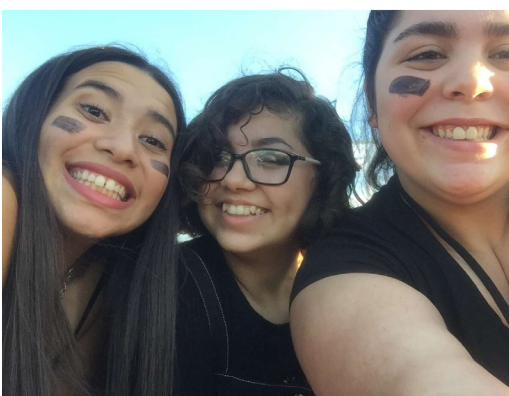


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Welcome Back Colonials!  
Thank you so much for your support in the making of this issue.  
Please enjoy our last first edition of the newspaper.  
Love, Kyla and Sophie

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# Welcome Back Colonials:

BY MR. TIM PLETCHER

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. With that said, it's time to get back to the business of education. Here are a few things on my mind as we kick off the school year.

First, I am excited about some things we plan to roll out from an instructional standpoint. This school year all teachers will implement a close reading process into their instruction. The purpose of this initiative is to push academic rigor while addressing learner reading needs. A team of dedicated staff spent several hours this summer planning and developing our own process. During our monthly professional development time this year, we will dedicate ourselves to enhancing our reading instruction. Literacy is a key to academic success, and we want all learners to be successful.

Next, to our learners, I want to remind

you of some things that are important to me. I truly believe if you can do these three things, you will find success:

One, be here. Get to school and class on time. Bring your materials and be in the moment. If you're not present, you can't learn. If you're not engaged, you can't learn. And remember, your next class is your most important class--get there!

Two, be responsible. As a high school student, your education is your responsibility! Make sure you stay up with your work. Charge your Chromebook. Bring your materials. Communicate with your teachers and parents about your school work. Take control of your own destiny by setting your own goals and asking people to support those. You can do it!

Three, be respectful. First and foremost, respect yourself. Carry yourself with class, integrity, and honor. Don't let people misjudge you by your actions. Please and

thank you can go a long way. Take care of yourself, your belongings, and the school. We appreciate your efforts each and every day!

Finally, as a reminder to you all, I am challenging everyone in the building to greet as many people as you can each day. Offer up a hello. Give someone a compliment. Wish them a good day. The goodwill you spread will return. Let's work on being better people. Also, don't forget you can earn some positive incentives for doing good things around the building. Be recognized for your efforts. And if you wish to thank anyone on staff, please log in and leave a thank you here.

So here's to a great 2019-2020 school year! We are the Clay High School family and we are #Claystrong!

Mr. P

## Counselor's Corner

BY MRS. KATIE BUDA

WELCOME BACK CLAY!

The counseling office is thrilled to have the kids back. We have wrapped up scheduling fixes and edits at this time, so some of you may have already met our new counselor, Mr. Hummer! A couple of quick tidbits to remember as we start off a great year:

Who's My Counselor??

Mrs. Lake, elake@sb.school:

A-G last names

Mrs. Buda, kbuda@sb.school:

H-O last names

Mr. Hummer, chummer@sb.school: P-Z last names

SENIORS, IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING COLLEGE AND HAVEN'T TAKEN THE SAT OR ACT YET, REGISTER ASAP.

SAT: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

We will be coming to 12th grade classrooms to inform you more about the college application process soon. College Visit Calendar and Scholarship Bulletin are on our counseling page at [www.clay.sb.school](http://www.clay.sb.school) under the Student tab.

## Book Nook

BY MRS. ANGIE BITNER

Welcome back students! There has been a lot of changes this summer in the library! If you haven't been in yet this year, please make sure you stop in and say HI!

The first thing you will notice is that all three computer labs have disappeared! No need to worry though, we still have four computers that can print projects, pictures, and research papers. We also now have a Chromebook Cart with 30 laptops that can be used by individuals while working in the library.

The library also has a "Creation Station" for student use. Here you will be able to use materials such as colored pencils,

markers, crayons, construction paper, and many more items to work on group projects and individual work. My hope is that the "Creation Station" grows as the school year progresses to create a valuable resource for all CHS students.

The library is now open! Please make sure you:

1. Have a blue pass from a teacher before entering the library 2. Have your ID card for check-out If you would like to use the library for reading or studying during your lunch break make sure you see Ms. Bitner prior to lunch, or report to her desk during your lunch.

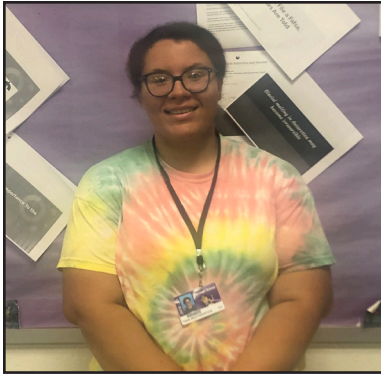
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# Senior Athletes

PHOTOS AND INTERVIEWS BY HAYLEY DEMLER 20'

As the 2019-2020 school year wraps up, a new group of seniors are having their last first day, last school year, and some are having their last season.



**Tiana Weatherspoon, Golf**

"I think I will miss the crazy practices the most."



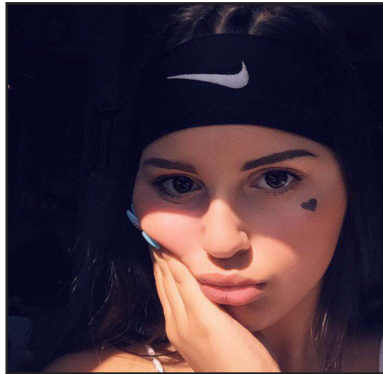
**Navaeh Cruz, Soccer**

"I will definitely miss the butterflies I get right before every game."



**Shawny Gordon, Football**

"I want to keep on playing and hopefully I can."



**Halie Ebersole, Volleyball**

"I will miss the team bonding, and the bond I have with the team."



**Kenneth Thompson, Football**

"The thing I'll miss the most will be playing with my friends since middle school and freshman year."

## Fall Sports Passes

BY AUTUMN WROBEL 20'

Did you know you can get into all the fall sports events for FREE?! If you are a fall sport athlete, tell the ticket booth and they will let you in for free! Are you an athlete of a different season or don't play sports at all? Are you still looking to get into all the sports events without the hassle of paying for a ticket? Buy an all sports pass! The all sports pass will allow you to get into every game without having

to pay for a ticket. Depending on which one you get, you can even bring the whole family in and not buy any tickets! For the 2019-2020 school year an all sports pass for adults are \$60, and students in K-12 are \$40. The family pass is \$130 which includes two adults and one child. Any children not included in the family pass will be another \$10. You can purchase an all sports pass through the mail by filling out

the enclosed form and mailing it to Clay High School. You may obtain the enclosed form from the Athletic Office at Clay High School. You can also purchase the pass directly at Clay High School in the Athletic Office.

[Click Here for Clay All-Sports Pass Form](#)



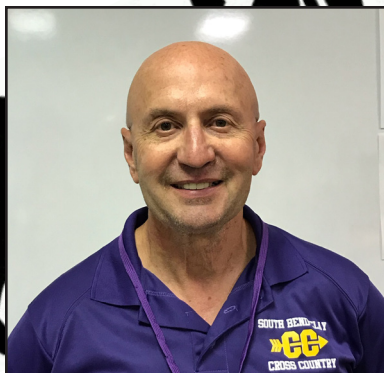
# September Sports Calendar

<b>Tuesday 03</b> Girls' Soccer vs. John Glenn H Volleyball vs. Elkhart Central A Boys' Tennis vs. AHS Multi Meet (@ Hart. C.)	<b>Wednesday 04</b> Boys' Soccer vs. John Glenn A Girls' Golf vs. Mishawaka A Boys' Tennis vs. John Glenn A	<b>Thursday 05</b> Boys' Soccer vs. LaVille H Girls' Soccer vs. Kouts A Volleyball vs. Marian H Cross Country vs. SB City Meet A Boys' Tennis vs. Bethany Chr. H	<b>Friday 06</b> Friday Night Homecoming Football Game!
<b>Saturday 07</b> Boys' Soccer vs. Plymouth A	<b>Sunday 08</b>	<b>Monday 09</b> Girls' Golf vs. LLHS/SB Wash. (S.B)	<b>Tuesday 10</b> Boys' Soccer vs. SB Washington A Girls' Golf vs. Trinity H Boys' Tennis vs. Penn A Volleyball vs. Jimtown A
<b>Wednesday 11</b> Girls' Soccer vs. SB Washington H Boys' Tennis vs. Michigan City H	<b>Thursday 12</b> Boys' Soccer vs. Michigan City A Volleyball vs. LaVille H Boys' Tennis vs. Elkhart Central A	<b>Friday 13</b> Friday Night Football Away Game vs. SB Washington	<b>Saturday 14</b> Girls' Golf vs. NIC Mish. Volleyball vs. Chesterton Inv. A Cross Country County Clash Midd.
<b>Sunday 15</b>	<b>Monday 16</b> Boys' Soccer vs. Jimtown H Volleyball vs. SB Career Acad. A Boys' Tennis vs. Marian H	<b>Tuesday 17</b> Girls' Soccer vs. Bremen A Volleyball vs. Penn H Boys' Tennis vs. Mishawaka H	<b>Wednesday 18</b> Boys' Soccer vs. Bremen H
<b>Thursday 19</b> Boys' Soccer vs. Trinity School H Volleyball vs. SB Washington A Boys' Tennis vs. Riley H	<b>Friday 20</b> Last Girls' Golf Game Grang. (Sectionals) Friday Night Football Away Game vs. Bremen	<b>Saturday 21</b> Cross Country vs. New Prairie A N. Prairie Invite	<b>Sunday 22</b>
<b>Monday 23</b> Boys' Tennis vs. Gary West Side H	<b>Tuesday 24</b> Boys' Soccer vs. Mishawaka H Girls' Soccer vs. Elkhart Cen. A Volleyball vs. New Prairie A Boys' Tennis NIC Tournament S.Bend	<b>Wednesday 25</b> Girls' Soccer vs. Mishawaka A Boys' Tennis NIC Tournament S.Bend	<b>Thursday 26</b> Boys' Soccer vs. South Adams H Volleyball vs. South Adams H Boys' Tennis NIC Tournament S.Bend

BY KEVIN BANGO 22'

# Meet the Coaches

With the school year starting up, athletics are also getting started! As we all know, if you have a team, you have to have a coach. These are the coaches for the 2019-2020 fall sport teams:



Coach Mood is the cross country coach. It is his eleventh year coaching cross country, but only his seventh year coaching at Clay. He coached at Washington for four years before switching.



Coach Lewis, the boys soccer coach, went to St. Joe. He has only coached here at Clay, and this will be his second year as the man in charge.



Coach Fields, aka Corp, is once again the Clay Football coach and is hoping to have a good season this year. This is his eleventh year coaching.



Coach Zablocki-Kohler is in charge of boys' tennis this year. She has been a coach for a very long time, as this is her sixteenth season as a coach!



The volleyball ccoach this year is Coach McNeal. McNeal is in her fourth year of coaching volleyball and we can't wait to see what she has in store for this team.



Coach Ginzer will be the girls soccer coach for the third year in a row. He has been a coach for eleven years.

## Football's New Sponsorship!



BY MARK WILLIAMS

John Gruden, as some of you may know, is the head coach of the NFL's Oakland Raiders and is also a 1981 Clay High School graduate. Mr. Al Hartman, CHS athletic director, wrote Gruden a few letters asking to financially help us out.

Gruden replied and partnered with Nike to generously supply the Clay football team with \$17,000 worth of equipment, supplying us with away jerseys, Nike cleats, Nike backpacks, gloves, body armor undershirts, socks, and football girdles for pads.

The Clay football team was very gracious for Mr. Gruden's sponsorship. So gracious in fact, that they created a thank you video. Coach Gruden was "blown away" by the video according to Jeff Leonardo, who works for him.



## Ask a Colonial:

## What's Your Favorite Class So Far?



**Kaleb Craft, 09**  
"Science with Mr. Sweeney"



**Cyann Carver, 10**  
"I really like Spanish with Mr. Harris. It's a really fun class..."



**Faith Knapp, 10**  
"My favorite subject so far is Spanish."



**Catheren Ashby, 10**  
"My favorite subject so far? That's a good question. English."



**Makayla Renes, 10**  
"Art or English."



**Vada Mayers, 11**  
"CTE, Graphic Design."



**Andrea Rodriguez, 09**  
"Art."



**Jackson Hensley, 10**  
"My favorite subject is Auto Shop."



**Jenessa Finn, 10**  
"I think AP World History is my favorite."



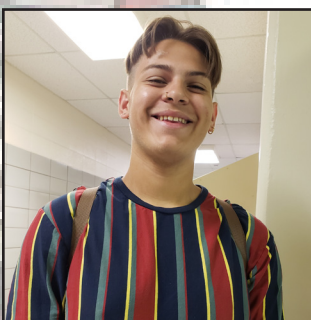
**Izak Glover, 10**  
"So far, Orchestra."



**Joseph Glover, 09**  
"Math."



**Zacarri Brooks, 11**  
"Earth and Space Science."



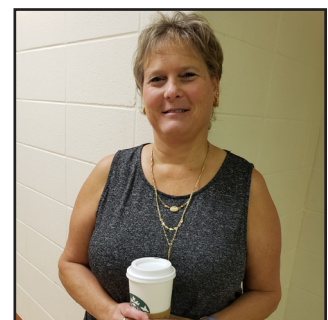
**Zachary Wilkeson, 12**  
"Um, Science."



**Ms. Coric, Teacher**  
"I would have to say probably government and U.S. History."



**Mrs. Hartman, Teacher**  
"Duh, Psychology so far."



**Mrs. Harmn, Teacher**  
"Geography."

# Colonial Clubs:

BY OLIVIA HUPP 21' AND LEXI RICE 21'

## Spirit Club

Do you have school spirit?! Join Mr. Murray, our Graphic Design CTE Teacher, and have fun celebrating our school's spirit in Spirit Club! The club will meet in Mr. Murray's classroom - everyone is welcome to attend and join the meetings. Spirit Club is about organizing events; dances, pep rallies, etc. Spirit Club determines the themes and music playlists at dances, as well as games/events for pep rallies! The club is a lot of fun and it's a great opportunity to make friends, get involved, and show your school spirit!

## Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)

The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is a club where people apart of the lesbian, gay, bi, trans, and queer community (LGBTQ+) and those who are not can talk about their feelings when it comes to their sexuality or identity. As well as support, there is also a learning aspect to it. History of the community's journey to acceptance is also discussed. "It's really fun!" says Evante Simms, sophomore and member of GSA, "I do think everyone who joins this year will have a great time." There hasn't been a date set for the first meeting from the sponsors, Mr. Murray and Señor Harris, but it will be announced in the next couple of weeks, so keep a lookout!

## African American Club

The African American Club is run by Miss Rubie. Their meeting time is on Mondays and Wednesdays after school from 4-6pm. Anyone can join; they would greatly appreciate if more people did have an interest in history and learning about a different culture. The club is about African-American history. They take notes, have mini quizzes, and have group discussions of what they learned as well as make flash cards and play games with the information they learn. The club is something you should be ready to do for the long run!

## Bible Club

Bible Club is run by Mrs. Moore again this year. Their meeting time is at 4:05 pm on Mondays in room 113 - right near the center staircase. Anyone and everyone is welcome into Bible Club as long as they're respectful and open to discussion, not argument. The club is about discussing the word of God, the Bible and religion. You can even watch movies, eat snacks, and meet new friends!



# Mock Trial Invitation

BY OLIVIA LARGENT 21'

Mock Trial is a competition-based extracurricular activity where teams across our region present a law case to judges. You have a choice of characters; being either attorneys, or act as witnesses. Your team must also show both sides of the case; the plaintiff or the defence.

Before the case arrives in the fall, practices are simple. You will spend the two-hour long practices learning real legal terms and court procedures. You will also be able to improve your public speaking skills with fun exercises and games. After the case arrives, practices become more serious. You begin to carefully dissect and read the case, determining different tasks involved with it; how the charges or claims fit the case, examining witness testimonies and if they support each side, writing questions and scripts for witnesses and attorneys.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to join Mock Trial! There are not many requirements to join, however, you must be committed - we are a team, and we need every single member on our team to function.



## MOCK TRIAL

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DIANNA CHRISTOPHER, MOCK TRIAL SPONSOR

PHOTO BY OLIVIA LARGENT

We are looking for people who enjoy or want to improve their public speaking, who have critical thinking skills, and don't mind writing and reading for awhile.

If you're interested in joining, join our informational meeting! We will be meeting on September 11th, starting at 4 PM and ending at 6 PM, in room 118 - come meet our coaches, Henry Leaman, Vivian Pham, Mrs. Diana Christopher, and other members of the team! Watch as we act out a real case, with light refreshments available! Everyone is welcome, so feel free to drop by!

Now, if you are still thinking, "Why should I join?" we will tell you. Mock Trial is a perfect opportunity to make new friends, and improve your college applica-

tion. At the end of the season, you will also have gained a new Clay High family. Come see if Mock Trial is right for you!

Sophomore and Mock Trial member, Harley Largent, says, "My favorite thing about mock trial is how much confidence it has given me, and has shown me how to form a non biased opinion."

Mrs. Christopher, Mock Trial sponsor and English 12 teacher, believes, "If you are just even a teensy bit interested in law, Mock Trial would be perfect for you!"

Olivia Hupp, sophomore and Mock Trial Member, says, "My favorite thing about being involved in Mock Trial is our team. We get really close each season, and we're almost like a family."

Henry Leaman, Mock Trial coach and Law Student at Notre Dame, believes "Mock Trial is %#@! awesome."

# Wednesday Delay

BY NATHANIEL BROWN 20'

This school year there is a new system where students go to school an hour late, while the staff can have professional development meetings. I had an interview with the principal, Mr. Pletcher, and he said that this "professional development" is to work on close reading and trying to improve the English scores of Clay High School. He hopes that Clay will be the best school that we can be and to rebuild our reputation with an increased presence on social media.

What does that mean for the students?

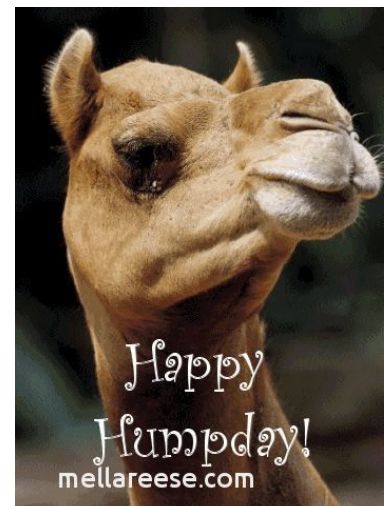
Students will be going to school at 10:00 am the first Wednesday of every month, so everyone can get that extra hour of sleep. The class schedule is still going to be the same, but the periods will be shorter. You are probably wondering how short the class

periods will be or if that means a shorter lunch. My sources say, the class periods are now 42 minutes long, but lunch will stay the same. There will be a "homeroom" during a class period, which won't be the same every month. The

homeroom will rotate to different classes. During this "homeroom" period there will be club and sport call out meetings to get more students to try a new club or sport. Buses will show up an hour late and don't worry about not eating breakfast, that will still be served. This will go into effect September 4 of this school year. All schools in the South Bend district will be affected from elementary to high

school. Better keep your families informed. The rest of the dates for the first Wednesday is as follows: October 2, November 6, December 4, January 8, February 5, March 4, April 1, and May 8.

The two hour delay is still in effect. If the weather is bad on the first Wednesday, the two hour delay can push back the time from 10:00 am to 12pm. Make sure to subscribe to the Clay Colonial newspaper to stay up to date with what's going on.



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# What's With Those Big TV Carts?

BY OWEN CONYERS 20'

Whether you're a freshman or a returning student, you've likely noticed that Clay High School has plenty of big flatscreen TV carts liberally scattered across many different classrooms. If you are a part of Clay's freshman class, you've likely wondered why and when we got them. Although these TVs are nothing new, little information has been provided to the student body about why and how we received these new TVs. The way in which these TVs are utilized is also called into question as usage varies massively between classes, with some classes already using them while others opt to continue using projectors and the old CRT televisions. So to clear up any thoughts and misconceptions, we've asked Clay's faculty for information on these TVs.

As one might expect, these TVs were purchased last year primarily to serve as an alternative to the now obsolete CRT televisions in each of our classrooms. And most interestingly, these TVs don't just function as a television; teachers can display information from their computers onto the screen. While this isn't as interactive as the smart projectors that some classes have, this is a step in the right direction for classes who didn't have the luxury of receiving one. However, one small drawback is that these TVs use Apple TV, therefore it's unlikely that the school's Chromebooks will be able to interact with them. While it would be convenient to display a powerpoint or presentation without needing to send your project

to your teacher, this was likely done to prevent students from disrupting class by casting unwanted content in the middle of a lesson

Clay Principal, Tim Pletcher had this to say about the TVs:

"The TVs that are showing up in teacher's classrooms are equipped with Apple TV. Teachers can use their laptops to cast content to those TVs. What I was told is that all schools were being outfitted with these as the older televisions in classrooms are growing obsolete. As of now, this is how teachers are using them, but we may need to provide teachers with further professional development on how to best integrate them into the class. Ultimately, the hope is that they will help enhance instruction."

As Tim Pletcher stated, the usage of these screens vary between classes, despite having been pur-



PHOTO BY MORGAN TRINDLE

chased last year. This means that many classes have yet to take full advantage of these devices despite their advantages over our older means of showing content, specifically the resolution and image quality being far better than that of our projectors and CRT televisions. This may be due to some classes having no compatible Apple computers or a lack of knowledge relating to these TVs. Whether or not classes will further integrate these TVs is uncertain, but since the school year is still in its first weeks there will be plenty of time for Clay's faculty to learn and find innovative ways to improve lessons with these new devices.

# Magnet Potluck

BY LYDIA TALCOTT 21'

On Tuesday, the 20th of August, we held our annual Magnet Potluck dinner. The cafeteria was full of magnet students and their parents, with a long table of food to be shared. At the potluck, the heads of each art department spoke about their schedules and plans for the upcoming year.

First, Mrs. Meghan Beard (magnet coordinator) outlined the different areas of the magnet and how a magnet education can assist you in the future, whether you pursue a career in the arts or not. After that, she explained the basic requirements of graduating with the magnet. This includes taking the required classes for your strand, volunteering for 16 total hours within your

strand, and completing eight total critiques of performances or art showcases by the time you graduate (typically two a year). Then, she introduced the art department.

Mr. Steve Romans, assisted by Mr. Jay Love, explained the general plans for the year. They listed the art classes available and the upcoming Scholastic competition.

Next, Ms. Steffani Ronfeldt (orchestra director), Mr. Michael Myers (band director), and Mr. Shawn Harrington (choir director) discussed the schedule for music performances throughout the year. This included their concerts, out-of-school performances, and competition dates. They also briefly mentioned the Disney

Trip, and encouraged people to visit any upcoming informational meetings if they were interested.

Finally, Ms. Kathryn Hein stepped up and spoke for the theatre department. She mentioned the variety of theatre classes offered at the school, and also how she now teaches AP Research for the AP Capstone program. She re-introduced Mrs. Beard, who went on to announce the shows and show dates for the year. The shows for the year are the one acts, Smile (fall musical), H2O (straight play and competition piece), and Chicago (spring musical).

MAGNET COORDINATOR, MEGHAN BEARD

CHS Visual and Performing  
Arts Magnet Website



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ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR, STEPHANI ROND FELT AND BAND DIRECTOR, ZAC MYERS



MAGNET STUDENTS GRABBING DINNER



# 90's

# Trends Coming Back

BY ESSENCE WILLIAMS 20'

The 90's and 2000's trends are back, and the millennials in 2019 are living for it! From flannel shirts, ripped jeans, and colorful little barrets, we see it everywhere now. One of the most popular late 90's looks was grunge. The look started rising around the time bands like Nirvana, Pearl Jam, and Soundgarden started to get popular.

We see darker colors, stone-washed, ripped jeans, Doc Martens, and plaid flannel shirts start coming into play.

Another trend that might seem so minimal is BAGGY CLOTHES! Something so ironically small but so big, comes from the late 90's. And don't we love it? It's not only super cute, but also hides you perfectly when you're just having one of those days.



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## ALL HAIL BAGGY CLOTHES!!!

We also can't forget the newest trend nowadays that recently rose back from the dead. The one and only... scrunchie. Scrunchies have become a massive trend nowadays. Whether they're worn around people's wrist, or the native way, in your hair. They come in a full scheme of different colors, anything you can imagine.

Next thing we see a lot nowadays, wasn't only popular in the 90's and 2000's, but also in the 80's. You could say they've never really went out of style. Especially now though, you see them a lot. With E-girls and E-boys, and soft boys and girls, even if you don't necessarily have a certain style, you most likely own a pair of mom jeans. Oh mom jeans, you're not only comfortable, and cozy, but also stylish and cute.

This next item is pretty popular but also my least favorite trend on this list. Denim skirts. While very fashionable, they are immensely uncomfortable. They come with all the stiffness of jeans, without the comfort of knowing your backside is covered. I will admit I wear them; but I wear them with hate and discomfort.

The 90's and 2000's was a huge era for fashion. It was an era we pulled many, many things from. I personally would like to think that these fashion pieces will never truly disappear. What's your favorite fashion piece from this era?





# Rambling thru September 2019 AD Skies

## Highlighting the End of Summer and the Start of Fall with Days and Nights of Equal Length

For those of you who have returned, welcome back. . ., for those of you who may be just beginning, welcome. . ., to this thing we call “the educational process and experience”. The need to learn has not changed. The way we do it has. Perhaps some of the traditional ways are not all bad. Maybe someday we will find the perfect way to make it work perfectly. That search for the perfect way may continue to be hampered by the imperfect beings that we try to make perfect. The key to this search is to keep trying. . . never give up. Because we care, we will have enough success to make it worth doing. Technology is our helper. It is not our controller. Remember, we are its Creator. . .not its robot.

So what does September 2019 have to offer us astronomically? Keep in mind that most Septembers are pretty much the same because we haven’t been around long enough to witness too many significant changes in the stars of the night skies as we view them from our “pale blue dot” (“Carl Sagan”).

On September 1st the Sun will rise in South Bend about 7:09am and set about 8:19pm. At the end of this month (on the 30th) it will rise about 7:40am and set about 8:28pm. Daylight will last for about 13 hours and 10 minutes on the 1st.

By the 30th the amount of daylight will decrease to about 11 hours and 48 minutes. So what you lose in daylight you gain in darkness in order to maintain a 24 hour “day”. During September daylight decreases and darkness increases because the Sun rises later and sets earlier each day. Each day the noon Sun decreases in altitude and noontime shadows increase in length. About the same as in September of 2018.

With the ending of Summer, the Season of Fall (Autumn) begins on September 23rd at 3:50am. This is when the Sun arrives on the Celestial Equator at the point known as the Autumnal Equinox. It is approximately then that the Sun rises and sets due East and due West and daylight and darkness last for twelve hours each.

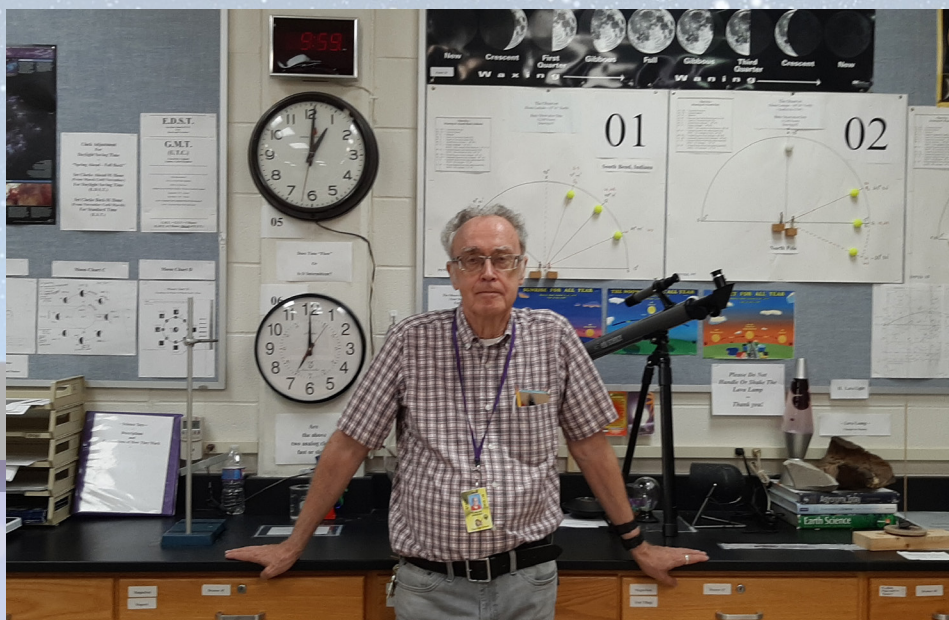


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Technically, the Sun, on its journey southward, crosses the Celestial Equator on the 21st and 12 hours of daylight and darkness will be experienced on the 26th.

Preceded by a Waxing Crescent, the Moon will be in its 1st Quarter phase on September 5th, Full on the 14th, 3rd Quarter on the 21st and New on the 28th. Each one of these four major phases lasts for “1 day”. The minor phases, the waxing and waning crescent and gibbous moons, last for the “6 days”

in-between each major phase. The Moon will be at Apogee (furthest from Earth) on the 13th and will be at Perigee (closest to Earth) on the 28th. September’s Full Moon was called the Corn Moon. The Harvest Moon is the Full Moon closest to the Autumnal Equinox (October’s Full Moon is on 10/13).

During this month no planets will be noticeable as “morning stars” prior to sunrise. But Jupiter and Saturn will be noticeable as “evening stars” after sunset in that order from west to east. Venus and Mars are “too close to the Sun” to be visible. A variety of nighttime constellations will be visible, from Scorpius in the west after sunset to Orion in the east before sunrise. One can also enjoy bright stars

such as Antares in Scorpius and Betelgeuse and Rigel in Orion.

Final Closing Thought: A closed mind should have a safety valve so as not to experience possible asphyxiation. An open mind should have a filter to protect it from harmful concepts.

So: May your skies always be clear, may your eyes always look upward. . .and, no matter how you

believe, may you always “feel” the beauty and mysteries of the Universe.

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