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Newsletter Goes Digital By: Jasmen



Middle school staff member Olivia types her article.

I spoke to Mrs. Pruden about our newsletter's new digital format. I asked her how she felt about having to switch the set-up. She said, "At first I was a little worried about it, but I knew it needed to happen, so it was okay." My next question was, "Why did you have to switch to a different set-up?" Her reply was, "Our district got rid of LibreOffice, which is what our old set-up was under, so it was no longer available for us to use. We needed to pick something more google friendly." The next question I asked was, "Where did you find the new set-up?" Mrs. Pruden said, "Mrs. Aycook showed me some versions and none of them seemed to do what we needed. Mr. Cosey found this layout that was perfect." Next, I asked, "What other options

did you have, other than the one you chose?" She said, "Not many that would fit with the amount of articles that we needed. There's a lot of things in the Canva program, but none of them allow for several long articles." I asked "What has been the reaction to the new format?" Mrs. Pruden said, "The overall reaction has been very good. I got some great feedback from some teachers. They said that they liked the digital version better, and that it was easier to read." Then I asked her what the pros and cons of a digital edition were. "The pros are that we can put it on the school's website and everyone has access to it, such as; board members, the community, etc. Anyone can read our newsletter. The cons are that some people still would rather have a hard copy, or

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HS HAS NEW CLASS FOR EXTRA HELP By: Julia

I recently spoke with high school teacher Mrs. Lenaburg to ask her some questions about her new role. "I am what they call a skills teacher, and I am basically here to help students that just need extra help in certain subjects." I asked Mrs. Lenaburg how long she has been teaching and she said that she has been teaching Math for about 33 years. I asked her what made her want to have this job in particular, and she said that it was the fact that she could help students that sometimes get forgotten. Next, I asked her how she goes about helping the high school students and she said that she keeps track of all the big assignments, checks their grades, checks for missing assignments, and helps the students who are having trouble under-

standing their work. I asked her what her favorite part of her job was, and she said, "When students say, Wow! I have never had this good of grades before", or when she had one student say, "Wow, this whole studying for tests thing actually helps!" I asked about the challenges of her job, and she said, "Keeping up with everything!" I asked her if she helps students individually, or in a class set-up, and she said that she normally teaches individually, but when multiple students have to study for the same test she gets them all together to study together. I asked her about the goals of the program and she said that it is to get the students to feel more confident so that they realize that they can do more than they thought.



Mrs. Lenaburg helps high school student, Lukas, improve his skill set.

Elementary Has New “Refocus” Room

By: Heaven

The Elementary has a new program called the Refocus room. It is located in the elementary hallway in room 9. It is for students with behavior problems, or that need extra help with their work. There is only one teacher right now which is Ms. Pletcher, but some other teachers like the counselor and the principal help out too. There are ten kids in the Refocus Room. Currently the kids that go there, go for work, to relax/ calm down, and refocus. The program started this year. This program got started because there were more and more kids that were exhibiting behavior problems and some kids weren't understanding how to do their work in class the way their teacher was explaining it. The district made the program to help all different kinds of kids. The goal for the program is to get kids to behave more in class and not be so disruptive by being able to use self-coping strategies in class.



SEEK HAPPENINGS By: Olivia

On October, 27, 2021, I interviewed Mrs. Laxton about SEEK which stands for: Search, Expand, (and) Enhance Knowledge. SEEK members have been experimenting with states of matter by making oblek, slime, ice cream in a bag, and plan to make elephant toothpaste soon. When I walked in they were having fun and playing games together enjoying the half week. Mrs. Laxton said she absolutely loves teaching SEEK. Some everyday challenges Mrs. Laxton faces are that she is also a Math teacher and has been one for a long time, so doing SEEK and having to teach the Science aspect of it isn't as easy for her. She is trying to make herself familiar with those things. “Youtube has been the biggest help for me,” she stated. When asked about their recent field trip she said, “The kids were amazing. They weren't able to have any field trips due to Covid last year. They went to Beggs Family Farm and they want to go to the St. Louis aquarium in the future.” I asked 8th grader, Carlee Kilby what her favorite part of SEEK was and she responded with, “Getting out of class and getting to spend time with the people I don't get to spend time with on a day- to- day basis.”



Ms. Pletcher assists a student in the new Elementary “Refocus” room.

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prefer to read something tactile and we no longer print our newsletter and make copies to distribute anymore.” My final question was, “Where did the name come from for the newsletter?” Mrs. Pruden said, “The Ram Page has been around for a long time. It was the name of the newspaper when I went to school here. I am not sure when it became official, but I graduated in 1991 and it was here way before then, so it's been around for a long time.”

HS Football Enjoys Success By: Kloey

I sat down with high school football coach Jim May and I asked him about the football season that just ended. Coach May has been coaching for about 22 years now." I asked, "Have you coached anywhere else? If so, where?" Coach May said, "I've coached at Perryville, Charleston, and Chaffee before here." I asked Coach May what inspired him to coach football. He said, "Ever since I was a little kid, I've always loved football; watching it and playing it. I enjoy dealing with the students, but also getting to watch them play." I asked Coach May about his season this year. He said, "Well we went 9 and 3, lost to Hayti a couple times and they beat us for the district title, but our team played really well and I'm very proud of them." Next I asked, "What are some highlights, or surprises from the season?" He said, "We had a couple big injuries and we had to change positions for some players which was surprising. They did great at overcoming these things though and still had a great season." The last thing I asked Coach May was, "What's the outlook for next year's team?" He said, "Of course we hope to be better and grow. We should have some returning starters, and we'll have a big senior class which we are excited for."



Coach May congratulates Cody Adams after a play.

Lacey Earns Band Honors By: Brooklyn

Senior, Keaton Lacey was recently named to the Missouri All State Band. Keaton auditioned in Columbia on December 4th with the best tuba players in the state. He performed multiple etudes and has been practicing for three months. Keaton received the 6th chair. Last year he was an Honorable Mention, and this year he earned the 6th spot in the top group. Over 1,400 students from across Missouri met at Hickman High School. Only 108 students are accepted into this elite ensemble. The band will meet, rehearse, and perform at the Missouri Music Educators Association Conference held January 26th through January 29th 2022 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks. Congratulations, Keaton!



Keaton performing at a 2021 band concert.

MS Boys Basketball Steps Up

By: Colton

I spoke with middle school boys basketball Coach Rob Vazquez and asked him a few questions about the season. I asked if the season went well. Coach Vazquez said that the season went how he wanted it to, but not exactly how he wanted it to end. I asked him what the highlights of the season were. Coach Vazquez said that the main highlight was that the 7th grade finished the regular season as Conference champions. I also asked what impressed him the most about the teams. He stated that the thing that impressed him the most was the 7th grade team came more prepared than ever and they already knew most of the stuff for offense and defense, so teaching them wasn't as hard since they already had a grasp of what they had to learn. It helped his job as a coach, and since most of the 8th grade team came in having already been in the system, it definitely helped them. I asked Coach Vasquez what his goals were for next season. He stated that their goal is to win a Conference Championship and with the 7th graders coming back as 8th graders, he hopes they will win a Conference Tournament Championship as well. Coach V said he doesn't know much about the 6th graders, so he will have to wait and see. I asked a couple players what their favorite part of the season was. Seventh grade player Max said he enjoyed playing basketball this season and spending time with his friends. When asked about his favorite memory from the season, 8th grader Jackson replied, "Whenever I made an 'and one' at Meadow Heights."



7th grader, Asber during a middle school game.

Community Spotlight

Bohannon's Cleaners

By: Evie

For this quarter's community spotlight, we are featuring Bohannon's Cleaners. I asked Mr. Bohannon what made him start this business. He replied, "I grew up in the business. I just know it's where I'm supposed to be." Next, I asked him how long he has owned the business. He replied, "This business started in 1953, and I took over in 1990." Next, I asked how many employees they employ. He said five. Bohannon's business hours are: Monday-Friday 7:30-5:30 and Saturday 8:00-12:00. Bohannon's provides dry cleaning, laundry service, wedding gown preservation, leather and fur cleaning, and alterations. I asked Mr. Bohannon what their specialties are and he said, "We try to be the best at everything we do." When I asked about customer volume, Mr. Bohannon said they don't get caught up in the numbers, their only concern is the quality of work they pass on to each and every customer. Mr. Bohannon said the most difficult part about his job is the summer time heat. Lastly, I asked him what his favorite part about his job and working in Scott City was, and he said, "Pride in the community!"

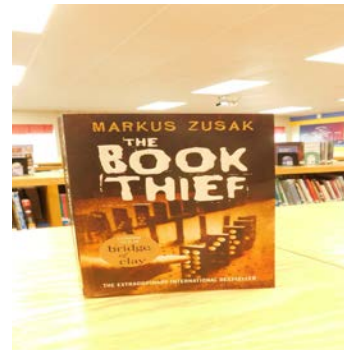


Book Review- The Book Thief

By: Ann

I read *The Book Thief* over the last week, so let me tell you about it! *The Book Thief* is a historical fiction novel written by Australian author, Markus Zusak. The story follows a young girl named Liesel Meminger. She's an orphan who lost her family at a young age and was put into the foster system. Liesel is often called the book thief because she steals seven books throughout the whole story. She also steals food alongside her best friend, Rudy. Liesel is quiet around most of the other characters, except Rudy. It's 1939 in Nazi, Germany so death is everywhere, which is why the narrator of this story is so important. The narrator is death. No, I'm not talking about the grim reaper with a black coat and a scythe, I'm talking about a being with no true identity that comes to the dead bodies and gently takes their souls away; to where, is unknown. When you think of death you might think of something evil, but this book is the exact opposite.

In this book, death has feelings, emotions, and empathy for most. You must have an interesting story for death to remember and share with others, right? Overall, I give this book a 10/10. It was beautifully written and I recommend it to those ages 12 and up. Check it out at the Scott City High school library today.



Teacher Feature-Mr. Conaway By: Stasha

I interviewed Mr. Conaway, our middle and high school Art teacher for this quarter's teacher feature. My first question was, "How long have you been teaching?" He said, "This is my 18th year teaching Art." Next, I asked him, "What other schools (if any) have you taught at?" He answered, "I've taught at Scott County Central, Perryville High School, and Oak Ridge." Next, I asked "What made you want to come to Scott City School?" I have always heard that the students were awesome here, and they are!" he replied. My next question was "Where did you attend college?" "I went two years at Mississippi County Community College in Blytheville, Arkansas, and finished up my Bachelor's of Science degree in Education in the field of Art at SEMO." I asked Mr. Conaway where he is from, originally. Mr. Conaway said, "I was born and raised in Kennett, Missouri." My next question for him was, "What grades and classes do you teach?" He said, "I teach two classes of middle school art and three classes of high school- Art 1 and one Advanced Art class." Then I asked Mr. Conaway, "What do you like most about teaching art?" Mr. Conaway responded, "I love seeing students realize they can do something that they didn't think they could do, and whenever I see them do amazing pieces of art and they're proud of it, that makes me happy." Finally, I asked Mr. Conaway what his favorite thing to do in his free time is. He said, "I like to go boating, fish, camp, and I love to cook outside."



Middle and High school Art teacher, Mr. Richard Conaway shows off his grilling skills at a high school football game earlier in the school year.

STUDENT SURVEY

Aleah asked some middle school students what their favorite scary movie was and why. Here are their responses:

Trey-6th



The Conjuring
"It's really good and scary. I enjoyed it."

Jonathan-8th



Halloween Kills
"I enjoy Halloween and it was good and scary."

Jayden-6th



Halloween
"It has Michael Myers in it, and it's a good scary movie."

Dallas-7th



Halloween
"In general, it's just scary, and I love scary movies."

Kane-7th



Jeepers Creepers
"Because he hid 10 bodies in the trunk."

Kenly-7th



The Conjuring
"It's scary and they had good actors in it."

Ann-8th



The Amityville Horror
"It's based on a true story."

Olivia-8th



The Conjuring
"Every 5 seconds there's a good scare."

Haven-6th



Chucky
"When I was little I hid under the covers."

Kayden-5th



Scream
"It has a mystery and it was scary."

