STUDENT STORIES



ACADEMIC TEAM

WATER WARS



Senior Assassin - Our Thoughts

by Eleya Hale

Senioritis is no joke, and as these last few months roll around, students are certainly getting more anxious for summer. Seniors have started looking for ways to make this time before graduation more exciting and memorable. Many schools follow the tradition of Senior Assassin: a team-based prize-pool game of targeted eliminations using water guns until one team is left standing.

Organized by students, this game takes competitiveness to the next level outside of school. Each player is assigned a target to eliminate while also watching their own backs. Specific rules and criteria must be followed, such as wearing goggles or floaties to be immune to elimination. That is, until purge falls upon participants, creating an intense free-for-all environment with NO safe zones or equipment.

For many seniors, this game brings a change of pace and extra fun, helping get their minds off the stress of school. Many agree that the game is a “fun way to bring together the senior class” and that it's a “good tradition to keep.” Even those who aren’t playing are often invested in who wins and who gets eliminated. Overall, both participants and bystanders agree that this game helps create good memories and relationships between the class before the end of the school year, through the friendly competitiveness and teamwork required.

However, some students have expressed concerns for privacy and tension created through the game. Many believe that as long as the rules continue to protect people's boundaries and commitments, the tradition should continue. Teachers and adults also express mixed feelings over this activity. Some view it as harmless and an "engaging game” that helps build memories in these last few months of high school. Others, however, don’t support Senior Assassin due to worries about “safety and potential conflicts,” especially based on stories and incidents from previous years.

Regardless of the differing opinions, Senior Assassin continues to be a hot topic among the seniors as they become more restless as this prize pool competition begins. For many, Senior Assassin has become a memorable part of senior year.

Now here's the big question- Who will win and take home the grand prize?



Academic Team

by Kiara Hohenberger

On March 2, the Angola High School Academic team set sail on its first competition of the new season at Fremont Middle School. Angola High School social studies team A, captained by Shaheer Kazi and co-participants Kenna Whitmire and Mikaela Kolar, took home a first-place win with 22 out of 25 questions correct! Angola High School science team A, captained by Brady Leininger, along with co-participants Mia Walker and Kiara Hohenberger, placed 2nd in the science division. Overall, it was a very successful night for Angola High School. On March 18, Angola High School made the journey to Bishop Dwenger to compete in their second competition of the season. Social studies team A, captained by Shaheer Kazi, along with co-participants Kenna Whitmire, Landin Stultz, and Mikaela Kolar, secured 2nd place with 21 out of 25 questions correct. Science team A, captained by Jordan Taylor, co-participants Mia Walker, Kiara Hohenberger, Brady Leininger, and Kaylee Voigt, also secured second place with a total of 17 out of 25 questions correct. Next, Angola will travel back to Fremont on April 21 to compete in the State Qualifier round. Here, they will face even more competition. Good luck to everyone!

March Edition

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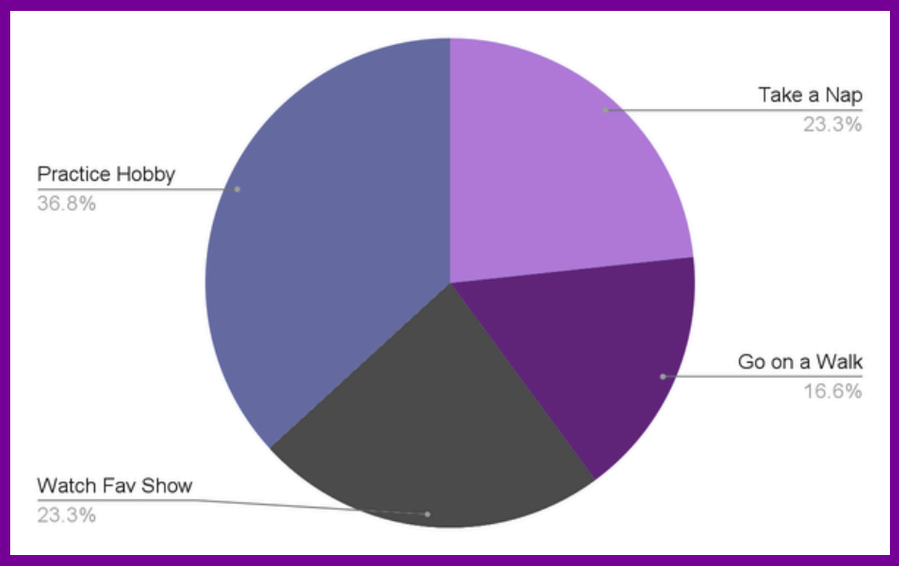
HORNET HIGHLIGHTS



How will you relax on Spring Break?

by Avery Treisch

This month we polled 65 staff and students and asked them to choose one of four simple ways to relax over spring break!



The winner was practicing a hobby! For your spring break, take time to rest or find other ways to relax. It's important to take a break in order to maintain good physical and mental health. If you need ideas, here's why these simple ways are perfect to try over (and even after!) spring break:

1. **Practice your hobby** - Doing a hobby you love can boost your physical and mental health by helping to unwind and increase happiness.
2. **Taking a nap** - This can be the perfect way to reset your mind, giving you a full brain refresh.
3. **Watch a favorite movie or TV show** - This can help boost your mood. Watching a favorite show can provide comfort and allow more control over emotions.
4. **Going on a walk** - Going on just a short 15-20 minute walk can bring mindfulness, and help to destress. Helping to break any negative thoughts you're having.

SPOTLIGHT

Staff Pick:
Do You Believe in Luck?

by Macie Wainscott

"Yeah, bad luck. I hit every red light on the way here!"
- Mrs. Dowell

"No. The idea of luck is just the choices you make and the (good or bad) consequences that continue on because of those decisions."
- Mrs. Prosser

"I think luck is just a healthy manifestation of your choices."
- Mr. Lomont

Saint Patrick's Day came and went with shamrocks and leprechauns everywhere! For our fun question this month, we asked AHS teachers if they believe in luck. We ended up with some fun and eccentric answers.

From avoiding black cats to knocking on wood, why do so many people even believe in luck?

When something good (or bad) happens, it's human nature to try to find a reason behind it. Putting your trust in something like luck makes uncontrollable events feel more controllable or comfortable. Studies show that people who believe that they have good luck do actually have "good luck." They're more willing to take the jump and try something new, seizing opportunities.

So, whether you believe in good luck, bad luck, or anything at all, try new things this next month!

TEACHER OF THE YEAR
Mrs. Walker

A special shout out goes to Mrs. Walker for being the 2026 Golden Apple Teacher of the Year! Her dedication and compassion shines through everyday at AHS as she works with her students. She has truly made a huge impact on our school, rightfully earning this title! Thank you for all that you do!

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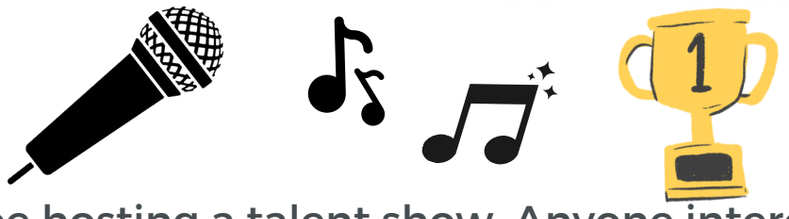
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KEY Club Talent Show

Covered by Kiara Hohenberger



On May 13th, 2026, Angola High School KEY Club will be hosting a talent show. Anyone interested should fill out the talent interest form posted on Google Classroom. A portion of the funds raised will go directly to the Angola Humane Society. Participation is free and open to all high school and middle school students.

Participants will have an opportunity to compete in the talent show, and the winner will receive a prize. There will be a snack booth and a few other booths with buyable products for people to purchase. This event will be a fun, community-friendly event, open to the public for viewing. There will be an entrance fee of $5 for adults and $3 for students, while children under ten and seniors over 65 will have no fee! Everyone should come and support!

SAT Mandate Opinions

Covered by Kiara Hohenberger and Shaheer Kazi



Since 2023, all Indiana students have been required to take the SAT to graduate. Is this fair? Should kids who have no interest in college be forced to take this exam? The SAT is a 3-hour exam, with scores ranging from 400 to 1600. This score consists of both English and math comprehension, and it was taken by AHS students on March 2nd. Junior Zoie Helmsing says, “I feel like the SAT should be optional. Students who plan to go into the workforce right after high school shouldn’t be required to take a test when they could spend their time learning a trade. If they don’t want to take it, then they’re probably not going to make a good attempt at the questions. Their scores likely wouldn’t be beneficial to a school's average, so why waste their time?” Zoie did study for the SAT, and she feels the SAT is fair because resources are now regularly available to help kids learn material.

Junior Landin Stultz says, “I don’t think it should be required, but if you have to go to college, you should have to take it. You’re not putting your SAT score on job applications if you’re going straight to the workforce, so there’s no point in submitting it.” Landin also studied for the SAT, and he believes the SAT is fair because, “I think that you get out of it what you put into it. Khan Academy is free. If you get an 800, it’s your fault and not the fault of your circumstances. At the end of the day, it's on you.”

