

The Bulldog Bark



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Your Middle School News Unleashed!

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Should 'kids' under 18 get to vote?

If permitted, would minors help in picking our President?

By Kristen Guelcher

Seventh-Grade Barker

When our seventh-grade team did a Figment writing prompt in Mr. Barnes's English class about Presidential voting, Mr. Barnes asked if kids under 18 should be able to vote. This really got me thinking, is it fair that not every single person in our country is able to choose our president?

In 1945, all women over 18 were allowed to vote. Seventy years later, is our country ready to take this to the next step? We are about to find out. I interviewed some of



the teachers I currently have in the first marking period and asked, "Do you think people under 18 should be allowed to vote? If not, at what age should they be able

to?"

Mr. Graver said, "I believe people should be allowed to vote as soon as they graduate high school or turn 18 – whichever comes first." He also said, "If someone is younger than 18 but has graduated high school, they've completed their basic education on American History and American Government. Once someone has earned their education they will be better prepared to make educated decisions when voting. If someone does not graduate high school,

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Reflections: Into the eighth-grade we rode

By Brianna Schuck

Eighth-Grade Barker

Going into seventh grade, I was super nervous and didn't want to go to the middle school at all. Throughout the year, everything changed. I absolutely loved seventh grade and all of my classes too. To

top it all off, the schedule was great, and the teachers always put you in a good mood. Seventh grade was great, but we all knew it needed to end somewhere.

As much as I loved seventh grade, it was time to

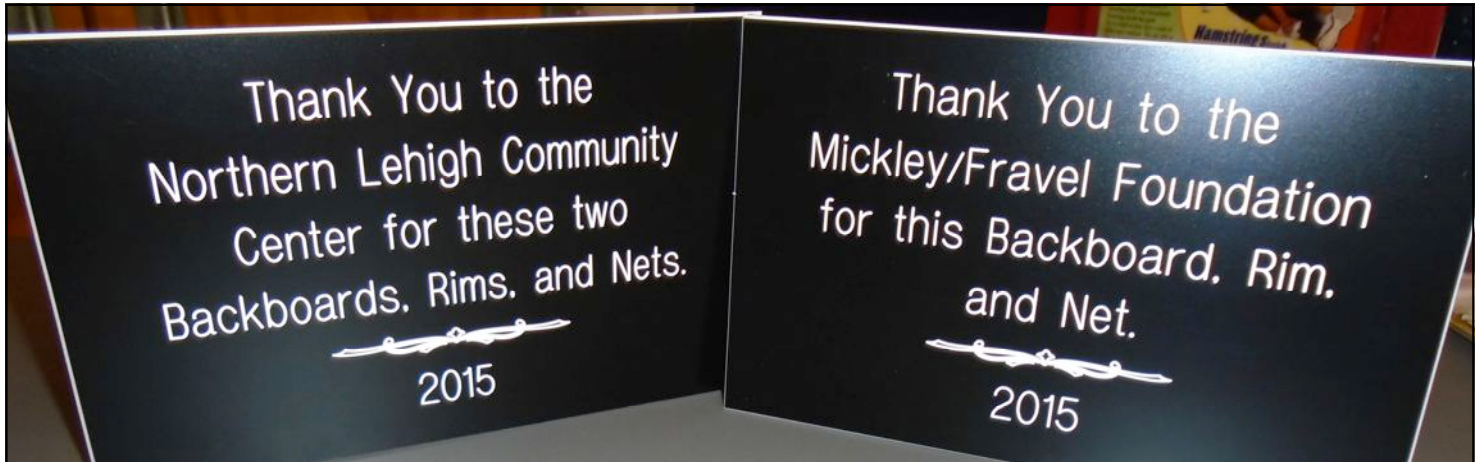
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Oh-so-happy Seamus



Why was Seamus O'Connor so smiley in his stylish sombrero? (That's alliteration, kids...) Find out more on Page 4.

Better ballin' with better backboards



After looking at the rusty basketball backboards on the middle school parking lot, Mrs. Raber decided that this was an eyesore for visitors to our school so she wrote a grant to the local Mickley-Fravel grant foundation. This grant is to be used for recreation in the Northern Lehigh area. A grant was awarded to the Northern Lehigh Middle School to purchase a new backboard, rim and net. The Northern Lehigh Community Center donated two more backboards, nets, and rims to complete the project. Our wonderful school district maintenance and grounds crew installed them over the Labor Day holiday so our students and community members could use the new equipment. The plaques pictured above are fastened, with appreciation, to the backboards. Game on!

Submitted by Mrs. Raber, Phys. Ed/Health Teacher

Proper attitude propels positive results

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move on. Knowing I was going to be in eighth grade didn't bother me at all. I understood the concept and it really didn't even feel like I had made a transition.

I was actually looking forward to all of the classes and I really wanted to experience all of the teachers, after hearing so many things about them. They're all pretty great teachers, and I have nothing bad to say about any of them. So far, eighth grade is pretty great.

It's a lot different than everyone says it is, and the classes, for the most part, aren't terribly hard. One thing I don't like is the schedule, but it honestly isn't

even that bad anymore.

After a week or so, it was easy to get used to, and the classes were easy to start with. The amount of homework isn't that bad either, but it's hard to get it all done, plus maintain a social life and still play sports. Right now, it's a little hectic, but if you stay organized, you'll be fine.

One of the most exciting things to look forward to going into eighth grade is National Junior Honor Society. Keeping your grades up in seventh grade is really important, especially if you want to be on NJHS. I was also really looking forward to DNN. It's so fun every morning, and a lot more interesting than I thought. It shows responsibility,

which is really important.

Seventh and eighth grade aren't too different from each other generally, but overall, they have many different things about them, like the schedules, teachers, classes activities, etc. The transition isn't bad, but you have to apply yourself in so many different ways, especially with homework, or any school-related activity you take part in.

You'll tune a lot more into school and doing the work if you actually join activities, have something to look forward to and have a goal to reach. So make the most out of your middle school years, because for the most part, they will only happen twice!

18 and above seems to be best option for voters, *for now*

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they should be given the right to vote at age 18. At that age, they've hopefully acquired enough life experiences to make good decisions while voting."

Mrs. Becker said, "In my opinion, I don't think that the voting age should be lowered. There are so many issues of importance, of which younger people might not be aware, that I don't believe most teenagers would be able to gain enough insight to make an educated decision on any particular candidate.

"Many adults don't know or understand all of the issues, so voting becomes more of a popularity contest, follow-the-crowd type of mentality or they simply like or dislike a particular view that either supports or rejects their own personal philosophy. Some young people are very much into politics and the issues, and would be capable of voting wisely; however, the majority would not be able, or care, to do so. To lower the voting age could end up swaying votes even more toward popularity and instead of providing wise leadership, we might find our country's leaders to be unprepared to handle the job and make grossly inadequate decisions."

Mr. Barnes stated, "This is a tough answer because I would highly recommend any young person to get involved with the decisions that affect our country.

I feel, however, too many young minds would be overly-influenced by family members who want to push for more votes in their favor. So I'm going to stick with the wait-until-you're-18 rule and hope that after that, every young adult does his or her part to have a say in where this country is heading. If you don't vote, you can't complain."

who would lead our country for the next four years. If we did vote for a president without taking into account any of the things he would do with our country, he could make terrible decisions and run our country down the drain. Overall, it may not be the best decision for our country if people under 18 are able to vote.

As a result, I have concluded



As for me, I also think kids under 18 should not be allowed to vote. I think that teens these days don't have enough education about who to choose. If the age were to be lowered, people may not choose the best candidate, but the most popular one.

Perhaps it could be the one with the best hair, or the one that played the same sport as you. As we should know, those are absolutely not valid reasons to vote for

most people believe that the voting age should remain 18. Letting teens and kids vote may be the wrong decision considering that some teens might just pick randomly from the set of candidates.

Keeping the voting age at 18 seems to be the best option. At age 18 we hope that kids are mature enough to prepare themselves to make an informed decision while voting.

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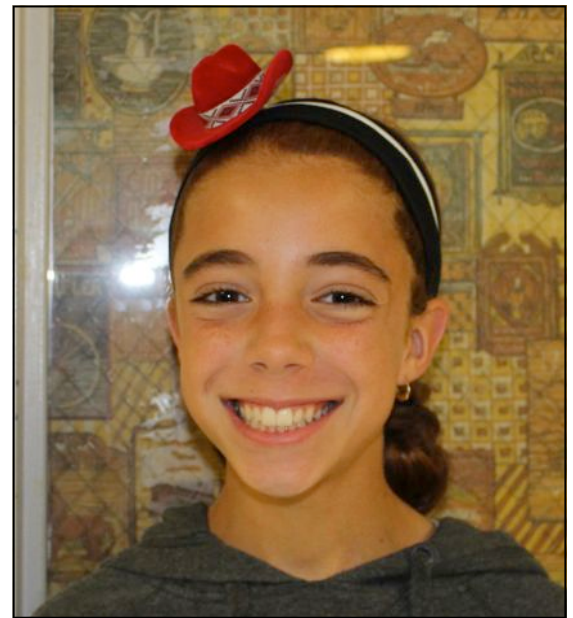
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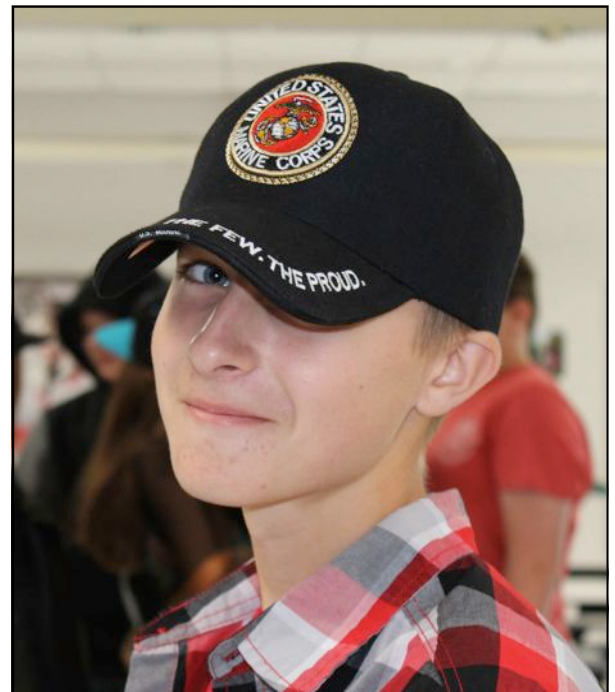
Dylan Kuntz



Sabrina Grabarits, Piper Fehr, Erjan Eminof, Sylvia Dise, Thomas Trotter. (Right middle) Kristen Guelcher. (Right bottom) John Rizzotto.



Maddie Amorim and Maddison Cunfer.



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Hey Turkey: Try the Thanksgiving Challenge

Lack of presents, commercialism make it the 'underrated holiday'

By Reagan Pender
Eighth-Grade Barker

The word “holiday” can mean many things. Normally when you hear that word, you think of Christmas, Easter, or even Halloween, but does Thanksgiving come to your mind? Even if it does, what do you think of? Turkey, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie, Macy’s Day Parade?

Thanksgiving is not about the food or the parades or even the pies, as good as they may be, it is about giving thanks for what we have been blessed with.

Think of your X-box, Playstation, iPhone, whatever it

may be, that is sitting in your home right now. Someone had to put hard work into getting that for you.

Maybe your parents or grandparents got it for you. That is just three things right there to be thankful for: your electronics, your parents, and your grandparents.

That took less than a minute, so I bet you can think of even more things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.



So take the Thanksgiving Challenge: Think of how many things you are thankful for. I know you might think this sounds corny but maybe it will remind you how fortunate you really are, compared to other people in the world.

NLMS band plays victory songs at competitions

By Danyel Rex
Eighth-Grade Barker

The Northern Lehigh Marching Band has been working extra hard this season. Our scores in competitions have been amazing. I am proud to say I am a performing member of the marching band!

Most people view it as a “nerdy” thing to be in band, which I think is ridiculous.

First, we have been working extremely hard since the very first day of summer to get as far as we are.

We are also into what we do, just like any other activity – we enjoy doing this!

Practice and rehearsals are al-



most every day of the week, including Saturdays.

So if I am working as hard as any other sport player would in this activity, why am I judged for it?

People do not understand that not only does marching band go to the Friday night football games but we have competitions against other schools’ marching bands.

So far we had three competitions and we received first place twice and second place once.

I would like to recognize Mr. Carroll, our music teacher and band

leader, for spending his time, money and patience for our success, and also for making all of us believe more in ourselves to go on stage and perform.

‘Bark’ unleashes new yearly award

Consistency, integrity, quality work will be recognized each May

Starting this year, the Bulldog Bark editorial staff (that’s Mr. Barnes, by the way) will be handing out a new award at the end of the year, after all four issues have been “unleashed.” *The Tyler Trumbauer Award for Middle School Journalistic Consistency and Integrity* will be awarded to one or a few middle school writers who have displayed consistent, dependable and quality work that has been featured in at least three of the four issues. Recipients will be chosen for their dedication and will be recognized at our middle school Awards Night at the end of the year.

Tyler Trumbauer is a 2014 graduate of Northern Lehigh and is credited with changing the name of this student newspaper from the Bulldog Times to the “Bark.” He covered sports for all eight issues of his

middle school career, in addition to an opinion column called “What Curdles My Milk.” At N.L. High School, Tyler reported for the TV news broadcast and newspaper. Now at Edinboro University, he is the sports editor for the college newspaper, The Spectator, and sports director for the Edinboro TV and radio stations.

Tyler has interviewed NFL Hall of Famer Andre Reed, and WWE wrestlers, Olympic gold medalists, and has covered the NCAA Division One Wrestling National Championships.

The *Tyler Trumbauer Award* will be issued at the end of the year. See Mr. Barnes with any questions and thank you for all the dedicated work to *your* Bulldog Bark.

Health & Phys. Ed. News and Archery Addictions



A big thank-you to “Archery Addictions” of Walnutport for teaching our students how to shoot arrows with a bow. Our eighth-graders are becoming pros because they have had archery instruction since 6th grade when “Archery Addictions” began coming to our school district.

Congratulations to the Intramural Officers elected Wed., Sept. 23 after school by their classmates! Our 2015-16 officers are Piper Fehr – President, Samuel Weaber - Vice President, Cole Cheesbrough – Secretary, Seth Houser – Treasurer. Equipment Managers - Colton Falenwolfe, John Kline, Justin Bennet, Noah Myers.

This fall in the PE Department the following students scored first place in the mile run. 7th grade boys- Charles Wilk 7:28; 7th grade girls - Emily Hunsicker 6:40. 8th grade boys Angelo Melendez 5:50; 8th grade girls tie Madison Amorim and Paige Hude 7:22. Fall Net Sports Intramurals were a success with 25 students registered to play volleyball, ping pong, badminton, and tennis.

Pictured, Mrs. Chamberlain is sharpening her archery skills during Archery Addictions' visit to PE class. Can we trust a principal with a bow/arrow? Absolutely!

M.S. field hockey feels like a family

By Maggie Reitz
Seventh-Grade Goalie

Do you like active sports? If so, you will love this article and the sport that tails along with it. Field hockey is an amazing sport because of how much it brings our girls together.

Many of our players say that our team feels like family. There is a team for the elementary school girls run by Shawn Wanamaker.

They have over 20 girls, two goalies and Lynn McGeehan is the assistant coach. The middle school has 12 girls and we have Kelly Follweiler as our head coach.

Even though we are a small team, we are definitely mighty. I am the only goalie but that's OK because we are a strong team. Then we have our JV team. Their coach is Jess Frew.

She has been a coach for over 10 years. They have one goalie. Her name is Annie. Finally we have varsity as our last team.

They are a strong team who won't give up until they win. Their coach is also Jess Frew. The goalie is Ronnie. Ronnie and Annie have helped me so much to get where I am now. So thanks to them!

I recommend that you come to see one of our games sometime.



Eagles looking to take flight this season

Rough start has turned to strong wins, giving hope to faithful fans

By Brianna Schuck

Eighth-Grade Eagles Fan

Coming into the season, many predicted that “this year would be the year” for Philadelphia. But will it really? Just like all the other years, they do well in preseason and everyone jumps on the “they’re going to the Super Bowl!” bandwagon. They do poorly in preseason, and all you hear is that they aren’t the team everyone expected to see out of Philly. It’s just how things fall here in our area.

But if you ask any true Philly fan, I’m sure they’ll give you their prediction on the season and it will actually make sense, and it won’t be what the bandwagon has to say. I had asked Tyler Trumbauer and he had no problem with sharing his opinions and predictions on this. He stated, “The Eagles had a lot of hype entering this season, the most I can remember in quite some time. They were and still are a national storyline day in and day out. However, the offense is not clicking and that is alarming. Sam Bradford does not look comfortable in the offense and Demarco Murray is probably looking to buy back his house in Dallas by now. The defense is just as atrocious, especially Bryon Maxwell. Many, including

myself, believed that the Eagles overpaid him and his early-season performance is extremely underwhelming. This poor start to the season is unexpected, scary, and unfortunate, if you are an Eagles fan, and it does not get salvaged, as the quality of the NFC East is so poor that it is still anyone’s division, then there will be many members of the Eagles’ faithful calling for the firing of Chip Kelly. They have quite the influence too.



Just ask Ruben Amaro, Jr.”

I had also asked Bryn Swartz, who happens to be a writer/news reporter for the Eagles. Believe it or not, he and Tyler are both fans of the Eagles, and their predictions are very similar. Bryn stated, “Heading into the season, I expect the Eagles to compete for the NFC East title with an outside chance at reaching the Super Bowl. New quarterback Sam Bradford seems to have grasped the offense based on his preseason success,

while the new and improved defense features a number of new starters, notably linebacker Kiko Alonso and cornerback Bryon Maxwell.

“Three years into Chip Kelly’s new tenure in Philly, there’s a magic feeling in the air that this could be *the* year in Philadelphia. It’s safe to say that the first two games of the season haven’t gone as expected for the Philadelphia Eagles. Chip Kelly’s new players collectively seem to be underachieving, notably prized trade acquisition Sam Bradford, who just doesn’t look like the former number one overall pick the Eagles expected.

The running game, with Demarco Murray and Ryan Matthews, hasn’t been able to click at all, and the offensive line, featuring two new starters at the guard spots, hasn’t even remotely jelled through the first pair of games. With an 0-2 record, the Eagles have a big hole to climb out of in the NFC East, but luckily the rest of the division looks pretty weak too.

“The Cowboys, the biggest competition to win the division, are missing Tony Romo and Dez Bryant for an extended period of time. If the Eagles can find a way to win eight or nine games, they

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Off-season moves yet to show promise

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might be crowned NFC East champions... and in the playoffs, anything can happen.”

Any true fan would have a valid, understandable prediction. They know what always happens in Philly.

In order to be a fan, you need to have faith, which is what the

out, Huff is hurt, Cedric Thornton is out, Peters is out, Riley Cooper is hurt, and Sam Bradford is an accident waiting to happen back there. With two new starters at both guard positions, the offensive line is weak.

Concluding with the two new starters, now Lane Johnson is out for the season, and Matt Tobin has to step in at the guard posi-

were all very important starters (except Curry Williams and Bradley Fletcher, they were terrible). At the same time, Kelly didn't care, but now he realizes he messed up.

Yes, everyone thought the Eagles would have a great season, but that's also the bandwagon talking. If you don't think about everyone who left and everyone who came, how can you predict anything? Well, even I thought they'd have a great season, but so far, I was wrong.

We all were wrong. Sam Bradford isn't connecting with the offense, and the defense, who is always top of the line, is slowly deteriorating, just like the entire NFC East division. With Romo and Bryant out, the Cowboys need help, and the Giants have been struggling the past few seasons. RG3? Who? Where has he been?

If the Eagles can hit nine wins this season, they should be able to take the division, in my opinion. There isn't much competition this year, so 9-7 should do it for the NFC East. But the Eagles really have to step up their game. If not, we all know what will happen. Just like the Phillies; the fans demanded Amaro and Ryne Sandberg gone, and Eagles fans are already saying they think/want Kelly and Billy Davis fired.

Along with every other diehard fan, I, too, love and always will be a loyal fan (no matter how terrible they may end up being that game/season or how well they may end up being). In my opinion, to be a true, loyal, hard-working



majority of us fans had coming into the 2015 season. The hype the team themselves had was amazing, and the hope, faith and encouragement they had from the fans was amazing. But was it possible that they were *too* ready? In my opinion, yes. They came into the season with positive vibes only — coming off some important injuries, hoping everyone would be healthy.

But that didn't work as planned. Kiko's out, Kendricks is out, Murray is hurt, Ertz had surgery in the preseason, Parkey is

tion, making it even tougher for Bradford and the running game.

During the offseason, Kelly had traded pretty many starters, picked up pretty many Ducks, and seemed to think they were ready for the season. But are they really ready?

In my opinion, no, they're nowhere close to being ready. Kelly dropped from the roster/traded LeSean McCoy, Brandon Boykin, Jeremy Maclin, Nick Foles, Trent Cole, Todd Herremans, Nate Allen, Curry Williams, Bradley Fletcher, and Evan Mathis. They

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"Beyond the Sea" by Kristen Guelcher



Eagles fans ready for the team they know

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fan, you have to dedicate yourself. Yes, I don't have a lot of time with my academics and athletics, but I always find a minute to tweet something every now and then.

And how everyone always says Philly fans are terrible and the worst fans in the leagues on Twitter, we're all like one big, loyal, helpful family. We have each other's backs through everything. So how could we *all* be terrible fans? They all jump to conclusions right

away, and every fan-base has those terrible, rude fans, but not every fan is like that. The bandwagons are even worse. Pick a team and stick with them.

As the Eagles decided to make a start to their season with a 1-2 record, fans lost and gained trust, hope and strength. With the amount of hype and energy in the preseason, we all expected something big to happen right at the beginning of the season, but it didn't. They didn't get a "W" on the board until the third week. We all

hope they can continue this one "W" and turn it into a streak of "W's." All pumped and ready to go, we fans want the win more than they do. In fact, we dress up every Sunday, get up early with that great feeling, and prepare our days for football. We have been watching, waiting and listening all offseason and preseason. We're ready to see the team we know they can be, and we're ready for the wins! "E-A-G-L-E-S — Eagles!"

Have the screams been silenced?

Are true-form horror movies buried in the past?

By Aurora McGovern
Eighth-Grade Horror Fan

Horror. Movies. Are. My. Life. I love horror movies with all of my heart, and that worries my mom, but I don't care.

One night my mom looked at me and said, "Hey, they're making a new Friday the 13th!" I looked at her and nodded. Then I looked away, like kids today, at their phones, no hope. I saw "Sinister 2" in theaters and it made me jump at parts, and at other parts I didn't jump because it was in the trailer.

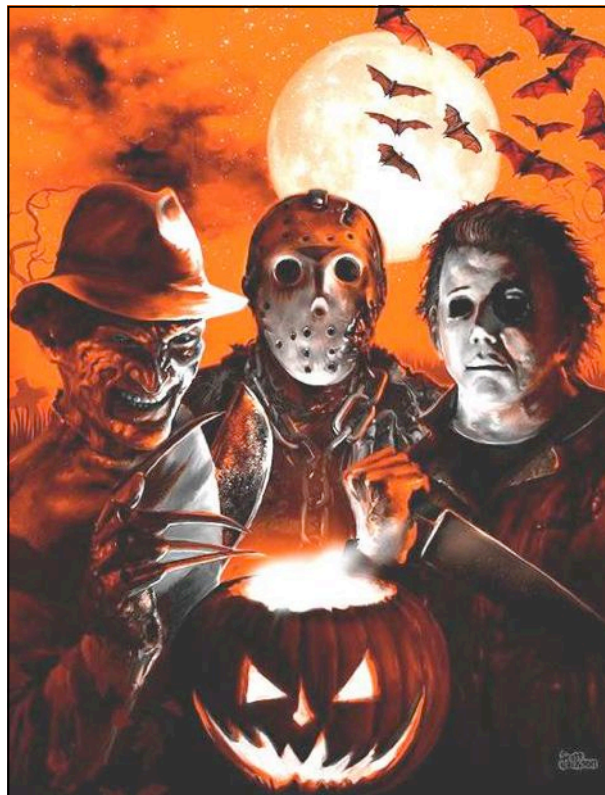
My mom, on the other hand, jumped at everything. There, a modern horror movie making people jump. Now, yes, a lot of the horror movies today are dumb. Really dumb. Sometimes they'll say it's a horror movie, but it's really a thriller drama. What is a thriller drama?!

"Nightmare on Elm Street," an amazing horror movie made in 1984. It was so good they made plenty of sequels, a "Freddy vs Jason" movie, a Wes Craven movie, and a remake. I think it wasn't good at all in my opinion. The new Freddy was nothing like the last Freddy at all!

One, it wasn't the same actor. You cannot have a "Nightmare on Elm Street" movie without Robert Englund. Two, they didn't make the new Freddy like the old one. I know it wasn't made by the same

director, and they both had different visions for Freddy, but come on. Spoiler Alert!

"Friday the 13th" is another amazing horror movie made in 1980. This one was so good that they made nine sequels, a remake, and "Freddy vs Jason." A lot of different people played Jason, but only two or three actors got credit. The main two being Kane Hodder and Ari Lehman.



The first "Friday the 13th," Mrs. Voorhees was the killer. It wasn't until the second movie, Jason started the killing. Yes, at some parts the movie was very cheesy and dumb, but it was 1980! I didn't really like the remake of "Friday the 13th" either. I didn't

like that they included the first three Fridays in one movie. Spoiler Alert!

"The Exorcist." An *amazing* horror movie for 1973. There weren't any computer effects at all! When Regan's head spun all the way around, it wasn't computer-animated. The movie was based on the book "The Exorcist" by William Peter Blatty in 1971. It was about a girl who played with a Ouija board and talked to 'Captain Howdy.' He possessed her body and I won't tell you anything else because I want Sabrina to watch it. Apparently it was based on true events. Spoiler Alert!

"The Shining." This was a horror movie made in 1980 and is based on the story "The Shining" by Stephen King made in 1977. One of the most iconic parts of that movie is when Jack slashes out a part of the door with an axe. He puts his face in the door and says "Here's Johnny!" In the movie, "The Seed of Chucky," they recreate that a little, but he doesn't say "Here's Johnny!" He says "Huh, I have no idea on what to say here," and opens the door. Spoiler Alert!

"The Poltergeist." A movie made in 1982. A group of houses were built on a graveyard. The only thing is, they only moved the headstones, and not the bodies. So,

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Plenty of screamin' tales to haunt your dreams



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their house was haunted by all of the unhappy dead people. They came through their TV and took away the little girl. They got her back safely, but at one point in the movie, the mom runs to the backyard. The ground starts to melt and all of the dead bodies come up and she is swimming with them in mud.

The gross part about that was, they used real human bodies for that part. Another creepy thing about that movie is the actress who played the little girl, Heather O'Rourke, only lived to be 13. She was in "The Poltergeist," "The Poltergeist II: The Other Side," and "The Poltergeist III." Then she died. Spoiler Alert!

"Halloween." My mom's and, I bet, Mr. Barnes's favorite also. It was made in 1978. It was so good they made seven sequels and two remakes. A third said to be on its way. "Halloween III: Season of the Witch" had nothing to do with Mi-

chael Myers at all. It was all about masks and it didn't really make any sense to me. Why make a Halloween movie if you aren't going to use Michael Myers? Spoiler Alert!

Okay, so new horror movies come out every month it seems. One of the new horror movies is "Crimson Peak." It came out October 16th, and I am very excited to see it. It's about a girl, Edith Cushing, played by Mia Wasikowska or the girl who played Alice in the live action movie "Alice In Wonderland." She marries Sir Thomas Sharpe and they live in a mansion. She starts to find out dark secrets about Sir Thomas Sharpe. It looks very interesting.

You know the Goosebumps books? Of course you do. They're making a movie about it, and it came out October 16th as well. It looks alright, but I've never been a big fan of the books. I've read some, but I would rather read something else. It stars Jack Black, so maybe it'll be good, but sometimes his movies aren't good, un-

like "School of Rock." This movie seems more for kids, but it's rated PG.

"The Visit." I really want to see this movie; so does my mom. It looks more funny to me. The poster for it says: Grandma's rules (No rules please...) 1. Have a Great Time (You give me cookies, of course I will) 2. Eat as Much as You Want (Done, why do you have to tell me that?) 3. Don't Ever Leave Your Room After 9:30. 9:30!!! What if I'm hungry at 11:30?! One of the rules is to eat as much as I want?! Sorry, the trailer to me is funny. The grandma says "Would you please get inside the oven to clean it?" Like, who wouldn't laugh at that?

"Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension." I watched all of the Paranormal Activity movies, and I find it funny that doors slamming shut, the floors creaking, and things falling on the floor are so scary. It says that the description

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Middle School Leaders of Cheers



Alexa Hartman, Lauren Hoffman, Lilly Keegan, Makayla Gangaway, Tia Horack, Jade-Amber Cool, Atira Tyson.
(Photo courtesy of The Yearbook)

Fear not, horror fans... More gore to come

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for the movie didn't come out yet, but the only thing I can guess from the title is that, 1. it's a Paranormal Activity movie. and 2. It has to do with a ghost dimension.

"Robert The Doll." It's a doll that was possessed and is now in a case in a museum. If you want a picture of him, you have to ask. The creepy thing is, he will shake his head *yes* or *no* if you can. No joke. They are making a movie about him. It comes out August 24, 2016, and it already came out in the UK the same day but 2015, this year. I

hope it's good because the story that goes along with it is very creepy and it interests me.

You know the movie "The Conjuring," and "Annabelle"? Well, they're making a new movie. It's called "The Conjuring 2: The Enfield Poltergeist." It comes out June 10, 2016, and I'm really excited. I hope they don't mess up the first one. I didn't find Annabelle scary though. They don't know anything about the movie yet, because it's so far away, but I really hope it's good.

OK, so this doesn't seem like a horror movie but I guess it is. It's

called Bunny the Killer Thing. Like... what? It comes out November 6, 2015, and for some reason I really want to see it. I want to buy a ticket and watch it because it seems so funny that they could make a horror movie about a bunny... how? It's half-human, half-bunny. Why would you be scared of that? If I saw that, I would laugh.

No, horror movies aren't done for. Not at all. How could they be when all of these new horror movie are coming out and they all look good, *not the Bunny one though*. That just looks dumb in all ways.

On the Road Again...in the right Direction

By Sabrina Grabarits

Eighth-Grade Directioner

Hello loves! (I dunno.) I'm back. Sorry, but not really. So. My first idea was a total fail and now I have literally no clue what to write about.

I'm casually freaking out because I still have to finish my story and this by Friday. Normally I would've had it done but, *ugh*. Whatever. Trying not to stress out myself too much. (Yeah, like that's working. I'm freaking out over a multitude of things.)

Anyway, I had two other ideas, but I'm not sure if they'd work. Plus, I can't remember how I was going to word them.

Google, and the many websites that I tried, gave me little to no help, so I tried to treat it like a Mr. Barnes Figment.

And that failed, too. Now I'm really freaking out because I promised myself that I'd never miss a Bulldog Bark. I asked my friends for help. So I started to make a list.

Concert experience?

That was my list. So, looks like that's what this is.

My first concert was actually Winter Jam. (A bunch of Christian bands/singers that played together.) That was fun, but it really didn't have a 'concert feel' to me. So, when I went to my One Direction concert September 1, that actually felt like one.

So that day started with wak-

ing up at usual time, 5:30. (I just lay around until 6:30. Don't judge.) I put on my One Direction shirt that Reagan had given to me and gray sweatpants because my jean shorts were a half-a-centimeter too short. I placed all the extra bracelets and necklaces in a pencil box and put my jean



shorts and comb in the car. (We were going to follow Aurora down there.) After 80 years, it was time to go to school.

They day went on and lunch rolled around. I barely ate because all I was talking about was my concert. (I believe my friends were ready to strangle me but that's OK.) I went to 5th period, which was science. I remember glancing at the clock, getting closer to 12. At 11:45, the phone rang. 'No, that's for me. I'm enjoying science. Wait, I'm going to see One Direction!' But I stayed in my seat, not wanting to be rude and pack up really fast. After Mr. Meixsell hung up, he looked at me. "Did you know you were leaving?" I nodded and packed up and went into the hall, freaking

out.

At my locker, I glanced down the hall and saw Aurora. We both had a silent fangirl attack. We shoved everything in our lockers and grabbed our backpacks. As we walked down the hall, we ran into Mr. Barnes. We told him where we were going and he said, "Have fun." We left through the office and into our cars.

Mom had a rental, knowing her car wouldn't make it. I got in the passenger's side, tossed my backpack in the back, grabbed my shorts and changed in the car. I put on my other necklace and my bracelets. My arms were covered in rubber bracelets. It was amazing. I combed my hair and stuck it into a ponytail.

We made a quick pit-stop for Aurora's parents and Mom took pictures of me out the sunroof. After that, we were back on the road. Took a few selfies and pictures of my mom. The drive was two and a half hours. I took an Advil for my headache and put in my One Direction CD and made my mom listen to *FOUR*. I played around with the seat, seeing that I could lay it all the way back.

After two and a half hours, we got to Aurora's hotel, where she was staying. Then we went to eat. We all took Aurora's car to the concert, as the parking was \$40. We got there and split up,

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A great experience for all involved

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since her seats were in the stands and mine were on the floor. Mom and I went around and bought stuff. I spent about \$100, give or take.

We went down into the huge stadium and found our seats. Section 14, row 20, seats 18 and 19. I sat next to this very pretty girl named Megan. She drove, *drove*, all the way from Florida to watch them. She was really nice and we became friends.

7 o'clock rolled around and Icona Pop came out. They opened for One Direction. I really liked the song everyone knows, 'I Love It' and one they sang for the concert. 'On The Road Again,' the name of the concert. It was really catchy.

After they went off stage, they played some videos and everyone fangirled so bad. It was really funny because I was surrounded by people that do the same thing as me on a daily basis.

Around 8 or 8:30, One Direction came onstage. It sounded like everyone in the stadium was being murdered. It was so loud, but beautiful. They started singing and everyone sang along, being the awesome people they were. Every now and then, they'd stop singing and talk to the crowd. They were their stupid, wonderful selves. Being idiots and stuff. The first song they sang was 'Clouds.' In one of the songs, 'Little White Lies,' Niall changed his lyrics. I got very upset because I missed recording it, but I'll never forget it. Toward the

end of the concert, they started talking about doing a tradition. Louis got hit in the ankle with a camera as he started talking about it. They did their cover of 'The Prince Of Bel-Air.' Everyone sang along. Through everything. The last song they sang that night was 'Best Song Ever.' Even though

got into our car and started driving home. I laid the seat all the way back and fell asleep for a while on the way home.

By the time I got home and ready for bed, it was 3:30 in the morning. I was getting up in a little over two hours. I slept in a little, missing reading and history.



Zayn wasn't there, Liam hit that high note perfectly.

The concert ended at 11. We stayed a few minutes after so we didn't get stuck in the mad rush to get out. We still did. By the time we met up with Aurora and her family and got in the car, it was 11:30. We sat in the car for a while. Everyone was trying to get out. It was terribly slow. Directions in other cars were blasting One Direction songs. Eventually, we got to the hotel, I hugged Aurora goodnight and Mom and I

Even though I was really tired, I still got to talk to people about it.

It has to be one of the best experiences that I've ever had. Even my mom, who doesn't like them, said she'd go back if they ever came around again. So people, if you ever have the chance to go to a concert, I suggest you go. Spend the money and go. You'll be losing a lot of money, but it's so worth it and you can meet new friends, like I did.

Just 'Who' is this 'Doctor'?

Behind the scenes of the Time Lord phenomenon

By **Elijah Albert**
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Seventh-Grade Barkers

Doctor Who? Well, I'm glad you asked! The Doctor is an "alien" called a Time Lord. He is the only Time Lord left in existence.

He travels through space and time in his T.A.R.D.I.S., aka the Tardis. The Tardis stands for Time And Relative Dimensions In Space. The show has been running for 50-plus years, it is one of the longest running TV shows of all time!

The Doctor has been fighting monsters since he left his home

planet, Gallifrey, at the young age of 237. If fatally damaged then he regenerates into a new form, so far there have been 12 incarnations, including a 13th, but we do not speak of him. As we mentioned before he travels with a companion.

His companions come and go all the time. Throughout his years he has used his gadget called the "Sonic Screwdriver" which can work as any type of tool. One of the most notable Doctors is the fourth doctor. This is because almost everyone thinks he was the first Doctor. That is everything about the Doctor's back story.

Next topic is the villains.

There are many villains, but one of the most famous is the Dalek. You know, "EXTERMINATE, EXTERMINATE!!!" Yea, that.

Anyway, there are more than just the Daleks, like the Cybermen, the Weeping Angels, and the Silence. The Cybermen are futuristic, robot people that try to destroy the human race. The Weeping Angels are statues where if you look at them, then look away and look back they will have gotten gradually closer. Then when they touch you they send you to a new dimension and new space. No biggy.

Then there are th... th... the Sil... SSSHHH. The Silences! There, gosh. They are aliens that make you be quiet no matter what. If they are in a good mood they will just put duct tape on your mouth.

Now, if they are mad they will send your mouth to a new dimension or just cut out your vocal cords, not like you need them or anything. Then after you look away from them you totally forget about them. There are other villains but they shall not be spoken of! Those are the main villains in the show Doctor Who.

Now, drum roll please?! Du dun dun dun dun-tish!!!!!! THE GADGETS! Such as the Sonic Screwdriver, K-9, the Chameleon Arch, and don't forget the 12th doctor's Sonic Sunglasses. Oh, wait I forgot about the



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Gage Giering heads down field in a recent middle school football game.

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T.A.R.D.I.S., or Tardis.

So first we'll talk about the Sonic Screwdriver and the Sonic Sunglasses. The Sonic Screwdriver is a handy tool that the Doctor uses on his journeys; it can control different alien technology and tinker with metal but it doesn't work on wood.

Now for the Sonic Sunglasses. The Sonic Sunglasses are just like the Sonic Screwdriver, but wait! They are, according to the doctor, "Wearable Technology!" Now his trusty robot dog, K-9!

This dog came around when the fourth doctor was incarnated. He was invented by Professor Marius in the year 5000. That was Mark-one, but the doctor usually travels with Mark-two then Mark-three. K-9 eventually earned his very own spin-off series. Now we will move onto the next subject, the Chameleon Arch, which was disguised as an old-fashioned pocket watch.

This has the ability to capture a Time Lord's memory and give them a human biology. We understand that we told you about the Tardis but there is *a lot* more to

explain. The Tardis is a police box that can "teleport" you in a different time.

It is a police box because once the chameleon circuit (the chameleon circuit changes what the Tardis looks like) broke and got stuck like that. Fun fact, the Tardis once got turned into a human woman and interacted with the doctor. Those are the main gadgets in the many seasons of "Doctor Who."

So to sum it up: The Doctor is just a madman in a blue box running from who knows what.

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“The Creature in the Walls”

By Trent Herman
Seventh-Grade Barker

On August 21st 2015, my family and I moved from Maine to Kansas. My name is Alex. My family and I moved into a large creepy, creaky, old, dusty house about 21 miles outside of town.

So remember this: if there was an emergency or something happened, there wouldn't be enough time to get help. I had a younger sister named Ariana; she was 6 and I was 14. Our parents were Wendy and Peter Harrison. They liked this house but Ariana and I were quite skeptical and suspicious.

We felt this way because when we finally arrived from the long-dreaded car ride, we entered this house and there was a presence like someone was watching or something. I told mom but she didn't care, then I told dad. He didn't take any interest either.

They were the type of people that whatever you told them they didn't listen about whatever you were saying. Their mind was made up and you couldn't change it no matter the situation. It was a very dreary and stormy day. It made the house even more disturbing. When we arrived the moving people unloaded every box into the house quickly before the storm came.

The house was big and creepy, and I was not looking forward to sleeping there. It was about nine o'clock when we got settled in. We didn't unpack anything except our beds. Dad decided that we would start unpacking tomorrow. So, everyone went to bed. That night Ariana and I couldn't sleep, so she slept on the floor in my room. *We felt as if we were being watched.*

I heard knocking coming from the wall in a pattern. My sister was asleep so

when it was about three in the morning I got up, listened through the wall and heard very heavy breathing. Something also said “I'm going to get your sister.” My heart immediately dropped.

I knocked on the wall in the same pattern and it repeated on the other side of the wall. I didn't know what to do. I went in my vacant closet, searched around, tried

wake us up. But, we weren't there. They searched the whole house and outside, but we were nowhere to be found. They called the police and a search was started.

Ariana and I woke up to find ourselves chained to a wall. The atmosphere was quiet and freaky. A head peeked around the corner. The disgusting, cold, green, scary creature appeared into sight. Ariana woke up and screamed.

The creature got in her face and shook her head to torture her. I had to throw something and scream at it to make it stop. Finally, the creature explained why he had held us captive.

He said in a raspy voice, “Once I die you two will take my place as the creatures behind the walls and every hour I will be giving you a needle that starts turning you into what I look like.” Ariana screamed, but the walls were sound-proof.

Only the creature could make noises that could be heard through the walls. So, in 24 hours we will look like this hideous creature. Then

the creature said “But, in case you two decide to play any tricks, you will be put asleep for two days and when you wake up you will look as hideous as me,” he said with a raspy laugh.

I *screamed* when he injected the sleeping medicine into Ariana. I said that he wouldn't get away with this. “But I already have,” he said. He started injecting it into me. All of a sudden, I woke up and thankfully it was all a dream. Just when I thought everything was normal, I saw a greenish gray figure standing at the foot my bed.

That was when I realized my dream was about to become reality.



pushing on the walls and I turned a coat hanger upside down. Then, right before my eyes, a secret passage opened. I was in awe. It smelled like dust and it was very dirty.

So, I thought to myself this is where the noise is coming from. The secret passage was like a maze through the walls of my new house. All of a sudden, a greenish gray hand pulled me in as the door shut behind me. I tried to yell but the other hand was on my mouth. Then I fell to the floor.

Ariana woke up and made the same mistake that I did. She went into the closet and the creature did the same to her. In the morning, our parents came to my room to

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“Wait... Wait... Noooo, Stoppppp!”

By Maggie Reitz
Seventh-Grade Barker

“Hey Carmen, do you want to go to the movies tonight? NO! Okay there is no need to yell like that. Well it’s not my fault that I live in a world that nobody appreciates me. I sit in my room all night long waiting for my time to come that I have been waiting for. When will I start to have cha.....NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO I AM NOT READY FOR THE TIME TO COME. I AM TOO YOUNG FOR THIS. Carmen, what is happening to you? I don’t know. What do you mean you don’t know. I JUST DON’T KNOW!!!! What did you eat for

lunch today? I had a Halloween hoagie. What did it have in it? Cheddar cheese, Franken Berries, coyote meat, and cranberry sauce.”

“Well, what does that have to do with me. I don’t know, honey. Let’s take you to the doctor. After that we will go get ice cream. Okay, mom.” When the two of them arrived at the doctor there was a bang at the door. A man with a gun came in. “Carmen are you alright.....Carmen..... CAR-MEN!!!!!! Oh honey, I’m sorry. I’m so so sorry. I didn’t want you to die. Not now at least.” Later that night the mom sat at home when she heard a faint voice saying “mom.....mom. Carmen is that you. I’m

sorry, honey. I didn’t think he was coming to get you. As a matter of fact I didn’t know he was coming at all.” However, the mom was not noticing that she had been talking to a ghost. Although if you lost your daughter then you would be depressed too. This ghost, however, was a beautiful young lady with long blonde hair, and shiny blue water-reflected eyes. She had a black bride’s dress on. “Oh Carmen you look beautiful. Thanks mom. Who was the killer Carmen, do you know? The killer was....

The killer was.....was who.....Carmen.....It was DAD.. Dad? Yes. I’m sorry Mom, Happy Halloween. Bye): Thanks for everything. I love you):



Middle school football players listen intently to their coaches during a recent football game.

Photo courtesy of the Yearbook.

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“Taking a Terrible Turn: Part One”

By Sabrina Grabarits

Eighth-Grade Barker

I kept running. This is terrible. Why is this happening to me?? Maybe I should back up a little....

It's a normal Tuesday afternoon, and I'd just gotten home from school. I laid peacefully on my bed, nothing to worry about except the three pages of homework due tomorrow. I decided to procrastinate a little and put on my headphones instead. My music played for a little while. Before I knew it, it was 5 o'clock. I jumped up. "Five o'clock?" I pulled out my homework. My mom always made sure I had my homework done by 6. I flew through it, guessing on half of it. I placed the binder on my bed and my mom came into the room. "Hello honey." I smiled. "Hey Mom." "Get your homework done?" "Yep." "Alright. Dinner is gonna be ready in an hour." "Ok." Then she left. Yes, I could've not done it and lied, but she trusted me enough. I laid back on my bed and sighed. Today was a rough day. Not the best.

An hour passed and I sat down at the table next to my older brother. "Hey Bookworm." He said. "Sup Dogface." He rolled his eyes. "Real original Lacy." "Oh, and Bookworm isn't Derek?" Mom set plates in front of us. "Stop it." I laughed. We never meant anything about. We were actually pretty close. He loved dogs, I loved books. They were stupid nicknames. I looked down at the plate. "What. Is. This?" Brown mush covered my plate. Derek poked it with his finger. "Don't, it's radioactive," I said and slapped his hand. He snickered and Mom sat down across from us. "Very funny you two. It's meatloaf." I raised an eyebrow and poked it with my fork. "Mom....meatloaf isn't supposed to be rubbery." "It's not! Fine, if you won't eat it, I will." She got some on her fork and ate it. She chewed a minute then made a face and set it into her napkin. "Who wants pizza?"

We all laughed. Mom was never a good cook. "Sounds like a plan," Derek said. We stood and threw the 'meatloaf' outside. After Dad left three years ago, Mom was forced to cook. And she wasn't any good.

We joked around on the couch, eating pizza and drinking Dr. Pepper. "And then he goes, 'that's not a thing!'" I tried to tell the story but ended up laughing too hard.

My alarm blared and I woke up. I did my morning routine and headed off to school with my brother. After we got there, I ran inside to meet up with my best friend, Kayla. I loved her. "Kayla!" I smiled and hugged her. She hugged me back. "Guess. What." I looked at her after we pulled apart. "What?" "Well, Jack told Kyle who told Janet who told Alice who told Mike



Mom and Derek were laughing too. I glanced over at the red chair. Dad's seat. I missed him even though he did bad things to us. I sighed and took everyone's plates to the kitchen. I never understood why Dad would want someone different; Mom was awesome. I looked down, then back up, determined not to ruin the night.

Nine o'clock rolled around and we all went to bed. I hugged my family goodnight and went to my room. After I stuffed my homework back into my backpack, I laid down on my bed. I stared at the ceiling for a moment then closed my eyes.

who told Kim who told Beth who told Mark who told me that James might like you!" I was lost. "W-what?" She sighed. "Jack to-" "No! Don't go through it again. The last part." "James might like you." My eyes widened. "N-no way!" I had a crush on him for four years. Kayla nodded excitedly. "Yes!" The bell rang. "See ya!" She dashed off. I closed my locker and turned, running into someone. I dropped all of my books. I looked up at who it was. "J-James?!"

...To be continued...

Regardless of the stick, they all had spirit



Showing their Bulldog spirit for the fall Pep Rally were Kristen Guelcher, Riley Griffith, Reagan Pender and Ali Lorah.

