A Crash Course on Safety

By Samantha Funk

The mock crash is back and will be held at Berea-Midpark High School for all seniors. The crash will take place on May 2, the day before seniors.

The mock crash is a show put together by Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) that is meant to inform students of the repercussions of driving under the influence after prom or any time.

“The purpose of the mock crash is to promote a safe and fun prom season for everyone. It is a serious event that focuses on what could potentially happen if bad choices are made,” Former SADD Advisor Mrs. Sebastian said.

By using student actors, SADD puts on a realistic scene. “We use fellow students to participate in the crash and make it as real as possible to show how much of an impact it will have on the school and community,” Sebastian said.

According to the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility, teens are responsible for 13 percent of all of the drunk driving fatalities. “Drinking and driving is such a dangerous thing. [If you drink and drive] you are just putting yourself and others in harm’s way,” SADD Member Kallylliamson said.

The mock crash has an impact on all students who watch it. “It was hard to see our fellow classmates and friends in that situation. The crash felt so realistic it was actually pretty scary. There was even a hysterical parent at the scene,” 2013 Graduate Andrew Armstrong said.

The strong message helped educate students and it stayed with them. “I felt that the students responded well to the message that the SADD group promoted last year. Although it was just a potential scenario, anyone could see that the senior class took it to heart,” Sebastian said.

Students continue to heed the warning SADD presents. “I think everyone left with the images of classmates that they would never want to see at the end of their high school years. We wanted every kid to think, ‘I don’t want that to be me,’” Sebastian said. SADD puts a lot of time and effort into organizing this event. “We’ve picked our actors, makeup artists, and behind the scenes helpers. Now we are looking for old prom dresses and we are working on getting two crashed cars. We’re also trying to get Life Flight to come,” Williamson said.

Members of SADD take pride in what they do to help other students make a difference,” Tisher said.

The police and fire department also play a huge role in the organization and presentation of this event. “When the police and ambulance showed up it made the scenario seem so real. It really hit home for all the seniors to see fellow students in the crash,” Armstrong said.

The danger of impaired driving is not only from drinking or drugs. “Not only are alcohol and drugs dangerous but texting and driving or anything else that clouds your perception and judgement or takes your attention away from the road are potentially just as dangerous and the mock crash really emphasizes this,” Armstrong said.

Administrators are also taking many steps to ensure a safe prom for all students such as having breathalyzers at the door and organizing a post prom of fun and safe activities for students after the dance. Berea-Midpark’s prom will be held on May 3 at LaVilla Party Center in Cleveland. Post Prom activities will take place at Berea-Midpark High School until 3 a.m.

After Prom: The Party Won’t Stop

By Kally Williamson

A s you dance the night away and have the time of your life, don’t forget that the fun goes on at After Prom!

“After Prom will be held at Berea-Midpark High School on the evening of May 3rd. Students attending Post Prom will need to be at the school between 11:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. and will then be locked in until 3:00 a.m.” says Sandy Patrick, coordinator of After Prom.

“There will be a cost of $5.00 per person whether it’s a BMHS student or their date,” Patrick adds.

Senior students are excited for the many fun festivities that await them after the prom. “I’ve been to Post Prom before. [I’m] looking forward to the food and prizes for seniors,” says Senior Lindsey Mlakar.

Many different activities are going to be held including inflatables, a pool, casino games, airbrush tattoo artists, a photo booth, DJ and more.

Senior Katie Johnston, is most excited for the door prizes! “I hear last year kids were winning flat screen T.V.s!” Johnston said.

And there will be many chances for Johnston to win because the After Prom committee has been busy. “We have distributed letters to over 600 establishments within the Tri-city area asking for donation of either money, gift cards, or product donations. We live in three communities that are very generous and have secured many prizes via this method,” said Patrick.

“Bottom line is, seniors will win gift certificates, products/gift baskets that have been donated and each senior will have an opportunity to win 1 of 10 grand prizes,” said Patrick.

Patrick estimates that there should be around 800 seniors attending After Prom. Most seniors are planning on going to continue one of the most memorable nights of their lives.

“Our hope is that students walk away saying they had a great time and that they’re glad they came. The committee really tried hard to make sure there was something for everyone and that no one would walk away unsatisfied.” concludes Patrick.

No matter what your plans are for prom week-end, don’t miss out on the Titans first After Prom.
The Horrible Disease hits Berea-Midpark Seniors

Senioritis strikes at BMHS

By Chad Ellis

I t's getting to that time of year when many seniors are showing the symptoms of a devastation disease: Senioritis.

Senioritis is a devastating illness that can be very bad for a senior. Senioritis symptoms include a lack of focus, extended sleepiness and the ability to just give up on all schoolwork. Senior Justin Carroll has been diagnosed with Senioritis.

Carroll says that it is really hard to complete work and do work in school because he already knows he's going to college.

"I don't want to just give up on my senior year in high school but it is starting to get harder and harder to not give up," said Carroll.

Every year there are a lot of seniors that have similar symptoms. While others seem to be immune.

These students just have the strong mental capacity to finish the year well. Senior Nate Harper is one of those kids that want to end the year strong.

"I have already put in all the work up to my senior year. Why ruin it in the last quarter of my senior year?" said Harper.

Harper warns the underclassmen how the disease can affect the future for college.

"Senior year can also be a big deal for when you're looking at colleges because if they see your grades dropping they may not give you as much money because your grades are dropping," said Harper.

A lot of colleges look at seniors' last semester of their senior year.

Senior Alec Lunney has gotten a 4.0 all three quarters of his senior year yet claims to have not studied for a single test this year.

"How is this possible?"

"My senior year, I wanted to make it easy on myself, so I took somewhat easy classes," said Lunney.

In Lunney's first and second semester he had two gym classes and one art class.

Lunney was smart in planning his first three years of high school, taking all his major classes first leaving these elective courses so he could breeze through his senior year.

"I did this on purpose so that my senior year I would have to hardly have to do anything," said Lunney.

Carroll also had advice for younger students to get major classes out of the way.

He encourages those who might be plagued in the future to take a good dose of prevention now.

"Get all your required classes out of the way you will be able to breeze through and have a non-stressful year," says Carroll.

There is 29 days left in the senior year...

(Not that anyone is counting.)
Prom Back in the Day
Highlights from BMHS teachers prom

By Tommy Reckart
Staff Writer

Prom is a big event during a teenagers high school years. This was just as true for our teachers. At the time, teachers felt that prom was the biggest, most memorable event of their life.

BMHS teachers took the time to share their prom memories along with things they learned from their prom. They pass on these lessons before BMHS seniors attend their prom.

Mr. Ruggerio
Q Where did you go to school and what year did you graduate?
Q: What was your favorite prom memory?
A: We all cleaned up all of our parent’s cars. We picked up our dates and went to our friend’s house for pictures. I also enjoyed dancing and hanging out with all my friends that night.
Q: What was your most embarrassing memory of prom?
A: Wearing a white tuxedo.
Q: What was one fashion mistake you wish you could take back?
A: When I wore my white tuxedo, yellow vest, and white dress shoes. It went good with my dates yellow dress.
Q: Did you have a date? If so, how did you end up going together?
A: Yes, we were in the talent show together and after her act, I asked her to prom backstage.
Q: Do you agree that prom is one of the biggest nights of your life?
A: At the time, I agree that it was socially the biggest event of my life.

Mrs. Koczur
Q: Where did you go to school and what year did you graduate?
Q: What was your favorite prom memory?
A: Dancing with all of my friends.
Q: What was your most embarrassing memory of prom?
A: My hairdo. At the time I thought it was nice but now I wonder what I was thinking!
Q: What was one fashion mistake you wish you could take back?
A: Wearing a one–shoulder dress with a big bow on the shoulder.
Q: Did you have a date? If so, how did you end up going together?
A: Yes, I went with my high school boyfriend who was also a senior at my high school.
Q: Do you agree that prom is one of the biggest nights of your life?
A: At the time it was a very big night and a lot of fun but now that I am older I would not say it was one of my biggest nights ever. I have had many other nights and events that were more important and more fun.

Mr. Quigley
Q: Where did you go to school and what year did you graduate?
Q: What was your favorite prom memory?
A: My favorite memory was Cedar Point the next day. It was a warm and sunny day and I was able to hang out with all my close friends one last time.
Q: What was your most embarrassing memory of prom?
A: Our prom was at Sea World before it closed. As we were eating dinner, I asked the server if I could get some fish. She said they don’t serve fish. I replied, “Come on ‘We are surrounded by fish’”. I got some nasty looks from all the girls.
Q: What was one fashion mistake you wish you could take back?
A: I wish I would have worn a vest instead of a huge cummerbun.
Q: Did you have a date? If so, how did you end up going together?
A: Yes, and it was my girlfriend at the time.
Q: Do you agree that prom is one of the biggest nights of your life?
A: As an 18 year old kid I would agree with this statement. As I have gotten older, there are a million things that overshadow prom. As a 40 year old, prom is not that big of a deal.

Mrs. Pinter
Q: Where did you go to school and what year did you graduate?
Q: What was your favorite prom memory?
A: My date because he was a good friend.
Q: What was your most embarrassing memory of prom?
A: The dresses, the hair, and the earrings – all of it.
Q: What was one fashion mistake you wish you could take back?
A: Wearing a short dress
Q: Did you have a date? If so, how did you end up going together?
A: Yes, and he was a very good friend and we had a pact to go together all through life.
Q: Do you agree that prom is one of the biggest nights of your life?
A: Not now that I am older, but as a teenager it definitely was.

Mrs. Papakonstantinou
Q: Where did you go to school and what year did you graduate?
A: Brooklyn High School. I cannot reveal the year, but before Instagram!
Q: What was your favorite prom memory?
A: After prom at Cedar Point.
Q: What was your most embarrassing memory of prom?
A: I thought my date was going to kiss me at the end of the night, but he didn’t.
Q: What was one fashion mistake you wish you could take back?
A: My plum dyeable shoes.
Q: Did you have a date? If so, how did you end up going together?
A: Yes, we worked together at the movie theater and I had a crush on him. I asked him to be my date after the boy I wanted to go with asked another girl.
Q: Do you agree that prom is one of the biggest nights of your life?
A: Yes, at the time it was!

Mr. Blatnica
Q: Where did you go to school and what year did you graduate?
Q: What was your favorite prom memory?
A: Dancing. Not many people know that I am a renowned dancer. Quiet and reserved, but I cut loose on the dance floor.
Q: What was your most embarrassing memory of prom?
A: Dancing.
Q: What was one fashion mistake you wish you could take back?
A: I would’ve said my bowtie was, but I think it is making a comeback. Guys can’t go wrong with a tux. Also, go with the bowtie.
Q: Did you have a date? If so, how did you end up going together?
A: Yes, I had a date. My girlfriend Erin at the time, who is now my wife. My wife and I met in our junior year English class. She approached me because I was too bashful to approach her.
Q: Do you agree that prom is one of the biggest nights of your life?
A: It is a memorable night, and at the time it was a night everyone looked forward to. Life certainly has given me many memorable events. You wont forget it.

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Ball’in on a Budget

By: Marino Tenaglia
Assistant Editor

Prom memories last a lifetime, but the dent in your wallet shouldn’t. Expenses reach beyond attire and tickets and include the ride to and from prom and the events that follow the big dance. Everyone wants to have a good time prom weekend, but there is a lot of thinking and planning involved when it comes to prices. Although prom is planned as a one night event, some stretch it the entire weekend and there are lots of items and activities to pay for.

When asked about what he has to pay for, Senior Charlie Dobbs said, “The cabin, prom itself, a limo, a taxi, and all the extra stuff that comes with after prom.”

The tickets alone for the BMHS prom are $70 per person and that doesn’t include a ticket for a date and after prom.

For Senior Jarred Magers, his biggest expense is the price of tickets. “They are overpriced,” Magers said.

Many prom groups show up to the big event in style with a limo, fancy car, or party bus, which can really up the tab.

“My plans are to get a party bus which costs $26 a person,” said BMHS Senior Joe Sefik. This takes a group of twelve people to get a cheaper price for such lavish transportation.

When it comes to attire, tuxedos can be rented from places like Men’s Warehouse and American Commodore. An option for guys is to become a representative and hand out coupons. Each coupon helps lower this model’s cost, hopefully resulting in a free rental.

Magers represented American Commodore.

“The people who worked there asked me to become one,” he said and he couldn’t turn down the offer.

Prom is a good time, but many make plans for the good times to continue after the big dance.

Some go to Kalahari, others do something local, a few go to Cedar Point and many go to a cabin. All choices can cost a good amount of money, but there are ways around it.

“My plans for after prom are to go to Miranda [Dibiasio’s] cottage with my prom group,” Sefik said. Plans like this will save Sefik and the rest of his group a good amount of money as Senior Dibiasio’s family owns the cottage.

Magers said he plans on attending After Prom at Berea-Midpark High School then heading home. Compared to a $200 night at a place like Kalahari, After Prom will only cost Magers $10 for his date and him and can be just as fun for them.

Even with these tips to decreasing the amount of money spent on prom, many still worry. “My biggest concern for costs when it comes to prom is having enough money to pay for everything,” Sefik said.

But with a little planning though, Sefik will be ok. With all the different things to purchase and everything to spend money on when it comes to the prom weekend, there are ways to avoid emptying one’s entire wallet.

So spend a little bit of money to make this year’s prom a memorable one, but know you don’t have to be rich to make it a memorable night.

Senior Skip Day - A Day to Play

By Carrie Mueller
Staff Writer

As we quickly approach the end of the school year, seniors are becoming very anxious to get started on all the fun activities they have planned.

It’s very hard for students to focus on school work these last months of school, especially seniors. Monday, May 5 is the day and when seniors plan Senior Skip Day. This falls after prom weekend.

Most likely hang out with [my friends] if they skip to,” BMHS Senior Marissa Loyd said.

In previous years, most seniors went to cabins, camping, Kalahari or Cedar Point.

“Last year I went to Cedar Point. It was really cold but I wanted to go on a Monday because it’s less crowded. I also wanted to ride every ride because I’m a ride warrior,” 2013 Midpark graduate, Alyssa Mueller said.

Others choose to spend the day being more relaxed.

“I plan to sleep and lay in bed all day until practice,” BMHS Senior Alec Lunney said.

Some senior classes plan several skip days, but it doesn’t seem like this year.

“I like only having one skip day because I feel like it takes the thunder out of the official ‘Senior Skip Day,’’ Lunney said.

This year AP testing is held the week after prom, starting the Monday seniors have planned their skip day.

Many AP students are kind of upset that they can’t skip, due to testing.

“Yes, I am upset. There is the option to do a make-up test but to a point its not worth it. I wish they would have planned prom according to the tests due to the excessive amount of AP students in this school,” BMHS Senior Kristen Stupka said.

Some of those students plan to skip on their own skip day once testing days are over.

“I will be creating my own day off the following Monday, when I spend the weekend with my friends the weekend after prom,” Stupka said. This year a lot of students are planning on going camping in cabins. Skip day helps extend their weekend festivities.

“I’m excited for prom weekend not only for the dance but for spending the weekend in cabins with my friends. Its much cheaper than spending a weekend at Kalahari and we got really nice deals on cabins,” BMHS senior Sam Krupa said.

Prom weekend is filled with fun other than just the dance, so students believe they need this day to rest.

“On Senior Skip Day I plan to sleep in, maybe go out for breakfast and Cedar Point

I’m a ride warrior,” 2013 Midpark graduate, Alyssa Mueller said.

Wherever you spend your Senior Skip Day, take advantage of the day off because the following Monday is a great day to start the weekend!
Don’t Mess with the Dress: Prom Fashion 2014

By Marissa Loyd
Staff Writer

It’s prom season and everyone is rushing to get last minute planning done. Tonight night is the night to shine and show off hard work and effort of finding the perfect outfit. It can be a very difficult and frustrating journey; after all, there are thousands of outfit choices to choose from.

“Typically girls go with a prom dress either February or March of your senior year,” BMHS Senior Carrie Mueller said.

Many warn not to start looking for a dress too soon though because designers are always coming out with new designs. But don’t start too late either because then there will be less to choose from, leaving unsatisfied selection.

“I would start looking for a dress once I’ve been asked or around March if I haven’t been asked yet,” BMHS Sophomore Taylor O’Brian said.

There are two ways to go about shopping for prom. There are thousands of online shops to visit or there are local stores to visit where dresses can be picked out in person. Online shopping can be convenient but could be dangerous.

With online shopping be careful that the website is legitimate. Another negative of online shopping is not being able to actually try the dress on, leaving the buyer hoping for the best.

For many, it is recommended to try on a dress before purchasing to know it is exactly what is wanted. “I know I’ve found the perfect outfit when I feel like royalty and can move around in it,” BMHS Senior Olivia Merdita said.

There are thousands of styles to choose from and many designers to talk to. Typically girls go with the big poof dresses but this year has brought in short and straight, one shoulder, and floor length gowns.

Compared to last year, 2014 has all new styles, and each year keeps getting better and better. Not only is finding the perfect dress a concern but for men, finding the perfect tux is necessary. Of course there is the option to match their date.

Big decisions need to be made like bow tie, regular tie. Also what color tux should you sport if you don’t want just black.

“I think it is important to match your date so that your pictures look nice,” BMHS Senior Dan States said.

Prom is one last night for seniors to all get together and celebrate before graduation, so of course everyone wants to look amazing. No matter what you wear, as long as you believe you look your best nothing else matters.

Spring Makeup Trends:
How To Make Them Wearable For You

By Alexis Helbert
Staff Writer

The spring 2014 New York Fashion Week was full of new interesting trends for fashion as well as makeup. Berea-Midpark students don’t need to be a model to wear these trends.

Orange lips, glowing skin and white eyeliner were just a few of these trends that rocked the runway a few months ago.

Now that the sun has come out, many students are itching to try out some of these looks and others, but are just not sure how to accomplish them.

Don’t worry! Most of these looks are easier to pull off than you might think, all anyone would need is the right tips and some confidence to master the look they desire.

A helpful tip for any bold makeup look is to keep the rest of your look very neutral and basic so there the look doesn’t go overboard and there is balance.

The most daunting of the makeup trends on the runway this year by far is a blue eye look. This look can go muted or bold. A black and blue bruised eye may come to mind while picturing this look but when done properly it won’t resemble this at all.

Melissa Fallon, Prestige Manager at Ulta, in Strongsville said, “For blues, I would mix with [the eyeshadow] with some grey to tone it down or use it on the lower lash line for a pop of color.”

Bolder blue eyeshadow can be accomplished just as easily as this muted, more neutral look.

The Glamour article ‘How to Re-create a Runway Beauty Look’ said that for a bold look to start with a blue eyeshadow base and layer with a loose pigment on top. This makes the color appear brighter.

There is one color that’s trendy for this year and is seen in clothing, nail polish, bedding, home furnishing, and of course makeup. Radiant Orchid is the Pantone “Color of the year” for 2014.

Radiant Orchid is in lipsticks, blushes and even eyeshadows. This may sound like Barney exploding all over someone’s face, but it doesn’t have to be.

Radiant Orchid is a relatively easy color to wear on the lips and cheeks, it is in the purple family, a common color for blushes and lip colors.

Fallon recommended Lollitint, a radiant orchid lip and cheek stain from the brand Benefit available at Ulta and Sephora.

Another daunting makeup trend for this spring is an orange lip. Junior Sam Steinmetz said, “I’ve seen people wear bright orange lipstick, like floscent orange lipstick. Some people just can’t pull it off.”

Just like the blue eye shadow trend there are ways to make this look muted or bold.

Fallon said that a way to make orange lips more wearable is to pick a lip color with a coral base.

One of these lip colors is Maybelline’s Color Elixir in Mandarin Rapture available at drugstores.

If blue eyes and orange lips are too overwhelming there is a trend that is a lot more simple and natural. Many students say that they don’t wear makeup because there is not enough time.

For them, ‘no makeup’ makeup trend is perfect because it is simple and quick and can be done in five minutes.

What is the point of this look? It is simply, to lightly enhance the beauty you already have very delicately.

This is an easy look to accomplish with tinted moisturizer, brown mascara, glowing blush and a nude-pink lip gloss. White liner can be a great way to brighten up and draw attention to the eyes with such a contrast to traditional black liner.

One way to wear this is on your lower waterline. Another way to wear this look is on top of the traditional black winged liner, but be careful not to have very thick lines to avoid raccoon eyes.

Blending out white eyeliner can create a softer, more feminine and less harsh look.

No matter what comes down the runway there is always a way to make it suitable for everyday life and be personalized for anyone.
Easter Celebrations Around the World

By Alec Lunney

The Easter holiday falls each year on a spring Sunday; in 2014, it will fall on April 20. All Christians celebrate this day in honor of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is celebrated in all corners of the world, including places in the United States such as Berea, Ohio.

There are several foreign exchange students at Berea Midpark High school that celebrate similar and different traditions than those in the United States.

Senior Mariela Leon-Leiva, foreign exchange student from Chile, said Easter has a similar atmosphere in Spain around Easter like Berea. Paella, a mixture of chicken and rice with many different types of delicious spices, and different types of Tortillas.

Leon-Leiva said that during her Easter break in Chile, she usually gets to see family that is far away that she rarely gets to see during the year. She usually meet up with family and head to church together for the celebration of the holiday.

“I usually go to parades, eat candy, and just enjoy the fact that we have no school,” Martinez-Samper said.

He also said that since he is Catholic, his family takes Easter pretty serious when it comes to the celebrations and recognition of the holiday.

“We usually have some really nice food, and we get to see family that we never get to see from other parts of Spain,” Martinez-Samper said.

Martinez-Samper said that Easter is one of the best days of the year because of the platters of food that his family prepares that they get to enjoy during the leisure time that the day off brings.

“My family prepares Torrijas, which are thick slices of bread soaked in milk and served with honey and sugar, are surprisingly one of my favorite foods, among other things,” Martinez-Samper said.

Martinez-Samper said that he and his family also prepare other foods such as Paella, a mixture of chicken and rice style dish.

Leon-Leiva said that since 90% of the people in Chile are Catholic, it is a very important holiday where she comes from.

Easter is a really big deal in Chile, so most of the time on Easter is spent at church.

“It is a bit more relaxing here in the United States because church is not stressed as much as in Chile,” Leon-Leiva.

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Mr. Bycznski

Q: Where did you go to school and what year did you graduate?

Q: What was your favorite prom memory?
A: How we all were a “tight-knit” group. Just having fun with the people I spent four years with.

Q: What was your most embarrassing memory of prom?
A: I didn’t have one at the time but now looking back, the pre-prom pictures. We thought we were cool in the pictures.

Q: What was one fashion mistake you wish you could take back?
A: Suit tails.

Q: Did you have a date? If so, how did you end up going together?
A: Yes, we dated our junior and senior year. My prom dated ended up becoming my wife.

Q: Do you agree that prom is one of the biggest nights of your life?
A: Yes, if you approach it the right way. There is time for parenting and drinking later in life. You would be surprised how much fun you can have without all that other stuff that goes on today.

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bonding so when games come we all click together and work as one,” Causey said.

It has been a positive experience for coaches as well, even though there were some challenges.

“Buying all the new uniforms, clothing, and equipment has been stressful,” BMHS Coach Dawn Rubensaal said.

But all those small issues were worth it.

“It has not been hard to blend the two teams at all. The girls have gotten along great right from the start,” Ruebensaal said.

Though the girls seem to have clicked, they still have some really hard competition this season.

“[The biggest competition] in conference: Brecksville-Broadview Heights. I believe this because they have been our biggest conference threat in the past years. But with our school combined we have a great opportunity to beat them,” Raines said.

But some have a different opinion.

“I’m not sure who the toughest is. We are placed in a great division so we’ll have competition none of which I think is too much for this team,” Causey said.

Passing these tough teams will hopefully result in big success.

Ruebensaal says the tough competition will make the team stronger.

“We have done well offensively against two very good teams Elyria and Strongsville. This is a good sign for our future,” Rubensaal said.

Everybody has great expectations and goals for this season, especially the seniors.

“My goals are to win games and play as far into tournaments as we can,” Causey said.

Ruebensaal hopes for success in the district.

“I think we will be in the top 3 in our very strong conference and believe we will get to districts. I’d love to win the district and that may be a possibility,” said Rubensaal.

But why stop there?

“I hope to see our team, with the talent we are capable of, go undefeated throughout the season and try our best to go as far as possible. The will to win comes from the heart of the team,” Raines said.

The main goals for this season are to improve as a whole team and hopefully win conference. But the team wants to enjoy this season and the beginning of a new Titan’s softball era.

“We are family…sisters,” said Vodan.

Causey wants to spend as much time with these softball sisters as possible.

“I never want [this] season to end,” Causey said.
The Clubs that Keep the School Running

By Brandi Avery
Staff

Berea-Midpark High School’s sports teams have had outstanding accomplishments this year. These teams have been deserving of congratulations time and time again, but there are other individuals that are deserving of kudos as well.

The individuals involved in school clubs have been doing great things behind the scenes for the school and community.

They truly are the foundation of our school, and deserve recognition for it.

These clubs range from the Yearbook Club, where members use creativity to create a yearbook for students to remember the school year, to Key Club, where students give back to the community and needy causes.

“The clubs I am involved in include Student Ambassadors, Project Embrace, National Honors Society (NHS), Yearbook, and Junior Executive Board.” Junior Julia Higgins said.

Higgins, co-founder of Project Embrace, partners with the guidance office to aid emotionally distressed students as well as provide a more comfortable environment for those struggling with any issues they have. In Project Embrace, Higgins helps to improve the well-being of every high schooler dealing with problems.

In Junior Executive Board, she monitors and makes decisions for the Junior Class. Junior Executive Board runs sales for the class apparel to create funds for the class, as well as initiating the Spring Fling dance to raise funds for the Class of 2015’s prom.

This club is what keeps the junior class on their feet and successful.


Baldwin is actively involved in many clubs, but the majority of his time is spent as President of the Key Club.

The Key Club’s main purpose is to aid the community.

This year they have visited nursing homes, created a talent show to raise funds for the Philippines, and are planning to have a sleep out for the needy on April 25. Baldwin also plays a role in the Student Ambassadors, where he assists new students in the school. He aids new students and incoming sophomores to their classes.

In Student Council, Baldwin organizes the homecoming dance, spirit weeks, pep rallies, and creates spirit in the school. Even though every club is different, they all have one thing in common: helping the school and community.

For many, it is a challenge to balance all of these clubs. According to current members, time management is key, and even though some clubs may overlap, students must stay committed to them.

“I am involved in Relay for Life, where I’m raising money to send to the American Cancer Society to aid those who have cancer,” Junior Rachel Rouwenhorst said. “I am also involved in NHS, where we volunteer at events such as the blood drive, the food bank, and we even ran a babysitting night where we babysat teacher’s children for free.”

Rouwenhorst is involved in many more clubs and she believes that all are as important because they help those around her.

For students interested in giving back to the community, these clubs are the right thing to be a part of.

They may not be on the front page of the newspaper, but they sure are what keep this school and community running.

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Seniors in Spotlight

Maddie Sirocky

What college will you be attending next year and what do you plan on studying?
A: Tri-C for accounting.

What activities are you planning on being involved in at college?
A: Theatre

What is your favorite memory of high school?
A: The merger

Who is your favorite teacher and why?
A: Mrs. Nicklos because she takes her time out of her day to help others, she’s very supportive and she’s reliable.

What are you most excited about after graduation?
A: Experience the new environment of school, meet new people in college and summer break.

Connor Christopher

What college will you be attending next year and what do you plan on studying?
A: I plan on attending the University of Toledo to study Pharmacology/Toxicology.

What activities are you planning on being involved in at college?
A: As of now, I’m still unsure.

What is your favorite memory of high school?
A: My senior year; combining Berea and Midpark.

Who is your favorite teacher and why?
A: Mrs. Fox. She is inspiring and generally a great person.

What are you most excited about after graduation?
A: Opening a new chapter in my life.

Kapla Pavlish

What college will you be attending next year and what do you plan on studying?
A: Tri-C for a year then Bowling Green to study Early Childhood Education.

What activities are you planning on being involved in at college?
A: I am planning on joining a sorority and hopefully I’ll find more things to do once I get there.

What is your favorite memory of high school?
A: Probably all the spirit weeks and pep rallies.

Who is your favorite teacher and why?
A: Mrs. Fox. She is inspiring and generally a great person.

What are you most excited about after graduation?
A: Florida, concerts, and carefree days with my favorite people.

Bence Onderjech

What college will you be attending next year and what do you plan on studying?
A: I’ll be attending Johnson and Wales in North Carolina studying culinary arts and restaurant management.

What activities are you planning on being involved in at college?
A: Several clubs, along with community involvement.

What is your favorite memory of high school?
A: My favorite memory of high school was Titans Day.

Who is your favorite teacher and why?
A: My favorite teacher is Mr. Murphy because he’s the bomb.com.

What are you most excited about after graduation?
A: I’m really excited to go to Florida with my best friends.

Hayley Kroak

What college will you be attending next year and what do you plan on studying?
A: Bowling Green State University for Graphic Design.

What activities are you planning on being involved in at college?
A: I plan on joining a learning community, and I want to join a lot of clubs.

What is your favorite memory of high school?
A: One of my favorite memories was cramming into a car with all of my friends, listening to Fat Lip by Sum 41 with the windows down after the first day of senior year.

Who is your favorite teacher and why?
A: Mr. Piesen really inspired me to be a better student and Mr. Murphy was just a really great teacher.

What are you most excited about after graduation?
A: Experience the new environment of school, meet new people in college and summer break.
Seniors in Spotlight

Marlon Robertson

What college will you be attending next year and what do you plan on studying?
A: I am currently planning on attending John Carroll University to study Business Management and Human Resources.

What activities are you planning on being involved in at college?
A: I have been accepted into the honors program, the Arupane Scholars program for leadership and community service, and have also been accepted into the 5-year MBA program. I also plan to be active athletically, although varsity sports are not currently in my plans.

What is your favorite memory of high school?
A: Winning the SWC conference championship this year. We were the first Titans sports team to win a conference and it was an important step for the school. Soccer and scoring my last goal were also the best.

After a hectic game and having a series of passes, I scored 2-1. It was a very special moment to me.

Who is your favorite teacher?
A: Mrs. Hsu, my Chinese teacher. She is strict and demands respect, yet knows how to be fun. Her teaching style is a good mix of work and fun games. In the 4 years she has been my teacher, I have learned a great deal.

What are you most excited about after graduation?
A: I am most excited about moving into the next chapter of my life. I have enjoyed high school and it has been extremely important in my development. Lately, however, I have come to terms with my impending graduation and am excited to experience all of the opportunities college will bring.

Jonno Lambert

What college will you be attending next year and what do you plan on studying?
A: I will be going into Basic Training for the Army. After I’m done with all my training, I plan to stay local, either BW or Cleveland State. I plan on studying Psychology.

What activities are you planning on being involved in at college?
A: I will be a part of ROTC, but other than that, I’m not sure.

What is your favorite memory of high school?
A: While I have many memorable moments in high school, my favorite memory would be junior year being interrogated by Mrs. Baker on how I cheated on one of her vocab tests. I’ll never forget her face when she found out how clever I did it.

Who is your favorite teacher?
A: Mrs. Baker is easily my favorite teacher. Even though there are a lot of great teachers from Berea and Midpark, Mrs. Baker wins, because even on her worst days she remains the happiest woman in the world doing what she truly loves: teaching.

What are you most excited about after graduation?
A: I’m most excited to start in college football practice after graduation.

Austin Heil

What college will you be attending next year and what do you plan on studying?
A: I plan on attending Ohio Northern University and enrolling in their nursing program.

What activities are you planning on being involved in at college?
A: I plan on participating in their marching band.

What is your favorite memory of high school?
A: My favorite memory of high school would have to be Mrs. Montrose because she is laid back, but also very persistent on her students to get good grades.

Who is your favorite teacher?
A: My favorite teacher would have to be Mrs. Montrose.

What are you most excited about after graduation?
A: I’m most excited to start in college football practice after graduation.

Nick Bradel

What college will you be attending next year and what do you plan on studying?
A: I plan on attending Kent State University. I’ll be majoring in Spanish Translation.

What activities are you planning on being involved in at college?
A: I plan on participating in their marching band.

What is your favorite memory of high school?
A: My favorite memory was the last year of Midpark’s junior year’s band banquet. It was the last year of Midpark’s marching band and we all got together, as a family. It was very emotional, but it made me realize how much these people really meant to me.

Who is your favorite teacher?
A: Mr. Kosar because he’s a really great teacher and you really meant to me.

What are you most excited about after graduation?
A: My favorite memory was the night I was inducted into National Honor Society.

What college will you be attending next year?
A: I’ll be attending either Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. or Mount St. Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Are you planning to play any sports?
A: No, but I plan on being involved in certain political and cultural groups on campus.

What is your favorite memory of high school?
A: My favorite memory was the night I was inducted into National Honor Society.

Who is your favorite teacher?
A: Mrs. Baker

What are you most excited about after graduation?
A: I’m excited about finally getting the chance to start my own life.

Emmet McGrath

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Who is your favorite teacher?
A: Mrs. Baker

What are you most excited about after graduation?
A: I can’t wait to finally become an adult and grow as a person. College will bring kick butt times and will make me an independent individual. I also can’t wait for my senior trip to Florida, Peace out Berea-Midpark. It’s been real.