



8th grade football 8-0, dominates SBC

by Kaleb Pena, Ethan Lantz, and Dillon Liskai

The class of 2022, your 8th Grade football team, has been crowned champions once again. On Thursday, Oct. 19th, the 8th team defeated Shelby 50-12, not only to put their record at an amazing 8-0, but also to win the Sandusky Bay Conference (SBC) championship. Looking back at the stat sheet, you can clearly tell that their season was never in doubt.

One of the big wins this season was when your Fliers took on the Sandusky Blue Streaks, another large contender in the SBC. Although the Blue Streaks were slated to be a rough challenge against the Fliers, the Fliers

shutout the Blue Streaks, 24-0.

Another big win occurred when the Fliers took on their rivals, the Bellevue Redmen, on the Redmen's home turf. The Fliers were down at the half but still found a way to swiftly and soundly defeat the Redmen.

The Fliers not only beat every single team that they played against, but the also outscored their opponents a massive 266-40, which is a margin that college and professional teams dream of.

So in conclusion, everything was perfect. From their record, the offense, and their defense, the Fliers were nearly perfect,



The Fliers defense gets ready for a play during a recent game. The defense allowed only 40 points in 8 games all year.

something that few teams can ever accomplish. As this class moves on from middle school to high school next year, they look to continue their dominance amongst not only the SBC but perhaps the state as well.

7th grade football struggles, looks to improve for next year

by Ethan Lantz

Our 7th grade football team fought hard, but in the end, they ended up with an 0-8 record. Even though the season was rough, the 7th grade team found crucial parts of the game they can work on for next season.

I attended all of their games and practices and they have significantly improved throughout the season. As the season went on, the 7th grade team became stronger. They only lost to Shelby by 2 points (14-12) and lost to Perkins by 6.

The team averaged 8 points per game against their strong SBC opponents. I had an interview with one player on the team, fullback Payton Aldrich. Payton thinks that

they have improved from the beginning of the season.

"We learned techniques and touched up on plays," Payton said. "I also think the conditioning is starting to influence people to work harder and go to the gym more."

Payton thinks they will definitely do better next season.

So, if the team stays more active, shows more effort, and goes to the gym more often they might have better odds.

I think now that they know the program for next year, their plays will be more efficient, and they will show more effort and put in hard work. If the team works hard and stays in shape, this team could possibly be a SBC championship contender.



The 7th grade football team struggled this year but looks to improve in the off season and be ready next year.

Interested in learning how to code?? There's a new course coming to MMS. See Page 4 for details!!

A Constitutional Right Or Just Disrespectful?

In our first Editorial of the year, we have 2 students, Cal Cahill and Erin Grover, argue for and against NFL players kneeling during the National Anthem.



A popular topic of discussion that has sparked attention all across the country is NFL players and other athletes kneeling during the National Anthem. Players have begun to kneel during the National Anthem to protest police shootings of unarmed minorities men and to support the Black Lives Matter movement.

Players should be allowed to kneel

In 2016, a rate of 2.9 white people (per million people) have been shot and killed by police, yet 6.64 black people (per million) were also put to the same fate. Over the past few years, racism has flourished. So if these players are peacefully protesting something that has killed multiple innocent people then I think they should continue on.

The players are not doing it to disrespect our flag in any way but to raise awareness for this horrific thing that has been going on.

President Trump's comments on the situation did not make it any better, I personally feel that they made it worse. Saying that the players should be fired was not only disrespectful to them but was not his business at all.

This is a free country where people have the right to act on what they believe in, and that can not be taken away from us.

"Do not use the flag for advertising or promotion purposes or print it on paper napkins, boxes or anything else intended for temporary use and discard."

"Do not place anything on the flag, including letters, insignia, or designs of any kind."

And "Do not carry it horizontally, but always aloft."

These are all rules from the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs, in Washington D.C, Yet these are all things that companies and people do all the time.

Nowhere in that document does it say it's against the rules or that it is disrespectful to kneel during the National Anthem.

Players should stand for the Anthem

I do also think that minorities are not being treated fairly, but I also think they should handle it another way.

Whether they are trying to or not, the players are disrespecting the men and women who have sacrificed their lives for our safety and our freedom.

We sing the National Anthem to express our gratitude for all the people who have lost their lives for the sake of us, not to say how people are being treated unfairly.

We sing the National Anthem to honor those who fought and given everything they have to protect our country and our safety. I also think that this is partially the government's fault.

Tweeting about the problem will not make it go away, it will only make it worse. If they don't want people acting on it find a way to make it stop rather than putting out disrespectful comments.

To conclude, I think that players should find another way to express their opinions.



Cross Country wraps up its season

by Dillon Liskai

This Cross Country season was a great one. Everyone did amazing and improved a ton. Kristin Baker, Alexia Young, Grace Murphy, Becca Clapp, Taylor Skeel, Emma Davis, and Olivia Love make up the girls team. The girls finished 5th at SBCs.

“The improvement I saw was phenomenal!” says Cross Country team member Taylor Skeel. For six out of the seven girls, this was their first time running cross country.

The boys team was made up of Parker Kear, Schuyler Batteline, Adrian Benjamin, Garratt Warner, Nick Marcha, Matt Sands, Carson Rife, Ian Richie, Jackson Coley, Zane Ball, Jackson Rogers, and Sebastian Ross. They finished 16th in SBCs.

“The team I saw at the beginning of the season was not the same team I saw at the end. We got better at running, and gained more mental toughness,” team contributor Jackson Rogers recounted.

In case you didn't know, the Cross Country team has a meet about every week. They run 2 miles at a meet. “It's a really difficult sport,” runner Becca reported. Their coach is Mr. Baker, he is very proud of all the progress the team has made. In the end, the cross country team has made “great strides” this year.

Both Volleyball teams finish above .500

8th grade also SBC Champs

by Karlee Lozier & Kamdyn Taylor

As October is coming to an end it also means volleyball season has ended. The girls have finished off the season strong with 7th grade having a record of 11-7 and 8th grade with 10-8. The 7th grade had a great first season, while the 8th grade has improved tremendously and has a good future ahead of them.

On Thursday October 12th the girls played Tiffin to finish off the regular season. The 7th grade won in two sets and the 8th grade won in three. Top scores in 7th grade was Karli Deel with 10 points, Ally Feeney with 7, and Audrey Distel with 3. Top scorers in 8th grade was Kamdyn Taylor with 10 points, Maddie Perkins with 9 and Marissa Hackworth had 6.

SBCs for the girls was Saturday October 14th. The 8th-grade tournament took place in Shelby. They first defeated the Norwalk Truckers before taking out the Bellevue Lady Red to advance to the championship. They defeated the No. 1 Seed Shelby Whippets in three sets to be named SBC Champions.

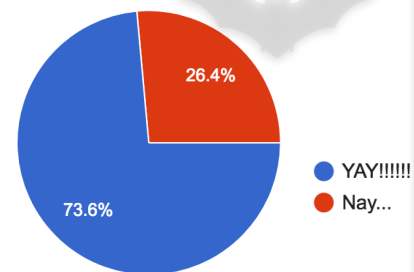
Moving over to Norwalk, the 7th grade team also played the Truckers. The 7th grade defeated them and moved on to the second round where they lost to the top seed Bellevue in two rough sets. The scores for the Bellevue game was 16-25 and 15-25.

Both teams have played great this season. We are excited to see what the future holds. As the 7th grade ended their season in Norwalk, the 8th grade were Lake Division Champions.

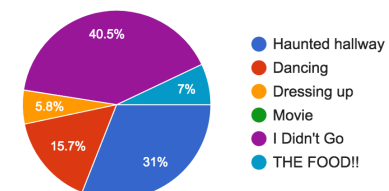


Our 8th grade volleyball team in action during a recent match.

TRICK OR TREAT



FAVORITE PART OF THE DANCE



NEW ONLINE CODING COURSE COMING TO MMS

by Mr. Hill

Students. Do you have an interest in playing video games? Do you have any interest in learning how to code video games? Do you want a chance to do it for a grade?

Yes, that is correct. If you want to literally play and design basic video games for a class as homework, then MMS will have just the class for you.

In the second trimester, ALL students at MMS will be able to voluntarily sign up for an online-only course that will teach you how to code by having you play video games and create your own game. And the best part is that you don't have to change your schedule at all in order to take it as the course will "meet online" and you can do everything on your own outside of school.

For the course we will use the website gamestarmechanic.com. In the course you will be able to head to the website and follow a set of Quests and instructions, as you can see in the graphic to the right. You will play games to learn about programming and unlock items for you to make your own games.

As you continue in the course you will slowly unlock more items, complete more quests and learn more coding items. The further you go, the more you learn and the cooler your games can be.

How is this possible?

Our Superintendent, Mr. Haft, has set aside some money for teachers to use to try new things. We at MMS were lucky enough to get some of this money in order to buy the codes needed for students to take this course.

How do I learn more about this?

Read the FACTS to the right. That will tell you what you need to know.



- The course will run during the 2nd trimester (Nov. 20 - Feb. 23)
- The course will be online, run through the website and Google Classroom. We will not meet (except during SOAR if I pull you).
- **The course will be for a grade. This means that it will go on your report card just like every other course you take.**
- **The course will be limited to 25 students** for the second trimester. **It will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis** (the first 25 to sign up get in. The rest go on a "wait list.")
- To be in the course you need to "sign up." To sign up, email Mr. Hill (bhill@clyde.k12.oh.us). In the subject line put "Online coding course." You will then get a permission slip for both you and your parents to sign by Friday, November 10.
- Final details will be included on the permission slip.



PRODUCT COMPONENTS

What do students do with Gamestar Mechanic?

PLAY



Students **PLAY** through the Quest, a narrative adventure shown in motion comics and mini-games.

As students move through the story, they encounter "broken" games that they must edit and fix.

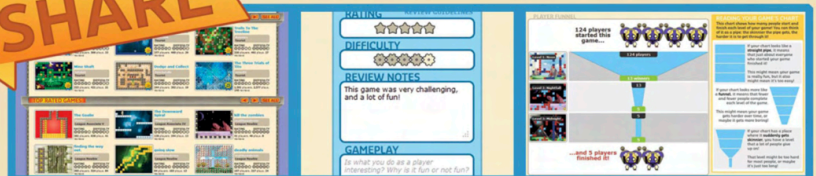
DESIGN



As they play and fix games, they earn sprites that they can use to **DESIGN** games in their Workshop.

They make their own games using drag-and-drop tools, without having to program!

SHARE



Then, they can **SHARE** their games in Game Alley, Gamestar Mechanic's community where kids review and comment on each others' games.

In Game Alley, kids can see how others are playing their games with both **qualitative feedback** (peer reviews and comments) and **quantitative feedback**.*

* Statistics feature available to Premium users only.

TIME FOR SOME DRAMA

by Makenna Gregg & Morgan Castle
“Drama Club is an extracurricular activity where students will *learn about theatre* and have the opportunity to express themselves through theatrical arts,” says Mrs. Hill. “If you are interested in learning more about Drama Club or being placed on our email list for updates, simply contact Mrs. Hill for more info, CHill@clyde.k12.oh.us,” she let us know. Once this happens, Mrs. Hill will inform you of the paperwork needed to be signed by a parental guardian *so that you can attend a meeting.*”

In drama club, we are currently working on some different things. “At our last meeting we dabbled with *Improvisation*, and many students had the opportunity to “take the stage” and show their peers how improv is simply reacting to the environment around,” Mrs. Hill tells us. “My

plans for future meetings are to have students learn more about theatre and how each of the club members can have a vital role in any production.”

When are meetings, you might ask? “Drama Club meetings are typically held once a week however, at times I may decide we aren’t meeting for a week to give everyone a break or time to work on a project for the club.” Mrs. Hill also mentions that she has a group of students meeting together on Tuesdays, for the **Winesburg Weekend** performance on November 18.

Although you need individuals who are interested in being on stage, “You can’t have a theatrical performance without people who enjoy creating a set, gathering costumes and props, working backstage, or working

See the Drama Club perform during Winesburg Weekend November 18

the box office.” So, if you have stage fright, that’s okay! *Help us with the behind the scenes!*

“Currently our Drama Club has 60+ members however, anyone can join at any time, they simply need to see that all paperwork is turned in and attend a meeting” Mrs. Hill has also shared with us that although we have fundraisers that will happen, “If someone would like to donate to our club they are more than welcome as their money would be greatly appreciated.”

Music programs readying for performances

By Claudia Muzik & Emma Davis

Band and Choir are two exploratory classes that you can take her at MMS. To learn more about these classes, we talked with their teachers, Mrs. Rider and Mrs. Foreman, to learn more about the classes and their upcoming performances.

“The seventh graders are doing great being separated into 3 groups,” said Mrs. Foreman, the choir teacher. “With the 7th grade boys, even though there isn’t a lot of them they are still a strong group and the 7th grade choir in general is doing great being in 3 groups.”

“The first choir concert is Monday December 4th and we are excited for this event,” she added. “The choirs are singing

traditional Christmas songs and contemporary Christmas songs.”

Like choir, band also poses challenges you don’t see in other classrooms.

“Every instrument has different notes and different difficulties,” Mrs. Rider said. “Directing a band is like teach 9 classes all at once because we have 9 different instruments playing in the band.”

“Every note is the hardest note when it is new, she continued. “Then it becomes easy once it is practiced and learned. There is not one answer to your question because there is not just one instrument in the band.”

“Each song presents its own difficulty. One song might be difficult because it is soft and



Seventh grade band members participated in Band Night a few weeks back.

slow, so it is hard to breathe and sustain notes with a good tone. Another song might be difficult because it is fast and has new notes and rhythms. Another song might be difficult because we have to fit many independent parts together like a puzzle.

Student Council has 28 member this year. The group is advised by Mrs. Ackerman

Student Council raises money so that we can do activities for students and help our community.

by Rylie Davidson & Caroline Crooks

Things Student Council does:
Cookies for Honor Roll
Christmas Activities
May Mayhem (testing rewards)
Field Day
OSU-Michigan Food Drive
Toy Drive

Student Council ran our last dance. And the Haunted Hallway was completely created, prepared and run by them!



Some free writing by our students as well as some student art

CREATIVE WRITING

Gone, but never replaced

By Elise Miller

Grief swallowed me as I woke up. I frowned as I looked in the mirror. Another day without my best friend, Regan.

She was the most wonderful person I had ever known. She was funny, creative and kind. She always knew when I was upset even if I said nothing. Regan had the deepest brown eyes and most long black hair.

She had died in a car accident 2 weeks ago even though it feels like yesterday. I remember how my mom called me from my room. I would've never thought...

Regan was so excited to be going to see her grandma who lived 5 hours away. Her family was on the highway about 1 hour in to the long trip. A huge semi truck went out of control and hit her minivan. She was said to have died instantly.

It took about the whole 2 weeks to get out of shock.

Finally when I dragged to myself to school and went to my locker to get my stuff for the first 3 periods of the day.

In math, my teacher introduced the class to Leslie Myers. She had black hair just like Regan. She just "happened" to have her new assigned seat next to mine. I bitterly looked at her. Was she *trying* to remind me of Regan? I faked a smile to her as she looked at me with her bright eyes.

Over the next few weeks, I kept seeing Leslie everywhere. I would never be friends with her. She would just replace Regan, and I could never stoop so low. She kept on smiling at me.

"Today is the day." I told myself. I was going to let go of all the bitterness and loneliness of Regan dying. I was going to move on.

For me, moving on doesn't mean forgetting Regan from my memory, but it meant still *living* even though I would never see her smiling face. I didn't throw out all the thoughtful cards she created for me or delete all the pictures of us on my phone.

But I would refuse to not keep living my life.

I walked over to Leslie. She was sitting alone at the lunch tables. I mustered all the courage in me and simply said, "Hi."

What has our world come to?

by Anonymous

My opinion may be vague. Yet my opinion may be precise. I am going to talk about our society. Our sad, sad society. The idea of this article came to me on the day of October 5th of 2017 at about the end of our fifth period. When the announcements came on saying we must go into a level three lockdown. Meaning there is an active shooter. So, therefore I am here to talk about that. To talk about what no one will talk about.

We have guns. We have weapons. We have things we can't control in this world. For example, what other people decide what to do in their lives. We can try and change their life. So, maybe you can. Yet, maybe you can't. On the day of October 5th, we couldn't. We couldn't help that there was an active shooter in our area. How we could have died. How many beautiful and helpless lives could have been taken away from us. No one knew what was going on. No one knew for sure if there was an active shooter. If there was a bomb about to be dropped on us. Or it could have been a drill.

For we all knew it wasn't a drill. It was real. We live in the real times. The times where we have to learn how to protect ourselves from shooters coming in school. The times where it is not surprising for kidnappings to happen. The times where people taking drugs is normal. Our society is being crushed. Crushed by the own creation of society, humans. We have ruined almost every last bit of innocence we all had.

We have lost ourselves. Lost touch in who we are. We are in a society where anything can happen. When being murdered is something that happens often. Saying "I hate you" is something you hear everyday yet the person was merely "joking." America is dying. America, the land of the free. Yet, we are not as free as we seem. Are we?

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