Formal and I thought that the change in venue (not making it in the gym) was very nice.”

Sophomore Kameron Robinson said “It was very good: love the atmosphere the DJ and where it was.”

Sophomore Emma Orman said, “I like it because students can come together and have a fun time with friends.”

Freshman Lucy Krajnak said, “The venue was really cute. The theme was way better than “Under the Sea,” but we need a new DJ.”

Senior Sophie Burnett said, “I thoroughly enjoyed the winter formal. It was a very nice time spent with my friends. I can admit that I did not enjoy all of the music, however, it was a nice venue and a nice area.”

The thoughts on the dance were overall positive, but some students did have some criticisms of the dance.

Senior Hailey Carte said, “The winter formal wasn’t very good to be honest, I didn’t like the setting as much and the power kept going out.”

Junior Miles Smith said, “It was better than expected, but still not all too good. The dance could have been longer than two hours as well as having a cheaper ticket and not using an outside venue.”

Junior Morgan Schuetz said, “While there weren’t that many people that went, I do think it would have been way overcrowded if more people had decided to go. It seemed kind of a let down to be honest.”

April Showers Spring Has Sprung at SC

by Wyatt Vernon

Spring Break is a break where Silver Creek students get off school for two weeks. Spring Break started March 17th, 2025 and ran through March 28th. Students spent time with their family and friends.

Students discussed their plans prior to the break.

Dylan Kidwell, soph., said, “I am spending time with my family and I might even go on vacation.”

Senior Shane Williamson is going on vacation to his cabin in the woods. Shane said his girlfriend and his parents are going with him to the cabin.

Junior Morgan Wilson is going on vacation to Greece and she is going with her mom, dad, and Silver Creek Travel Club.

Freshman Abby Reed is

going on vacation to Tennessee and she is going with her friends.

Freshman Kate LaMaster is also going on vacation to Florida and she is going with her family and family friends. and she will also be seeing her family members.

Junior Liam Wells is going to Indianapolis and Chicago and he is going with immediate family and his grandma, aunt and her family.

Carson Cambron, fr., is going to the beach with his family and he said he might see some of his other family members over break.

Kameron Robinson, soph., plans on vacation to North Carolina with his girlfriend and her family and he will also be seeing family over break.



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Junior Brooklyn Dietz and freshman Natalie Jackson pose for the camera while at the Winter Formal.



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Sophomores Cadence Johnson and Trevor Back get ready to enjoy the evening at the Winter Formal.

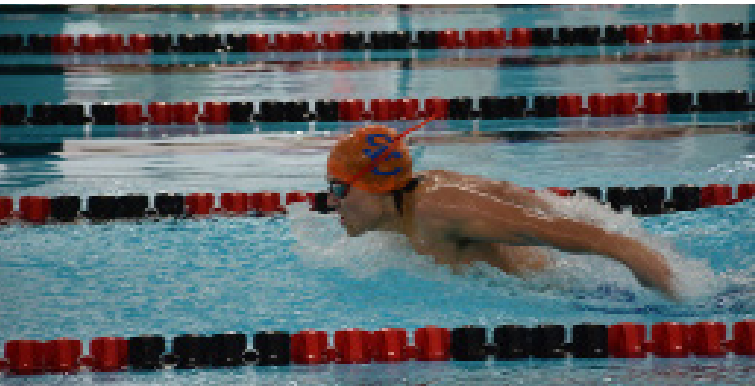


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Nicola Ganchev, sophomore, swims at a meet at New Albany High School.

Arrows and Bows

Archery Competes at Top

by Nathan Cole

The Silver Creek archery team is one of the many sports offerings at Silver Creek High School. With currently 22 members, including two captains, two junior captains, three equipment members and one coach, Mrs. Tonya Shelton, there are a multitude of topics surrounding the team.

Coach Shelton said, “That’s a hard one, I’m biased because I helped found it, and for the past 10 years it has gotten bigger, and the kids have gotten better, and my heart swells when people at tournaments tell me what great people these kids are, and I am so very proud of them. I think it’s a great sport, and, if you believe in zombies, a pretty good survival skill,” she joked.

On tournaments, Coach Shelton said, “Tournaments start mid- October and run until the State tournament in March. Qualifiers to get to state are held in January, and you find out if you made it to state the second week of February. There is also a National tournament held in Louisville, Kentucky in May. We have a very long season.”

There are two captains, seniors Collin Grider, and Will Schuman.

Will said, “Being a captain means you are a symbol. A captain works with and for the team to build skill, to build people, and to learn from all the generations of competitors and teammates.”

Colin responded with, “Being a captain of the archery team is being able to help others as well as lead them on the correct path when it comes to archery.”

Will said, “As captain, I am loud. That’s my job. I speak to the people. I

typically work with the team as a whole, giving speeches, helping lead practices, and organizing our team during tournaments. Even though my co-captain, Collin Grider, works more often one on one with our archers and our equipment crew, I still help coach whenever I can.”

Collin said, “As a captain of the archery team, I mainly focus on improving the team as a whole, and, sometimes, other members of the team will ask if I can watch them shoot and provide feedback on what I saw. While not shooting, I will watch them and look for anything causing them issues. After I have watched them for a few rounds to see if the problems I see are consistent, I will talk to them to see their perspective on what they are doing. Once we have talked for a minute, I will tell them what I have seen and how they might adjust to fixing the inconsistency. Then, I will watch them shoot a few more rounds to see if my feedback helped them, and if it did, I will talk to them and see how they feel about the changes, but if I didn’t, I would seek our coach’s knowledge and see how they could go about improving themselves.”

Equipment crew manager Ember Lemarr, junior, states what’s like being the manager, “As equipment manager for the team, I’m basically in charge of anything that moves in and out of the equipment closet. Whether it’s packing up the bows for the next tournament, or simply setting up the range for practice. I keep track of who has what bow, which equipment is functioning or not, and figuring out what needs to be repaired or replaced.”

Splash Towards Success

The Dragons Swim Their Way to Wins

by Mia Chmielewski

The Silver Creek boys’ and girls’ swim team started early November and finished up in late February. The team’s coach, Mrs. Erika Fitzgerald started coaching the middle school team and, in recent years, has moved to the high school team. “I have known some of the team since they were young kids and enjoy playing a role in their success and helping them achieve their goals,” Coach Fitzgerald stated.

The teams’ first co-ed meet was on December 5 at

New Albany High School.

Nicola Ganchev soph. said, “Despite being the first meet, we all went fast and were excited to see how everyone’s times will improve over the season.”

The swimmers all work together to push each other to excel. Cora Howard, jr., said, “The team works together so well. Though swimming is largely individual, our team, although sometimes the smallest is quite often the loudest on the pool deck when it comes to cheering

each other on.”

Alice Wade jr., stated, “We often ride the bus to meets together and on the way back from the meets we get food together. We have even gone to a basketball game together after practice before.”

Andrew Finn fr., said, “So far we have only swam at conferences, and we did very well at conference this year. Many people got faster times and personal bests. Our relay team also set a school record at this year’s conference.”

Three-Pointers Lead to Victory

Lady Dragons Set Regular Season Record for Wins

by Allie Knight and Izzie Schiller

Silver Creek girls’ basketball had an impressive season with a school record of 23-3 and has been ranked 16th in the state. The team finished their season with a close loss to Corydon in the semifinals of the Scottsburg Sectional.

Scott Schoen, who has been the SC coach for 15 years, stated, “I am proud of the way the team has responded this season, winning 20 games on the 20th toughest schedule in the state also with key injuries and sickness throughout the season.”

Coach Schoen has played basketball his whole life and states that, “Basketball teaches a great sense of synergy, working together and sacrificing, working hard towards a common goal. Trusting and believing in each other.”

The Silver Creek girls’ team has done just that this season.

Sophomore Emily Robison stated, “I believe that as a team we have grown each as individuals and as a team. Learning how to play together and as a team throughout the entire game. As a team, our rebounding and defense has played a tremendous role in our team’s success. As an individual I feel as if I have grown on my communication on the court as well as increasing my rebounding abilities.”

Emily continued on about the hardest obstacle they had to overcome this season saying, “The hardest obstacle to overcome this season was adversity. Not only on the court but off the court. As a team we have had many unexpected injuries and illnesses that had led us to have to have players step up and fulfill the absence of some key players on our team.”

Freshman Meredith Mobley added, “As a team I would say injuries and illness, some important players had to sit out for these reasons and others had to step up and fill their roles.”

Meredith went on to say that the toughest team, in her opinion, that the team had to play this past season was Corydon. “I would say Corydon because the game was very back and forth and we had to stay focused the entire game,” she stated.

Emily Robinson’s said that Greensburg was the hardest contest for the campaign “It was easily a winnable game but what made it the hardest was knowing that was the only team that was ranked above us in 3A.” She continued, “So knowing they are going to be just as tough and passionate was the hardest factor.”



photo by: Allie Knight

Emma Schoen, jr., takes her defensive stance in a home game against the Austin Eagles.

Grapple with Competition

Wrestlers Complete a Successful Season

by Ashley Gillis

This year’s wrestling season has come to a close. This season came with many wins and successes. This year Silver Creek saw a new addition, a girls’ team.

Although the both teams were very successful, there were also challenges that they faced. Coach Brown Mike said, “One of the challenges this season has been being competitive with an underclassmen heavy team and keeping guys healthy for competition.” He continued, “We had a full squad going into the season but lost a number of expected new and returning wrestlers to injuries they came into the season with.”

During the conference tournament the boys’ team placed fourth overall with everyone placing except

for the two newest first year wrestlers. Seamus McBride, sophomore, placed first, winning his first tournament and becoming the only fourth conference champion for Silver Creek. Elijah Johnson, senior, who placed third in the SWI tournament, placed second at the conference. Hunter Murray, sophomore, Miles Harris, junior, and Gabe Wheatley, sophomore, all placed third at conference.

Gabriel Wheatley led the team with the most wins this season as well as winning sectional. Elijah Johnson got second and Hunter Murray and Miles Harris got fourth. They all advanced to regional, but none made it to semi state.

Ava Allen placed second in State with a score of 36-1. She had 62 takedowns,

31 pins, and 3 tech falls. Only two opponents were not pinned, which were a state champion and a state runner up. She was on the mat less than 80 minutes out of a possible 222 minutes of match time in her 37 bouts.

Ava said she thinks her season went great. “I was undefeated until the state finals.” She said her goals are to work harder and get into better tournaments and win. “Physically, it is very easy to stay fit because you adapt mentally after a while you just get used to it and never think about things that would set you back.”

Seamus McBride said, “Wrestling is a sport that takes a good mental attitude. You’ll have people on your back the whole time and just have to prove them wrong.”



photo by: Mia Chmielewski

Sophomore Gabriel Whealey wrestles a Pirate opponent during a match at Charlestown.

Shoot and Score

SC Boys’ Basketball Closes Out Campaign

by Allie Knight and Izzy Schiller

Silver Creek boys basketball had an overall record of 22-5 and 7-1 in the Mid-Southern Conference. They finished the season with a 52-50 loss in the sectional final to Brownstown at Charlestown.

The team’s coach is Brandon Hoffman. Coach Hoffman played for Silver Creek in high school and played at Hanover College. Coach Hoffman coached junior varsity for seven years and varsity for 15. He said, “The biggest thing I preach from my playing days is how much

I would love to go back to them, and how jealous I am of our current players.”

Coach Hoffman was impressed with his team this season. He said, “I am very pleased with our performance so far. They are a fun group to coach and be around.”

The assistant coaches are Perry Hunter and Joe Campbell. Coach Hunter said, “I have been an assistant for 12 years for SC basketball. According to Coach Hunter he played basketball when he was younger and he loved it. He said, “I learned that work-

ing hard doesn’t guarantee success, but not working hard does guarantee failure.”

Lucas Linderman, jr., said, “It feels really good. Playing at the highest level with all my friends and succeeding at that level is not something to take for granted.”

According to Coach Hunter, “I think we have won more games than we anticipated, but the guys have done a great job playing together and wanting to win.”

Roll and Bowl

Smith Goes to Semi State

by Olivia Welty

Strikes, spares, and split-second decisions highlighted many thrilling competitions, marking another exciting chapter of this year’s bowling. One player in particular advanced to semi state, on the boys’ team, Camden Smith, sr.

The bowling season kicked off in October, with the first practice within the second week. Silver Creek had both a girls’ and a boys’ bowling team this season, starting this year off pretty strong.

“Our first meet was pretty successful, and we got a lot of practice in, gradually getting better over time,” said Reese Turner, sr.

Coach Amanda Owen expressed one of her favorite memories of the bowling season by saying, “My favorite moment was seeing Camden advance to semi state. Not many players get this opportunity to advance to semi state, making this a special memory,” according to Mrs Owen.

The boys’ team made an outstanding run in sectional, earning a spot in regional.

“I’m very proud of how far the boys have come and that one player advanced to semi state,” Coach Jeff Harrell explained.

Two players advanced to regional this season, one of them getting to semi state. The two that advanced were Camden Smith, sr., and Brenden Stacy, freshman. The one who advanced to semi state was Camden Smith.

Although bowling depends on the athletes’ performances alone, the team still works together in different ways.

Lexi Wright, soph., member of the girls’ team, said, “We support and cheer each other on when we get strikes and spares, so we can all feel good about ourselves, and our scores, especially if someone gets a higher score we won’t feel bad.”

As for the team motivation, the coaches are the ones who are most encouraging. “If it wasn’t for the coaches encouraging me and helping me in my performance, I probably wouldn’t have gotten high scores,” said Lily Bray, sophomore.



photo submitted by: Mrs. Amanda Owen

Camden Smith, sr., and the runner up bowler from Charlestown pose for a photo at Blackiston Mill Bowling Alley.



photo by: Allie Knight

Dane Caldwell, jr., dunks the ball during an away game against New Albany.



Dragons' Future Scholarship Opportunities

by Vaida Volokh

College scholarships have become easier to apply for these days by just a click of a button. There are well over 100 scholarships that the students of Silver Creek High can apply for. There are scholarships that can be applied for such as The Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship and The Lilly Scholarship, there are some that teachers can nominate students to the state to get a scholarship such as in The Clark County DAR Good Citizen Program.

The first scholarship mentioned was The Martin Luther King Jr. scholarship, it is designed and managed by the Jeffersonville/Clark County Holiday Celebration Committee. The MLK Holiday Celebration Committee seeks to encourage community service, personal responsibility and educational achievement among the citizenry of Clark County.

Makayla Doherty, senior, applied for this scholarship and got it. Makayla said, "I am so grateful and honored to have been given this scholarship and I would say that it matches my character and I think that anyone thinking about college should apply for as many scholarships as possible because even if you don't think you'll get it, you have a better chance if you apply."

The Lilly scholarship is a very special scholarship that is awarded to only six seniors from Clark County and six from Floyd County who interview for the scholarship. Silver Creek's Kaitlyn Dallmann, senior, has been awarded this scholarship. The scholarship provides full tuition to any four-year accredited Indiana college or university, public or private. Additionally, an annual stipend of \$900 is awarded for books and required fees.

"I think the scholarship as a whole is given to seniors who are dedicated to their academics but also are dedicated to helping and bettering their community," is what Katilyn said when she was awarded the scholarship. "When applying for this there isn't that much work. All a senior would have to do is fill out questions and things like extracurricular activities, community service, financial situation, and a few essay questions," stated Kaitlyn.

The Clark County DAR Good Citizen Program is a scholarship that is awarded to a student that the faculty of a school must vote on. This scholarship is for young girls who demonstrate qualities of a good citizen, with the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. If a student ends up getting selected for this scholarship they must submit an essay and it gets judged by people locally around them and they get to proceed for other benefits of the scholarship

Bella Scott, senior, was nominated for this scholarship. Bella said, "I think it is an awesome scholarship and I am blessed that my teachers would choose me to represent our school."

Signing up for all these scholarships is a three step process. 1. Go to the SC website. 2. Go to the counseling page. 3. Click on scholarship information and then the 2024-2025 listing. Seniors should start looking at this during their junior year. There is a deadline for some scholarships in June/July before senior year.

Counselor Mrs. Saisha Meredith stated, "Several scholarships will not be awarded until later in the spring, so a much larger list will be available then."

Academic Achievement Silver Creek Establishes Honor Roll

by Jacob Striegel

Silver Creek High School has input an Honor Roll system that students can be in if they meet the requirements for the categories. Principal Rob Willman said, "We started it this year. To my knowledge, we have not had an honor roll or recognition program for a while." Dr. Willman is the primary person in charge of the Honor Roll, but he also works though Mr. Mike Sparkman from the IT department, and Secretary Mrs. Tracy Hatter.

The recognition of a student for the Honor Roll depends on the student's attendance, behavior, and GPA. Dr. Willman said, "The basic goal is to bring recognition to academic achievement and improvement as well as those skill necessary to be successful - like showing up every day, acting accordingly and fulfilling obligations." The levels of recognition on the Honor Roll consist of Suma, Magna, and Cum Laude which vary in requirements. The requirements for Suma is a GPA of 3.9-4.0, Magna is a GPA of 3.7-3.89, and Cum Laude is a GPA of 3.5-3.69. The attendance and behavior of a student also has a category of the Honor Roll and that category consists of Blue and Orange.

Junior Quinn Wheatley is one student that has made the Suma category of the Honor Roll for a 3.9 or higher GPA. When asked about how Quinn made sure he kept his grades up he said, "The study habits that have helped me the most when maintaining my grades is making sure that I give myself a thorough amount of time to grasp the topic before I take a test in a class."

Challenges can be a struggle for students when it comes to maintaining their grades in the classes they are in. Junior Brady Day is another student that has made the Suma category of the Honor Roll for a GPA of 3.9 or higher and when asked about the class that challenges him the most he said, "The class that challenged me the most was probably accounting. I overcame these challenges by making sure to stay on top of my work and get extra help when needed."

Although challenges

can be a struggle for students, they can be a chance to improve and work harder on subjects that they need improvement in. When asked about how she challenges her students in her class, Mrs. Jennifer Glaser said, "I challenge students to go outside of their comfort zone especially when we attend events and network."

Studying can be a good way to decrease challenges that students will face. When asked about what she does to study, junior Ember Lemarr said, "I don't study very often. I personally find that hyperfocusing on something too long stresses me out and that stress keeps me from retaining information. I just complete the classwork and homework and trust in my knowledge because at the end of the day, stress doesn't help anyone."

Students usually have one or more classes that have helped them the most when it comes to their academic achievements. When asked about a class that has helped the most with his grades, Quinn Wheatley said, "My accounting class has made a significant impact on my academic achievements because it has given me the tools to understand not just the business and accounting concepts but the ability to network with many professionals in the business world."

Most students also have a teacher that has helped them the most when it comes to their grades and work. Brady Day was asked about a teacher that helped him the most when it comes to his academic achievements and he said, "I would say Mrs. Glaser has made a significant impact on my academic achievements. Mrs. Glaser works hard to make sure her students gain life experiences while learning in the classroom."

When asked about what things she does to help her students keep their grades up and work hard in class, Mrs. Jennifer Glaser said, "Speakers come into my classes to give students a real world perspective. We also go on field trips to business luncheons where students practice their networking skills. We conduct mock interviews and mock trials. I

encourage students to come into Flex when they miss assignments or tests."

When asked about what she does to help her students keep work completed and grades up, Mrs. Kara Bailey said, "I try to remember that my students, even though they are taking college courses, are still in high school with jobs, extracurricular activities, sports, and home lives that I know very little about. I give second chances as much as possible. I also reteach quite often if I feel students aren't understanding the material. I also try to provide models of high quality work to help students understand what I am looking for."

The teachers that have helped students with keeping their grades up vary from student to student. When asked about a teacher or class that has had a significant impact on his academic success, senior Dawson Balmer, a student on the Orange and Blue attendance Honor Roll, said, "All the AP and Advanced classes I have taken, two teachers in particular, my AP class teachers, Mrs. Bailey and Mr. Hankins. They pushed me to work that much harder in not only their classes but all my classes, my work ethic improved as a result. I remember last year doing homework during lunch, when deadlines were around the corner, the work had to get done, no exceptions. I didn't always have that attitude, but these classes helped me to develop it."

Balancing activities outside of school with responsibilities in school is another thing that students have to do to keep their grades up. When asked about how he balanced activities out of school with things in school, Dawson Balmer gave a rundown on how he makes it all work, "I make my work schedule around how busy I am with homework as well as my after school rehearsals, and stage managing for theater. I also make time for my family. Most weeks I go to work one or two days a week. The rest of the time is for school, stage managing, and my family/friends."