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JaQuan Johnson's Record Year By Cole Buckingham

JaQuan Johnson is an 8th grade student here at CJHS. He runs on the boys track team. He has recently set a new record for the 200 meter dash at an incredible time of 22 seconds, and just Monday JaQuan set a new record for the 100 meter dash by completing it in 11.58 seconds.

I asked JaQuan how he felt about reaching such an amazing accomplishment, and he said he felt "pretty good." JaQuan said that he also wanted to set new records in the long jump and high jump. He said he always tries to

jog and stretch out to make sure he is in the best possible shape to run so he could do his best. JaQuan's personal opinion is that nobody will beat his record breaking time of 22 seconds, and he also said that he is the fastest runner on his team in short distances.

Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Wright are the track coaches for the boys' team this year. They both said that they were not surprised that he broke the record, and that he has the athletic ability and potential to break more records in future. Mr. Wright said that

JaQuan is the most athletic kid he has ever coached. Mr. Hopkins said that he was the best at running in his respected events. They also said that one day his record will be broken, because records are meant to be broken. Both Mr. Wright and Mr. Hopkins try to keep JaQuan running and doing different drills at practice to make him stay ready for the meets coming up.

JaQuan qualified for State in all four of his events. Good luck to JaQuan and the rest of the CJHS track team!

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Emma Chick Breaks Her Own Record Again! By Jaylin Pierce

On our CJHS track team, Emma Chick is one of our three pole vaulters. She has been pole vaulting since she was in 5th grade. Emma practices every day except Saturday and Sunday. On Monday, she set a new record by clearing 8 feet.

Emma was the first person in CJHS history to have a pole vaulting record and she has now beat her best three times. Before Monday, her personal record is 7ft 9 inches! Emma said that pole vaulting can be difficult. Pole vaulters do not all use the same pole, they come in different lengths. Emma uses two different size poles, one is 10ft and one is 11ft. She also uses special shoes called spikes.

Pole vaulting became interesting to her through her father and Mrs. Marks. Emma really enjoys this event and has now qualified for State competitions. Good Luck Emma!

Pet Sematary By Willow Hawkins

There are many new movies being released currently, one of them is the remake of Pet Sematary. The new Pet Sematary movie came out on April 5, 2019. Along with the movie, there is also a book by Stephen King. Overall, 72% of people that saw the movie liked the movie and it scored a 58% on Rotten Tomatoes.

So what is Pet Sematary about? Pet Sematary is about Dr. Louis Creed and his wife Rachel who move to Maine with their two kids Gage and Ellie. They soon discover a makeshift pet cemetery in the woods near their house. Then a series of strange events leads to an evil discovery with horrible consequences.

Pet Sematary is a horror/thriller movie that you should go and see.



The House of Night Novels By Kayla Thomas

The House of Night series is a 12 book long fantasy series written by P.C. Cast about vampires and darkness. They were published in 2007-2014 and 2017-present.

This series has been on the New York Times Best Sellers List for 63 weeks. It has sold over 7 million copies in North America, and more than 10 million books worldwide in 39 countries.

There have been good thoughts about the series, some bad, and some mixed reviews. A lot of the reviews mention that the series taught life lessons. Some believe that books teach you that life isn't as easy as you think. In all, the series has got 4.4 stars and more good comments than bad.

P.C. Cast has had a lot of success with this series and more. This series is not for everyone, but I hope you decide to read it.



FRIENDS By Hayley Griffin

The TV show Friends has been off the air since 2004, but is still watched by many people today. Most of us know the iconic 1990's show Friends with the complicated relationship between Rachel and Ross and the real life problems that are faced with humor.

I asked around about why people think the show is still so popular. I found four people who watch Friends frequently and really enjoy it. They said that they enjoy watching the show, because it's super entertaining, funny, and relatable.

There are six main characters on the show, they are Ross, Joey, Chandler, Phoebe, Monica, and Rachel. Madalynn Spetter and Sarah Gunter both said that Phoebe was their favorite. Connor Walley said Monica was his favorite, and Gabby McClarren said Chandler got her vote for best character.

With ten seasons there are many episodes to choose from. Gabby, Sarah, and Conner said that their favorite episode was "The Last One Part Two". Madalynn said that her favorite episode is "The One With the Turkey". There are also many couples on the show. Gabby, Sarah, and Conner said that their favorite couple is Chandler and Monica. Madalynn said that Joey and Rachel are her favorite.

Reruns are on several different TV stations throughout the day. As of right now, Netflix is also still showing this wonderful show.

Benefits of Playing an Instrument By Jeremiah Williamson

There are plenty of different instruments out there, and all of them have their own quirks and qualities. You can go to any local music shop and pick up a decent instrument for a good price, but maybe you aren't sold on getting an instrument. Here are a few of the benefits of playing an instrument.

The Telegraph said, "New research suggests that regularly playing an instrument changes the shape and power of the brain and may be used in therapy to improve cognitive skills." They go on to explain how it can also raise your IQ by seven points regardless of age. However, playing an instrument does more than just increase your intelligence.

Grace Music School said, "Physically learning the control and effort required to play an instrument can help ease anxiety. Plus, physically listening to the pieces you're learning can build a strong sense of physical recognition in the musician." If making you smarter was not enough of a reason to get an instrument, they also help with anxiety.

This was just a short summary of a few of the benefits to playing an instrument. I hope that if you aren't already you'll give one a try sometime.



Pit Bulls Are Good By Kara Stein

Pit bulls are known to most people by how "dangerous" they are. However, what many people do not realize is that what makes them so dangerous is the people around them. If they are treated badly and put into dog fights, they are going to be mean. How they are treated will reflect how they act. They are loyal dogs and tend to follow the lead of their owners.

In the nineteenth century pit bulls were "nanny

dogs". The owners of the pit bull would leave the dog at home with the children. This dog would be protective over the family, more specifically the children. Pit bulls today are still very loyal to families.

Studies show that pit bulls are no more aggressive than any other breed of dogs, but all breeds of dogs can be dangerous by the way their owners treat them. As long as dog owners treat their dogs the right way, dogs will not be

"dangerous" anymore.

Pit bulls are soft at heart when it comes to family. As a person that has a pit mix as a pet, I can personally tell you that pits are not as aggressive as people make them out to be.

7th Grade Cutest Couple: Brady & Nicky By Sarah Gunter

This issue's cutest couple is made up of Brady Melvin and Nicky Nicklin. They have been dating for seven months and started dating September 27th.

This cute couple met at school. They have been on 3 dates and went skating for all of them. Both of Brady and Nicky agree that skating is their favorite thing to do together. Brady says that the one word to describe Nicky is nice. Nicky said that she would describe Brady as funny. They would both rate each other as a 10, which is very good if you ask me. Neither of them would change anything about one another, and they both admire each other's personalities.

This cute couple sees a bright future together. I hope they are right, because they are one cute couple!

8th Grade Cutest Couple: Noah & Mihane By Sarah Gunter

This issue's 8th grade cutest couple is Noah Mennes and Mihane Fejuzli. They started dating April 16, 2019, which means they have been dating for 2 weeks. Mihane and Noah met at school.

This cute couple have not been any dates, but they like talking and play fighting. Mihane says from a scale of 1-10, she would rate Noah an 11. Noah said that he would rate Mihane as a 10. Mihane's favorite trait about Noah is that he is thoughtful and considerate. Noah thinks that his favorite trait is that Mihane is very thoughtful and caring. Mihane said that she would describe Noah as caring, and he would describe her as beautiful.

Noah would not change anything about Mihane, but she says the mullet has to go for Noah. Even though it has only been two weeks, they see a bright future together and they are definitely one cute couple!

Red vs Blue By Lee Mocaby

Red vs. Blue is currently one of the longest running web-series, by the company Rooster Teeth still releasing episodes.

The series initially centers on two opposing teams of soldiers fighting an ostensible civil war in the middle of a 'Blood Gulch', a desolate box canyon.

The first episode was officially released on the Rooster Teeth website in 2003. Since then, the company has released 17 seasons, 5 mini-serieses, and they are planning to release more in the future.

The series is pretty underground around here, and it's definitely worth checking out if you like binge-watching.



Preston in the Spotlight! By Gabby McClerren

This issue Preston King is in the spotlight as our 8th grade spotlight student. We consider a star student to be a CJHS student who has excelled personally and academically.

Preston said he didn't expect to be star student, but he does think he deserves it. He gets help when he needs it, and doesn't think it is stressful to keep up or to stay on track. Preston said that he doesn't have any motivation and that there is not a particular subject he struggles with. Preston thinks P.E. is the easiest subject for him. Joseph Ruiz is his best friend, and in his free time he likes to play video games.

Preston King has worked hard and never stop, and that's why he is our 8th grade star student. Good job Preston!

All About Alicia! By Gabby McClerren

The 7th grade star student is Alicia Armes. Again, we feel that star students are students who have excelled with their grades and themselves.

Alicia said that she did not expect to get picked as star student and thinks that there are more people who deserve it more than her. Alicia gets help from mostly her friends and she does not think it is difficult to keep up or stay on track. She does struggle in Social Studies, but she always brings herself back up.

Alicia said her easiest subject would either be math or literature. Her friends are her motivation, and at home her family supports and celebrates her good actions. Alicia's best friend is Hollie Shelton, and she supports and motivated her too. She loves to read in her free time.

Make sure to say hi to Alicia in the halls and you might just make a new friend. She has worked hard and stayed focused on her grades and she never gave up. Good job Alicia Armes!

Playing Video Games: Good or Bad?

By Jordan Hart

Playing video games can hurt your brain cells. It depends on how frequently you play them and for how long.

The popular games to play right now are Fortnite, Minecraft, Spiderman, and NBA 2K19. Each of these games can be addicting and make you stay up all night playing them.

Video games can be addictive and dangerous. You need to learn to balance in order to not let it affect your health. Play 20 minutes and take a break. Don't stay up all night playing the games.

I play video games like Fortnite, but I try not to play that much. Be careful when playing video games and how you take them in. Remember it's just a game.



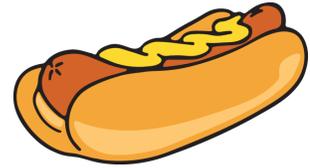
Is A Hotdog a Sandwich? By Andrew Jacobs

Is a hotdog a sandwich? This has become a heated debate among some students here at CJHS. It honestly could go either way.

It is not fully known when the hotdog was created, but it is said that the hot dog was created about 500 years ago (1484) in Frankfurt, Germany. Charles Feltman is said to have invented this delicious meal.

Although people say a hotdog is in its own category, I feel it can go two ways. A hotdog consists of a meat in a bun. If you think of the hotdog bun, it is not separated on the bottom so there is a starch on the left, right, and bottom, so that makes it similar to a taco. If you separate the bun on the bottom that would make it a sandwich. That way you have starches on the left and the right.

As stated above, a hotdog can be categorized as its own thing. It is called a hotdog after all. So is a hotdog a sandwich? I don't think it is either one. I think it falls in the taco category. Others may disagree.



Coachella By Hannah Fleck

What's all the talk about Coachella? Coachella is a music and arts festival held every year at the Empire Polo Club in Indio, California. It's very popular for having many relevant bands and artists play there. The festival this year started Friday, April 12th and will end Sunday, April 21st.

Coachella was founded by Paul Tollet and Rick Van Santen. It started with a concert thrown by Pearl Jam in 1993. The first actual year of the festival Coachella was in 1999.

They have been selling out almost every year since 2004.

Many famous artists and bands play at Coachella. Some of the people playing this year are Ariana Grande, Billie Eilish, Childish Gambino, Jaden Smith, Juice Wrld, Kid Cudi, and many more.

Coachella is very popular for all of the famous people that play there, and all the people that go. Since it's held in California, thousands of people attend, even well known celebrities. Those things all put together make a pretty good, and popu-

lar festival.

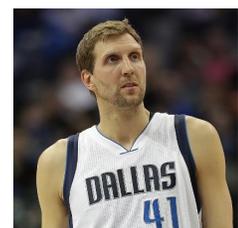
Since Coachella is so famous it is quite expensive. The tickets start at about \$400. VIP passes cost around \$1,000 and it keeps getting higher for car camping and camping at the grounds of Coachella.

This two weekend festival has become one of the most widely known festivals in the country, and for good reason too. With the location, performances, and everything else I can see why Coachella is so popular.



NBA Retirement By Keagan Bowers

The NBA Playoffs are going on right now, so that means the regular season is over and several athletes are set to retire. Two famous men that are retiring this year are Dwyane Wade and Dirk Nowitzki. Neither of their teams made it to the Playoffs because of their record, so the final game of the regular season was their last.



Both Wade and Nowitzki were really good basketball players back in their prime and still are pretty good. They each averaged over 15 points a game. Both men played their last NBA basketball game ever just a few weeks ago.

After retiring, Dwyane Wade is talking about starting his own family burger joint in Miami. Dirk said he just wants to stay at home.

Even though they did not make it to the NBA Playoffs, I have a feeling they will still be watching. You can tune in too, ESPN will definitely be airing some games.



NHL Playoffs By Jacob Moak

The NHL Playoffs are underway. There are three rounds, and then the Stanley Cup Final.

The teams are divided up into the Eastern and Western Conferences. The St. Louis Blues are in the Western Conference playing the Winnipeg Jets. The series is tied 2-2. The New York Islanders have completed a 4-0 sweep of the Pittsburgh Penguins. That is the first sweep for the Islanders since 1983. The Carolina Hurricanes have eliminated the reigning champions Washington Capitals. The Columbus Blue Jackets have swept the Tampa Bay Lightning, the winner of the Presidents' Trophy. The Presidents' Trophy is given to the team with the most points at the end of the season. The Colorado Avalanche beat the number one seeded Calgary Flames. The San Jose Sharks came back from a 3-1 deficit to beat the Vegas Golden Knights. In the Eastern Conference, the Boston Bruins beat the Toronto Maple Leafs in Round One. These two teams have a lot of history, going back to the NHL's founding in 1917. They are two of the "Original Six." These six were the only teams in the National Hockey League until 1967. The Nashville Predators lost to the Dallas Stars in Round One. Dallas barely made the cut, being the second Wild Card spot, along with the Colorado Avalanche. In the Western Conference Second Round, the Dallas Stars are tied with the Blues at 2-2. The Sharks lead the Avalanche 2-1. In the Eastern Conference, the Hurricanes are leading the Islanders going into Game Three leading 3 games to none. The Boston Bruins are behind the Columbus Blue Jackets 2-1.

One of the Hurricanes' top scorers, Andrei Svechnikov, went through the NHL's concussion protocol after First Round game 3 vs. Washington. Carolina coach Rod Brind'Amour said that Andrei was knocked out during a fight with Alex Ovechkin, and was taken to the dressing room to go through the concussion protocol. This is a big hit to Carolina, as Svechnikov is one of their top scorers. Meanwhile, San Jose Sharks forward Joe Thornton was suspended one game for an illegal check to the head of Vegas winger Tomas Nosek during Game Three in the First Round. This is a big hit for San Jose as well, as Thornton put up 51 points in the regular season. He netted 16 goals and 35 assists with an 8 plus/minus stat. The Blues' star goaltender Jordan Binnington is up for the Calder Trophy, the NHL's top rookie award. He is up against Vancouver Canucks' Elias Pettersson and Rasmus Dahlin of the Buffalo Sabres. Dahlin is the favorite to win the award.

There have been many upsets in this year's playoffs. If you get a chance, you should watch a game this year. You will have plenty of time, as the Stanley Cup Final does not end until the beginning of June. You may find that you like hockey this year.

Order of the Arrow By Landon Snethen

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Order of the Arrow is the Boy Scouts of America honor society. It is for scouts that live through the scout oath and law. This secret honor society was originally called Wimachtendienk Wingolauchsik Witahemui, which translates in Lenni Lenape language to mean "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service".

There are three levels of the Order of the Arrow; Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil. This secret society uses American Indian culture and imagery. It was founded July 16, 1915, on Treasure Island by E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edison. There are more than 160,000 members in The Order of the Arrow.

There are many lodges, which are groups of arrow members. If you were a member in Southern Illinois you would be part of Anpetu-We Lodge. Your Boy Scout Troop votes in an OA election out of a group of boys. If you are cheerful while doing service and activities, you will most likely get voted in. If you get voted in to OA, you then attend a summer camp where they have a huge night of celebration usually close to the end of the camp. A man dressed in Native American attire takes you away and the rest is not allowed to be talked about outside of the secret society.

Order of the Arrow is an honor to be a part of. I hope to join this society this summer.

Dress Code Issues By Mia Ziegler

As we all know CJHS has a dress code. The dress code states that your shorts must be mid thigh length and your shoulders must be covered. Students and teachers must follow this code. Although the dress code is needed many students dislike and dishonor this code, and the warmer the weather gets the more students that are going to get dress coded.

Some of our students like Jayda Burns and Kylee Leinicke think that the dress code is unnecessary and would rather it not be there at all. Others like Nala Mateycak, Shealynn Rose, and Jordan Hubbard think that is necessary, but much too strict. Jayda, Nala, Shealynn, and Jordan said that if they could change something from the dress code they would change the mid thigh shorts rule. They all want our shorts to be allowed to be a bit shorter. Mr. Cass said that the dress code is fair, but he is in a tricky position where he is a parent and a principal. Being in that position he has to understand both points of view. He said that for the students the most challenged part of the dress code is the length of the shorts. For the teachers, he sees the most discussions revolving around how low cut a shirt is. Mr. Cass said that there is no unfair thing about the dress code, and it is all important.

Shealynn said that if the school wants us to wear certain things then maybe we should just have school uniforms. After trying to collect data, I have found that an overwhelming amount of students definitely vote no on having school uniforms. Now most of you are going to hate me for saying this, but I don't think having uniforms is such a bad idea. Having uniforms would decrease bullying, increase students focus, and decrease the time it would take us all to get ready in the morning. Like everything else there is a good side and a bad side to everything. Some uniforms can be expensive. Uniforms don't allow students to have individuality, and some kids just hate being told what to wear. Mr. Cass's point of view on this is that uniforms would solve plenty of problems and definitely won't hurt anything, but they are not necessary.



No Sleep is No Good By Tyler Pankey

Anyone can have lack of sleep. A lack of sleep would be defined as not getting enough sleep during the night. You get tired, because you don't sleep or get a small amount of hours in when you are sleeping. According to www.nationwidechildrens.org, teenagers should get 9-9.5 hours of sleep each night.

Some people get headaches when they don't get enough sleep. I am one example of this, because I get headaches when I don't get enough sleep. There are three types of headaches you can get from not getting enough sleep. They are tension headaches, cluster headaches, and sometimes you can even get a migraine. I asked my friend Ira Kramer about what happens to him when he does not get enough sleep. He said that he also gets headaches. This usually happens if he goes to bed at 12:00 a.m. or later.

Staying up too late can also cause you to gain weight. I asked Connor Bennett if it caused him to gain weight. He said he did not notice it, but it is a possibility. Some research states that you could possibly gain up to two pounds a week from lack of sleep. Weight gain depends who you are, some people do not gain any with lack of sleep.

Lack of sleep can also mess around with your hormones and growth. So because your body is not releasing those growth hormones it needs to get to grow, you do not grow. You would have to get a full night of rest in order for those growth hormones to do the work. These things are things that happen to teens, and it only happens if you get your sleep.

You really need to get to bed near 10:00 p.m. If you don't, there are consequences. You can get headaches, you can stunt your growth, or even gain some weight. Get some sleep, it will help you out.



Summer Plans By Faith Whittington

Summer is a time of hanging with friends and family. It also gives you a break from school for a while.

People can do so much in summer. Some people go on vacation to different states, while some just stay home and visit family in the same town and go to friend's houses. Madalynn Spetter is going to Florida with her family, and when she gets back from Florida she plans on going riding as much as she can. Laela Kohzadi is going to Florida, Oklahoma, and New York. While she is gone on those trips, she will be going shopping. Noah Seddon is going to Holiday World, and plans on going swimming throughout the summer. Gage Engler is going fishing, hunting, and will be hanging out with his friends.

As you can see, people do all sorts of things when summer comes around. I hope you have a good time not worrying about school and enjoy your summer.



Pewds vs. T-Series By Hudson Melvin

PewDiePie has took the coveted number 1 position from Smosh on August 15, 2013. He became the first YouTuber to reach 15 million subscribers. T-Series was founded July 11, 1983. Yes, that is way before YouTube was founded. T-Series is a Indian music label and movie company and was founded by Gulshan Kulmar. It also has the most subscribed and viewed YouTube channel in the world.



MrBeast is on of many YouTubers who support PewDiePie. He has made many videos to convince more people to subscribe to PewDiePie. MrBeast also went to the Super Bowl with shirts that said, "Sub To PewDiePie" across the them. Pictured on the left.

PewDiePie and T-Series have been in this battle for 6 months, and T-Series has just recently surpassed Pewds at 90 million subscribers. After PewDiePie was surpassed he made a diss track about T-Series called "Congratulations", which it talks about all the illegal things T-Series did to get that coveted no. 1 spot. In response, T-Series had two songs of PewDiePie banned in India. He filed a lawsuit for both songs controversial lyrics and as a result PewDiePie's channel is blocked in India. The lawsuit states, "It is pleaded that in a bid to outscore the Plaintiff and regain its top position, Defendant No. 1 has been uploading defamatory and disparaging music videos which target the plaintiff and Indians as a community and contains racist, inflammatory and hateful remarks against them as well as T-Series in a bid to ridicule to disparage the plaintiff and its trademarks." Also, as a result from his channel getting banned he was dropped from YouTube's advertising program.

This conflict has become pretty quiet for the moment. For entertainment, check these two out.

Destiny By Andrew Mitchell

Destiny is an online multiplayer first person shooter video game developed by Bungie and published by Activision. It was released on September 9, 2014. Destiny can be played on Xbox 360, Xbox One, PlayStation 3, and PlayStation 4.



In the game you get three subclasses to pick from a hunter, titan, and warlock. Your goal in the game is to reach max light level and that is 400. In the game there are things called strikes. In strikes you have to go through a number of enemies and end up at the boss you have to defeat it.

There are different ways to play the game. Crucible is a person versus person game mode that has multiple game modes in it Combined Arms is 6 vs 6. Doubles Skirmish is 2 vs 2. Elimination is 3 vs 3. Mayhem Clash is 6 vs 6. Mayhem Rumble is free-for-all. Salvage is 3 vs 3. Zone Control is 6 vs 6.

No matter how you play, it is an interesting game to play.

Apex Legends By Andrew Mitchell

Apex Legends is a free to play battle royale game. This game takes place after a game called Titanfall 2 and was released on February 4, 2019, with more than 25 million downloads.

Apex Legends can be played on Xbox One, Playstation 4, and the computer. This game has 8 playable characters that are called legends. You can pick which one you want to play when the match starts. When the match starts you get two teammates then you go out and loot and battle to win.

Check out this new game. If you do not like Fornite, you might like this one.

Old King Coal By Reon Shelton

We all know that the Old King Coal is coming up starting May 9 through May 11th, but do we know how it all started? I'm here to inform you about the history of the King Coal. Let's start off with how it all began.

According to enjoyillinois.com, "The Old King Coal Festival offers three days of all of excitement and family fun of a small town festival, while it also celebrates the history of the coal mining industry in Southern Illinois". The website went on to say that the Old King Coal Festival has become a platform of hope for an industry's future.

The Old Kind Coal Festival is held every year during the second weekend of May. The festival first began in 1941. Important traditions include crowning Old King Coal, Princess Flame and other members of her court. There is also a coal miner's memorial service, job fair, and a parade. The festival itself includes food, rides, games, vendors, and free nightly entertainment on the main stage.

Paul Wilburn of West Frankfort has been named 2019 Old King Coal. The 2019 Princess Flame is Keely Epplin and the Teen Princess Flame is Emma Shick. There will be free entertainment each evening from the main stage the people who will be playing there are Cadillac Jones, Jake Hoult Band, Jonathan Len and Double Edge Band, Michael St. Angel and Tribute to Elvis, and Terry Lee and the Rockaboogie Band. Festival-goers will also enjoy the famous Luehrs Ideal Rides Midway.

Get ready to grab your lawn chairs and enjoy the parade and all the great people who will be entertaining every evening at the festival, but if listening to a band play or watching a parade is not for you don't worry, because you can also enjoy the fun that this festival has to offer. You can go on the rides or enjoys all the delicious food they have to offer. from cotton candy to corn dogs and more! Just make sure you come and see the festival May 9th to 11th or you might regret it.



Dream Houses in Math Class By Keirston Meeks

The 7th grade math classes are making dream houses. This project represents houses that we would want to have in the future, but may not get to have.

One person that is excited for this project is Madi Tate. Her dream house is a two story house. The first story of Madi's house is a stable for her animals, then her second story is the actual house. Madi said that her house is 98 feet by 62 feet, and that when it came to drawing the outline of the house it took all weekend. Another person that is excited for the project is Carter Barnard. His house is a one story house, but looks like a 7-sided polygon. Carter said 1 inch equals 3 feet on his scale, but in total he would have to add it all up to find out how big the house is all together.

Not everyone is excited about the project. One person who is not is Mia Zigler. She said she does not like this project, because she does not like to draw and does not feel like she is good at it. Mia's house is a one story house and she said the outline only took her one day to draw.

Mrs. Stowers has done this for six years, except for last year. She said that she likes doing this project, because it helps kids design their own house with certain dimension, and even sometimes kids find that they actually like doing things like this and find a career that would like to do in the future. Mrs. Stowers also said that she would like to do one digitally. This project is worth a test grade with 120 points, but you have the opportunity to get up to 150 points on it.

The project isn't really that hard if you try on it. It's all about how fast you can measure something out and figure the math that is involved with the project. Depending on if you know how to do math and use a ruler, it should be an easy task for you to finish.

Debates By Joseph Kahl

In the 8th grade English class the students have been working hard researching and preparing for the debates. Each team gets to pick their topic and will get to talk for 11 minutes. At the end, the class gets to decide who won. There are many different interesting topics and opinions on whether the students enjoy working on the debates.

Jacob Moak said that his topic is "Should guns be illegal?" He is on the opposition team and believes that guns should be allowed. He has Ayden Moyer and Jared Melvin on his team, and Jacob said that he felt confident in debating. He doesn't like working on the debates, but he was most excited about talking in front of the class.

Chris Zigler's topic is "Should vaping be illegal?" He is on the proposition team and believes that it should be illegal. He has Jack Hogg, Drew Smith, and Braxton Tutt on his team. Chris said he felt confident in debating because he is not nervous talking in front of people. He enjoyed doing debates in class, but his least favorite thing was researching.

Johnny Tindall said his topic is "Should zoos be abolished?" He felt confident in debating because he said he had a good team. Johnny has Andrew Lingle and Hannah Fleck with him on that team. He enjoyed learning about what his topic is, but he was least excited about the actual debate.

Another person I interviewed was Lani Wolfe. Her topic is "Are African Americans still treated poorly?" She is on the proposition team and believes they are. She felt confident in debating and has Bella Gosset and Molly Vanzandt on her team. She liked to research in class. Lani said that she is most excited about telling people on the other team to sit down, because she doesn't want to answer their questions in the debate.

Finally, I interviewed Andrew Jacobs and he said his debate is about if corporal punishment should be brought back in schools. He was on the proposition team and believes that it should be. He didn't feel confident about debating and had Dayanara Degler and Nala Matacyk on his team. He didn't like working on the debates and said he would rather just argue the whole time. Andrew said that he was least excited about speaking.

There are interesting topics all around, and most kids enjoy learning about and working on debates in class. Some kids might be nervous about debating, but most are excited to talk in front of class. The kids have worked hard and made their effort to persuade the class.