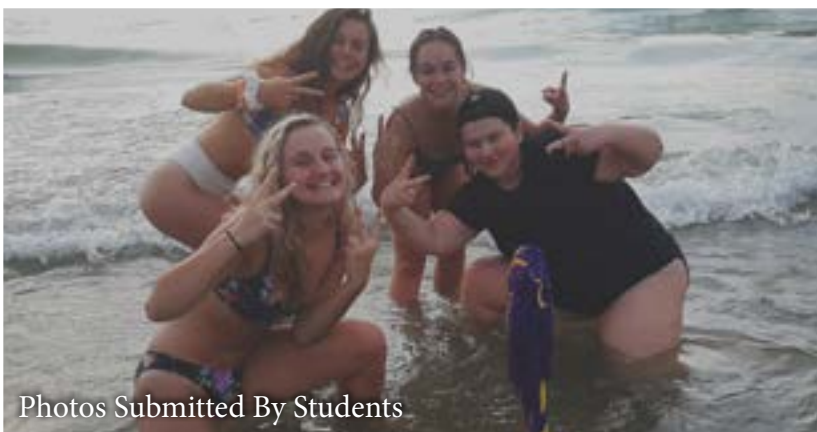


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New feature added to The Colonial! By clicking the bookmarks on the bottom of our cover, it will take you to the story! You can also go to the story by clicking on the title of the story below! Thank you so much for the feedback; We are always looking for new ways to improve.

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# The Book Nook Reviews Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis

BY MRS. ANGIE BITNER

This week the Book Nook reviews *Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis* by Pete Nelson. A Non-Fiction book that brings to life the unbelievable story of the sinking of the USS Indianapolis in 1945.

The story of the USS Indianapolis is one of mystery and misery. On July 30, 1945 during the middle of the night the USS Indianapolis was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. The ship was badly damaged and began to sink. Within 14 minutes, more than a thousand men were trying to survive in freezing, shark infested water. Many of these men were without life jackets as they waited for rescue. However, that rescue would take four days, and what

becomes the largest Naval cover-up in American History. This cover up included a court marshal for the captain of the ship, Charles McVay. Throughout the next 50 years survivors of the ship would fight for Captain McVay's innocent. Getting absolutely nowhere with their efforts. That is



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a National Award at the History Fair. It becomes Scott's goal to restore the captain's reputation and honor all of the men who sailed with him.

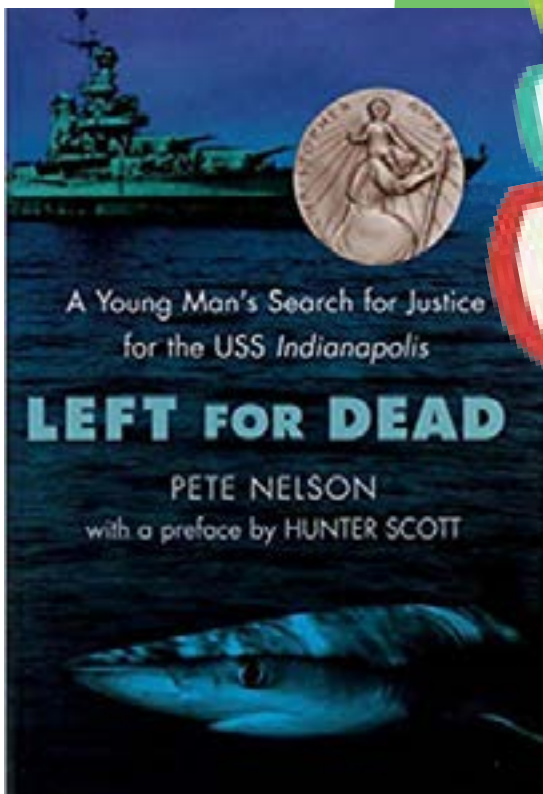


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until, 11 year old Hunter Scott does a history report.

Scott, a middle school student begins his research on the USS Indianapolis after seeing the movie Jaws. His research eventually leads

Easily one of the best non-fiction books ever. The context attracts fans of war, military, survival, and history genres; only one of which I am a fan of. This book captures your attention from the very beginning and tells an amazing story of righting a wrong. There are several copies of this book in the Clay High School Library!



# Things to do Before Fall Ends

BY MORGAN TRINDLE '22

The first day of fall was September 23rd, which means the season has officially kicked off! Fall is the time for dressing up for the spooky season, seeing the leaves change beautiful colors, and the weather cooling down, so you need to start wearing a sweatshirt! It's the perfect weather for movie watching and binge eating!

Believe it or not, the first day of winter is closer than you think. October is over, and we only have a few more weeks left before Thanksgiving rolls around. Then before you know it, it'll be Christmas time! The first day of winter is December 21st; because of the snow, it limits you from doing the activities you want to do. So before it ends, here are some things to do before the snow falls:

Going to a pumpkin patch is an old tradition of fall; you have beautiful weather all around you. You can pick your own pumpkin

to carve at home to make some killer decorations for Halloween, and you can bring your friends along with you! It may seem childish at this age, but those pictures you took with your friends are going to make your Instagram feed pop with color. No one likes to do yard work, but raking the yard has to be done. Your parents will guilt you into doing it anyway. But look at it this way, you could have a killer photoshoot with throwing those leaves in the air with the sunset in the background. The sky would be at its peak of color in that moment, you just can't miss it. And if you're not the photo taking type, just jump in them! There's something about jumping into leaves that is so satisfying, yet so pretty. So go rake up a big pile, then just fall into it.

Apple picking is a tradition that many families take part in during this favored season. It's a way to get together with family, and to pick out some of

the perfect apples in every tree and every acre to make some amazing food. Fall food is also a favorite meal for everyone. Thanksgiving is the peak of fall food - mashed potatoes, stuffing, turkey, are all types of food you can enjoy this season! Although, not every Thanksgiving is the same; if you want, go and enjoy some pizza and pop! Thanksgiving has endless possibilities.

And last but certainly not least, you'll be sure to fall in love with the season's attire. As the days get longer, the temperature gets colder, which means it's time to break out those oversized sweatshirts and comfy boots. You will always see some sort of hat on someone when walking in public, and flannels are a must in the season's fashion.

Fall is here, so go out and have some fun before the temperature starts to fall!

# Trick-or-Treating: How Old is Too Old?

By OLIVIA LARGENT '22

*"Mom, I'm too old to go trick-or-treating!"*

We have all heard this line a million times before, and generally, most people see trick-or-treating as an activity for small children. However, kids and teenagers alike still enjoy going around neighborhoods and collecting treats. Now, the question is, how old is too old? Did you trick-or-treat this year?

"I still trick-or-treat," Serena Radde, a freshman, cheerfully says. "It's a lot of fun, plus you get free candy!" She thinks that high-schoolers can still trick-or-treat, specifically for nostalgia. She says that if someone in high school wants to dress up, go out with friends, and have a fun time, they should be able to. "There should never be an age limit on something someone finds fun."

John Overmyer, our PLATO teacher, says that he went trick-or-treating up until he was a junior in high school. He loved going out with friends, dressing up, and going out on the town on the hunt for delicious treats. "I stopped my senior year of high school," he explains, "My mother thought I was too old to go out and trick-or-treat, so she made me stay home and pass out candy." He says that not only high-schoolers, but everyone, should be able to trick-or-treat at whatever age they please; as long

as they dress up like anyone else would, and participate with politeness. "Trick-or-treating is part of childhood, that should go all the way through high school, I don't have a problem with that at all."

Maya Mitchem, a sophomore, says that she walks through neighborhoods with her young niece. "I trick-or-treat for the Halloween experience, and it just wouldn't feel right if I didn't do it. Plus, I wouldn't want my niece to go out by herself." Maya also mentions that trick-or-treating doesn't and shouldn't have an age limit, if it is within reason. "It is just a bit of fun that kids and teenagers have once a year; it's a nice little incentive. I don't really think there should be an age limit - candy is for everyone, and who's to say that someone is too old for it? As we get older, as well, I feel like we put more effort and money into Halloween, so why not get candy and show off your costume?"

"I think the last time I went out was two years ago, but I plan on going out this year," sophomore Shawn Stewart said. He trick-or-treats because it's fun. "Who wouldn't enjoy free candy?" Stewart believes whole-heartedly that people of any age should be able to trick-or-treat; they shouldn't be deprived of the annual fun that comes with the spooky season.



Geography teacher Jene Hartman said that she doesn't believe high-schoolers should go out and trick-or-treat. "I think we should make a volunteer service where high-schoolers go with small children in a group, and go trick-or-treating. Let's face it, little kids don't want to be seen with Mommy or Daddy, so if they're able to go out with the cool older kids, it would be much more fun." She also said that the last time she went trick-or-treating was almost six years ago, when she trick-or-treated with her kids.

"If you are a high-schooler participating then you have to go big or go home, literally." World History and Current Event teacher Derek Albright says. Although he believes that trick-or-treating is for all ages, he admits that he stopped going in the 6th grade. "I just felt I was getting too old for it, and I didn't feel like dressing up. Had I had a younger [sibling,] maybe it would have been different." Mr. Albright concludes that if you are a kid at heart and wish to go out for candy, who is to stop you? Especially if you're a respectful kid at heart!





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“I trick-or-treat so that my parents are able to take my other siblings to other houses faster,” Riley Lanway, a junior, says. He still trick-or-treats with his little brother. “Trick-or-treating depends; if teenagers want to trick-or-treat because they weren’t able to as a kid, that is perfectly fine. However, if teenagers just want to go around and scare children, then they shouldn’t go. I think that an age limit that would be reasonable is 14.”

Halloween is a holiday targeted towards younger children, and they should be able to celebrate without worrying about the disrespectful and destructive teenagers that might be in their neighborhood.”

A survey sent out on October 25 asking Colonials whether or not high-schoolers should trick-or-treat. Here are some of their responses:

Do you think high-schoolers should trick-or-treat? Why or why not?

“Yeah. It’d be fun to go with your

friends. Or if you look young enough.”

“Yes, because they need to have some fun instead of out doing drugs.”

“Yes, I think they should let high-schoolers trick or treat because then at least you know they are doing a safe activity with family and friends. They could be out doing a lot worse like running the street with a gang, getting arrested, doing drugs, or even trespassing somewhere they aren’t supposed to be. Why not let someone be a kid? Stop trying to make us grow up.”

“I think high-schoolers can go trick or treating but because of circumstances some high-schoolers don’t go anymore. Some kids in high school have children to take and others just think it’s childish, but I personally still participate in the activity.”

Should there be an age limit for trick-or-treating? Why or why not?

“No, it’s a free country, but, I’ve also never seen or heard of a grown man going

Trick-or-Treating ever in my life.”

“No, because it helps teenagers and adults stay out of trouble.”

“No, there should not be an age limit, because if you put an age limit on trick or treating then you take peoples chances away from doing a safe activity. When you tell someone they are too old or too young for something then it kind of hurts that person in a way; it makes them feel sad.”

“Yes and no; I agree that once you reach a certain age then you shouldn’t participate in a kids activity but if you aren’t that old and still want to dress up and go get candy then you should be able to do such.”

Based on these statements, one can see that a number of teenagers still believe that trick-or-treating is an appropriate activity to do as a high-schooler. This year, be respectful and undisruptive, and go explore your neighborhoods for some candy!



welcome  
to your school menus



# New School Lunch

By HAYLEY DEMLER '20

All South Bend schools introduced a new breakfast and lunch service in October. The old way collapsed in early September when a number of schools either ran out of food choices and/or kids were going home hungry. Enter Chartwell, the new provider.

The Chartwell immediately offered students healthier and more appetizing options. New food stations including a create-your-own, grill station, pizza, SONO, and an extra extra area.

In the create-your-own, you'll see options like chili cheese dogs, chicken drumstick, and pulled pork. Along with the create-your-own option choices, you may choose the grill station. In the grill station, you have options like a crispy chicken patty sandwich, waffle fries, and cheeseburgers. The SONO option allows you to make and customize your beef

or fajita-style chicken nachos with tasty additions including the following: cilantro lime brown rice, seasoned black beans, sour cream, fresh jalapenos, salsa, sauteed bell peppers and onions, shredded romaine lettuce, pico de gallo, sour cream, and guacamole. Lastly in the extra extra area you choose between the likes of raw veggies, salads, and fruit choices. All extra extra choices are unlimited.

Lunch has certainly been the talk of the school.

"They smack, but I barely have enough time to eat because of how long the lines are, so I'm either late or end up throwing away food," said junior Bella Jaramillo.

"It's good. I wish there was more options for breakfast," Perrin Fowler '20 said.

"It's alright. I don't like that we are

having the same thing over and over again, but it tastes okay but I think they need to make a better system for the lines," sophomore Austin Love said.

Freshman Lillie Thornsberry responded very enthusiastically, "I love it!!! It's like we're eating real food."

Initially, the lunch lines were quite long, as it took time for students and staff to acclimate to the new options. A chef from Chartwell was on hand to educate and ensure that everything ran smoothly.

This is the first year all Clay students can eat breakfast and lunch for free. Access to the APP is free: nutrislice.





# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Volunteer Fair

BY BRAYDON DUKES '20  
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If you have ever done something kind or discretionary for another person or group, we call that volunteering. It helps you build connections, advance your career, and spreads positivity and kindness throughout the community. Various activities where you can participate include charities, student tutoring, community boards, retirement homes, local libraries—the list goes on. Our school provides students and staff with many opportunities to participate.

were provided brochures and information packets highlighting opportunities. Over 100 students went to the fair.

Participants included: The South Bend Civic Theatre, Reins of Life, Inc, Center for the Homeless, Salvation Army Kroc Community Center, LOGAN Community Resources, Inc., Hannah's House of Michiana, MISA, The Humane Society of St. Joseph Co., Camp Millhouse, St. Joseph County Public Library, Boys & Girls Club of St. Joseph County, and Special Olympics of St. Joseph County,

Volunteering gives good utterance for colleges looking



periences that can be put into an application.

“When you find the right place to do volunteer services it feels like a privilege to be involved not a burden or something that you do in order to look good,” said Clay’s National Honors Society sponsor and fair organizer, Mrs. Angela Browning. “When you volunteer, you make a positive change. With that change, brings the positive back into the world.”



Clay’s first Volunteer Fair was held on Friday, October 11 in the Media Center. Twelve community organizations set up tables and were available to discuss volunteer opportunities available to students. Attendees



for full-time students, but also the volunteer services offer job ex-





# OVER THE

# EDGE



BY JEANA ALBERTS '20

Clay High School's principal, Tim Pletcher, recently participated in a charity event to benefit South Bend's Youth Service Bureau. The non-profit organization helps support youth who are homeless and do not have a stable place to live. The Bureau provide basic necessities for teens and young adults who wouldn't be able to obtain them otherwise.

A Clay High School English teacher, Mr. Gerstbauer, decided he wanted to get his school involved with the Youth Service Bureau.

He set a challenge for students to raise \$1000 for the program, which was successfully met. With the short time period Clay faculty had to raise the money they turned to new creative ideas to encourage students to give. With high hopes to get more donations organizers broadcasted Tim Pletcher going over the edge.

Pletcher's trip over the Robertson building in downtown South Bend took place on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Pletcher propelled over half way down the seven story building. There have

been many other charity events with the same incentive who took up the challenge of the Roberson building. Pletcher joins the few people who can say he went over the edge to support a good cause. Clay High School is proud of their principal!

The Over the Edge fundraiser gave hundreds of dollars to youth in need. If you would like to donate to the Youth Service Bureau you can click [here](#).



Click [HERE](#) to donate



# Coach Check ✓

BY AUTUMN WROBEL '20

English teacher Brian Ginzer has been coaching for 25 years in ten different sports. Ginzer, a 1994 graduate of the former Tri-State University, played basketball. Tri-State is now known as Trine University.

"I am motivated to coach because as a former high school and college student-athlete, I have reaped the benefits of being a complete individual brings to my life, family, and work ethic." Ginzer would like his athletes to learn empathy, passion, work ethic, and compassion. He continued, "I also ask that they exclude sportsmanship even in the eyes of defeat or a negative situation. They should leave me understanding they are blessed to be playing a



game and that endurance of completion of a season win or lose is a lesson in life that will be cherished forever."

Ginzer remembers his favorite coaching memory was winning a national championship in 2004. "I coached a student to win the



Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee on ESPN. However, I have so many great memories of teams and individual player accomplishments. It has never been about me. My philosophy of coaching is affording student-athletes the opportunity to grow as a person and a productive citizen after sports."



## Your 2020 Prom Update

BY LYDIA TALCOTT '21

Planning has already begun for Clay's 2020 Prom. Prom will again take place at the Blue Heron at Blackthorn located at the Blue Heron at Blackthorn, 5440 Nimitz Pkwy, South Bend---the same location as last year's prom. The dance will be Saturday, April 25th, the last full weekend of April. The prom committee has settled on the theme "A Night Under the Stars" and is continuing to flesh out the plans and decorations for it. Sporting up

to twenty people, the committee meets almost every week to work on organizing and fielding ideas as well as fundraising ideas for this special night.

Each meeting is typically led by the junior class president, Kimberly Downey. Class sponsors, Mrs. Susan Groves and Mrs. Jene Hartman, oversee each meeting and help out with major concepts, but usually are pretty hands-off. They allow most of the discussion

and decision making to be done by the committee as a whole, so that everyone's voice is heard and ideas are considered.

Fundraising has been a major focus for the group, as prom is an expensive endeavor. The first all-class fundraiser will begin the day after Christmas break on January 6th and run two weeks through January 18th. Please support to help raise money for our prom to make it as fun as possible.

## Ask a Colonial:

## How do you think first quarter went?



**Tierney Ferguson, 10**  
"Not too bad actually."



**Jack Horvath, 09**  
"Um, pretty bad."



**Quintin Gordon, 12**  
"It was alright, coulda been better."



**Oliver Rodriguez, 11**  
"Not bad."



**Tj Crooks, 12**  
"It was cool, I got here late."



**Annika Fervida, 09**  
"I think it went pretty well... little fights... got good grades."



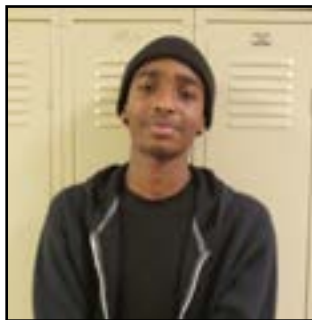
**Braylin Brantley, 10**  
"Amazing."



**Devon Taborn, 12**  
"First quarter was easy...smooth no fights or none of that."



**Oreona Young, 11**  
"It went okay."



**Brok Byrd, 10**  
"I wasn't here."



**Jason Williams, 12**  
"It was okay...it was kinda boring to be honest."



**Abigail Moody, 09**  
"First quarter was a little rough to adjust from 8th grade..."



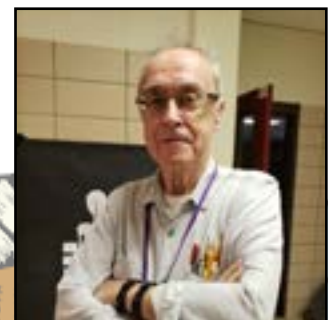
**Ms. Voss**  
"It went awesomely."



**Mr. Murray**  
"First quarter went okay."



**Mrs. Vidhyunmala**  
"I didn't have them for first quarter I just moved in to South Bend."



**Mr. Sweeney**  
"Good."



# High School



BY CHLOE MONSMA '20

High schoolers are notoriously busy. We say we can multitask, but few of us really can... keeping up grades, staying in touch with friends (sometimes on an hourly basis), and staying close with your family can take up most if not all of our time. Add work to the mix? How can we balance it?

Colonial staffers surveyed 20 Clay juniors and seniors to see how they balanced it all. Students were asked if they were employed and if they

were, how they managed their time.

Junior Melissa Beck said, "I really enjoy my job and my co-workers but sometimes the stress of school and social life makes me consider quitting."

The survey also asked if high schoolers were stressed by their jobs. Senior Delayna Hockenhull says, "As long as I manage my time I don't get stressed."

The results were almost split down the middle with 55% saying no and 45% saying yes. Senior Shawny Gordon said, "Work takes me away from spending time with friends and family, but it's worth the money."

Despite a full plate, high school-aged kids still manage to remain optimistic that they can manage both school and a job.



# Possibility Of Trump's Impeachment

BY NATHANIEL BROWN '20

If Donald J. Trump is impeached—it's big news for the United States. Only two presidents have been impeached in the history of the United States. First was Andrew Johnson who was actually impeached and removed from office. Johnson breached the Tenure of Office Act because he removed Edwin Stanton, the Secretary of War. The Tenure of Office Act says the President of the United States can't remove certain office-holders without the approval of the Senate. Richard Nixon was talked about the most about getting impeached. Ultimately he wasn't impeached, he left office, by his own choice. Nixon left office before the House could vote on him being released from office or they were wrong when

they accused him. The other president that was actually impeached was William J. Clinton, also known as Bill Clinton. He was impeached he lost the trial and but was not voted out of office.

So what is impeachment? The legislative body accuses the elected officer first, then there will be an investigation of the crime that the elected official did or didn't do, after that there's a trial---that decides the fate of the elected official.

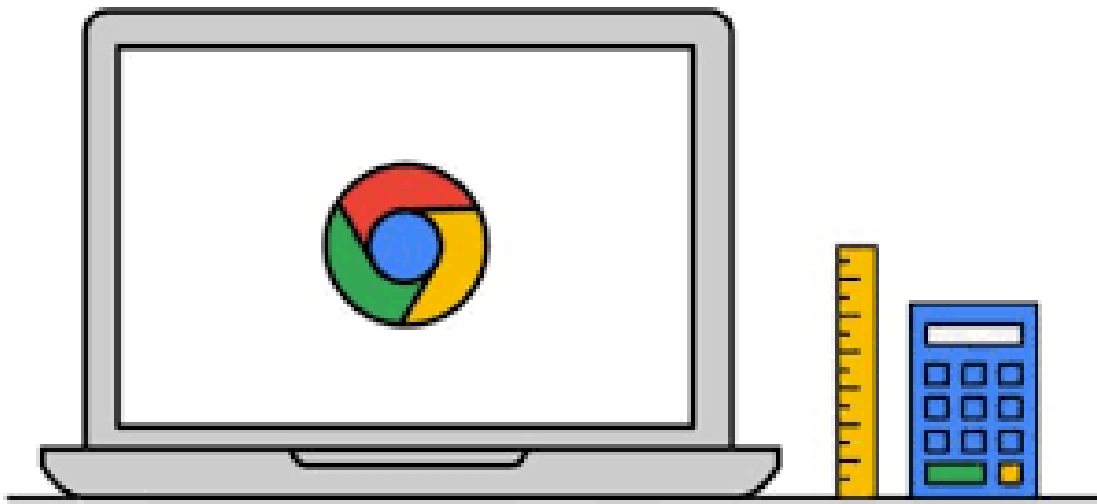
With that being said we are now on the third president who could actually be impeached. This started because a whistleblower accused Trump of having the country of Ukraine interfere with the 2020

election. When Donald Trump found out he did the responsible thing any angry president would do and took to social media and came at the whistleblower.

With Donald Trump acting out of rage it makes him look like he is trying to halt the investigation, making him look really guilty. The whistleblower is concerned with their well-being and chose to keep their identity concealed. Now with everyone focused on the president what will be found from this investigation and will Donald Trump become the third president impeached?

Main source: ( <https://apnews.com/apf-topnews> )





# E-Citizenship Day

BY OWEN CONYERS

In today's world, technological literacy is becoming more and more important every day as the constantly developing culture and technology of the internet threatens to leave those who aren't paying attention in the dust. The innocent "wild west" days of the internet are long dead; and for better or worse, the quickly developing communities on the internet have given rise to tech-savvy users with the knowledge to teach or manipulate those who are behind them technological literacy or simply out of touch. Even on websites with supposedly top-notch moderation and security, there are thousands upon thousands of people ready to swindle uninformed users out of their money, information, and privacy with new and novel scams. So how could an uninformed internet user learn the ins and outs of internet safety? That's where Google and their new website Interland comes in, and if you were here during

E-Citizenship Day at Clay, you may have wondered what it was and why the school staff was pushing us to use it.

Interland is an online browser game in which the player is tasked with completing one of four "lands" with different challenges. The four lands include a social media sharing puzzle, an anti-bullying platformer, a privacy-themed skiing game, and a phishing quiz. Every land also ends with a quiz, which makes the phishing quiz somewhat redundant. But regardless of how entertaining the game is, it's important because each of these lands corresponds to an issue that many inexperienced internet users face such as oversharing and password theft. This provides a valuable and approachable source of information on internet usage for students and young children. However, this raises a question; was it necessary to have high school students who grew up with the rise

of social media play it?

When it comes to Interland's usefulness to older teenagers, it's debatable. On one hand, there's plenty of high school students who suffer from the problems that Interland attempts to address, such as privacy protection and oversharing; but on the other hand, it's debatable whether or not this number is high enough to warrant an entire day dedicated to learning internet safety. And while the lessons Interland wants to teach are important, much of it is already common knowledge to students who've grown up with the internet their entire lives. Since playing Interland was ultimately optional, whether or not it's useful is up to the individual; but it's hard to deny that some students could benefit from Interland, no matter how simple or juvenile it is. And when it comes to learning internet safety, it's better safe than sorry.

# Rambling thru November 2019 AD Skies

## Highlighting a Step Back In Time

Astronomically, November isn't too much different from October. The noon Sun is still decreasing in altitude, noon shadows continue to increase in length and the rising and setting Sun still rises and sets further south of east and west each day. On the last day of the month the noon Sun is only some 260 above the due south point of your horizon.

On November 1st the Sun will rise in South Bend about 8:17am and set about 6:38pm. On November 3rd sunrise will occur about 7:20am and sunset will occur about 5:35pm. Is the Sun "backing up"? Daylight has shortened to about 9 hours and 21 minutes by November 30th. Remember what you lose in daylight each day you gain in darkness in order to maintain a 24 hour "day". You are still losing daylight and gaining darkness and the length of darkness is still greater than the length of daylight.

The Moon will be in its 1st Quarter phase on November 4th, Full on the 12th, 3rd Quarter on the 19th and New on the 26th. The Moon will be at Apogee (furthest from Earth) on the 7th and will be at Perigee (closest to Earth) on the 23rd. November's Full Moon was called the Beaver Moon because this was the time to set beaver traps, before the waters froze over. Like October, Mars is your November "morning star" and



Venus, Jupiter and Saturn in that order from west to east are your November evening stars. A variety of nighttime constellations will be visible, from Sagittarius in the west after sunset to Virgo in the east before sunrise. Orion is becoming more beautifully prominent as an evening celestial pattern. The Big Dipper is frozen over on your northern horizon. It still "points" to Polaris.

Near Leo, the Lion, the Leonid meteor shower (comet dust) will peak the night of November 16th after midnight. But the waning gibbous Moon will greatly interfere with viewing this typically weak shower.

Contrary to popular opinion you do not gain an extra hour of time if you set the hands of your clocks

backward one hour at 2am on November 3rd. The Earth still rotates once on its axis every 24 (not 25) hours. Besides the process will not work if you don't adjust your timepiece at exactly 2am.

Closing Thought: I don't think inside the box and I don't think outside the box. . . I don't even know where the box is! But my goal this weekend is to move. . . just enough so people don't think I'm dead. 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.

Edmund C. Sweeney Jr., Earth and Space Science Clay High School