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Canton takes homecoming win



by Mary Pettovello
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The Canton Chiefs took on the Plymouth Wildcats for Canton's homecoming game resulting in a 21-14 victory for the Chiefs. The game started with a 72 yard run on the kickoff by Canton running back Markus Sanders setting up Julian Thornton to score the first touchdown on the next play one minute and 30 seconds into the game followed by the extra point made by Ben Tubaro.

Plymouth then received the kickoff starting their first possession. They were unable to move the ball to a first down and had to punt on the fourth down. The Chiefs were third down with 1 yard to go when Sanders ran the ball up the center to get the first down. Canton continued to run the ball down the field until the first quarter ended, leaving them at Plymouth's 21 yard line, resulting in a score of 7-0 in Canton's favor.

During the second quarter, Canton found themselves with another fourth down conversion attempt on the 13 yard line. The Wildcats then gave the Chiefs enough yards to move forward to their 8 yard line with a first down. On the next play, a touchdown within reach, Canton fumbled the ball and Plymouth recovered it. Again, Plymouth made three plays and had to punt. Canton drove the ball down the field, allowing Sanders to score the second touchdown for the Chiefs, extending the lead to 14-0.

At halftime, the various club banners were displayed and the P-CEP Marching Band performed. Dom Donegan and Alia Jones were crowned Canton's homecoming king and queen.

The competition became heated during the second half. The Wildcats had a strong start and after a pass interference in their favor, walked the ball down to the end zone, inching closer to victory. Canton still led with a score of 14-7. The Chiefs attempted to make another touchdown when the Wildcats stopped Canton's attempt of a fourth down conversion and gained possession of the ball. Plymouth's Colton Borke made an awesome catch on a pass from quarterback Zack Beadle at the 42 yard line. On the next play, Beadle faked a handoff and ran up the middle scoring another touchdown for the Plymouth Wildcats, evening the score out to 14-14.

The fourth quarter was a battle for the win. Canton started the quarter with a failed fourth down conversion attempt with four yards to go. Plymouth again tried to move the ball off the field and after three plays, punted on the fourth. Canton, starting on their 18 yard line, marched the ball down the field, ending on the Plymouth 31 yard line. After a penalty against



Photo by Madison Taylor



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Top: Plymouth and Canton football players prepare to face off during Canton's homecoming game. The Chiefs went on to defeat the Wildcats 21-14. Bottom Left: Canton junior Alaina James performs with the Canton cheerleaders during the game. Bottom Right: The Canton Chiefs prepare to take on the Wildcats. After winning the game, the Chiefs' record was 3-2.

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Majority of Park students say athletes should stand for anthem

by Rachel Quigley
Staff Writer

After nationwide protests regarding police shootings of African-Americans, San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick, along with various players from the Dolphins, Chiefs, Patriots and Seahawks, continue to say that they will not stand for the national anthem.

The Kaepernick saga has been a worldwide controversy, and the Park is no exception. Out of 744 students, 67 percent say that athletes should stand for the national anthem. The remaining 33 percent believe that it is a personal choice.

"People have died for our flag. The only reason people are allowed to not stand for the national anthem is because people defend our Constitution. It's disrespectful if you don't stand," said former Canton student, Conner Pajot.

When most students voted yes, they also mentioned the First Amendment, the amendment that grants freedom of speech. The general consensus seemed to be that athletes should stand but cannot be forced to.

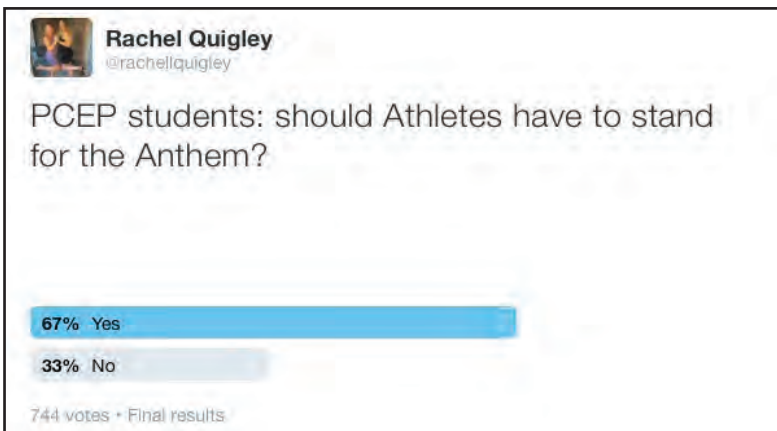
Canton senior Collin O'Keefe said, "All should stand for the national anthem because it pays respect to those who have made sacrifices for our country, but the First Amendment allows anyone to demonstrate freely, so you cannot force anyone to stand."

Canton senior Hani Habhab agrees, "The first amendment gives

you the absolute right to sit down. The real question is, should you? We cannot ignore the problems that this country has, but there are other ways to bring light and attention to the situation we are facing as a country."

On the other side, Salem senior Scott Green believes athletes should not feel obligated to stand for the anthem. "The anthem is an expression of support and allegiance towards the [USA], and if it's true that [citizens] have the right to think and express their thoughts as free individuals, then they have the right to choose whether or not to make that expression," said Green.

Plymouth senior and Wildcats left guard/defensive tackle Logan Tennis said, "I personally wouldn't care or be offended [if my teammate didn't stand for the anthem]. I respect Kaepernick for his actions and what he's done; he's starting a peaceful movement. He has a huge media outlet as well. These issues gain press because of him."



Other students believe that sporting events aren't the proper place to voice political opinions.

Salem senior Jake Saunders said, "On the field they should represent the organization for which they play. They shouldn't use the game as a medium to voice their opinions. It should be outside of the sport."

According to Sports Illustrated, a recent poll conducted by E-Poll

Marketing Research asked 1,100 Americans which of 350 NFL players they disliked the most. Kaepernick was "disliked a lot" by 29 percent, when last year that number was only six percent. However, Kaepernick was "liked" by 42 percent of African-Americans polled.

Kaepernick continues to reiterate that he will sit down until the oppression is resolved.



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New parking lot rules pose problems

by **Madison Taylor**
Staff Writer

Juniors and seniors pass by those slow walkers on the path and speed walk to their cars to get home after a long, exhausting day. Once students get to their car in the parking lot and start up the engine, they take off, struggling to get in line with other cars. Plymouth parking lot is struggling to go with the flow of traffic. In the second week of the new school year, Plymouth security and officers have come up with a new rule for the safety of students. The rule is, you cannot form two or more lines when trying to enter the main exiting line.

“Impending traffic’ is what it’s called,” said Lisa Whittaker, Plymouth security officer. The consequences for not following this rule is, “a two week parking pass suspension or getting a ticket.”

Whittaker added that the accident rate at Plymouth has definitely decreased and the officers are feeling better about students safety. Whittaker said, “There will be no new rules at the moment but our main officer will figure it out when the time comes.”

The new rule for the parking lot seems to not sit well with students at the moment. Taylor Richards, senior at Plymouth said, “I don’t think anything has changed honestly; there aren’t going to be as many accidents but it’s now going to take forever to get out of the parking lot.”

Plymouth hasn’t been the only one having problems with their lot. Salem students also have

had accidents occur. Salem’s lot was sold out this year and therefore there is not a lot of room to back up cars, and they are also having multiple traffic jams.

Gaby Morones, senior at Canton, said, “It’s helpful when the guy is standing there and leads the traffic, but when he is sometimes not there, it just gets worse.” Morones says that all high school parking lots are bad, it’s just that P-CEP is a whole lot of chaotic business.

Just like Salem, Canton’s lot was sold out this year as well, but they are not experiencing the same problems as the other two schools. Alea Hadous, senior at Canton, said, “Usually the parking lot is not plowed. The only real problem is you can’t really see the parking spot lines so it’s more of a guess.” Hadous added that Canton’s parking lot is pretty smooth getting out and there haven’t been any problems so far.

Canton security officer Rick Thom said, “Even though Canton’s parking lot sold out this year, we haven’t made any new changes to the rules.” Thom also mentioned that the rules are pretty basic but the guidelines will change depending on the flow of the traffic.



Photo by Madison Taylor

Multiple cars crowd the Plymouth parking lot, causing traffic issues when leaving school. To deal with traffic in the Plymouth lot, security and officers implemented a new rule: cars cannot form two or more lines when trying to enter the main traffic line.

Extravaganza highlights club opportunities

by **Megan Pham**
Staff Writer

The crowd of high school students in the bus loop was a testament to how important clubs are at

P-CEP. The Club Extravaganza, organized by the student congresses at all three schools, consisted of 75 clubs at tables down the middle of the bus loop playing music, showing demonstrations and giving out treats. It was a big success not only for students looking to get involved, but also for clubs searching for new members.

Plymouth senior Kaylee Rahill said the event was “a really creative way to introduce students to new clubs.” Rahill represented the choir program, which boasted eight after-school clubs ranging from traditional all-male choral music to an Indian-pop club called Raags to Riches.

Another club at the event included the Automotive Technology Club which had vehicles driving around the bus loop to demonstrate their interesting projects.

There was also the Zombie Apocalypse and Survival Club which discussed hypothetical zombie situations, P-CEP Pals which pairs students up with peers who have disabilities, and Students Against Destructive Decisions, a club that organizes activities at the Park in order to bring awareness to harmful choices that teenagers make.

The Club Extravaganza also brought attention to various newer clubs; International Scholars Tutors, a student run tutoring service created last spring used music and candy to attract people to their table.

“We’re just dedicated students who want to help other students in Plymouth-Canton,” said Canton junior Connor Flanigan, one of the co-founders of IS Tutors. Flanigan agreed that the Extravaganza brought them more publicity and encouraged students to sign up for their service.

Ethan Morgan, Salem junior, was also promoting a new club: the HTML Club. “Coding looks great on your resume,” Morgan said, “and we’re open to all levels. We have projects if you already

know how to code, and if you don’t we’ll teach you.” The club is also planning to hand out fliers to help teachers design their classroom websites.

The club Guided Light also started this year, and its main focus is on helping domestically, physically or sexually abused girls. The club meets once a month to volunteer and raise money for Vista Maria, a social services organization in Dearborn Heights. One of the founders, Harshita Jalluri, Canton senior, says their goal as a club is to simply bring a piece of the outside world and a piece of normalcy to the girls at Vista Maria.

By the end of lunch, sign up lists at club tables were filled with names of interested students. “Most high school students forget about how many awesome clubs there are,” said Plymouth senior Brenda Silva, “so the Extravaganza is a great idea and a major success for sure.”

Fee to participate in clubs enacted

by **Omar Abdel Baqui**
News Editor

A \$25 payment is now necessary in order to participate in an extracurricular activity or club. The fee is due to limited funds coming

in from the state, which has forced P-CCS to create budget cuts. Athletic directors from all three schools are in charge of enforcing this fee. The money collected from the fee will go toward the P-CCS general funds. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch will have the fee waived, as with service or volunteer clubs.

Luke Swanson, a social studies teacher and Congress adviser at Plymouth, said, “In principle, I don’t agree with the fee, but it has to be done. P-CCS voted in for the fee to combat increasing class sizes. It’s the state’s fault for cutting funds to public schools.”

Emily Stefforia, Salem senior, said, “It wouldn’t affect my decision to join a club. I don’t think it’s fair, but if I really wanted to join a club, I’d just pay the fee.”

Other students have a different stance on the fee. Jack Balch, Plymouth senior, and Autumn Lorenz, Salem senior, said the fee would decrease their chances to join a club.

Others have questioned the spending of P-CCS. Jeremy Tolentino, Plymouth senior, said, “They can afford brand new laptops for all students and Smart Boards in every classroom, but can’t afford to help students become well-rounded citizens.” Tolentino also said that P-CCS should get their priorities straight and find something else to cut funding from.

Some students support the fee. Jack Boczar, Plymouth senior, said, “Charging for clubs is a good idea. P-CCS charges for sports, so why not clubs? It will provide more money for the district.”

The fee can be paid by check made out to P-CCS and is collected by the club leader. If there are any questions about the fee or what clubs are excused from having to pay the fee, contact your home school’s athletic director.



Canton junior Vincent Vasquez shows off his musical skills at the Extravaganza.

Photo by Hannah Saad

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Canton homecoming

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Plymouth, the ball was moved to their 5 yard line with a 1st down for Canton. Thornton then made another touchdown for Canton now pushing the score to 21-14. Plymouth received the kickoff on their 35 yard line and moved the ball down to Canton’s 48 yard line while making several good passing attempts. This ended with an attempted fourth down

conversion pass that was blocked by Canton. The Chiefs ran the clock down to take their 21-14 victory. “We don’t have any key players,” said Steven Walker, Canton full back. “We have a team.”

Proposed millage gains mileage

By **Claudia Saveski**
Staff Writer

On Nov. 8, Michigan residents will be going to the polls to vote on who the next President of the United States will be. However, the ballot will also include the Wayne County Regional Enhancement Education Millage.

A Regional Enhancement Millage is proposed on a county-wide basis. If approved, money can be collected by the independent school district on a per pupil, or per student, basis. This money is controlled solely by the district, which decides how the money is spent.

On this specific millage, a homeowner would be taxed based on their property value. For instance, a real estate value of \$100,000

would give about \$8 per month. The \$8 collected would go to the local schools. This would result in a total per pupil value of about \$385.

The collected money would be spent on improving technology and school programs, repairing schools and hiring teachers to help reduce the growing class sizes.

Plymouth chemistry teacher Scott Milam said, "The funding for science equipment has been cut to under \$2 per student per year for chemistry classes. That's not a sustainable amount of money to be able to fund all of the labs and activities done each year."

Milam isn't the only one to notice the lack of funding, Scott Thomas, Public Speaking and Honors Debate teacher at Plymouth, said he received only \$40 from the English department to purchase

supplies for 150 students. In the past, Thomas has had to pay out of pocket for many of his classroom expenses.

This millage has been proposed for many reasons, one being that the extra \$385 per pupil could ultimately help provide the quality education P-CCS and other school districts in Wayne county have been trying to invest in. This millage also aims to help close the funding gap and increase opportunities for the students attending Wayne county schools.

Milam said, "There are so many little things that we can do to improve what our schools do and so many of them would be helped by this millage. This millage would have a very large positive impact on how we teach and how our students learn."

Michigan Board of Education approves new LGBT policy

By **Chloe Barbosa**
Staff Writer

The Michigan State Board of Education has approved a new guidance policy to protect LGBT students. Transgender students are now allowed to use the bathroom and locker room of their choice. The guidelines also urge teachers to call students by their preferred pronouns and names without parental consent and be able to handle issues that LGBT youth are facing at school.

Erin Spencer, Salem junior, said, "I think that using correct pronouns without parental consent allows students to identify as themselves and doesn't force the student to come out."

Kevin Holowicki, Canton sophomore, said, "I agree with it completely because everyone should have the right to be called what pronouns they want and use what bathroom that goes with the gender they want to be referred to as."

Travis Kayis, Salem junior, disagrees with the policy and said that students should have to go to the bathroom that corresponds with what gender they were born as.

The reason for the new policy, according to the Board of Education, is to help LGBT students enjoy school more. According to the Human Rights Campaign, LGBT youth are twice as likely to be physically assaulted during school. Fenway Health reported that 80

percent of transgender students feel unsafe at school because of their gender expression.

Lily Chalmers, Salem junior, said it's good that we're recognizing what people want to be called and identify as, but in some ways bathrooms and locker rooms could be taken advantage of.

Nikila Pradeep, Canton senior, said, "I do agree with the policy, I think these are necessary adaptations to fit our society and it is necessary to accept people so we can move forward."

Overcrowding due to budget challenges



Photos by Grace Pierzynski

Classrooms throughout the Park are packed with desks and students, with little room to maneuver.

by **Haley DeLaca**
Deputy Online Editor

Rushing for books, searching for seats and being overwhelmed by too many new faces and names; these are affecting teachers at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Students may have noticed that their classes are now packed with other students. They see that it has given them a better chance of having a class with a friend, but no one seems to understand why or how this change happened.

The main reason for the class size increase is because of the need to balance the budget. Joanne Maliszewski, writer and editor for Hometown Life, stated that, "Superintendent Monica Merritt has presented the board with a balanced budget from a starting point of a \$3.7 million deficit. The balanced budget proposes a class size increase in upper elementary, middle, and high schools."

Another factor is the widening of School of Choice application criteria. To compensate

for the drop in student enrollment during the past years, Plymouth-Canton has started to accept School of Choice applications from students outside of Wayne County.

The monetary motives are there as well. According to Governor Rick Snyder's 2016-2017 budget proposal, P-CCS could receive \$120 more in funding per student, which greatly increases total revenue. All of these have mixed together to give P-CCS more than they bargained for.

This year has brought on new struggles and new experiences as teachers and students adjust to their filled classes. Office workers and teachers have anxiously scrambled to get more textbooks for students, counselors have experienced greater difficulty creating student schedules and teachers are [having trouble] when trying to connect with students. Kathy Howells, a math teacher at Pioneer Middle School, said, "The

class size increase makes it more difficult for students to get their questions answered. With 35 kids in the class, I cannot always touch base with those kids. It's very frustrating for me and for them."

Despite the difficulties, there are also benefits to this change in class size. More students can be put in classes that are in high demand and students have easier access to advanced classes. "I think it's cool that more students can take high level classes," said Joan Pence, Salem science teacher.

Students have had mixed reactions to the increased size of their classes. Lauren Kimani, Salem senior, couldn't take her favorite class because of the mandatory class size minimum. "I was so excited to take Drama 3 again this year. I love [the class]. But because not enough students signed up to take it this year, they canceled the class. It was so disappointing," said Kimani.

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Hillary Clinton: Not just a referendum on Trump

This year the staff of The Perspective would like to do what is not often done by student newspapers: officially endorse a candidate for president. While the staff had no definitive endorsement in 2012, the 2016 staff feels there is significant reason and more than enough concern with other options to warrant an endorsement; moreover, the staff of The Perspective are enthusiastic about the merit and policies of Hillary Clinton and these have all contributed to our 2016 endorsement.

There is perhaps no more criticized and examined person in America than Hillary Clinton. Throughout her years as First Lady of Arkansas, senator, Secretary of State and presidential candidate (both times) Secretary Clinton has been looked into by nearly every news agency and multiple independent bodies. This constant criticism and investigation has made Clinton an unstoppable force: one with no more secrets

to hide. While those in the Trump camp like to point to multiple "Clinton Body Count" stories such as Whitewater and the Clinton Foundation's dealings, multiple independent sources and news organizations have exonerated Hillary and her foundation. The criticisms of "Crooked Hillary" simply do not hold up to scrutiny.

Defense of Hillary is only so effective. Forcing a campaign to constantly be on the defensive is a common trick used by campaigns not ready to defend their own policies. The more compelling reason to support Clinton is her policies. Hillary represents a strong history of liberalism and progressive policy. The strides she made toward universal health care as both a First Lady and as a senator created the template for the Affordable Care Act and the original more liberal single payer universal healthcare bill. Her work in the senate as advocate for the citizens of New York after the Sept. 11 attacks is nothing short of admirable.

Clinton's experience is also notable in the foreign policy arena. In her negotiation of the Iran deal and multiple other foreign policy accords, she worked to protect American interests to the best of her ability, even if some of her dealings did not end in a way that was 100 percent satisfactory to all of the American people. The stamina it takes to travel as much as Hillary has and maintain a calm, composed and non-provoked attitude is much higher than many people give her credit for, including her opponent and his campaign.

Hillary Clinton is not a perfect candidate, and many of her actions are concerning. Actions and not perfect accords as Secretary aside, the words and tactics used by Clinton and her campaign have not always been respectful and in other cases could warrant a vote against her; however, all of the bad deals and risky business does not come close to the insurmountably bad deals and business of the Trump campaign. Donald

Trump has run on a platform of isolationism and nationalism; his campaign has routinely alienated the vulnerable in our country and fought against the interests of the middle class through tax cuts to the rich and more of the deregulation that the Bush administration used: policies that got us into the Great Recession. Voting for Trump would be voting for a platform of top down bigotry, as well as a vote for fiscally and economically irresponsible activity that puts more money into the pockets of billionaires like the one at the top of the ticket.

The Perspective does not have a consistent record of voting for a specific candidate, but the good liberal policies of Hillary Clinton combined with the bad conservative policies proposed by the Trump campaign are more than enough for the editorial staff to strongly state that #We'reWithHer.

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Dear America, is this the best we could come up with?

by Victoria Hall
Opinion Editor

As the 2016 presidential election season draws to a close, most people have chosen a side, Team Hillary or Team Trump. The complete chaos of this election cycle has caused people to have little to no question on who they believe is the best candidate compared to past elections where moderate voters would have a tougher time sniffing out the weaker candidate. With these two left as our only two viable contenders for president, there is a growing sentiment among voters questioning whether or not they should even bother voting.

Donald Trump is known to most as a billionaire businessman and to a lot of people as the racist Cheeto running as the Republican nominee. When his candidacy was announced, many people took it as a joke that would blow over in a matter of months. As more republican candidates began to drop out of the race, however, it became clear that would not just blow over. Donald's outlandish remarks and ideas are both what makes him an awful candidate to an abundance of individuals

around the globe and the best candidate to the ultra-conservative citizens who want to "Make America Great Again." Trump's attacks on Mexican immigrants and Muslim individuals has led to an outpouring of public xenophobia in a country that has been struggling to maintain its "melting pot" status.

Trump has also failed to impress many women in this country due to his increasing misogynistic remarks not just against his competition but other females such as Megyn Kelly, Rosie O'Donnell, Heidi Klum and Carly Fiorina. His lack of consistency is also troubling because how are we to trust someone who can't make up his mind on his stance on one of the biggest national issues, abortion?

Hillary, though championed as the most reliable and level-headed candidate, is no better. Hillary's claim to fame came from being the First Lady to former president Bill Clinton but she is more recently known for the email scandal that has everyone questioning how trustworthy she would be

as a president. Hillary has been in politics for so long that every questionable bill that she has supported and every ignorant thing she has said has been brought up throughout the duration of this election.

Many people have been troubled by when she referred to black men as super predators. Hillary has also been known to pander to a certain demographic to secure their vote. She has been leaving many people feeling as if they are just a vote to her, not a person that she has to represent as president. The fact that Hillary has already been in the White House as a first lady is also troubling. We do not have a monarchical government or anything that resembles. The presidency being handed through certain families like in the case with the Bush dynasty leaves an uneasy feeling that certain families are gaining too much power. While both candidates may have their pros, they both have far too many cons to ignore.



Letters to the Editor

Dogs at risk of euthanasia because of irresponsible owners

Montreal passed a pit bull ban, sentencing thousands of dogs to be euthanized if they don't already belong to a family. Not only are pit bulls being euthanized, but any dog that even possesses characteristics of a pit bull. Anyone who currently owns a pit bull may keep the dog but only if they can pay the fines and pass a background check. For low income families, the possibility of keeping their beloved pets isn't very high. This bill was passed due to a 55-year-old woman being mauled to death three months prior. It has yet to be proven whether it was a pit bull or not as the tests did not come through nor have they been released. So why blame pit

bulls?

If owners would take care of their dogs and stop turning them into at risk dogs or dangerous ones, they would not have such a bad reputation. Nearly 150,000 people have signed a petition to be rid of the banning. Let's hope it goes through so thousands of dogs aren't sentenced to die.

Madison Dunning
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To stand or not to stand?

Students debate whether or not to stand for the national anthem

by Janet Nava
Online Editor

While it is your right as a citizen to choose whether or not to sit during the national anthem, choosing not to stand is disrespectful to our flag, country and veterans. Even though Colin Kaepernick's plan has raised awareness for his viewpoint that African-Americans are oppressed, by not standing up for the national anthem has gone too far. Not standing is showing people and sports viewers that you have no national pride in our country.

In Kaepernick's case, by not standing up for the anthem, it is seen as disrespectful towards America's highly patriotic sport, football, as well as the country. The national anthem is played for multiple reasons: to remember those that gave up their lives for their country, to remind us of our rights and freedoms as American Citizens and promote patriotism and the beliefs that the United States of America is the best country in the world.

Now while this may sound like too much, we all still know the song and the tune by heart, so what does that tell you?

This controversy has opened up many issues of how the national anthem is going to be respected in present times. People should stand to show appreciation for the United States because it's a tradition, a way of life. When you hear the anthem it is instinct to stand and be solemn. Kaepernick's decision to not stand is conveying to the American people that he has no pride, respect or love for his country.

Bringing attention to a controversial issue by disrespecting something so important to a culture should not be the way to spread awareness or to solve that problem. Disrespect for something so sacred doesn't solve the problem, it only makes things worse.



by Jack Hanley
Opinion Editor

The political identity of the United States of America was never built on patriotism. The USA is in fact a product of a lack of patriotism: questioning the norms and policies of a society and pointing out possible injustice.

The USA as a country would not exist without both peaceful and violent protest, and that is not something that should be discouraged. Colin Kaepernick is exercising his uniquely American right to protest peacefully--a right exercised by the founders of this country and all other revolutionaries who have changed the fabric of our political systems. Kneeling for the Pledge of Allegiance or the national anthem are not acts of disrespect, but instead symbols of freedom and a drive for the betterment of our society.

African-Americans across the nation feel left out of the social framework. They feel as if they have been left behind by a distant and uncaring government in some far away white utopia. Sound familiar? That is because these were the

exact sentiments of the founding fathers. Trials overseas and taxes passed without consent were drivers of the revolution. In a similar way, African-Americans in this country feel as if their justice system and their nation's economic system have left them behind through unpunished and unjust police killings and economic divides along racial lines. The ideas and sentiments of the Black Lives Matter movement and Colin Kaepernick himself are the ideas and problems that were faced by our founding fathers, but in a different and more subdued context.

While I do not mean to say that Colin Kaepernick is equivalent to Sam Adams, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin or any other founding father type visionary, Kaepernick and all other black revolutionaries in this new civil rights era are revolutionaries, and in a country founded on revolution, displays of discontent and protest should be encouraged instead of censored.

Black Lives Matter...or do they?

by Khadega Mohammed
Staff Writer

Black Lives Matter. When will that statement be true? When will black lives actually matter? It seems like every day, actually every few hours, another black life becomes another hashtag.

Terence Crutcher, 40, was shot and killed by Tulsa police Friday Sept. 16 at 7:40 p.m. The officer who shot him was Betty Shelby. She was charged with manslaughter but was released the next day from the local county jail on a \$50,000 bond.

Shelby is one of the few female officers to be charged for a fatal shooting in the past decade. She claimed that she was temporarily deaf when the

altercation happened, and therefore she could not make an accurate judgment of the situation. It is almost a laughable excuse to such a heinous act.

So once again, another black life is taken in vain, and no justice will be served. It is a continuous narrative of the same story, just different names involved. As I am writing this story, another black man has lost his life due to police brutality. It is a systemic issue that needs to be addressed because obviously black lives do not matter to the system. When black people protest and are fueled with anger, they have the absolute right to feel that way. Each person killed by the

police had family that loved them, and a lot of the times children that they will never return to.

Whenever the argument of police brutality comes up and people say black lives matter, a lot of white people feel the need to jump in and say, "No, all lives matter." The phrase "all lives matter" is simply a refutation of black lives matter, and a defense mechanism presented by white people so they do not have to face the reality that black lives really do not matter. It is insensitive and completely unnecessary.

When we say black lives matter, we are not saying that white or police lives don't. We are

saying that black lives should matter too, because they never really did in this country. Yes, police brutality does stem from race, no matter how many times it is denied. Yes, white people are also killed by police, but they are not killed for being white. If all lives really did matter, black people would not be killed in the first place just for seeming "suspicious," "evil" or for the simple crime of being black.

Until we face this reality, we will never be able to move forward, and tensions between the races will continue to increase.

Middle Easterners: White on paper, not in practice

by Omar Abdel Baqui
News Editor

The United States is a nation full of people from all walks of life. The Census helps survey the residents of the U.S. to analyze the diversity within the country. In the 2010 Census, the options for race included: white, black or African-American, American-Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian-Indian, Chinese, Filipino, other Asian (Laos, Thailand, Pakistan, Cambodian), Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Native Hawaiian, Guamanian, Samoan, other Pacific Islander, other. What's missing from that list? Arabs, Jews and Kurds, who can all possibly be categorized as "Middle Eastern."

There are about 10 million Middle Eastern Americans according to the North American Jewish Data Bank. Why is there no acknowledgment for these people? Does the system not want these people to feel welcomed? Does the system not want these people to succeed in the U.S.? Ten million people

is a group large enough to be recognized by the Census, and there should be something done to include these men and women in the next U.S. Census.

In the U.S., Middle Easterners are told to categorize themselves as "white" when filling out the Census. My grandfather, Mohammed Shehadeh, has skin so dark that he has been mistaken as African, but he is a Palestinian Arab. He came to America in the '70s and dealt with oppression and racism. He is now forced to put "white" as his race when Census season comes around. Is that fair? He had to struggle as a dark-skinned man but was forced to consider himself white, a race that never had to deal with oppression in this country.

"I find it ridiculous. I went through so much. It was harder for me to find a job, I had to deal with racism and I love to show my rich culture. But, the government doesn't even acknowledge me! It's ridiculous

and must be changed. I am not white, I am Middle Eastern," Shehadeh said.

It seems the only time an average American hears the word Arab or Middle Eastern, terrorism is the first thing that comes to mind. The fact that Middle Easterners have helped push forth the U.S. is completely ignored. The auto industry in the U.S. is thriving because of the Middle Easterners coming in from overseas. The Jewish people of the U.S. flocked in after World War II and have become a contributing people to American society. Recently, the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee put forth an effort to classify Arab-Americans as their own minority group. Ultimately, it is Congress' decision to grant a group minority status; however, Middle Easterners and Jews must be recognized in the next U.S. census.

Stop clowning around

by Janet Nava
Online Editor

Clowns. First off, some like Bozo the Clown are just downright creepy, while others can actually be tolerable at kids' birthday parties and the circus. But a new found and growing fear of clowns has hit the Internet with videos showing clowns chasing after people and sometimes with weapons such as knives.

This news has rattled P-CEP, causing whispers and class interruptions about the rumors of clown sightings.

This very feeling makes me feel like October is actually going to have a great Halloween. All of this attention has distracted the students and now will most likely become a new meme and topic across the Internet. To me, this is just another reason why the year 2016 is a disaster. If people really think that dressing as clowns will be funny, especially when walking around at night, then count me out. I'll be in my house ready to call the cops if and when they come.

With the current sightings and rumors and even more Internet fame, it doesn't seem like the clowns topic is going away anytime soon. It was funny at first when nothing serious came out to about from the twitter videos, but now it's getting serious. I personally don't endorse the prank of clown sightings nor the endorsement of clowns supposedly kidnapping and hurting people.

This needs to stop. If this doesn't stop, imagine how this generation is going to raise their children, with no clowns. Now this may not sound like much, but clowns are meant to be happy and fun loving people. If this is ruined, what are children supposed to look forward to when going to a circus, or a rodeo if you're from the south, festivals and even kid birthday parties. Those are hard working people that are getting a bad reputation for viral clown pranks and sightings. This also needs to stop to lower the students' fear and stress levels.

Beware:

College readiness programs may not deliver on promises

by Rishi Mahesh
Guest Writer

"Congratulations, Your-Name-Here! Your exceptional grades and character have been noticed by Fill-In-Student-Counselor, and have gotten you invited to our Honor Society as a representative of Insert-Name-of-High-School!"

We all remember the first time we received one of these emails: first came the confusion, then the joy, pride, utter delight, skepticism, and ultimately, disappointment. Programs like the National Student Leadership Conference, National Society of High School Scholars, and other pay-to-participate "college readiness programs" prey on high students' sense of pride, in order to line their pockets with money stitched out of a family's ambition.

Many top ranked universities hold pre-college summer programs for applying students. These programs convince families to pay to get a taste of the "college experience". The pay-to-participate programs provide the illusion that those undertaking them will gain an edge in the college admissions process, when in reality their experience is doomed to become another line skimmed over in the Common App, even by the university offering the program.

Organizations like the National Student Leadership Conference are not affiliated with any national university, application portal or anything related to college admissions. The only reason universities associate themselves with

these programs is to split the profits made from unsuspecting families. These programs often do give students letters of recommendation from the host school, which applicants believe will enhance their college applications, but this letter is often generic. They are essentially fill-in-the-blank "leader" cards written by counselors: college admissions Mad-Libs.

There is nothing wrong with those who participate in these programs, as long as they know what they are getting into. While vying to join these organizations will not grant you admission into top schools, and most universities care as much about those who do their summer programs as those who take a tour of their school, for some students it is the experience that is worth the cost. These programs can teach skills about

leadership, service to others and career specific advice from those accomplished in the field, which can be beneficial to many students.

But no matter how beneficial these programs can be, most life experiences don't remove thousands of dollars from the pockets of hard-working families. Leadership can be gained just as effectively from volunteering at a food ministry as from sitting in a lecture hall, and

teamwork can be better learned from playing a game of soccer than by being forced through ice-breaker activities at an unfamiliar college campus. You can learn just as much about leadership and life from the clubs and activities around you as you can from one of these expensive lines in a resume. Join clubs, sports and activities that teach you how to be successful in everyday life clubs will enrich your high school experience without having your pockets drained by these for-profit college programs.



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Salem senior Hannah Saad attended the National Student Leadership Conference in June.

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Rocks dominate South Lyon East



Photos by Hannah Saad

Above: Senior wide receiver Mason Phillips prepares for play to start.

Right: Junior Andrew Davis rushes the ball for a touchdown. Davis scored five touchdowns in the Rocks' homecoming victory over South Lyon East.



by Noah Haran
Sports Editor

The Salem Rocks had their first shutout of the season in a dominant effort at their homecoming game. The 55-0 win over the South Lyon East Cougars required an astounding effort on the defensive side of the ball.

The game started out extremely strong for the Rocks. On the first two kickoff returns, the kicks were dropped by the returner and needed to be recovered for no gain.

On Salem's first punt attempt of the game, Trevor Nowaske, senior middle linebacker, blocked, scooped and took the ball in to the end zone to put the Rocks on the board.

Salem's amazingly high-scoring first quarter didn't seem like it could be topped. However, junior Andrew Davis rushed five touchdowns including a 67-yard score about halfway into the second quarter. After scoring 20 points in the first quarter; the Rocks came back with a 21 point second quarter to put them up 41-0.

Salem junior Luke Hindt said, "Salem has been playing great, and Andrew Davis is going off. I expect the same in the second half."

It was an action packed halftime on homecoming night. After great performances by the award winning marching band and the P-CEP dance team,

homecoming court was announced. Seniors Matt Brooks and Leslie Zazula were awarded the homecoming king and queen. The announcement was met by cheers from the crowd, including their opponents.

When the game resumed, it was not off to a bold start compared to the half before. The Rocks scored a total of 14 points in the second half, but the Cougars were unable to find themselves on the scoreboard.

Sidelined by an ankle injury, senior Jason Arnold had this to day: "We played a solid game of football, but, even though we didn't plan to play the way we did in

the first half, we still have room to improve. We are trying to become more of a second half team and that's important."

Salem senior center David Mason III said, "We really put the pieces together. We had an all-around great game in all aspects as a unit collectively. I'm very excited that we have a chance at making the playoffs, but we have to play every game like a playoff game."

The Rocks defeated the Cougars 55-0, leaving with high hopes for the remainder of the regular season and a strong mindset for playoffs.

To see The Perspective's coverage of the Plymouth Homecoming game, visit the-perspective.org



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Get Fit

by Conner Riedel
Staff Writer

Bench Press 101

Almost all students and athletes know what the bench press is. It is arguably one of the most popular exercises and most practiced to build your chest; however, is often performed incorrectly or in a way that won't maximize growth and development.

When starting the bench press it is important to have the proper hand position. The closer your hands are together, the more tricep that will be worked. The best position is to have your middle finger around the lines that can be found on both sides of the bar. When you bring the bar down, it is important to have a full range of motion; this means moving the bar down as far as you can to achieve the maximum muscle contraction. The bar can be brought down to the chest or just above the chest (about two to three inches away from the nipple line). Many people will have three 45-lb plates

on both sides but have no range of motion. Don't be this person. When you bend your arms it should create an angle less than ninety degrees. When you push the bar up, it is important to have your shoulders locked back. If your shoulders are popped out, it can lead to injury and a good muscle contraction will not be achieved. In other words, your shoulders should not move.

When performing this exercise, it's important to note that breathing is important. As the bar is brought down, you should inhale; as you push up, you should exhale. This will help add more weight to the bar.

Now that you know about the proper form, it's time to talk about the different variations of bench press and the different parts of the chest each variation works. There is regular bench press on flat bench, incline bench press and decline bench press. There are two muscles in

the chest: the pec major and the pec minor. These exercises will primarily work the pec major which is the largest muscle in your chest.

The pec major is made up of 3 heads: clavicular head, sternal head, and the abdominal head. The clavicular is connected to the collar bone and runs across your chest and attaches to the humerus, your lower arm. The sternal head connects to the sternum, runs across the chest, and then connects to the humerus. The abdominal head runs for the rectus sheath: located at the top of your abs, across your lower chest and connects to the humerus. Incline bench press primarily works the clavicular head in your upper chest, regular bench press works all three heads, and decline bench press works the abdominal head in your lower chest.

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Park Player Profiles

Mohamad Miri

Canton Boys Varsity Soccer (Captain)



Photo by Madison Miazek

by Jordyn Kuchka

Mohamad Miri, Canton Boys Soccer senior captain, continues to help lead his team through a great season. Miri, having 15 goals alone so far, shines as a key player for the Chiefs. Miri has been playing since he was four years old, and has had many wonderful memories and achievements throughout his career. He said one of his greatest moments was when he scored the game winning goal against Plymouth as just a sophomore on Varsity Miri says, "It was definitely the biggest memory I have ever had." That, however, was not the only time Miri has had success against Plymouth. In the Chiefs' recent match against Plymouth, they were able come out on top with the win, after a

devastating loss at their first matchup. Miri says the difference maker was pure effort and intensity, he says, "That was definitely the team I wanted to beat the most, and it felt great... we didn't come out that intense the first game, so we needed to come out and match their intensity, because they were strong. We never came out as strong as we needed to, but the second game we were ready." Despite high school season soon coming to the end, with playoffs starting in just two weeks, Miri is not done yet. He has plans to play at a semi-local division one university. His current possibilities are Bowling Green, Oakland, Detroit Mercy, or Western. He has high hopes and high standards for the future.

Darby Scott

Salem Girls Varsity Golf



Photo courtesy of Joy Scott

by Noah Haran

Darby Scott is a senior for on the Salem golf team. Darby has been all over newspapers and in online reports for her golfing skills. Her most newsworthy feat was breaking the school record for a round. She shot a 71 in 18 holes, beating the school record by one stroke.

She says, "(That) was the proudest moment of my high school career."

Darby is a part of Students of Salem Athletics

or SOSA, volunteering to organize kid camps, but also just building up school spirit at Salem. She is committed to play golf at Methodist University in North Carolina and also continue her education. She has just achieved her biggest goal of the season, which was to make it to states. She hopes to compete at a high level at states, finish out high school, and continue her golf and educational career.

Another win for Canton in revenge game vs. Plymouth

"We had to step up to the intensity of the game." - Matt Tenglin

by Madison Miazek
Staff writer

Both Canton and Plymouth boys soccer teams went head to head Sept. 27. Within 80 minutes, five yellow cards were given out to different players and coaches. The well-matched teams made for a very intense game from start to finish, but in the end Canton won 1-0.

The game became very serious within the first minutes where there were already many attempted shots at a goal. The ball bounced from team to team but still no goals were made. A yellow card was given out by the end of the first half and then the scoreboard sounded.

The score remained at 0-0 when the whistle blew for the start of the second half. Each team's eagerness for a goal intensified. Three more yellow cards were given out to both coaches and players but still no goal was

scored.

Finally with 10 minutes and 40 seconds left on the scoreboard, Plymouth let in a goal. Canton junior Jordan Forney, number 23, scored with the assist coming from Canton senior Mohamad Miri, number 7. Canton's goal led to a player dog pile on the field while Plymouth was even more ready to score their own goal. By the end of the game, one more yellow card was given out in the heat for Canton to keep up their defense and Plymouth to score their goal.

The scoreboard ran out the last seconds of the game as Canton beat Plymouth 1-0. Plymouth senior Van Nguyen commented on the goal scored by Canton saying, "I thought we played hard and got unlucky by letting in a late goal."

Canton's hard fought victory

lead some players feeling proud. Matt Tenglin, Canton senior said, "We had to step up to the intensity of the game." Teammate Canton senior Cameron Waller agreed and said that they worked hard to keep up the defense.

While Canton celebrated their win, some of the Plymouth players were already gearing up for the next time they play Canton. "Hard fought game and we can't wait to verse them in districts," said Plymouth senior Matthew Weiner. Teammate Nguyen said he was also looking forward to playing them again in districts. While Canton won this game there's no telling yet who will win the well matched game in districts.



Photo by Madison Miazek

Matt Weiner #7 on Plymouth heads the ball while Canton player #6 Aiden Hurley tries to block him.

Cats suffer straight-set sweep at the hands of the Chiefs

by Jimmy Gearns
Staff writer

The Plymouth Wildcats and Canton Chiefs met in the Plymouth gym to continue their volleyball rivalry.

The Chiefs didn't waste any time starting out winning the first set 25-22. The Chiefs were boosted by a quick start in the second match and held the lead for a 25-19 win in the set and a 2-0 match lead.

Plymouth had the advantage early in the third set, but was unable to hold on; the Chiefs were too much to handle.

Canton went on to win the third match 25-20 and finish off the sweep. The Chiefs were led offensively by junior Tia Cucuz who had nine kills in the three sets and had a hitting percentage of .318.

Senior Gina Giacomini had four aces in three sets. After the game, she said, "We really had that drive and desire to beat them because of the rivalry which created us as a team to work well together, and tried to lay out the strategies our coaches laid out for us point by point."

The Rivalry was intensified by some tightly contested sets. Most of the players on the team had someone on the other side of the net that they had played with in the past or on a club team. "It's a completely different feeling playing against other teams at the park, you are playing against people that you know, your best friends even. Although, it's nice to be able to still be friends and still talk to people on that team even after losing or winning, because no matter what we are still friends in the end," said Plymouth senior Adrianna Touma.

Plymouth will try to build some success during districts before the playoffs start. Touma continued, "The next goal for Plymouth Volleyball is to try hard and hope for a better outcome especially when playing Canton and Churchill, our two biggest rivalries." Canton will look to carry some of their recent success into districts. When asked about Canton's goals for the rest of the season senior Gina Giacomini said, "We want to finish the season strong, and every point to try and

play better as a team." Plymouth and Canton look to finish the season strong before districts.



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Flashback Friday:

Halloween Edition

by Emily Proctor
News Editor

The '80s and '90s are a treasured time for many Americans, even those who weren't alive to experience it. However, so much of the past can be relived by millennials through stream services like Netflix and by the power of DVD that they sort of get the best of both worlds in terms of popular culture.

It's almost Halloween time, and for many of us that means dressing up in costumes and going trick-or-treating, or maybe it means taking a trip to the cider mill or to a haunted house. But why would anyone leave their houses in the slowly declining temperatures when good entertainment is available right in front of them? There are so many great films and television shows to get into the Halloween spirit that can be accessed by a few clicks on the remote control.

On Netflix alone, there are options to stream that will spook view-

ers just enough that they might want to sleep with the light on. Here are my top picks for October:

"ET" (1982) - What's a boy to do when he stumbles upon an alien that's deserted on Earth? Secretly care for it, of course! ET is a film adored by millions of Americans, starring a 7-year-old Drew Barrymore. ET has moments that are bound to make viewers cheer, cry and fall in love with an extra terrestrial.

"Halloweentown" (1998) - It's hard to imagine that any millennial hasn't seen the 1998 Disney classic starring Debbie Reynolds. "Halloweentown" tells the story of 13-year-old Marnie Piper, who discovers that she's a witch like her mother and grandmother. There are four installments that transport watchers to Marnie's world where magic is the social norm.

"Stranger Things" (2016) - The Duffer brothers captivated audiences from adults to tweens when their show debuted on Netflix in July. While it is technically a new series, it's set in 1983 to give off a nostalgic, creepy '80s vibe reminiscent of films like "ET" and "It." The show stars all youngsters and revolves around the disappearance of a 12-year-old boy. It has monsters, super powers and lots of Eggo waffles: the perfect recipe for an October night in.

By checking out any of these titles, students and adults alike will have a great start to fall and the holiday season. Grab some candy and a blanket and sit on the couch for a Halloween themed movie marathon destined to cure those post-summer blues.

Music Monthly

by Colby Johnson
Staff Writer



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If you haven't heard, Bastille released their latest album on Sept. 9. This latest installment, entitled "Wild World," is a blend of the traditional indie-pop sound that brought about their fame in 2013, mellow rock sounds, plenty of drums to create hand-clapping rhythms, and even a bit of EDM. All these instrumental sounds work in perfect tandem with the voice of the British quartet, Dan Smith. The result? Nineteen emotionally charged tracks each sounding totally unique from the others and each carrying its own message.

The inspiration for many of the songs in this album was Smith's personal experiences and his battles with anxiety and insecurities.

Key songs of the album would have to be "Warmth," "Two Evils" and "An Act of Kindness." "Warmth" deals with Smith's external

anxieties. More specifically, the endless cycle of the same depressing news; it's definitely one of the louder, more upbeat tracks with heavy use of drums. "Two Evils" dials it back with a slower more somber sound due to Smith and fellow band mate, Will Farquarson. "An Act of Kindness" is heavy on the electric sounds and drums producing dance-worthy beats while Smith sings of a time of despair and the friend who saved him from it.

Because the album includes nineteen songs, it has a runtime of over an hour which may not hold the attention of some listeners. The album as a whole is a phenomenal musical experience that adds some much needed variety to mainstream music today and might be the best album that Bastille has turned out so far.

Miller Movie Corner

by Jacob Miller
Staff Writer

"The Blair Witch Project" kick started a genre, the found-footage genre, to be exact. Within the massive overflow of found-footage features released over the years since its release, very few have been able to match "The Blair Witch Project" in sheer terror. Now, 17 years later, here

we are, a million found-footage films later, with the long-belated sequel to the film that started a phenomenon. That's a pretty big act to follow.

The story takes place 17 years after the events of the original when James, brother to one of the original victims of the Blair

Witch, Heather, discovers a video put on the internet that he believes contains footage of his sister who could still be alive. James and a group of friends decide to embark on a last ditch search of the woods that seemingly took his sister's life, and James' innocence, so long ago.

As a found-footage horror film, "Blair Witch" is an okay effort with a few inspired scares and some solid performances, but as a sequel to "The Blair Witch Project," it fails in every conceivable fashion.

"Blair Witch" panders to what is expected of modern horror

these days: jump scares and showing everything it possibly can to the viewer. The original was so unforgettable thanks to its subtlety and its belief that whatever your mind can conjure up is far scarier than anything that could be shown on-screen. "Blair Witch" ignores this and goes the lazier, more excessive route. It is the equivalent of someone jumping out at you every five minutes for 90 minutes. Great fun, right?

Director Adam Wingard (You're Next, The Guest) crafts a surprisingly safe, conventional film. There is little to differenti-

ate between this and every other found-footage horror film that has come out the past two decades, and it is a shame coming from such rich source material. For most of Blair Witch, I know I was supposed to be shuddering in my seat, peeking at the screen through my fingers, but I instead found myself stone-faced, reaching to the phone in my pocket to peek at the time so I could see how much more boredom I had to endure.

- "Blair Witch": 1/5

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Director Adam Wingard filming a scene from his latest effort "Blair Witch" 2016.

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Homecoming dances: too much fun?



Photo by Laura Westcott

Students twerk and chant at the Salem Homecoming dance while friends take videos and chaperones watch.

by Laura Westcott
Features Editor

If you've never been to a Plymouth-Canton

Educational Park

homecoming dance before, then you may be surprised to find out that these events can get wilder than you would imagine.

Plymouth's "Beach Party" bash, held on Sept. 17 at Plymouth High School's gymnasium, had bowls

of Goldfish crackers and Swedish Fish candies to fit the theme. They also had the most chaperones out of all three dances, which could be taken as a pro or a con. Though there was still some grinding going on, it was minimal.

Allison Range, Plymouth senior, said, "Shockingly, Plymouth's was a lot better this year." Range also mentioned that in previous years Plymouth's homecoming dance had been known as one of the

worst.

"Sometimes the music felt a little slow," Autumn Cannon, Plymouth junior, said, "but it was over all pretty good! I liked how much space there was to dance, and it wasn't too crowded."

Plymouth's dance was definitely the least wild of the three.

The week after Plymouth's homecoming, on Sept. 24, in Canton High School's cafeteria, Canton's "America" themed homecoming dance was a very different situation. According to Range, "The music was great, but it was hard to breathe because the air was so humid, and it seemed like they oversold tickets because there was barely any space to stand, let alone dance."

If you've never been to Canton's cafeteria before, you wouldn't know that it is set up in three levels. Even though it was a relatively large room, the DJ was set up on the lowest level, which was also where all the dancing was taking place.

It was all in one third of the room, even though the number of people could have filled two thirds of the place, if not more.

Jayla Harsten, Salem senior, said, "Plymouth's homecoming was lit. Compared to Plymouth's dance, Canton could have really stepped up their game. I was very disappointed."

A noteworthy moment of the evening would have to be when the DJ played the only two slow songs of the entire night. More than a fourth of the crowd started chanting, "Change the song!", but the DJ did not comply.

Harsten, who went to all three dances, also mentioned that if she had to rate her favorite dance to her least favorite, she would say that Plymouth's was the best, then Salem and then Canton.

Salem's "Olympics" style dance was held Oct 1 in Salem High School's cafeteria. Not only was this the third and final dance at the Park, it was also the most eventful.

Roughly halfway through the evening, a group of about 30-40 teenagers assembled outside of the dance floor in a packed circle. At least half of the mob was chanting an obscenity relating to presidential nominee Donald Trump, while others pulled out their phones and videotaped several girls in the center of the group twerking. The lights turned on and the chaperones kept a close eye on them, but they did not interfere.

Lily Roberts, Plymouth junior, said Salem's dance was "Sweaty, hot, and smelled like weed."

The Perspective emailed the principal of Salem, Kim Villarosa, and asked if she was aware of the smell. She emailed back saying, "A skunk sprayed outside of Salem at some point during the evening. One of our SRO's (School Resource Officers) did investigate to be sure what we were smelling was skunk and not marijuana."

Kendall Hands, Canton junior, said, "I guess it was pretty fun because I'm here with my friends, but somebody is definitely smoking something, and I was really terrified when I got caught up in the grinding fest... Though on the positive side, it was good dancing music."

Agata Schermerhorn, Salem junior, agreed with Hands and added, "People are just way too into grinding! And it really does smell like weed."

The general consensus of those interviewed agreed that it wasn't the dance or the location that made each night a fun time. The dances were fun because of the friends they went with, and in the same way, even the best dance would have felt lame if their close friends weren't there.

So which dance would be the best for you? Plymouth's, Canton's or Salem's? Or does it not really matter at all, as long as you're with your favorite people?

Student sections show spirit

by Rachel Quigley
Staff Writer

Fall at the Park means football. Students and families alike come out to support their friends, children and classmates. While parents and siblings are supportive, nothing compares to the student sections.

The Tribe (Canton), Blue Crew (Salem) and The Wild (Plymouth) have all encouraged students to come join their sections during every sporting event, competing against each other during rivalry games. That friendly competition has made this football season feel more exciting than in previous years.

Plymouth senior and student section leader Dave Zylka said, "Our goal is to have the best student section in the state. We won the Section Goals Twitter contest to be their new profile picture which shows how popular we are. We want to have fun and be known as the best."

Section leaders have come up with different themes to make each game fun and unique. For the Plymouth homecoming game, The Wild decided on a beach theme. It was a huge hit, with students decked out in sunglasses, Hawaiian shirts and leis.

"By having themes for games, it encourages kids to dress up and be excited to cheer on the sports teams," said Blue Crew leader and Salem senior Leah Tardiff.

Twitter polls have been taken so students can vote on what theme they want to see, which has been a method of increasing student involvement.

"I really like how we're able to vote on which theme we want to see. It's cool to be able to voice our opinion, and that way more people will come out to the games, too," said Salem senior Conner Riedel.

Fans can follow the sections on Twitter at @PlyStdntSection, @CantonSection and @Salem-BlueCrew for more updates.

While student participation is on the rise, Canton section leader and senior Collin O'Keefe said that getting as many people to come and participate during the games has been a challenge.

Plymouth senior Binyah Howard, leader of The Wild, agrees. "Trying to show that school spirit isn't an uncommon thing was very hard, but we eventually got our point across. Over time there were more people that finally came out and were in the section for the first

time."

Not only do the sections make games more exciting for fans, but for athletes as well.

"[The student section] brings energy from start to finish; even when we're down, it gets us fired up to keep playing hard," said Zach Beadle, Plymouth junior and quarterback for the Wildcats.

Football is not the only sport the student sections have supported. Fans have also supported the boys soccer teams, especially at Plymouth vs. Canton rivalry games.

The student sections last throughout the whole year, not just the fall.

Zylka said a goal is to "start the hype for basketball and hockey, too."

Tardiff said, "I'm looking forward to new themes, more spirit and, of course, more winning."

With the leaders of the student sections being seniors, Howard said, "I'm looking forward to graduating knowing that I got people out of their comfort zones, and I'm leaving this school knowing that I made an impact whether it's big or small. It's a great feeling when you see that section getting bigger."

Looking at the smiles on



Photo by Madison Taylor

Wildcat fans show pride at the Plymouth homecoming game.

students' faces during the games whether they're cheering, clapping or even waving their arms around like they're on a roller coaster, there's little doubt that the student sections are improv-

ing student experiences in high school.

Plymouth senior Brenden Latorato said, "Being in the student section this year has been a blast. [I enjoy] being with friends,

joking around and just enjoying high school. You're only in high school once, so enjoy it."

Students disagree on new iOS10

by Conner Riedel
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Apple recently released their newest update for the iPhone. The new features of iOS10 seem to be popular among the students at the Park. In a poll conducted of 184 students, 51 percent (94 students) said that they liked the new update. On the other hand, 49 percent (90 students) voted that they disliked the new update.

Sophia Barkoff, Salem junior, said, "I think Apple Music is now easier to use and I really like how the photos app will make slide-shows for you."

A slideshow can be created by selecting a picture. By tapping on the picture, several icons will appear at the bottom of the screen. Tapping the icon with the arrow coming out of the box, typically used to send pictures, will take you to a new page. On the new page select "slideshow" in the options shown at the bottom of the screen. Photos can be added to the slide show by selecting pictures from the album.

Other new features include being able to edit live pictures, which iPhone users weren't able to do previously, and "marking up" pic-

tures.

With iOS 10, the music app has been redesigned so that the lyrics can be seen while listening to music. This is done by scrolling down below "Now Playing" to the audio controls where it can be enabled.

iPhones can now also save the location of an owner's vehicle. The iPhone connects to the car's radio through bluetooth and when the owner leaves the vehicle the bluetooth connection is turned off. The iPhone will save the location in "Maps," thus marking where the owner's car is.

Many new texting features have been added with iOS10 as well. Texts can be sent with effects, drawings can be sent, the keyboard has hand written messages and the keyboard has its own gifs library so other apps such as "Gify" aren't necessary.

To send effects for a text, the user must first type the message. When this is done a blue arrow will appear to the right of the text message box. By holding down the blue arrow, a list of effects are displayed to the right side of the screen. For more effects the "screen" button can be tapped. The effects range from a slamming effect that appears to shake the screen or a colorful laser show that surrounds

the text that was sent. Only users with iOS 10 can see these effects.

Voicemails have also been changed. Along with the audio recording, the voicemail is typed out so that it can be read by the user.

Jessica Cullison, a senior at Canton, said, "I love iOS 10. It looks nicer and has more to offer."

Salem sophomore Lara Piekacz said, "I like it because the force touch for easy responding and you can see the conversation with it. I also like the message features such as the fireworks, confetti and such. I also feel like my battery lasts longer."

On the other hand, Matt Hendrian, Greenhills senior, said, "iOS 10 is somehow less effective than the Lions running game, and I wholeheartedly believe that its conception came from a programmer slamming their head repeatedly into a keyboard."

Hendrian continued, "I have been more impressed by some sicknesses than I have been with the latest Apple software."

Culture Shock

by Haley DeLaca
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A look into P-CEP's diversity

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is definitely not lacking on extra-curricular activities. With approximately 6,000 students, it is inevitable that there would be an array of unique clubs and activities. As an avid fan of foreign topics, one group of clubs piqued my interest: the culture clubs.

P-CEP has 19 clubs classified as "cultural clubs." These range from clubs with a focus on ethnicity, to religious clubs and even to things as specific as an interest in food. P-CEP is proudly and beautifully diverse, which is clearly seen in the student population. This has led to a closer bond between those who are different from one another and an increased interest in those differences.

Some of these clubs are well known by the student population, while others aren't as famous. The African American Student Association brings together African American students and celebrates their race. The Muslim Student Association fuses those with Muslim beliefs and makes them stronger. K-Pop club embraces a genre of music that originates from Korea. Polish American club brings together people of Polish descent. The Gay Straight Alliance supports members of the LGBT community. Mythology club discusses myths and legends from cultures around the world. There is something for everyone in the P-CEP cultural club directory and this leads to great experiences and a widening world lens for students.

There is probably a group or mindset you identify with that is the main topic of a cultural club. Even so, you don't have to be of Asian descent to go to Asian Pacific American Club; if you're interested in surrounding yourself in a new culture or experience, you can check out any of the culture clubs. I will be going to a new cultural club each month to spread the word about each club's goals and meeting process. For each club I visit, I will gather information about the club's activities. Keep reading throughout the year and you may find a new club to join.

The Hanley Herald

Your monthly dose of satire

by Jack Hanley
Opinion Editor

Local resident voices concerns about weather

"There's only so much I can take before I go on twitter and tag the district"

While most Plymouth-Canton Educational Park students never complain about the weather, one Canton junior expressed concern. "It just gets so cold!" says the student, who wished to remain nameless. "For some reason I have just never heard anyone ever complain about it and I just feel as if it's a really silenced problem."

The source voiced concerns about low temperatures and sweaty days, as well as days that "start too cold for a t-shirt" and "end too hot for a jacket," a problem that they claim goes widely unreported.

"The district just doesn't care about us, clearly," the student says. When asked if their implication was that the district doesn't care if the students die in the cold, the source paused and after minutes finally responded "Isn't it dangerous to go out in wind chills of less than negative ten degrees?" When informed that it was, in fact, not dangerous to be outside until temperatures drop below negative twenty degrees the source stumbled and said, "Well, I have had to come to school with nineteen below zero; it's a human rights issue, really."

Other students have rarely expressed concern, and when searched, the hash tag "CLOSEPCEP" was practically empty. This

student's research, an independent survey of a B-Lunch table, showed that only 14 out of every 15 students "strongly agreed" to the statement "Plymouth-Canton Community Schools should have more snow days," a statistic that our source says is "absolutely ludicrous" and "a blatant violation of our basic human right to not receive an education on days when our feet get cold." One student even went so far as to blame this all on Michelle Obama.

When we reached out to the district for comment, a spokesperson said simply, "Have you seen the state mandates? We don't exactly have days to give away." Our source provided no further comment.

Pep rallies: spirited up for the year



Photo by Jack Hanley

Matt Wayne, Erli Metko and Alan Farmer support Plymouth's football team at Plymouth's pep rally.

by Gagana Borra & Sanjana Sathrasala
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Where can you find teachers dancing to the latest hits or high school students acting out a live version of Hungry Hungry Hippos? Pep rallies.

With pep rallies being a student run event, putting all of this together was no easy feat according to Stacey Partain, Canton senior and Student Congress Vice President. "There is an immense amount of planning that goes into a pep rally," Partain said.

Congress played a significant role in planning the pep rally, down to the minute details.

"Congress delegates many tasks such as contacting sports and teachers, getting approval, making scripts and schedules, making posters and more to our members," Partain said.

Holding a leadership role on Congress, Partain's goal for the pep rallies was to inspire students throughout the Park to be more spirited.

Trina Pal, Salem senior, said, "The pep rally brought out my inner Salem spirit, especially because I'm a senior and I was able to represent my graduating class."

Plymouth and Salem started off with loud cheers for their varsity fall sports teams, with football making a grand entrance at the end, while Canton started with a performance by the P-CEP Dance Team. The dance team then went to Plymouth to perform, skipping over Salem. "We simply didn't have time to go to all three schools," said Julia Kelm, P-CEP Dance Team member.

Instead, Salem conducted a competition between teachers and football players called the Quarterback Challenge. This consisted of throwing footballs into various compartments. In the end, the teachers won.

This was a change from the traditional game of tug of war. However, the tradition was kept up in Canton and Plymouth. During Canton's tug of war tournament, students from each class competed against each other. In the first round, it was sophomores versus seniors and juniors versus freshmen. The victors of the fourth round, the seniors

and juniors, then faced off in a final round with the juniors coming out on top.

Throughout the pep rallies, student section leaders would come out and lead each class in a cheer. One of these cheers included a competition among the grades the see who could cheer the loudest. Seniors were deemed the loudest at all three, continuing their winning streak for another year.

Canton and Salem students participated in an engaging game of life sized Hungry Hungry Hippos. Volunteers were split into pairs of two, with one laying flat on a sit down scooter trying to collect as many balls as possible while the other partner guided them.

One of the more responsive events was when some of the Canton teachers, including Canton Principal Hal Heard, performed a choreographed medley dance to hit songs throughout time. These songs included Michael Jackson's "Thriller" to more recent tunes like "Juju On Dat Beat" by Zayion McCall.

When asked about the dance, Heard jokingly said, "Hopefully it goes viral; get us on 'Ellen.'" He hopes to continue this next year, so be on the lookout at the 2017 pep rally.



Photo by Madison Taylor

Marisa Rowland, Madalyn Simko and Gabby Mancini raise the roof at Salem's pep rally.

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