

The Black and Red



HHS new teachers Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Whaley, and Mr. Phillips help students during Tutor Team. (Photos Erin Matson)

Unfamiliar Faces

~ Erin Matson

You may have noticed that there are some new teachers this year. There are fifteen new teachers to be exact. But, rather than write a fifteen paragraph article, I chose to interview three of these newcomers. They are Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Phillips, and Mrs. Whaley. Mr. Jacobs is teaching Film in place of Mrs. Sims, who taught it last year. He has been a teacher for eight years, instructing at colleges. Formerly, he was a film critic. Mr. Jacobs thought that he had gotten his dream job (as a critic.) He found out that it involved much research and many hours of bad films; the movies were free though! He wrote for a magazine called *X Entertainment*.

For this magazine (which was not x rated), he interviewed a few celebrities like Ben Affleck and Chris Rock. Mr. Jacobs commented that being a teacher is more fun than being a film critic.

Despite the "glamour" of big cities, Mr. Jacobs prefers small towns like Hannibal. He summed up his thoughts on Los Angeles in a sentence, "It is like a whole different world." He mentioned that in Los Angeles random people will come up to you and ask for five dollars or so. Of course, Mr. Jacobs did grow up here in Hannibal so it is easy to see why he prefers small towns. In fact, he was the editor for *The Black and Red* before his film career. Why does Mr. Jacobs like film? It provides an escape from daily stresses. His favorite films are "deep think films," the kinds of movies that have deep messages (I guess). Like any man or woman that teaches, he loves it. Mr. Jacobs had this to say, "Hannibal High students are the best anywhere! And I love being back home."

Mr. Phillips is a ninth grade English teacher who student taught at HHS two years ago. Mr. Phillips knew from the time he was little that he wanted to work with people. It was near the end high school that he decided to become

a teacher. He went to Hannibal-LaGrange College and lives in town. Mr. Phillips taught in Palmyra last year but was eager to teach in his own town. He described his student-teaching as "fantastic." He was a student teacher with Mrs. Smart. He said that she was an excellent example and a great encourager. Mr. Phillips would take a different job if, "the St. Louis Cardinals were offering me a contract to play for them." In his opinion, teaching is hard work and takes up a lot of time and energy. However, it is very rewarding.

Mr. Phillips grew up in Kahoka, Missouri which is about seventy miles away. As a kid, he came to Hannibal often to visit family. He also played sports against HMS & HHS. As mentioned before, he lives in town, around the neighborhood of Mark Twain Elementary. Mr. Phillips favorites: chicken-especially Pollo Loco form Gran Rio, T.V. show-"The Office," music-acoustic and hip-hop, author-Truman Capote & John Piper, Hobbies & interests-sports (especially baseball), running, blogging, reading good books, travel, and other cultures.

Mrs. Whaley is a science teacher on the third floor. She has been teaching for four years. She is has taught Chemistry, Anatomy, and Physical Science. Previously she taught at Mark Twain High School and the Hannibal Education Center. Mrs. Whaley enjoys

science saying that it explains why we are here (as in why things exist). To her, science is a process of learning rather than a bundle of facts. She gave this sentiment on teaching: "If you can't have fun being a teacher, it is not the job for you." She feels that teaching is her ordained career.



Happening This Month

December 4th Picture Retakes

December 8th HHS & HMS
Jazz Ensemble 7 pm

December 22-January 2
Christmas Break

January 5 - School Resumes



JV players watch as Stephanie Wathen takes the pitch. (Photo Austin Wood)

Girls Softball

~Emele Richards

Girls softball had a rollercoaster of a season. With a record of four wins and twenty losses, Coach Melissa Menze was very supportive, "Everyone needs to work on something, not just upcoming freshman" she said. Junior Erin Winn and freshman Whitney Creech were the two players that stood out to her this year. "I performed quite well since I made All-Conference," Winn said about her performance this season. None of the players were disappointed with their season. Junior Stephanie Wathen said "As a team we played together pretty good. The score didn't show it, but we played as a unified team." Winn agreed by saying "Our team did well when we started hitting."

Coach Menze has been coach for eight years and her favorite part is "helping the athletes work on their skills season after season and seeing the progress each has made year to year." When asked if there are any skills upcoming freshman should work on for the team she replied, "The upcoming players need to get out and play as much as they can. Our season is so short and we have very few practices to get in skill work so playing experience has to come in the off season."

Most of the players have been playing since they were younger; Wathen and Winn have both been playing since they were about nine years old. Both players made it seem like fun too, "The back of the bus on bus rides was a happen'n place." Wathen said. Almost everyone except Winn agreed that Monroe City was the team's biggest rival. "Monroe City has been on our schedule for a long time and the past few seasons it has been back and forth wins with us," stated Coach Menze.

It is hard to say that these Lady Pirates had a great season but they sure had a fun one. The practices and bus rides help the team bond together and perform as one during games. No players blamed it on another when something went wrong, they took the loss as a whole and tried to grow more together.

Boys Soccer Stepped Up

~Chandler Blazin White

The boys' soccer team has worked very hard to prepare themselves for their games this season. I interviewed Coach Eric Hill to get the inside scoop:

Chandler- So what kind of drills have you been working on that will enhance the team's performance?

Hill- "We have been using a drill called cage which is a combination of rugby wrestling and soccer. It is sort of anything goes and gets the players to be more physical on the field."

Chandler- How has the team performed this season?

Hill- "Sparatic. We have some very good teams that come to play. We lost to some teams that we should not have lost to and won some games against really good teams."

Chandler- Are there any spectacular players this season?

Hill- "Tyler White has really stepped up this season and has turned into a great player. Kyle Bowman has been strong in the goal. Jake Stamp, Gabriel Noguez, Brandt Parker, and Edward Gregg have also been great assets to the team."

Chandler- Do you think it helps or hurts the teams self esteem to not have JD, Zach Cull, or any of the other seniors from last season on the team?

Hill- "I don't think it hurts us at all. When a team graduates some seniors, it motivates the other players to step it up to fill those positions as the go-to players."

Chandler- James Moffitt is a love or hate kind of guy. Do you love or hate James Moffitt?

Hill- "Love. He is a guy who works his butt off for the team and brings a lot of energy."

Chandler- What are your thoughts on Elliott Meyer?

Hill- "He has done a great job this year with assists. He should be a leader in years to come. He fills in anywhere needed admirably."

Chandler- Who on your team best fits the description "hoss"?

Hill- "Matt Flanigan is honestly our biggest and strongest on the field. He uses that to his advantage. Players from other teams know that he is not the guy to "mess around with"."

There you have it, straight from Coach Hill, this team has really been trying to "step it up."



Prepare for Glory!

~Eric Smith

How well did you sleep on the night of Saturday, November 8th? If you slept well, you may have the Hannibal Pirate Cross Country team to thank. In case you haven't seen them walking down the hallways, their shirts read 'So you can feel safe at night' on the back and they certainly backed up their claim at districts and state.

At districts, the Pirates (who were predicted to finish third) decided to borrow the 300 theme straight off their shirts and display the same kind of determination and fearlessness that made Spartans legendary. "I was really proud of our seniors who started their careers off as District Champs and finished their careers as District Champs. They provided a lot of leadership this season." said Coach Newland. Senior Bryson Jarman led the team with a second place finish, followed by fellow senior Eric Smith in sixth, junior Matt Norman in thirteenth, sophomore James Moffitt in sixteenth, and freshman Brady Novak in twenty-fifth. Together, their team score of 62 allowed them to defy the odds and capture a district title plus a state berth for the first time since 2005.

At State, the Pirates were forced to battle through freezing conditions and blistering wind but still managed to go out on a positive note en route to an eleventh place team finish. "I thought that we did ok. I think that if we would have run as well at State as we did at districts, we would have been a top five team...However, I think it was a good experience." Individually, Bryson Jarman led the team with an eleventh place finish and earning All-State Honors. Following Jarman were Eric Smith, Matt Norman, James Moffitt, Brady Novak, Blake Jarman, and Jeremiah Gwartney who placed fifty-fifth, eighty-second, ninety-eighth, 141st, 153rd, and 160th respectively.

Not to be outdone, the Lady Pirates also finished their season with a bang. At Districts, three out of the four Lady Pirates running qualified for State. Sophomore Emma Burditt successfully



All-State winners Bryson Jarman and Emma Burditt display their winning medals.

(Photo Jayme Jones)

defended her district title, finishing first. Behind Burditt were juniors Julia Collins and Jacqueline Gosney, and freshman Madison Sante who finished sixth, fourteenth, and twenty-ninth respectively.

At the State Meet, the girls ran calm and composed; running smart races and ultimately finishing well. Sophomore Emma Burditt was able to improve on her seventeenth place finish from last year by finishing in tenth. Teammates Jacqueline Gosney and Julia Collins finished their seasons with something to smile about en route to sixty-first and sixty-third place finishes respectively. Coach Newland had this to say about the Lady Pirates performances: "I was really happy with the girls' performances. They will all be returning next year (led by two-time All-Stater Emma Burditt) and with the help of a couple new runners, the team could place high next year at the State Meet."

So the next time you see a Hannibal Pirate or Lady Pirate runner walking down the hallway, be sure to thank them. After all, were it not for them, you might have been overwhelmed with nightmares.

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Jill serves up the ball. (Photo Emily Roach)

Number One Commentary

~Erin Matson

The tennis season is over, but the top-ranked player has a few things to say. Jill Collins is a third year tennis player. She likes it, of course, but more because it is a sport that she can do later in life. She plays in a family tennis school. It is hard, due to being a small school.

Jill encourages other girls to play tennis. It is very fun!

Bigger schools have better players, in other words. Jill thought this year was an improvement over last year. The ladies only won two games last time. This time it was seven wins and seven losses. The players were more skilled as well. There are seven seniors on the team that are going to graduate. Jill encourages other girls to play tennis. It is very fun!

Football Season Ends

~Grace Bixler

The varsity football team did great this year; they not only went 8-3 but also made it to the beginning of playoffs. They were knocked out of the playoffs when the game against St. Charles West High School was lost. They had a few close games, but mostly killed the opposing teams by ten or more.

The JV team had many close calls, winning and losing by only minor points. However, the game against Fulton they did outstanding, winning 24-0.

The freshman team did fine as well, they went 5-2 also winning by quite a bit.

Average Pirate Interview

~by Jeremy DeLaPorte

Every month, the Black & Red will be running an interview column dedicated to the average Joes and everyday students around Hannibal High.

We'll randomly pick a person to interview and ask him/her questions, reasonable and ridiculous alike, and print his/her answers to give the other HHS students an opportunity to get to know their class mates.

I recently sat down with a student

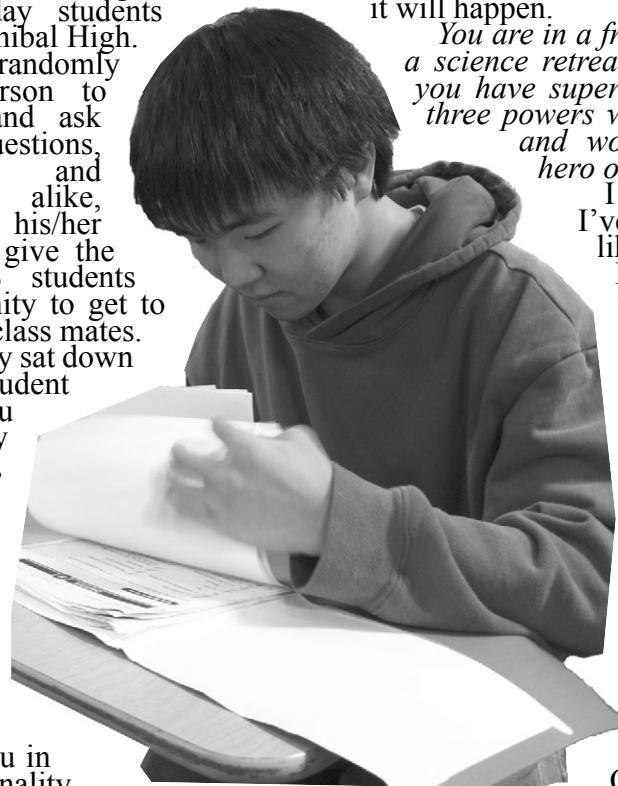
most of you probably recognize, but know very little about. Maybe his interesting answers to my sometimes absurd questions will clue you in on his personality.

What is your name?

Chris Sheffer

What grade are you in?

I'm a sophomore.



If you could do anything or have any job after high school, what would it be?

I'd love to be a successful author. That would be great! But I doubt that it will happen.

You are in a freak accident at a science retreat and suddenly you have super powers. What three powers would you have and would you be a hero or a villain?

I'd be a hero.

I've always liked heroes.

My powers would be to fly, to breathe underwater for a long time, and definitely invisibility.

Breathing underwater would be cool, but would it really be that beneficial to a super hero?

I guess I could rescue drowning people.

Or help the environment...I

mean, the marine environment.

A complete stranger walks up to you and deliberately slaps you in the face. Your first reaction is to?

Heck, I'm going to cower! No, I'd probably stand up and take it like a man.

You receive a legit check in the mail for a hundred million dollars. What do you do with it?

Make a savings account.

You find out the money was stolen. Now you...?

Find out whose it is and give it back. I mean, that is a lot of money.

You regain some lost memories and realize that YOU stole it. Do you repent and turn yourself in or continue in your evil ways?

Is there an option 'C'? I'd turn myself in, I guess. Then I'd make sure that nobody brainwashes me anymore.

Beards. Your opinion?

At one time I wanted a long white beard, and to sit on a cushion in a hut and levitate while reading proverbs to small children. So, yeah.

There you have it. A flying, invisible, bearded wise man that breathes underwater and unwittingly steals millions of dollars, yet still has the heart to help others. Sounds like a good guy to me. Thanks, Chris!

Horoscopes

~Jeremy DeLaPorte

Aquarius— January 20-February 18 **

Your insecurities about the people around you secretly plotting against you aren't irrational, like your counselor insists. In fact, they are actually true! However, don't worry. Just listen to the little voices inside your head and you should be fine.

Pisces— February 19-March 20 **

Many people will tell you that it's important to be prepared for the future. Don't fall into this trap of lies! You can't be prepared for what's coming next. If you *really* want to be prepared for the future, go out and invest in a nice coffin.

Aries – March 21-April 19 *

Today is your lucky day!! Oh wait, no it isn't.

Taurus – April 20-May 20 *

Forgiveness is like a key. No, wait, it's like a door. Yeah, like a door with big hinges. And you – you are those hinges. And you are clinging to forgiveness with all your might. And your ex-girlfriend is like a steel mallet used for breaking hinges off doors...

Gemini – May 21-June 20 ***

When things don't quite go your way, accept that it's your lot in life and try and be cheerful about it. If you fail, remind yourself of this important objective truth: Everyone else's opinion is more important than yours.

Cancer – June 21-July 22 **

Good friends in high places can be a great lifesaver, or an effective tool for conquering the world if you are a backstabbing traitor. Either way, it doesn't matter. You don't have any friends.

Leo – July 23-August 22 ****

Did you know that hippos are among the most dangerous animals on the planet? You will soon.

Virgo – August 23-September 22 *

True love happens only once in a lifetime. Too bad yours already came and went. I'd say 'better luck next time', but let's face it--we both know there is no next time.

Libra – September 23-October 22 **

Not only is life going to give you lemons, someone who supposedly loves you is going to cut those lemons in half and squeeze them into your eyes. Metaphorically and literally.

Scorpio – October 23-November 21 ***

Do what you can to ensure that you get along with everyone you meet. It's understandable if you can't, seeing as everyone hates you, but at least you'll get kudos for trying. No, wait, you won't.

Sagittarius – November 22-December 21 **

Loneliness can easily be defeated with the help of your peers. Find others like you and you may have found yourself a cure! Well, on second thought, a room full of psychotic sociopaths may not be the best idea. Maybe you should just stick to your imaginary friends.

Capricorn – December 22-January 19 ****

Don't worry! Dreams *can* come true! Too bad you only have nightmares, huh?

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November Car of the Month



Bobby Altiser sits on top of his car and contemplates the honor of having "Car of the Month." (Photo Chandler White)

Car of the Month

~Chandler Blazin' White

A good friend of mine, by the name of Bob Altiser, is the owner of a very "original" high school student's vehicle. He doesn't own a Camaro, GTO, or Mustang but he is the proud owner of a 2005 Kia Sorrento. Sure it isn't the fastest car on the lot but it has plenty of class.

Bob received this car from his mother after she got a new car and he has made it his own. He has a rocking a stealth bike rack on the back along with a snazzy Tree Bicycle CO sticker which happens to be his BMX sponsor. This car sure does make a great family car but Bob makes it a

rad automobile. Bob pulls it off very nicely just like everything else in his life. Stay classy Bobbie Altiser.

Sudoku

~Grace Bixler

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Who's to Blame?

~Jeremy DeLaPorte

For those of you who have to pass by any of the men's restrooms on your way to the next block, you know the smell is overwhelming. It is hard to walk within a ten foot radius of the door, let alone walk in to relieve yourself. There is a problem with the cleaning of those restrooms and everybody knows it, but who is to blame? The custodians, or the students?

Let me put this into perspective for you using an analogy most of you will be able to connect with: the kitchen. If you clean the kitchen thoroughly and extensively as per your parents orders, it will look brilliant and clean for a time. It does not require another extensive cleaning a mere five minutes after the first.

Now, the kitchen will be used and will get dirty, but if you clean up after every dirty dish and every pizza sauce spill, the kitchen will retain its glamour without another huge cleaning job. Small, diligent steps to clean the kitchen after use will *keep* it clean.

The school restrooms are no different matter. They should not require a thorough cleaning every time a student uses them. If students would be a little responsible, clean up after themselves, and -- for Pete's sake -- flush the toilet, they would not invoke sickness in those who have to pass by the restrooms each day.

I do not blame the custodians. In fact, I appreciate the hard work they put into keeping this building clean. Students pay attention, you might learn something!

Some of you may wonder why someone would go an entire month without shaving. To you, Senior Bryan Ruble says: "The question should be 'why aren't more people doing No Shave November?'" Ruble says that there is a real purpose for this phenomenon. "It keeps your face warm, for one. It helps you get in touch with your inner lumberjack, and it's awesome! Plus, who are you going to flock to during an emergency? Definitely the guy with a beard." Well said, Mr. Ruble. It's very true that for centuries, men with beards have been seen as experienced, knowledgeable, and wise people. Just look at Paul Bunyan, Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses Grant, John Lennon, Poseidon, Robert E. Lee, or Professor Dumbledore.

Of course, there are some drawbacks to not shaving for 30 days. "(The beard) gets kinda itchy and people can get scared of your ruggedness." Ruble says he's learned a lot this month. When asked to give some advice, he kept it simple: "Don't shave during November... Unless you're a girl."

So there you have it: it's a great time of the year to be thinking about growing a beard even if you're not participating in No Shave November. It's a tough challenge, but it's well worth the sacrifice; just ask Bryan Ruble. Better yet, next November become one of the few, the proud, the bearded.

The Few, The Proud, The Bearded

~Eric Smith

Call them burly, call them rugged, call them whatever you like, but give them respect. Many men at HHS are participating in the thirty day event that is NO SHAVE NOVEMBER. They've been through a lot this month, and they deserve your respect and admiration.



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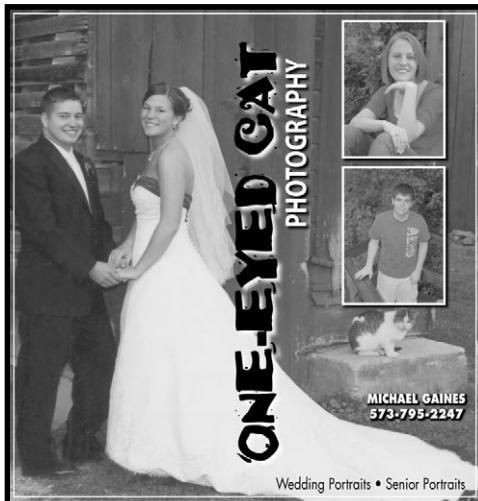
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~Chase Holland

About two weeks ago *The Black and Red* launched the greatest thing since sliced bread and Car of the Month. The brainchild of web master Chase Holland, www.hannibal.k12.mo.us/hhs/faculty/BlackRed/index.html, is the flagship of good things to come. It boasts constantly updated weather, a Google search bar, stories not run in the paper, and even a clock! In addition to these excellent features, there are also massive photo galleries of school events. It is like the Facebook of Hannibal High events! There are hundreds of pictures of the *Oklahoma!* musical, sports, and other happenings. If you ever want to go back and read a story or the any of the horoscopes, they will always be there for your viewing pleasure. I highly recommend setting it as your homepage!



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Give Your Thanks

~Callie Nietiedt

It's been three months now since our summer was taken away and we were forced back into the regular routine of school. If you're anything like me, you're just plain tired of it all. Lucky for us, Thanksgiving break is just around the corner. There's no better time to be thankful than during a five day break from school while enjoying delicious food with family members. Although the turkey, mashed potatoes, and green bean casserole and pumpkin pie are a vital part of an amazing Thanksgiving supper, there are other things significant to the holiday festivities. Watching the football game after lunch and battling the insane crowds the next day are just a couple annual events involved with the holidays. Here's what some of your classmates have to say about their Thanksgiving plans.

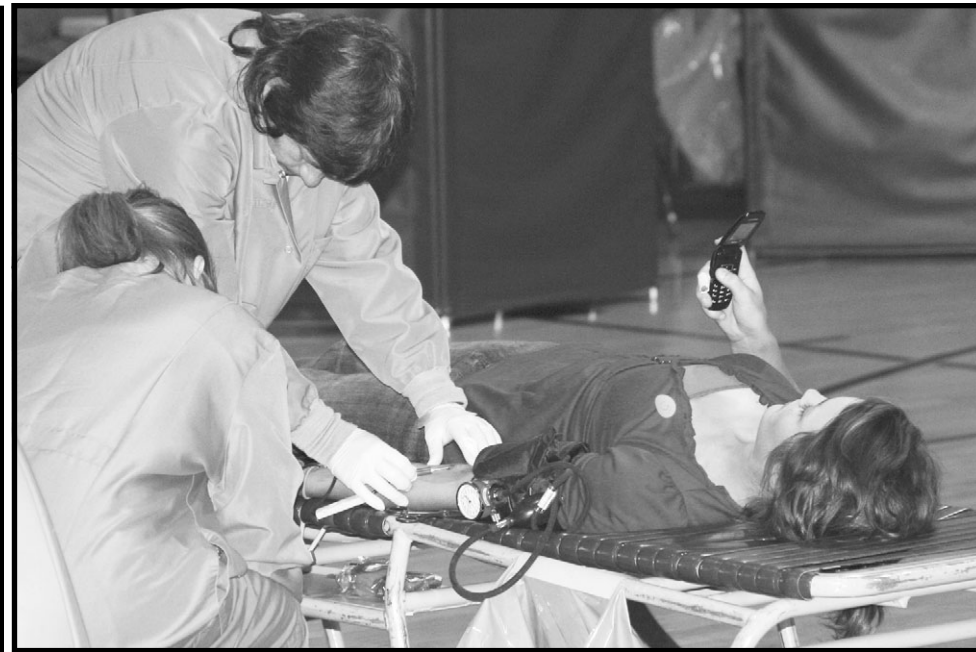
Britany Wharton says, "I am going to St. Louis with my boyfriend to eat turkey early Thanksgiving day. Then that afternoon I am going to Frankford for dinner at my grandmothers. Later that night I am going to my job for a big sale, then getting up and going to work the next morning."

Emily Roach says, "My family members are coming up from Jefferson City for Thanksgiving and we are going shopping on Friday."

Mr. Wilson, the welding teacher, said that he is spontaneous and just does whatever he feels like at the time.

Heather Donhardt says, "I have to write a 6-7 page paper for English Comp. and I'm gonna OD on green bean casserole."

September Freiling says, "I'm setting up my Christmas tree! It's a tradition!"



Lainy Harrison seems pretty relaxed as she gives blood. (Photo Wes Bergen)

Bleeding Black and Red

~Billy Inman

On November 11, the annual HHS Fall Blood Drive took place in Patterson Gym. Any student who was seventeen years of age was eligible to sign up to donate their blood. Sixteen year old students could also give blood with parental consent. Though completely coincidental, it is a bit ironic that our blood drive also fell on a day of honoring veterans who lost a great deal of their blood during wartime as they were defending our beloved country. Many students turned out to donate their blood. Whether they wanted to give back to the community or just skip class, they ended up helping various amounts of people who need blood. Senior Alissa Smith thinks, "It's a really great way to volunteer for the

community. It's an easy way to help people because it's simple and doesn't take a lot of time." When asked about the restrictions for donating blood, Emily Roach thinks "It's ridiculous that you have to have a certain temp because I was off by one percent and not sick." Senior Seth Klocke, when asked why he didn't donate blood, simply said, "I hate needles!"

I for one am pleased how our student body came together to help out other people. We all hear how we should help out one another, yet it seems that most of the time it is just an afterthought. As you go about your daily routine, keep in mind all the things that you can do for other people to help them out. A little courtesy can go a long way towards helping another person.



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GAMER ZONE**Chaos Begin!**

~Erin Matson

Pure chaos is the best way to describe *Super Smash Bros. Brawl* (for the Wii). Every match is fast-paced madness. The graphics are good but hard to appreciate with the fast pace. There is quite a selection of Nintendo characters to choose from and a couple not from Nintendo (like Solid Snake). The single-player adventure mode is a series of side-scrolling levels. It is fun but often frustrating. In between, there are these little "moves" which are cool. However, I wish that they were longer. I was often stumped as to what to do with the items. There are a few weird ones like what I think is a paper fan. The game-play is simple: push buttons to survive. You do not have much time to think about what you are doing; which is half the fun. I am an only child and have no one else to play with. So, I did not explore the multi-player modes. The stages all sport different traps and transitions. The Animal Crossing stage, "Smashville" was idiotic, nothing happened. Despite all these features (among others), there is no use of the Wii remote's motion control. Overall, a very good game and a vast improvement over the N64 title, which I hated.

MOVIES***Madagascar
Escape 2 Africa***

~Wes Bergen

Yes, I did go see *Madagascar 2*. For a kid's movie, it has a lot of witty dialogue. Though, I'm not sure the 6 year olds sitting all around me got the joke about the lion and the CAT scan. I don't think anyone a) under 45 or b) not taking their young children should see this movie.

BANDS**A Stroke of Brilliance**

~Chandler Blazin White

The Strokes are probably one of the most under-rated bands in America. They make great songs about everyday thoughts. Their newest CD *First Impressions of The Earth* has a hit Juice Box that is about the roller coaster ride that is fame. It talks about standing in the spotlight and how no one can trust you.

Then there is the infamous *Reptilia* from the game *Rock Band*. It slightly angers me that people play the song on *Rock Band* but don't give any other songs by *The Strokes* a chance. Speaking of people not giving *The Strokes* a chance, *12:51* is one of the best songs to listen to, it might turn you on to *The Strokes*. It is about a break-up that has ruined this guy's life and he is trying to explain to his ex about how he hasn't forgotten her and how he is lonely now. It appears on the *Room on Fire* album.

On the third and newest album *First Impressions of The Earth*, the song *Heart in a Cage* is about how the world may pass you by but you keep on going in any way you can. It's also how this life is so simple if we just go with the flow because the heart keeps beating in its cage. My favorite song by *The Strokes* by far is *Someday* because it is about memories of good times and how they repeat sometimes. It makes me feel good about where my life is going because life can only turn out bad if you allow it to do so, so stay classy Hannibal High.

Of course all this is my opinion on how I perceive the songs and may not be exactly what the band wanted us to get out of it. Listen to the songs, take them in and do what you will with what you have gained. Stay classy Hannibal High.

BOOKS***Twilight* by Stephanie Meyers**

~Emele Richards

Twilight is a book that has been sweeping the nation. With a movie coming out November 21, it is seen in everyone's hands everywhere you turn, and for a good reason. This suspenseful story about vampires, love, and action, can be read and liked by everyone. This four book series is by Stephanie Meyers and can be found at libraries, Wal Mart, and almost every book store. *Twilight* is followed by *New Moon*, *Eclipse*, and *Breaking Dawn*. *Midnight Sun* is another book the author is in process writing, about Edward Cullen's prospective of the whole story.

The story is about Bella Swan and her encounter with Edward Cullen and his vampire family. Edward's family is a mystery that is uncovered throughout the book. The more things you find out, the more you want to know. The characters are still not fully revealed by the end of the story but as the series goes on you learn more.

This is a series you won't want to end; it takes you on an adventure that you wouldn't expect. Once you start just the first book of the whole series you are hooked. Most people don't think that they would enjoy a story about vampires because it isn't realistic but Stephanie Meyers makes you want to become a vampire with her descriptions of each one. Try and read the book before the movie comes out because it will make it much more exciting.

Jack of Hearts Preview

~Callie Nietiedt

The leaves are falling, the days are getting colder, the posters are lining the halls, and those hard earned paychecks are vanishing fast. With this said, I think we all know what time it is at Hannibal High School; time for none other than the annual fall dance known as Jack of Hearts. While the girls are busy picking out a dress, making hair and nail appointments, and making dinner reservations, the guys are not really that busy at all. In fact, I don't think the guys really have much control over pre-dance plans and if they have a problem with that...well, that's too bad. Sorry guys!

Although it may not seem like a difficult process, a lot of planning goes into the perfect Jack of Hearts night. Sometimes getting a date is the simplest part. Organizing a schedule, however, can be a challenge. Getting a group of friends to all agree on a restaurant may sound easy but it's inevitable that something won't work out. It's natural for couples to make different plans or join the group, but hopefully reservations are flexible. This is only possible after the girls have spent hours and hours scoping out the perfect dress for the occasion. And all this doesn't even include those pesky parents who need 300 pictures of you, your date, you and your date, you and your best friend, you and a group of friends, you and half your family, and the list goes on. All these plans and all the preparation are important to a perfect fall dance. So make sure to bring out your best dance skills on November 22 at Jack of Hearts 2008.




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GO PIRATES!



Early Grads

~Jeremy DeLaPorte

It only happens once in a lifetime but us early graduates prefer it that way. In fact, the sooner the better we say!

The holiday season is creeping in, and along with the rejoicing that comes from family dinners and gift exchanges,

we early grads are celebrating something new this year: freedom.

It is not just a Christmas break; it is what we have been working on for the past four years. January 9th means something much more than

the end of a semester – it means the beginning of our new lives.

We have come a long way. We survived the change in scenery our freshman year. We survived the height of high school drama during sophomore year. We barely survived the bombardment of homework, essays, and tests our junior year. Now, our senior year of relaxation and anticipation is coming to an end.

With the closure of this chapter of our lives so near at hand, it is difficult to contain our excitement and also difficult not to be anxious about the future. Some of us have plans, some do not. Some of us will move on to pursue higher education, some of us will find a steady job and make a living. Some of us will pursue

dreams, some will wish high school had not ended. In any case, we have only a vague, mysterious scrutiny of the future and what it will hold.

This does not mean we are not ready for it.

“I’m really excited about it!” says early grad Samantha Benjamin. “I’m

ready to be able to sleep in and not worry about homework.”

While the prospect of a life on our own sounds sweet to our ears, some of us will miss high school. Oh, we’ll deny it at first, but eventually we’ll

miss the good ole’ days. I, personally, am one of those who swear I’ll never think about looking back. I’ll sound the amen, throw up my hat, and say, “Bring it, World!”

For those who will miss it, however, enjoy your last few weeks and get ready for life.



I Love Fast Food

~Wes Bergen

It just hit me how amazing fast food really is. It’s cheap, its fast, its healthy. If I could afford it, I think I would eat fast food for every meal (see the 2004 Morgan Spurlock movie *Super Size Me*). Fortunately for my refined tastes,

Hannibal has a lot to offer in the way of fast food. I usually enjoy tasty selections from the McDonald’s dollar menu, but I often like to scan the menu of other restaurants. When I want some variety, I will venture



to Kentucky Fried Chicken for their signature Big Box Meal. When they remember to give me synthetic butter packets, it is a meal to die for. Sometimes, when I want a real mexican meal, I will get a burrito from Taco Bell. However, I usually have to tear it apart to apply hot sauce and it never seems to go back together exactly. I also like Sonic. They treat me like a king – they bring my food

out to me, servers carry coins in their little belts so I don’t have to wait for change, and at the bottom of the bag they leave a greasy mint for me to freshen my breath with.

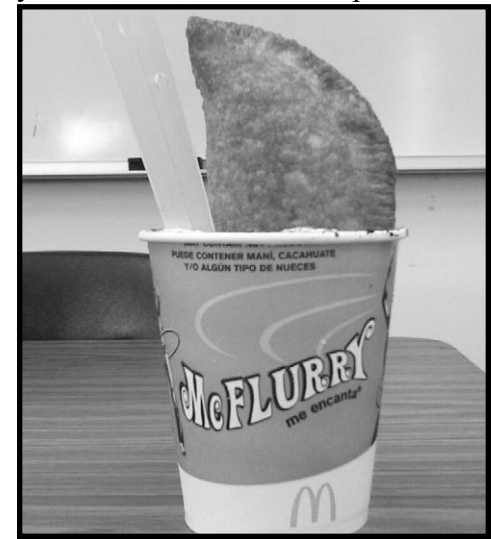
Then an idea struck me. I will combine some of my fast food favorites into one super meal to rule them all.

Using the drive-thru’s of Taco Bell and McDonald’s, I have created the single greatest meal in the world.

The meal comes in two parts. The main course is what I like to call the Double Taco McNugget Burger. Combining a McDonald’s double cheeseburger, McNuggets, and a hard shell beef taco from Taco Bell, it is a taste of paradise. Eric Smith said “That was the worst sandwich I’ve ever eaten. Why did I agree to do that?” What does he know about food? Seriously kids, this burger is a perfect combination of budget, health, style, and taste.

Be sure to save room for dessert – a little milkshake I like to call the McEmpanadaFlurry. It is, quite simply, a carmel apple empanada from Taco Bell delicately inserted in an Oreo McFlurry. I’m apologizing in advance for making you drool.

These are just two of the items that I enjoy. I encourage you to be creative and come up with your own delicious combinations. The sky is the limit when it comes to creating your own fast food masterpiece.



“That was the worst sandwich I’ve ever eaten. Why did I agree to do that?”
--Eric Smith

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Senior Bulletin

~Billy Inman and Callie Nietiedt



This could be you at 2009 Project Graduation!

Hey 2009 Seniors!

The 2009 Project Graduation DVD is blank. If you have pictures or videos that you would like to see as part of our DVD you need to get them together and get them to the DVD editor.

To make things simple you can email your pics and vids to jeffbush@bleigh.com. If you have a CD, DVD, or VHS with images you can give them to Mrs. Bush (room #218) or Stewart Bush at the high school. Once your CD, DVD, or VHS has been copied they will be sent back to the high school with Mrs. Bush. It will be your responsibility to label them and to retrieve them. Do not send non-digital photos please.

What do you want to hear on the sound track? Pick three songs that can be played on the DVD (WITH OUT BLEEPS!!) and email me your list. If you don't let me know what songs you want you might get stuck with my picks.

Please don't let that happen.

Thanks,
Jeff Bush

REMEMBER: Next ACT is December 13, 2008

Other Sign Up Dates:	DEADLINES
February 7, 2009	January 6, 2009
April 4, 2009	February 27, 2009
June 13, 2009	May 8, 2009

Here are a few things for seniors to keep in mind while making post-graduation plans.

- Be sure to check for college/trade school applications in Guidance
- If you fill out on-line applications, inform Mrs. Baumann in the Guidance Office so she can forward a copy of your transcript to your selected school
- It's not too late to sign up for the A+ Scholarship
 - Requirements include:
 - Accumulated GPA of 2.5 on non-weighted scale
 - 95% attendance over 4 years
 - 50 hours of tutoring
 - Must sign-up by the end of first semester

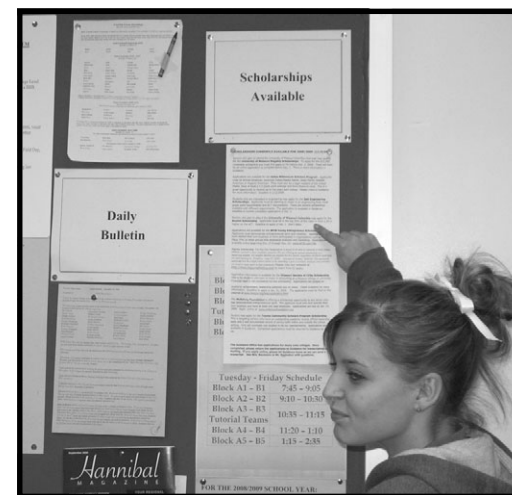
Scholarships Due December 5

SAE Engineering Scholarship
 Kiwanis Earl Collins Foundation Scholarship
 ELKS Lodge Most Valuable Student Scholarship
 JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship

Missouri School Boards Assn. John T. Belcher Memorial Scholarship

REMEMBER: Senior pictures due to Mrs. Krisko by January 31, 2009.

Midterm Graduates: Please give your picture to Mrs. Krisko before you graduate. If you don't have a picture please make an appointment to have Mrs. Krisko take a picture of you for the yearbook.



Senior Tanya Gentry checks out scholarship information in Guidance. (Photo Callie Nietiedt)

December

30	1 National Pie Day	2 National Fritters Day	3 National Roof Over Your Head Day	4 Wear Brown Shoes/ National Dice Day	5 Walt Disney is Born	6 St Nicholas Day
7 National Cotton Candy Day	8 HHS & HMS Jazz Ensemble 7PM HHS AUDITORIUM Dress Like Nathan Hammock Day* National Broseine Day	9 National Pastry Day	10 Festival for the Souls of Dead Whales	11 National Noodle Ring Day	12 National Ding - Ling Day	13 Spend the Night in Your Car
14 International Children's Day	15 6:30pm Christmas Concert - Auditorium National Lemon Cup- cake Day	16 National Chocolate-Cov- ered Anything Day	17 Underdog Day	18 Bake Cookies Day	19 Oatmeal Muffin Day	20 Go Caroling/Mudd Day
21 Hanukkah Look at the Brightside Day	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL Christmas No "L"/Pumpkin Pie Day	26 NO SCHOOL Kwanzaa----->	27 -----> Make Cut Out Snow- flakes Day
28 -----> National Chocolate Day	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL Festival Of Enormous Changes At The Last Minute	31 NO SCHOOL Party Like a Rockstar Day	1 NO SCHOOL New Year's Kwanzaa Ends	2 NO SCHOOL	3 Humiliation Day

*Subject to change, if 8th ends as an A day, will move to the 9th

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Attention HHS Students
 The Black and Red would like to start running a literary section with work contributed by students. If you are interested in submitting stories, poems, or anything of the sort, email your work to blackandred@hannibal.k12.mo.us or give it to Mrs. Krisko.