

A Happy Homecoming

By Megan Hollern

Many kids have to deal with a parent being deployed, studies show that over 2 million American children has had a parent deployed at least once. For Monet Marshall her mother has been deployed for six months. Master Sgt. Dionn Marshall wasn't expected to be home for another two weeks, but with some help from close family, she was able to surprise Monet with a homecoming like those seen on TV. It was quite the surprise to watch Fox 17 West Michigan's news team walk in, then followed by Monet's Father and two of the members from the "Honor Guard" to award Monet. Monet was awarded the "True Patriot" award from the Battle Creek Air National Guard on Friday the third. She was awarded

this for the many years of support from her and her family while her mom was deployed. The award was given to her in Mr. Smith's sixth hour English 12 class. It was Master Sgt. Dionn Marshall's sixth air force deployment. Monet's 18th birthday was the first of November and was the first birthday her mother has missed. She had been deployed for six months and was able to fly in two weeks earlier than expected to surprise Monet and say "happy birthday".

She didn't have a lot to say in the moments after her mom arrived other than "I'm shaking, I'm excited, I'm, I don't know I'm a lot of feelings, I'm happy". Lets just say this is one homecoming surprise Lakewood High School, and the Marshall family will never forget.



Monet's Birthday Surprise

Monet Marshall embraces her mother Dionn for the first time after a six month long deployment. Monet was not expecting the early release of her mother, but was extremely happy for the early reunion. "She probably didn't recognize me at first; this isn't usually the uniform I wear," said Dionn Marshall.

Photo by Megan Hollern

Senior Advice to Freshmen

By Katie McKinney

Freshman year is a confusing time for many students. They often do not know what to do or what path to take through high school. Seniors are commonly considered the top of the school, which means lots of people look up to them. Some seniors gave their advice on how to take on high school.

One thing they recommended was that freshmen look to their parents in times of need. Senior Erica Potter said, "They encouraged me when I needed encouragement."

Senior Cheyenne Hill said that teachers had a big impact on students' high school career, "Teachers can make or break a class. The good teachers can inspire you and make a class really enjoyable, and you will have those memories for the rest of your life, so don't be scared to get to know them."

While adults play a major role in your high school experience, the people you surround yourself with can help with this pivotal time in your life. "Your friends have a great influence on your attitude about everything at school will be," Senior Sydney Chase said.

"Make memories! Have fun even if school isn't fun," Potter said.

"Just go with the flow," Chase said.

Seniors also agreed the thing they regretted most about high school was worrying about what others thought of them. "Most of the people that I used to care what they thought of me; I'm not even friends with anymore," Hill said.

"Don't even waste your time worrying about them!" Chase said.

Senior Ali Wheeler said if she could have changed one thing in high school, it would've been freshman year. "I would have done my homework freshman year so my GPA was better.

Seniors concluded that it is important for freshman to participate in everything they can. "You make more friends and you don't miss out on stuff!" Wheeler said.

"Participating in more stuff makes it easier to meet more people and have more opportunities," Chase said.

High school can be a scary thing to take in all at once, but surrounding yourself with positive people can highly improve your experience. High school is a once in a life time experience and students don't want to look back and regret the opportunities they didn't take.

A bit of elbow Grease

By Alyssa Ziegler

A play is like a three course meal. You need a skilled chef, the best ingredients, and the right kitchen. With all of this, it has potential too be a five star meal. That's exactly what happened on October 26 at Lakewood high school in the musical, Grease.

Putting on a good show isn't as easy as it looks to be. To act in a play, you need to put work and effort into it. "We all have to work together because it takes a lot of energy, but not everyone has a lot of energy," said Isabela Martinez (Sandy). Not only all the effort put into it, but a lot of cast members agreed on one challenge being the worst- the choreography. "By itself, the choreography

was hard, but if you add in all the transitions, the several dance moves, and it being hard to memorize, it was really difficult for a lot of us," Sabrina Wortley (Frenchy) said.

How do you pick your ingredients? Well you have your main parts, the vegetables and the meats. Although in our case, we're talking about the main characters. Most of those who auditioned as a main character, got the part. Not only were they somehow related to their parts, but some were really eager to play them. When Adrian Almas (Danny) was asked about his character, he said, "I've dreamed about performing as Danny ever since I fell in love with the movie." Although, others said in the beginning they didn't really care, "At first, I just

needed it for my college resume. Now, I've fallen in love with this show, it's music, and most of all- Rizz," Riley Poll (Rizzo) said.

So you have your ingredients and the recipe, but who's going to cook it? The chef will, of course! "I was running the light board, signaling dancers the choreography, and singing Beauty School Dropout because poor Andrew was sick, all at the same time," the director, Amanda Smith, said. Between working around schedules, choreography, hours upon hours of rehearsing, absent actors, and becoming your character - a lot of work goes into acting in a play as well as directing it. Do you think you could do it?



Ahh Wop Bam Boom!!

The cast of *Grease* receives its applause from the student body preview show on Wednesday, Oct. 25. The line from the the song "Ahh Wop Bam Boom!" has been a tradition for casts to shout at the end of each show, *Grease* or other, for many years. From left to right are Betsy Foltz, Kathryn Stauss, Sara Sevcik, Lilia Kostanko, Jared Mater, Piper Smith, Aidan Egan, Riley Poll, Isabela Martinez, Adrian Almas, Andrew Mathews, Allie Rooks, Lucas Jackson, Sam Tennant, Sabrina Wortley, and Connor Week.

Amy's Army

By Kyle Maurer

Lakewood public schools is a very tight community of people. When in need everyone gathers together to support and help with whatever necessary. The school may have lots of internal competitions but when it comes down to what really matters, people join forces in order to achieve what needs to be done. From raising money for hunger or just blantly showing their support, Lakewood community members know how to band together and get it done.

The Lakewood Cheer program is currently experiencing how dedicated Lakewood is. One of their own, Chloe Haight, is struggling to stay strong as her mother, Amy Haight, fights severe stage 4 breast cancer. The team has shown their support not only at practice but also by putting on a spaghetti dinner benefit and wearing their Amy's Army bows made by their coach Kim Martin. "Amy's Army" was made up by the same lady who creates Lakewood's bows for competitive season. Kim Martin has been the coach of Lakewood Cheer going on 27 years and has never had to experience this type of situation with one of her cheerleaders. When asked what inspired her to create Amy's Army coach Martin said she had gotten the idea from Mason High School at a competition when they had a teammate going through a similar situation, they also had bows made for their team. Coach Martin also said "I felt it would be a great way for our team to honor Chloe's mom...Chloe is part of our cheer family and I am a believer we help and support our family!". Chloe has greatly appreciated the support from her team and coaches. She was surprised to see that her coach had came up with Amy's Army. The Lakewood Cheer Program is a family and when a family member is in need everyone else gathers to help them stay strong for as long as they need.

Amy's Army

Jess Hawkins (pictured) wears a pink bow to support her teammate Chloe Haight and her family. Coach Kim Martin made Amy's Army bows to show her support for her athlete and wanted to express the sense of family on her team. "Chloe is part of our cheer family and I am a believer we help and support our family!" said Martin.



Photo by Kyle Maurer

Truancy Crackdown The Circle is in

Excellent Hands

By Kylee Putnam

As many students have noticed, Barry County Sheriff's Deputy Marty Horrmann has been standing in the halls. Most student reactions are to be scared or even sketched out around her. She isn't here to get you in trouble, but nonetheless you should be on your best behavior.

LHS Principal Mr. Jay Larner said Deputy Horrmann's reason for being at the school is due to truancy.

We used to have an in-school officer, but that ended as one program came to its end. We now have Deputy Horrmann back; she is the officer we use to have at our school before!

Deputy Horrmann is here to check up on who is skipping school an unreasonable amount of days.

Officers affiliated with this district came to our principal suggesting we start the program again. Lakewood is considered a high truancy school, as fifty percent of students miss class half the year or more.

Having a police office in the building is an idea to offer resources to assist our administration with consequences for our students who miss a lot of school. Deputy



Senior Kinzie Pierce enters the school from a dentist appointment. Students are required to sign in at the main office and bring a note from the dentist (or from whatever appointment), otherwise it will be labeled as skipping. "I always bring my slips so I have excused absences."

Horrmann takes time to go through attendance with Mr. Quinn, and they take note of who has missed four to fifteen days in a four to five week period.

"Having the officer here is absolutely benefitting us; it gives us more resources for students who live in different counties," said Larner.

While Deputy

Horrmann is not at Lakewood every day, she is performing the same role at other schools, helping with the same things in their buildings.

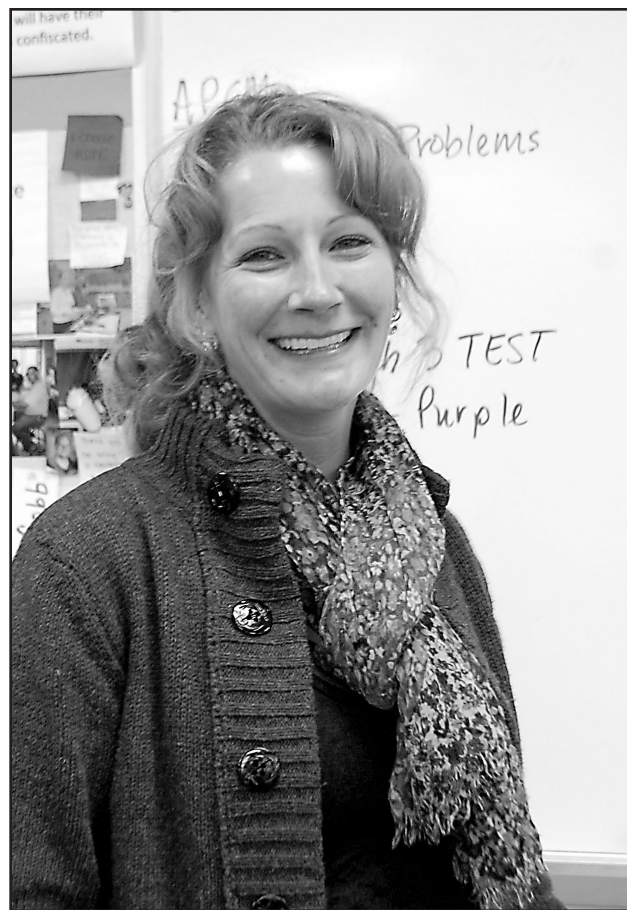
While here at LHS, Deputy Horrmann's other jobs include helping with detection of illegal substances when the drug dogs come, and assisting in resources for that as well.

Being told how great you are is never a bad thing, especially when it comes from a teacher. When it also comes from a teacher who believes you are an amazing student, it's even better. The honorary that is known as the Circle of Excellence seeks to do just that for deserving students each month.

The Circle Of Excellence has been around Lakewood High School for about 23 years but not many students really know exactly what it is. Every month a teacher from each department chooses a student to recognize. The teacher writes about the student and why he or she is deserving of the award.

At the school's monthly Board of Education meetings the current chair of the Circle of Excellence, Mrs. Lydia Cobb, reads those statements from teachers about their students. The characteristics of a student chosen varies from attitude in class to how they help out others. Good grades have no factor in deciding on the student.

The Circle of Excellence came about in 1995 when an LHS teacher named Mary Roessler wanted to highlight the kids who normally do not receive awards or recognition. It started as student of the month and that student was allowed to park in



Ring Leader Mrs. Lydia Cobb beams when speaking about the Circle of Excellence. Cobb took helm after the retirement of Circle founder Mrs. Mary Roessler.

the teacher's parking lot. Student of the month didn't work for Roessler because she believed there were many more students deserving of recognition.

After thinking of possible ideas, The Circle of Excellence was born. Roessler has recently retired and handed the mantle down to Mrs. Cobb.

"It is a lot of work but I never regret it," Cobb said of taking on the huge responsibility of the program. Cobb spends roughly 80

hours a month putting together the awards and setting up for the board meetings where they recognize the students. That means about 10 hours are spent on each student being recognized!

The school gives the program a budget of \$1,000 but only about \$750 of it is spent. The Circle Of Excellence brings more opportunities for students to be recognized and feel like they are noticed for their accomplishments.

Powderpuff: Is it Rigged?

By Ruby Patrick

This year was the seniors last chance for a Powderpuff victory. The Class of 2018 had tied in their last encounter with the Class of '19 a few years ago in their first attempt at Powderpuff. October 25, 2017 was their second and final chance to beat the juniors. Unfortunately the seniors did not come home with the W, instead, they ended their three-year season with zero wins, one tie, and one loss - not very great for them.

Even though the seniors did not win, in the past years there has been quite a bit of talk of the game being rigged so that the seniors would win every year as their last hurrah. Logan Hazel, Jake Becker, and Collette sharp all seemed to agree that the game against the juniors and seniors always seems at least rigged or biased.

Each year in some way. Although, when Mr. Markwart was asked if the game was biased for the seniors to win he has answered, "No, we play fair."

Mr. Markwart is a man of few words but he was sure that there was and is no bias towards the seniors in PowderPuff.

Also, Mr. Harmer confirmed that there is no way that the people in the press box could change the score. Harmer said, "Because I'm in the box with them."

All in all, if the game is rigged for the seniors to win and the teachers won't admit it, then the seniors winning streak has been broken by the class of 2019. And the people who once thought that the games are rigged for the seniors to win every year have been silenced by the win of the juniors this October.

Some people of course will still argue that the game is biased toward the seniors, and some people will argue that the seniors will win every year simply because of the fact that they are the seniors, and it is their last year, but the fact is that Powder-Puff isn't rigged and the juniors this year proved that.



The senior powderpuff team gets their game faces on for their last high school game, this time against the juniors. From left to right, (front row) Josh Campeau, (2nd row) Sydnee Chrzan, Rosa Vazquez, Shari Brandt, Melody Hawkins, (3rd row) coach Tommy Houghton, Sabrina Worley, Brianna Aguinaga, Sydney Chase, Megan Hollem, (4th row) Erica Mendoza, Abby Sines, Kinzie Pierce, Emily Burke, Monet Marshall, Katie McKinney, Coach Garrett Johnson, Coach Doug Flessner, (back row) Coach Shay Hiemstra, Victoria Venneman, Brooklyn Slansell, and Coach Christian Kohn. Unfortunately, the seniors needed more than a good game face, and were defeated by the juniors. "People who you thought didn't like you, or people you didn't know, all end up coming together and being nice and working as a team, and it's really great to be a part of something as unifying as this," said Abby Sines.

Volleyball team in familiar territory

By Carissa Jones

Lakewood Volleyball becomes a major topic starting in the fall with the postseason games. They've been here before. They won State Championship back in 2012, have been runner-up three times, seven times in the Final Four, Regional Championship fourteen times, and District Champions twenty-four times.

"When the postseason starts, things get more intense and practices get harder. This is the closest team I've ever been on," said Senior Erica Potter. "We get mentally tough and we try to get through for preparing for states," Erica added.

With the stats of 41-5-2, the Lakewood Varsity Volleyball team has a good chance of advancing through the postseason. One of the main goals for starting Districts is "taking it game by game, work our hardest and win states!" said Senior Kayla Sauers.

The biggest opponent according to Kayla and Erica is Pontiac Notre Dame Prep with the stats of 57-2-2. Notre Dame Prep may be in their biggest competition to date.

The team prepares for such competition by "perfecting our skills," said Sauers and "get mentally tough. We try to get through it," said Erica.

The team works towards being their best and to focus on the game. Six Seniors, five juniors, three sophomores, and one freshman will be playing in the postseason. States will be held at Kellogg Arena on November 18th.



Lakewood Takes on District Semifinals Lakewood Senior Kayla Ssauers sets up senior Breanna Wickerink(left) against Hastings in the Class B District Semifinals. The Lady Vikes won the District Semifinals 16-6. "We are taking it game by game and working our hardest," said senior Kayla Saures.

Boys Soccer takes GLAC Championship

By Hunter Karrar

The Lakewood soccer team has had a rough past few years when it comes to being able to win in the GLAC tournaments. With Lansing Christian being a dominant team and then playing other tough teams like Leslie the chances of being GLAC champs was slim.

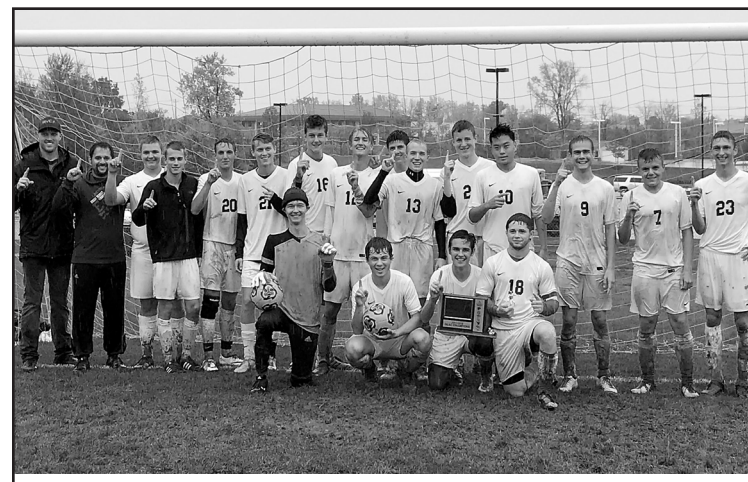
This year though, the Lakewood team made a huge comeback. Even after loosing a few key seniors this year, Lakewood senior and team captain Carson Scobey didn't see the GLAC Championship in his future. Scobey said, "No, not at all, there was very little team chemistry."

Even with the low team chemistry they were able to overcome Leslie 3-0 and beat Lansing Christian 2-1, who in past years have always been able to mercy Lakewood.

Regarding the tournament Scobey said, "It went overall very well, besides being super muddy and raining a lot. With each step there was a squishy noise and it was pretty annoying."

According to Scobe, a good key play was, "when Adrian scored a goal from just outside the eighteen and it barely missed the Keeper's hands and went in."

Overall, Lakewood had a pretty tough season but was able to overcome it to become GLAC Champs.



Taking the win! The Lakewood soccer team holds the GLAC trophy. "I'm glad my senior year was successful for soccer," said Carson Scobey. Top row, left to right are Kurt Mossner, James Leveque, Hayes Brealey, Ryan Klein, Tyler Johnson, Zac Collison, Owen Poll, Jacob Heath, Steven Berens, Brice Livermore, Mark Miller, Josh Veltman, Rem Durkee, Caleb Fletcher, and Sam McClelland. Bottom row are Dylan Evans, Carson Scobey, Adrian Almas, and Lane Allen.

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Combined effort for Hunger Run

By Sydnee Chrzan

The cross country teams took on the task of running the football from Maple Valley High School to the Lakewood High School on September 15th. Lakewood runners wore their orange cross country shirts to bring awareness to hunger in the community. The Lakewood cross team has been working towards this fundraiser from the very beginning with getting their team shirts in orange.

Two runners from the Maple Valley team and two runners from the Lakewood team ran a mile together and handed off the football to the next group of runners. The run was to open to the communities' eyes and bring forward the crisis of hunger that some in our communities suffers from.

Families and friends had the opportunity to sponsor runners for their mile to help raise money for Manna's Market.

Once every runner got back to Unity Field at LHS, the whole Lakewood cross country team was able to run the football onto the field. With captains Ry Rodriguez, Allie Rooks, and



The Mile Richelle Chrzan and Sierra Smith from the Lakewood Cross Country team run with two of the Maple Valley Cross Country team runners. They ran one of the miles for the hunger run. "That wasn't too bad I guess," said Chrzan.

Sydnee Chrzan leading the team, the football was brought to the officials. The crowd cheered the cross country team on as they ran

the football across the field to the middle. Both teams together raised over \$1000 for the cause and raised awareness overall.

Outdoor Rec class gets it done!

By Connor Frizzel

Outdoor Recreation at Lakewood High School reaches students how to get outside and enjoy the wilderness. So far in the class, students have learned how to can salsa, make apple pie filling and apple sauce.

Senior Jake Eberhart said, "Outdoor Recreation is one of the best classes this school offers, teaching us how to do stuff that we can use the rest of our lives. Especially in a small hunting community."

Lakewood alum Mr. Anthony Harmer teaches the class. Harmer recently

received a grant for beekeping that will be a future feature of the Outdoor Rec.

Senior Chandler Adams said, "It's nice seeing my peers taking action and wanting to learn how to do things in nature and get up on your feet to do fun activities learned in the class. It's the best class we could have here. It should be a required class. Everyone could use something they'll use in their lives."

The students previously did a unit on bird watching in the woods and went on a canoe trip down the Thornapple river. The canoe trip was an all

day activity that parents and students could attend to have fun. Luckily it was a warm day out on the river back in September and everyone could enjoy themselves. As winter is approaching, the class is going to explore the variety of yard games like cornhole, horse shoes, and washer toss.

Senior Erica Potter said, "This class is a good senior class to get up and do something in the morning. There are always different activities going on that we play and learn. It's a great class to wake up in and start the day!"

The Beater

by Nat Pytlowany

With every student at Lakewood High School, there is a different means of transportation. Whether it's the bus, a hot rod, or a beater, it's supposed to get you to school somewhat safely. In this article of "Lakewood's Beaters" Brice Livermore's 2001 Pontiac Grand Prix known as Ol' Faithful will be featured. Brice and his car are well known throughout the school by its flaws (secret or otherwise to Brice). Before he even rolls up to the parking lot the deep rumble of the "3.8L V6 powerplant" with a rusted-out muffler is heard. Ol' faithful sports a few dings and marks along with some deficiencies, but what does it matter, she'll get him there. Brice stated that "it is missing the passenger mirror, has a crack in the rear bumper, front passenger fender is misshapen, it has a wet carpet due to holes rusted through the floor, crack in the windshield, no



Brice leans on Ol' Faithful with a smug look. Ol' faithful was parked in its normal spot at Lakewood High School. Livermore said, "Upgrades are coming."

A/C, and a window that won't roll down." All these things are what make the Grand Prix the beater that it is. Brice says that his car burns oil "about 1 quart every month. I use cheap oil and whatever I can find." Some readers may not know but a car will generally have a specification on how much oil consumption is allowed after a determined number of miles. In this case Brice's car

consumes too much and may have a slowly leaking engine whether it's a front main seal, a rear main seal, bad valve cover gaskets, bad valve seal, or blown head gasket. In any of those examples the repair would be too expensive for what the car is worth. Brice mentioned what didn't work on his car and he said again "the A/C that didn't work and that the air blower wouldn't shut off

completely some of the times." The Grand Prix has lots of miles, it has "225,000 miles and I could sneak in another 5,000 out of her". When compared to other vehicles 225,000 miles is quite the feat, not only for 16-year-old car but a new one as well. That is about the end of the road for any car. In conclusion Brice said, "I would recommend this car to anyone".

A Sweet Ride

by Carson Scobey

The first vehicle to receive attention, for being a sweet ride, is Nathan Dilon's 1982 Chevy Silverado Square Body that gets about six miles to the gallon. Nathan bought his truck the summer before he started high school by working at Dairy Queen, mowing lawns, and baling hay. He chose this truck because he likes the look of the square body design. His hard work has also allowed him to buy new tires, rims, radio, and more for his truck. With a truck as sweet as Nathan his favorite part of his truck is the sound of his exhaust when he puts his foot to the floor after a stop sign. Nathan is hoping to make his truck faster yet by adding new headers and a fuel injected carburetor when he saves enough money. He was asked to say a little more about the truck he responded with, "It does burn outs." Over all Nathan has one sweet ride to drive to school everyday.

What a sweet ride! Nathan Dilon stands next to his 1982 Chevy Truck. Later that night he drove the Chevy to his junior Homecoming and said, "It was the best one yet."



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The allure and expectation of online learning

by Kallista Guild

Students usually go to school, go to each class, and sit through six different teachers talking. They can easily fall behind in class or think class is going too slow for them. What a lot of people overlook is online classes. Online classes are different, and can be a break from the monotony of listening to teachers talk all day. Depending on what type of online class you take, you can also earn college credits while still in high school.

Senior Ryelee Hoag decided to take an online class because, as she said, "I had an empty hour and I wanted to take another English class. I thought online would be easier so I could go at my own speed." She also said it's worth doing, and easy to manage around other classes since it's easy to take home and do.

Online classes are taken in the library and can be a nice break from group projects, teachers talking, and being rushed to finish assignments.

As with any class, there are both positives and negatives. When asked about the negatives, Ryelee said "You don't really have people to go to when you're confused, except for the teach-

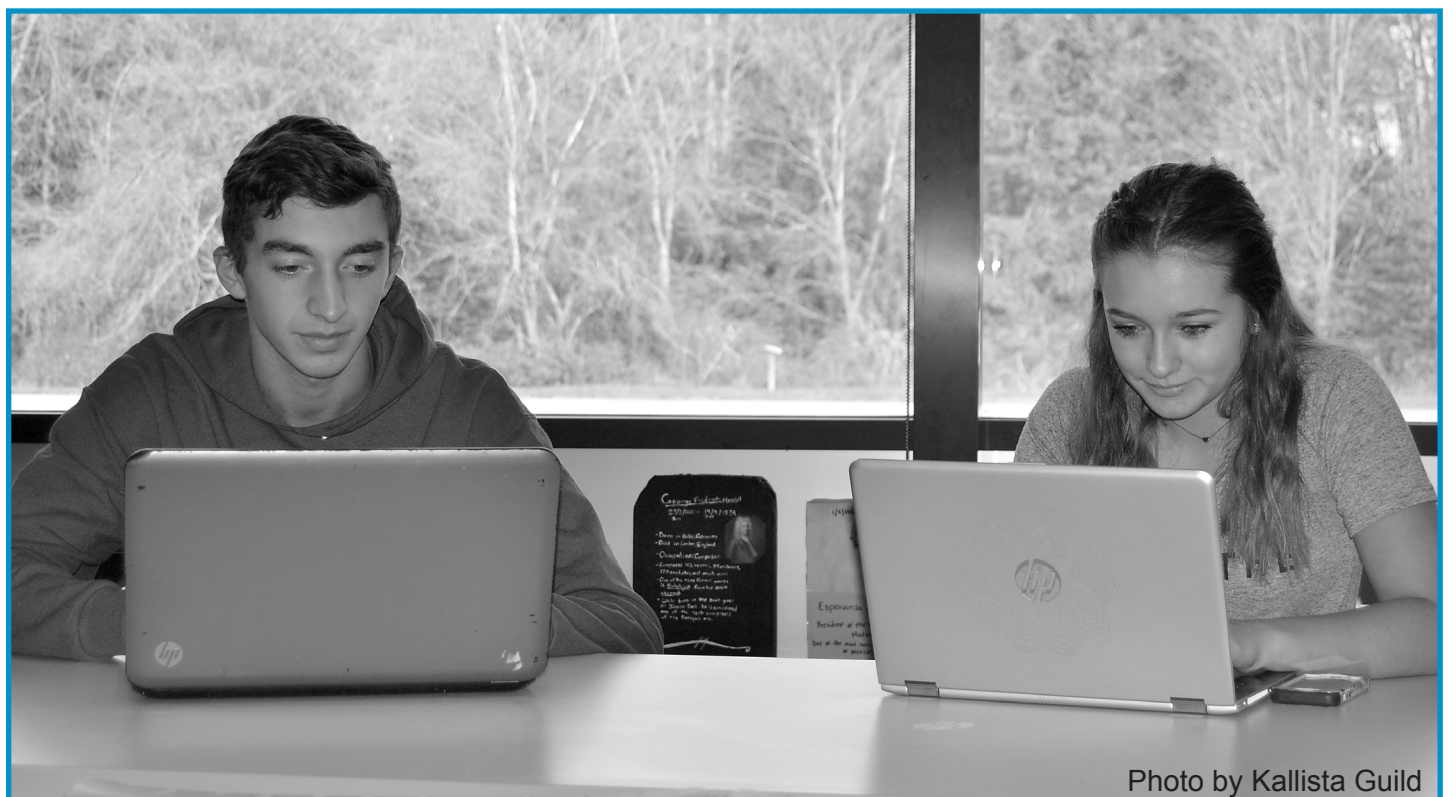


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It may look like they are just playing games on their laptops, but Seniors Nathan DeVries and Anna Twitchell are actually working at their online classes; DeVries takes English 11 and Twitchell takes English 12. "My online class is one of my favorite classes," Twitchell said.

er but it can feel like a bother to message them every time you have a question. Sometimes looking at all the future assignments can be overwhelming, since all the semester's assignments are uploaded in the beginning." She

said some positives are "You can go at your own speed and not feel too rushed or held back. The only time you have homework is if you aren't actually working during the hour and need to turn the assignment in soon. Online

classes are easy to manage and easy to take home with you." Doing an online class may seem difficult or overwhelming, but in the long run you get an hour to work on your own and at your own speed.