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National Honor Society Welcomes New Members

By: Sarah Sprague

On October 7th, seven new members were tapped into the McDonald Chapter of National Honor Society. The new members are Baylee Bosheff, Madison Homa, Joshua Krumpak, Halle Kuntz, Naomi Sheesley, Quinn Schmidt, and Jackson Stuart. These students are dedicated members of the Junior class, who exemplify the qualities of scholarship, service, and character. Congratulations on this achievement.

The induction ceremony occurred on October 15th in the high school auditorium. Parents and families of these students were welcomed to watch the ceremony, as well as all 9th through 12th grade students. The NHS members enjoyed a luncheon after the ceremony to celebrate the new inductees.

In order to be inducted in NHS, students must be a member of the Junior or Senior class. They also must have at least a 3.4 gpa, 40 hours of volunteer service, and be involved in extracurriculars. They must also display leadership and exemplary character inside and outside the classroom.



NHS Members with their new inductees. Photo Credit: Mrs. Mason
Row 1: Catalina Merola, Aubrey Evans, Thomas Costantino, Selah Sheesley Riley Mills, Matthew Domitrovich.
Row 2: Naomi Sheesley. Baylee Bosheff, Halle Kuntz, Quinn Schmidt, Joshua Krumpak, Jackson Stuart.

Senior NHS member Thomas Constantino said, “I wanted to join NHS because I enjoy giving back to my community and have devoted my time to scholarship, leadership, service, and character. My older siblings were all NHS members, and after seeing what they did to help our community I wanted to do the same.” Through this, he helps to leave an impact on McDonald while following the footsteps of his family that came before.

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Seniors play a big role in how National Honor Society is run. This year, the seniors will be picking a project to help fund an organization that matters most to them. While they are not 100% committed to anything yet, they are discussing ideas that everyone of them can get involved with.

NHS Advisor Mrs. Mason said, “Over the years, we have been able to give back in so many ways. Some of our past projects include painting local fire hydrants, hosting BINGO at senior living apartments, collecting food for the school’s Backpack Buddy program, organizing blood drives, gathering used sporting goods for families in need, hosting the local Halloween costume contest, supporting community families going through hard times, and distributing tree saplings to Roosevelt Elementary students for Earth Day.” These are just some of the ways this program gives back to the community.



NHS members also build relationships with each other as a result of the program. Senior Selah Sheesley said, “I love having dinners and spending time with other McDonald NHS members.” This is one thing she loves most about NHS outside of volunteer work.

Through choosing to devote their time to the community, the National Honor Society helps make MHS and the McDonald community a better place to be.

NHS Members enjoy a luncheon after the ceremony. Photo Credit: Mrs Mason

Bullying: Overview and Prevention

By: Noah A. Romeo

Bullying is a widespread, yet preventable issue. By recognizing causes of bullying and adapting strategies to match, one can help themselves and others out of it. It is also important to recognize when your own behaviors may be seen as bullying.

People bully for many different reasons. It could be because they want to put their own hurt on others, they might think they’re just joking and not realize how it affects others, or they could even just be doing it because they think it’s fun and don’t care. The cause matters, because the steps you can take depend on them.

If you think the cause is a misunderstanding, you might want to talk to them first. If you’re scared to talk to them, take the concern to a parent or teacher to help you advocate. If you feel like you can’t tell when you’re being bullied, you can talk to a trusted friend also to help you think on it.

Feeling the need to make fun of someone or hurt them emotionally or physically is not normal. If you ever feel like you want to, you should talk to a counselor or someone you trust, like a parent. Do not dismiss someone if they tell you that you hurt them, even if it seems ridiculous to you, remember that their feelings matter too, so it is important to do what you reasonably can to avoid hurting them.

To conclude, avoid hurting others, and if someone hurts you, consider what drives them to do it, act accordingly, and talk to a counselor or other trusted adult if you need help. This way, we can help make a safer and more comfortable school for everybody.



A third student helps two other students talk through their differences so they can stop fighting.



Here, they are both happy, because rather than one harming the other to improve their mood, they both share a conversation and end up happier!

HOW TO GET A JOB

By: Angel Rakich

Getting a job can be a great way to make some money and practice personal responsibility skills like time management.

To start, there are many steps and rules that go into getting a job. First, students need to fill out an application and sit through an interview before being hired. Once hired, there is usually paperwork that needs to be completed to get paid and some training that occurs. There is a lot that goes into it what you have to learn and manage while having a job.

The first step is getting an application and filling it out. It's important to have important information handy to make it a quick and easy process. You may be asked for your phone number, birth day, address, and social security number. When you finish your application, turn it in to the manager or online, depending on where you want to work.

Once you put an application in, be eager by following up with a manager at the place you want to work. Be sure they received your application and be available for an interview.

When going to the interview, it's important to be a few minutes early and wear something nice. By being early and dressed appropriately, you're letting the manager know how you act and that you can handle basic instructions.

Next up, it's important to consider your appearance for your job. A uniform may be provided, but you may need to make some purchases as well. For example, a lot of fast food restaraunts require a specific color shoe and they must be classified as non-slip.
Some places require you to have your hair up, wear a hat, or cover any tattoos you have. If these rules are not followed, you run the risk of getting sent home, written up, or fired.

Having a job can also be tougher than going to school. First, it's important to listen to your managers and where they station you. If you don't listen to your manager, you may be written up or fired. Also, be clear about when you can and can't work. Being late too many times or calling off too many times may also be grounds for being fired.

Having a job is great because it gives a new sense of freedom and allows you to make money to do fun things. It's just important to remember your first responsiblity to your school work so you don't get too far behind.

Season Wrap Up, Post Season Talk

By: Zachary Delka

Cross Country had the last meet of the official season on Saturday, October 10th at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds. The Legends meet went really well for the girls, with Naomi Sheesley winning the 1st place title. Teams are now preparing for the post season with high hopes of making it to State. The chance of the girls making it to State is high with how well they have been performing and preparing.



The boys Cross Country team right before the gun for the start of the race at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds Photo Credit: Trevor Hilbun.

As for the guys, it's a different story. They have all been putting in hard work, but outside of the top 3 racers, the rest of the team hasn't been placing very well.

When asked if she would make any changes about the season, she replied, "I would change the fact that I wasn't pushing calls that I should have more when playing against people that aren't held accountable." Sectionals also went well for her and her partner Leah Evans, who fought to reach the third round, and win a lot of qualifying points. Congratulations to these girls for their season, they fought hard and played well.

Owen Cappuzzello showed what he can do by placing on the podium with a first place at almost every meet, with Landen Scott and Jaxton Mooney-Lancaster following close behind. With their individual success, these three are doing all they can to make the chances of going to State higher. With two vital members being injured, Hudson Flere and Evan Soltesz, the team really needs to step up and try to fill in their footsteps.

Volleyball is also wrapping up their season, with sectionals coming quickly. With a record of 15-7, these girls have been stepping up and preparing for sectionals with hopes to make it far in tournament season. Their last regular season game went well, winning against Campbell 3-1.

There have been many highlights this season. Emme Matthews has a total of 72 aces and averaging an ace per set. Halle Kuntz has a 0.460 hitting percentage, as well as averaging 3.1 kills per set. Wish these girls luck as they are moving forward in their season, and if possible come out and support them.

Golf season has ended. Both teams made it farther into the season with them qualifying past round one in the tournaments.

Senior Riley Mills said, “I thought the season was really fun. We didn't have the best season winning wise, but we got closer as a team. Tournament season was fun and we got really nice weather this year.” Congrats to these girls.

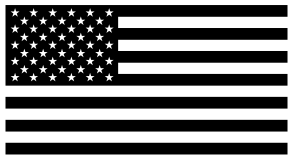
Tennis is also over with the team making it to sectionals this year. According Sophomore Katrina Sherro, the tennis season went really well. She tried hard and worked herself to the best of her abilities.

When asked if she would make any changes about the season, she replied, “I would change the fact that I wasn’t pushing calls that I should have more when playing against people that aren’t held accountable.” Sectionals also went well for her and her partner Leah Evans, who fought to reach the third round, and win a lot of qualifying points. Congratulations to these girls for their season, they fought hard and played well.



Editorial: Planning our Futures

By: Ilumina Kuhley



Planning out what someone is going to do after high school can honestly be quite stressful. And each path could make their lives drastically different. So what about college or military, or even going straight into a career causes people to go, “This is what I want to be doing?” Why does everyone always say that college is the only way when it clearly is not?

The military is a great option, and they will even pay for a lot of their officers' college tuition if they choose to go. All the branches are very structured and best for students who are able to be physical. Now that shouldn’t stop anyone from considering it as a solid option. No one has to be able to do fifty push ups from the beginning, though the challenge is fun. The military will have basic training, and other ways to help their applicants build up muscles and toughen them up. A lot of opportunities are hands-on and count as job experience and an internship

Going into a university to strengthen their skills and knowledge of a passion is another option. Though most universities are very expensive, they can open up greater opportunities like higher paying jobs and a way to connect students with like-minded people.

Trade schools are oftentimes a little more hands-on, and there are internships and apprenticeships while still learning. Trade schools are a great way to make money straight out of high school and get on a career pathway, so it's definitely a solid option.

Editorial Continued...

If a student at McDonald has trouble deciding what to do after high school, that's totally normal and definitely not the end of the world. The school has people, like guidance counselor Mrs. Bosheff, to help with that exact dilemma. And no one ever has to pick right away. Some people choose to take a gap year or two if they don't know what they want to do, or if they just don't feel ready to go straight into another form of schooling.

But any option that someone chooses isn't permanent if they don't want it to be. They can always change their minds, and people can always find a way to achieve what they want to, with or without college.

Movie Review: *Hocus Pocus*

By: Zachary Delka



Released in 1993, the movie *Hocus Pocus* has a comical feeling, keeping people of all ages entertained.

The movie is about three witches that get resurrected by a teenage boy on Halloween night in Salem, Massachusetts. These three witches then have a deadline of dawn to capture souls before they disappear again. One way that they stay "young" is by them consuming the souls of young children that they either grabbed from off the street, or they try to get children to go to them is with a song that takes control of the kids.

Hocus Pocus relies on a chaotic narrative that prioritizes frantic slapstick over character development. The film fluctuates wildly, leaving the audience to sometimes struggle to keep up with its darker, witch-centered premise with its attempts at family friendly humor. As well as the Sanderson sisters being taken of all their potential for a truly menacing or compelling antagonist.

Overall, the movie is really good, with some exciting plot twists and a great story. The Sanderson sisters play a big role in the comical aspect of Hocus Pocus. Like many other Halloween movies, it is only really played around October and yet somehow it is still the favorite movie of many people.

I highly recommend this movie. One nice aspect is that it's kid friendly, so everyone can enjoy it. If given the chance this Spooky Season, be sure to check it out as it will not disappoint.

Junk in the Locker: Sophia Pecchia

By: Angel Rakich

1. What is the most important thing in your locker?

"My wallet because my ID is in there and it has my important info in it."

2. What is one thing in your locker that you're not a fan of?

"I'm really not a fan of how my binders are too big and can't fit in my locker."

3. Would you say your locker is clean or dirty?

"It is mostly clean with some papers throughout that make it a little cluttered."

4. What is one thing you need to get rid of in your locker?

"The trash because if I don't get rid of it, then it's going to pile up and look dirty."

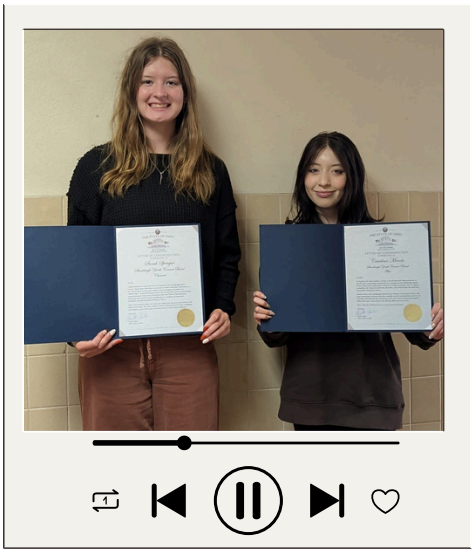


Sophia Peccia poses happily beside her locker

McDonald, Briefly

Honoring McDonald's very own Stambaugh Youth students

By: Ilumina Kuhley



On Monday, October 12th , senior Catalina Merola and sophomore Sarah Sprague were selected to receive a certificate of recognition, signed by the Auditor of State Keith Faber, after auditioning and placing in the Stambaugh Youth Concert Band for the 2026-2027 season.

Catalina said, "It feels amazing being recognized for something that I've practiced for weeks. I was nervous I wouldn't even get in."

These girls have worked very hard for this award, so mark your calendar and come support them both on November 17th at 7:30 PM at Stambaugh Auditorium for their Fall performance.

Catalina merola (Right) and Sarah Sprague (Left) pose with their certificates
Photo credits: Mr. Hill

What Grinds My Gears: Lack of Reading

By Noah Romeo

Reading is an essential skill that everyone needs to get themselves through life, and it's important to develop it. Research papers, design documents, and project outlines are all essential elements for a lot of careers and trades. But instead of these skills developing, a lot of people's reading and writing skills stagnate.

This issue has a simple solution: READ! I'm not telling anyone to take up reading as their main past time, but occasionally reading a book, or actually reading information you need for a project rather than just using an AI summary, will help you in the future!

Skimming over texts will leave you with an incomplete idea of what the text says, and means you miss key details; AI misinterprets things a lot also, which is why it's tough to fact check if you didn't read. Taking the time to read a book on occasion will teach you the patience and reading comprehension needed to get the full information you need when you *have* to read something.

To summarize, read books now so you have the patience and skills to read later, rather than relying on impatient skimming or an AI, which can make errors.

SONG OF THE WEEK: "I PUT A SPELL ON YOU"

By: Zachary Delka

The song of the week is "I Put a Spell on You" written by Screamin' Jay Hawkins. This song debuted in 1956 and peaked with a rerelease at number 49 in 1965, and then later in 1969 it was at 58th. In more recent times, the song was made popular by Bette Midler in the film *Hocus Pocus*.

Overall the song is good, with playful melodies and lyrics However, one of the downsides is that it is fairly seasonal, as it is most often played during the Halloween season.

This is a humorous song by Screamin' Jay Hawkins and has clearly been a big hit that is still listened to almost 80 years later.



The album cover to Screamin' Jay Hawkins's album.

Where in the Building?

By: Sarah Sprague

Can you figure out where these photos are at MHS?



A piece that truly does deserve to be put on display.



Not too sure? Almost every student made one of these.

Studio Blue is up to something with this one



Don't know? You probably need to look up once in a while on your way to class.



People on the Street: Would You Rather Be Hot or COLD?

By: Angel Rakich



Sophomore Noelle Lytle: "I would rather be cold because I can always add layers to warm up.

Sophomore Zander Whiteman: "I would rather be cold because it is definitely easier to warm up."





Senior Allison Porter: "I would rather be cold because I hate being hot and it puts me in a bad mood."

Addison Grewell: "I would rather be cold because I can always stay warm under a blanket and being warm makes me miserable since it is so hard to cool down.











Backpage Pics

By: Sarah Sprague



