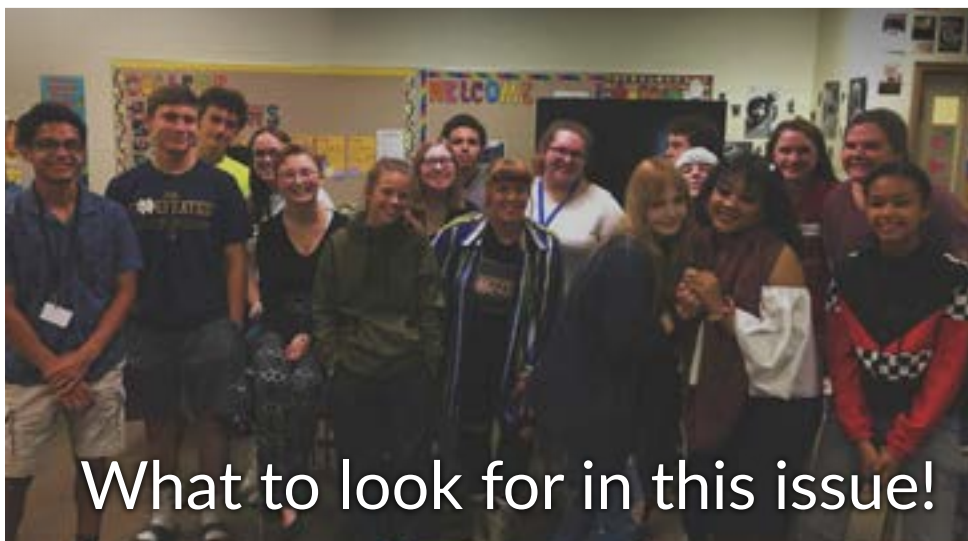


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We are so proud of the Colonials this year.
We brought in the first win of the season and we showed spirit the week leading up to it.
Shout out to all those who came to the game, and congrats on the win!
Throughout the next few weeks, remember to have fun and keep your head up!

If you would like to be featured on The Colonial's Front Page
send your school spirit pictures to Kyla Andrews:
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CLAY HIGH SCHOOL COLONIALS

Counselor's Corner

BY MR. CLINTON HUMMER

Clay High School Students,
Before requesting a schedule change, be sure to talk with your teacher. They will be able to help you. Your counselors can no longer change classes without Administrative Requests. If you feel that the problem is not being resolved with your teachers, email your counselor. We can setup a time to talk with you and your teacher and try

to come to a solution.

At Clay High School, we are here to help you succeed. Part of growing up, maturing, and problem solving is learning how to communicate our problems. Finding solutions to an individual's problem is important to personal growth.



PHOTO BY SOPHIE RIDENOUR

The Book Nook Reviews *Five Feet Apart*

BY MRS. ANGIE BITNER

This Book Nook reviews the teen sensation "Five Feet Apart" by Racheal Lippincott, Mikki Daughtry, and Tobias Iaconis. The novel is about two teens, Will and Stella, both who have Cystic Fibrosis and an uncertain future. Stella who is on the transplant list, is constantly reminding herself how fragile her life is by making sure every medication is taken on time and she is following all her doctor's orders. Will on the other hand, has contracted B. cepacia, which is highly contagious and will ultimately shorten his already short life, is determined to live his life in the moment. As their friendship and feelings for each other blossoms, so does the reality that Will being any closer than "five feet" to Stella, could risk her chances of a lung transplant. Together they tackle not only their physical hardships but also the emotional strain of trying to be normal teenagers in a "not" normal reality. Together they work to be not only responsible for their health but also to live carefree- but maybe their life has other plans.

Students who are a fan of "Fault In Our Stars" will love this novel. A true romance, Will and Stella, are relatable characters. The story alternates point of view, and sometimes feels that the relationship is predictable and the banter between them is forced. What was really enjoyable about the novel (and a bit surprising) were the minor characters. They bring the story together providing both humor and tragedy.



PHOTO BY MORGAN TRINDLE

If you are a fan of tears, love, and friendship this is the book for you.

You can find multiple copies of the book at the Clay Library! Check it out today!



PHOTO FROM GOOGLE

HOMECOMING game recap

BY MARK WILLIAMS '20

PHOTO BY KYLA ANDREWS



It's Finally Over

One-thousand-four-hundred-twenty winless days, thirty-three losses in a row, over three seasons without a win. The Clay football team has finally broken their losing streak. The Clay senior class knows all too well of this losing streak, not having seen the football team taste victory until now.

The game began with a penalty ridden and scoreless first half, valiantly led by starting quarterback Hunter Aker, senior. Macey Ginzer, senior, came in as quarterback in the second half and threw two touchdown passes, one to Verrontae Johnson, senior, and the other to senior Jamon Miller. Maxx Szucs, junior, went two for two on the extra point attempts, giving Clay a 14-0 lead against Hammond. Hammond did not go out quietly though, recovering a fumble for a touchdown and successfully converting the two point conversion, cutting Clay's lead to 14-8. With 1:52 left on the clock, Miller forced a fumble that Clay recovered to secure the dub. Other outstanding efforts from Michael McSorley, sophomore; Kenneth Thompson, senior and captain; Quin'Shawn Gordon, senior; and the rest of the team made it possible for Clay to win.

As Ginzer kneed the ball to let the clock drain down to zero, the Clay student section rushed onto the field in celebration and excitement of the newly ended losing streak. Emotions were running high on

the field after the game. The "CHS all day" chant could be heard clear as day.

Rob Hunt, senior, told me that it felt amazing to finally see Clay win. "I had chills... I couldn't stop smiling," he said. Hunt was confident in Clay's ability to beat Hammond, along with the rest of the Colonials, but became anxious after Clay turned the ball over late in the game. His angst quickly vanished after Clay was able to get the ball back into their possession.

The Colonials Who Got It Done

Three-year letterman and captain, Elijah Downs, explains that it "feels pretty good," to finally win. He tells me that he was very emotional after the game, with everyone congratulating him and not having won until now. "Four years is a long time without a win," he says, "it was a lot."

Jackson Jones, 3-year letterman and captain, also explained how much the win meant to him. "It felt extravagant... I was excited and overwhelmed," he said.

Unfortunately, Quintin Gordon, a 4-year letterman, was not able to be on the field for this win. He tore his ACL and MCL and is currently recovering. Gordon said it was tough to see his team win without him, "especially after four years, that sucked," but was still overjoyed to win.

"Feels good, you know, it shows you can achieve anything if you put your mind to it," Jamon Miller, senior and captain, says. He tells me that he was relieved that they won. The burden of not winning a game

was finally gone.

How Can We Keep Winning?

When asked about the support of the football team, Downs, Jones, Miller, and Gordon all said the same thing. They insisted that the support of the team was subpar, to say the least, telling me that they have not had the support they needed to win a game.

That is, until this year. "This year was the best year for support. You guys are crazy," Miller says, talking about the senior class and their involvement in the student section. Jones explains that he believes, "The support at the Hammond game is what gave us the win." Gordon also commented on the support this year and how increased their motivation to win. Downs told me that the football team has, "Gotta keep improving and not go backwards," if they want to become more successful.

For any program to be successful, you have to have a strong center of support. A house without a base will fall apart. The Clay student body is the base for not only the football program, but all programs here at Clay. Clay encourages you to get involved in any way possible. If you can't join that team or club, support them by going to their events or buying things from their fundraisers. Next time you say, 'Clay sucks at (whatever)' think about what you've done to benefit that area. There's no room to talk badly about Clay if you have done nothing to improve this amazing school.

Coach Check ✓



BY KEVIN BANGO '22

Ian Lewis is the boy's soccer coach this season at Clay for his second year in a row. Coach Lewis has some soccer experience of his own, as he was a player at St. Joe High School during his high school career.

When asked what motivated him to become a coach, Lewis stated, "I looked up to coaches when I was a player. They gave me a lot of opportunities and I want to give my players the same opportunities they gave me." Lewis was also asked what he enjoyed about coaching. He responded, "I enjoy getting to know my players on a personal level both as players and people and learning from them as they learn from me." The final question Lewis was asked was what he wants his athletes to gain from him being their coach. He answered, "If you work hard, you can achieve success."



Dwight Mood was a college athlete at IU Bloomington. When he got really into running, he thought he could help people who might be interested in running track. This is what motivated him to become a coach. I asked Mr. Mood what he wants his athletes to learn from him and he exclaimed, "running is something that you can do your entire life that will make you healthier and live longer. Distance running is especially good because it is an aerobic activity that strengthens the heart, increases blood flow, lowers blood pressure, increases lung capacity and of course strengthens muscles! Running increases the quality of your life as well as living longer. It's also a great way to see the outdoors and to meet new friends. There are plenty of road races and running clubs



BY AUTUMN WROBEL '20

that you can join to have fun while getting fit." I also asked coach Mood what he enjoyed most about coaching. His answer was very heartwarming as he stated, "What I enjoy most about coaching is when athletes make progress that even they didn't think they could achieve. It's really fun for example in Cross Country when you have someone Freshman year running 25 minutes for a 5 K, and by their Senior year are breaking 20 minutes, or taking 5 minutes off their best time. Or in track, when you have a quarter-miler start their freshman running a 400 in 60 seconds and by their senior year are breaking 50 seconds. To me, it's not about beating your opponent, but by being the best you can be."

FALL SPORT GAME DAYS

October 1st
Volleyball Away, John Glenn @ 6
Girls Soccer Home @ 7

October 2nd-
Boys Tennis Away, Sectional @ 5:30
Boys Soccer Away, Riley @ 6:30

October 3rd-
Boys Tennis Away, Sectional @ 5:30
Volleyball Home @ 6
Girls Soccer Home @ 6

October 4th-
Football Away, Benton Harbor @ 5

October 5th-
Cross Country Away, NIC Meet @ 9a
Girls Volleyball Away, Dunes Varsity @ 10a

October 7th-
Girls Soccer Away, Sectional @ 5

October 8th-
Boys Soccer Away, Sectional @ 5
Volleyball Away, Mishawaka @ 6

October 10th-
Volleyball Home @ 6

October 11th-
Football Home @ 7

October 12th-
Cross Country Away, IHSAA Sectionals @ 9a

October 14th-
JV Football Away, John Glenn @ 6



PHOTOS BY HAYLEY DEMLER

Fall Homecoming Spirit Week

BY HAYLEY DEMLER '20



Football homecoming has come and gone. It was full of unexpected and exciting events. Clay finally got a win. With that

win they broke a 33 game losing streak. When asking the players how they felt about getting the win senior football players, Jamon Miller ('20) said "It feels good. It shows that anything can be achieved when you put your mind to it." Another amazing group of seniors were a part of the court. After asking the court members what their favorite part was, senior Mark Williams said "Just the people that were on [court] with me." While all of the court members would have made a great king or queen we did get two amazing winners. Homecoming king, Quintin Gordon says, "My favorite part of being on court was dressing up because you came out to

show out, but I loved the warm embrace of everyone when you walked out in front of them..." Homecoming queen, Soraya Karimi, spoke about her favorite part about being on court, "The people on it with me. They were really cool and we all congratulated each other." While the homecoming game and the court are a big part of homecoming week, we also had another amazing spirit week. This year's themes were pajama day, 90s day, meme day, underclassmen blackout/toga day for seniors, and Friday was purple and gold day.



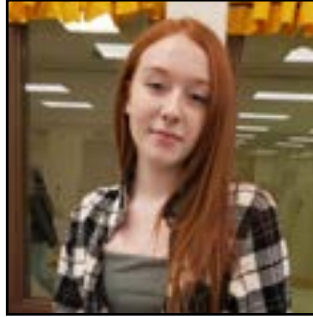
Ask a Colonial:

What was your favorite part of homecoming?



Brittany Buchanan, 12

"Us bringing home a win. Oh and the court I guess were pretty cute."



Keely Collier, 11

"The prep rally I guess."



Christian Love, 11

"The prep rally."



Davyaun Franklin, 11

"The game."



Miranda Dixon, 11

"The excitement."



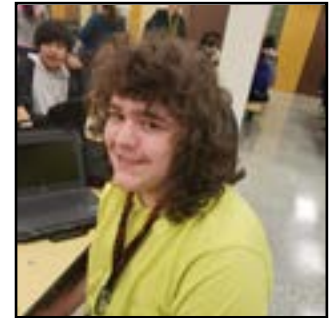
Halle Pressler, 11

"How much energy there was and how excited people were."



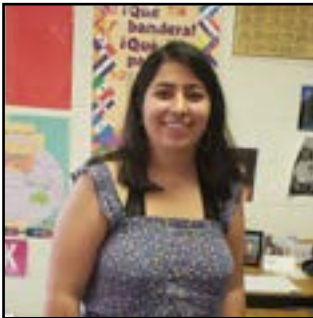
Nick Wade, 11

"The win."



Tyler Largent, 09

"The senior hallway decorations. They showed a lot of school pride..."



Soraya Karimi, 12

"During the football game and how the student section was litty."



Natalie Sholley, 10

"Helping decorate."



Chris Ford, 11

"It was lit 'cause we got on the field and it was definitely hype."



Antonio Ewing Gates, 11

"The decorations."



Chef Greg

"All the kids dressed up in costumes."



Mr. Appleby

"I thought it was one of the best prep rallies that we've had in a long time..."



Mr. Harrington

"Probably the pep assembly."



Senior Harris

"Soraya being chosen as homecoming queen."

Foreign Exchange Students

BY LYDIA TALCOTT '21

Every year, Clay gets a host of students from other countries here for exchange. This year, we have seven foreign exchange students. From places like Italy and France, to Spain and Germany, we are excited to welcome them to all to Clay High School for the 2019-2020 school year!



Amanda Aldar-Gonclaves

Amanda is from Italy, and this is her first time visiting America. Her favorite part so far has been her time in New York. Before flying out to the city they are staying in, the foreign exchange students fly into New York City and spend a few days. They spend time with each other and get to sight-see around the city. The biggest difference between here and Italy she has noticed has been the food, and that she has tried so many new things. Amanda plans to join the swim team in the winter.



Nathisha Chandrasselan

Nathisha is from Oslo, Norway. This is also her first time in America. Her favorite part of her visit so far has been the food, and that she has been able to try so many unfamiliar foods. She said that everything here is different from Norway, even down to the trees or the color of the grass. Nathisha is hosted by Mrs. Bradbury, and says that she is very nice. She is not currently a part of any clubs, but maybe in the future.



Alice Gallina

Alice is from Alessandria, Italy, and this is her first time visiting the United States. Her favorite thing she's noticed about America is that the people are so nice. She says everyone is friendlier than in Italy.

Alice said the biggest difference has been the school schedule. In Italy, they have 12 subjects and five hour school days that go from eight in the morning until one in the afternoon. She was used to basically a test a day. Currently, Alice is a member of spirit club and is interested in doing shows throughout the year. She is in the One Acts as well as the straight play, H2O.



Tim Kranke

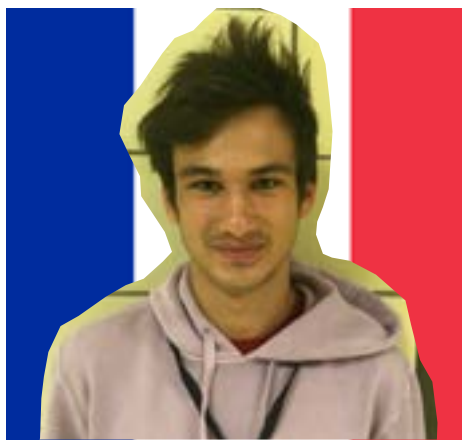
This is Tim's first time in the United States, on exchange from Germany. His favorite part so far has just been South Bend, since he said that's the only place he's spent a lot of time. The biggest difference he's noticed has been the food. He said everything is much more unhealthy and he's not used to that. Tim is interested in playing basketball this winter.





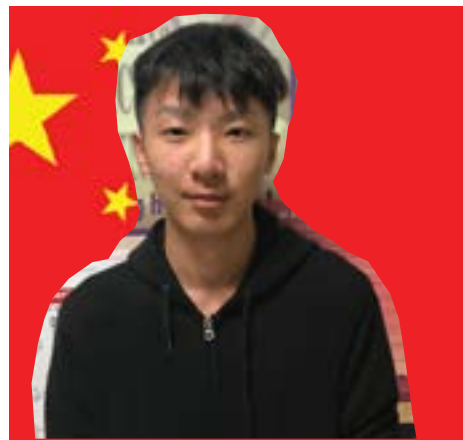
Aran Tuxans

Aran is from Spain. He has actually been to the U.S. four other times. He doesn't have a favorite part of this visit yet, but he hasn't been here for very long. A difference he's noticed, similar to Alice, is the schedule of school and classes. Aran is actually interested in many different sports and is currently playing soccer.



Marius Pion

Marius is exchanging from France. This is his first time in America. His favorite part has been visiting Notre Dame here in town, and he also said his favorite part has just been Clay. A common difference has been that school is very different, and the schedule is strange. Marius play tennis in France, and is also on the football and tennis teams here at Clay.



Charles Yuan

Charles is from China. This is not his first time in the U.S., as he has visited California and Texas before. His favorite part has been the weekends, and all the free time he now has. He says that here, people are much more outgoing. They say hello more often to people they don't know. Charles is not presently a part of any sports or clubs, but plans to play basketball later this year.



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An Update on The Bullpen

BY NATHAN BROWN '20

Clay High School's Bullpen, a place to buy food, drinks, and snacks after school, closed halfway through last year's school year. The reasons for the closing of the Bullpen vary: students weren't being responsible enough to throw away their trash and pick up after themselves. As students left the area completely trashed, the school decided to close it down for the rest of the school year. Now, when I asked Mr. Pletcher about having the Bullpen reopen he said, "The Bullpen will remain closed. With our release time at 4:00 pm and the buses leaving so quickly after, it would only

create more issues than it would help." The line for the Bullpen was always extremely lengthy and a lot of students would miss their bus trying to get a slice of pizza or something. So, I asked Mr. Pletcher a follow up question: "Do you think there could be a reopening of the bullpen any time in the future whether it's next year or beyond that? Or if students start to take responsibility for their own timing and what they do? Or could a petition of something over half the school that could change the opening of the Bullpen? Or was last year the final year of the Bullpen?" I knew

that was a lot to answer but as a student myself, I wanted to know if I could ever get tasty treats from the Bullpen again! Mr. Pletcher gave me hope for the Bullpen by responding to my questions, "There may be an opportunity in the future to reopen the Bullpen, but I cannot say at this time. If it reopens, we will be very clear on the expectations of that." This proves if we can keep everything together and show that we are responsible, we could have the Bullpen reopen in time.

Should There Be More Vegetarian Options at School?

BY CHLOE MONSMA '20

Vegetarianism is a “special diet” that has existed since ancient times. The diet itself is pretty simple- no meat. The vegetarian diet has gained a huge amount of traction in recent years, especially in America’s youth. Does this mean we need more options for kids with special diets like these? Clay’s cafeteria has two vegetarian options, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and the salad bar. The salad bar is often M.I.A. leaving kids with one option. How long can kids live off of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches everyday? Clay should take the initiative to provide more meatless options for vegan and vegetarian kids because most of the entrees include meat.



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CHS Alumni Doing Big Things

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BY DIANA CHRISTOPHER

Veronica Navarro, a 2019 Clay graduate who was part of Clay’s Mock Trial program for three years and helped the team advance to State competition in 2019, recently tried out for and was selected to be a member of Notre Dame’s undergraduate Mock Trial Program. Currently a freshman at Saint Mary’s College, Veronica has a bright future ahead of her, hopefully as an attorney. Congratulations, Veronica! You make your Clay family, especially your Mock Trial family, PROUD!

10 Ways to Improve Your SAT Score

BY OWEN CONYERS '20

If you're a junior or senior with plans to go to college after high school, you've likely made plans to take the SAT test. And if you've never taken the test, you've also likely put some thought into how exactly you're going to study for it. While studying for the SAT may seem daunting to someone who has yet to take it, there are many ways to improve your chances at achieving a high score without the tried and true method of cramming at 3AM! To make a comprehensive list, we asked Clay Counselors, Ms. Buda and Mrs. Henderson, and also a few other websites for good measure.

1. It may be obvious, but you should always remember to apply in the first place! Unlike the PSAT, the SAT is not mandatory and you must register for the test on your own volition. You can do this through The College Board's website: "<https://www.collegeboard.org/>"

2. Don't cram! Studying as much as you can the night before won't do you any good. It's better to take some practice tests a day or two before the SAT to better understand what to expect to see on the test.

3. Remember to memorize your formulas. The math portion of the SAT will feature many different algebra and geometry questions. This will make a good memory of formulas an invaluable asset, especially during the non-multiple choice portion of the test.

4. Use Khan Academy. According to Counselor Buda, "My biggest advice for improving your SAT scores are to use Khan Academy. It's a free site that personalizes your practice based on your PSAT scores and if you use it enough, it almost always leads to improved scores!"

5. Remember to practice different questions before the quiz. You should take your time and take in information at a decent pace instead of simply breezing through Khan Academy the night before the test. According to The College Board, "Students who spent 20 hours on Official SAT Practice saw an average gain of 115 points from the PSAT/NMSQT to the SAT."

6. For the math portion of the test, always remember to bring scratch paper

and a pencil. Even during the sections that permit the use of a calculator, writing and showing your work can help you recognize any mistakes before you bubble in your answer. This becomes even more helpful during the non-multiple choice section as a precise answer is required.

7. During the reading questions of the test, remember to read each story slowly before you attempt to answer the respective questions. These stories are often long and many of the questions relating to them require you to fully understand the material. So remember to take your time instead of skimming through each story.

8. If you're not sure about your answer, remember to use the process of elimination to narrow down your choices. When you're taking the math portion of the test, plug your possible answers back into the question to verify whether or not they are correct. And if that doesn't work, don't be afraid to make an educated guess.

9. If you are unhappy with your score, don't be afraid to retake the test. If you improve your score, your previous score won't be held against you when applying to colleges. Taking the test twice will also be beneficial as you'll likely be more prepared

the second time you take the SAT.

10. If you decide to take the essay section of the test, remember to be professional and detail oriented. The SAT graders expect a mature, tidy, and thought-out essay; be sure to include a strong thesis statement, counterarguments, and reasoning in your essay.

While all these tips are helpful, these alone will not get you the high SAT score alone. What's most important is applying yourself and working towards your goal in a healthy and productive way. And that especially means you should get a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast, and don't stress yourself out. If you can find a good balance when it comes to preparing for the SAT, you're bound to get a good score. So if you're taking the test this year and are planning on preparing for it, we wish you good luck!

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Still Have Questions About Your Chromebooks?

BY JEANA ALBERTS '20

Clay High School has had Chromebooks for a year now, and students still struggle operating their devices. Many incoming students, freshman, and even some returning students still haven't mastered the art of using a Chromebook. Homework becomes easier when you know what you're doing and can successfully manipulate the layout of your work to accomplish a task. Knowing the functions of the device you use every day is one of the most important things in becoming a productive student. Please take note that teachers have Macbooks and cannot efficiently keep up with the operations of Chromebooks, meaning none of these tips and/or tricks will be taught in school.

I hope these Chromebook hacks help you better navigate your device. For more questions and/or concerns regarding your chromebook see Ms. Stef in the library or visit <https://support.google.com/chromebook/answer/183101?hl=en>. Happy studying #claystrong



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Search	Ctrl + F



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PICTURE RETAKE



Picture retake day will be on October 8th. If you have not yet taken a picture or want to retake your picture, you will be called down to the auditorium for that opportunity. Make sure to smile!



On September 6th, a pep rally took place at Clay, where a check was presented to Jim Mackey and Deb Miles who host B100's morning show, Mackey and Miles. B100 is a partner in the Quest for a Mil-

lion Pennies fundraiser to support the mission of St. Jude's Children's Hospital, internationally recognized for their research and treatment of children with cancer and other diseases. The Spirit Club donated

\$1,000 to the cause.

Pictured Above Left to Right: Hunter Aker, Robert Hunt, Deb Miles, Jim Makey, Tim Pletcher, Dr. Todd Cummings, Jackson Jones, and Nathan Flesh.

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By BRAYDON DUKES '20

CHS Blood Drive

Clay High School's first blood drive of the school year took place on Friday, September 20th. It is a charitable event that asks anyone - and everyone - to donate a pint of blood to help maintain general supply and make a difference in millions of lives. "You give then little when you give of your possessions. It is once you give of yourself when you truly give." ~ Kahlil Gibran

We would like to start out by saying thank you to all of the students that donated during the blood drive. It took the National Honor Society a lot of hard work

and planning to get the event situated. Dozens of students at our school donated to help contribute to those in need of blood transfusions. Every pint of blood equates to about three lives saved, and about 4.5 million per year. All it takes is a nutritious breakfast and about 10 minutes of your time to save a life.

"It feels great giving blood to someone. It's like saving another life and doing good deeds." said senior athlete Shawny Gordon. "I'll donate anytime if they need me." The blood donation process is very simple: a portion of your arm will be cleansed, and

a sterile needle will be inserted into it. You will notice a slight pinch, but it will be over in seconds. The process takes about 8-10 minutes while you're lying down. After the blood is drawn, a bandage will be placed on your arm. "To donate blood is like being a superhero." said senior Mayeli Dominguez after donating blood last year.

Ultimately, every small action and change can make a huge difference in the world.

Important Magnet Dates

Date	Event	Time and Place
October 3rd - October 4th	One Acts	Clay Auditorium @ 7pm
October 8th	SBCSC All City Choral Festival	Main Gym @ 7pm
October 9th - October 11th	Fall Musical Auditions	After School in the Auditorium
October 16th - October 18th	Fall Break	No School
October 25th	Orchestra Spooktacular	Clay Auditorium TBD
October 26th	SB Jazz Festival	3pm

Twin 2 Twin!

BY OLIVIA LARGENT '22

Here comes trouble - and make it double! At Clay High School, we have a large number of twins in the building. Meet some of our twin students:



Harley & Olivia Largent

Harley and Olivia Largent, sophomore, are identical twins - which means they look *very* similar. When asked about twin life, Harley said, "Everybody thinks it's fun, and awesome - they wish they could have one. I mean, I don't know any different, so, it's fine, I guess." She shrugs, and goes on to talk about her life with a twin sister, "It does get annoying, yes, because my twin sister is annoying. What's more annoying is when people ask if we're twins; we look the same, have the same last name and birthday, so obviously we're not - we're just friends!"



Owen & Avery Conyers

Owen and Avery Conyers, seniors, are fraternal twins - so they don't really look alike. "Being a twin has its ups and downs - but it's better than having a younger or older sibling I can't relate to. To me, being

a twin is similar to having a normal sibling, but with the added bonus of having more common interests." He said that, yes, it can be annoying. Having many common interests and similar experiences can lead to drama. "People ask if we're twins all the time since we don't look alike at all; but I have no idea if my mother knew she was having twins, I can only assume she did from ultrasound results."

Emma & Eleanor Belke

(not pictured)

Emma and Eleanor (Ellie) Belke, juniors, are also fraternal twins! They may look pretty similar, but they are very different from one another. "Ellie is older than me, but by three minutes." After saying twin life can get pretty tiring, Emma went on to say, "It sucks, because she tries to copy me. Although, the best part about being a twin is sharing thoughts - like, we'll just look at each other and know what we're thinking. And, yeah, people ask if we're twins all the time. Or they just doubt it and say we're friends, it's weird."



Quintin & Quinshawn Gordon

Quintin (Q) and Quin' Shawn (Shawny) Gordon, seniors, are fraternal twins as well! "It's weird, because when we're together we can act different, but once we're apart we act the same," Q says. After sharing his thoughts on how strange having a twin brother can be, Q also shed some light on other things. "It gets annoying because we have to share a lot of things: birthdays, clothes and stuff. Then, we also get limited stuff, like gifts, because there's

two of us. Plus, people don't know we're twins."



Julia & Kelly Kleppe

Julia & Kelly Kleppe, juniors, are another pair of fraternal twins at Clay. Julia had a lot to say about being a twin - after being asked if she liked being a twin, she said: "It's not that different than having a sibling despite the constant questions that we get asked, that I'll continue to give the same answers to. For the most part I enjoy being a twin, and most days I honestly don't know what I'd do without her. We give each other advice and I'll always stand up for her no matter what. If anyone thinks they can talk bad about my sister, then they're mistaken. It sounds cliché, but I don't care who you are; no one comes before my sister. If someone saw us standing next to one another I think they'd assume that we were sisters, but not twins. Although, I think most people already know that we're twins." She goes on to further show her appreciation and love for her sister, Kelly, and how having a twin is definitely more annoying than having a normal sibling. "Does it ever get annoying? For sure. Everyone gets annoyed with their siblings, and it's no different than with your twin; It can be the smallest things too. She'll wear my new shoes without asking and I'll flip out, and then we'll make up an hour later and I'll ask if she wants to go see a movie or if she'll help me with my homework. We fight and then we make up like it's nothing. It's assuring to know that

we'll always be here for one another and that I'll always have a built-in best friend. The thing that annoys me the most about having a twin is what other people have to say. People love to compare the two of us and our facial features & that's honestly my biggest pet peeve. Especially if someone were to say something like 'That twin is prettier than that twin' or 'She's funnier than her' which believe me, we've both gotten before."



Zachary & Zoe Wilkeson

Zachary (Zach) and Zoe Wilkeson, seniors, are another pair of fraternal twins. Zach, after he was asked if he enjoys twin life, said, "Honestly, I don't think being a twin gets annoying. Until people start comparing my sister and I, then it gets a little frustrating." Zach goes on to say that he believes twin life is, "nothing special," but it's cool to brag about their twin-telepathy. "My sister and I don't get asked if we're twins a lot, but when people finally figure out that we are, they think they just discovered something magical."



Tiana & Jayla Weatherspoon

Tiana and Jayla Weatherspoon, seniors, are also fraternal twins. When asked about what being a twin was like, Tiana said, "Yeah, I enjoy being a twin. To me, it feels the same as having a sibling - but you are the same age. When people find out we're twins, they give us super shocked expressions. Funny thing is that when our mother was pregnant, she was expecting one baby - but she got two."

Clay Goes to Disney

By OLIVIA HUPP '22

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If you are in dance, band, choir, or orchestra, you can go on the Clay High School Music Department Disney Trip! For five deposits of \$240, you can go to Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure, Animal Kingdom, Epcot, Magic Kingdom, and Hollywood Studios for spring break. Most importantly, the band, choir, dance, and orchestra will perform on a Disney stage!

They leave on April 3rd, 2020 and come back around April 10th. You would travel by luxury motor coaches overnight, stopping for breakfast and lunch before arriving at the hotel. The price of the trip is based on the motor coaches, hotel rooms, Disney and Universal park tickets, a trip

t-shirt, and meal coupons. This is estimated at \$1,200.

Parents are also welcome, as well as family members. They will also have to pay the full price of the trip. It's crucially important that these payments are made on time. There will not be any refunds after October 4th, 2019. You should get your contract and payments in soon, because they base their waiting list on the date they get your contract.

The first 56 people will be guaranteed a spot on the bus. A second bus will be opened if there's more than 76 people. The trip maximum is 108 and a waiting list will start at the 109th person. Go talk to Mr. Harrington soon if you're interested!



Movies You'll FALL For!

BY MORGAN TRINDLE '22

Fall is approaching; with the cooler weather arriving, it's the perfect time to curl up with snacks and Netflix and watch some good movies.

IT and IT Chapter Two

Fall is all about halloween, leaves falling, and feeling your heart race when your watching some frightful films. Let's talk about IT, and Pennywise, the dancing clown! It takes place in Derry, Maine. Seven kids are linked together because of this killer clown that's been terrorizing their lives for quite some time. At the end, they think he's gone for good, but somehow, he found a way to return.

If you're interested in this movie, you should check out the sequel, IT ENDS, Chapter Two. After nearly three decades later, Pennywise comes back to haunt the same kids he did several years ago. All grown up now, the losers club has gone their separate ways; but when Mike starts to notice people disappearing, he contacts the group to end this clownery once and for all.

Coraline



Even after 10 years, this movie is still a classic for the season, and is considered one of the scariest movies Tim Burton has ever made. It's one of my personal favorites for the spooky season. Coraline Jones has moved into a new home. As she explores, she stumbles upon a secret door in her

house that leads to another world. But little does she know, that world turns into her new nightmare.

Nightmare Before Christmas



What's this, what's this? It's a movie for two seasons! Tim Burton's A Nightmare Before Christmas is the perfect blend of Halloween and Christmas in one. The film follows Jack Skellington, Halloweentown's treasured king. He's gotten tired of the same routine of scaring people in the real world. He stumbles into a new world, and tries to adopt their ways. But he soon realizes that a well thought plan can still go wrong.

The Addams Family

They're creepy and they're kooky, mysterious and spooky, they're all together ooky, it's the Addams family! When a man claims to be Gomez's missing brother, Fester, the family is exhilarated. On the other hand, Morticia, Gomez's wife, gets skeptical of "Fester", considering he can't recall any details of his life. With the help of a lawyer, Fester gets the Addams family evicted from their glorious home. Gomez begins to realize he's a fraud, and decides to challenge him to save his family.

There's plenty of more amazing halloween films to get into this year, but here are just some classics i would highly recommend. So what are you waiting for? Go grab a blanket, some cheeze-its, a drink, and go watch some movies!

Hocus Pocus



Hocus Pocus is a must-see movie for the season. It fits in perfectly your Halloween spirit. After moving to Salem, Massachusetts is all said and done, Max Dennison goes to explore a nearby abandoned house with his sister Dani and her friend, Allison. After blowing off a story that Allison told about his new house, Max accidentally opened a way for three evil witches to come back that lived there previously. It's up to these kids to cast some spells on them so they don't become immortal.

Halloweentown

And for the audience that's not so hot on horror, Halloweentown is the movie for you. Marnie gets a fright when she and her siblings follow their grandma to Halloweentown, only to find out shes a witch! The town is the only place where they can live a normal life, but when trouble comes around, Marnie's there to save the day.



BY ESSENCE WILLIAMS '20

Fashion is right in every way. There are some things you do in fashion, and there are things you don't. I believe that a look can make or break someone, which is why there are common sense rules in fashion. And not every one of them have to do with clothes.

For example, emphasizing your features



instead of hiding them. Show off some legs, and maybe a little cleavage if you're feeling up to it. Remember though, just a little bit. Showing too much skin is never a good thing in the wrong setting.

Next, mixing patterns. Only in some cases is it a good idea, but mostly never. Almost always you will look like you don't know how to dress yourself. Whether it be stripes and zebra print, or polka dots and chiffon. If you want to do it right, make sure colors go together, and everything fits nicely.

Finally, try not to look like you're wearing a costume. Going all out is nice, but don't wear a prom dress at a Walmart. It makes it seem like you're trying too hard to look nice. You can look great with a simple white tee, and some blue jeans. You might ask how such a simple look like this can work. Easy. All you have to do is accessorize. Throw a cute silver necklace on, some hoops, and lipgloss, and you look amazing! Or maybe if you can't wear jewelry, a colorful and comfy scarf always does the job.

And last but not least, DO what makes you comfortable. There are no rules in



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fashion. Wear what you think suits you, not what everyone else thinks suits you. Fashion is what you make it.