Student Council

Student Council has been different this year due to Covid-19. English classes did a can food drive for the month of November. Student council is selling beef jerky, and the money is going to the Student Council for the school dance and eighth grade graduation. The President is Janessa King, Vice President is Jose Wilson, Treasurer is Addison Hayes, Representatives are Molly Watts, Jackson Vanderpool, and the Secretary is Faith Blum. We are going to have a great student council this year! Written by: Faith Blum
Junior High Basketball

Thursday, January 7th, the 7th and 8th grade Lady Ironmen played against Vinita. Though neither team won, they both fought hard. The game against OKU on Monday, January 11th, was postponed due to a COVID-19 issue. Games against Caney Valley were canceled due to COVID as well. Thursday, January 28th, 6th-grade girls, 7th-grade boys, and 8th-grade boys played at Chelsea. The 6th-grade girls lost 20 to 3, but the 7th-grade boys won 16 to 15. The 8th-grade boys also won 41 to 35. Written by Brooklyn Malone.
College Football Playoffs

Bowl games: The Oklahoma State Cowboys beat the Miami Hurricanes 37-34 in the Cheez-It bowl on December 29th. The Oklahoma Sooners beat the Florida Gators 55-20 on December 30th in the Cotton Bowl.

National Championship: the Alabama Crimson Tide beat the Ohio State Buckeyes on January 12th in the national championship. Written by: Garrett Staehle
Band and Choir Concert

On December 18, 2020, Nowata Public Schools, Middle School, and High Schools had a band and choir concert. The beginning band played the songs “First Christmas March”, “A Celtic Christmas” and “Deck The Holidays.” The middle school band played “Christmas Holiday March” “A Christmas Dreams” and “Merry Gentlemen.” The middle school choir sang “A Holiday Invitation” “The Holiday Tango!” “In The Dark of December” and “A Star Dances, An Angel Sings.” At the end of the concert, all the middle school and high school band and choir played the song “We Wish You A Merry Christmas” all together at the end of the concert. Written by: Kahlyn Reese.
The Buccaneers defeated the Packers 31 to 26. They are now moving on to face the Chiefs who beat the Bills 38 to 24. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers and The Kansa City Chiefs will face each other in the Superbowl. The Kansas City Chiefs are the former champions with Patrick Mahomes, and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers with Tom Brady. Each team has a lot of firepowers. They also have good receivers, but the buccaneers have a more experienced quarterback with Tom Brady.

The NBA season also continues, with The Lakers with the best record in the league at 14-4. Written By: Talon Thompson
Book Review

Wonder is a book written by R.J. Palacio. It was published in 2012 on February 14th. It’s about a boy under the name of Auggie who feels he looks out of place in the world. Auggie’s parents and Olivia have the same condition. Only Auggie shows it though. The book Wonder is a book that talks about disabilities. Olivia (Via) is his older sister. His parents’ names are Isabel and Nate. Auggie transfers to a new school at the beginning of the book. He slowly but surely makes new friends at that school. Jack Will and Summer are two of Auggie’s first and best friends. He met Jack Will before the school year started, when he got a tour through the school building. He met Summer during the school year at lunch when no one else would sit with him. Auggie has a bully though. The bully’s name is Julian. Julian was rude to Auggie, and made everyone feel like they had to be too. He was rude to Auggie because he wanted to keep his popular reputation. The rating we give this book is 4.5/5. It gets a good rating because it speaks about things that aren’t usually spoken about in the open. It points out flaws in the way teenagers think and act. Written by: Addyson Patton and Fallyn Nicholas
“We Can Be Heroes” is about a group of heroes who try to fight off a group of aliens. They end up not being able to, and getting captured. After that, all of their kids were locked in an underground bunker to keep them safe. One of the kids found out about an alien invasion, and decided they needed to escape and save their parents. After a little bit of struggle the children were able to escape, and save their parents. I give this movie a 4/5 for entertainment, but the design features were not the best in my opinion. Written by: Kennedy Newsom

“A Series of Unfortunate Events” is a series about the Baudelaire children, who have terrible luck in life. The kids parents died in a house fire when the children were young, and left the kids with nothing but each other. The kids have to go live with a distant family for a while. At first, the kids had to go stay with Count Olaf, who was just waiting till the oldest daughter turned of age. When she turned eighteen, Count Olaf had planned to marry her and get her family’s wealth. After an incident, the children had to go live with other family members. Every time the kids go to live with someone else something terrible happens, and Count Olaf always seems to be there. I rate this show a 5/5 for the mystery and entertainment. Written by: Kennedy Newsom
Teacher of the Month

The teacher of the month is Mr. Delk. He teaches 6th and 7th grade Geography. Mr. Delk’s favorite team is the Oklahoma Sooners, his favorite book is the Bible, and his favorite drink is a fruit and greens smoothie. We asked Mr. Delk what is the best advice you have been given about teaching, and he said, “Don’t wear your feelings on your sleeve.” We asked him what the hardest and best part about being a teacher, and he said, “The hardest part is making geography interesting to those who don’t find it interesting. The best part is when students come back and say, “We did a lot of work in your class but I learned a lot.” Written by Kahlyn Reese.
Men's College Basketball

On January 2nd, the Oklahoma State Cowboys beat the Texas Tech Red Raiders 82-77 and Tulsa beat Cincinnati 70-66.

On January 4th, the Oklahoma State Cowboys lost to the West Virginia Mountaineers 87-84.

On January 12th, the Oklahoma State Cowboys beat the Kansas Jayhawks 75-70.

On January 6th, the Tulsa Golden Hurricane beat South Florida 61-51.

On January 23rd, the Oklahoma State Cowboys lost to the Baylor Bears 81-66.

On January 26th, the Oklahoma State Cowboys beat Iowa State 81-60.

On January 13th, the Tulsa Golden Hurricane lost to the Wichita State Shockers 53-72.

On January 20th, Tulsa lost to the Houston Cougars 59-86.

On January 26th, Tulsa lost to the Temple Owls 67-76.

1/6/2- OU men played Baylor. The final score was OU at 61 points and Baylor at 76 points.

OU moves to 6/3 in the season. Baylor is now 10/0. Austin Reaves was the leading scorer at 19. His free throw % was 5/5. Baylor's leading scorer was Macio Teague at 17. His free throw % was 1/2. 1/9/2- On January 9 OU played against Kansas. They lost 63-59, and Kansas took home the win. Ou's player with the leading score was Austin Reaves with 20 pts, and his ft% was 4/4. Kansas's player with the leading score was David McCormack, And Davids's ft% was 1/3. 1/12/2- On January 12 OU played TCU. Ou won 82-46 With TCU losing. OU's player with the leading score was De'vion Harmon with 22pts. TCU's player with their top score was Rj Nembhard with 10 pts. Ou's ft% was 6/6, and TCU's ft% was 6/17. 1/16/21- The game against OSU was canceled. 1/19/2- OU played against Kansas state on January 19. The final score was 50-76. OU's leading scorer was De'vion Harmon with 16pts. Kstate's leading scorer was Dajuan Gordon with 13pts. OU's ft% was 11/21, Kstate's was 3/6. 1/23/21- OU played Kansas for the second time. OU won and the final score was 75-68. OU's leading scorer was De'vion Harmon. OU's ft% 18/22. Kansas' leading scorer was Marcus Garrett. Kansas' ft% was 10/14. 1/26/2- OU played Texas, The final score was 80-79. OU's leading scorer was Austin Reaves with 23 pts. Texas's leading scorer was Kai Jones with 15 pts. Austin's free throw % was ⅛. Kai's was 4/6.

Written by:
Garrett Staehle and Jackson Vanderpool
Women's College Basketball

On January 6th, the Oklahoma State Cowgirls beat the Texas Christian Horned Frogs 78-53. On January 9th, the Oklahoma State Cowgirls beat the Texas Christian Horned Frogs again 69-50. On January 13th, the Oklahoma State Cowgirls lost to the Iowa State Cyclones by ten points 80-90. On January 16th, the Oklahoma State Cowgirls lost to the West Virginia Mountaineers 59-67. On January 20th, the Oklahoma State Cowgirls lost to the Baylor Bears 77-58. On January 25th, the Oklahoma State Cowgirls beat the Kansas State Wildcats 69-55.

1/19/21 Ou women played Iowa state. The final score was 64-63 with Iowa winning. Ou's leading scorer was Taylor Robenson with 26 pts. Iowa's leading scorer was Ashley Joens. 1/23/21 Ou played Baylor. The final score was 84-61 with OU losing the game. OU’s leading scorer was Madi Williams with 29 pts. Baylor's leading scorer was NaLyssa Smith with 21pts. 1/27/21 Ou played Kansas. The final score was 84-81 with OU winning. OU’s leading scorer was Tina Stephans with 19pts. Kansas's leading score was Gabby Gregory with 27pts. Written by Garrett Staehle and Jackson Vanderpool.
Ag Trip

On the 28th of December, the AG class went to Rhema and went ice skating. Mr. Harrington is the one who drove everyone who needed a ride. They went ice skating first, and then they all went to look at Christmas lights. You could go for free, all you had to do is bring money to get something to eat. The AG officers are the ones who arranged it all. It was a fun time, and we are thankful for the time that the officers took to set the trip up. Everyone had a blast and we appreciated it. Written by: Kaylee Fischer and Tori Tanner

Robotics

So far, we have been building robots and we learned how to control the robots. We have been taking lots of tests about projecting it. Today we are 3d printing keychains. Robotics is about teamwork and building, combined with technological science, and I feel like I’ve learned a lot. At our last competition, we made it to the finals. We sadly didn’t win, but that shows us we are doing good and just need a few more final tweaks! Written by Angel Pettit
**Facs**

In FACS, the students are making a bulletin board out of their caricatures. The students in the FACs class are Leslie, Mayshayla, Wally, Maliki, Chris, Deja, Dylan, and Jaden. They traced the pictures out of a booklet, or just freehand drew a portrait. It took two days for the kids to complete them. The students were allotted one day to color them, and then one day to cut them out. There is a bulletin board outside of the FACs classroom with the bulletin board, and I recommend taking a look at it. Written By: Jaden Bryer

**Art**

In Ms. Hilyard's 7th-grade art class, we are learning about different artistic perspectives. We draw different shapes and make what we call a vanishing point, and draw the shapes towards it and make them 3D. For the first semester of school, Mashayla Brown and Cassidy Ramirez painted a winter-themed painting. For the first semester, 8th graders Keyshawn Verner and Jerome Jackson did a wood burning project. Wood burning is also called pyrography. It is where you decorate or use some other material to burn a design into the wood. Written by Hailey Gillman