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The Origins of Mardi Gras

By Rosa Jimenez

It all began in 1699 when Jean Baptiste Le Moyne Sieur de Bienville, a French-Canadian explorer, discovered a piece of land. After realizing it was the eve of the holiday, he chose to name this piece of land Pointe du Mardi Gras. Mardi Gras, meaning Fat Tuesday in French, is held on Ash Wednesday and is the final celebration before the beginning of Lent; it is also considered to be a celebration of spring and fertility. New Orleans, established in 1718, soon became home to the Mardi Gras festivities. In its earlier years, Mardi Gras was not celebrated like it is today. Instead of holding parades, they would hold extravagant society balls.

Starting in the late 1830s, the festivities we are familiar with today began. Maskers with carriages strolled the streets, colorful lights dazzled around town, and parade floats filled the roads. After Russian Grand Duke Alexis Romanoff came to visit the town of New Orleans, he was honored in the parade with the now iconic colors of purple, green, and gold. Purple means justice, green means faith, and gold means power. That same day the Duke came to visit, the carnival's main song, "If I Ever Cease to Love You," was officially named the anthem of the festival. In 1875, the governor of Louisiana, Henry Wormoth, passed the Mardi Gras Act making Mardi Gras a legal holiday in the state. Now Mardi Gras is an annual celebration full of food, colors, music, and fun. Recognized throughout the world, the festival that started off as an elegant ball has turned into so much more. Mardi Gras has grown to be so popular that even our small school in the lovely state of Wisconsin chose to have it as our Homecoming theme which, hopefully, encourages the students to let the good times roll (in a school-appropriate way, of course)!

SOURCE: <https://www.mardigrasneworleans.com/history/>

Aspiring Author Bradley Galvin

By Emmett Clair

Bradley Galvin is an aspiring author who is currently in his sophomore year at Williams Bay. He has written four books including *Gladiator 1*, *Gladiator 2*, *Time War 1*, and *Time War 2*. *Time War 2* is his newest work and revolves around the plot of time travel. The book sells for around twelve dollars. He currently works at Sentry, but he plans to eventually quit so that he is able to focus on his writing.

His current project is the third installment of the Gladiator series, *Gladiator 3*. This book will be a year-long project that he plans to be around 300 pages in length. When the book is finally finished and printed, according to Galvin, it is very likely it will sell for twenty dollars a book.

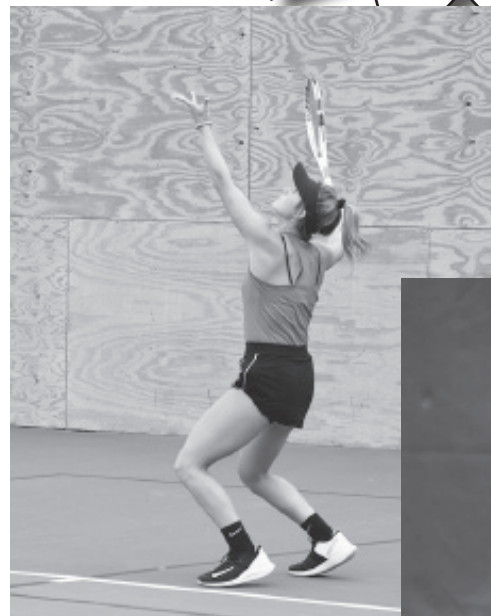
For future works, Galvin also wants to branch out into romance-drama. He may eventually try developing an audio book, where he is the one that will read to us. Bradley has a very supportive family who wants to assist him in his writing dreams, and he often gives out his books as gifts.

Galvin is in the middle of creating his own website and plans to have it up soon. On this website, you will most likely be able to buy all of his works. We asked Bradley to evaluate his greatest strengths and weaknesses and he stated his strengths were cross-country, U.S. History, and Math. His weaknesses were as follows: he's short, he's bad at Spanish, and he's bad at cooking.

If you are interested in buying any of Bradley's works, you can contact him at bgalvin@williamsbayschool.org.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Emily Gauger!
State Tennis



On October 14, tennis player Emily Gauger received a school-wide send off to her state tennis meet as a part of the Big Foot-Williams Bay Chiefdogs. Her trek through the halls included members of the Williams Bay High School Pep Band playing the Rocky theme, "Gonna Fly Now." She was marched off to the team van, received a police and fire escort through Williams Bay, and was on her way to the Division Two state tennis meet in Madison, Wisconsin. Emily had three wins in Madison against New London, Fox Valley Lutheran, and Xavier, placing her fifth overall. This is Gauger's third consecutive year competing at the state level. Emily's teammate, Jameson Gregory, also qualified for state at the Division 2 singles level. Congratulations, Emily!

What Are Our Teachers' Most Embarrassing Moments?

By Leeza Patterson and Samantha Thompson

Mrs. Kavanagh: Mine would be doing a faceplant on the gym floor while chasing a wayward volleyball at a game with only about 200 people watching!

Mr. Cullian: This past Wednesday, I was outside helping the middle school flag football team warm-up with Coach Dowden and Coach Welch, and as I was attempting a few high-knees, my khakis split right down the middle.

Was I mortified? Yes.

Did I show it? No. Never admit defeat in front of your troops.

Straight-faced with a hole the size of Nebraska in my trousers, I finished those high-knees and cried myself to sleep later that night in sheer embarrassment.

Mr. Welch: This is tough as I don't get embarrassed easily. However, the first time I met my wife's closest friends was at a wedding, probably a few months after we had started dating. The night was going great, the dance started, and, of course, I had to show off the dance moves. Not long into the dance, I decided to 'drop it low,' a little too low, and I ripped my pants. This happened around 8 and we stayed until the end of the night; this little event turned into quite the conversation starter around the wedding as the night progressed.

Mr. Tomaszewski: I have never been embarrassed in my life.

Ms. Majercik: I was in a college class, and it was, like, a late night class, like one of my education classes, and I set my ringtone, from the last *Hunger Games*, it was like, *doo doo doo,* like, I had that as my ringtone. It was the middle of class, it goes off, and the whole class just starts dying laughing, and, like, so I was, like, I think, I was a sophomore in college, and I was, like, my face turned bright red, I was so embarrassed, I was, like, 'Ohhh, my gosh,' so, yeah.

Ms. Fox: When I was younger I was at another school for a basketball game. We were all leaving the school and walking out the doors. I decided to walk through the left door while my friends walked through the right door. Turns out it was NOT a door and just super clean glass! I walked right into the glass wall, made a huge crunching sound and I had a giant goose egg on my forehead....#always-makesureitsadoor

Ms. Durkin: When I was a teenager, I went out to the car to wait for my parents. After sitting in the car for a few minutes and being annoyed with them for taking so long, I turned around to see if I could see them coming. I didn't see them, but I noticed a baby car seat in the back. We didn't have a car seat in our car. I quickly realized that I was in the wrong car! I threw the door open and hightailed it out. When I got to our family car, I found my parent's waiting for me and they were annoyed that they had to wait for me. I explained what happened and they quickly busted out laughing.

The Fall of Hero T.

By Kacey Pietrowiak and Grace Brown

“So, this was, uh, back in college. It was winter, and my roommate and I were in the library; it had to be like finals week or something because that was the only time I was ever in the library.”

laughter

“So I was studying for some sort of test or whatever, writing a paper, so we decided to head out to leave. It was snowing and raining, super slippery. You know, the usual Wisconsin winter. So we're walking out, and there's this girl walking out in front of me. There were stairs that went out of the library, going down onto the sidewalk. And I saw that she slipped [still walking down the stairs]—”

wheezing

“And she's about to fall backwards. But I'm, like, 'No. I'm the hero that she needs right now.' And I'm thinking that this is how a Hallmark story begins. This is a story that will be passed down for generations, and I'll be a legend. So I caught her, like I was in a blockbuster, Hollywood movie. Like, wow. Jaw dropping. A 10 out of 10 performance. And all of a sudden, I'm expecting something like, 'Oh my gosh, thank you so much; you're amazing!'”

The Fall of Hero T (continued)

“Like ‘Oh my god, I love you!’”

“Yeah! ‘I love you.’ Instead, she just turns around... with the angriest look on her face. She looked like I just ripped up her calculus homework and threw it in the trash. And I'm thinking, like, “Gurl, why you so mad? Like I just saved your life; you could be profusely bleeding on these steps if it wasn't for me.” And she just goes, ‘You... you tried to trip me!’”

laughter

“And I'm, like, ‘No!?! I didn't. That would be mean...’ I'm not a mean person. I'm the hero! And she goes, ‘No...’ and she winds up—”

gasps

“—and smacks me with the power of a thousand suns... right across the face. And I just stood there, absolutely shocked. Mouth open, hand print on my face, my roommate laughing at me, not believing that I did something so nice, just to end up getting punished. And that's when I told myself that I'd never be a hero again. It's easier to be the villain.”

“You either die a hero, or you live long enough to see yourself become the villain, children.”

Long Live Hero T...

The History of Halloween

By Ethan West

Every October 31st, citizens of the United States, Canada, and Ireland celebrate the peppy fall holiday of Halloween. But have you ever asked yourself, what is Halloween? Halloween derives from the Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced “Sau-ihn”), dating back to 2,000 years ago! The Celts celebrate New Years on November 1st, marking the end of summer and the start of winter. The day before their New Year, October 31st, they recognize Samhain, as they claim that the ghosts of the dead will return to Earth. To celebrate the event, Druids (Celtic priests), build large bonfires as sacred shrines for the spirits. The Celts wore costumes that consisted of animal skins, cloaks, and hats. The practice of wearing Halloween costumes derived from this traditional custom. Around 43 A.D., the Romans conquered the Celts and took their own traditions and combined them with the Samhain festival. The Romans would honor the goddess of fruit and trees and many believe this is where the bobbing for apples game was created.

Around the ninth century, Christianity started to spread into Celtic land, where its traditions continued to blend with the Celtic culture. The church made a holiday to celebrate the dead, so on November 2nd, All Soul's Day was celebrated by the church. All Soul's Day was certainly similar to the Samhain festival: they both had big bonfires, parades, and costumes. The All Soul's Day was also often called All Hallow's, and then All Hallow's Eve, and now Halloween.

Halloween made its path to America slowly. It was limited in areas like colonial New England because of Protestant views; however, it was common in the state of Maine and some southern colonies. As different customs and traditions started to mesh, a clear-cut version of Halloween was being made in the United States. The first American celebrations included “play-parties,” where neighbors gathered to tell stories about the dead, others' fortunes, and to dance and sing. The colonial festivities also included ghost stories and mischievous tricks. In the 19th century, new immigrants flooded the country and helped spread the celebration of Halloween nationally.

Trick or treating is the main tradition of Halloween, and evolved from the Celtic practice of dressing in costumes and receiving offerings. Halloween parties became a tradition in the 1900s. The holiday was considered quite community-centered, so people continued to celebrate the holiday together with parties. The fear of black cats came from the Middle Ages where people believed that witches would avoid detection by transforming into black cats. The practice of carving jack-o'-lanterns originated in Ireland, where huge turnips and potatoes served as early canvasses. In fact, the name, jack-o'-lantern, comes from Irish lore about a drunkard named Stingy Jack.

Halloween is now one of the largest nation-wide celebrations. Statistics reveal we spend nearly \$400 million a year on Halloween candy, which would amount to \$5 per person each year. So make sure to brush your teeth thoroughly during the month of October. You'll thank me! (So will your dentist.)

Source:

History.com Editors. “Halloween 2021.” History.com, A&E Television Networks, 18 Nov. 2009, www.history.com/topics/halloween/history-of-halloween.

Why is the PS5 so Hard to Get?

By Nicholas Schnobel

The PlayStation 5 is by far the most popular and fastest selling gaming console ever made. It received over one million orders in just twelve hours. To put this into perspective, the PS4 took three months to receive that number of orders. However, many people still haven't gotten their hands on it even though it came out on November 12, 2020. Since the shortage of PS5s is expected to last until 2022, some people are left wondering if the console is even real. The demand for this new release is so high for a number of reasons that all seem to stem from the Covid-19 pandemic. People have been stuck at home for months, which has increased the demand for home entertainment. This increase for all electronics has caused a global semiconductor shortage that is even threatening the auto industry. Semiconductors are electronic chips required to make most electronic devices, such as cars, phones, and more. The pandemic has also inhibited the production of the semiconductors because of safety restrictions in production facilities. Because fewer people can work in factories, and with social distancing, the production of both the electronic chips and the console itself have slowed down.

But to be fair, Sony has done a pretty good job at producing and restocking PS5s, even with all the problems they've had to work through. We should also give them some credit for not jacking up the prices, which they definitely could've done, given the popularity of the console. The real problem is retail bots. Even though most retailers limit shoppers to one PS5 per customer, scalpers can use these bots to buy the consoles online the second they restock, making it impossible for any real people to buy them. When the consoles go back in stock, the shopping websites crash. Then when the page is refreshed, it will say that the PS5 is out of stock. These scalpers then resell the systems for as much as \$1,700. Sadly, parents who are desperate to find PS5s for their kids are willing to pay the ridiculous prices. For now, the best advice for getting a PS5 is to wait, rather than giving into the scalpers.

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The Inheritance Games Book Review

By Hannah Abram

What would you do if one day you were pulled out of class to be informed that you have inherited \$46.2 billion for no apparent reason? This is what happens to Avery Gambes; at age 17 she becomes one of the richest people in the world. This money is given to Avery by Tobias Hawthorne, who is a philanthropist that gained most of his money through the oil industry. There is only one catch with this inheritance: Avery must live within the Hawthorne mansion for one year. This living situation involves staying with the Hawthorne family and all the mysteries that come with it. Some members of the family are not pleased about Avery getting far more of the inheritance than Tobias Hawthorne's direct family. Staying in the Hawthorne house turns out to be a tougher task than expected. Avery has to reconsider whom she can trust, and who is just using her for her new money. Throughout the story, Avery, along with the Hawthorne boys, tries to uncover the real reason she has inherited all this money. On this journey, they find clues placed around the mansion by Tobias Hawthorne himself, and he has created almost a game-like way to find the truth.

This young adult novel, by Jennifer Lynn Barnes, is just the right book to be picking up, since the second book, *The Hawthorne Legacy*, just came out in early September, and the third book, *The Final Gambit*, is set to come out in fall 2022. If you enjoy reading a book that has twists and turns, with some elements of romance, this is just the book for you. The fast pace and short chapters make it a delight to read.

Source:

Barnes, Jennifer. (2020). *The Inheritance Games*. New York, NY: Little Brown Company.

Middle School Computer Club

By Alex Reynolds

Want to dive into a world of imagination, a world of your own design perhaps? Or maybe you want to tinker with electronics and make your own devices? Or perhaps you want to build a supercomputer? Well look no further dear middle schoolers, you have found the place for that! Computer Club is a club about computers: it's in the name! But what does that mean?

In Computer Club, we go further than just learning about computers. Some of the things that will be happening here include programming, soldering and wiring, and even building a gaming PC for use by the high school esports team!

Let's go over those one by one. First up is programming. What does that mean? Programming is writing a program, or list of instructions using code, which is then followed by a computer. Programming is useful in many fields and does many things, some of which are manufacturing and game design. Using programming, we will be making a simple game and programming a small robot.

Second is soldering and wiring; soldering is a form of welding, and is used to attach wires to each other. We will be using this process to build personal flashlights, and we will use the 3D printers to print the casings for them. We will also be using Arduino boards to build various mechanical contraptions, from a small speaker to a small light strip.

Third is building a PC; this means that parts for a PC will be ordered, and we will put them together. Before that, we will go over what each part does and how it works. After that, it will be assembled, and Mr. White will donate it to the esports team.

"Where is the Computer Club meeting?" I hear you ask. It will be held in Mr. White's room, after school. When? Every other Monday from 3:00 to 3:30. The club will be run by Mr. White, and from time to time, I will be there to help him out. We will also be trying to get special guests to come in and teach us some things. Membership is limited and first come first serve, so sign up soon!

Please see Mr. White with any questions; also, some of these things are subject to change based on membership and the availability of Mr. White and myself.

Dave Rowland: Williams Bay's Newest Appointed Head Coach

By Owen King and Karsen Cox

First year Williams Bay head football coach Dave Rowland is changing the culture of Bulldogs Football. Coach Rowland appears to have the players excited to play every Friday and they are working harder than ever before.

Rowland was not left with many upperclassmen when he was chosen for the job. With the majority of last year's team graduating, he has just four seniors on the roster. Despite this, Coach Rowland got right to work this summer hosting workouts and trying to gather as many players as possible. He started with a relatively small number of players, but as practices continued in August, more Bulldogs came aboard.

As the season has progressed, Coach Rowland and the team have been hit by some unfortunate events. With many players suffering from illnesses or injuries, the team has persevered through the tough stretch. However, Rowland has developed a resilient culture, and the team won't be giving up any time soon.

Whether or not it shows on the scoreboard, Coach Rowland and the Bulldogs have generated positive momentum for the program this season. They will look to capitalize on that momentum with a young and ambitious roster that is on track to pick up the program's first win in a number of years.

This edition of *The Bulldog Barker* is brought to you by Honors English 11 (and Lali).

If you have a story idea for the next edition, please contact Mrs. Terrill.

Interview with Ms. Majercik

By Samantha Thompson and Leeza Patterson

Q: What draws you to history/civics?

A: I originally went for a math teacher license, and it wasn't until I had really good professors and when I actually started enjoying learning, when I had certain history topics that I knew I didn't learn in high school, that I was, like, "Oh, it would be great to learn more about this," so I don't know. I just really like the process of learning and so...that's something I found with history and that's something I continue to find.

Q: If you could teach a different class, what would it be?

A: Algebra I. I would love to teach that because I'm good at it, and I like helping kids with it.

Q: If you could become president of the U.S., what would you do first?

A: Everyone gets a day off on election day, so everyone has the opportunity to vote.

Q: Best advice for after high school?

A: When you decide what you want to do with your life...don't think about the thing that's going to make you the most money, think about something that's a good marriage of what you're going to be happy every single day doing but also like you're not going to be broke on the side of the road every day. Follow your passions and go after things that you want to do because that's going to give you more fulfillment in life than any dollar amount can.

Q: Favorite era of time in world history?

A: Ancient Egyptians are a fun topic to talk about because I think the mummification process is just fun. We have so many different archives of that specific era, so we can definitely relate back to that a lot. I think it's fun to learn about all the pharaohs.

Q: Favorite decade in U.S. history?

A: The '60s and '70s because there's a lot happening during that time and it shows. Not only do we have Vietnam, we have a lot of protests, you see a lot of different changes within American society during that time period...It's cool to see the evolution of how society starts to change and people start to demand change.

Q: Which decade has the best music?

A: '90s because I'm a '90s kid.

Q: Favorite shoe brand?

A: This is embarrassing, I'm a big Birkenstock person. I'm probably gonna get roasted for that, but I love Birkenstocks. They're so comfortable. I'll own it.

Why You Want to Go to Medieval Times

By Henry Kwiatkowski and Kaeden Weberpal

Since 1999, the Williams Bay History Club has attended Medieval Times annually, making Medieval Times an official History Club tradition, and an adventure many of the club's members look forward to each year.

What exactly is Medieval Times?

Medieval Times is an exciting, family-friendly experience which includes a typical 11th century feast which guests can engulf (literally, no utensils provided!) while watching a fierce knight tournament. Guests who attend Medieval Times will be exposed to the luxury of a four-course banquet as they cheer on one of the six knights fighting in the tournament. At Medieval Times, you should expect almost two hours of jousting, swordsmanship, and hand-to-hand combat, along with horsemanship and falconry. Medieval Times is a spectacular blend of modern day entertainment, delicious food, and a glimpse in rich history and culture.

Where is Medieval Times located?

Medieval Times is a chain with locations in several cities, all across the country. The nearest Medieval Times to Williams Bay, Wisconsin is located in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Medieval Times (continued)

How much does it cost to attend?

Medieval Times costs about \$64 per adult.

Medieval Times costs about \$37 per child.

What was Medieval Times influenced by?

The Medieval Times experience is influenced by life in the 11th century, which is regarded to be the beginning of the High Middle Ages.

What else does the Medieval Times complex include?

Medieval Times includes an excellent bar, a gift shop, a Hall of Arms with medieval artifacts, and a Museum of Torture.

What exactly does the 'luxurious' menu inspired by 11th century traditional feasts include?

Noble guests of Medieval Times feast on garlic bread, tomato bisque soup, roasted chicken, sweet buttered corn, herb-basted potatoes, dessert of the Castle, coffee, and two rounds of select beverages. Vegetarian meals are available upon request.

Why Do We Recommend You Go to Medieval Times?

We recommend that people visit Medieval Times to enjoy fun-filled tournaments, get exposed to exceptional swordsmanship, and experience some scrumptious food. Guests are also able to indulge in rich culture and gain unique exposure to the rich history of the Middle Ages. Medieval Times is undoubtedly one of the greatest dives into historic culture, mixed with modern day entertainment, and all of that is brought to you in an adventure-filled atmosphere.

The Wedding Singer: The Musical Comedy

By Anna Lock

On November 19th and 20th, Williams Bay High School will be putting on a production of *The Wedding Singer*, the musical, directed by Mrs. Miles; assistant director and lighting designer, Mr. Dunlap; pit director Mr. Wierick; and choreographer, Mrs. Walker. There will be an in-school showing to the middle schoolers; anyone else who would like to come will be able to buy tickets for the two community nights mentioned above.

The show is set in the 1980's and stars Robbie Hart, (Tanner Cripe), a wedding singer who is left at the altar on his own wedding day by Linda (Lexi Friberg.) However, he soon meets Julia Sullivan, (Kelsey Amstutz) who is engaged to Glen (Chloe Schlesner). Julia also has a best friend Holly, (Monica Paur), and her grandma Rosie, (Sarah Rowles). In addition, what would Robbie Hart be without his band mates, Sammy (Samantha Thompson) and George (Ari Fry)? The cast also consists of an ensemble of Brooke Peyer, Citali Carbajal, Olivia Gaylord, Addison Vlastnik, Abby Sennett, Lexi Smith, Cheyenne Billings, Kyra Frederick, Nix Tovar, Anna Rolfs, Anna Lock, Libby Anhold, Graham Oxley, Gabby Klein, and Emily Lange.

The show is about 2 hours and 15 minutes long and has never been done here at Williams Bay. This is also Mrs. Miles' first year directing a musical. When asked why she chose this particular show, she said "It had a smaller cast size which works for our school size. I also have talked with other directors in the state that have done this show and their students loved it, so I figured it would be a good option to get students involved!" With that being said, although the cast members are all working very hard, there are some drawbacks of having a smaller cast size, such as "ensemble actors having to play multiple roles as well as our bigger songs not sounding as full because we have such few numbers." However, with having a smaller cast size, it is also easier to focus on small details such as costumes. Mrs. Miles' favorite thing about the musical so far has been "trying to find costumes because it's like digging for gold in our costume room to find pieces that could work for certain scenes that are '80s themed!" Currently in our costume room, Mrs. Miles says "The only challenges I have had thus far was finding enough options in our existing costume department because there aren't many 1980s based shows that have been done in the past to have

Wedding Singer (continued)

those themed costumes.” However, now there is room for new creative opportunities and potential costume options for future shows.

In addition to the fun costumes, the music in this show is something else! There were a few songs cut from the show and a few lines tweaked to be appropriate for our school, but in total, there are many songs featuring various solos for different cast members and fun choreography throughout the show. The combination of fun songs, costumes, and choreography help to make the show what it is. All in all, the cast, crew, directors, choreographers, and everyone who has helped to put this show together have worked very hard and are excited to show you their work!

Everything You Need to Know About the Covid-19 Vaccine

By Elizabeth Lothian

There are three vaccines that are recommended by the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC): Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson. To qualify for the Pfizer vaccine, you must be at least twelve years old. It is two injections, twenty-one days apart. To qualify for the Moderna vaccine, you must be at least eighteen years old. It is two doses, twenty-eight days apart. To receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you must be at least eighteen years old, but it is only one dose. For all three of the vaccines, you will be fully vaccinated fourteen days after your last dose.

When you receive any of the Covid-19 vaccines, there may be some side effects. These are normal, and can include a sore arm and/or very mild symptoms of Covid-19. However, none of these vaccines contain any live virus, and side effects are proof that your body is developing immunity. When you receive the vaccine, your body is creating “memory cells” that will help your body fight off Covid-19 if it happens to encounter it in the future.

Recently, many people have expressed concerns about the Delta Variant, and how effective the vaccine is against it. The Covid-19 vaccines have been proven to be effective against the Delta Variant, although not 100% effective. This is normal, as no vaccine has ever been 100% effective. With recent widespread misinformation going around, here are some facts that will disprove any myths going around about the vaccine.

- Although it feels rushed, scientists have been working on the development of mRNA vaccines for decades, and have simply applied the code needed for Covid-19 strands.
- The vaccine does not contain any sort of technology, including a microchip. The vaccine is meant to protect you, and the chip is not listed in the ingredients of any vaccine.
- The vaccine will not alter your DNA, as it does not enter the cell’s nucleus, where your genetic code is stored.

As of right now, high school students are eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine, not including those students with medical exemptions.

Source:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

CLB vs Donda

By Karsen Cox and Owen King

With the hip hop industry being widely popular amongst millennials and teenagers, the release of albums by two rap legends, Aubrey Graham or “Drake”, and Kanye West garnered the attention of almost the entire internet for a number of weeks. Drake released *Certified Lover Boy*, and Kanye released *Donda*. Fans battled on behalf of their favorite artist regarding which album was better. The albums raced to the top of the charts as the days went on, becoming two of the year’s hottest albums. However, the reaction from fans was that both of the albums were rather mediocre, or “mid” as rap fans like to say.

CLB VS Donda (continued)

Donda and *CLB* released at similar times, with *CLB* dropping September 3rd, 2021, and *Donda* dropping August 29, 2021. Although the albums dropped on similar dates, Kanye fans had to wait almost an entire month for the album after its original release date of August 6. Rap fans all across the country have streamed the albums and they have picked up quite a reputation. Although fans have argued about which is better, we asked students from our school how they feel about the two albums and these were the results.

Emmett Clair, a junior at WBHS says, “*CLB* is very mid, *Donda* has much better songs, like “Donda Chant.” I like that one.”

Nicholas Schnobel, also a junior, says that *CLB* is “just another Drake album.” He argues that Kanye is constantly trying new things, which makes his music more interesting, so *Donda* is a better album.

Ethan West adds that *Donda* “had a more thought out production value, and has a deeper meaning behind it.”

So as it stands, students at WBHS believe that *Donda* may be a better album than *CLB*. The rest of the world, however, may have different opinions.

What You Need to Know About Frost Park

By Kaeden Weberpal and Henry Kwiatkowski

If you live in Williams Bay, you have probably, at one point or another, heard of Frost Park. However, you may not know the history of it. In case you haven’t had a chance to read about it, here is the brief rundown.

Frost Park was built in 1935 by the Williams Bay Garden Club with the help of workers from the Depression-era Works Progress Administration. It gained its name from the second director of Yerkes Observatory, Edwin B. Frost, who directed the construction of Frost Park from 1905 to 1932. While the park does have an interesting history, it unfortunately, almost as soon as it was built, was neglected for almost 80 years. However, this is where the Williams Bay High School History Club steps in. The director of the Williams Bay History Club, Mrs. Soplana, and her club members were looking for a project, and that project became Frost Park.

Restoring Frost Park

Due to the park being neglected for many decades, it was just a shadow of what it once was. However, this didn’t stop the Williams Bay History Club; if anything, it encouraged them. Over time, students uncovered and restored multiple aspects of the park including flagstones, a reflecting pool, and a sundial, which can all be seen at Frost Park. Additionally, a stone star was uncovered in 2011, Frost Park which addressed the park’s namesake: Edwin B. Frost. Eventually, the park was completely tuned up to look like the beautiful park that it is today. It is through the continual hard work of the Williams Bay History Club students and various members of the community that residents of the village get to enjoy the park in all its glory.

Present-day Frost Park

Today, the park is constantly being cared for by the History Club and the community. If you are a part of the History Club, volunteering at Frost Park is a great way to contribute to the community while also contributing to your club’s tradition. Even if you are not a part of the WBHS History Club, everyone is more than welcome to take part in the maintenance of the park, simply because you might have a desire to improve the community we live in. If you, or anyone you know is looking for community service hours, then this is a great place to start! Frost Park, once forgotten and neglected, is now a quaint oasis of greenery with welcoming benches for anyone passing by Williams Bay to stop by and enjoy. But perhaps even more importantly, it stands as a reminder of what Edwin B. Frost and Yerkes Observatory mean to the village and its history.

Señora Kavanagh

By Grace Brown and Kacey Pietrowiak

Q: How did you first come across Spanish?

A: Watching Sesame Street.”*laughter*

Q: What interested you about the Spanish language?

A: I loved Spanish, but didn’t know what to do with it. I went to college and I graduated with a degree in it.

Q: Why did you decide to teach Spanish?

A: My friend recommended me for teaching an after school enrichment class. My daughter’s school was looking for a Spanish teacher, and I got talked into it. Not by accident but by chance.

Q: Where did you study abroad?

A: Cuernavaca, México. Do you want me to spell that for you? *laughter*

Q: How was living abroad different than living from home?

A: Everything was so close knit. My host family's extended family all lived in one building and sometimes the nieces and nephews would run through the whole building and walk into the apartment. Another thing was, people had more of an appreciation for what they had since they didn’t have that much. Everything there was also at a slower pace and no one was in a rush which meant pedestrians fought for themselves. *laughter*

Q: What was your favorite custom from that country?

A: Everything there is so fresh. Stuff like juices were freshly squeezed and everything was made from scratch. I was probably spoiled because my host mom was a really good cook.

Q: What was your favorite thing you’ve seen abroad?

A: The Alhambra, in Spain. *writes it on the board for us*

Q: What was your favorite thing you’ve done abroad?

A: That’s a hard one. We’ll have to come back to this question. *spoiler alert: we never did*

Q: What is your favorite Spanish dish? A: Tortilla Española.

Q: What is your favorite Spanish dessert?

A: I know a lot of people don’t like it, but flan.

Q: Have you read any books in Spanish? If so, what was your favorite book?

A: I like books by García Marquez and poetry by Neruda.

Q: What is your favorite Spanish song?

A: I don’t have a favorite song, but my favorite group is Maná.

Q: What is your favorite word to say in Spanish?

A: It’s probably sótano. *which means basement*

Q: What is your favorite Spanish course you teach?

A: I like the upper levels like honors and AP because we can do a lot of things in class.

Q: What Spanish-speaking country do you plan on visiting next?

A: Well, I was supposed to go to Panama last year. I would also like to get to Chile and Argentina at some point.

Q: What is your favorite Spanish-speaking country you’ve visited?

A: I mean, I guess I love Spain, I like them all for different reasons.

Q: How many countries have you been to in general? A: 9 or 10.

Q: What is the funniest moment that has happened during class?

A: This was a couple years ago and there was a set of identical twins that were here and one of them was in my Spanish class. Well, one day the other one decided to show up in his place and unfortunately, it was the day of the quiz. Then I got a call from another teacher that they had switched places. I still had him take the quiz and he obviously failed.

Interview with Mr. Dowden

By Keileen Weberpal

Q: How do you like Williams Bay?

A: Good, going-well.

Q: Did you always know you wanted to go into teaching? Why or why not?

A: Yes, both parents were teachers. I’ve seriously known for as long as I can remember, probably three years old.

Q: What do you see as your strengths as a teacher?

A: I try to get to know everyone and meet everyone at their own level.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: Hang out with family, play sports, really anything competitive.

Q: Will you coach track again this year?

A: I hope so.

Q: What was your favorite class in high school?

A: History or math

Q: If you were stranded on an island, what three things would you bring with you?

A: Sunscreen, a deck of cards, and a hat.

Q: What’s one movie you wish you could be apart of/in?

A: *Good Will Hunting*

Q: What’s the worst food you’ve ever eaten?

A: A skunk-flavored Jelly Belly

Q: What’s your best funny moment you can remember?

A: I fell in a ditch on my first day of high school.

Q: If you were granted three wishes, what would be yours?

A: Kids to be healthy, my wife to be happy. I’d probably pass my three wishes onto somebody else.

Q: What do you look forward to the most in your first year at Williams Bay?

A: I see education differently than other people do, so it’s learning how they do it here.

Q: What’s something you didn’t realize about Williams Bay since arriving?

A: The students are really hard-working.

Q: Do you have a hidden passion or something people wouldn’t expect you to like?

A: I enjoy playing little kids board games (with my kids).

Q: Is there anything else you would like the community and school to know about you?

A: I am always trying to learn. I may not do it right, but I will fix it until it’s done right.

Teachers’ Homecomings

By Citlali Carbajal-Castaneda

Ms. Durkin: I never went to a Homecoming dance, but our float lit on fire when we were moving it, twice.

Mr. Bailey: My senior year we accidentally set the sophomore float on fire during the parade. I was also on court that year.

Mr. Dunlap: I got in a car accident, but don’t worry. It was just a fender-bender.

Mr. Cullian: I asked a girl during her volleyball game with a volleyball.

Mrs. Majercik: I was Homecoming queen and had a volleyball tournament the same day.

Interviewing Mr. Weirick

By Jesse Robison

Q: My class is the first fifth grade class you ever had. What's it like seeing us as we are now when only six years ago, you could barely have a civilized conversation with us?

A: I could tell who the heavy hitters were right away. Even from a young age, some of you guys just had it. There were a lot of talented girls that just didn't stick with the band. I love everyone I've got, though.

Q: You have a hobby of collecting caps. How many do you think you have? Out of all of them, which one is your favorite?

A: I'm definitely north of 170 right now. I don't have a favorite. The logo makes me buy it, but the fit is what makes me wear it.

Q: If you had to pick any subject to teach besides band or choir, what would it be? Could you possibly see yourself teaching the next generation of chefs?

A: That's true. I could definitely do a cooking class, I don't know for actual school stuff... I was naturally really good at chem, but I would never want to teach it. Cooking is my jam. I could see myself teaching that.

Q: When do you plan on opening your own restaurant?

A: My sister and I have talked about this a few times. My sister would bake all the fresh bread and everything and I would be in the back cooking food. Give it ten years.

Q: Now imagine this, your first customer at your restaurant is Elon Musk. If you impress him, your food is being sold on Mars. He comes in and you ask him what he would like and he says "surprise me." You need to bring out a three course meal. What do you bring him?

A: 1. Brochette or Calamari of some sort.
2. Tortellini, Risotti or Ravioli. He can also make a mean steak.
3. Either a Brandi Alexander or Cheesecake

Q: Do you have any weird/crazy teaching moments?

A: Losing Rowan in New York..." *Long Pause* This actually involves your brother. Five or six years ago now. All of a sudden, your brother and Matt Nickelsen in the back of the room, with their shirts off, just going nuts. I looked back there and kind of kept going on. Just like, I'm not bringing attention to what's going on back there, we're just gonna keep on going.

Q: Were they fighting?

A: No, No, they were just being weird. I don't know.

Q: With what you know now, what advice would you give yourself when you first started teaching?

A: It will all work out. Kids will always step up when they need to.

Speed Round:

Favorite instrument: piano

Favorite sport to watch: football on TV; hockey live

Favorite sport to play: hockey

Favorite place you've ever traveled to: New York

Favorite Student: Am I even allowed to answer that kind of question? I don't know *Proceeds to answer question* Natasha Trush

Well that's disappointing. Bye.

The Origins of Edgar Allan Poe

By Cheyenne Billings

The tales of Mr. Poe began on January 19th, 1809. His parents were Elizabeth and David Poe, and they were both actors in the theatre.

When Poe was barely three years old, his father abandoned him. Soon after that, his mother died of tuberculosis. Things soon turned around for Edgar when he was adopted by a wealthy merchant family, known as the Allans. Poe received an education and was living out his best life (Edgar Allen Poe Buried Alive).

When Mr. Poe was 27, he married a 13-year-old girl who went by the name of Virginia. Since this was an unusual circumstance even back then, people didn't know whether their relationship was romantic or not. However, he did refer to his wife as Sissy and her mother as Muddy (Poe Biography).

Edgar Allan Poe (continued)

Edgar Allan Poe's career started after he wrote "The Raven," which involves a man who recently lost his sweetheart and reads a book to forget how miserable he is feeling. A raven appears, yelling "NEVERMORE," and by the end of the story, the character goes mad. Edgar Allan Poe claimed that his inspiration for this poem came from a talking raven in one of Charles Dickens's novels (*The Raven*).

Another one of Poe's spookier short stories is "The Fall Of The House of Usher," which was written and published in 1839. This short story is about a nameless character who received a letter from a childhood friend. He paid his beloved friend a visit at his home known as The House of Usher. There, strange things start to happen and everyone starts to lose it. For instance, weird noises are heard throughout the house, and his childhood friend suddenly claims his presumably deceased sister is buried alive in their crypt.

"The Tell-Tale Heart" is another very popular tale. This story is written from the point of view of a narrator who stalks an older man. The narrator then attacks the man and hides his remains underneath the floorboards. Moments later, the police arrive, and the narrator starts to hear the thumping of a heart beneath the floorboards. Stricken with guilt, he confesses his crimes to the police and begs them to look underneath the floorboards.

Apparently before his death, on October 3rd, he was found drunk, wearing a stranger's clothes, and appeared to be quite out of it. He was taken to a hospital and stayed there for about four days. At the hospital, he would occasionally wake up screaming. His cause of death is still unknown (Poe Biography).

After Poe's long career in writing, he died on October 7th, 1849.

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"If I Won a Million Dollars I Would..."

By Morgan Bronson

Student Edition

Jesse Robison: Pay off my college.

Owen King: I'd probably move to Wyoming and buy a boat.

Henry Kwaitkowski: Buy a Porsche 918 Spyder.

Ethan West: Ask Ms. Durkin what to do with it.

Karsen Cox: Get myself a nice house, put \$200,000 in savings, and none to charity, nothing is free.

Nicholas Schnobel: Invest. Nadia Nateghi: Buy Elaine Boxed and Burlap.

Evelyn Hamberg: Buy a money printer. Margaret Higgins: Spend it all on shoes.

Elian Valadez: Get a lot of white Forces. Rosa Jimenez: Buy a motorcycle.

Gabe Jackson: Up the drip.

Bridget Higgins : Buy clothes, I don't know."

Abby Senate: I would give half of it to charity and the other half for my personal needs.

Cole Birkett: Invest and get more.

Kacey Pietrowiak: Donate to the animal shelter."

Olivia Gaylord: Donate to my church."

Courtney Budtch: Invest it. Dion Soto: Buy a yacht.

Tyler Mckean: Put 900k in the bank, go ham on 50k.

Kyra Wolworth: Build my parents their dream home.

Stella Bushey: Invest in Dogecoin.

Leeza Patterson: Wait until I have something to buy and then buy it.

Samantha Thompson: Up my shoe game. Kaeden Weberpal: Buy the school.

Emmet Claire: Buy some Travis Scotts.

Teacher Edition

Ms. Durkin: Invest a portion of it; I would donate some, then I would go on an African Safari.

Mr. Breen: Work cabanas on Clearwater Beach.

Mrs. Lindloff: Move somewhere warm and live on a beach.

Ms. Anderson: I would buy a really nice house and save it for a rainy day."

Dr. White: I'm investing my money, then working for two more years, and then traveling the world.

Ms. Fox: Pay off my student debt and then I would travel around the world.

Mrs. Terrill: Buy glitter and a pet sloth.

What's The Best Life Advice You Have Been Told?

By Ian McClenathan

Directions: Match the advice to the person.

1. "No one makes it out alive."
2. "You are responsible for your own happiness."
3. "Don't move on, move forward."
4. "It's simple, don't give up."
5. "You'll be judged either way, so just live how you want."
6. "Try hard."
7. "If you trip, get up and keep on walking."
8. "Don't be a bum."
9. "Be yourself."
10. "Fake it till you make it"
11. "If you can't decide on whether to buy something, buy it."
12. "Most important thing is to enjoy life now."
13. "Why run when you can walk, why walk when you can stand, why stand when you can sit?"

Student choices:

- A. Kaeden Weberpal
- B. Rosa Jimenez
- C. Henry Kwiatkowski
- D. Emmett Clair
- E. Hannah Abram
- F. Cheyenne Billings
- G. Leeza Patterson
- H. Jesse Robison
- I. Evelyn Hamberg
- J. Ethan West
- K. Kacey Pietrowiak
- L. Grace Brown
- M. Elizabeth Lothian

Teachers' HOCO (continued)

Mr. Cullian



Ms. Majercik



Homecoming 2021: Let the Good Times Roll

By Evelyn Hamberg

Homecoming 2021 was all around a general success. After two years of Covid-19 shut downs and guidelines, the student body got to experience a true homecoming experience. This year's graduating seniors had the opportunities to plan a dance as well as the homecoming week activities. Mardi Gras, a New Orleans festival, was the theme. Decorations for the dance included purple, yellow, and green posters, balloons, and streamers, true to the Mardi Gras aesthetic.

The race to win the spirit stick for homecoming week was tough. While the sophomores started strong with their win over the hallway decoration competition and dress-up days, seniors gave them a run with their frequent wins in lunch time games. However, it was the juniors that were presented the spirit stick at the homecoming football game, having won with the push of victory in both powder puff volleyball and football, as well as Socktober.

The homecoming football game ended with the win over North Crawford high school. At halftime, the homecoming representatives were announced. Annie Sanchez and Cole Birkett were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

The break from school dances got people more interested in school spirit and less likely to take these activities for granted. Needless to say, the first dance of the 2021-2022 school year was a success and will hopefully help define the energy for the rest of the school year.



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- 12. L
- 11. G
- 10. F
- 9. E
- 8. D
- 7. C
- 6. A
- 5. J
- 4. H
- 3. K
- 2. I
- 1. B

Life Advice Answer Key: