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Closer look into flexible learning

by Olivia Rosato

This year, Colchester High School has introduced a new program called Laker Learning Lab, commonly known as L3. The program provides a flexible learning schedule based on a topic of study and final project a student chooses to focus on for a semester or longer. The goal is to give students an opportunity to have some ownership and direction over their learning which will have a positive impact on students' experiences at CHS.

Students can now take part in "Mod 6" after school that is offered for L3. This gives students a lot of opportunity to be responsible and self-driven in what they've chosen to study. They can meet with their advisers to talk about what they hope to achieve, and to receive any help they may need or references to resources that will help them reach the goals they've set for themselves.

Mrs. Carter, an L3 Adviser, states there are three main phases of L3: The Launch, Learn, and Exhibit phases.

The Launch Phase is where students submit initial proposals of their ideas. After the proposal has been approved, students move on to the Learn Phase. This is where students meet with an adviser to map out a "Learn Plan" which figures out what resources they might need, specific goals that are based on CHS's Graduation Expectations, a calendar and keep a time-log of all what progress they've made each day and when each goal will be achieved.

During the Learn Phase, students will meet with their L3 adviser a few times a month to check in with progress, and at the end of every quarter (if year long calendar was chosen) for a progress report. This is where they figure out where the student is on their chosen Learn EE criteria.

The L3 Learn EE criteria is based on the final project; therefore, students are expected to be scoring a 1 or a 2 in the

beginning due to the fact that they are starting their project. Once the project is completed the students are expected to be earning a 3 or a 4 in each criteria.

After the Learn Phase is finished, L3 students move on to the Exhibit Phase. This is where the final project comes together and is evaluated by the student's adviser.

The final project that each student creates will be shown off to the school and all their hard, self-driven work will have payed off.

Room 106, in the library, is the designated workplace for L3 students. The room is equipped with dim lighting to establish a relaxed work environment, all the current student ideas posted on the walls, and an artifact bookshelf.

According to Mrs. Carter, the artifact bookshelf is a way for L3 students to feel more connected to the program, which is primarily individual, and to express themselves so that the advisers, teachers and other CHS students can get to know more about their projects.

Each student can pick one shelf on the bookcase and decorate it however they like. Most of the shelves are being decorated in relation to the student's project.

However the shelf doesn't necessarily need to be about L3, it can be decorated in any way that shows some of the student's personality.

A lot of thought, care and effort has been put into creating the course by CHS faculty members and into each final project by the students. If anyone wants to enroll in L3 for the current school year, anyone can submit a proposal at any time; they are located on the bulletin board in room 106!

Feel free to join Laker Learning Lab and show support for the new program!



Laker Learning Lab photo

Megan Lagerquist, Bailey Luter, and Kristian Labrie share ideas for their L3 projects.



Photo by Landon Cayia

"Education is fundamental to a healthy democracy."
-Ms. LeClair

New vice-principal settles in Ms. LeClair begins first year as CHS administrator

by Landon Cayia

Replacing Mr. Brown beginning this school year is Ms. Erica LeClair. Ms. LeClair is very excited to join the CHS community, and is thoroughly enjoying meeting and befriending all the new faces.

Ms. LeClair taught humanities at BFA for three years, beginning in 2000. She then transitioned to Essex High School, staying until 2012. Afterwards, she was an instructional coach at Essex for five more years before coming to CHS.

Ms. LeClair is a strong believer in the recently implemented proficiency-based learning standards being utilized by public schools. She believes that the separa-

tion of behavioral and academic expectations will better prepare students for college.

It was a challenge for Ms. LeClair to make the transition from teaching to administration. "The classroom is where the magic happens.", according to LeClair.

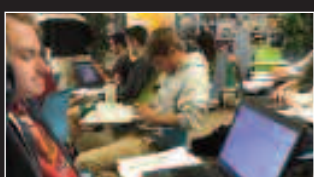
Despite this, Ms. LeClair was able to enjoy her time as an instructional coach, as it provided her with more opportunities to work with teachers, and even designed a course to assist students in learning by providing more opportunities.

Ms. LeClair's choice to join us was

largely influenced by Colchester School District's reputation.

"This is a school that has been in the spotlight for the past five or six years; the culture and climate is one that I have always been impressed by."

Ms. LeClair has actually known Ms. Baron for a long time; they met back in an educational law and finance class at Saint Mike's. As a result, Ms. LeClair feels even more comfortable at CHS, and looks forward to growing as an educator and leader in the coming years.



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Blade Runner 2049

by Damon Crowley

Blade Runner 2049 is set in a dystopian future of Los Angeles California, thirty years after the original Blade Runner movie (set in 2019), where humans and bioengineered synthetic humanoids and live amongst one another. These synthetic humans are referred to as replicants.

In the previous Blade Runner viewers met a replicant named Rick Deckard. Deckard had a special job as a replicant working for the LAPD, making sure that older models of the normal helper replicant kind are "retired" and removed from the means of society.

Blade Runner 2049 sets the viewer up with a new replicant named K. K works for the LAPD as a blade runner just as Deckard, but under the Wallace Corporation. The Wallace Corporation makes and distributes all known replicants across the world and the off-world. K is informed that a growing replicant movement is being held at a farm and needs to be looked into. K comes to find a female replicant dead, and presumably impregnated. Replicants and humans are forbidden to have intimate relationships together due to rules set by the corporation. Much more important humans and replicants are presumed to have been unable to have children together. K must now take it upon himself to find the missing child and destroy it, and all evidence leading to it to



Photo taken from Superherohype.com

A portrayal of the two main characters in the Blade Runner. On the left, Ryan Gosling(Bad); on the right, Harrison Ford(Good).

stop a war between humans and replicants.

The writers for the newest Blade Runner movie did an incredible job tying together both of the movies to make an action packed thriller. For a sequel to a movie that was made in 1982, it was really well made. To get the full experience of the movie, watch the original Blade Runner to understand all of the references.

Blade Runner made over \$194 million dollars worldwide. This viewing experience is great.

I would recommend anyone to go and watch this movie. My rating of Blade Runner 2049 is a 8.7/10

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"IT" sure is scary

by Nick Douglas



Pennywise, the "Dancing" Clown

IT, the remake has caught the eye of the public ever since the movie started filming, and all the talk is about the new actor playing Pennywise, the clown.

Bill Skarsgard plays the clown in what people are saying is the scariest movie of the year. But to truly understand the gravity of this movie, first, let's go back to what makes the original film of "Stephen King's "IT" so good.

When Stephen King wrote "IT", the book, in 1986, it quickly became a fan favorite, spreading across the nation as one of the best-written books of all time; then in 1990, it was made into a TV mini-series that ran 5 nights on the ABC. That quickly became a hit and people wanted more of Pennywise the clown.

The cast of "IT" starred Tim Curry as Pennywise. People loved Tim Curry's performance as "IT", he was the perfect blend of

creepy and funny.

The story revolves around 7 kids and how they all are stuck with problems in their life. They come together because they all have the same problem, there is a killer clown trying to kill them. They band together and get rid of the clown for good.

After getting rid of Pennywise, 27 years later, "IT" comes back and starts eating again. And when the loser's club gets word of this, they drop everything and go back to their old homes to kill Pennywise for good.

Coincidentally after 27 years of the book coming out, a remake of Stephen King's "IT" is made for the big screen, released this year. The remake caught a lot of people's eye very quickly, and instantly became one of the top-grossing horror movies of all time, passing The Exorcist and the Sixth Sense. There was lots of talk about who is plays the new Pennywise, the Clown. Bill Skarsgard, who is not too well known, played the infamous Pennywise the clown. "IT" was very successful and it has only been out for a few months. The next part of the movie has begun filming, and needless to say, IT will be worth the wait.

Fall drama production 2017

by Cierra Viens



Fall production 2017

Due to unexpected circumstances, this year's normal Fall drama production didn't go as planned and eventually had to be cancelled.

Over conflicts with technical issues, the CHS Drama Director resigned from the position which set into motion the canceling of the planned Fall production, Footloose.

Several drama students, and parents decided to still have a Fall show, but not a production as ex-

travagant as a musical, which is in the works for the spring once a new drama director is in place.

Even though Footloose will not be performed as a full musical, several numbers from the show will be performed along with two one act comedies as the Colchester Theater Company will present: COMEDY NIGHT- November 16th and 17th at 7pm.

The one acts will be two student-directed one-act plays. Students will work with interim Drama Director, Amy Riley from the Flynn Theater, and also Ellen Tetrick, an educator in the Colchester School District that has extensive theater experience.

If you could go anywhere in the world where would it be?

Photo Poll- by Brianna Lampman



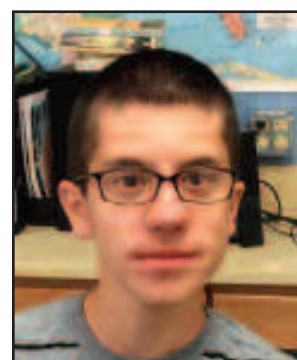
Kaeleigh Shamberger
"I would want to go to Florida."



Ryan Hayes
"I would want to go to Germany."



AnnCarol Moffett
"I would go to Japan."



Joseph Caruso
"I want to go to California to go to Disney."



Keanna Evans
"I would go to Brazil to see the statue of Jesus."

Facts on Climate Change

by Nick Douglas

Climate Change is when the weather is seen in an unusual place, for example, when it would not rain for days in places like Seattle. Seattle is known for the amount of rain it gets year round, so when it doesn't rain there, natives will think something's wrong.

There are good things and bad things about climate change, and some people think Climate Change is not real. A good example of Climate Change now would be the abundant amount of hurricanes that the US got hit within the past months, and their consistency.

There are many pros and cons to Climate Change. One big pro is scientists state that it can change the way you act. When it's rainy and dark, a person could act drowsy, or when it's sunny and warm, it can make one feel happy. It can also affect one's energy. When it is darker outside, one can be tired. When it's sunny one can have lots of energy.

Other factors are how humans produce CO2 and that can negate any climate change, which is not good. Also, the sea levels are rising at an unprecedented rate because of global warming; however a con would be the sea level is rising, but not because of human activity.

Most scientists agree that the earth's temperature will continue to go up for the next 100 years. They also say the ocean levels will rise and more ice in arctic regions will continue



National Geographic Webiste

A contributor to climate change are coal-fired power plants such as the one above in Kentucky.

to melt.

Some places will get more rain. Some will have colder winters. There are some who believe that the climate change will lead to the end of the earth. Some examples of that could be in the north pole. With the snow glaciers melting, this means that we are getting warmer winters and with that, hotter summers.

There are ways to possibly stop or slow the

process down by being environmentally friendly; planting trees and cutting back on water and electricity. But climate change doesn't really stop, it can be slowed down, but not stopped.

Early morning traffic problems

by Cody Lawrence

Chittenden County residents and drivers that pass through on a regular basis know all about the traffic issues Colchester has experienced the past year.

The Vermont Agency of Transportation is reconstructing the intersection on US Route 7/2 between Bay and Creek Farm Road. This project started in March and will not be completed until late in the fall. Because of frequent stops and one-way traffic flow, vehicles on the roadway become backed up

rather quickly. This has created a multiple amount of problems.

People are late for work and school more often. The only way to avoid the stopped traffic is to take Interstate I89, and more and more people have started taking the interstate as an alternative commute. This has resulted in slower traffic on the interstate. That is one of the bigger problems. The number of accidents on the interstate has increased over the last few months.

Recently, there were two reported accidents in the span of one week. The traffic and construction finally started to wind down early in November; however while not at its summer pace, it still manages to slow traffic. Chittenden and Grand Isle residents that travel on Route 7/2 will be relieved when traffic gets back to normal.



vtransprojects.vermont.gov

Flagger controls traffic for construction on Routes 2/7 in Colchester.

Bored in the Stoney

by Holden Riley



Cover of Stoney

Stoney is the debut album of contemporary R&B artist Post Malone, released in December, of 2016. Stoney has enjoyed success, reaching number 4 on the Billboard album charts.

The album's best selling singles, "White Iver-son" and "Congratulations", peaked at number 14 and number 8 respectively on the Billboard Hot 100.

Stoney has a long list of credits and producers. Some notable ones being Pharrell Williams. Stoney also features some popular artists such as Justin Bieber on "Deja Vu", Quavo of Migos on "Congratulations", and 2 Chainz on "Money Made Me Do It". The 2 Chainz feature is the only one people will probably remember; all in all they are pretty forgettable.

The production isn't bad by any means, but it's nothing special. There is a focus on percussion and synthesizers, without a lot of other instrumentation. The production "Go Flex" and

"Feeling Whitney" stand out for the use of acoustic guitar, which is an interesting change of pace. "Feeling Whitney" sticks out in particular because it is a totally acoustic ballad, with strings backing it. There's also a little bit of electric guitar and some smooth jazzy keyboards in songs like "Up There" that stand out. The production on the latter half certainly has more energy than the earlier tracks on the record.

There is an emphasis on the hooks for most of the tracks. Relaxed and understated verses, with melodically stronger choruses. It works pretty well on some tracks, and there are some legitimately catchy tunes. Many tracks use an echo effect on the vocals, giving sort of a spacey vibe.

Most of the lyrical content is about spending money and flexing, which isn't a huge surprise but also not a negative. The album is slightly marred by some same sounding filler tracks.

There are quite a few tracks on the record, 18 in total, and it would probably have benefited from some cuts. Most of the first half of the tracks sort of blend together. In this case less tracks would have made the album more concise. So all in all Stoney is a pretty average album. 6/10

The cell phone distraction

by Anastasia Frost-Nagy

Listening to music in the classroom has become quite a controversy. Several teachers have made it clear that they do not even want phones in the classroom, while others do not monitor phone usage.

Some students interviewed stated they were mostly in favor of students being able to have their phones during class and also listen to music when it is appropriate.

Some teachers believe, "It takes too long to find the right song," which then delays the work time in place. Some feel certain students abuse the privilege of using phones during class. Most teachers believe that students are on Snapchat or Facebook, along with other social media sites.

Some students feel that it is important to be able to listen to music when they are doing work. Students interviewed said that music helps them to focus while doing work and feel they can multitask while listening to music.

Students feel that if they pay for their phones, or their parents do, then they should be able to use and monitor them themselves. Personal devices are needed in class which makes music

CHS DATELINE

NOVEMBER

16th and 17th- Drama Production, One Act Comedies- 7:00- CHS Performing Arts Center

20-24- Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

2nd- Speech and Debate Tournament

6th- Early Release Day

9th- Winter Ball

17th- Holiday Concert

25th-Jan 2- Holiday Break

JANUARY

9th- Senior Seminar Gallery

15th- MLK Day, No School

16th-22nd- Mid-Year/Final Exams

16th- A1/3 Exam

17th- A4/5 Exam

18th- B1/3 Exam

19th- B4/5 Exam

22nd- Make-Up Exams

25th- Junior College Night

Upcoming for CHS music

by Olivia Rosato

Band and Choral Winter Concert at 2 pm on December 17th

All-State Music Festival Auditions on January 20th at CVU

Colchester District Band Concert (featuring grades 5-12) on March 10th

VTAJE Jazz Band Festival at Middlebury UHS on April 10th

Spring Band Concert at 7:00 pm on March 22nd

Spring Choral Concert at 7:00 pm on March 29th

All-State Music Festival on May 10th, 11th & 12th at Essex

Pops Band Concert at 7:00 pm on May 24th

Pops Choral Concert at 7:00 pm on May 30th

Discover Jazz Festival on the Marketplace, Early June Date TBD

Graduation at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 16th

Teens and time management

by Cierra Viens

Teens and time management has always been a major topic mostly among high school students. Students get stressed and feel pressured when homework needs to get done, along with sports, work, and other after school activities.

Most students lose sleep trying to fit in homework after they work or finish practice/games. They then have to get up early for school at 7:45, at least at Colchester High School. A lot of students often hand in late work or not fully finished because they feel rushed but want a grade. Others try and squeeze it into study hall and A.T. It definitely isn't an easy thing to try and juggle, but most kids seem to do all right.

Students choose what activities they are in and how much work they do, so it's up to them to stay focused and handle all the work.

When Colchester seniors, responded to a few questions about management of time and their activities, many responded saying they not only work, but



Photo by Cierra Viens

Senior, Lyndsey Liebrecht is very overwhelmed with the amount of school work that needs to be completed.

have two jobs.

Many indicated working and doing school does not allow them enough time to get adequate sleep and often will not be able to complete school work or be too tired to do an adequate job.

Seniors were asked if the school start

time was later would this benefit them, and most responded with a, "no", because it would end later, giving them less time to work and manage their school work adequately.

That's impossible!

by Holden Riley



Impossible burger

Something that every imitation meat product wants to do is capture the original flavor. A company by the name of Impossible Foods Incorporated claims to have done just that with their product called "The Impossible Burger". They claim

that it looks, tastes, smells, and cooks just like a real beef patty.

The Impossible Burger is made mostly of textured wheat protein, potato protein, coconut oil, and natural flavors. There is a molecule in the burger called heme, which makes the burger bleed like a genuine beef patty. Heme is the molecule that gives blood its color, but is found in all living organisms.

The Impossible Burger is currently not available in any grocery stores, and can only be found in select restaurants across New

York, San Francisco, Las Vegas, and Texas. It's looking like it might be a while before the burger makes its way to Vermont, but Impossible Foods founder Patrick O. Brown is ambitious about setting up new production facilities and partnerships with more restaurants.

Brown reportedly turned down an offer of \$300 million dollars to buy Impossible Foods in 2015, so he obviously has a lot of faith in the company. Other than being the closest product to the real thing, the selling point of the Impossible burger is it being environmentally friendly. Impossible foods says that production of the Impossible Burger emits 87% less greenhouse gas than a beef burger.

The Impossible Burger sure is a neat project, but it will remain to be seen how it will do in a large scale. Impossible Foods recently opened a large production facility in California, so we'll see how that goes. It seems like there are high hopes for the company, as it has raised over \$100 million dollars from investors.

Most useful apps

by Matt Whitham



Many free apps available

Apps on the cell phones that we use everyday can help us with more than we realize. The list can be narrowed down to a few apps into the ones that are found most useful in the App store in no particular order or category.

The first app is called "Financial Calculators". This app can help one do everything from quickly calculating loan payments, to calculating one's BMI. The variety of calculators they have is what makes this app so useful. It's also easy to use. All the user does is select what type of financial investment he needs to calculate, then type in information that's needed to find the value, then the app does the rest. There are other functions such as converting units, calculating inflation, and can also calculating fuel economy. The app probably won't be used everyday,

but useful to have because people never know when they might need that information.

Next is an app called Shazam, and is a fairly known app. Next time one is listening to a song never heard before and wants to remember it but don't know the name of the song, the person doesn't have to ask anyone what the song is. Open Shazam and scan the song and the listener will get a result within a few seconds. The app also saves all the the songs shazammed. The only downside it the app does not work good over a lot of talking, but otherwise it's works as it should.

Next is a news app. Everybody has a news source they prefer over the other, so any news app is usually as good as the other with usefulness. One of the easiest to receive information from is the CNN app. With this app users can decide how often they want to receive breaking news. They can either choose to not miss any updates, just get the daily top news, just the big stuff, or none at all. This is also a good app because it offers world news updates. It keeps the users informed with information they wouldn't see on the local news.

South Park is true classic television

by Kevin Otto

South Park first started to air in 1997. Since then, there have been twenty-one seasons through 2017. The show was created by Trey Parker and Matt Stone, with episodes that are twenty-two minutes long. The show is drawn out with a cartoon flow.

Like most TV shows South Park has a beginning, middle and end but through the whole episode it is loaded with mature humor. South Park is action packed with weird but comical stories for each episode.

The four main characters are Eric Cartman, Kenny McCormick, Stan Marsh and Kyle

Broflovski. They swear, fight and bark at each other, but somehow they end up together solving mysteries or problems.

After twenty years of airing on Comedy Central people say it keeps getting better and better. IMDb rated South Park's most recent episode a 7.7 out of 10. IMDb is extremely harsh when it comes to rating and a 7.7 out of 10 is very impressive.

South Park is consistently listed as a favorite show currently because it is unique. Celebrities such as Kanye West, Tom Cruise and Paris Hilton love South Park. If anyone wants a good laugh, watching South Park will provide it. It is written for mature audiences because the show can be very profane.

A fun fact to those who watch South Park is that there is a hidden alien in every episode. Even though it's for mature audiences, it's a great way to release your inner child. It's not only a TV show, it has been made into a movie. South Park may not connect to one's everyday life, but it will make one's every day nice, so give it a shot and watch.



Courtesy southparkcc.com

South Park continues to be one of the longest running TV shows in recent pop culture history.

by Mike Spillane

Going from junior year to senior comes with a lot of stress. With the work load of AP courses and other classes, many seniors feel the pressure from school. But, the biggest adjustment for seniors is preparing for what's ahead.

For this senior class many are deciding to go to college and pursue a degree in a certain field. Going to college requires lots of time and effort by taking SAT's and ACT's, college visits, getting transcripts, teacher recommendations, and finishing college essays. The college application process takes lots of time and effort to complete; most seniors say that applying for college is the most stressful part of their senior year.

Senior year is getting students prepared for what's ahead, whether or not that means college. Many seniors say that senior year is filled with deadlines that they have to meet throughout the year. From senior picture and quotes, to homework and class work, college application process and other work. All these things add up and put a lot on a senior's plate.

All seniors want to enjoy their last year with all their friends in high school. Senior year is both stressful and fun for everybody. Below some seniors shared what is most stressful about going from junior to senior year at CHS.



Seniors enjoying their Spirit Week.

Under Pressure

Paul Demag- "I am not joking. Junior year was my least favorite year, and senior year has allowed me much more free time."



Molly Fuller- "Balancing school work with going through the college application process."



Brayden Wilkins- "Completing the Common App and trying to find the right college."

FEATURES

Anthem controversy

by Trinity Callahan

Peaceful protest is a citizen's right and protected under the First Amendment. Yet, controversy continues to circle around NFL athletes protesting during the playing of the National Anthem.

Central to the controversy is why would someone not stand to honor the people who gave others the right to even think about kneeling? The movement is said to be a peaceful way of protest against police brutality and many other issues, but what is the clear message of this? What is the positive impact coming from it? Is it disrespecting the country and the people who fight for it? All of these questions are raised during protests like these.

According to many who protest during the country's National Anthem, they believe it is just a peaceful way of protesting issues of current events. Is that really all they are doing?

CHS Athletic Director, Mr. Cieplicki stated that he wishes, "...everyone would stand for our National Anthem."

Assistant Principal, Mr. Emery had the same take on it. He says, "I feel that everyone should stand, but I also respect the right to protest."

He also shared that he doesn't believe that the NFL is the time or place to protest during our National Anthem.

Both Mr. Emery and Mr. Cieplicki believe that it is disrespectful to the people who fight for our freedom.

CHS Principal, Mrs. Baron said she believes that it is, "Okay to kneel and that it is one of the beauties of our democracy."

She believes, "There is a big difference between taking a knee and not honoring our country or our troops. It is important for the youth in our country to know that they have a voice in our country and that it's more of a foundation for peaceful protest than personal belief."

When it comes to honoring US troops and the people who gave their lives for this country, protest does not have any place for the minute and a half we honor them.

When people kneel it is disrespectful. Everyone should stand in honor and thanks for the freedom that citizens have



today. The right to protest and freedom of speech should be respected, but this issue is based more on values, respect, morals, and honor.

If one can not stand for a minute and a half to respect the people who gave them the right to even think about kneeling, then why is that person an American?

Citizens should be united during our anthem as proud Americans, together.

Photos courtesy of euclidlibrary.org and deadline.com

iPhone 8, 8 Plus, and... iPhone X?

by Landon Cayia

We're all used to Apple's cycle by now - the newest flagship iPhone model has been released in September of each year since the iPhone 5, in 2012. Each of these phones utilized a similar blueprint made familiar to many by Apple: the clean, sleek, premium design of their handsets, and the refined, simplistic, elegant operating system, iOS. This is no exception when it comes to Apple's three most recently revealed mobile phones: the iPhone 8, 8 Plus, and the unorthodox iPhone X. These devices all have that same identifying Apple "feel" to them, but this time around there is more to consider.

One of the most important parts of the phone is its display, significantly different on each of the devices. The iPhone 8 is smallest, with a 4.7 inch display, compared to 5.5 on the 8 Plus. The iPhone X features a style previously untapped by Apple: its display is much larger and occupies most of the device itself, at 5.8 inches. It abandons the familiar "cut-offs" above and below the display, which can be found again on both of the 8 models.

All of the new phones utilize Apple's best processor yet: the A11 Bionic chip. Apple claims that this chip is up to 70% faster than its previous A10 Fusion. It is also Apple's first chip to utilize a GPU (graphics processing unit) designed by them. This comes in handy for 3D applications such as games or augmented reality, and is especially useful for Face ID.

Apple's latest security option just takes a glance at the phone to unlock it, input passwords, and even make payments. Apple says this feature, only found on iPhone X, is faster and more secure than Touch ID, introduced back in 2013 with the iPhone 5S. There is controversy concerning the



Photo from Forbes

Apple's latest handsets. Left to right: iPhone X, iPhone 8 Plus, iPhone 8.

convenience and practicality of Face ID, but it's impossible and too early to know how it will function for the average consumer.

Generally, along with the release of new iPhone(s) comes Apple's latest iteration of their well-known operation system, iOS. All of the new iPhones ship with iOS 11 pre-installed, which comes with a slew of new features: a redesigned Control Center, revamped system apps, more efficient energy use and performance, improvements to Siri, and even capabilities for augmented reality using the phone's camera.

Finally, the cameras: these phones all have similar 12-megapixel cameras, but the 8 Plus and X use two lenses. One acts as a

normal, wide angle lens, while the other is more of a portrait-oriented lens. Both cameras working together can perceive depth much better - like a pair of eyes. This allows for much better photography when compared to the 8.

The iPhone 8 costs the least, \$699-\$849 retail (depending on storage). The 8 Plus is a bit more expensive at \$799-\$949, and the iPhone X will set one back a whopping \$999-\$1,149. All phones are expected to function well and provide high consumer satisfaction, but are they worth their high price tag?

Volunteer Opportunities

In order to graduate, seniors at Colchester High School are required to complete ten community service hours. These can be completed from the end of the junior year through the senior year. There are many opportunities to complete this requirement. Below are a few suggestions for those looking for opportunities.

Green Mountain Habitat For Humanity

ReStore in Williston is looking for volunteers to work in their retail store to raise money to build homes, community, and hope around Chittenden County.

Burnham Memorial Library - The Colchester library is always looking for volunteers to shelve books, pick up from the drop boxes, repair books, help with special projects, and more.

Colchester Fire Department - The local fire department is always looking for volunteers to join the team and serve the community.

Colchester Rescue - The local rescue team is looking for students to join the team to provide emergency medical services in the town of Colchester.

Other opportunities can be found by visiting the Vermont United Way website.



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Penny for your thoughts.



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Baa baa silver Jeep.



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Off to the races.

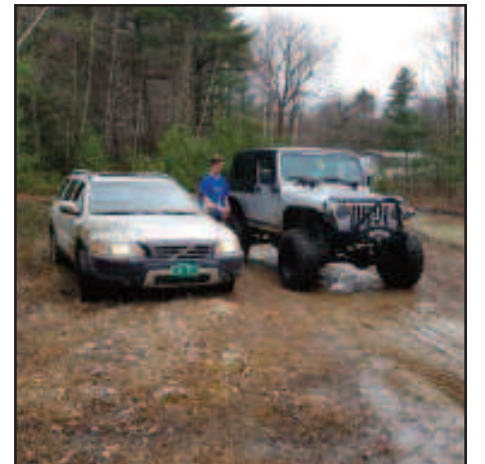


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Lending a helping hand.



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One boy with a big dream.



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Traffic stopper.



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Before the age of rocks, there came BMW.



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Snow bunnies.



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Riding dirty.

What's your worst pet peeve?

Kevin Otto - People who have pet peeves.

Mr. Peltier - When people clap on 1 and 3.

Noah Cueto - People who chew loudly.

Trinity Callahan - People who complain 24/7 about something they cannot fix.

Brynn Coughlin - Teachers licking papers.

Spencer Plumpton - Wasting time.

Everett Simkins - People who say they have no complaints, but then complain.

Mr. Richey - When my dog doesn't stop barking, then when I go to let her out she jumps up and lays down where I was sitting

Dorcas Lohese - Ignorance against other cultures.

Tyler Daniels - People who block traffic.

Evan Fredricks - The word soggy.

Ms. Jurnak - I absolutely hate it when I am talking to someone and someone else comes along and they abruptly cut off their conversation with me to talk to the new arrival.

Cierra Viens - People who chew gum loudly and with their mouth open.

Olivia Rosato -

People who misuse the word "Ironic"
Jenna Walker - When people do not use their blinkers.

Molly Marcou - Going to a facility that serves food and being allergic to everything there.

Mr. Perry - Online surveys

Jacob Dell - Miss use of grammar.

Ashton Shanteau - People chewing with their mouth open.

Ms. Pastore - People not being kind to each other. It only takes a second to smile at someone and say "hi" as you walk by them and could truly be the positive highlight in their day. Plus, "please" and "thank you", holding doors, and giving "courtesy waves" go a LONG way.

Mr. King - When people click their tongues while thinking

Ellie Sowles - People being rude to someone about something that isn't their fault

Mr. Davis - When people do not put things back in the spot they took it from.

Elena Sasso - Slow drivers.

Ms. Nobel - Grabbing a pencil and realizing it's not sharpened (I try to use mechanical pencils but then if the lead is out - ARGH!)

Tallen Currier - People who are unnecessarily loud.

Cole Fenton - Emails asking me to fill out surveys.

Anna Nault - Smacking your food.

Carson Corrigan - Yelling.

Joseph Ward - Complaining and Negativity.

Ms. Moran - Tailgating!

Madison Webster - When people misuse 'your!'/you're'

Nick Douglas - When people are late.

Taylor Sexton - Birds at the beach that do not leave you alone.

Mr. Thime - Lowercase "i"'s

Ms. Cummings - Tailgaters, especially when they finally decide to pass, on a blind uphill curve.

Devin Mulac - People who chew with their mouth open.

Savannah Eusebio - Slowness.

Ms. Fielden - When someone fills the large hopper on the copier with colored paper and forgets to take it out

Duy Pham - Interviews.

Ms. Schenck - Gross restrooms.

Brayden Duggan - When people park terribly.

Holden Riley - When people stand in the middle of the hallway.

Ethan Bergeron - When people act terribly for no reason.

Adam Haglund - When your mom doesn't come home.

Ava Kendrick - Disrespect.

Ms. Reilly - When a student submits work late and then immediately badgers me via email or in person to ask when I am going to get it graded. It takes a lot of nerve (or oblivion!) to expect that a teacher is going to make your late work their priority for grading. What's the lesson here, students? Hand your work in on time and avoid the agony of your parents breathing down your neck and applying consequences!

Paige Paradise - Extreme ego.
Megan Lagerquist - Snoring.
Mr. Beaudoin - Patriots' fans.
Samantha Landry - When people use the wrong your/you're or they/their/they're.
Jerrett Schnabel - When people put their feet on my dashboard.
Ms. Hughes - People who say "literally" when the situation they describe is in no way "literal".
Elizabeth Landry - People who walk slowly in the hallways.
Ms. deLaricheliere -

When people stand in doorways.

Tera Bryant - When someone does not rinse off a dish when they are done using it.

Mikey Spillane - When people hit the brakes before they signal.

Mr. Warren - BBQ places that don't have ribs!

Mr. McCannell - People who walk in front of me while I am talking.

Austin Sawyer - When a person says something to you and you say "What?," but then says "Wait what did I say?"

Geoffery Southwell - People who drive below the speed limit.

Nathan Smith - Teachers who walk around while you work.

Ms. Brady - "What are we doing in class today?" asks a student in class right after we talk about the agenda for the day, which is still posted on the board....

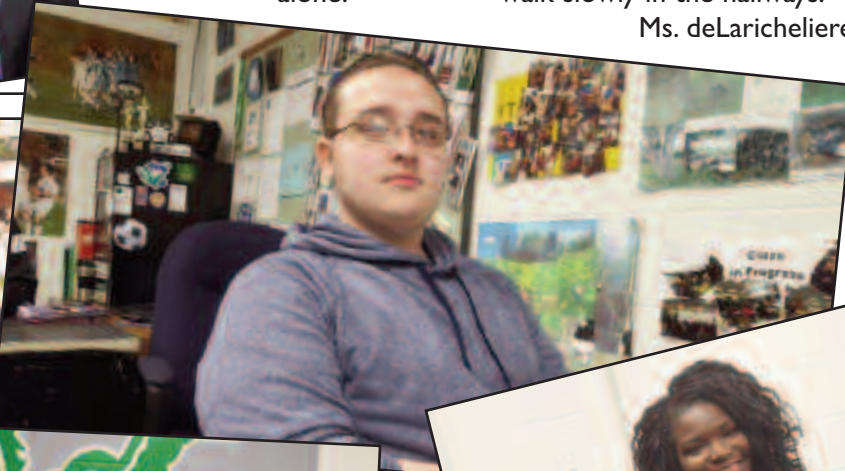
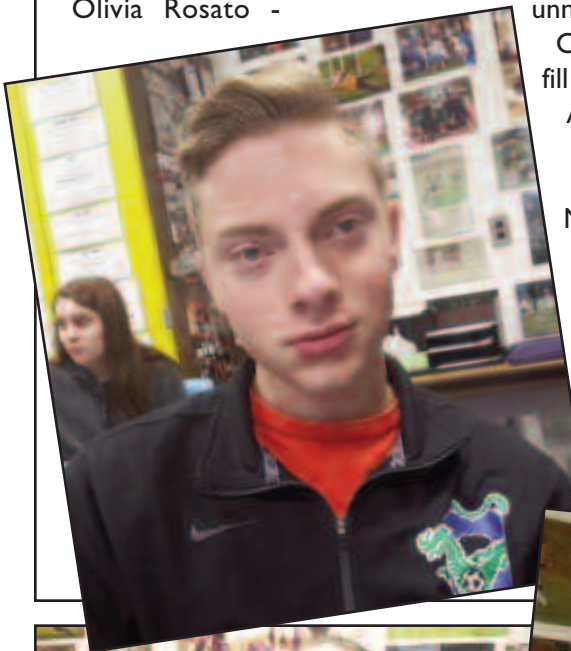
Taylor French - Slow internet.

Savanna Culver - Being interrupted.
Jacob Blow - People who eat really loudly.

Mr. Ciepicki - When people do not pick up after themselves.

Mr. Scheuch - Apathy and Ignorance.

Poll conducted by Paul Demag



What will drive the future?

by Everett Simkins

Since public transportation in the United States is just downright terrible outside of metropolitan cities, Americans will continue to drive cars on public roads well into the future. Or will they?

There is abundant speculation in the automotive industry over the future of self-driving cars; how quickly will the industry convert over? Do Americans want self-driving cars? What seat will we call the driver's seat when the car drives itself?

Almost every technological institution is betting their educational prowess on autonomy; Caltech, Stanford, MIT just to name a few. Beyond that, automotive companies keep on improving the level of autonomy in their models year by year. They are investing millions of dollars in what

they believe and everyone agrees is the future of personal transportation.

Even now, someone can buy a base model family sedan that's able to steer itself within a lane on the freeway, albeit crudely. Nonetheless, it represents the industry-wide expansion of this technology. Tesla is recognized to be the market leader in autonomy, with their "autopilot system". Recent events have shown that even at the upper echelon of this technology, it still is experiencing growing pains.

In the summer of 2016, forty-year-old Joshua Brown was killed instantly when his Tesla drove into an 18 wheeler on autopilot. The investigation has concluded that the autopilot function worked just as it should, yet it failed to protect this man's life.

So while the jury is out, it is clear that full

autonomy is in the future, but for now, we're responsible to closely monitor it, and for only those who are able to obtain an autonomous vehicle.

Tesla is putting great stake in the second inevitability: electrically driven motor vehicles. Almost every mainstream automaker has been experimenting with the idea of electrified vehicles. Either employing it like Tesla, through a completely electric vehicle or, how Toyota pioneered affordable hybrid technology in the Prius, which dominates the market in terms of sales. At the heart of these hybrids and fully electric cars, are

lithium-ion batteries, which generally make up the most expensive parts of the cars, themselves. Dramatic lowering of the cost to produce lithium-ion batteries or future more cost-efficient battery technologies, will certainly make their way into the vehicles of the future, and make what are now "future technologies"

more accessible.

Something that is really uncertain about future vehicles is performance. If and when cars become autonomous, it is generally assumed that performance and the excitement of driving will become obsolete. Tesla is challenging that trajectory with their vehicles, which are some of the quickest production vehicles in the world. Beyond that a new type of formula racing, Formula E has cropped up. Formula E is clearly a flagship technology tester for future performance features of consumer vehicles, as formula racing has always been.

There are lots to look forward to in the future of vehicles: they're going to be faster, more efficient, cheaper, and autonomous. Allowing a driving experience to be as intense as it is mundane.

"Toyota pioneered affordable hybrid technology in the Prius, which dominates the market in terms of sales."



Photo courtesy of Car and Driver magazine

The BMW i8 is a consumer concept for the future of BMW's vehicles; electric hybrid, and sporty.

The power of animals

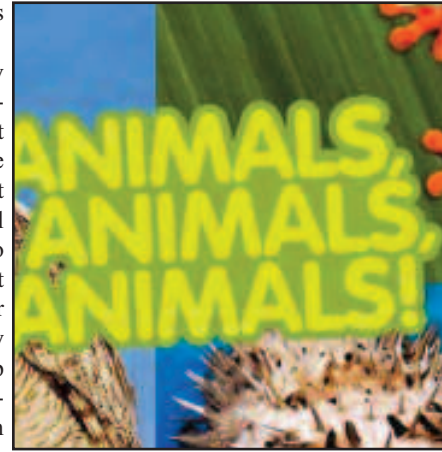
by Kevin Otto

Everyone should own a pet because they are awesome, cuddly and cute. It could be any animal in the world, as long as it turns that frown upside down.

Instead of being lonely have a pet; they keep people invested in life. It doesn't need to be the common cat or dog, it could be an exotic animal like a pet tiger, kangaroo or lion, anything that comes to mind. Their goofy faces and silly sounds can always keep owners entertained or focused on what's going on around them.

Having a pet is a major responsibility, but a rewarding responsibility.

The routine of caring for a pet can bring structure and purpose to daily life. Before one is able to press that snooze button pet owners can hear a bark, screech, scratch or roar telling them to wake up; there is no more need for an alarm. They might



Courtesy of kids.nationalgeographic.com

Being a pet owner has many rewards.

poop or pee in the house but it's well worth it.

Loving pets will grant owners years of laughter and unforgettable memories. Let's be honest, everyone can be lazy, but having a pet can encourage a healthy exercise routine such as walking. Pets keep people away from boredom and on their feet.

Studies have shown that having a dog can lower blood pressure and reduce stress. If one is nervous on a date and is not sure what to talk about, talk about pets. Pets make everything easier, even conversations, it's a very relatable topic.

Pets just make life more enjoyable, it's another loyal friend in one's life. As long as someone isn't allergic to pets, pets can be the perfect companions.

Overall, pets can do it all, from free time to exercise they got the owner's back. Owners feed them, and they feed them back with happiness.

What Is On Your Bucket List?

by Elizabeth Landry

Thomas Colgrove- Go to a shoe store and order a Big Mac with a side of fries and skydiving

Samuel Crowley- I want to go to Europe and I want to go visit Australia.

Catherine Jones- Become who I want to be without judgement.

Phoebe Companion-Racicot - Skydiving and Paint on the world's largest easel

Dasha Serduke Go hang gliding. Visit Iceland.

Cassandra Ploof - Travel the world and go to Bora Bora; also, meet my favorite figure skater, Evgenia Medvedeva.

Evalina Lague- Sky dive and meet my online friends irl

Jacob Whitman- Go to Germany and to speak fluent German

Faith Evans- Try my best in high school and never give up even if school work is hard, I will ask someone to help.

Try new classes I like to have like Spanish I.

Elliot Fabian-Finebe- Become a successful businessman and, become a good debater

Preslie Beuschel- Jump out of a plane jumping into a pool of jello

Grace Carroll- Becoming fully fluent in Spanish and publishing a novel

Nathan Colgrove- Visit all of the countries of Europe, and visit the Great Pyramids at Giza

Selby Jacobs- Swim in the Dead Sea and wit-

ness a total solar eclipse

Raelin Julien- To use my passion to make a difference for even just one person. That's all I want.

Nicole Corriveau- Ski in Europe, graduate Elizabeth Graeter- spend a year in Italy Kyle McGuire- Sky diving, naming my first child (yeah a little odd but it means something to me).

Jacky Zhang- Meet Kyrie Irving and meet LeBron James.



Photo by Elizabeth Landry

Rebecca St. Peter hopes to go skydiving and travel the world.

CHS Cares lends a helping hand

by Mike Spillane

CHS Cares is a volunteer group run by Ms. Sherman and CHS students who participate in service projects that work to make both the school and community a better place for everyone who is involved in the Colchester community.

CHS Cares is the group that runs the food baskets for Colchester families during the Thanksgiving holiday season. They also take the time to entertain folks in retirement homes on a regular basis.

CHS Cares also participates in the Crop Walk raising money to fight against hunger in America. The Crop Walk in Burlington took place in October, and raised money for families in the Vermont area.

CHS Cares is a group that truly cares about the people in the Colchester community, from the elderly and the CHS community of all ages.

Students are always welcome to join the group at anytime throughout the year.

Field hockey focused

by Tyler Daniels

If a sports fan's goal was to see hard hits and lots of goals this fall the best bet might not have been soccer or football. This year one of Colchester's hottest sports was in fact, field hockey.

Finishing the regular season with an overall record of 9-4-1, Colchester managed to dominate its opposition in goals scored versus allowed with a margin of 43-17.

As playoffs started the Laker girls sealed a top five seed which set them up for great success in the postseason.

Seniors Sam Messier, Gabby McDonald, and Alicia Tebeau-Sherry were poised to take their first Division I Title since 1990. With a first round matchup against 4th place Hartford, the Lakers had a tough new face to beat in order to move on. Luckily, in a strong defensive effort, the Lakers were able to shut out Hartford in a 3-0 triumph. The Lakers



Vermont Sports Images photo

Junior Jackie Palaza controls a ball at midfield in a 2-0 win at home against Burlington.

next matchup for the semifinals was the number one overall seeded South Burlington who had beaten them 4-0 in the regular season. Hosted at UVM, the Lakers played a great first half defensively as they held it to a scoreless game. Unfortunately, the offense was

just unable to push past the strong South Burlington defense and the game ended in a 1-0 loss.

Overall, it was a successful season for the Lakers as they completed one of their best seasons in the last twenty years.

Lakers advance to Semi Finals

by Brayden Duggan and Geoff Southwell

After falling to Burr and Burton in the Finals last year, the girls' soccer team began their 2017 season and set out for revenge.

As the girls finished their regular season, they had a good chance as playoffs approached, earning the third place seed right behind BBA. The breakdown by the Free Press predicted that Colchester would make it through their bracket and enter the Championship once again, only to fall to the number one seeded team CVU; however only time would tell how far they could make it.

Colchester advanced past Spaulding winning 5 to 1 in order to enter the Quarter Finals.

After marching past MMU on the next Saturday, their win put them one game away from playing CVU in another State Championship appearance. In order to make it all the way they needed to beat Burr and Burton on the road. Burr and Burton who was ranked second, one spot over the Lakers had the home field advantage. With a record of 12-3-1 the girls headed down south for their Semi Final game, only to be knocked out of playoffs by Burr and Burton for the second year in row. With a 2-0 loss, the girls' season came to a dramatic end, but overall concluded another successful year.

A senior season

by Geoff Southwell

With eleven seniors on the roster this year, the Lakers looked to turn things around for the 2017 fall season. Finishing last year 3-9-2 they looked to leave that record in the past.

Key returning four year players such as Alex Carp and Liam Martin hoped that with a stronger offense and midfield, and better team chemistry, this year would be different. As playoffs started the team finished the regular season 5-7-2, and earned the eleventh seed in the playoffs.

The outcome against Essex was a deciding factor as the boys season came to close. Coach McCannell stressed the importance of that

game, to the team at practice the night before. Hoping the team would play hard and prove to themselves and to their competition, that they could compete with some of the higher ranked teams. Both teams were competitive with one another and it proved to be a good matchup as the game remained scoreless after two overtimes. This draw was one of the reasons the team was able to secure the eleventh spot, and match up against Rutland in the first round. The boys opened the season against Rutland and hoped to be successful in the playoff match up.

The team had been playing strong team defense and possessing the ball very well in the midfield, getting better with each passing game. However with the stress of playoffs it all became too much as a late goal by Rutland lead the team to a 1-0 loss in the first round causing their season to come to an abrupt end.

As eleven seniors closed out their high school careers, they can look back on a season that in many ways was a success.



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Members of the 2017 Lakers that represented the senior class.

Lakers earn play-off spot

by Cody Lawrence



Laker Football

won 49-20.

Week 2, the Lakers faced South Burlington for their first home game. It was a rainy day and the weather affected both teams. Both teams put up a well fought game but the Lakers came out on top.

Next week, The Lakers made the trip to Milton. This was a back and forth game all night. The Yellowjackets were able to capitalize at the end and won 40-34.

Week 4, the Lakers travelled to CVU for a Saturday game. The first half was a low scoring defensive battle. The Lakers entered the second half with focus and discipline. The final was

With about 12 seniors planning to return, the football team depended on juniors to play big at the next level in 2017.

The first game of the season against Middlebury. saw the offense execute and score early to put the Lakers on top 6-0. However, the Tigers were able to take control of the game after that and

Lakers 22, Redhawks 14.

Week 5, the Lakers hosted MMU at home. This was expected to be a great game. The Lakers put together a picture perfect first half; however, the Cougars finished the game on a 25-0 run. The Cougars won 32-19.

Week 6, the Lakers looked to bounce back from their home loss. They made the trip to Essex on Homecoming night. This game started off a little slow. Neither team was able to completely lock in.

The Hornets eventually broke through and won 20-0.

Week 7, the Lakers faced BFA. It was set to be an interesting game as the Bobwhites had a great record. The Lakers were able to put up a fight throughout the game. The Bobwhites came out on top 24-7.

The final game of the regular season was the Lakers' Senior Night vs Brattleboro. The Lakers were desperate for a win. They clicked on all cylinders throughout the entire game. Final: Lakers 55, Colonels 13. This secured a playoff spot against Hartford.

The Hurricanes were fast, strong, and prepared. They took over the first half scoring 32. The Hurricanes finished the deal in the second half and won 53-13, ending the 2017 season.

Racing to the finish

by Damon Crowley

The Laker girls' cross country team ended their season in a respectable sixth place out of all of the other teams in northern Vermont in the recent State Meet. Key runners Savannah Tebeau-Sherry finished 11th and Myla Jacobs, 15th to lead the way for the Lakers. Throughout the season nothing seemed impossible, and as a team, they reached a major milestone, earning a spot in the New England competition in Maine.

With the results that came out of this year's races the girls' cross country team didn't seem to have any runners to have made the first place spot in any of the races this year. That didn't stop them. No. They sought out to give it their all and make it so they had a shot at advancing no matter who came in first, second, third, fourth or last. They

got to where they are today because of will, determination, and hard work.

The girls' cross country team's spirit and dedication is something to be desired by all teams.

Team member Becca St. Peter believed that they had a pretty good shot at doing well in Maine on November 11th.

The boys' cross country team also had a very good season placing their core runners in key positions to do well in the regular season meets.

According to Coach Samler, "The boys were competitive all season."

The boys were led by five seniors, with Aidan Connors finishing as their top runner. Throughout the season their focus was putting themselves in a position to qualify for New England's and they remained in the hunt until the end.



That's Fall Folks



LAKER SPIRIT



We've got spirit, yes we do!

by Brayden Duggan

Spirit Week at Colchester High School is a big week leading up to Homecoming where students show off their spirit. The students decorate hallways and banners for the week. The seniors hallway theme was The Four Seasons, the juniors did Tropical, sophomores did Spooky Forest and freshmen did Out Of This World. The seniors won the hallway and the banner competition.

Throughout the week the students dressed up along with the different themes. Monday, was U.S.A. Day; Tuesday, was Pink Out Day to support breast cancer. Wednesday was Comfy Clothes Day, and Thursday, was Twin Day. For the pep rally on Friday, freshmen and juniors wore blue, sophomores wore green and the seniors wore black with their senior shirts.

At the pep rally freshmen won jello eating, juniors and sophomores won the tug of war and juniors won the "We Have Spirit" chant. With many close seconds and winning the hallway and banner, seniors won Spirit Week as a whole.