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McKinley HS

THE REVERBERATIONS OF OUR YEAR

A NIGHT ON THE RED CARPET (HOMECOMING EDITION)

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On the evening of January 10th, many students in grades 9-12 danced the night away for our school's annual winter homecoming dance. At first, not many students danced, but once everyone started dancing, the fun didn't end until the dance ended at 9:30. I would like to mention how nobody was left out. If someone noticed somebody was dancing alone, they would be invited into a dancing circle. It was such a beautiful and heartwarming thing to see. By the end of the night, almost every single student still there was in a dance circle together. Our DJs for the night (Alayna Braham and Kyla Baddeley) also joined in on the fun a few times, and Mrs. Lee also joined the dance circle when the YMCA song came on. It was so much fun, I don't think a single person went home that night wishing they didn't come. Thank you to all the people who made that night possible, and thank you to all the people who made that night unforgettable.

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2026 Mahoning Quizbowl League Master Schedule THIRD DIVISION – SOUTH

Home team is on the left.

Matchday 1 – Wed., 7 January
United v Beaver Local
Sebring v Mooney
West Branch v Western Reserve

Matchday 2 – Wed., 14 January
Western Reserve v United
Beaver Local v Mooney
Sebring v West Branch

Matchday 3 – Thurs., 22 January
United v Sebring
West Branch v Mooney
Beaver Local v Western Reserve

Matchday 4 – Wed., 28 January
Mooney v United
Western Reserve v Sebring
West Branch v Beaver Local

Matchday 5 – Wed., 4 February
United v West Branch
Mooney v Western Reserve
Sebring v Beaver Local

Matchday 7 – Wed., 18 February

North 1 v South 1
North 2 v South 2
North 3 v South 3
North 4 v South 4
North 5 v South 5
North 6 v South 6

First round Tournament Action

Academic Challenge by: Finn Rumberger

Academic Challenge season has started up! Varsity team is; Alayna Braham, Rick Zhang, Brittany Nagy, and Brenlee Armor. JV team is; Emily Warrick, Quincy Taylor, Finnley Rumberger, Kooper Leeland, and Micheal Parks. So far they have played in one match! Come check out their skills at the next match this Wednesday. Show your support!

Creative Corner Untitled by: Kristal Giron Perez

The start of a new year
The beginning of everything
But
In less than 5 months
Would be the start
Of
My something new
My graduation
The beginning of college

JH CHEER Q AND A BY: CLOE MELLIE

How did it feel when you heard you won first place?

Kendel: The feeling was amazing; my team and I were overjoyed.

What was the hardest part of preparing for the competition?

Kendel: The hardest part was getting the routine right and making sure we were tight the whole time.

What do you think helped your team stand out the most?

Kendel: I think that being a small school really highlighted that we don't need a big team to win.

How long did you practice for this competition?

Kendel: We started practicing for it in October, so about 2 months.

Was there a moment during the routine you were most proud of?

Kendel: I was most proud of the shoulder sit I did with Ariel M.

How did you support each other as a team?

Kendel: We were like a family, comforting each other and being proud of one another

What advice would you give to other teams that want to win?

Kendel: Push through it all and don't give up

What was the most fun part of competing?

Kendel: Giving pins to other cheerleaders and definitely getting to interact with them