



The Paw Print

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FRIGHT NIGHT

By: Aiden Bowyer

According to history.com, Halloween is a holiday celebrated on the last day of October by millions of people each year. Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1. This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31 they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. Now, Halloween is a day of fun activities such as dressing up, decorating, and trick-or-treating, which started in the 1920s



6th grader Avery Bowyer says that she celebrates Halloween because it's a holiday that some people really like, it's fun, and it is really cool to see all the decorations. On Halloween, Avery helps her family decorate, dresses up, goes trick-or-treating, and eats a lot of candy. This year she is celebrating with her family and friends. Avery prefers to go to Huckleberry Railroad and Clarkston to trick-or-treat.



7th grader Onica Glonski celebrates Halloween because she is able to get together with her family and have fun. Onica decorates, eats, dresses up, and goes out to trick-or-treat. Onica prefers to trick-or-treat because it is fun to go out and get candy. She goes trick-or-treating in her neighborhood.



8th grader James Hy celebrates Halloween because he likes to enjoy the fun with his friends. James likes to be himself and trick-or-treat. He likes to trick-or-treat with his mom and friends in the Auburn Hills apartments. James does not decorate for Halloween. He likes to trick-or-treat, but sometimes he just likes to pass out candy and see everybody's costumes.



Knocking on the door of somebody's house, Avery Bowyer is trick-or-treating all through the night dressed as a lemur. According to census.gov, forty-one million kids go trick-or-treating each year, going house to house for candy. "I think Halloween is really fun because you get to dress up and run around with your friends to get candy," says 8th grader, Gracie Chraska.





ENTER IF YOU DARE

By: Lauren Schmidt

Boo! It's Halloween season at OMS and with all out decorations and excited kids, OMS is more than ready. A major part of Halloween for the student body at OMS is haunted houses. Whether indoor or outdoor, in a big group or in a small group, haunted houses are a spooky fun time! Everybody has their own opinions on haunted houses, but nonetheless you are always in for a great haunt!

In Ms. McNeil's class, 21 people liked haunted houses, while 9 did not like them.



6th grader Chloe Verbeke has gone to many haunted houses and has even been apart of one. When asked about this experiance she states, "It was really fun, but the worst thing about it was that you couldn't go through."



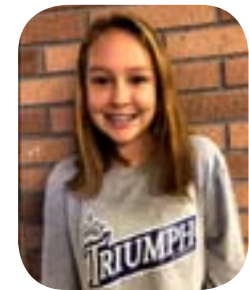
7th grader Izac Fantich like the diversity of haunted houses. He says, "It can have spooky stuff or not." There's something for everyone!



What is your favorite part of Halloween? OMS is more than ready for the season, with haunted decorations all throughout the school for everybody to look at. We have 2 main locations with decorations that are right on the way to lunch, no matter the grade or team. 8th grader Tessa Saussle says, "The halloween decorations get me in the mood for haunted houses."



8th grader Sophie Damer enjoys going to haunted houses with a small group of friends. She says, "I want to go in small groups because then you won't lose anybody."



8th grader Natalie Soule does not like going to haunted houses. "I don't really like them because they are really scary and intense." However, she did say that she may go with friends sometime.

What is a mummies favorite type of music? Wrap

What do you call two spiders that just got married? Newly Webbed

DRESS TO SCARE

By Keaton Linn

Halloween costumes are just as important as trick or treating or handing out candy. Halloween costumes are a way to express what you like. People when asked “What’s your Halloween costume this year?” Most of them were very different answers all the thought were really cool, which is usually expensive. However, did you know, according to static brain.com, the average amount of costumes spent is 31 dollars per person each year.

According to nrf.com, people spend 2.1 billion dollars just on Halloween costumes themselves. Kids spend 1.1 billion dollars alone.



Out of a 6th class poll, 15 of the 26 kids said that they were something different from gaming, sports or a t.v show. However, 3 kids are going as something gaming.

We got a victory royale! Fortnite a new game for free on any console is going to end up as a popular costume in the U.S for Halloween. Four million people play Fortnite each month. Tiayona Cox from 7th grade said, Fortnite will be a popular costume because they have skins and is popular.



6th grader Raymond Power, said he will be a warrior because it makes him feel very heroic.



7th grader Kyle Johnson said she would want to be a banana and write “na na” on it because it sounds like Havana by Camila Cabello.



8th grader Devon Ripplettoe said he will be David S. Pumpkins from SNL because he will be in a group trick or treat this year.

HALLOWEEN SWEET TOOTH

By Riley Spurlock

On Halloween night every kid loves to go out and get free candy from people's houses and dress up. Everyone has a candy they like from sour, to sweet, to chocolate, to chewy to hard candy. So let's talk about some students favorites here at OMS. According to a history website In North America, trick-or-treating has been a Halloween tradition since the late 1920s. In Britain and Ireland the tradition of going house-to-house collecting food at Halloween goes back at least as far as the 16th century, as had the tradition of people wearing costumes at Halloween.

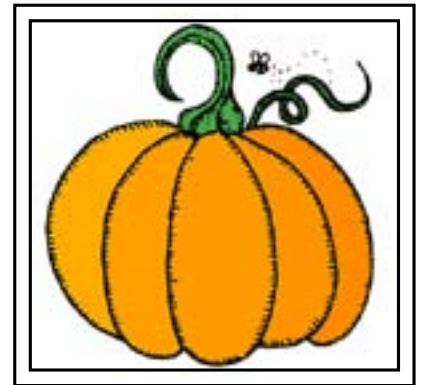
6th grader Reilly Bartmass said if she had to choose between salty or sweet she would choose sweet because she doesn't enjoy salty as much as she enjoys sweet. She says her top favorite candy is chocolate bars.



7th grader Ryan Shots said that he prefers chewy over chocolate candy any day because chewy candy gives you that sugary taste and lasts longer in a way. He says that he loves sour patch kids, and sweet tarts minis.



8th grader Addison Lester said that her favorite candy from halloween is skittles because it tastes really good and it feels like rainbows in her mouth. Her top three are skittles, Reccies cups, and air heads.



Halloween is a very popular holiday in the U.S. A big thing with Halloween is for people to put large bowls of candy overflowing with candy so every kid can get a piece of candy for free all night. Before Halloween 50 tons of jolly ranchers are sold each year for Halloween according to a website about the jolly rancher history. 8th grader Cece Nicholson she says "she says its a fun holiday and she really enjoys it and she loves all the free candy she gets."



Community/World News



Save The Bees

By: Olivia Clark

Soon the honey that we eat and the flowers that we plant will be a distant memory from the past. Recently, various species of bumble bee have been going extinct. In collaboration from a number of websites, scientists believe that there are many possible causes for the bee population decrease such as colony collapse disorder, (when the worker bees die and leave only the queen bee and nurse bees), cold winters, bee-killing pesticides, and lack of biodiversity. All of these causes could eventually kill off the bees completely. Without bees, we most likely wouldn't have any fruits and vegetables because plants cannot produce food if they aren't pollinated. Mrs. Croteau says "With no bees, there will be no food, and everyone will die." Honey bees play a very important part of the food chain and have a big role in the ecosystem. 6th grader Cole Bidlack says, "Bees are important because they make honey." They are also responsible for almost all of the pollination done to plants. This means that we need to save the bees. According to www.buzzaboutbees.org, one way we could help save the bees is by protecting their hives, or by simply spreading the word.



Scientists at National Geographic say that one of the best ways to preserve the bees is to plant flowers that are native to your area, or by choosing ones that attract bees. When I interviewed 6th grader David Hixon about the issue. He said, "We could save them by using those special guys with masks that keep them safe for the winter." Those guys are called bee keepers. Though they do take the honey the bees make, the bee keepers protect the bees and keep them safe. Clearly honey bees are an essential part of the ecosystem, so next time you see one remember, we need to save the bees!

All around the world, flowers like this could disappear very soon. This is because honey bees are dying out. Honey bees perform about 80% of the pollination done to plants, and a single bee colony can pollinate 300 million flowers a day! Without a doubt, bees are very important for the environment.





THE MAN OF THE 21ST CENTURY



Image courtesy of Google Images

By: Tanner F. DeMarco

Elon Musk is America's newest billionaire. As the CEO of Tesla and SpaceX, the founder of PayPal and even more, Musk has been given national attention as a philanthropist and a living legend. Though Musk has been a prominent figure in the world as a celebrity/billionaire, many people do not know of him. Those who do, however, think very highly of Musk and what he's attempting to do for the world. Back in June, Musk had been planning on building a submarine to save children lost in a cave in Thailand. The boys were rescued before the submarine could be used, but this shows how conscious Musk is of the world around him.



From money to space, Elon Musk has done business in many different fields. In 23 years, Musk has started the companies SpaceX, Paypal, Tesla, The Boring Company, OpenAI, Zip2, and Neuralink. "I think that Elon Musk has become incredibly successful and what he does is really cool," says 8th grader Michael Duong.



6th grader Cody Musiao is very curious about Musk. "I think he's really passionate," Musiao says. "He's new to the business [of space], so I think he could make some mistakes." Elon Musk has been talking about colonizing Mars for quite some time now, a goal seemingly impossible to reach.



7th grade science teacher Mr. Thaler is a pretty big fan of Elon Musk. When asked his thoughts about him, Mr. Thaler said, "He's unique. I like what he's trying to do in transportation." Musk has been working on underground tunnels to help alleviate traffic in larger cities.



8th grader Dale Schmalenberg was quick to respond when I asked him his opinion on Musk. "I really think he's going somewhere with all of his companies," Dale states. Since 1995, Musk has started 7 successful companies.



7th grader Jayden Grunkemeyer is very concise with her thoughts on Musk. "I think he's very smart. He comes across as very technological," Jayden adds. "He could do very good things."

FAVORITE SPOTS IN OXFORD!

By: Brianna Penzien

Oxford 7. The legacy center. The Yo Club. These are all places citizens in Oxford like to enjoy. We students at OMS especially love these areas. We are very lucky to have some great restaurants entertainment centers and local businesses in our small village. But what are the favorites?



8th grade student Imani Tenorio-Pinter shared her favorite place in Oxford to eat. Between the many restaurants making this a hard choice to make. Imani stated, "I like the Oxford Tap, because I hangout with my mom there and it is a very chill place."



When asked what he could add to Oxford 8th grade student Duncan Jackson stated, "PaPis Chicken because they have the best chicken around." Papis chicken started in Louisiana and is now expanding quickly. Duncan really must love this fast food restaurant.



There are many things to do in Oxford. Places to eat have fun with your friends and do what you love. 7th grade student Ella Flores stated, "I like to go to the yo club because there are several things you can try out."



A popular place to hang out in Oxford is the Legacy Center. Before this building was made into a center that includes things like a trampoline park it was used as a manufacturing center. Oxford citizens really love this building.

Dessert places!

Between the Yo Club, Bubble Tea, Tim Hortons, McDonalds, Frosty Boy and Dairy Queen we have lots of places to get dessert. We have places to get a wide range of sweet treats whether it is ice cream or doughnuts. In Mrs. Croteaus 6th hour classroom, 9 out of 22 students liked Frosty Boy the best, 8 of the students liked Bubble Tea, 4 of the students liked the Yo Club, and lastly only one of the students liked Tim Hortons the best. Clearly Frosty Boy is the most liked dessert place according to this class.

Entertainment places!

We all love to hang out with our friends and luckily we have many places to do that in Oxford. We have the Legacy Center that includes fun places like escape rooms and other things like parks and beaches in Oxford. Out of Urban Air, Oxford 7, Semor Lake Park and our beaches 11 out of Ms. McNeils 6th hour students like Urban Air the best. Moving on, 8 students choose the beach, 6 students choose Oxford 7, and 3 students choose the park. As you can see Urban Air is definitely the main Oxford attraction.

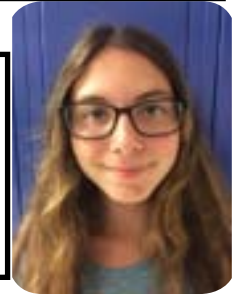
Students Favorite Place To Travel In Michigan

Oxford is one of the small cities in Michigan. Most families travel during the summer or during breaks during the school year. Most people go somewhere out of Oxford to have fun with friends and family on vacation. Most families travel during the summer or during breaks during the school year. There are many places to travel in Michigan. Here are some of students favorite places to travel in Michigan.



6th grader Laila Carleton usually goes on vacation with her family, but occasionally she goes on vacation with her friends and cousins. Laila doesn't have one specific place she likes to travel at the moment.

8th grader Alivia McGuire loves to go up to Kalkaska during the summer. She goes to Kalkaska to ride quads through ORV trails with her family. But during the winter she loves to go up to the Upper Peninsula to go snowmobiling with her family.



Cousins, 8th grader Victoria Adcock and 6th grader Ryan Hauxwell, both stated that they prefer to go on vacation together because they like to hangout and spending time with family. They both stated that they prefer to go camping because they can have more time together as a family.



"Pack light for you can bring stuff home" 7th grade teacher Ms. McNeill. Packing light makes it easier to bring merchandise home from vacations. Over 10% of the United States population travels every year according to BRKTrail.com.



8th grader Lacionna Castillo-Castillo's favorite place to travel to is Flint. Lacionna likes to go to Flint because she gets to visit her grandmother and spend time with her.

TOP 5 PLACES TO TRAVEL IN MICHIGAN

1. Traverse City
2. Frankenmuth
3. Lansing
4. Upper Peninsula
5. Port Huron

According to Mr. Peruski's 6th hour class

7th grader Zoey Moore would rather travel to Traverse City than Frankenmuth. Zoey has been to Frankenmuth but just thinks Traverse City has more things to do. She prefers to go to Traverse City because she went on a vacation to Traverse City to go water rafting.



7th grader Stephen Bilbey loves to go to the Ausable River with his family. He likes to go to the Ausable River because it's fun and he can swim in the river.



LIFE WITH ELECTRONICS



Article by: Katherine Lewis



Many students use phones like this for everyday entertainment. Students love to text friends, and check social media. Olivia Guy says she enjoys being able to chat with friends and make plans.

Electronics are a big part of our lives. From texting friends, to searching through the web, we use our electronics every day. According to www.washingtonpost.com, teens spend about 9 hours on their phones per day! Some people say electronics are bad for you, and others say it's fun and entertaining.



6th grader Ellie Johnson says that she spends about 30 minutes on her phone everyday. "I think that this is a bad amount because I should be outside more." Johnson says that she doesn't want her phone to affect her life too much.



7th grader Caitlyn Ivory says she spends about 30 minutes per day on her phone. She says that this amount is good because other people use their electronics for a much longer time. Ivory says she only uses her phone for texting.



8th graders Ryan Chisholm, Julianne Christensen, and Olivia Guy say they all spend about 5-7 hours on their phones per day. "I should be more active. Being on my phone all the time is bad for my health," says Chisholm. "I mostly use my phone for social reasons, like texting friends," Christensen says. When asked about having her phone taken away for 2 weeks, Olivia Guy said that she would be extremely mad because she couldn't talk to her friends and make plans.



There is a debate on whether or not teachers should allow phones in classrooms, "Teachers should not allow phones in classrooms because the teacher could take the phone away," says Johnson. Caitlyn Ivory agrees, "Sometimes the kids could goof off." Chisholm, Christensen, and Guy all say that teachers should definitely allow phones in classrooms because the students might need it for learning purposes.

EATING OUTSIDE

Cece Nicholson

Early in the year, every grade got to eat outside, with a provided lunch, on the football fields. After interviewing several students, it became clear the most everyone liked eating outside and would want to be able to do it again. There were several benefits to eating outside, however, it is very difficult to set up a lunch like that. There are over 1,000 students in the school. That means there are over 1,000 students to provide a lunch for over 1,000 students. Which is around 1,000 dollars or more. That would take a lot of fundings. Dr. Sproul says, "If we were to make it more often, it would have to have organized times like The Barbaque." He also said that everyone seemed to have a nice time so it would be something they could try to do it again. Overall, due to fundings and finding time for it, if kids want to do another barbaque we could be able to do annually or twice a year.



Grace Butzu eats outside on the football field during the barbaque on September 28th 2018. She sits in a big group of friends enjoying the time she has outside. "Eating outside was sure fun and I hope we get to do it again," she says.

6th grader Sophia Butzu said that she enjoyed eating outside and would like to have the opportunity to do it again. She says "Eating outside was fun because I could sit with more of my friends since there was not a certain amount of seats.



7th grader David Swoish says that he liked eating outside and would like to have the chance to at least once a month. He also said he would like to have pizza and hamburgers too.



8th grader Ava Sinicola said she enjoyed eating outside better than eating inside. She says, "I liked that I was able to go and talk to other circle groups without having to be told to sit down or go back to my seat." She believes that eating outside gave her the ability to socialize more and be more inclusive.



Student Life

New School Year, New Schedule

By: Sarah Mojek

Every new school year brings changes but this year brought a big one, a schedule change. This new schedule is very similar to the high school's schedule. On Mondays there is no 7th hour, on Tuesdays there is no 6th hour, on Wednesdays there is no 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hours, on Thursdays there is no 5th hour, and on Fridays there is no 4th hour. Many students prefer this schedule to the old one where students saw every class each day except on block days where the classes were extended and students only saw half of their classes. Many students prefer the new schedule and find it less stressful.

6th grader Keera Soulitotis says, "I like the schedule because it's really not that confusing, you don't have every class everyday. I think the block day schedule would be tiring because to sit in one class for an hour and a half would be boring and make me lose interest. I think I would like this schedule better because all the classes are at good times and they are good lengths."



Switching schedules! Many students were confused at the start of the school year when they found out Oxford Middle School changed schedules. This schedule change effects over 1,000 students. 8th grader Olivia Clark says, "I like the schedule change because you have class 4 days a week and it's more consistent."

"I like this schedule. I like it better because there are no block days and we have one less class every day." -Addison Berger



New schedule! The school decided to change schedules this year and they switched to a schedule more like the high school's schedule. The middle school had its previous schedule for about five years. 8th grader Abbey Mumbrue says "I like the new schedule change."

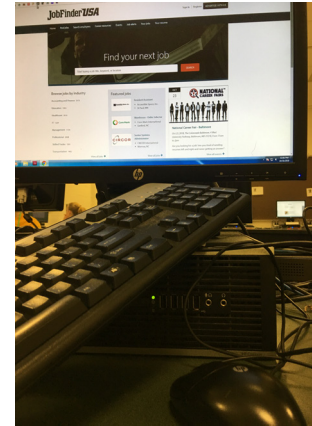
7th grader Addison Berger says, "I like the new schedule change because it's nice sometimes to not have a class, and I didn't like the block schedule because the classes were really long. I like it better because there are no I think the new schedule is less stressful."

8th grader Ella Cordes says, "Like most things I am sort of in a daze and I follow along with what everyone tells me to do for the first month. Then, I get it mixed up, so I think eventually I am going to figure it out, but I like the fact that we don't have ninety minute classes anymore. Those were way to long and I just fell asleep, but the 45 minute classes were way too short. I like the high school schedule better because every class is the same length and there is no confusion, I don't end up with first hour everyday. You kind of have to adapt to it eventually but once you get the hang of it you're not trying to remember if it's an even day or if it's an odd day or if you have to go to this class or that class eventually you just figure it out. The 45 minute classes were to short, we could never take tests or quizzes and it always bled into the next day. The 95 minute classes we ended up spending 95 minutes doing nothing because kid's brains died."

Jobs: The Good vs The Bad

Paige Comito

Growing up and getting a job is something that everyone thinks about during Middle School. However, some are more desirable than others, most of it depends on the student's interests and personality. For example, someone who is creative would get a job as a costume designer, whereas someone logical could be a judge.



Doctors, judges, and writers. Which to choose? As of September 2018 the unemployment rate in the USA is 3.7 percent according to Statista.com, meaning that it is best to start thinking now. But as Elbert Hubbard once said, "Work to become, not

Patience Lambert - 6th grade

Taiyona Cox - 7th grade

Isabelle Agan - 8th grade



“I like the art of taking photos,”

Patience said when asked why she wanted to be a photographer. Looking at people's teeth is something she dislikes, causing her not to want to be an orthodontist.



Taiyona wants to go into the army when she grows up. This is because a lot of her family also went into it. She does not want to be a teacher because she dislikes kids.



Isabelle Agan says she wants to be an animator. Animation is time consuming, so she will not be bored while doing her job. Isabelle does not want to be a garbage man because of the stink.

SIPPING THROUGH FALL

By: Anna Rinke

Fall is a season for pumpkin flavored beverages, going to get apple cider and anything else giving off those fall vibes. Many Students like fall and say that apple cider is one of their fall favorites, while some say differently. Many students have their preference- likes and dislikes.

70%

of students say they like to drink apple cider in the fall

13%

of students say Lattes and other drinks are what they like to drink in the fall



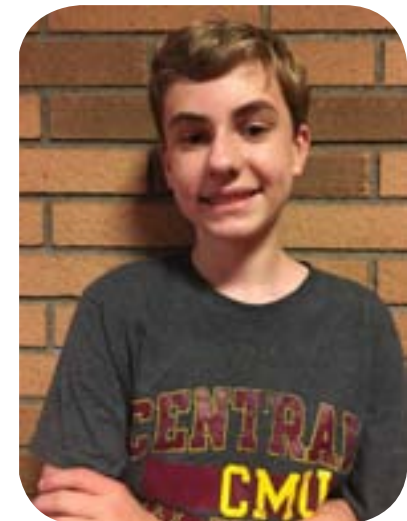
McDonald's frappes are good for the season and year round. Many people go to McDonald's and some may find that they change their drinks based on the season, like many other places. McDonald's is a good place to find many drink that best fits the season and liking.



6th grader Darby Fitzpatrick says that her favorite seasonal fall drink is Hot chocolate and she enjoys it mostly during the fall going into the winter season. "Hot chocolate is my favorite because I love anything chocolate!" says Darby.



7th grader Olivia Mihailovich says that pumpkin spice lattes from Starbucks are her favorite fall drink "It reminds me of the first fall gives me a good feelings"



8th grader Jackson Brandt says that his favorite fall drink is Apple cider and water, he likes to get his apple cider from Yates Cider Mill. "I like apple cider because it taste good, I like fall because of its colors and drinks"

FORTNITE FAVORITES

By Cameron Bukoski and Dominic Crocenzi

Fortnite is the most played game in 2018. The game is loved by many students at OMS and played on a variety of computers and consoles, including Xbox, PS4, PC, mobile and now the Nintendo Switch. The game consists of 100 players skydiving towards an island where they find weapons, try to get a victory royale and try to avoid getting trapped in a storm. The island also is full of floating islands, anti-gravity zones and meteorite craters, but Fortnite was not always full of these mysteries...



8th grader Jackson Brandts states that his favorite Fortnite season is "Season negative one because the world was better off before Fortnite existed." His favorite Fortnite skin and dance are the "defaults because there is no point in paying money."



Getting ready to play, 8th grader Dominic Crocenzi is about to play a game of Fortnite and get a victory royale.

8th grader Devon Rip-petoe proclaimed that "Season 2 is the best because there was no Tilted Towers" He also states that the "default skin" is his favorite Fortnite skin.



7th grader Owen Earls favorite Fortnite emote is "Orange Justice because it's funny to watch." His favorite Fortnite skin is "Zoey because her pigtailed move when she does the floss." His favorite season is "Season Six because of the new loot lake."



Running and moving in Fortnite is easy as using WASD. The mouse buttons for looking, aiming and shooting. The F1-F4 is used for building and M is to open the map and stay ahead of the storm.

7th grader Owen Trudells favorite skin in Fortnite is the "Dark Voyager because it looks cool." His favorite dance is "orange justice" and his favorite season is Season 6



6th grader William War-drops most favorite Fortnite season is currently "Season 6 because of the new island" and his favorite skin is "the default starter skin."

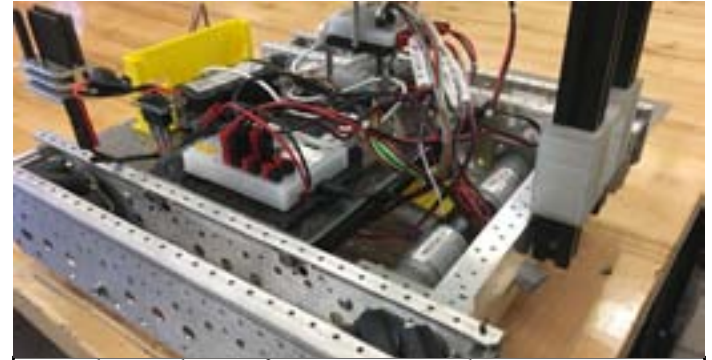
6th grader Max Lvions believes that "Season 6" is his favorite and the "Smooth moves" is his favorite dance and his favorite Fortnite skin is the, "The Black Knight"



BUILDING ROBOTS

By: Dale Schmalenberg

Do you like programming or building things? If so, robotics would be perfect for you! In robotics, there are three main jobs that you can do: building, computer aided design, and programming. Aside from those, there are a few more minor, but not less important jobs. These include engineering workbook, fundraising, and marketing. During robotics meets, the builders work with tools and metal to assemble a working robot, computer aided designers use Inventor to build the robot on a computer, and programmers use a programming language called Java to get the robot running. The engineering notebook worker keeps track of everything the team does, and records it in the engineering notebook. If you would enjoy any of these tasks, then robotics would be perfect for you!



Complex making of team 11231 Cyborg Cats is a robot that will soon be able to collect particles, and insert them into a container. The first competition will be the 3rd week of November, so the team has 10 more meetings to finish the robot. 8th grader Tanner DeMarco says, "I think that robotics is cool, and I like to watch the games."



6th grader
Jenna Duong is in 6th grade, and she is on team 5291 TOWR in robotics. In robotics, Jenna helps with the business plan, and she works on the engineering notebook. Jenna thinks that robotics is important because it can help with life skills and it can help students find a job if they want to be an engineer. She says that the hardest part about robotics is the competition because it is a lot of pressure.



7th grader
Dylan Prezcora is on the team 11230 Electrakatz. On robotics, he works on fabricating parts, and he drives the robot at competitions. He thinks that robotics is important because when you are looking for a job many jobs require skills used in robotics. When Dylan grows up he wants to be an astrophysicist. He thinks that the hardest problem about robotics is building the robot, but he also thinks that that is the most fun part.



8th grader
Ian Stewart is in 8th grade, and he is on the robotics team Metal Benders. On robotics, he builds, fabricates parts, and wires. He thinks robotics is important because it can help with people getting an engineering job, he says that the hardest part about robotics is trying not to get hurt.

CYBER

The practice of cybersecurity in the United States is at an all-time high, but it still may not be enough. That is where the CyberPatriot program comes in. The CyberPatriot program is a group led by the U.S. Air Force. This group has people at schools training select students to work as a cybersecurity agent, by working in different aspects of a computer's insides. This involves things such as re-coding an operating system to make it stronger to encrypting data to even hack into a system to prevent dangers. This is a hard task, and this year is Oxford's first year in taking part.

The Air Force CyberSecurity unit is one of the best in the world. The Air Force is the lead division in the country for all cybersecurity-related to mass security and government. The Government will lead divisions to do specific things such as protect large companies like Google, which could potentially end up causing problems for the whole world by losing information to hackers around the world.

Security Programs

Norton Security
 Window Defender
 McAfee Security
 Avast Antivirus
 Comcast Security
 Spectrum Speedscan
 ZoneAlarm

Popup Blockers? - NO!

Never use popup blockers because you never know what can be loaded into them, even if there are millions of 5-star reviews. These can have problems embedded into the latest update, and you don't know until it's too late.

Cyber Tips From Cybersecurity Members

Always have a password
 2-Factor Authentication
 Use tablets to secure data
 Virus Protection Products
 No Popups
 No extensions on browsers
 Don't connect to untrusted networks
 Careful about downloads
 Clear Recycle Bin



Cybersecurity team members Dale Schmalenberg and Michael Duong are sitting at their computers ready to get to work. There are around 18 members across the whole club, with two teams of six middle school teams, and one team of six coming from the high school. "Cybersecurity is a really fun club," Michael Duong said.

What do we do?

In our practices, we learn different networking ideas from Cisco Education, and for a period of time, we used virtual machines. Virtual machines are programs we have on computers to run a fake computer, or an image. These images are files that you download to use a computer, to use without changing your own computer. In these virtual machines, you need to fix the different problems with it, such as deleting users that shouldn't be on there, activating security features such as firewalls, and figuring out how to make the computer more secure in general.



SECURITY

By: William Owen

8th grader Wyatt Ashley is a member of the Cybersecurity team this year. The reason he joined the club is that he already has knowledge of programming. Wyatt has some experience in programming, and he's getting better every day. While Wyatt does have an interest in cybersecurity, he has more of an interest in software engineering. He has been working with different programming and software things for two years and has been enjoying it through that.



6th grader Jack Bracci is a member of this Cybersecurity team as well. He doesn't have much experience in working on cyber things, but he hopes to be able to help the team. He understands the basic knowledge required, and he likes to work with computers, and he says that he has had fun so far with the practices and hopes that Oxford continues working on this program.

7th grader Gavin Shafer is another team member on the cybersecurity team. He likes working with Mrs. Daversa for this club as well. He has some programming experience to have fun with and then likes getting into a computer to work on different aspects of it. He is having fun so far with this club and hopes that this club is contin-



What is 2-Factor Authentication
Two-factor authentication makes it so you can log into an account, and then you have to authenticate it with another program, through an email, or even sometimes a text message.



6th-grade PLTW teacher Mrs. Daversa is the leader of the new cybersecurity club here in Oxford. She said that the reason she wanted to bring this program to Oxford is that there are a lot of cybersecurity jobs coming to the world. She wanted to initiate this because it would give her students more opportunities. According to Mrs. Daversa, the program required a small bit of money to get it going, including costs of programs and competition fees. She also says that the club is still a work in progress, but she is very excited to see it continue on, including our first competition on November 4th and on.



GIRLS IN ~~BOY~~ SCOUTS

By Ian Alexander

For a long time, the title of Eagle Scout was only achievable by the most dedicated of men, but now that's changing and the honor can now be bestowed upon not only the most dedicated men, but the women who work just as hard for the coveted title. As of 2019, girls will be able to join scouts and face the challenges to work towards Eagle Scout. There are mixed options on girls and being allowed in Scouts.



8th grader Gavin Dell says, "I like Boy Scouts because of all the camping and fun activities we do. I recommend anyone who likes the outdoors to join scouts. I don't like the idea of girls being allowed to join because the program was made for boys and it will also be taking members from the girl scout program."



7th grader Naiobi Alexander says, "I'm interested in Boy Scouts because it seems like a fun way to learn a lot of valuable life lessons and skills. If we can get the five people we need to join, I'm going to earn the highest rank which is Eagle Scout."



The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have very different systems for earning badges the Boy Scouts have to

spend days creating and running cross country races and the Girl Scouts can earn orienteering in a mall. The Girl Scouts were created in 1912 and the boy scouts two year prior in 1910. Dale Schmaleberg says, "In Girl Scouts they do not do enough engaging activities."



6th grader Sawyer Hope says, "I like Boy Scouts because when we go camping I get to spend times with my friends. I think people should join Boy Scouts because it is very fun and interesting. I think girls who are interested in camping and learning valuable life skills should join scouts too."



By: Tessa Saussele

Languages and Electives in Our School

Everyone has their own opinions about the different languages and electives in our school. Some people want Woodshop in our school while others want home economics.

Survey

6th, 7th, and 8th graders were asked one of the languages and elective in our school down below of which one they would like in our school.

Languages:
 French: 8, 9, 10
 German: 14, 2, 6
 Japanese: 3, 1, 4
 Turkish: 0, 2, 1
 Italian: 1, 7, 7

Electives:
 Photography: 6, 5, 5
 Coding: 3, 9, 7
 Woodshop: 8, 2, 3
 Public Speaking: 1, 0, 0
 Home Economics: 12, 5, 12



Languages



6th grader Ellie Johnson takes Spanish. When Johnson was asked what language she would like in our school, she said she would like to take French. Johnson says, "I like the languages and electives in our school because you get to choose which one you want to do."



7th grader, Troy Hufnagel was asked if he wanted a language in our school. He would like German or French in our school. Also, Hufnagel said, "Yes, I like the languages and electives in our school because it gives you a chance to learn something new."



8th grader Gavin Aldred, who takes Chinese, says having German and French in our school would be cool. Aldred said, "I don't like the languages and electives in our school because it could be hard, and difficult to remember."

Electives



Art students at Oxford Middle School painted monochromatic paintings, displayed in the main hallway. Had to show values (light and dark values) and then negative space is painted with a complementary color. They spent 2-3 weeks working on this art project. Mrs. Gibson said "I love to see all the students being creative and the amazing artistic talent at OMS."



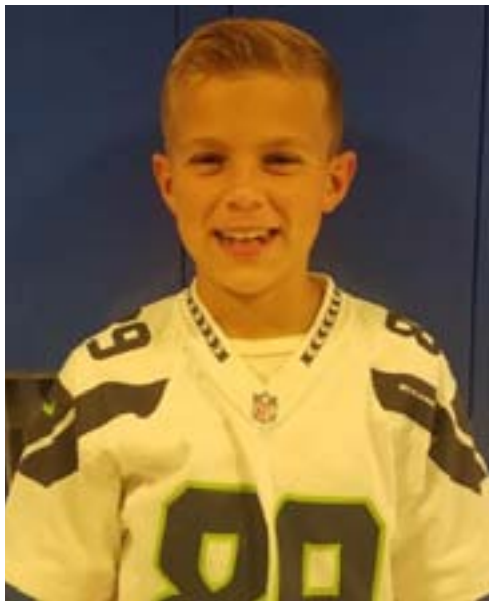
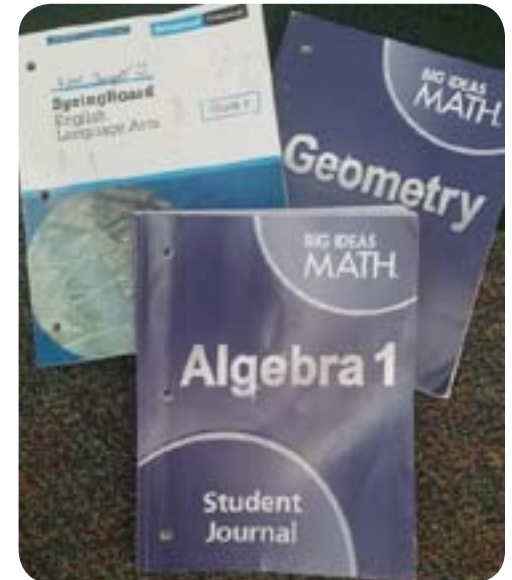
ABOVE THE CLASSES



By: Gracie Chraska

Here at Oxford Middle School we get offered advanced courses such as advanced math, algebra, geometry and ELA 9. These courses are offered to students who are at a higher placement than other kids in their grade. However, these classes can be controversial because some people think they may not be fair to the people outside of the class. It might make them feel less smart or some people don't like how much homework the class requires. Here are some opinions on the topic of whether advanced classes are more of a hassle than a benefit.

70% of schools offer advanced placement in the US. 25 out of 68 students are in either some or all advanced classes offered to the 8th graders. 8th grader Aiden Bowyer says "I like ELA 9 because it is fun to be able to go ahead instead of learning what I already know again", however she also states that, "because I'm in ELA 9 and algebra it can be more stressful than if I was in a normal level class."



6th grader Hunter Wittebort is not in any advanced classes although he does think that it is good for students to go ahead because "then they are learning something that they know and not something that is just a repeat". He also thinks that if he was in one that he would enjoy it.



7th grader Gabi Waig is in Accelerated Math. "I think it is fair that they go ahead because their brain works differently than others and it's only fair that every one is placed in the class they are supposed to be in."



8th grader Preston Mueller is in geometry. "Geometry is not my favorite subject, but I really like the teacher and he makes the subject more fun." He also states that "I think we may have a little bit more homework, but it's only fair because our class goes faster."

Tips and Tricks to Improve Your Grades and Relieve Stress

By: Ava Gordon

School has started up, and that means grades and stress. Everybody gets stressed, no matter if it's a little or a lot. Here are some tips and tricks to reduce stress and increase your grade.

Stress.

- #1 Stress is something that creeps on us on everyday life. According to Verywellmind.com, taking naps can help relieve stress (just don't nap during school).
- #2 Exercising and eating right not only helps you stay physically fit, but also helps mentally.
- #3 Breathing exercises and Progressive Muscle Relaxation (PMR) before bed can help relax and get a good nights sleep.
- #4 Music also helps, whether its just relaxing or studying.
- #5 Stay organized it is must-do when it comes to school. If everything's in its rightful place, there is no need to search for something.
- #6 Thinking positive and change your overall mood and decrease your worries.

Grades.

- #1 Improving your grade can be easy. Write down important dates-between tests and due dates, it is important to write them down and prepare.
- #2 Do any homework that your teacher assigns. Skipping homework can cause little 0's that can build up by the end of the semester.
- #3 Listen and pay attention in class. Teachers usually tell you everything you need to know during speeches and video. Instead of passing notes and talking-listen.
- #4 Finally, behave. This can definitely help you get on the teacher's good side. This may make them willing to give you extra credit or time to make up missing assignments.

Seventh grader Ella Flores is studying hard after a long day. She usually studies at her desk at home . Flores enjoys studying and studies Math.



Sixth-grader Riley McDevitt gets stressed easily. To help her calm down, she “keeps busy and thinks about what she is going to do after school.” She also listens to music. McDevitt studies at home, and she usually does a little bit at a time to pace herself. She likes her grades, and she usually gets A's. She gets stressed about homework and her sister. In a positive tone, McDevitt says “Try not to get stressed that often because the more you get stressed the harder things become for you. Just try to keep smiling throughout the day.”



Seventh-grader Victoria Stema, gets stressed easily because she's “always worried about grades and things she has to do that week.” She deals with stress by “relaxing, listening to music and talking to the people I trust about it.” She studies at home at her desk, usually Chinese, because she thinks its interesting, or Language Arts. She likes her grades and gets A's and B's. She gets stressed about grades and activities coming up.

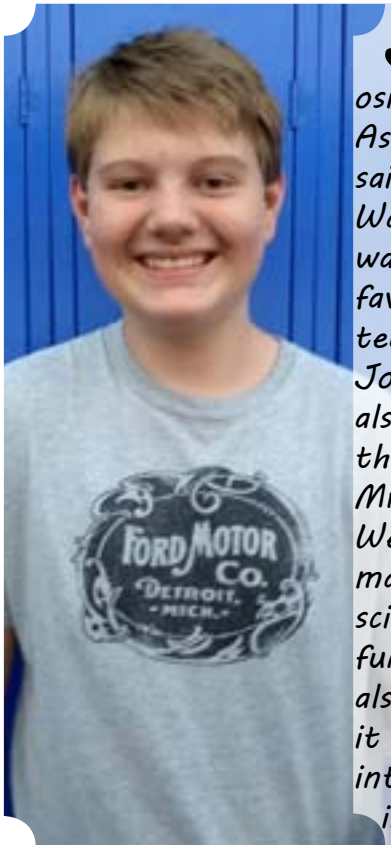


Eight-grader Kaleb Gordon, studies math and history in his room after school. He gets stressed about once a month, but he doesn't get stressed easily.

Some of Our Favorite Teachers Are

It is often debated between students who is the best teacher and who is the worst. The survey was given to 23 students in mixed grades. The amount of interviews from each grade depends on how long they been a student of OMS. So, three 8th grade interviews, two 7th grade interviews, and one 6th grade interviews. After interviewing 23 students, the top four teachers were found. Two Classes voted on who they thought was the most popular teacher out of the top four. By: Wyatt Ashley

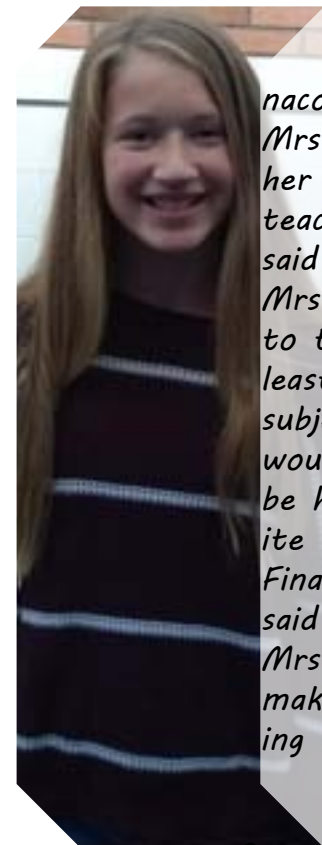
8TH GRADE



Josiah Ashman said Mrs. Warner was his favorite teacher. Josiah also said that Mrs. Werner makes science fun and also make it very interesting.



Xavier Clark said that his favorite teacher is Mr. Schmaltz. Xavier said if Mr. Schmaltz was to teach his least favorite he would still be his favorite teacher. He also said that Mr. Schmaltz is nice and that he makes teaching fun.



Ava Si-nacol said Mrs. Liu was her favorite teacher. Ava said that if Mrs. Liu was to teach her least favorite subject she would still be her favorite teacher. Finally, Ava said that Mrs. Liu makes learning fun.

2nd place is Ms Brown!
3rd place is Mrs Werner!
4th place is Mr Cisneros!

1st place
is...

7TH GRADE

6TH GRADE



Kaya Coffman said Mrs. Brown was her favorite teacher. Kaya also said that if Mrs. Brown was to teach her least favorite subject she would still be her favorite teacher.



Jack Jicin said that his favorite teacher is Mrs. Brown. Jack said if Mrs. Brown was to teach his least favorite subject she still might be his favorite.



Sarah Gibbons said Ms. McCusker was her favorite teacher. Sarah said that if Ms. McCusker was to teach her least favorite subject she would probably still be her favorite teacher.

Ms. Baran!



This is Ms. Baran teaching 7th-grade science to her 6th-hour class on the 12th of October. 10 out of 23 of the student interviewed said Ms. Baran was their favorite teacher. Ms. Baran said that "Science is fun by itself." She also said that not taking her self that seriously makes science more fun. Ms. Baran does a lot of hands-on activities that make science fun and more interesting to the students.



TRACK VS CROSS COUNTRY

By: Michael Duong

There are a lot of different sports. If you like running, then track or cross country is a sport for you. These sports have similarities and their differences. In both, you run everyday after school to prepare for the races. Cross country is a sport that takes place in the fall. In cross country, the only race you run is a two mile race. In cross country you get to race all of the people at the same time. You also get to run on a path through woods and cool scenery, and even a river for one race. Track is similar. Track is a sport that takes place in the spring. Unlike cross country, in track you can choose what type of race or event you do. When you race during a track meet, you race against seven other people on a track and compete for the best time. Track and cross country both have their advantages and disadvantages. Either way, track and cross country are both fun and amazing clubs.

Ready... Set... BANG! At Torzewski Park on October 11th, the Halloween cross country race took off. The



race has just begun at 4:45 pm, there are over 100 kids and everyone is running to win. "The race was fun because there were Halloween decorations in the woods," said 8th grader Landon Mysen.



6th grader Jake Bunting is a new cross country runner and hasn't run track before, but he has run on the varsity team and the JV team. Jake says that he likes cross country better. "In cross country you get to run with your friends and you can keep a slow pace and then some days you can play games." Jake says that he is doing cross country because he thinks that it's fun and he likes running. Jake's favorite thing about cross country is "Meeting up with his friends and running with them." To Jake, the hardest thing about cross country is "Running like two miles everyday."



7th grader Brock Trevino is a track and cross country runner. He has run the 400 and 100 meter run and has been running both for three years, but has not run on the varsity team. Brock says that track is better because, "I'm better at sprinting than I am long distance running." Brock says that he is doing track and cross country because "It helps me for wrestling." Brock says that his favorite part of track and cross country is running and the hardest part is practicing.



8th grader Abdullah Ali is a track and cross country runner. He has been running both since 6th grade and has been on the varsity and JV team for cross country. He has run the 1 mile and has done the 4 by 100 meter relay with his friends. Abdullah says, "I prefer cross country just because it's more diverse trails and it's cool scenery and you get to race against a lot of other people." Abdullah also says, "I do both because I'm not the greatest at very many other sports and I just like running." When asked what he likes the most about cross country Abdullah answered running and hanging out with his friends. For Abdullah, the hardest part he said is, "Definitely some parts of the training, especially interval days."

BOYS VS. GIRLS SOCCER

Elizabeth Rice

In the past there has been some conflict between girls and boys soccer. Some people say they are the same and others say they are different. When girls and boys play soccer they are almost always split up.



To win games you need to practice hard. This is the girls 04-05 soccer team, their score is 5 wins and one tie. Their record shows that they have been working hard in practice. They practice about 3 hours a week. 8th grader Brynn Patterson is on this team and she says, "That working hard in practice does make you a better player."

Some questions that were asked to the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders were, "Do you think there is a difference between girls and boys soccer?" "Do you enjoy playing soccer?" and "Do you feel girls and boys should play together?"

Oxford Soccer



6th grader Max Lovins was asked If he though there was a difference between girls and boys soccer, he said, "No not really, because they are played the same."



7th grader Soloman Roda was asked If he thinks girls and boys should play soccer together, he said, "I feel they could play together, they are both equal so its fine."



8th grader Paityn Hasselbring was asked If she enjoys soccer and if it would be effected if boys were playing with her, she said, "I like to be part of a team and having the team be good and able to work together well. I feel it would be the same if boys played with us."



SHOOTING TO WIN

by Leilah DeGasperis



The crowd starts cheering!!!! The girls basketball team wins! The seventh grade girls basketball team is currently undefeated 7-0. They have traveled to many places to play their games. The way the team gets warmed up and prepared for their games are especially important. Teamwork is also important for our teams too. When the girls warm up together, it can boost efficiency. This can help their game because the team is able to work together and score more points. Efficiency is good for the whole team so they can win all the games they can and help with their passing and shooting.

To practice multiple days a week is important for the girls success. The 7th grade team practices from 3 to 4:30 whenever they have practice. While they were doing layups, a drill that can help improve passing and shooting, all the girls seemed exhausted from working hard.



Ameila Foster is on the 8th grade team. "My favorite part about the team is the people on it. They are just amazing, sweet and so driven to the same goal we all have." Foster has played basketball for 9 to 10 years but this is her first year on the middle school team.



Stella Trushand is on the 7th grade team. Her and the team have many ways to warm up before their games, "we shoot baskets and warm up with each other," Trush says. The best way for her and her team to get ready for the games is to encourage each other and make sure their "pumped up" for the game.



Kitty Moris is also on the 7th grade team. "the best way for me to get ready for a game is to shoot some baskets and eat snacks so I have energy." Her favorite warmup is building because she can almost always get baskets. Building can help with maximizing your offensive skills

SPORTS STUDENTS WANT

By: Cy Charest



8th grader, Alivia McGuire says "Softball is a great sport because everyone can play, big or small. And everyone has a chance to be just as good as everyone else.



7th grader Grace Viviano says "Swimming is a fun, competitive light hearted sport. That involves everyone,



6th grader Logan Shaver says "Dance is a fun, easy-going sport. that though it can cause a lot of injuries and make them happen easily, it is fun to do and it is a great source of exercise

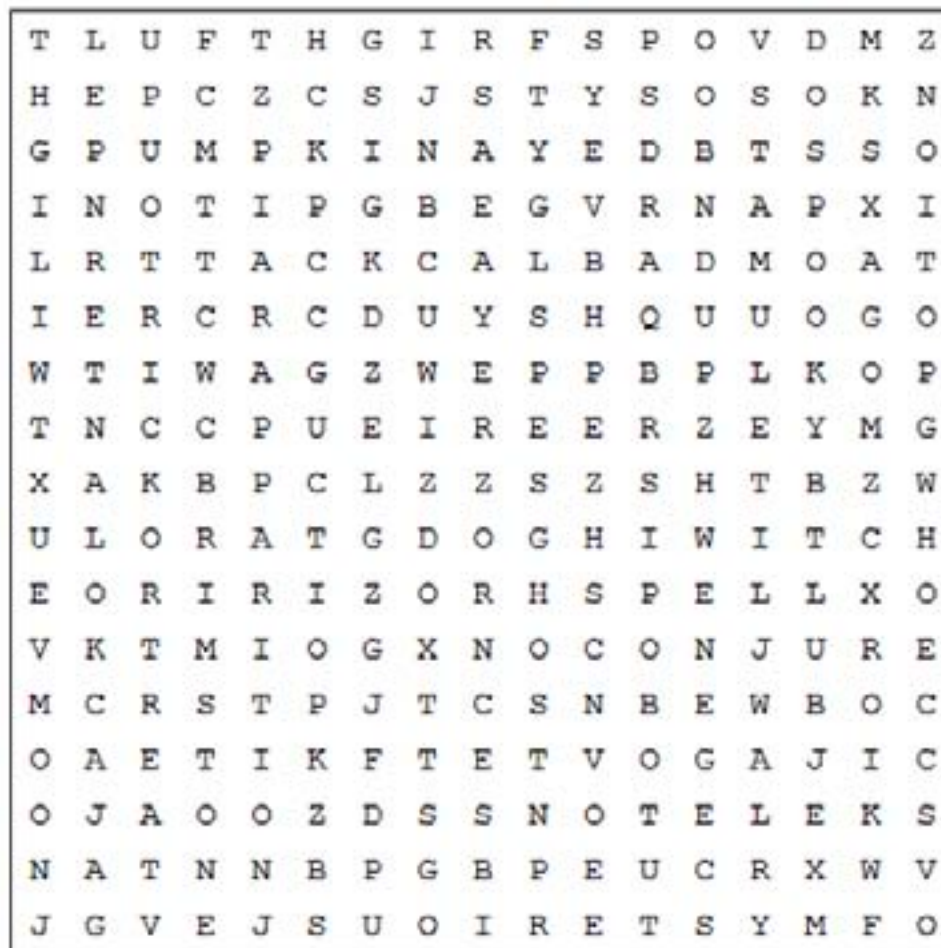
Softball,Swimming,Gymnastics,Dance, Lacrosse and Soccer. These are sports that three of Oxford Middle Schools students want. Sports help shape personalities, We become better people and even better students when we partake in sports (and activities) that we love. Coaches and advisors push us to be our best. To my surprise all of the students that I interviewed mentioned softball."Softball is a fun sport"(Says 7th Grader Grace Viviano)"Softball is a competitive sport but we all care for each other "(Said 8th grader Alivia McGuire.)" We have a lot of good players that play baseball/softball"(Said 6th grader Avery Shaver.) 7th grader Grace Viviano also mentioned that a lot of good football players and track/cross contry runners play other sports like baseball& softball and swimming.A lot of students are very passionate for sports that are not available at Oxford Middle School.



Lacrosse, one of the sports that my interviewee Grace Viviano had talked about wanting at this school for her to play with her and her friends. She was talking about how this school has a boys team but not a girls . She was also talking about how she has to wait for high school.



Happy Halloween



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