



## Girls Basketball wrapping up

*By Kamdyn Taylor*

The 7th and 8th grade girls basketball teams have wrapped up the first half of their season traveling over to Shelby. Sadly, both teams lost. Top scorers for 7th grade were Lexi Carlson with 6 points while Krista Cook and Emily Hall had 2 points each.

On Thursday January 11th the girls played home against the Bellevue Redmen to start the second half of their season. The 7th grade lost with a score of 23-15. The 8th grade girls lost in

a tough battle. Top scorers were Kristen Harrah with 4 points, Kamdyn Taylor, Breanna Dirlam and Karlee Lozier each had two points.

The next week the girls played at Sandusky. The 7th and 8th grade girls both lost with a hard-fought game. Top scorers for 8th grade were Kristen Harrah with 10 points, Kristin Baker with 6, Kennedy Brown, Kamdyn Taylor, and Kaitlyn Moe had 2 points each.

The following Thursday, both teams played home against Willard. The 7th

grade team lost. Top scorers were Krista Cook with for, Josie Royster and Grace Murphy both had 2. The 8th grade played next and won again against Willard. The final score was 22-17.

The next game the girls played a makeup game against the Margareta Polar Bears. The 7th grade played first and lost. The 8th grade played a hard fought game but sadly lost as well

On Thursday January 25th the girls traveled over to Tiffin. The 7th grade lost. And the 8th grade won. The final score was 25-13.

This week the girls play two home games. On Tuesday versus Norwalk the 7th grade lost while the 8th grade won with a score of 30-13.

Both teams play this week to wrap up their seasons. Tuesday is away at Norwalk and Thursday is home against Shelby. The 7th grade starts at 4:30 and 8th grade follows.



**Kirsten Baker drives with the ball in a recent game against Margareta**

# Boys Basketball set for SBCs

by Dillion Liskai, Adam Kauble, Kaleb Pena and Landon Nobles

As the basketball regular season begins to wind down, many teams are beginning to look off in to the future, or more specifically, the SBC Tournament. Last season, both the 7th and the 8th Grade teams made it to the SBC Championship, with the current 8th Graders winning their grade level and the current freshmen coming in second at their grade level.

With only one game left to go in the regular season, here is the year to date summary for each team:

## 7th Grade: 1-14

Although the season has been rough, the boys have learned many lessons over the course of their first year in the

middle school basketball program. Over the course of the season, the Fliers have learned many valuable skills that will help them to become great as 8th graders next year.

Over time with continuous time and effort, this team has the potential to become really special, and going in to the playoffs, expect them to come out firing on all cylinders.

## 8th Grade: 14-1

The season for our 8th graders has definitely been a special one. Not only is the team scoring at a tremendous pace, they are also playing solid defense.

When a team averages around 50 points a game, you know something is working. The Fliers have only lost one game this season,



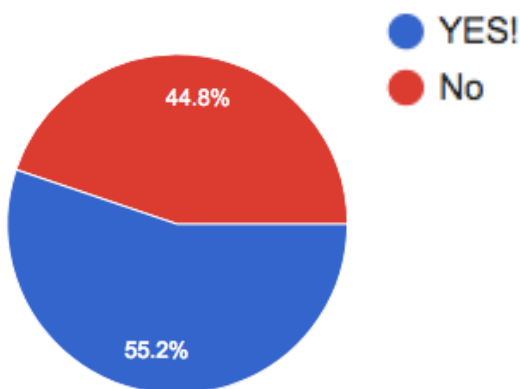
Clyde's Adam Kauble and Abe Morrison defend in a recent game against Shelby.

but that doesn't appear to stop them from where they want to be.

Going into to the SBC Tournament, the Fliers hope that their work in the regular season doesn't stop in the regular season.

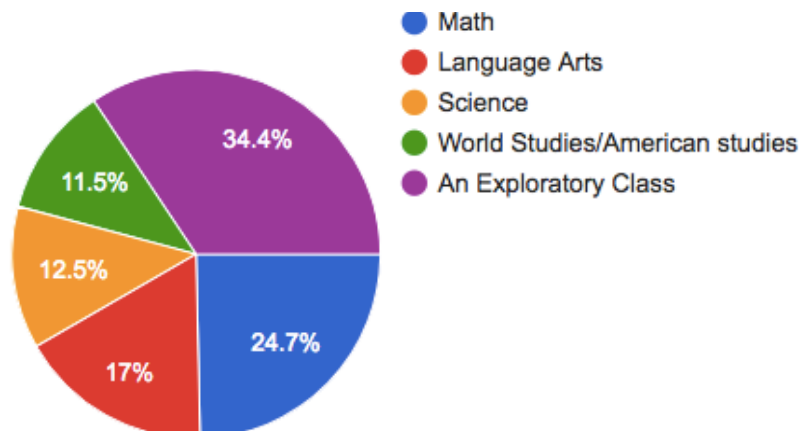
## Are you excited for the Super bowl?

299 responses



## What is your favorite subject?

288 responses



# Drama Club prepares *Apostrophe's* for first play



by Elise Hill, Claudia Muzik, & Mr. Hill

The Drama Club returned to MMS this year, and the group is already well on its way to their first production. They will be presenting their first show, *Apostrophe's*, April 19th at High School auditorium at 7:00 pm.

The play is a comedy that has students dealing with grammar and how misusing apostrophes is ruining the lives of students throughout the school. The play have one large set with four different scenes in it - the yearbook room, and English room, the gym and a principal's office.

**Apostrophe's**  
**April 19 @ 7:00 pm**  
**CHS Auditorium**  
**\$5/adults**  
**\$3/Students & Seniors**

**Box office opens 6:00 pm**  
**Doors open 6:30 pm.**

While the main play is one that was written and will be performed, several of our drama club students wrote and will be starring in a "pre-show," or a show

before the show. This short teaser will highlight more of our drama club students and their ability to both write and perform.

The pre-show will feature Claudia Muzik, Ashley Teifke, Autumn Rife, Carissa Rodriguez, Emma Davis, Kenyon Bilbrey and Rylie Davidson on the stage.

As with any production, it would not be possible without the help of many people working backstage, working on the set, props, selling tickets, publicizing the show and many other aspects you don't see.

Helping out with these "behind-the scenes details" are Casey Ungerer, Niki Hagemeyer, Colby Pocock, Autumn Rife, Alexa Trautman, Caroline Crooks, Allison Barrett, Carys Davis, Mercedes Bailey, Cali Weiler, Olivia Love, Emma Castle, Makenna Gregg, Ridley Sabo, Claudia Muzik, Rebecca Clapp, Kristopher Bonnigson, Mattea Blankenship, Gracie Koelsch and Val Wilson.

In addition, many of the students acting on stage will also be helping out behind the scenes and with other aspects of the show.

## Apostrophe's Cast

EMCEE'S.....Elise Hill & Maizie Meyer  
 ANDY.....Kole Evans  
 BRETT.....Sawyer Perkins  
 CHELSIE.....Carrie-Ann Leibengood  
 DEBBIE.....Marrah Blankenship  
 EDGAR.....Parker Wass  
 FIONA.....Emma Leber  
 GINA.....Airianna Slauter  
 HELGA.....Curstin Hackenburg  
 IRIS.....Katherine Albright  
 JANICE.....Paige Kreider  
 KEVIN.....Jarrett Newsome  
 MR. SULLY.....Ethan Lantz  
 MR. TRIPP.....Lance Laughlin  
 Mrs. UNGER.....Taylor Skeel  
 PRINCIPAL VALE.....Emily Kennedy

## Apostrophe's Team Leaders

Fundraising Team	....	Autumn Rife
Costume Team	....	Caroline Crooks
Set Design	....	Mercedes Bailey
		Cali Weiler
Publicity Team	....	Emma Castle
Ushering Team	....	Ridley Sabo
Pre-Show Team	....	Claudia Muzik
Box Office Team	....	Makenna Gregg
Hair/Makeup Team	....	Mattea Blankenship
Set Construction	....	Kristopher Bonnigson
Technical Team	....	Colby Pocock
Backstage Team	....	Casey Ungerer
		Nicole Hagemyer



# Change the Mascot!

A common controversial point in today's world is whether or not sports teams should change their school's mascot to something less offensive. Our editorial writers, Cal Cahill and Mercedes Bailey will be writing for both sides of the argument. Again, these articles are not meant to be offensive in any way or taken the wrong way—they are just our opinions.



Americans tend to believe that when they use Native American mascot names it is okay. It is incredibly offensive to the Native Americans to be treated like an object. Team names like the Redskins, Redmen, and Indians are being compared to ferocious animals and I do not think it's appropriate, but all Native Americans deserve our respect. Logos of teams have pictures of Native Americans showing their faces to be angry and vicious when that is not even the least bit true. Those team names are the definition of ethnic-stereotypes and Native Americans should not be put out to be that way when they are not. Native Americans should have pride in who they are and not have people in the world making fun of them and using racial slurs as their own schools team mascot.

The team names like "Indians and Savages" are racist on a whole different level. Using the name Indians was supposed to be banned years ago but the teams still think it is acceptable to use those kinds of derogatory team names. Most people use the name "Redskins" and don't even think of the meaning behind it. The literal meaning of the term is red skinned people.

People argue that they are honoring the Native Americans by naming them as their schools mascot. That is completely wrong. If they were doing it to show honor to Native Americans then why do teams use their logos as pictures of angry Native Americans? Some team mascots like the Florida State Seminoles are supposed to honor the Native American culture, but when you have students running around with red painted faces and feathers, riding around on horses, it is not respectful it is offensive. Even Native Americans themselves have called out teams and asked them to change it. Native Americans have already suffered enough without people calling them racial nicknames. Their culture should be respected in the biggest way, but they do not get that respect, especially not from teams using them for their company's personal benefit. Just like President Obama said, "If I were the owner of the team and I knew that there was a name of my team — even if it had a storied history — that was offending a sizeable group of people, I'd think about changing it."



School's mascots should not have to be changed. Some say that names like Redskins, Redmen, or Indians may be offensive to people of Native American heritage, although most people are unaware of the meaning behind these names. Some people believe these names represent the Natives in a negative way, which may be true, although some people may not be aware of these names being negative. They may believe it to be positive in representing the Native Americans by wanting to remember their culture and where they originated. Some of the most talked about teams like the Golden State Warriors and the Washington Redskins are named after Native Americans and are meant to be respectful.

Also, I along with many others believe that history should not be changed. Schools and professional sports teams should not have to change their names, logos, mascots, or uniforms because Christopher Columbus decided to call the Native American people Indians. It would cost a lot of money for schools and professional sports team around the world to change everything. Also a lot of people's valuable time would be being used to

discontinue merchandise and redesign logos or mascots. In addition, if they did change their names, logos, mascots, or uniforms people would have to try and get used to these changes, which may take time.



# Should we have.....

In our second editorial this week, Brenna Caudill, Loreli Phillips, Abby Cahill and Katelin Morrison debate if we should have school in the summer.



# Yes!

A topic that is often brought up is if students should have less school in the summer and more in the winter. There are many concerns for students to have less school in the winter such as icy roads, brittle weather, and illnesses.

Winter is the season where colds and other types of sicknesses are most common in kids and teenagers. Some students might have to walk to school because they don't have a ride. As a result, the kids might get sick. But if you would go to school in the summer more often the kids would not get sick as frequently. At school kids get sick but don't always fully recover, which will spread germs and before you know it, half the students and staff at school are sick.

Another main concern for having school in the winter is icy roads and cold weather. We shouldn't have school in the winter because there is dreadful weather. As a result, there will be a lot of delays and cancellation. When you reach a certain amount of days cancelled from the snow, you will have to do blizzard bags. In our opinion the blizzard bags are very inconvenient and may be hard to do without the assistance of our teachers. The roads get very icy which cause the students to have even more delays and cancellations. Furthermore, we also miss a lot of days in the winter caused by holidays such as Christmas. It is also hard for kids with extra activities in the winter with all of the homework and getting to their extra activities. In addition, the roads are atrocious trying to get places, even school!

To conclude, more school in the summer would be the better option. No more sick students, icy roads to drive on, and cold weather.

# NO!

Are you someone who enjoys summer? Sitting out in the sun, hanging out with friends, going on vacation, or swimming at the pool? More and more schools are trying to have less school in the winter and more in the summer. Children should have a break from school during summer time. In the summer it is warmer outside than in the winter, so children can go outside and get exercise, which would help their health. Children need to have a healthy diet, exercising on a warm day would be healthy for child.

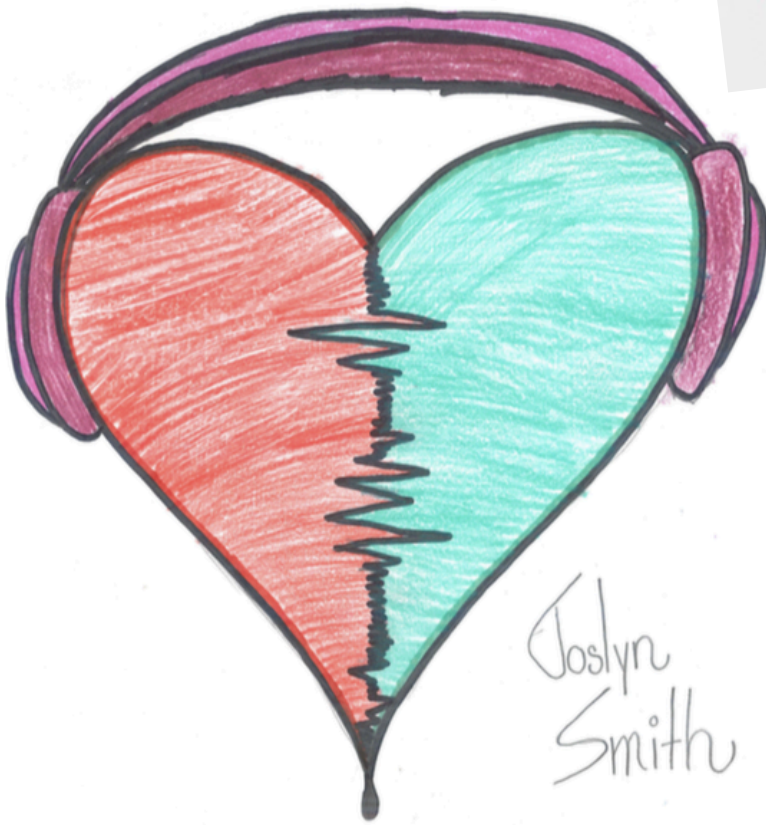
Also, children have parents who work in the winter and if they had days off in the winter than they would be alone at home, by themselves. Children would need the emotional support from their parents and if they are not home then who would they get it from? In the summer, children would like to go swimming at the pool, or to have fun at Cedar Point. How would the children get there? Yeah, their parents could take them, but what if they had to work?

Summer is a time for students to relieve their stress from the school year and just have fun! Students need time to prepare for the next year of school. Students only have the weekend and holiday breaks to have fun with their friends and family. In the summer students have all the freedom to have as much fun as they want.

Another thing that is important to bring up is absence from school. Teachers and staff complain all the time about students not being at school for their classes, but if you had more school in the summer, students would most likely skip school more in the summertime. Students enjoy doing summer activities like swimming, going on vacation, and going to amusement parks like Cedar Point.

I think we should let the students have a break from school and do the summer activities they want without the pressure of school.

# Student



Joslyn  
Smith

6th grade

