



# The Paw Print

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## GoGuardian

By: Ava Bailey and Courtney Unruh

GoGuardian seems to be the enemy of many students at OMS. Middle schoolers enjoy getting the freedom to visit any game or site as they please. Therefore, the students are not a fan of the recent installment of GoGuardian because it prevents them from going onto other websites. Collin Crosby, a 6th grader at OMS, stated, "I think games are useful because it's kind of like having a brain break in the middle of a stressful class period." Playing games can possibly help students to take a short break if they are learning about a harder subject. According to Edutopia, [Short] brain breaks in the classroom increase productivity for students."

STUDENT EDITION

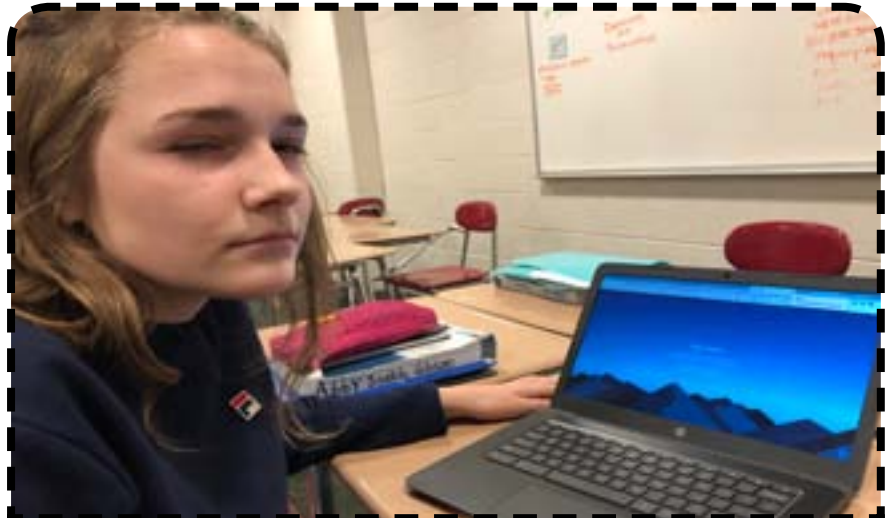
6th grader Carter Unruh believes that GoGuardian is beneficial for him. "I like it because it really limits distractions for me, especially when I am in math class, because I have a hard time focusing."



7th grader Jacob Kmennah thinks GoGuardian is not helpful when wanting to take a break from a project in the classroom. "I am not able to go on games, which is something I always do whenever I get frustrated."



8th grader Avery Felix says that GoGuardian prevents her using websites that help her with learning. "I use other sites to help me when I am confused or stuck on a question [when the teacher is not available]."



Angrily staring at the restricted website, 8th grader Abby Snable faces frustration while trying to take a break on her computer during a Wednesday afternoon. After polling a class from each grade, 67 percent admitted that they were kicked off after viewing a website that did not relate to their learning. "I am annoyed because even though I finished my work, I still am not able to go on other sites. However, I do understand where the teachers are coming from," expresses Snable.



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By: Courtney Unruh and Ava Bailey

## STAFF EDITION

GoGuardian is taking over Oxford Middle School's chrome-books. Almost every teacher has the program installed and students have become divided on whether GoGuardian is necessary for their learning or not. The program allows teachers to gain access to their students' screens. In addition, teachers have the option to create scenes, which limits what sites students can go on. They can also kick students off websites, if necessary. GoGuardian is tremendously helping teachers at OMS, especially if the teacher favors using computers in their classroom. Recently, the district has been blocking websites such as online stores and various online games as an effort to improve focus of the students and to help out teachers. According to tcnjsignal.net, "More than half of the [students] seem like they are not paying attention to what is going on in class." Hopefully, by implementing this program, students will be less distracted in their studies.



Sitting at his desk watching the computer screen during Sixth hour, Mr. Hincks is on GoGuardian viewing what his students are doing on the computers. GoGuardian allows teachers to kick students off websites on average Mr. Hincks kicks off 6 students per class. Mr. Hincks stated, "I trust my students enough, but I still like to see if they are on task or not".

8<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher Mrs. Werner stated, "The reason why I love Go Guardian so much is that I don't like to use scenes but I have enough trust that I know people are not going onto crazy websites."



7<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher Mr. Thaler stated, "I like using GoGuardian because I can keep a closer eye on my students and take screenshots and send it to their parents so they know what they are doing in class."



7<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher Ms. Hay stated, "GoGuardian helps me problem solve if someone is having a problem with their computer I can login and fix it for them. I don't do it as much for supervision as other teachers."



# snack Attack

By: Paige Rushlow and Madison Muaser

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8<sup>th</sup> grader Lucas Ames said, "My favorite snack is Welch's fruit snacks because they are tasty."

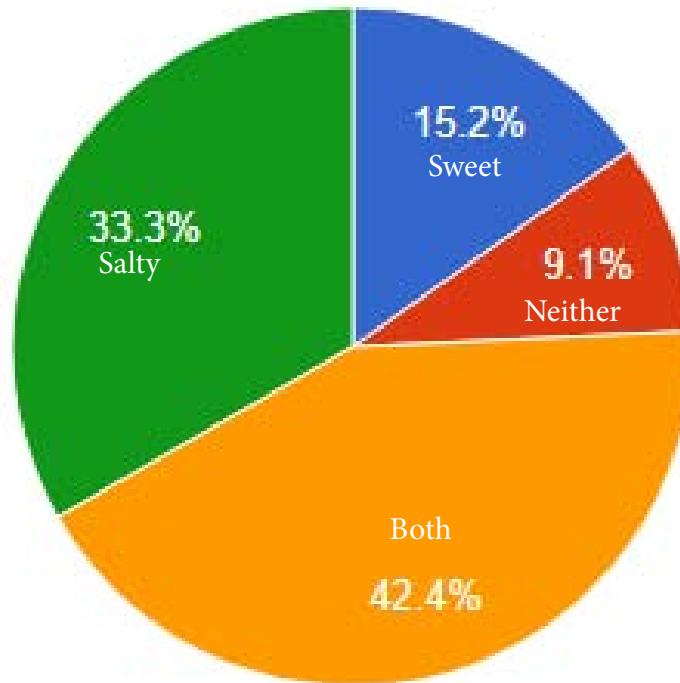


7<sup>th</sup> grader Vivian Cruz replied, "My favorite snack is chocolate"



6<sup>th</sup> grader Chaise Caswell stated, "My favorite snack is fruit by the foot because its not one foot, its actually 3 feet."

Sweet or salty? A common question asked when wanting a snack. Both are very different and delicious; however everyone has their own opinion of which they like best. From Goldfish to fruit snacks there are a wide variety of preferences. Whats your favorite?



SALTY

8<sup>th</sup> grader Kitty Morris claimed, "My favorite snack is pretzels with peanut butter because I like eating them after school."



7<sup>th</sup> grader Alex Aldridge expressed, "My favorite snack is Cheez-Its because their good and cheesy."



6<sup>th</sup> grader Sierra Owens revealed, "My favorite snack is goldfish because I like the salt and crunch."



Sweet snacks are commonly eaten throughout the school-day to give students a burst of energy. Accordign to Mintel.com, 62% of U.S. consumers snack on sweet snacks to satisfy a craving. 7th grader, Ella Bailey said, "I like Peanut M&Ms because I really like peanut butter."

Eating salty snacks like chips are an everyday occurrence for many students at OMS. According to Grandeecig.com, more than 90% of households eat a salty snack in a typical week. 8th grader Jack Bradford said, "I prefer salty snack over sweet snacks because I like salty things and I enjoy the texture of salty snacks."



"snacks are the spice of life" - Mr. Clark eighth grade history teacher

# What's in Your Locker?

By Lucinda Haselton

At the beginning of each year, every student gets a locker where they can keep their things. Some plan to keep their locker clean and organized for the year and some plan to carry most things around with them so they don't need the locker. Some people have organizational objects to help them and some just throw their things in there and close the door.

8th grader Isabella Ball says her locker is mostly clean. "I have a shoe holder [to] put my binders and stuff on," and she says that works well for her. She also uses the built in shelf to store folders. She mostly has school supplies in her locker and only takes home any homework she has.



7th grader Max Myrand thinks his locker is cluttered. He says "[he has] a small table thing at the bottom of [his] locker," and thinks that helps him find his things for classes. He says he needs a lot of folders and books for school in his locker, and stacks his heavy books on the top shelf.

6th grader Cheyenne Frank says she likes to think that her locker is clean, but it's a little cluttered. "I have a shelf that's at the bottom [of the locker] and a [shelf] that hangs to hold my books" She also uses the top shelf to hold extra supplies she doesn't need with her. She thinks this system really works for her to keep her organized.



With so many books and folders to bring to classes, it is important to be able to store the ones you don't need, and be able to find them when you do need them. Oxford Middle School has 1230 lockers for changing amounts of students to store supplies, backpacks, coats, and other items. "I think it is important to keep my locker organized so I can find my stuff and not be tardy," says 8th grader Hayley-Kate Nelms.



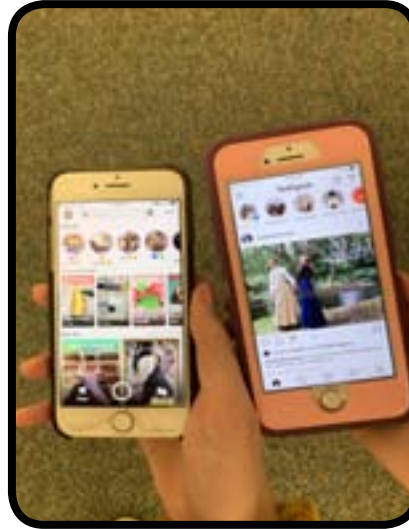


# SNAPCHAT VS. INSTAGRAM



By: Ashlynn Redhage

Snapchat and Instagram are two of the worlds most used social media platforms. But which one is better? Some people prefer Snapchat because of how it's more interactive, while people who prefer Instagram disagree and say that Instagram has more features than Snapchat. Snapchat has more than 186 million people that are active on the app every day, According to their website.. For Instagram, there are over 800 million monthly users that are active on the app. Some people believe that in middle school, Snapchat is more popular, but that isn't always the case. Even some people like both apps and don't have a preference for either one.



Holding up their phones, 8th graders Jenna Chrstoff and Lea Rauh scroll through the two different platforms on their phone. Jenna prefers Instagram while Lea prefers Snapchat. Lea spends most of her time on Snapchat, and her Snap-score is 37,823. "I like Instagram because I can scroll through photos at my own pace, and it is more interactive," says Jenna.



**6**th grader Isabel Jenkins prefers Snapchat over Instagram because she can text her friends, and she also likes that you can start streaks with people. She likes Snapchat better because you just scroll through photos and you don't really have conversations with people on Instagram like you can on Snapchat. But, her least favorite thing about Snapchat is the cyberbullying that happens on the app. Isabel uses Snapchat more, but she says that she "thinks it's a tie because there are a lot of people on Instagram and also a lot of people on Snapchat" when asked which one she thought Middle Schoolers use more.

**7**th grader Conner McComb prefers Instagram over Snapchat because he can scroll through people's posts and he can see more famous people's posts which aren't on Snapchat. He likes Instagram better because on Snapchat, he can only send and receive photos, and people have to add you back unlike Instagram. Conner's least favorite thing about Instagram is that when he looks at the posts, sometimes new ones come in and he can't find that post again. When asked what app he thought was used more by middle schoolers, he said, "Snapchat because a lot of people post on their stories", even though he uses Instagram more.



**8**th grader Kaity Weiss prefers Snapchat because there are more people using it than people using Instagram. Kaity's favorite thing about Snapchat is its filters, and she prefers it over Instagram because it makes people look better. Her least favorite thing about Snapchat is that it glitches out a lot and it can be a source for cyberbullying with some of its features. She also uses Snapchat more because she talks to her friends on Snapchat a lot. When asked which app she thought middle school students used more, she says "Snapchat because everyone basically has it." She is on Snapchat over half of her day.

**8**th grade gold Language Arts teacher Mrs. Blaskowski prefers Instagram over Snapchat because it just has pictures that people post and you don't have to read about the views on people's topics and opinions like other social media platforms. Her least favorite thing about Instagram is the amount of Ads on the app, and she checks it multiple times a the day. When asked what app she thought was more popular, she responded with "Snapchat because they like all the filters and they like their streaks". She also thinks that Tik Tok is a popular app used by middle school students.



# Music That Moves You

By: Lea Rauh



8th grader Kayla Kipp likes newer music, but she likes all types because it is fun to listen to. She likes to listen to both new and old music because there are so many different genres and types. She likes to listen to music on Spotify and listens to it everyday. Her favorite song is Bruises by Lewis Capaldi because it makes her sad and she likes to listen to sad music.

There have been many different kinds of music throughout the years. A big debate is what kind of music is the best. There are so many amazing genres of music. Some of them are pop, country, rap, and many more. Some people like sad songs and some like songs that will lift your mood and your spirit. A lot of people like songs from their favorite movies or tv shows. Music that is always fun to listen to are old songs that you grew up listening to. Obviously music can be a big debate but as long as you listen to music that inspires you, you can't go wrong.



7th grader Eli Carpenter likes to listen to rap music because it can be calming when he does his homework. He would rather listen to new music because it is something that he hasn't heard before. He listens to music in his bedroom because that is where it is peaceful. His current favorite songs are by Post Malone because he really likes him. He also likes music by Lil Tecca.



To listen to the best music, 8th grader Ashlynn Redhage wipes away her worries with her favorite song, Red Ribbon by Madilyn Bailey. According to techcrunch.com, most people listen to music 24 hours a week in the US. "Music helps me express my emotions and feel better," said Ashlynn.



6th grader Delaney Sekora likes to listen to country music the best because that is the type of music her parents listen to. When given the option of new or old music, she would rather listen to new music because she thinks old music just sounds different. She likes to listen to music in quiet places like her bedroom or the car. She likes all songs because they all sound different and she just likes them all.



## FAVORITE MUSIC GENRES:

11 pop music  
4 rock music  
33 rap music

*Vacations in Paradise?*

By: Lily Nouman

All around the world, all times of the year, people go on vacations. Usually people bring along family members, but it is also very exciting to have a friend come along and everyone can enjoy the experience together. Many people enjoy vacations, but it's not always their ideal, perfect place. Florida is a popular vacation getaway, whether it's going to Disney World, or just visiting family, it's never boring when getting away from your hometown. According to [travelagentcentral.com](http://travelagentcentral.com), 40% or 100 million American's go on vacation each year.



6th grader Evangeline Lusgjuiaj says that she loves going on vacations, but she likes going with her mom most of all. She said that she would go with her mom because she is always working and doesn't get enough time to spend with her. "I would probably go to Mexico with my mom because I can spend more time with her, and because it is warm."



7th grader Noah Rice says that he also likes going on vacations, but he prefers it to be with his family. He says that he doesn't like going with friends because he dislikes going somewhere without his family to experience it too. "I'd probably go to Florida with family so that way I have memories to share, if I go with friends, then that's a memory I can't share with my family."



8th grader Jason Priebe says he likes going on vacations also because it's a fun experience. He says that he likes to go with friends because then he can have fun, and him and his friends have something to talk about in the future. He says that he would probably go to Switzerland because he really enjoys the mountains. "I would also probably go with my parents because I am underage and can't go alone."



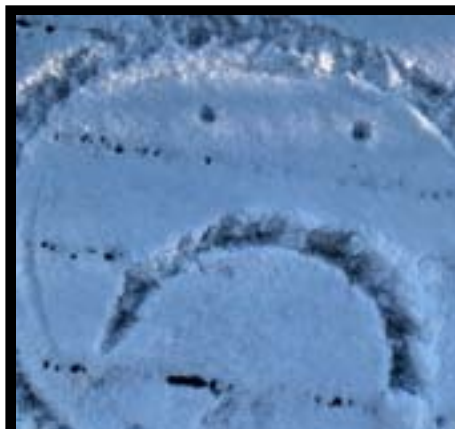
Having a suitcase that you like is just so much fun, especially when that suitcase is for a vacation. 8th grader Jenna Christoff says "I love going on vacations, it's fun to see your hotel, and packing is fun because you know the vacation starts soon." According to [www.cnbc.com](http://www.cnbc.com), over 100 million Americans go on vacations each year, that is 4/10 adults in America.



# Beating the Winter Blues

By: John Hulswit

**W**inter is here, and with winter comes some different feelings. During the summer, people may feel more warm and happy, but during the colder months of the year, they may seem to get more sad and feel more depressed. If you are among the people who feel this way, there is a high chance that you may have Seasonal Affective Disorder. (SAD). Seasonal affective disorder is a disorder that is caused by lack of sunlight and an imbalance in chemicals. SAD affects about 20% of people in the United States of America. We asked students if they feel more sad during winter and 54% of students said they noticed themselves get more sad during winter. SAD often comes in the form of depression or anxiety. This condition is caused by the less sunlight during the colder months of the year, causing less Vitamin D and other chemicals in the body and brain. The human body requires a certain amount of vitamins. According to healthline.com, "All things considered, a daily vitamin D intake of 1000–4000 IU, or 25–100 micrograms, should be enough to ensure optimal blood levels in most people. 4000 IU is the safe upper limit according to the Institute of Medicine." There are treatments for this condition, the most popular being light therapy. Light therapy is a treatment where a special light is used to transfer some of the missing vitamins in the body like vitamin D. Light therapy has an 80% success rate for seasonal affective disorder. We talked to some students to see what they know about SAD.



**W**hen it gets colder, it also gets darker, which means less sunshine, which means more sadness. Twenty percent of people are affected by this disorder, which means there is a high demand for treatments such as light therapy, counseling sessions with a therapist,

meditating, and more. These treatments have a 60-80% success rate for people suffering from SAD. "In the last few years, especially since having kids that were too small to go outside in freezing weather, I discovered that I am affected by Seasonal Affective Disorder and have been helped by talking to my doctor and starting to take some medication to help offset its effects," says 7th grade ELA teacher Mrs. Gibson.



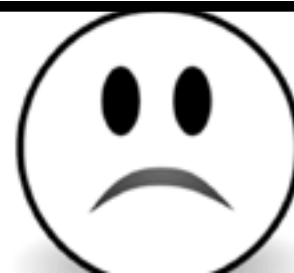
**8**th grader Natalie Bales was asked what she thought of Seasonal Affective Disorder. She responded, "I'm guessing it's where, since it's colder, then people get more sad and not as social." And when asked what she thought some treatments were, she said that she believed friends and family helped people get through this disorder.



**8**th grader Angela Gonzalez explains that Seasonal Affective Disorder is where people get more sad and depressed around the winter holidays. She further explains that she does notice herself get more sad during the winter months.



**7**th grader Bryce Blizzard said that he does get more sad during the Winter and the colder months, but doesn't know why. He also explains that he hasn't heard of any treatments for SAD or the causes.





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## Professional Perspective

We interviewed therapist Kayla Thrushman about seasonal affective disorder and how it affects different people. Thrushman works at Willow's Edge in Oxford, Michigan. She has been a therapist there for 11 years.



### What do you know about Seasonal Affective Disorder/SAD?

"It is a form of depression, but some people refer to it as more of a seasonal depression. People who suffer from it have symptoms that are very similar to those of a regular depression. These symptoms typically occur around the fall and winter months because of less sunlight being provided to the body."

### What are some treatments for SAD?

"I would say the best thing to do is to try and get outside when it's sunny. Obviously in Michigan we have a lot of cloudy and grey days unfortunately. If there is any way you can get up earlier or get outside when it is the peak time for sunlight; that is automatically a treatment. People also have been using light therapy. That's another form of treatment and you can actually buy a light box online. They can be found on Amazon.com and are relatively affordable. You can also exercise more, that helps increase dopamine in the brain and will help fight any depression symptoms. Another thing you can do is try to take vitamins, Vitamin D especially because we are lacking in that when we have less sun. You could also seek a therapist. They are trained professionals who can help treat you. Some people also use anti-depressants, even if it is just for the winter months, eating healthier also never hurts."

### How common is SAD?

"It is not too common; however, I don't really believe the statistics that say 5% of the population suffers from it, but I think it affects a lot more than that. I don't know where that research is coming from though. It definitely more than 5%. I also think it varies from different states. Like people in California who are getting 70% or more of sunlight, they don't have dark winters like those of us in Michigan. So I also really think the percentages differ state-to-state."



# Wintertime Fun

By, Sarah Spearing

During the winter-time-once the holidays are over and while snow is still on the ground-many people tend to do various activities before going back to school or on the weekends and freetime. According to familyeducation.com, the top five winter activities are sledding, skiing, snow boarding, making snow angels, and going ice skating. These activities can be done with family and friends, and gives people of all ages joy in being with others and admiring the beautiful winter wonderland. Most people assume that winter is just holidays such as Christmas and New Years, but even after those holidays have finished, there is still plenty to do during the chilly and snow-filled months.



Despite the snow coming very early this year, and then having a green Christmas, the snow came back briefly for a few days, providing the opportunity for many of those activities to be done again. In a poll taken from Mrs. Baran's 7th grade science class on their favorite winter activities, 3 said sledding, 10 said ice-skating, 5 said skiing, and another 10 said that they liked snowboarding the most. Maya Derey says that she likes winter activities the most because she likes how the snow looks outside and she likes to do snowball fights.

In a poll from Mrs. Giroux's class, 2 students said that they liked spring activities the best, 9 said that they liked summer, 5 said that they liked fall, and 6 said that they liked winter- putting winter in 2nd place.



6th grader Dianna Wright says that she likes to go sledding while there is still lots of snow on the ground and she normally goes sledding in a big hill in her backyard.



7th grader Marcis Griffin says he likes to go snowboarding and that he used to normally go to his grandma's house with his uncle and snowboard on a tall hill there.



8th grader Lucas Sibbald says that he really likes to go sledding at the hill at OMS. and ice-skating a lot, along with going snowboarding once.

# Penny Wars



by: Gabi Wait

Around the world there are organizations that help people in all kinds of ways. Every year, around Christmas time, the students of OMS like to give to an organization to embrace the giving season. There was a tie this year between two organizations, the first one being K-9 Rescue League and the second as one The American Cancer Society. After a re-vote the students of OMS chose The American Cancer Society. They are an organization that researches cancer to find a cure to the deadly disease. They also help people that have been through chemotherapy and are suffering with side effects. They have study groups people understand their cancer better and what's happening to their body.



With the roaring crowd, Oxford Middle School cheers as they celebrate over the 1,000 of dollars they raised this year for the organization American Cancer Society! According the American Cancer society was founded May 23, 1913, and has been open for 106 years. Every year the students have a contest on who raises the most money. This year Coach Cady amd Mr.Smokeyvich won and will be sleeping on the roof. "It's not about us, it's about prompting the student body and the coummity on what they are doing,' says Coach Cady. They live stream all night last year wining and getting veiwers from New Zeland. "What makes me and Mr. Smokey proud is the people saying that my little twon or I went to school there." says Coach Cady. "To repsent our coummity is truly a great honor." says Mr.Smokey.

7th grader Mason Storey thinks it's pretty wise that Oxford schools chose the American Cancer Society even though a lot of kids liked animals for K-9 Rescue. "After all, we need humans to save the animals," says Storey. He also has

a grandma who has cancer and is going through the process of getting rid of it. He says, "Since last year I was new to the idea of penny wars I didn't really contribute but now I think I have a better understanding of what I could with strategy and contribute, more because I now know how meaningful it is to give back." Says Storey.



6th Grader Ella Martin wanted K-9 Rescue because she believes dogs shouldn't be abandoned. "I just hate to see and hear about animals suffering," says Martin. She is still happy about the chosen organization, American Cancer Society. "I'm excited to see what happens, bring it on!"



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8th grader Savannah Bailey wanted K-9 Rescue because she says, "We already did something for humans when I was in 6th grade which was St.Jude's, and I feel we should now do something for the animals." Then Bailey adds, "But I'm still

happy about this year's selection." As an 8th grader this will be Bailey's last Penny Wars. "I'm very excited.!" says Bailey.

# Student Exchange?

By: Taylor Derey

Foreign exchange students, a topic that many schools care deeply about... However, OMS doesn't seem to have a program for exciting cultural differences like some other schools. There should really be a club or program to spread culture around OMS. Additionally, this would include students from other countries such as China or Spain and students could hypothetically go to their country in return. It would help OMS students have a farther understanding of different countries wonderful cultures!

**Hello***Bonjour*

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**Hola***ciao*

Holding the world in their hands 7th grade students Samantha Kohler and Morgan Kinderman hold a globe to show all the places in the world to travel too. 76% of kids believe we should have a foreign exchange student program. Kohler then added, "That's crazy! We should totally have a foreign exchange policy to show culture to OMS."



8th grade gold student Niko Hatzigeorgiou believes that OMS should have a foreign exchange program. Hatzigeorgiou claims, "Yes, OMS should have a program like this because it exposes students to different cultures."



7th grade gold student Gina Ocasio was asked if the foreign exchange students should connect to the majority of our language choice at OMS. Ocasio stated, "I believe that the exchange students should be from a Spanish country because the majority of students speak that language."



6th grade blue student Katie Buchanan was asked on her thoughts about if we should be able to go to the exchange students foreign country. Buchanan replied, "I think that the exchange student should just come here because it would be a lot of work for students at our age to be fluent in their language."

By: Brooke Mery



# Clubs to Add



Clubs are for meeting new people and trying new things. OMS has clubs like Drama Club, Art Club, Equestrian Club, etc. After a poll in a few different classrooms, it was found students would want to add a baking club, a photography club, or a gaming club. The one with the highest votes is the baking club.



Emyrson Murphy, 6th grade

**E**myrson Murphy would add a baking club “because it sounds fun and you can go home and show your parents what you made.” Emyrson isn’t in any clubs, but would join this one. She thinks other people would join the baking club because it sounds fun and people enjoy baking.



Alexis Hobson, 7th grade

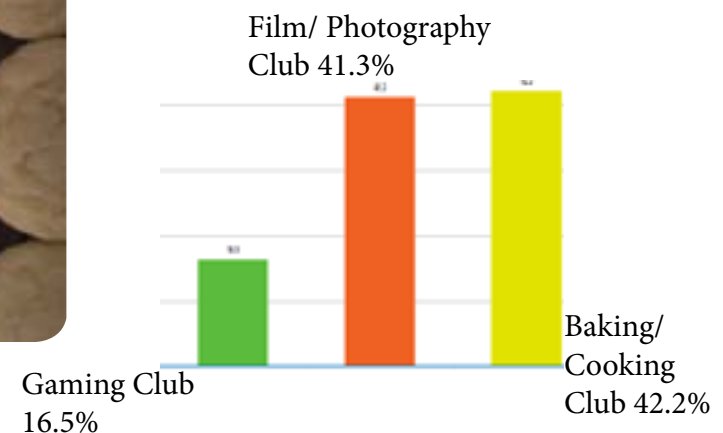
**A**lexis Hobson would add a baking club to the school because “I love to bake and the school doesn’t have a lot of clubs, like it.” Alexis does not do any after school clubs but she is in cross country and joining track. Alexis says, “It would be nice to add a baking club because people are finding out who they are and what careers they want.”



Georgia Harrell, 8th grade

**G**eorgia Harrell would add a photography club because “it sounds cool and I like taking pictures.” Georgia is not in any clubs as of now. She thinks other students would join the photography club because “many students enjoy taking pictures.”

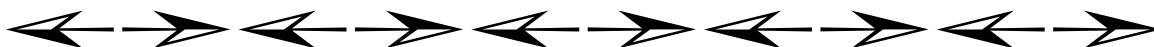
Majority rules! People have voted the baking club as the club they would like to add to the school. When I took a poll in different classes, 42.2% of students would like to join the baking club. “I would love if we added more clubs to the school” explains 8th grader Grace Morgan.



# BACK FROM BREAK

By Hayley-Kate Nelms

Christmas Break is a great chance to relax, sleep in, and do whatever you want. As great as break is-it won't last forever. As break ends, kids prepare for the end of the semester and a completely different daily schedule. They might go from sleeping until 11am to waking up at 6am. They could also have a lot of summatives to finish. It's different for everyone. So what do OMS students think about the transition from break back to school and how their daily schedules change during break.

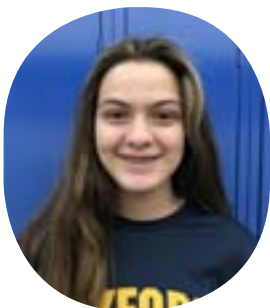
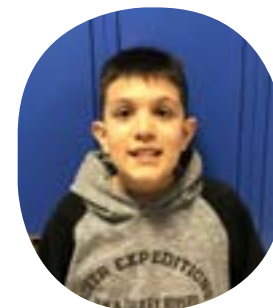


At the end of the school day, lots of tired kids pile out of OMS and onto their buses, excited to start break. One thing that excites kids is being able to get more sleep. Out of 45 OMS students; 5 kids slept until 8 am, 12 slept until 9, 4 slept until 10, 14 slept until 11, and 10 kids slept until 12 or after. "I normally sleep until about 11:30 [during Christmas break,]" stated 8th grader Lucinda Haselton.



**6th** grader Ella L'Fever said, "[During break] I feel like our brains kinda shut off a little and we need a little refresher. Some classes just have normal tests and stuff and they just throw them at you and say, 'Here's your test.' So it's a little harsh. [During break] I stay up a little later because I like to watch movies and stuff with my family. [My schedule] really doesn't change much besides instead of going to school there's just a babysitter the whole day."

**7th** grader Miguel Reyes stated, "Well, I don't really mind [the schedule change], because I don't really have much to do at home. Usually I would get up, get ready, ride my bike or walk to school. I usually get up at 6:30 or something early like that [during school]. During break, I usually sleep in to sometimes around 9. After that, my schedule kind of gets mixed up, but after a day it usually is fine. What I like about school is that I get to see some of my favorite teachers and my friends."



**8th** grader Isabella Hubbard stated, "I feel like I'll be tired [after break] because I might be sleeping in and then come back to school and having to wake up at 6. [My schedule will change.] I'll be getting more sleep, more workout time, more exercise, play my sports more! No and yes. No because I'll be getting up early, and then yes because I want to see my friends and 8th grade is actually fun. Really just the start time and just going through every day of school."

## SEMESTER TWO ACADEMIC GOALS

By: Maya Derey



At Oxford Middle School Academics are very important to many students. Since it is a new semester some students have new goals like improving grades and having less missing assignments. I interviewed students and asked them about their academic goals for second semester.

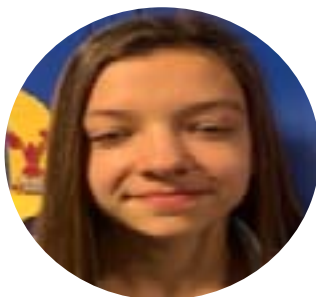


8th grader Nathan Swanson said, "I am excited for semester two. I have a couple academic goals for semester two. A few of my goals are keeping my 4.0 GPA and get gold honors I also want to improve at my Computer programming class." I am also going to do a few different things in semester two rather than semester one. I am going to try to do more partner activities because I have been doing a lot of individual activities and I want to improve working with other students."



6th Luke Gilbertson said, "In semester two I would like to try and improve my math grade and try to get mostly A's. In semester two I want to try to act better in class like to try and listen more. in class. I am also very excited for semester two because I get to have gym which is my favorite class."

Studying and working hard, means students always have a stack of books to help them with school work. According to BigIdeasMath.com, "Each math textbook costs around \$80". 8th grader Sarah Spearing claims, "The Big Ideas math text books are very helpful to me because I can look at examples if I am struggling with a lesson."



7th grader Emma Beggs said, "For semester two I want to try to get a 4.0 GPA and I would like to keep my science grade above a 94%. In semester two I want to study more and prepare more rather than in semester one. A class I am excited for is Health because I think it would be interesting to learn about the human body."



# Mid-Point Check

By Anika Erskine

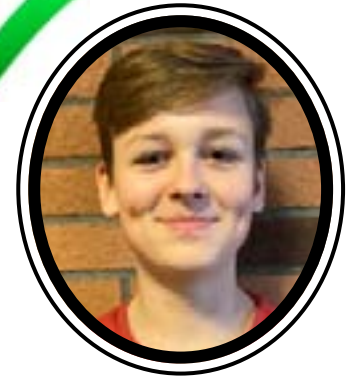
Oxford Middle school is half way through the school year and is about to enter the second semester. This first semester will be cherished forever. For example, 6th graders will remember their first day of school remember or when 7th graders will remember the competitive time in penny wars and 8th graders will remember the trip to the state capital. However, could second semester be even?



**7**th grader Adrien Znike, has had a pretty good start. She set goals throughout the semester. She wanted to have good grades and she completed it with the help of some of her teachers and studying a lot. She says, "I want to continue with my good grades and always studying." Adrien talks about how she thinks that it really helps when you set goals because it is something you can work towards.



**6**th grader Kyle Holland had set some goals for the first semester which include making sure to turn in assignments on time. "For this upcoming semester I want to make sure to stay on task and also to turn in my work." Kyle stated. Kyle thinks it is beneficial when you set goals because it is something you want to complete.



**8**th grader Chase Williams at the beginning of the year had said, "I wanted to study more this semester and be more prepared for the tests and quizzes." Now that he completed the goal he wants to try to be more organized as well as continuing to study. Chase thinks that it helps him when he sets goals because it pushes him to do things.



Working hard, 8th grades Rebecca Schuler and Haley Verbeke are making a to do list for their upcoming history project. A survey and 80% of the set goals for the year. "I think that it helps a lot when you set goals for the year because you can try to accomplish something, then you can feel good about yourself for accomplishing something," said Rebecca Schuler.





# Year Round School?

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**Y**ear round school - a concept that kids never want but they don't know the benefits For example, if we had year round school that means w would only lose a few weeks of summer but during the school year we would have more frequent breaks. Lastly if we had year round school we would have a learning benefit instead of forgetting everything on summer break, we would learn more and forget less.



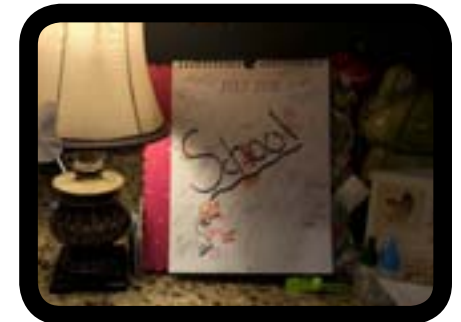
**8**th When asked, 8th grader Lexie Yankee said that she would not give up some of summer break for year round school “ Because I’ve heard people say it’s terrible that have longer breaks.” Yankee also stated “she would add another two weeks to summer break.” Lastly, Yankee had been asked if she would give up summer break to go on a field trip with her friends. Yankee responded immediately with “NO! because i could do that by myself like I could plan the whole thing it doesn’t need to be school funded”.



**7**th grader Daniel Petrushev was asked on his thoughts of year round school. Petrushev proclaimed, “Even during summer break my parents still work, meaning I am basically at the house the entire time, [year round school] would make it easier for [myself].”



**6**th grader Thad Firnent was asked questions about weather or not he would like year round school he responded with, “ Yes” we asked him why he said that and he responded with,” Because it puts more of vacation off your mind and more time to study”. Also when asked what his dream vacation would be he said ,” I would go to georgia because i like georgia and id take my freinds”.



Time consuming, hard, and life changing school takes up a lot of time in students and administrators lives, however year round school could change this. 75% of Mrs. Lamagna’s class agreed to the fact that we shouldn’t have year round school. One student even stating, “Year round school would just be a way for students to forget information”.

# DOWN THE SLOPE

By: Matthew Barkman

Skiing and snowboarding are 2 very popular winter sports many people enjoy in America. According to Statista.com, there are 9.2 million active skiers and snowboarders in the United States, but there are more skiers than snowboarders. Both skiing and snowboarding have their pros and cons. For example, you can do more tricks on a snowboard, but they are harder to use when you are getting on or off a chairlift. Whereas you can not do many tricks on skis, but getting on and off chairlifts is much easier.



6th grader Maia Brevik, is a skier. She enjoys skiing because she can do it with her family and, it is something that she can only do a few times a year when there is snow. She stated that she skies instead of snowboarding because the rest of her family skis.



8th grader Brayden Kuhl, is a skier said that every year, he and his family go up north to Crystal Mountain. He enjoys skiing because he likes to spend time with his family and do fun things with them. He said that he has been skiing for as long as he can remember.



7th grader Morgan Kindermann is a skier. She says that she enjoys skiing because she gets to go fast and spend time with her family. She stated that she finds it much easier than snowboarding.



While looking down a snow filled ski slope at Shanty Creek Resorts, in Bellaire Michigan, there are many sights to see amongst those miles of rolling northern forests full of all kinds of wildlife and fields covered with freshly fallen snow. According to currentresults.com the average annual snowfall of northern Michigan is 141.1in. As Doug Coombs an American alpine skier once said.”There is no such thing as too much snow.”

# THE ONLINE GAME



Photo courtesy of Big Ten Network



By: Ellie Gieselman

With the internet taking over a lot of our lives, will online football do the same? According to Sports Management around 40 million people play fantasy football with each person spending around \$465 on the sport. Is fantasy football just as popular as actually playing the sport and if so will it be able to fulfill all the amazing things that make football such a fun sport to play?



\$11 billion

The value of the fantasy football market

34

The average age of a fantasy football player

1963

The year fantasy football started



15,792

The number of games played in NFL history

32

The number of teams in the NFL

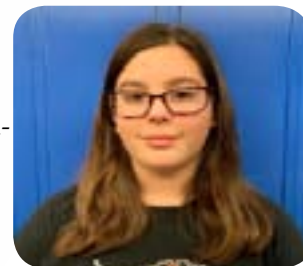
1920

The year the NFL was founded

6<sup>th</sup> grader Chase Cardona would choose actually playing the sport if forced to pick. "I like fantasy sports, but I like actually playing the sport more and I don't think fantasy sports can get as competitive because it's online and you're not the person actually playing it."



7<sup>th</sup> grader Isabella Hurst prefers fantasy football over actually playing the sport because "I like to figure out who the best player in the league is. I think any fantasy sport can get just as competitive as actually playing football because there is money involved."



8<sup>th</sup> grader Kyle Kavic would choose actually playing the sport. "I enjoy drafting a team and watching the games in fantasy football, but I like actually playing the sport because you're more involved in it."

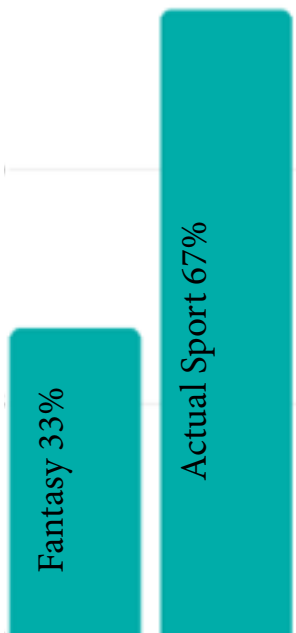


Photo courtesy of Bill Gieselman

On October 5th, 2019 a football game took place with the Michigan State Spartans who went up against the Ohio State Buckeyes. With the final game 34-10 Ohio State, people could either have a wonderful day or horrible for college fantasy football based on this single game. Madison Mauser likes fantasy football because "I like having fun and competing against my family."

*Will fantasy football be the next world wide obsession?*

Overall it seems that students at Oxford Middle School believe actually playing the sport is better than fantasy sports, but they have mixed opinions about how competitive the online activity can get? This online activity may actually be drawing more and more consumers to the football market, and creating more revenue for channels like ESPN, and Fox.



# HOPE FOR A SUPER BOWL

The NFL's Super Bowl is one of the most famous and loved sports events in the the U.S., as 10 of the top 13 most watched televised events in American history are Super Bowls, according to hollywoodreporter.com. This year's competition to make it to the Super Bowl is as fierce as ever, with the teams doing everything in their power to win Super Bowl LIV. Below is a list of the top 2 most likely teams to win the Super Bowl, according to their future matchups, statistics, and record. The list also includes why they are suspected to be named the nation's best football team, amongst their key players and important statistics.

By: Holden Jones

## Kansas City Chiefs 12-4 AFC West

Once again, this team has utilized the incredible athleticism and talent of their star quarterback and 2019 MVP Patrick Mahomes to their advantage, returning them to the playoffs this year. While the Patriots defeated the Chiefs during the Conference Championship in overtime last year, the Chiefs look to have an even better shot this year with an experienced Mahomes. In his first year starting, Mahomes passed for 50 touchdowns and over 5,000 yards in a season that will be legendary as one of the best for a quarterback ever. Due to injury, Mahomes has not been able to replicate these numbers, but when healthy appears just as good, if not better, than he was last year. Experience is a crucial part of being successful at quarterback, and now that Mahomes has a full season under his belt, he's ready to finally win his Super Bowl.

### Key Players:

Offense: Patrick Mahomes (QB), Travis Kelce (TE)

Defense: Tyrann Mathieu (S), Frank Clark (DE)

### Stat to Know:

Despite Mahomes injury, the Chiefs have remained in the top five for multiple passing stats.

This includes average team passer rating, at 104.4 (5th), yards per completion, at 11.9 (3rd), and passing yards per game, at 281.1 (5th), according to teamrankings.com.

## San Fransisco 49ers 13-3 NFC West

Far and away the most suprising team to emerge as a Super Bowl contender, the 49ers have left their past years of mediocracy behind and moved towards a potential Super Bowl run. They have had an electric offense, led by QB Jimmy Garoppolo and TE George Kittle, that has rivaled even the Ravens in points scored per game. However, this offense has not even come close to the greatness of the San Fransisco defense. The defense has been extremely formidale, giving the 49ers necessary room for error on offense. They have had a great pass rush, lead by rookie Nick Bosa, and a stout secondary, led by veteran Richard Sherman. They put together a great regular season in a brutal divisiona and put themselves in great position for success as the number one seed in the NFC.

### Key Players:

Offense: Geroge Kittle (TE), Emmanuel Sanders (WR)

Defense: Nick Bosa (DE), Richard Sherman (CB)

### Stat to Know:

The 49ers, while not first, come in second in opponent yards per game (281.8) and opponent 3rd down conversions per game (4.0), behind only the New england Patriots, who are now eliminated from the playoffs, according to teamrankings.com.



**W**inning the Super Bowl MVP is a huge honor that is given to the player believed to have been the most valuable player on the team that wins the Super Bowl, due to their accomplishments within the game that stand out among what other players contributed. This award has gone to dozens of players over the past 53 years, but no player has

won it more than Tom Brady, who has won it 4 times, and is always a favorite candidate for the award when the Patriots are in the Super Bowl. While this may not be the case this year, he will always be remembered for his incredible

Super Bowl play, as 8th grader Grady Smith claims that “Tom Brady can easily be the Super Bowl MVP any year” because of his skill and “experience from being in the Super Bowl so many times.”



A staple of the Super Bowl, and NFL as a whole, are the big plays. The big interceptions, 80 yard passes, and break-away runs attract even those who aren't

football fans to the electric game. 6th grader Gabe Holt said he watches the Super Bowl because he “likes to watch the really cool plays, like when they catch the ball with one hand.”



There are, overall, 2 reasons that people watch the Super Bowl. One of these, obviously, is that it is a football game that decides which team is the best in the league that year. However, the almost-as-popular Super Bowl commercials attract a huge crowd. Several companies break out show-stopping commercials that are both hilarious and extremely

entertaining. 8th grader Aiden Munson said that the Super Bowl commercial he remembers best is “the Super Bowl 50 ‘Puppy Monkey Baby’ Mountain Dew commer-



Many people enjoy watching the Super Bowl with friends and family, making the game a fun time to gather and cheer on your favorite team. To do this, hundreds of thousands of people throw Super Bowl parties with friends and family. 7th grader Ben

Dutkiewicz claimed, “My family throws a Super Bowl party every year... because everybody in my family loves football.”



# AUTO INDUSTRY ADVANCEMENTS

By: Landen Henery

Tesla, one of the most famous electric car companies, recently came out with another electric vehicle: the Cybertruck. The power of the truck, which towed a Ford in a viral video, has drawn in lots of people, including the 200,000 who pre-ordered. However, its rocky start took away people's interest with its blocky design and failed window demonstration (caranddriver.com).

As electric cars grow more popular, partially because of climate issues, Ford has taken a big step in its newest car, the Mustang Mach-E. The all-electric SUV, with 50,000 available, sold out in America. They are selling the new Mustang for \$43,000 (roadandtrack.com).

A car that has gotten much less fame is one from a company from which people have high expectations for. The 2020 Porsche Taycan was revealed in September. The sleek electric was passed over by many because of both the price, which is over \$100,000 as well as the expectations for an exotic car company, such as Porsche (motor1.com).

A car type that has been a topic of discussion for a few years is self driving cars. These cars, most of which being all electric have thousands of sensors, along with having some components that have also been used in recent cars, such as sensors that detect cars, with some being able to avoid crashes with automatic stops. Many big companies are manufacturing these cars with high hopes that they will be a big hit (theverge.com).



Advertising their cars, Tesla's website features their latest car, the Cybertruck. The hype has helped with sales, according to caranddriver.com, with the 200,000 of consumers ordering the powerful truck. 8th grader Vincent Clark doesn't like the Cybertruck, saying, "It is a really blocky design and doesn't look good."



7th grader Peyton Feltrin thinks that electric cars are a good option because they are cost effective since you don't have to stop and pay for gas, but recharging time can be a pain for road trips. Out of the two most recent cars, the Cybertruck and Mustang Mach-E, Peyton would choose the Cybertruck because of the power it has.



8th grader Matthew Barkman thinks that electric cars are not a good alternative to gasoline powered cars because of the limited travel distance that comes with it and the charging time. Barkman is not a fan of the Tesla Cybertruck because of the blocky and tacky design. He does like, however, the Mustang Mach-E. The reason for this is because of the speed of the SUV and the looks of the car.

6th grader Jackson Rebtay likes electric cars mostly because of their speed. He also believes that a big problem would be the charging time. He likes the power of trucks, and thinks the Cybertruck would be a great fit for him. Rebtay isn't a fan of the Mach-E because he doesn't usually like the design of SUVs.



## Fun with Coloring



## Jokes

What dries as it gets wet?

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Why did the turkey cross the road?

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Why did the bike fall over?

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# CELEBRATE




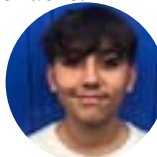
By Grace Morgan and Isabella Spezia

## THE OLD AND THE NEW!

Most people enjoy New Year's Eve. Even more, people enjoy the food, snacks, and family gatherings that come along with it. Many different people have many different traditions when it comes to New Year's Eve. Some people go to parties, some stay at home and watch the count down, and some sleep through it. According to "The Denver Channel" 15% of United States citizens attend parties on New Year's Eve, 3% don't celebrate it at all, and 12% fall asleep before midnight (National). After partying people enjoy sparklers, fireworks, and visits with their family and friends. on New Year's Eve. So, how do our staff and students celebrate New Years Eve?



 6th grader Aubrey Robinson states "My family comes to my house for New Years Eve and we all celebrate it together for part of the night." After they leave Aubrey and her siblings stay up until midnight talking about stuff, just waiting until morning. "Then at midnight, we watch the ball drop and then we go outside and yell, 'Happy New Years.'" Throughout the night they have "chips, and guacamole, and a lot of snacks."

 7th grader Gabriel Gjakaj Gabriel stays up until midnight every year on New Years Eve. "We usually have some family over and we celebrate. We stay at home waiting for the count down and hanging out." Later, they watch the ball drop and snack on desserts that their families have brought in throughout the night.

 8th grader Caroline Erskine stays up until midnight on New Years Eve every year. "My dad usually has a big party for New Years Eve. Then we'll stay and up and watch the ball drop." The people at her dad's mini party consists of her dad, her dad's girlfriend and her. While it is a smaller party. Caroline still claims it is a lot of fun.

Getting ready for a night of partying, food, and countdowns, everybody stocks up on snacks, decorations, hats, and noise makers. According to "The Wallet Hub," 83% of americans spend less than \$200 on party supplies and decorations for New Year's Eve. "I love New Year's Eve because I get to stay up late with my family and watch the ball drop," states Victoria Smith of 8th grade blue.



# STAFF





**CELEBRATE**



By: Isabella Spezia and Grace Morgan

**The Old and the New**

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People love to watch the firework light up the night sky on New Year's eve with family or not. According to fortune.com Americans spend more than \$1 billion on fireworks every year or 268 million pounds of fireworks. Picture by Wrcb.com



**6**th grade teacher Mr. McDonald likes to stay up on New Year's eve and stay home with his kids and wife. He likes to watch the musical acts and the ball drop. They normally keep it simple for the day and just have pizza but if his parents come over then they have lobster which was the nice years when they did that along with now. He has traditions to watch ABC news, Dick Clark's rocking New Year's eve that he has watched his whole life.

**7**th grade teacher Mrs. Brown stays up all night on New Year's eve and goes over her sister's house with the kids and plays games like ping pong and eats Chili and chocolate. She likes to watch the ball drop and then goes to bed right after. The tradition she has is to crack open a hard candy pink pig and they say things they are thankful for



**8**th grade teacher Mrs. Werner does not stay up all night on New Year's eve. But she goes to the Campus Martius and they have a kid ball drop that goes down at 7 and they watch then go home and go to bed. On New Year's day, they go to eat with her sister and her parents and they eat salmon and veggies. She has traditions of going to Detroit water and ice and going to get Ice cream.

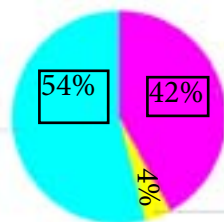


# BRINGING IN THE NEW YEAR

It's not only the start of the New Year, but also it's the start of a new decade! Although New Years is only number four on the america's favorite holiday list, I think that new year is a very important holiday it not only lets you bring in a new year it also gives you a chance to make change.

By: Delaney Payne

A study done at Psychology Today said out of all the new year's resolutions made only 46% of people actually go through with their resolutions. Also only 4% of those people are successful with actually completing their goal. And 56% of people dont even make goals!



The first New Year's celebration dates back 4,000 years. Julius Caesar, the emperor of Rome, was the first to declare Jan. 1 a national holiday.

About one million people are at Time's Square on New Year's Eve and New Year's morning and more than 7,000 police officers!

*New Year! New Me! Same Dreames! Fresh Starts!*



8th grader Hannah Petrushev is really excited about New Years. Hannah say's "I really like the New Year. I feel like it's a time for change, and it also gives you a chance to set new goals for the coming year." This year I'm really excited because I'm going to be one of the 37 million people that watch the Rose Bowl.

6th grader Teagan Spurlock has set her New Year's resolution. Her goal is to try her best not to drink pop and to also eat healthier. The steps she's taking to make this resolution happen is to not order pop when she goes to restaurants and to also get healthier food at the store. She's going to set a goal every day and check it off everyday that she's successful.

7th grader Mia Brown says that her New Year's resolution is to get better grades. The goals that she put in place were to "Actually study and to also try and stay off my phone. I get distracted easily on my phone." She said that she actually already started her New Year's resolution at the beginning of the school year.

8th grader Eva Grondin has her New Year's resolution and has already stated. Her resolution is ultimately to improve her mental health and also her physical health. Eva is going to meditate and eat healthy. She said that if she can do this she's going to let herself have Nutella everyday.

# NEW YEAR NEW ME

By: Morgan Haynes

NEW YEARS!!!!



A New Year's resolutions is a tradition, in which a person resolves to change an undesired trait or behavior, to accomplish a personal goal or otherwise improve their life. these resolutions can last up to the whole year to only a fire weeks



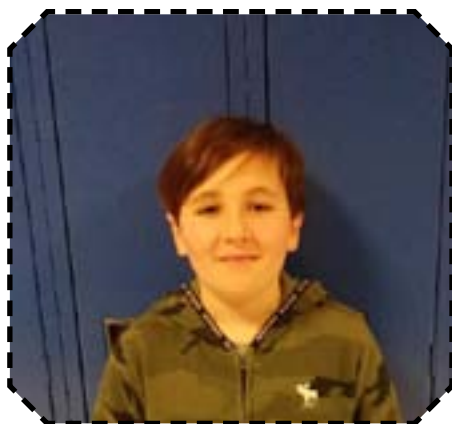
8th grader Luke Drautz declared that his New Year resolution is to eat less junk food and start to get healthier, and if he completes this goal he will eat lots of junk food because he lasted so long without it .He will do this when the New Year starts.

7th grader Dom Cassise stated that his New Year resolution is to do good in sports like baseball and basketball, his overall goal for the year to come is to be almost professional at it. He will work on this as soon as possible and if he completes this goal he will pat himself on the back and say good job.

### New Year Goal

- Get good grades
- Get a 4.000
- Eat more healthy
- Learn a new goal
- Spend time with the family
- Get some new style
- Have more fun
- Focus on school
- Study more

NEW YEARS. New Years is around the corner being on January 1 and everyone is wondering what people will do for their New Years resolution. " My list of resolutions aren't that long but there is a few that I want to get done immediately." Said 8th grader Delaney Payne



6th grader Dominac Ponzetti says that his New Year resolution is to have a 4.000 by the end of the quarter and to be happy with himself. If he completes this goal he will patt himself on the back and say good job and maybe ask his mom or dad if he can get something. "I will start this as soon as possible to meet my goal," said Dominac.



*Past Resolution Results*

**D**emonstrating not achieving her resolution, 8th grader Gabby Wait tries to do her splits. According to Inc.com, about 80% of people don't accomplish their New Years resolutions. "I always try to make goals every year, but I don't really feel like I ever complete them" says Gabby.

By Jenna Christoff and Evie Sawdon

**N**ew Years has come and gone again, leaving people with the possibility to fulfill or fail the resolutions they made. Making New Years resolutions has become a tradition in so many people's lives and there are many types of resolutions that people can bring into their lives. There are physical resolutions, mental resolutions and more. Pretty much everyone, at some point in their lives, have made at least one resolution, but not as many people have completed them. So, in the past years of your lives, have you completed yours?



**S**howing off her new skill, 8th grader Leah Rauh is doing the splits, which was her resolution from last year. According to Forbes.com, only 8% of people actually accomplish their New Years goals. Leah commented, "When I stick to my goals, I always feel very accomplished."



**6**th grader Marissa Knight said that her resolution was to participate in more sports because it helps organize her life. She completed this by joining tennis and golf.

**6**th grade teacher Mrs. McCusker's resolution last year and for many years before that was to work out more. She somewhat completed her resolution and is semi happy with results because she worked out but not as often as she wanted to.



**7**th grader Anthony Ascitto's resolution last year was to try and eat healthier. Also, he said that he is proud of his results for last year because he ate healthy but not as healthy as he was hoping to eat.

**7**th grade teacher Ms. Giroux said that she usually makes the resolution to eat healthy and exercise by working out and eating more vegetables and that that's really the only one she makes.



**8**th grader Ally Stremersch's resolution was to get a 4.0 and gold honor for the year. She completed it and is happy with her resolution results and as a reward she will receive gold honors.

**8**th grade teacher Mr. Clark said that his resolution for many years was to be nicer to others because it can make him and others happier and he did complete this resolution throughout the years.

## OUR NEW YEAR

## IN PICTURES...



Hayley-Kate  
Nelms!



Before New Year's Eve, people all over the country pack the stores, buying hats and noisemakers to welcome the New Year. According to wallethub.com, most Americans spend less than \$200 on their celebrations for New Year's Eve. "When preparing for New Year's Eve, I usually spend about 10-15 dollars on food and party favors," reported Sara Nelms.



Ellie Gieselman!



With snow covering the ground, the Gieselman family is heading up north to celebrate the new year and the Christmas season. Just four hours away from Oxford lies the resort, Crystal Mountain, where they will celebrate their new beginnings for the decade." It has been a tradition every year to celebrate the Christmas season with my parents, and it will be great to fulfill the tradition once again this year," said Jenny Gieselman.



Isabella Spezia!



My family and I were sitting at this restaurant on a beautiful night when we looked to our side and saw this pretty sight. It was 8:00 at night and the sunset was the best for dinner and especially for a picture. My mom said "Good thing I have my camera with me tonight because of this sunset".



**OUR NEW YEAR IN PICTURES...**

Madison Mauser



By New Years, many of my fondest memories have resurfaced, including the many from ice skating on the pond in my backyard. The earliest memory I have of ice skating is from when I was only 6. "Some of my happiest memories were made while ice skating," says Lauren Mauser.

Grace Morgan



Over break, traveling around the country is many American's favorite thing to do to celebrate New Years. In fact, according to USA Today, roughly 1 million Americans travel to New York for New Years to watch the ball drop. "I have never been to New York to watch the ball drop, but when I see it on TV it seems like a very captivating and exciting place to be that time of year," states Becky Morgan.

Landen Henery



At a New Year's Eve party, festive balloons wrap around a dessert table. The gold, black and white balloons, which are a symbol for graduation from the year, range from the size of a bowling ball to the size of a tennis ball. "I think they are cool. They are colorful and decorative and look cool." 8th grader Vincent Clark stated.

Delaney Payne



After bringing in the New Year Delaney and her family go to the frozen lake and watch fireworks bringing in the new year. My mom said that she, "I really like watching fireworks because it's a really fun tradition we do every year."

Lea Rauh



With 2020 at hand and resolutions in mind, 8th grader Allison Lukens is ready to start her new year's resolutions by spending more of her time outside. According to American Medical Association, it is proven that 40% to 50% of Americans participate in making New Year's Resolutions. "I really wanted to make a New Year's Resolution because I realized that the beauty of life isn't found indoors," says Allison.

Lucinda Haselton



With a new decade starting, people are extra excited for the new year. Some people say that the decade starts in 2021 because there was no year zero. "I think

it's easier to understand if the decade starts around the year 2020 or 2030" says Hayley-Kate Nelms.

OUR NEW YEAR  
IN PICTURES...

Paige Rushlow



After the new year, comes a brand new day, year, and decade. With excitement filled all around many families are buying their new calendars and displaying them for the new year. With over 16 million calendars bought worldwide every year, calendar are a common household item. With holidays ending and new ones arriving calendars are the best solution for starting off the new year on the right foot.

Maya Derey



On New Years Eve many family and friends get together and celebrate the upcoming new year. Many friends and families buy party props such as confetti, silly

hats, and all sorts of props. According to Statista.com most people spend 40-61 dollars on new year decorations. "New Year decorations are fun to have because it makes new year eve more fun" says 8th grader John Hulswit.

Sarah Spearing



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Jenna Christoff



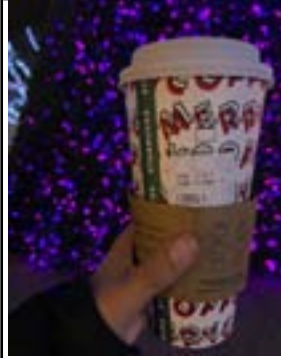
With homemade decor and flowers, the Christoff family is ready to celebrate 2020. On New Year's Eve, the family stays up to midnight, waiting for the new year. "It's fun to stay up late every year and watch the ball drop" says Ethan Christoff, who is celebrating his tenth New Years.

Courtney Unruh



Along the countryside a crisp cold winter morning gives off a sense of joy while Courtney Unruh is enjoying a snowball fight with her cousins. This is just one of many fields surrounding her at her uncle's ranch. Ryan Unruh stated, "With the decade ending new opportunities are rising."

Brooke Mery



Over the winter, hot chocolate and coffee gets very popular. Big companies like Starbucks have many varieties of warm drinks to help you stay warm during the winter. "Starbucks has the best white hot chocolate and I get it whenever it is in season." 8th grader Aubrey Mery explains.



Matthew Barkman



With colorful explosives and big parties celebrating new years at Shanty creek is very fun for everyone. Every year on New Year eve Shanty Creek, a ski resort in northern Michigan, the staff puts on a big party followed by a big show of fireworks to kick off the new year. Dan Bowyer a long-time resident of the resort said that he enjoys seeing the fireworks every year and thinks that it is a great way to kick off the new year.

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always a good way to a fresh start.

For many, The New Year is a new start, some people try to give more and some others may try to be better to themselves like eating healthier, exercising more, and being more positive. This photo represents the different goals some people may have for the year and how it is organized. For this year, my goal is to go vegetarian. The New Year is

Lily Nouman



She was asked why she likes to draw around New Year's, and she had a great response! "I like to draw for New Year's because it can show my art progress throughout the years."

Around the time of the New Year, Paige Nouman gets into the spirit to draw things for 2020. Paige created a beautiful picture with 2020 in blue and red, and nice purple stripes leading upwards.

Ashlynn Redhage



New Years Eve. New Years is one of the biggest celebrations all throughout the world, especially in Australia.

With visions at hand and new years resolutions in mind, families are celebrating the new decade as we transition into 2020. It was estimated that there were over one million people who celebrated the New Year in Times Square, and over a billion watching throughout the world on December 31st,

