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Monday 3

-Girls V Tennis vs Edinburg Community High School (A)

Tuesday 4

-V Baseball vs New Pal (H) -V Softball vs Bloomington North (A) -Boys Volleyball vs Beech Grove (A) -Boys/Girls V Track & Field Franklin + East Central (H)

-Good Friday No School

-V Softball vs East Central (H)

-Boys Volleyball Blue river

-V Baseball vs Triton Central (A)

Valley Jr-Sr HS (H)

Thursday 6

-V Softball vs Columbus North (H) -Boys V Golf vs Mt Vernon (A) -Girls V Tennis vs Morristown (A) -Boys/Girls V Track & Field New Pal/Greenfield (H)

Monday 10

-V Baseball vs Southport (H) -V Softball vs Pendleton Heights (A) - Boys V Golf vs Columbus East (H) -Girls V Tennis vs Triton Central (A) -Boys Volleyball vs Whiteland (H)

Thursday 13

-V Baseball vs Morristown (A) -Boys V Golf vs Franklin Community (A) -Girls V Tennis vs Mt Vernon(A)

Tuesday 11

Friday 7

-V Baseball vs Mt. Vernon (A) -Girls V Tennis vs Columbus East (H) -Boys/Girls V Track & Field Columbus East (A)

Friday 14

-Mid Terms -V Softball vs Delta (H) -Boys Volleyball Ind Lutheran (A) - Boys/Girls V Track & Field Bill Self Invite (A)

Monday 17

-V Baseball vs Knightstown (H) - V Softball vs Greenwood (H) -Boys V Golf vs Greensburg (A) -Girls V Tennis vs Waldron (A)

Thursday 20

Monday 24

-V Softball vs Franklin Community (H)

-V Baseball vs Franklin Central (A)

-Boys Volleyball vs New Palestine HS (A)

-V Softball vs Greensburg (H)

- Boys V Golf vs Rushville (H)

Tuesday 18

-Area Academic Super Bowl Competition -V Baseball vs Pendleton Heights (A)

- -V Softball vs Connersville (A)
- Girls V Tennis vs Seymour (A)
- -Boys/Girls V Track & Field

Rushville + Southwestern (H)

Friday 21

-V Softball vs Columbus East (H) -Girls V Tennis vs Pendleton Heights (H)

-V Baseball vs Delta (H)

Tuesday 25 -V Baseball vs Delta (A) -Girls V Tennis vs Batesville (H) - Boys/Girls V Track & Fleld Columbus North/East Central (A)

Wednesday 26

Thursday 27

-V Softball vs New Pal (A) -Boys V Golf vs Batesville (A) -Girls V Tennis vs East Central (H)

Friday 28

-V Baseball vs Batesville (A) -Boys Volleyball Franklin Community HS (A)

Saturday 29

-V Baseball vs Franklin County (H) -Boys V Golf Cougar Golf Invitational (A) -Girls V Tennis Whiteland Invitational (A)

Wednesday 5

-V Baseball vs New Pal (A)

Saturday 8

-V Softball vs New Castle (H)

- Boys V Golf Yorktown Invite (A)
- -Boys Volleyball Madison Consolidated HS (A)

Wednesday 12

-SHS/SMS Spring Concert -V Baseball vs Mt. Vernon (H) -V Softball vs Center Grove (H)

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-V Baseball vs Indian Creek (H) -V Softball vs Yorktown (A) -Boys V Golf vs Jennings County Invitational (A) -Girls V Tennis Shelbyville Invitational (H) -Boys Volleyball Viking Invite (A)

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-SHS/SMS Spring Band Festival -V Baseball vs Pendleton (H)

His Name Wasn't Platt

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In February 1986, black history month was established. We remember and dedicate this month for the history of injustice against African-Americans. Not even a hundred years ago, they were freed from the Jim Crow Laws in 1965. Before the segregation, the U.S. had slavery. Many of the slaves being free people who were kidnapped as "runaways". African-Americans still experience injustice today. An example being police brutality. We take this month to shine a light on these issues and to honor the ones who have suffered.



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their owners wanted.

Solomon Northup

Solomon Northup, a free man. was wronged and it was able to happen because he was an African-American, but he was a freeman. In 1841, he was tricked by two men into becoming a "Georgia runaway". Their names being Mr.Hamiliton and Mr.Brown. The two men gave Solomon a "drink" that led to him being very ill. He suddenly woke up, after having fallen asleep from his illness, and was surprised to find that he was in chains.

They sent him to a man named Burch. A famous slave-dealer. When Solomon tried to explain his situation, the man just called him names. "Georgia runaway." "Black Liar." Nothing Solomon said mattered to this cruel man. Burch then beat him with a wooden paddle in order to get him to admit to being a "runaway." Solomon stood his ground and said who he was. This unfortunately didn't help him.

Throughout his time of being a slave, he had multiple owners. Before anyone actually "owned" him, they took attendance of all the slaves. When the name Platt was called, no one stood. As Solomon knew his name and knew that it wasn't Platt. He was confronted and the man told him his name was Platt, end of story. His name wasn't Platt. His name was Solomon. In order for slaves to survive back then, they had to pretend to be whatever

Platt ended up getting bought from a man named Ford. No slave owner should ever be considered kind, but Ford did some nice things for Solomon. He got him a violin, as Solomon was a violin player and muscian. Ford had some overseers and one of them being a man named Tibeats. This man was harsh and no one really liked him. Tibeats thought he was high and mighty, so when a slave "dared" disrespect him then he can do what he wants to them. A day came where Tibeats told Solomon to do something, he did it, and then Tibeats said that isn't right. Solomon stands up for himself and when Tibeats tries to beat him, Solomon fights back and whips Tibeats, but not as harshly as they do him. He ended up being hanged for some time and Ford sold him to another man named Epps.

Epps was a drunk, he cheated on his wife, and he had a cotton business. He would beat his slaves just because they didn't pick as much cotton as HE wanted. Some time after Solomon was with Epps, a man came along for some work on the plantation, named Bass. Solomon trusted him deliver a letter to his family in order to save him. Just because Bass helped and got that letter sent, does not mean Bass saved Solomon. Solomon saved himself.

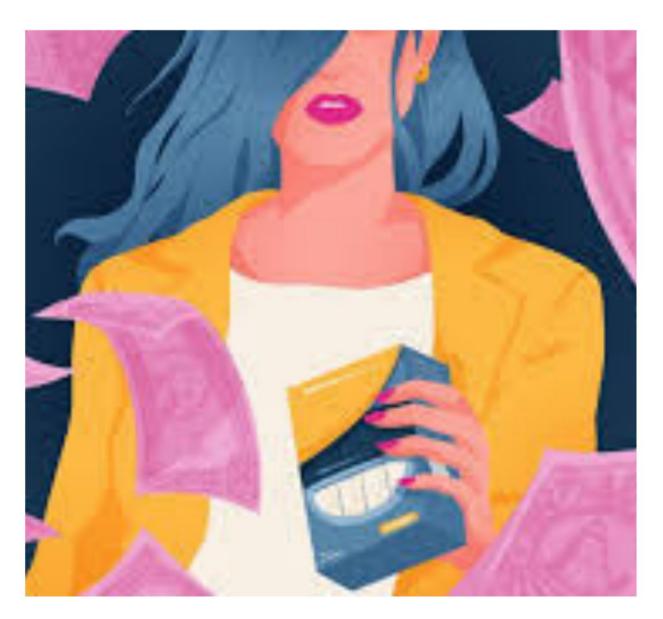
Solomon is a good person to remember this month because of his bravery and determination tool get back to his family. It may have took time, but he got out and got what was taken away from him.

SOURCES:

https://blackhistorymonth.gov/about/ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim_Crow_laws 12 Years a Slave written by Solomon Northup

THE PINK TAX

Written by Ava Ruschhaupt



What Is It?

Women have essential needs that can not be avoided, yet the universal items used should not be more expensive for women than for men or gender neutral items. The "Pink Tax" according to the World Economic Forum in "What is the 'pink tax' and how does it hinder women?" written in 2022, states

products targeted towards women are "sometimes" more expensive than that of their male counterparts. For example, on the Walmart website when searching for menstrual pain relief pills, Equate Menstrual Complete comes up.This item comes with a 40 count of 500mg tablets of Acetaminophen, a common pain reliever. The cost per tablet comes out to be 7.2¢/each. As for Equate

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Extra Strength with pills of 500mg of Acetaminophen, it comes out to be 1.6¢/each. Each product virtually has the same job of helping with pain relief and the same ingredients, they vary in price per pill. While it may only be a 5.6¢ difference, that difference can add for the long run. Not only does the "Pink Tax" target neutral, universal items, it also targets female specific items.

The average woman goes many years with a menstrual cycle with "the median number of lifetime menstrual cycles was 451.3" according to the National Institute of Health. To maintain hygiene during menstrual cycles most women will use tampons or pads. On Walmart's website, Tampax Pearl Tampons Trio Pack with 47 tampons, containing light, regular, and super, costs \$10.47. As for menstrual pads, an Always 46 count of pads costs \$7.97. The costs of pads and tampons, regardless of brand, can add up to be one hefty cost in the long run. If a woman has to buy tampons and pads for each menstrual cycle, it would end up costing \$4,725.11 and \$3,470.60 respectively.

However, the difference in cost between men and women items are sometimes the same depending on the brands chosen. For Dove deodorant for both men and women it costs \$5.97, yet the cost for women's deodorant costs 9¢ more to make than men's. Yet, the company was able to create an equal cost. While more and more corporations are changing their ways to help with equality, more should be done to help create an equal monetary environment for universal goods.

Women pay \$1,351 more every year for the same products. Source: Forbes



What can I Do?

Petition our legislators to stop taxing feminine hygiene products. Supports brands with unisex products. Support public resources that offer free feminine hygiene products to women in need, and offer free feminine hygiene products in public bathrooms

What is your opinion on the "Pink Tax"?

"The Pink Tax says a lot about how our society functions. Not only is it a blatant economic disadvantage for women, buta perfect example of how we respond to discriminatory



issues. Problems such as these, usually targeting women and minorities, are often labeled as "controversial" and swept under the rug. That's the problem. That's always been the problem, and we are just letting it happen."

-Katelynne Scott



"I feel that the Pink Tax is an unfortunate side effect of a heavily patriarchal society and government that we have lived in for our entire country's existence. Feminine hygiene

products, such as tampons and pads, have been classified as "luxury items" and been given the luxury tax even though they are clearly a necessity for women. This has led to many women having to pay more money over time for items that are needed for hygiene. I believe a good first step to fixing this problem would be to raise awareness because many men are not familiar with this issue."

"I see multiple sides here, I guess. Part of me wants to say there wouldn't be a market for "pink tax" to exist if consumers didn't buy into it (literally). If we, as women, refuse to participate in the racket and stop purchasing inflated products, companies won't be able to sustain genderbased price gouging. However, the fact that our society (all genders included) allows "pink tax" to be a thing at all is evidence of the perpetuation of unjust systemic issues when it comes to gender (legally, socioeconomically, culturally, etc.)."

-Mrs. Teague

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



In the month of March we celebrate Women's History Month to reflect on the commonly undermined accomplishments of women throughout our history. Taking a look back, there are many female heroes who are often forgotten. These women have pushed our society to think bigger and do things we thought to be impossible. These women were unstoppable and helped better the world for women today. Here are some female heroes who changed *your* world!

Katherine Johnson (1918-2020) is well-known for her aeronautics work at NASA, where she developed calculations that helped the US launch its first astronaut into space in 1961 and safely land Apollo 11 on the moon in 1969. Despite being a mathematical genius, as a woman of color in a segregated society, Johnson had limited career opportunities. She began working at NASA's Langley Research Center as one of the 'human computers' to verify calculations from the electronic computers. Her intelligence and mathematical talent made her a valuable asset to NACA and she became the only woman to be pulled from the "human computer" pool to work on other programs. After 33 years of service at NASA, Johnson retired in 1986. You can watch an adaptation of her story in the featured film, "Hidden Figures".





Marie Curie (1867-1934) was a Polish, naturalized-French physicist and chemist who conducted pioneering research on radioactivity. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, the first person to win a Nobel Prize twice, and the only person to win a Nobel Prize in two scientific fields. In 1906, she was the first woman to become a professor at the University of Paris. Marie Curie is remembered for her discovery of radium and polonium and her huge contribution to finding treatments for cancer.

Katharine Hepburn (1907-2003) was an American actress in film, stage, and television. Her career as a Hollywood leading lady spanned over 60 years. She was known for her headstrong independence, spirited personality, and outspokenness. These traits cultivated a screen persona that matched this public image, and regularly played strong-willed, sophisticated women. She worked with a range of genres and earned multiple awards. These awards included four Academy Awards for best actress, which is a record for any performer. In 1999, Hepburn was named the greatest female star of classic Hollywood cinema by the American Film Institute.



The Varsity Baseball

season started off with a 17-1 win against Hauser. Freshmen, Aiden Smith was the winning pitcher while Junior, Eli Sheppard drove in the runs. This season there are several senior players that are collegiate commits, as well as many hopeful underclassmen who are looking forward to the upcoming season.

"I'm looking forward to competing at a high level with my teammates," says Brock Kuhn, a junior at SHS. "I think that this year will be better than last year. Some of our guys, including myself, didn't have the greatest of seasons last year. I can't wait to see how we all put it behind us and bounce back this year."

Last year the boys finished their season with a 12-14, which the boys this season intend to improve that record this season. Brock Kuhn definitely has high hopes for the season, as he says, "I think that if everything goes according to plan we will end with a record of 26-2." The school's all-time win record on a season is 20 games, so this would break that record. Make sure to swing by a boys baseball game to support the boys this season!

The Varsity Softball

team also started out with a 10-0 win over the Seymor Owl's. Senior and Mississppi State commit Kylee Edwards and Ulndy commit Hailey Pogue both had homeruns in the opening games. Pogue had this to say "I'm looking forward to seeing how far we get this year. I think we will still be strong but there are a lot of things we have to clean up to be the same we were last year but I think we are more of a defensive threat this year than last." Last year the girls finished their season with a 24-6 record, ending their season with a loss to Roncali in the semi-state championship game. Pogue says she doesn't feel any pressure compared to other years and is ready to come out as strong as ever.

The Track and Field

team has already kicked off their season with two indoor meets at UIndy, with many runners hitting PRs. Many of the athletes are excited for the season to come. Senior Brooke Byers is a returning runner for the girls track team planning on running the 100, 4x100, 200, as well as the 4x400."My goal for the season personally is to pr in my events. I also enjoy meeting people from other schools and hearing their insights from their practice. I hope as a team that we are able to encourage others to join in the next couple of years since covid dropped the numbers." Even though the team does not have number, they are ready to run their hearts out in competition. "I'm looking forward to all the memories we will make because the team energy is very hype. It's really cool to help auide underclassman in the mechanics of running because when they understand what they're doing, their face brightens up." Says Byers, who is taking on a leadership position on the team.

There are many talented runners returning this season, including sophomore Christian Powell. This season, Powell is competing in several events including the 100m, 200m, and 4x100m relay as well as the 4x400m relay. Powell is also looking to possibly start competing in the long jump.

"I'm looking forward for some PRs and overall improvement and growth. I would like to get a new 100 and 400 pr the most."

With a lot of new runners this year, as well as some returning competitors, the track and field team is ready to face strong competition this season. "This year looks promising and I'm excited to see what's to come."

Boys Volleyball is

coming to SHS for the first time. The boys are all excited to make history as the first boys volleyball team, and are looking to pick up some wins this season.

"This upcoming season is going to be a tough one for sure and I'm feeling nervous but excited at the same time!" Says senior, Shiv Patel. "My goal for this season is to have more games won than lost. Given that this is our first season, that's probably going to be harder than you would think." The team kicks off their season on March 28th at Heritage Christian, and is looking for a student section to cheer them on! "I'm really looking forward to this upcoming season and I think that this school needs more winning going on so I hope that we can contribute to that," says Patel.

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The Boys Golf team kicks off their season on April 1st this month. Jake Garrison, a returning sophomore on the team, is excited to kick off the season. "I am mostly looking forward to the competitive atmosphere. My goals for this season is to have our team make it to regionals and then hopefully state."

The Girls Tennis team swings into action on April third at Edinburgh Community High School. With a large team of many returning players, the girls are all hopeful for another successful season. Senior Emma Sandman, a stronger leader of the team, is one of these hopefuls.

"Going into this season, I am super excited for not only my senior year but to have a great year with girls! Everyone has mv been working really hard in the off season and I'm super excited to see our hard work pay off this year!" says Sandman. "I honestly love being a leader on this team! Our team really makes it easy because everyone loves on each other which I think is really great! I love that our group of seniors can always provide laughs and make practice fun, yet we also know when it's time to be serious and really put the work in. My goal for us as a team this year is to be champs and sectional really maintain a close knit community. Personally, my goal is to enjoy every minute on the court because tennis is a sport that has truly changed my entire high school experience for the better! I am literally so excited for tennis season and will probably bawl like a baby the last time I step off the court!"



Marching with Mickey By: Giselle Vargas-Garcia

The SHS Marching Band will begin preparing for their annual trip to perform in Florida. In the three weeks leading up to the trip, the band will practice parade marching while perfecting and memorizing the music they will perform at Disney World.

The band has its send-away concert on June 2nd for parents and anyone wanting to attend and support the band before the big trip. The highlights of the trip are: performing for thousands as they march through Magic Kingdom on June 7th and the Soundtrack Session on June 8th.

During Soundtrack the session. students will our experience the excitement, focus, and fast-paced energy of a professional recording studio environment. During this workshop, participants will sight-read and work directly with industry professionals to create a truly magical ensemble piece. The experience culminates with a screening of their recorded work set to Disney film footage. While in Florida, the band will enjoy a handful of Disney and Universal parks, a trip to the beach, and much more.



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CONGRATS LATIN STUDENTS

Twelve Shelbyville Latin Students competed at the IJCL State Latin Convention on March 10th and 11th at IU. The State convention is an annual gathering of Indiana JCL members. It includes individual and chapter competition (both academic and athletic) and social activities

This year SHS had 126 top-10 placings, earning 1st place overall in small school Sweepstakes with a substantial margin of over 200 points! Other school awards included 2nd place for delegate spirit, which was the highest in Shelbyville history, and 2nd place in chapter t-shirt design.

In addition, the dynamic duo of Oliva Bowman and Leila Patrick earned the 'Fan Favorite' award for their performance of "Patris loca" or "Dad jokes" about Latin class.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Anna Ballast**, 58 points, including 2nd place in both Constructed Charts and Greek Derivatives

- **Ev Barnum**, 65 points, including 3rd place in both Modern Myth and Jewelry

- **Olivia Bowman**, 56 points, including 3rd place in both Latin Derivatives and Constructed Charts

- **Isabella Bradburn**, 73 points, including 1st place in Latin Grammar, Pentathlon, and Advanced Reading Comprehension

- Sydney Brown, 11 points, including 4th place in Roman Life & Customs
- Lilly Conners, 66 points, including 2nd place in Dolls
- Cora Flynn, 79 points, including 2nd place in Hellenic History
- Leila Patrick, 33 points including 1st place in Roman Life & Customs
- Sharielis Rodriguez, 62 points, including 1st place in Latin Derivatives
- **Andrea Rosales**, 80 points, including 3rd place in both Geography & Colored Pencil

-Addysyn Wettrick, 74 points, including 1st place in Latin Derivatives

Student Highlight

Madelyn Scott led the way with 151 points overall in a large variety of academic test, graphic arts submissions and creative arts contests. Among many examples, Madelyn earned 2nd place in Costume, 1st in Greek place derivatives, and 1st in Impromptu Art.

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<u>Singing</u> <u>Spectacularly</u>

By: Julia Barnett

Synergy has had an amazing season for the 2022-2023 school year. Looking back on the events from March, the performers have had many spectacular

On accomplishments! March fifth, the group travelled to Churubusco High school where they 2nd were named runner-up in the small-mixed division earning them an advancement into the finals where they they placed 5th overall! The choir also received the Eagle Spirit Award, which is given in honor of a Churubusco students that unfortunately passed away earlier this year. The award is presented to the choir kindness. that showed thoughtfulness,

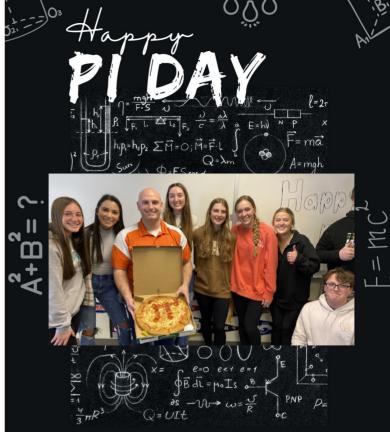


and great sportsmanship to all through out the day. Shout out to Jaydan Stiers and Chloe Dillman for their performances in the solo competition. As well as, Ryker Dewitt for receiving the outstanding performer award for the 3rd weekend a row.

On March 11th, Synergy was onto the Bulldog Spectacular at Brownsburg High School. Tasia Dillman and Kailey Mun (pictured above) sang wonderfully in the solo competition, and Mia Rolon received the Outstanding Performer Award for the choir's performance in the preliminary rounds. Keep up the amazing work guys, and good luck in the rest of competition season!

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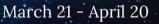




MARCH 14 WAS NATIONAL PI DAY. MR. NANCE'S CALCULUS CLASSES CELEBRATED THE NATIONAL HOLIDAY BY BRINGING IN PIE, OR PIZZA PIE, TO CELEBRATE.

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ARIES



Zodiac Facts Aries have the power to win over the universe and accomplish what they want to do. They are brave and selfish in their nature



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ARTIST OF THE ISSUE

Kelsie Martin is our artist of the month. Mrs. Thorpe says, "She is a creative, dedicated student who puts a lot of time and care into her work. I have been impressed by her attention to detail as she works on her ceramics pieces. She has made her own tools to create dragon scale textures, stamps for specific symbols and words, and has even brought in her own glazes for specific color combinations."

"I am excited to see her final piece of the semester. She is making a large fountain for her garden. Congratulations to Kelsie Martin, our Art Student of the Month!"

Kelsie Martin





<u>Interview</u>

What all art classes have you taken? - I have taken 7 total art classes! I have taken intro to 2d, intro to 3d, advanced 2d, advanced 3d, ceramics, painting, and advanced ceramics, as well as being a TA for an intro to ceramics class.

What art class are you currently in? - Currently, I am taking advanced ceramics!

What's your favorite type of art? - My favorite type of art has got to be ceramics. I also use oil paints, but I like the control and planning ceramic working gives me. I like hand building best, where you shape and sculpt clay without a pottery wheel. But, I also enjoy the pottery wheel, there's something very unique about using a tool like that to make your art. There's something about being able to make functional ware out of art that appeals to me, and I couldn't imagine using a different medium now.











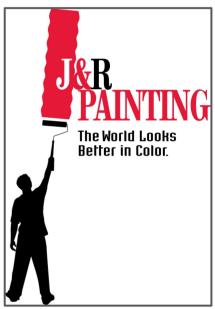
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Emma and Juicy's Easter Announcment

Bringing a new pet into your home is a big commitment and they require a lot of care and attention. With Easter just around the corner, many families buy rabbits and chickens to feature in their photos and even use them as decoration. But, what do they do with these animals when Easter is over? These defenseless animals are brought into a home that doesn't know how to care for their needs. The average lifespan for a rabbit is 8-14 years and chicks can live for up to 12-14years. Without the proper care, they each can die within a few months or even weeks. Before buying a rabbit or chick this year, make sure that you have the proper knowledge to care for these animals. They're very sensitive pets and they rely on your ownership!







BEARS BEST

These students exemplified the Golden Bear Way trait of "Effort"!



Renee Aldridge, Connor Ivie, Jake Garrison, Ashlynn Clark, Ella Johnson, Kinsley Petty-Stewerf, Mya Rardin, Carly Brake, Arya McNeely, Elizabeth DeRolf, Jonah Kreider

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Pic Cred: A Pumpkin and A Princess



Housekeeping

always involve the decorating of eggs for the Easter Bunny. There tends to be a trend every year of what the designs of eggs will be popular.

Here are some

predictions!

Pic Cred: Crafting Cheerfully



Pic Cred: DIYS.com



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Mila Martin @Moments With Mila With all that being said, be ready for the spring play May 5th starting at 7:30PM or May 6th starting at 9:30PM!

Welcome back from spring break everyone! These next eight weeks are going to fly by (hopefully). The Monday after break is always dreadful because of the awful sleep schedule I got myself into during break. I got my bellybutton and rook pierced this week and let me tell you, the rook is probably the worst part of the ear to get done. It's so hard to clean but it does look really cool. I also went to the tanning bed and lord was that a mistake, I now understand why my mom doesn't want me to go to them. Prom is right around the corner too and I really have nothing done for it. My mom likes to sign me up for stuff but she's not going to be in town the day of prom so I need to figure that out alone as well. I have my dress and that's it, no shoes, no jewelry, anything. I went to prom last year so I know what to expect but it's still nerve wrecking. Speaking of nerves I asked Miss. Strausbaugh three questions about the new spring play!

Q: Give a brief description of the play A: "For seven years a certain boy wizard went to a certain Wizard School and conquered evil. This, however, is not his story. This is the story of the Puffs... who just happened to be there too. A tale for anyone who has never been destined to save the world."

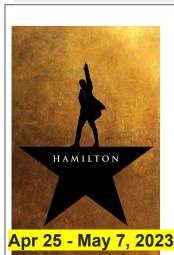
Q: What are you most excited for?

A: "I am most excited for our community to see the show! The students are working really hard to make the show a memorable experience for our audiences, so I hope lots of people get to experience it."

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Q: What is something the kids are working really well on?

A: "The kids are working really hard on working together as a team with the comedic aspects of our show! This show is an ensemble piece, meaning that a lot of people and moving parts are involved in making the show a success. Our students have done a great job listening to each other and finding ways to make the show funny."

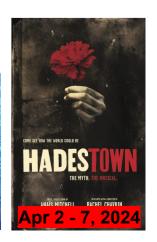


Looking for other plays or musicals to go watch? Here are a few others that are coming to Broadway Indianapolis!

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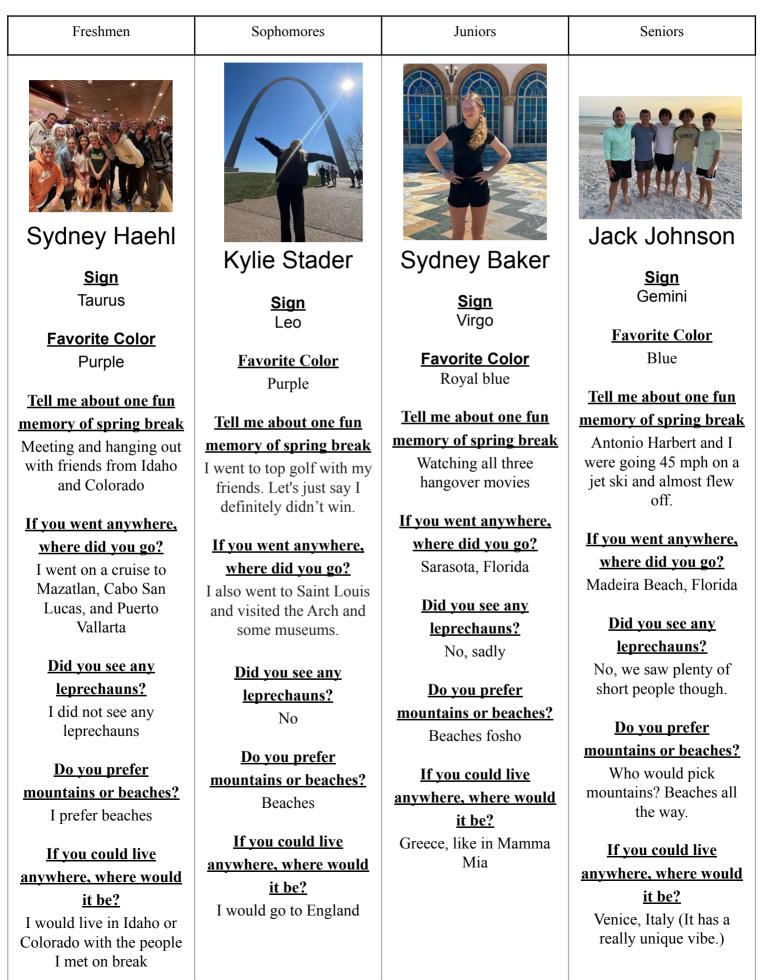




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15 MENUTES OF FAME

By: Bella Matney





9reo Balls Bunny

Ingredients :

- 36 Oreos
- 6 ounces cream cheese
- 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- - Pink gel food coloring Black gel food coloring
- 3/4 teaspoon meringue powder 2 cups white candy melting wafers
 - 1 teaspoon refined coconut oil
 - · White and pink sanding sugar, for decorating
 - 45 mini marshmallows

How To Make:

- Line 2 rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper.
- A Pulse the cookies in a food processor to fine crumbs. Add the cream cheese and pulse together until the mixture begins to ball up. Transfer to a large bowl and knead together a few times until completely combined.
- 👩 Roll about 1/3 of the mixture into 18 truffles (about 1 level tablespoon each) and place on one of the prepared baking sheets. Roll the remaining mixture into 18 larger truffles, (about 1 heaping tablespoon each), and place on the second prepared baking sheet. Refrigerate until firm and chilled through, about 1 hour.
- 🕐 For the royal icing, combine the confectioner's sugar and meringue powder in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment. Beat on low speed just to combine. Add 2 1/2 teaspoons water and increase the speed to medium. Beat the mixture until the icing is stiff enough to hold a peak but soft enough to pipe, about 2 minutes. If the icing gets too stiff, add up to 1/2 teaspoon more water.
- 6 Divide the icing evenly between 2 bowls. Tint one bowl of icing bright pink using the pink food coloring. Tint the remaining bowl of icing with the black food coloring. Transfer the pink and black icings to separate piping bags (with no cut openings) or to resealable plastic bags and set aside.
- *6* For the white coating, combine the candy melting wafers and coconut oil in a medium microwave-safe bowl. Microwave the mixture in 20-second intervals, stirring between each, until the wafers are melted and the mixture is smooth, about 1 minute 20 seconds. Set aside.
- P For the bunny tails: Cut 9 of the marshmallows crosswise to create 18 halves. Carefully dip one flat side of each marshmallow piece in the white candy coating, let the excess drip off and then dip in the white sanding sugar. Place each marshmallow piece sugar-side up on a plate to set. These will be the bunny tails.

For the bunny ears: Cut 18 of the marshmallows in half on the diagonal to create 18 pairs of bunny ears. Dip the cut side of each marshmallow piece in the pink sanding sugar. Place sugar-side up on the plate with the tails to set.

For the bunny feet: Cut the remaining 18 marshmallows in half lengthwise to create 18 pairs of feet. Set aside on the plate with the tails and ears.

🕜 Put a truffle in the white coating and use 2 forks to evenly coat. Lift out the truffle, letting any excess drip off, then return to the baking sheet. Continue with the remaining truffles (both sizes) until all are all coated. If the coating cools to room temperature during the dipping process, microwave it in 20-second intervals to reheat. Reserve the leftover white coating to use as glue for the tails, ears and feet.

For the heads: Dip the bottoms of 2 bunny ears in the leftover white coating, place on top of a small truffle and hold in place until the coating sets, about 15 seconds. Snip a very small tip off the corner of each bag of icing. Pipe a small pink heart for a nose on the front (face) of the truffle. Pipe a pair of eyes and mouth using the black royal icing. Repeat with the remaining small truffles.

For the bottoms: Dip the cut side of a marshmallow tail in the leftover white coating. Place the tail on top of one of the large truffles and hold in place until the coating sets, about 15 seconds. Dip the cut sides of two marshmallow feet in the leftover white coating. Position them on the truffle below the tail and hold until set in place. Use the pink royal icing to pipe a large oval on the top each foot and 3 small circles underneath for toes. Repeat with the remaining large truffles