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Loudoun Students Love Waiting for Wayde Byard Becomes the King of the Snow Days on Social Media

by Kirby Struhar

So far this winter, Loudoun County Public Schools has missed fourteen school days due to snow and winter weather, including the cancellation of exam week for both middle and high school students.

In response to this, LCPS students have taken to the internet to express their joy and gratitude for missing so many days of school.

The recipient of the majority of this gratitude is Wayde Byard, Loudoun County Public School's Public Information Officer.

For those not aware exactly of Mr. Byard, he is the one who makes the announcements when we have a school cancellation or a delay. Once LCPS



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During the many Loudoun County snow days, people posted humorous pictures starring Wayde Byard including this parody of "Game of Thrones."

Superintendent Dr. Edgar Hatrick makes a decision to close or delay school, Byard alerts the media, parents, and their children

of the news.

So the next time you get a call, email, or text alert saying that LCPS is cancelled, you have Wayde

Byard to thank.

"Wayde Byard is my alarm clock of choice," said junior Kyle Sheridan.

There was a Face-

book page created in 2011 called "Friends of Wayde Byard" which allowed students to post funny pictures (also known as memes) that pictured Byard doing funny things or put his face on the body of someone well known. Many of these photos also feature clever captions.

Recently, there have been numerous photos posted on Facebook and Twitter, and more and more students of Loudoun County have grown to enjoy the photos posted, with the Facebook page reaching 8,175 likes.

On Twitter, @waydebyard_lcps, which is not an official account, has reached 1,449 followers and regularly tweets humorous memes about

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Love is not just for Lovers

by Emily Mooney

Valentine's Day is a day often associated with couples, kisses, flowers, and chocolate. If one is not in a relationship, then the day is seemingly filled with judgment, loneliness, sorrow, and pining. People seem to forget that Valentine's Day is supposed to be about expressing your love for others – not just "significant others."

I am not ashamed to say that I have never been in a relationship during Valentine's Day. In elementary school, the day was filled with awkward card exchanges, candy, glitter, and shy glances at my crush of the week. In middle school, it was filled with more cards, more candy, and gossip about the latest couples. However, in high school I have had a blast every year on "Single Awareness Day." Here are some of my

tips for enjoying the day as a singleton.

First of all, do something nice for your friends. This could be as simple as baking brownies for your lunch table, or making cards for your best friends. My freshman year, I made red, heart-shaped Valentines for some of my closest friends and left them on their lockers. Seeing the smiles on their faces and hearing how it made their day, made my day as well.

Second of all, have a girls only night (bachelors' night for the guys). Go out to a favorite restaurant and eat fine food or stay in and eat pizza, candy, and do whatever you want without having to worry about impressing anyone. You can shamelessly cry during that sappy, romantic movie or play hours of

video games without being embarrassed or annoying a date.

A third option is to have a party with all the other single people. Turn on some music or pop in a movie, add some popcorn and fun snacks and just have fun. The best part? You already know that cute guy on the other couch is available because only singles are allowed to come. You may not be single when Cupid's day arrives the next year.

Whatever you choose to do this Valentine's Day just remember to love the people around you. Tell and show them why you love them, why they mean the world to you. Fill the day with laughter, warmth, and joy; and you will soon find that not only lovers can have fun on Val-



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Should you post that? Avoiding Embarrassment Online

by Amy Hensler

We have all seen these types of things before: it is Monday morning, and you are scrolling down your Facebook newsfeed only to see the damage that was done this past weekend. Embarrassing pictures flood your newsfeed, and you catch yourself cringing at what you thought was a good idea to post at the time.

Unfortunately, these kinds of scenarios happen way too often. Teens are too obsessed with trying to acquire the most followers on Twitter or the most

friends on Facebook that they do not tend to think about what they are actually posting.

So how do you keep from humiliating yourself? It is simpler than you think.

A lot of the time, the reason we post things is because we want to become popular or viral on social media. Teenagers compete to see who can become the most popular, and this leads to oversharing, so while you are posting things think about all the people who are going to see it.

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Byard and the school cancellations.

Senior Sean Ghosh thinks that all the publicity that Wayde has received is a good thing.

"It shows how powerful social media is. I think it's great that he's getting recognition for his job," Ghosh said.

Both Ghosh and Sheridan have mentioned that the publicity that Byard has received is not meant to be harmful or malicious but to be funny.

"It's not meant to be offensive," Sheridan stated.

A recent meme posted on Facebook had Byard's head cropped onto a body with the caption "winter is coming," and "Game of Phones" written in the corner, a parody or spoof of the television show Game of Thrones.

Another popular Facebook picture cropped Byard's face onto the body of the recognizable Dos Equis man from the commercials with the words "I don't always cancel a whole week of school. But when I do, I might as well cancel midterms too."

Both photos gained 90 and 70 likes respectively.

Needless to say, Wayde Byard might just be the most well-liked LCPS employee.



Juan Rivera

Senior Juan Rivera builds a snowman with a friend on one of the snow days.

Welcome to the Real World: Seniors Participate in Reality Store

by Kirby Struhar

On Tuesday, January 28th, Park View High School's senior class participated in a simulation called the "Reality Store" which was intended to give them a glimpse into what the future might look like. The "Reality Store" was put on in part with Loudoun 4-H and the Virginia Cooperative Extension.

The simulation was based on the board game Life. Each student was given a scenario that included a job, annual salary, and whether or not they had any dependents. The students were then sent to the auxiliary gym, which had booths set up to represent the different necessities of everyday life – things like housing, transportation, child care, and taxes.

The day warranted many interesting reactions from the members of the senior class.

"I think it got them to start thinking, and that's the most important thing," senior class advisor Mrs. Kathy Koscinski said. Mrs. Koscinski believes that the senior class learned a lot throughout the reality store about how quickly spending can take its toll in the real world.

"They were complaining about how much things cost, how little money they had, and that kids were expensive," Mrs. Koscinski said.

"This event helped us all to learn to make wise decisions," Senior Class Vice President Rabia Firoz



Kelsey Huppert

Seniors Sam Onyeador and Kelsey Huppert hold their "child," as pretend parents they had to pay for daycare and health insurance as a part of the simulation.

said. "It inspired me to make sure that I strive for the highest and get a good education so I get a good job."

Many seniors learned valuable lessons. "I learned that you've got to be careful about what you spend your money on and prioritize the things that are important to you, like your kids," said senior Chris Wood. Mrs. Koscinski agreed, stating that sometimes you have to make an undesired choice or sacrifice something you want in order to do what is best for your family.

A common lesson that the seniors thought was especially valuable had to do with budgeting. As high school students, budgeting comes difficult, but most seniors learned that it is important to "have a plan" as Mrs. Koscinski said and to make the right

choices. "It was amazing how you thought you had a lot of money and then it was all gone," said senior Kaylyn Karnei.

Zachary Miller learned a lot about living and budgeting as well. "I learned a little bit more about how much living costs," Miller said. "Once you get in the real world, you need to pace yourself and budget; don't waste your money on things you'll use in a day or two. Use it to get essentials [pay the bills, buy groceries, etc.]."

Overall, the reality store was an event that helped a lot of seniors in many ways.. Hopefully when they step into "reality" they will be able to apply the lessons they learned in order to achieve the best possible life for themselves and their families.

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larity contest; there is no award for the most followers on Twitter or the most friends on Facebook, so keep it limited. Most of these people you do not know. When they see embarrassing posts they can repost them, then their friends could repost, and it becomes this giant cycle. Eventually it is going to get in the hands of the wrong people and be a source of optimal embarrassment.

Another thing you have to keep in mind before you post something is how it is going to affect your future.

When applying for a job there is a good chance the employer will see what you have been posting or tweeting. This goes for applying for colleges too, so while you post something keep in mind that you want to remain classy and professional because this could ruin possible opportunities in the future.

The most important thing to keep in mind is to avoid getting involved in drama online. Arguing online is not only embarrassing for you, but it is also incredibly dumb to do in general.

Save your gossipy conversations for private; or just do not have them at all.

While it might seem entertaining to talk about someone's embarrassment now, it can actually really hurt someone in the future. We have all been there, embarrassing moments are a thing of life, but think back to a time when you were embarrassed and it might change how you talk about people.

So while you are thinking about your next post, keep in mind that everyone is going to see it. If you are iffy about something you are about to post, the most effective way to avoid embarrassment online is just not to post it.

There's Snow Stoppin' the Show

Park View's Winter Play: *The Tempest*

Photos by Larry Wharton

Due to multiple snow days, the opening night of *The Tempest* was moved to February 18th. The performance was lovely as talented actors senior Padi Goudarzi, sophomore Alyssa Link, junior Nico Drennan, senior Kaylyn Karnei, junior Bryan Walser, and other Park View students interpreted the Shakespearean drama on stage.



Behind the Wheel: Teen Driving Practices



Emily Mooney

Editor-in-Chief

I have had my license for over a year now, and I would like to think that my driving is not a cause for concern for anyone else on the road. However, my overconfidence in my abilities may be what is most dangerous. No longer worried about overcorrecting, hitting the curb, or staying in my lane, I find that I become involved with other things that put me in danger. Texting, talking on the phone, packing my car full of friends, and driving with a large sleep deficit are just a few examples of poor decisions I have made.

Now, some of this I blame on my parent's bad example. My dad drives with his knees, texts novels, and

even watched a movie once while driving. My mom is usually a safer driver, but she talks to people on the phone regularly while driving, and observing her putting on mascara while driving gave me a reason to try acquiring the skill. Needless to say, although they can be driving Nazis when it comes to what I do while driving, their example has not been in congruence with what they have said.

While reflecting on different ways I tempt fate while driving, I wondered how safe other teenage drivers were. I could not be the only one engaging in unsafe practices. In order to answer my questions and increase awareness of what is really going on behind the wheel, I surveyed all juniors and seniors who

drove at Park View. From the completed surveys, I randomly chose 225 to statistically analyze. The results were quite interesting.

Forty-five percent of teens had sent a text while driving, and fifty-five percent had read a text. Forty-seven percent had talked on the phone and regularly driven 10mph over the speed limit. Seventy seven percent changed the radio station while driving, and nineteen percent had already been in a car accident. No wonder twenty-two percent admitted that they had felt unsafe in

another teen's car (a surprisingly low statistic in my opinion). Folks, the poor decisions do not end there.

Forty-five percent confessed they were distracted when having multiple passengers. Fifteen percent said they had struggled to stay awake while driving at least once. Thirty percent of teens had raced someone while driving.

The good news is that in most cases fifty percent of the teenage drivers at Park View are making good decisions. The bad news is that it only takes one poor decision

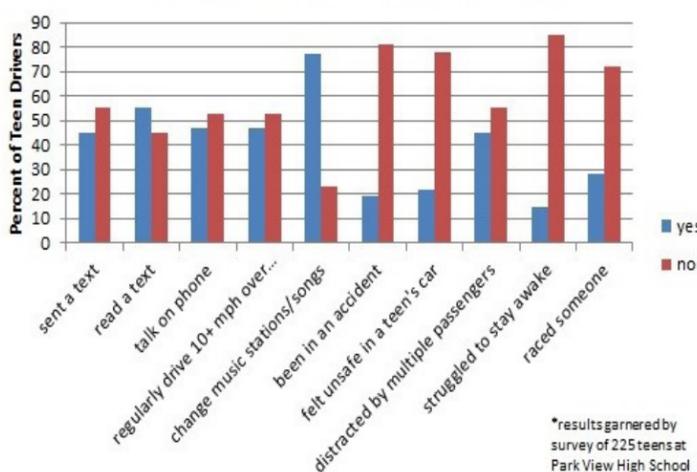
to cause an accident and end a life. According to the Century Council, more than 300,000 teens are injured in a crash every year; and fifty-seven percent of crashes where a teen is

partially responsible involve distracted driving. These statistics should cause you to reconsider your driving practices; I know I have.

I might feel like I am still in control when I am reading a text, but realizing that one out of every two of my peers is making the same decision gives me cause for worry. If we are both focusing on other things while driving, there will be no time for defensive driving. We will realize the danger too late. With the fact that one out of every five teenage drivers has already been in an accident, you would think teens would not want to repeat those mistakes.

The next time you are behind the wheel, remember you are not only putting yourself and others in harm's way; but others' are putting you and themselves in danger as well. Do you want to be aware of what's going around you when something happens or do you want to be caught by surprise when it is too late?

Park View Teen Driving Practices



Do Shows Like "Teen Mom" Make For More Babies or Less in America?



Kensy Maradiaga

Staff Writer

If you have not already seen the shows "16 and Pregnant" and "Teen Mom," they are shows that document the lives of pregnant teenagers, displaying what it is like to be a teenage parent. In my opinion, they are the most useless TV shows ever made, and recently there has been a lot of debate on whether these shows actually decrease or promote teen pregnancies.

MTV's goals strongly differ with that thought. According to their surveys 82 percent of teens say that the show has helped them understand the challenges of unexpected parenthood. They also state that during the first year of the show teen pregnancy dropped by six percent.

"I think it decreases teen pregnancy because it

shows young ladies how hard it is to raise a child at such a young age," said freshman Colin Mills.

Studies show that 53 percent of adults think that "16 and Pregnant" and "Teen Mom" are helping teens understand the difficulties of parenthood; and, in fact, every year since the show premiered in 2008, there has been a small decline in teen pregnancy.

Whether it is because of "16 and Pregnant" and "Teen Mom" or just the fact that birth control has become more available for teens nowadays is unclear.

Personally, I think there is no way on earth this show could actually decrease teen pregnancy. These teenage girls on the show are the exact opposite of mother material. They are selfish and dramatic; honestly, the babies get little to no attention from both the mothers and the show. This show makes it appear as if babies are accessories rather than responsibilities.

I mean, yes, it shows how hard it is to be a teenage mother, but all of it

Why Internships are Important



Kirby Struhar

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In December and January I had the opportunity to work for Joe May's campaign for the 33rd State Senate District, which includes the majority of Loudoun County and Sterling Park, specifically.

A large part of my job was knocking on doors and making phone calls in order to get the word out that Mr. May was running. It has been a great experience working for a political campaign and gaining insight on how a campaign is run and how hard everyone involved works.

I had the opportunity to meet and get to know so many cool people through my experiences, and it is definitely something that is going to serve me well going forward.

One of the great things about internships,

especially for young people, is it gives them the ability to get experience in particular field or profession.

No matter what profession you are interested in, an internship is the best way to learn what sort of qualities are needed to be successful in a that area, what sort of educational requirements you would need in order to get started, specifics of the day-to-day operations, and what a normal day would be like.

One of the most telling things I learned about working a campaign is how many long days there are in the last week and the days leading up to the election, and how hectic election day can be. For example, I spent twelve hours at a polling location talking to voters on election day, which was a real learning experience about how you need to approach a complete stranger in those sorts of situations.

I learned a lot about myself and what I wanted to do while working on the campaign, and it is definitely something I would like to pursue further in the future.

Now unfortunately for me, that job was temporary regardless of the

outcome. However, for young people or college students, there is statistical information that concludes that sometimes an internship may be the best route to take when trying to land a full time job.

"69% of companies with 100 or more people offered full time jobs to their interns," according to a survey conducted by internships.com and was featured in a forbes.com article by Jacquelyn Smith.

According to Stuart Lander, the chief marketing officer at internships.com, "You have a 7 in 10 chance of being hired by the company you interned with."

A business is more likely to hire someone that they know has an understanding of what it takes to work in their environment and can do so successfully.

Internships are a valuable thing to be on the lookout for when it comes to searching for jobs and careers. If you are trying to get your foot in the door in order to make an impression on a potential employer, gain experience, and see what a profession is like, internships are the way to go.

Touch Up Meet for Gymnastics

by Liana Jackley

Twelve Loudoun County high schools battled it out, using their gymnastics skills as their weapons, on the evening of January 25th. Park View received the honor of hosting the gymnastics meet.

The meet started at 6 p.m. The high schools that came for the meet included Briar Woods, Potomac Falls, Broad Run, John Champe, Loudoun Valley, Woodgrove, Loudoun County, Stone Bridge, Tuscarora, Heritage, Freedom, and Park View.

Prior to the meet Coach Poplawski, otherwise known as Coach Pop, said: "How well we do this meet depends on what injuries heal; it's tough to deal with [injuries]. This meet is the meet before their Conference meet which is the one before regionals. At this meet, who they're competing against at Conference will be here, and hopefully it all goes well."

At the beginning of the meet, the announcer called up each team and told us the names of the female athletes as they walked up with prideful smiles and perfected waves aimed at the crowd that was filled with gleaming parents and supportive friends.

When Park View athletes junior Christina Maxey, sopho-

more Margaret Rothman, sophomore Eden Gordley, freshman Katie Hessler, and senior Karina Hernandez came out, the crowd got more riled up and cheered their hearts out.

Hernandez is the only senior on the team, making this one of her final performances before she heads off to college.

"It's really sad because this is Karina's last year. It's actually really emotional for us as a team. She's great," said Gordley in a bittersweet moment.

It was the Patriots' Senior Night, so Hernandez was escorted by her older brother and mother. The announcer congratulated her for her sportsmanship award and thanked her for her four years of participation in this miraculous sport.

After the announcements, all the teams huddled together for a brief pep talk with each other. They ended the pep talk by doing a spirited cheer, with their cries echoing throughout the gym.

Park View's first event was floor, where the gymnasts gracefully leaped and performed tucks, tumblers, jumps, cartwheels, springs, and splits. One performance that stood

out was Rothman's. The music was soft, and it went well with her graceful routine; the routine ended with an eye popping split with both of her hands in the air, awaiting the well-deserved applause.

The vault was next. Each gymnast sprinted with fierce looks and landed solidly. Hernandez's two runs started off swiftly. She then did a round off and finished it with half a twist.

Park View's third event was bars. This event was quick paced, each gymnast going for no longer than a minute or two.

Their final event was the beam. "Beam was our weakest event that meet because we have trouble staying on it. It's only four inches wide—that's barely the width of your foot," Coach Poplawski said.

At the end of the meet all teams helped clean the gym. Finally, after much anticipation the results were in. The overall school winner was Freedom, but Park View did their best yet, even with all the injuries they have endured this season.

"We gave it our all and that's what matters," Christina Maxey positively stated.



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Senior Bryan Martinez, Park View's kicker, is known for wearing two different shoes on game day.

Athletic Superstitions

by Liana Jackley

Athletic superstitions are a part of what makes us known on our sports teams. It singles you out from the rest of your adopted athletic family. Park View athletes' superstitions and rituals varied from praying to the sports' gods to eating pixie sticks. Some crazy ones came from marching band, basketball, and swim team.

"In marching band, the drum major takes senior Michelle Bridgeman's baritone mouth piece around as everyone stands in a line and taps everyone's head with it," said tuba player Kelsey Sheridan. "To be honest I'm not a 100% sure why, but it was a tradition this year."

Park View's girls' basketball team chants: "Park View High what time is it? It's time for us to represent. So show your pride for Park View High. Park View High! Who are we? PV! 1, 2, 3, PATRIOTS!"

Senior Bryan Martinez, the kicker on the varsity football team, wears two different shoes; one soccer cleat and one football cleat. They also do the Baltimore Ravens' pre-game chant before every game. Chris Claeysson is the sophomore

who helped start this. "I would say: What time is it? The team replies: Game time! and so on," Claeysson said.

His older brother, senior Charlie Claeysson, has a more sentimental approach when it comes to game time. "I rewrite what's on my shoe, Rest in Peace Caleb 2013, and then I hit the poster four times before every basketball game for good luck and in honor of Caleb."

Fall cheerleading taps the top of the doorframe that is between the trophy cases and the gym. The cheerleaders do this for good luck. However, if someone else walks through one of the other three doors then the whole team must go through it again until they finish it completely.

During swimming districts, freshman Gordon Marshall was caught hopping around. "I jump around in the formation of a 'T' because it brings the energy from the outside to the inside," said a hyped up Marshall.

Junior Kyle Sheridan must stretch all his shoulder muscles thoroughly by swinging his arms back a forth, as if doing half a windmill, to feel loose.

Prior to swim meets, junior Lee Chea performs breathing exercises that he learned while visiting Cambodia. "Before I dive off the block, I take a deep breath while I push my hands down and breath out while I push my hands back up," said Chea.

Park View knows how to stand out, and this is just a small chip of the iceberg. These students display who they are with their lucky rituals and let their pride and honor show



Larry Wharton

Varsity Cheerleaders perform a stunt. The cheer team always tap the top of the doorframe before a competition.



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Sophomore Eden Gordley vaults at a competition, demonstrating the proper form needed in this event.

Park View's Athletes of the Season

KATIE HESSLER: BORN TO TUMBLE

by Thy Dao

Katie Hessler, a freshman at Park View, was chosen to be the "Athlete of the Season" for gymnastics. She is grateful for being rewarded with this title and finds it pretty awesome.

This dedicated girl was selected due to the fact that she had been the varsity gymnastics team's top-scoring gymnast all season.

"She is extremely hard-working and has obtained a handful of new skills since the season began," Coach Poplawski noted.

"She's definitely the best gymnast on our team," said sophomore and fellow gymnast, Eden Gordley.

Hessler began her tumbling when she was much younger, doing gymnastics for four years, stopping for two years, and then continuing up to this day, tumbling for five years straight. She started gymnastics

because she found it interesting.

When she was very little, Hessler saw some older girls doing the challenging sport, and it did not take long for her to decide that she wanted to be just like them.

"I think I've been doing good; I'm average," said a modest Hessler with thoughts of her performances in mind. Before a competition, she always listens to music to zone out any distractions and focus.

"[She is] always work-



Victor O'Neill Studios

Freshman Katie Hessler competes on the balance beam, perhaps one of the hardest events in a gymnastics meet.

ing on learning new skills," said freshman Isabella Rivas, man-

ager of the gymnastics team. "She's encouraging."

Hessler says she has to work on her skills on the beam and floor, but thinks she does best at the vault. In order to improve, she will keep practicing and not let any mental blocks get in her way.

Her advice to those looking to improve their own skill: "Be willing to try it [and] don't think about the worst possible thing that can happen."

Some of the new skills she learned this season consist of difficult beam dismounts, one of them being a handstand back tuck, and some work on the floor like double

handstand pirouettes.

Hessler loves her team—they have good chemistry and work well together. One of their goals is to break 100 as their team average. "We've come pretty close so we can probably break it," Hessler said. They practice from Monday to Saturday every week, but she still has time for her other hobbies like photography.

Hessler plans to continue gymnastics throughout high school, but does not plan to continue in college.

She loves gymnastics because it is a unique sport and not many people have what it takes to do it. It has caused her to be less afraid of doing new things and made her more willing to try things out.

It has taught her that "you can't win at everything; you can't always get first place," but as long as you try your best, you can make it.

On the Court with Carolyn Oare and Monteral Jackson

By: Amy Hensler

This year, two amazing students were rightly picked to be Park View's "Athlete of the Season" for basketball.

Sophomore Monteral Jackson is the boys' "Athlete of the Season."

His coaches and teammates agree that Monteral is very committed to the game.

"He is a hard worker, and he motivates his team to do better," stated junior Erick Cruz.

Varsity Head Coach Michael Koscinski stated that Jackson "is a competitor day in and day out."

This drive to succeed will help Jackson hopefully reach his dream of becoming a professional basketball player.

Jackson's favorite thing about basketball is working as a team.

"Basketball really builds up chemistry with everyone else on the team," Jackson



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Sophomore Monteral Jackson takes a jump shot.



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Senior Carolyn Oare dribbles the ball down the court looking for an open player.

stated. His favorite part about being in a game is scoring a basket and playing defense.

Senior Carolyn Oare was named the "Athlete of the Season" for girls' basketball.

One thing all her teammates and coaches can agree on is that Oare is a great leader.

"She is a senior leader both on and off the court," stated Varsity Assistant Coach Kathryn Yarbrough.

"She recognizes her role as a senior and utilizes it well," stated sophomore teammate Joy Hogarty.

Oare would love to pursue coaching once she finishes high school. "Coaching at a high school or at a collegiate level would be a dream come true," Oare said.

"Playing basketball is my passion, and playing at Park View has been an amazing time," she added.

Bringing Color to ColorGuard: Nancy Montenegro

by Ib Tora

Senior Nancy Montenegro is a stupendous leader as captain of the junior varsity color guard team. She was chosen to be the "Athlete of the Season" because of her sweet attitude and athletic abilities.

"Always there with a smile and a hard working attitude, this girl is superwoman," color guard Coach Michelle Plunkett said. "She juggles Monroe Tech, a job, guard, and her social life with a huge smile and gracious nature. Finishing up her eighth season on the guard



Ib Tora

Senior Nancy Montenegro is known for being kind, caring, and diligent in all that she does for her team.

– between marching band and winter guard, she is both an experienced athlete and a fantastic leader."

Her attitude during practices is always positive. She stays hopeful during down times and encourages the team to do better. Her friends and teammates look up to her passion and talent for color guard.

"She's always positive and works to her fullest potential," said teammate Carmen Brown.

She tries her best to get everyone involved during practices, making sure they all get the practice they need before any big competitions. "It takes a lot of effort to compete and do well," Brown said.

Montenegro tries her hardest to make sure her entire team is stress free and doing well. Her teammates are all her best friends, people who love and adore her and enjoy being around her.

"I think she deserves this because she works hard and she's willing to sacrifice herself for anything," said teammate Shania Cruz.



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Alis Ordonez, a social butterfly, enjoys hanging with friends, loves electronics, and is full of joy. Ordonez and her friends do almost everything together, from just talking to shopping. You might also find her snacking on some ice cream while watching her favorite T.V. show, "The Fosters." Like most teenagers, Ordonez cannot live without electronics. "It'd be boring without electronics," Ordonez stated. She specified not being able to live without her phone. "I use my phone to keep in touch with friends." Although she loves the invention, she is very concerned about cyber-bullying in our society. Ordonez is a very joyous human being. You will find her on the sidelines, cheering for our very own Park View Basketball teams. She also hopes to do some exciting things in her future: "I hope to go to Paris one day because it seems like such a pretty place," said Ordonez with a bright smile on her face. Ordonez is also very positive. She hopes to someday be a pediatrician, and if she is not able to be one, then "any good paying job" is fine with her. As a freshman, Ordonez is getting the hang of high school, and you might very well soon see her in the halls with a bright smile on her face.



Alis Ordonez

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Sophomore Joy Hogarty is the focus in this edition's Park View Spotlight for the class of 2016. Along with almost every high school student, Hogarty enjoys playing sports, being with friends, and eating. Hogarty is a part of our very own Varsity basketball and soccer teams. Although she enjoys playing both sports she prefers "soccer of course." When talking with Hogarty, you can almost feel her passion for the sport. "Hopefully, I'll still be playing soccer in college maybe," Hogarty said. Off the court and field, you will most likely find Hogarty hanging out with friends, eating, or maybe even both. In the halls, you will see Hogarty sharing laughs with her friends. "I love food," stated Hogarty, with a smile. She claims that she does not even have a favorite dish; she will eat just about anything. Hogarty's first name is definitely very fitting for her personality and lifestyle as she seems to be filled with joy everywhere she goes.



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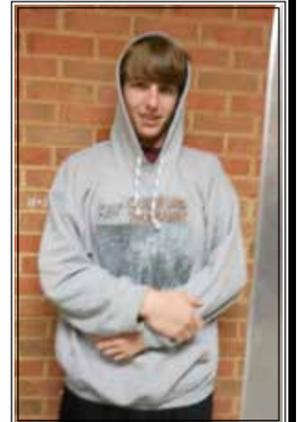
Connor Gabriel, a very kind and lovable person, is this edition's subject for the Class of 2015 Park View Spotlight. He is a big fan of the Big Bang Theory and enjoys watching The Goonies, a very popular film during the mid-80s. Gabriel plays lacrosse, basketball, and likes to go bowling. Gabriel currently owns eight dogs. "I definitely could not live without my dogs," exclaimed Gabriel. In ten years, Gabriel pictures himself owning a beautiful house out in the country with a family. He would most likely be eating a medium rare steak, considering it is his favorite meal. If Gabriel could go anywhere in the world, he would want to go back to Magens Bay, St. Thomas, where he vacationed a couple years ago. Red appeals to Gabriel; it is his absolute favorite color. Gabriel has one year left as a Park View student, and he is sure to make the best of it.



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Senior Jacob Burch, a very humorous and laid back guy, is this edition's subject for the class of 2014 Park View Spotlight. Burch enjoys playing ice hockey and lacrosse. Burch also loves eating Taco Bell: "I like the Cool Ranch Doritos taco; it's delicious." Burch wants to have graduated college and have found a steady, good paying job by the time he is 28 (10 years from now). Burch loves the state of California. If he was given the option to go anywhere, he would want to go there. He could absolutely not survive without his cell phone; it is what he holds dearest in his heart. A reflection of his humorous personality, it would only make sense that his favorite movie is Step Brothers. Just like the Cool Ranch Doritos taco holder, Burch's favorite color is blue. During the football season Burch was rooting for his favorite team – the Baltimore Ravens. Unfortunately for Burch, after the Ravens suffered a loss to the Bengals their season ended. As it is Burch's last year at Park View, he will have to say goodbye for good in just a few months. He will be missed by everyone he must leave behind in order to fulfill his dreams and get a fresh start in college.



Jacob Burch

You've Got a Friend in Me

Patriot Pals Helps Students Make New Friends at Park View

by Kisha Lim

Making new friends and having the occasional pizza party are just a few exciting things the Patriot Pals Club does.

"It's awesome that we get to help all the kids and give them a friend to have," said freshman Jacob Smith, a member of the club.

Patriot Pals does exactly that. Kids with and without disabilities join this club to interact and have fun

with one another.

"It's a nice and good thing to do," said freshman Jillian Duong.

Walking into a club with smiling faces and good vibes sounds great does it not?

Patriot Pals is one of those clubs. Each and every member joined in order to make friends.

"I joined because of the pizza

parties," says junior Alexis Payne. You can't forget about the fun club parties!

Patriot Pals also has pizza parties so that the members can have some delicious pleasure.

Ms. Lauren Kloman and Mr. Erik Hazelwood, resource teachers here at Park View High, are the current sponsors of Patriot Pals. Both are thinking of an abun-

dance of exciting activities to help bring the club members together.

Many of these students had the opportunity to sign up for Patriot Pals during the club fair, but anyone who is willing to join is still welcome to. The Patriot Pals Club will be meeting once a month for now; but if students are available, they will be meeting more often.



Lauren Kloman

Orbie Garcia decorates a Halloween mask at the Patriot Pals October 2013 meeting.

Park View's Robot Invasion

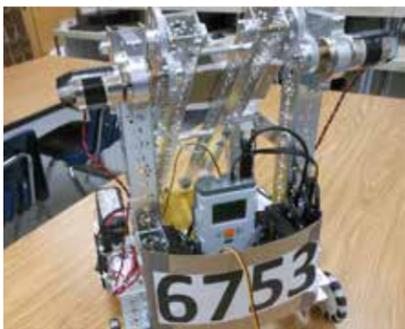
by Ronald Henriquez

There have been many interesting and unique clubs over the years in Park View, but nothing compared to a club like Robotics Club.

It is sponsored by Mr. Peter Randall, Park View's geometry and computer science teacher, who explained the details of the so called Robotics Club.

"Robotics Club is about students who are interested in building and programming their own computers to compete with other schools," Mr. Randall explained.

Within the Robotics Club, you build a robot and create a program for the robot. After creating your robot and programming it, you go test



Ronald Henriquez

The finished product: Robotics Club members work to build their own robots.

out your robot's skills against other schools in a tournament.

A tournament holds tons of obstacles and challenges to push students and their robots to the limit.

To know more of the games and activities the tournaments have, look up www.usfirst.org for more information.

"What I like about

Robotics Club is that it's a challenge," said senior James Vandyke. "It's something to work hard for and give a long time goal to aim for."

Vandyke joined the Robotics Club after taking computer science where he became interested in making a robot himself.

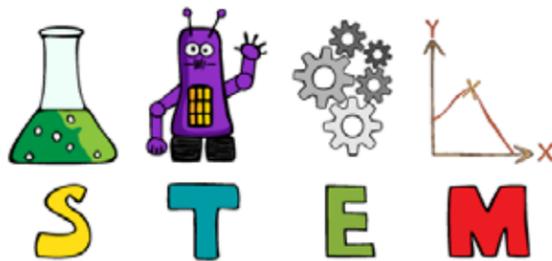
To be a part of Robotics Club, meet with Mr. Randall in room 2313 and he will provide you with a book on how to program a robot.

Meetings are usually on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in room 2313.

Come check out the club; perhaps your robot could be the next Frankenstein.

Park View STEM Club Explores the Sciences

by Kisha Lim



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The STEM Club (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics Club) is one of the many clubs here at Park View High School. This specific club is filled with students and teachers who have a passion for science.

STEM Club is a fun way to explore the science field. "We talk about scholarship opportunities, engineering, science in media, and we do fun experiments," says STEM Club sponsor, Mrs. Rachel DiSilvio.

Mrs. DiSilvio is a science teacher here at Park View along with the other club sponsors, Suzanne Bartley and Jennifer Hiltner.

"We want students to see that science is fun," Mrs. DiSilvio said.

All the STEM Club sponsors are trying their best to get that message out there.

Not only is it fun, but it is also beneficial towards the students' futures. As a bonus, the club gets to take field trips.

Members hold fundraisers that bring the club together, and the money earned goes towards their trips. The club members have taken trips to places like the Baltimore Aquarium.

Presently kids from all four grade levels are enjoying being a part of the club. Even first timers have already had such a fun-filled experience being a part of the club.

"We basically do lab activities without much learning," said freshman Lisa Pham.

"I've heard good things about it from previous members and I thought it would be good for me to try something new," said junior Lauren Villasenor,

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just seems too dramatic and way too scripted.

If anything this show makes girls think that having babies is a "whatever" factor. It does not show how having a child at a young age decreases their chances of graduation or going to college, and it definitely does not show the drastic change in focus that needs to occur when someone becomes a parent.

Life can no longer just be about you when there is another mouth to feed and body to care for.



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Growing in their Faith: Park View's Fellowship of Christian Athletes

by Thy Dao

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is one of Park View's newest clubs. The members meet at 8 o'clock every other Friday in the auxiliary gym to have fun and share what God is doing in their lives.

This outreach program first made its appearance at Park View a few years back, but ended up going downhill.

This year it has been brought back with enthusiasm and has been doing very well.

The student-run organization was started by Mrs. Kathy Koscinski (also known as Coach K), Park View's Health and P.E. Depart-

ment Chair, as well as the Mooney family.

"We reach out to kids and make them feel like they belong," stated Justin Mooney, a junior who wanted to share his beliefs with other people and "point them towards the truth."

FCA helps to make sure that students do not feel isolated as a Christian and creates a safe environment to help kids make them feel like they belong.

Their job is to "discuss and inform people about the truths spoken in the Bible," said senior Juan Rivera. "We're willing to discuss how awesome Jesus is," Rivera said.

The members

of the FCA are caring and compassionate people who "encourage others to share their faith with the people around them," said Ryan Mooney, a sophomore and proud member of the FCA.

"My faith has been an important part of my life [and] this was an opportunity for me to share it," he added.

They also support each other and are always there for one another. In this club, "cliques don't matter and everyone is treated the same; everyone is together," explained another sophomore, Kathleen Chesnutt.

Throughout the year, FCA has been

collecting canned food donations as well as participating in various community service projects. They also have lent a hand in the Teens for Jeans program.

In December, the members all gathered together at Coach Koscinski's house for a Christmas party where they wrapped gifts for a needy family in the Sterling Park community.

If someone wanted to join the Fellowship of Christian Athletes all they would need to do is find out when the nearest meeting date is and come as they are.

"It's welcome to everyone," said senior Kelly Stuart.



Micah Land

At the first meeting of FCA, around fifty students at Park View came to talk about their faith.

Did you Glow?

Park View's First Glow Dance

by Kensy Maradiaga

On February 21st, Park View High School had its first ever Glow Dance. It was an unforgettable night from the glowing posters to the bubbles blown out into the crowd.

Excitement and laughter filled the gym as people danced along to the music. There was a very broad selection of music fitting perfectly with all the different people.

Everyone dressed to their liking, blending perfectly together making a neon mix.

"The DJ was cool and played a lot of cool songs." stated freshman Jessica Smith.

Park View's regular pep rally DJ was the DJ for the Glow dance. Known as "DJ Stacks," he is also a former Park View student.

"It was a lot more relaxed, and you didn't have to worry about a date or looking nice." stated senior Rachel Compton.

Over three hundred people attended, making it a successful dance. "The glow dance was a lot of fun, and they should have it next year." stated sophomore Kathryn Burch.

Every attendee received free glow sticks on their way to the dance floor.

Students wore their

glow sticks as anklets, bracelets, necklaces, and headbands while others cracked them open and sprayed the glow-in-the-dark fluid all over their clothes.

"It was so much better than Homecoming," exclaimed senior Katie Thornton.

Unlike Homecoming, students could dress as casual as they wanted although a few students still came in formal attire.

Overall it was a laid back, entertaining night. Do not forget to attend next year's dance, it will definitely be worth it.



Students were able to wear whatever they wanted to the Glow Dance which made for a fun atmosphere.



The students enjoyed all of the glow sticks they were given when they entered the dance.



DJ Stacks, a Park View Alumni, played a lot of good music at the Glow Dance.



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