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Prom Dresses & FACEBOOK

Prom season is just around the corner. Or at the corner. Girls planning to attend prom this year have already started to plan for the event. More specifically, they're picking out dresses.

Last year's prom was held at the Baltimore Museum of Industry on Saturday, April 29. This year's event will fall on Saturday, May 5, and will be held at Martin's West, a more "classy and scenic venue," according to senior Hyejun Yoo. Its glitzy



chandelier screams glam more than machinery and a steam-powered tugboat. That is, unless you're into that kind of thing.

It's social custom that

no two girls can show up to the event wearing the same dress, and female students at

Centennial have created a nearly 200-member Facebook group chat in order to ensure that this doesn't happen. Going even further, they don't want to wear dresses that look similar to each other.

Ball gown, mermaid, trumpet: all possible dress styles. Color, sparkle, neckline: all additional factors playing into the fierce social engagement that is the Prom dress group chat.

Let's take a closer look. Christine Kwak is a senior who has never attended Centennial's prom, though she went to Marriotts Ridge High School's last year. She believes that it's "awkward" to show up in the same dress as another girl, though to her, this is only true if the girls both go to the same school.

Kwak stated, "I liked how [the Marriotts Ridge Prom] was only the upperclassmen... . There wasn't too many people. Way better than any homecoming I've been to."

Posting a picture of her gown has allowed her to feel organized and less stressed about the big day, which many consider to be one of the cruxes of high school. To Kwak, doing so

was just another box on the checklist.

All of this leads up to the big day. Prom serves as a breath of fresh air to any high school student overburdened with school, sports, or a job.

Yoo, who attended Centennial's dance last year, recounted, "What I liked most about prom last year was being able to dance with my friends and really forget about my responsibilities. I was able to take great pictures at the photo booth and sing along to my favorite songs on the dance floor."

At first glance, the chat may seem to be somewhat shallow. Why is it that girls can't wear the same or similar dresses if some of the gowns appeal to multiple people?

The group chat, however, seems less superficial if one pays attention to the various comments left under many girls' posts, with friends of the posters complimenting the dresses chosen and demonstrating excitement to see the girls wearing the garments on the day of Prom.

Senior Dina Eloasily commented, "Prom is everyone's night to shine. When you have a dress that is different from everyone else's, you're unique and the dress looks the best on you! It's amazing to see all the beautiful girls in so many different dresses."

Group members may also be inspired by seeing



others' posts. They may see certain dresses that they like, which in turn gives them the idea to look at a specific store for dresses. Lulu's, for example, is a popular online retailer that many buy their dresses from, and based off of website screenshots posted to the chat, will continue to remain popular.

As a whole, the Facebook group chat, created by senior Sophie Lovering on January 7, is a positive, uplifting way to use social media. The group is more of a way for girls to ensure that they express their individuality through their chosen prom outfit than a creativity-reducing venture.

Yoo added, "Having an original dress is important because for a night like prom, you get to be different and stand out from others."

- Caroline Chu

LAZY WORK OUTS

As prom is approaching, many feel the pressure to get in shape for the big day. I enjoy working out every so often, but most times I find it hard to be motivated to actually go to the gym. Even if I do get to the gym, I either stay for 30 minutes and get bored or stand there while someone else works out.

Getting to the gym in the winter is especially challenging; who wants to leave their warm houses and venture out into the cold?

An alternative to going to the gym is doing at-home workouts. Many of these at-home workouts require no gym equipment and don't take much effort. Working out at home is a good alternative if someone doesn't have the time to go to the gym. It is also ideal because you can get in shape without ever leaving the house.

When senior Gabbie Chausse was asked if she found it hard to stay motivated to go to the gym, she said, "I like working out

but some days you don't want to because it's tiring or I'm not in the mood."

When I do find the energy to go all the way to the gym, I usually struggle with staying motivated to keep working out. I often get bored of doing the same repetitive motions. A tip for making the gym more entertaining is finding the right person to go with you. I find someone to go with that does similar exercises and will continue to motivate me.

Another tip is to figure out a plan of what you are going to do that day at the gym. If that is too much effort, as it is for me, then try new machines to figure out what works for you. Some other Centennial students have tips for staying motivated and successfully working out when you do not feel like it.

Junior Bella Sanderson said, "It is best to go with friends or try to go right after school, so I won't go home and take a nap and end up not going."

Senior Glenn Stratton, who works-out at the gym often, said he stays motivated by "...definitely seeing the progress I'm making like size wise."

Even though going to the gym can be a challenge at times, it still makes you feel good afterwards, and there are many alternatives that will make working out easy and successful.

-Peyton Leineweber

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MORE THAN JUST A HASHTAG

Although it is incredibly disappointing, we live in an extremely patriarchal society. Sure, women are allowed to vote and are not nearly as confined to certain fields for jobs, but there are still so many issues surrounding women and the way they are treated.

However, thanks to one hashtag, women across the world are finding the courage to speak up and share their stories of sexual assault.

Tarana Burke created the MeToo hashtag in 2006 to help survivors of sexual assault and harassment know they are not alone. In October of 2017, actress Alyssa Milano tweeted something that would impact the MeToo hashtag forever:

“If you’ve been sexually harassed or assaulted write ‘me too’ as a reply to this tweet.”

Milano’s tweet has been retweeted over 25,000 times and has been favorited over 53,000 since its original post date of October 15. The replies to the tweet

were absolutely heartbreaking. Hundreds of thousands of survivors responded with their own stories, including celebrities like Cara Delevigne, Lady Gaga, and Gabrielle Union. The tweets and posts under the MeToo hashtag are more than just stories, they are encouragement to other survivors,



and hope for the future.

It is empowering to anyone to see people are being exposed for their unacceptable behavior, but what is even better is that these stories being shared could totally change the way a girl or woman views her own assault. A lot of times, women are afraid to

report sexual assault of any kind because they fear no one will believe them, or that maybe it was their fault anything happened at all. But the stories and support flooding the MeToo hashtag can help a woman understand that it never was, and never will be, her fault.

The same goes for

victims of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault. The fact that so many instances of sexual assault happen in schooling years, a large portion in high school, seems unfathomable.

Senior Julia Grable first heard about the MeToo hashtag when news of Harvey Weinstein’s sexual

misconduct broke the surface, but her understanding of the movement’s power came during the Golden Globes awards in January. Grable admired the magnificent unity of the celebrities wearing all black and speaking out about sexual assault throughout the night.

“I truly saw [the movement’s] effects this January at the Golden

Globes when all the men and women wore black,” recalled Grable.

Junior Victoria Harvey, however, heard about the movement through an article by popular news source, BuzzFeed.

Both Grable and Harvey agreed that MeToo hashtag is incredibly vital to today’s

What the #MeToo Movement Means for Survivors and Future Generations



“The Women’s March was a life-changing experience. Being around so many people who believe in the same things you do was incredibly peaceful, comforting, and empowering,” said Grossman.

To Grossman, the march allowed her and others to get away from the hate pressing the world.

“There is so much hate in the world right now, and the Women’s March was an escape from that. The environment was filled with love and acceptance.”

That is why it is so important and empowering to see all these women rise up, unafraid, and come forward about their assault. They have the power to show girls everywhere the voice everyone has.

It is up to us to make a change. Right here, at Centennial, we can make a change. Reach out for help, help others in need, raise awareness, and most importantly: respect others.

-Maddie Wirebach

culture.

“[Sexual assault] needs to be talked about since it is such a pressing concern affecting so many. It can’t just be swept aside,” noted Grable.

Harvey shared a similar view.

“It’s really encouraging to see so many working to advocate and fight against sexual assault and harassment because it’s an issue that I think has been largely overlooked in the past.”

The movement has been gaining more and more national and international attention. Just recently, a group of women called the “Silence Breakers” were named as TIME Magazine’s

Person of the Year. The Silence Breakers consist of women who have notably spoken out against sexual harassment and assault, such as #MeToo’s creator, Tarana Burke; Taylor Swift, who won her court case for \$1 against a radio DJ who inappropriately touched her; and Alyssa Milano, who spoke up against director Harvey Weinstein, among so many other brave men and women.

In January of this year, former sports medicine doctor for the Olympic gymnastics team, Larry Nassar, was sentenced up to 175 years in prison after young women spoke up about the way he assault-

ed them. Now, he faces an additional 40-125 years from the last of his criminal cases on February 5, with over 260 women having come forward. The trial will hopefully set a precedent for future sexual assault cases.

January 20 saw the streets of major cities like Washington D.C., Seattle, and Atlanta filled with women and men participating in the Women’s March, meant to draw government attention to women’s rights. Senior Sydney Grossman attended, flaunting her own sign reading “My Body, My Choice.” The march is something Grossman will never forget.

Black History Month in the Classrooms of Centennial

OPINION



Black History Month is about the acknowledgement and celebration of African American figures and their achievements throughout history.

This celebration has been ongoing in America since 1926, yet very few people are aware of any besides civil rights leaders and cultural icons. Scientists, explorers, inventors, and philosophers often get glossed over.

In a survey taken by Centennial students to poll student opinion, 22.2% believe that Black History Month is effective at spreading its intended message. Many students are disappointed that all Centennial does is mention figures during the morning announcements.

Jessie Gabel, a sophomore at Centennial, shares the common belief that the announcements aren't enough.

"[Centennial should] do more than only talking

about it on the morning news, most people ignore it already."

Students want more done in the classroom to reinforce the lessons and purpose of the month. A junior at Centennial, Kieran Newell, voices concern of the lack of classroom involvement.

"None of my classes have done anything for [Black History Month] since elementary school."

Aakash Subedi, a sophomore, has an issue with the depth of the celebration.

"All we do to celebrate is we mention it and sometimes talk about it. No classes or clubs or anything actually do anything to teach about important black figures or statistics in history."

Students want to make African American history more involved in the curriculum during the month, if not the whole year. Only talking about it for one month out of 12

lessens the values of what's being taught in the eyes of the students. There is a class for this purpose, African American Studies, but there are very few students enrolled in that course currently.

This complaint was summarized well by Centennial sophomore Pravas Dhakal.

"It doesn't matter if it's a 'special month' or not. Tolerance shouldn't only be allotted one month; we need to celebrate equality all year, every year."

Often we gloss over important figures in African American history, leaving them to gather dust in the history text books. Some important but often unrecognized African American figures include Percy Julian, who is responsible for several medicinal drugs, developed in the 1930's-60's, that we still use

today; barely anyone knows his name. Bessie Coleman, a pioneer in women's, African American, and Native American advancement, was the world's first woman of African and Native American heritage to hold a pilot license in 1921. Jan Ernst Matzeliger, who revolutionized shoe making with a machine that cut production time and costs in half in 1878, wasn't even mentioned in a history book until 2012.

Black History Month is not yet perfect at Centennial, but it is still important. Through student input and proactive student leaders, the school may improve upon their established policies which work. It's important to continue to spread equality and diversity, as well as remembering all aspects of history.

-Alexander Mauer



Looking ahead.

What is stressing out our seniors?

“Seniors hit the ground running at the very beginning of the year. They walk into the building and almost immediately have to respond to the question: Where will I be at this time next year?” Christian Sanders, a senior counselor at Centennial, commented when asked about the current situation his students are in.

Sanders said, “This includes connecting interests, potential career paths, parent and financial demands, recommendation letters, applications, and standardized test scores while maintaining academic standards, attending practice, working part-time, finding the time to make club meetings, eating, sleeping, socializing, and smiling.”

With the school year already half way over, seniors have many things to consider regarding their freshman year in college. Even juniors have very important choices that have to be made, with the deadline is drawing near.

Although many of them already have everything figured out regarding which college they plan on at-

tending, and some know what they are going to study, there are still worries weighing them down.

Some of these worries may be deciding on their major and a minor or learning how to manage their time. The biggest problem, though, is being able to afford the college of their choice.

Even with academic scholarships being handed to students, there is a portion of the total price that the student or their family will have to pay. The problem is, some of them may not be able to afford the prices of bigger colleges.

The thought of coming up with the money is a big weight that seniors carry from the moment they choose their college, maybe even before that.

18 year olds are still young, and it can be hard to have to decide what they want to do with their lives this early.

“It goes without saying that it becomes a stressful time for most. Once deadlines have been met, [they are] waiting for months for correspondence that may allay their fears,” Sanders

said.

Although Sanders deals with seniors on a daily basis, only a senior could know exactly what is stressing them.

When asked about what she is worried about for the upcoming school year, senior Katelin Phelps said, “Personally, I’m concerned about my decision being the right one. I already committed to [the University of Delaware Honors] and I’ve wanted to go there for almost a year now, but it still stresses me a lot to think that I could not like it once I start in the fall.”

In regards to paying

for her schooling, Phelps commented, “It was really important to me to go to a school that I could get some financial aid from. I also ended up only applying to state schools because I felt the private schools just weren’t worth the price.”

Phelps admitted that she is fortunate enough to not be caught in a difficult situation.

“Thankfully I’m lucky enough to have my parents pay for my college, but I try to be conscious of how expensive it is and make the most economical choice.”

-Delanie Tucker



SENIORS OF THE MONTH



Marlena Yu

Birthday: September 26th

Nickname: Marley

Intended Major: Biology

Favorite Movie: *Finding Nemo*

Favorite Band: BTS

Favorite Actor: Tom Holland

Favorite Meme: "I could've dropped my croissant"

Hero: CEO of Chick-Fil-A

Dream Vacation: Disney World or Bora Bora

If your life was a movie who would play you? Jessica Henwick

If you won a million dollars, what would you do with it? Save most of it and then spend some on Chick-Fil-A nuggets

What member of the Kardashian family do you relate to the most? North West

It's Sunday and Chick-Fil-A is closed, where do you go? Shake Shack

"Haha"
-Kanye West (once probably)

Birthday: September 7th

Nickname: Dede's (pronounced "deeds")

Intended Major: Pre-Medicine

Favorite Movie: *The Last Song* (cheesy but so good)

Favorite Band: Dvsn (R&B duo)

Favorite Actor: Chris Hemsworth

Favorite Meme: The blinking guy

Hero: My parents

Dream Vacation: Hawaii and Barcelona

If your life was a movie who would play you? Constance Wu

If you won a million dollars, what would you do with it? Donate to kids in need

It's Sunday and Chick-Fil-A is closed, where do you go? Cava

"Conquer from within"



Deanna Yi

Birthday: August 28th

Nickname: My name is Dani

Intended Major: Computer Science

Favorite Movie: *War of the Apes*

Favorite Band: Imagine Dragons

Favorite Actor: Jason Statham

Favorite Meme: Da Wae

Hero: Batman

Dream Vacation: somewhere

If your life was a movie who would play you? Dwayne Johnson

If you won a million dollars, what would you do with it? Pay off student loans (later in the future)

What member of the Kardashian family do you relate to the most? Khloe Kardashian

It's Sunday and Chick-Fil-A is closed, where do you go? Syrjana Cafe in Old Ellicott City

*"If I had a british accent,
I'd never shut up."*



Danil Chursin



Up to Code?

How ADA compliance throughout the county affects students and their high school experience



For decades, Centennial High School has been a home for students with disabilities. Whether it be blindness, or other physical handicaps, Centennial has provided a place for these students to receive the best education possible.

However, because Centennial was built prior to 1990, when the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

became law, accommodations have been provided for these students on an as-needed basis, often leading to challenges that have potentially compromised their experience at Centennial.

The ADA civil rights law prohibits discrimination against those with disabilities in all areas of life: employment, housing, transportation, and most importantly, schools. ADA compliance ensures that people with physical dis-

abilities are granted public accommodations. School systems nationwide are expected to comply with the regulations set forth by the ADA. However, what about the schools that were built prior to 1990?

The Howard County Public Schools System has 12 high schools with another to be built in 2022. The oldest high school is Howard High School, which opened in 1952. Centennial began construction in 1976, and was completed

and opened in 1977. This was nearly 15 years before ADA became law. Not only are these older schools not built to modern ADA compliance, but they are only required to maintain standards for facilities built before 1990. This means that the standards of these schools don't correspond with the most current regulations.

Centennial principal Claire Hafets stated that schools do not have to meet current regulations once

they meet the standards from the year they were built. In addition, the Office of Civil Rights decides when schools meet those regulations, and that varies throughout different high schools.

“Obviously [compliance] looks a lot different here than it does at other schools that are newer,” Hafets stated.

Hafets explained that little things like doors to classrooms begin to stick and become more difficult to open; however, Pierre van Greunen, HCPSS Safety and Risk Management Officer, explained that oftentimes the county is not aware of these seemingly minor issues until an inspection is completed. Van Greunen said that once they find complications, they are then repaired.

“Many times we are not aware that they [the doors] are not working properly until an inspection has been done. They are repaired or replaced upon learning of their ineffectiveness... inspections by the State of Maryland Office of Equity Assurance and Compliance for ADA and Title IX occurs every 10-12 years,”

he stated.

Hafets said that when the school receives a request for accommodations, it sends the request to the county level where it is processed. “We complete a form and request the accommodation from the appropriate office-- Grounds, Facility, Carpentry, etc.,” she said.

Mark Hanssen, an art teacher at Centennial and parent of a student in a



wheelchair, did not share the same opinion as van Greunen in regard to the doors. According to Hanssen, his son has had continuous problems with the doors at Centennial. He mentioned that his son has gone through numerous wheelchair wheel replacements due to the doors at Centennial.

“He can’t push hard enough for the door not to hit his chair... but it’s his ‘normal,’” Hanssen said.

There are some advantages to being an older school when it comes to ADA regulations. Centennial has larger classrooms, and wider halls for students to navigate, as well as more space between bookcases in the media center. But since Centennial is overpopulated by about 200 students, that extra space in the halls doesn’t really make a difference. Besides, the negatives

of the situation outweigh the positives.

Auditoriums in schools like Marriotts Ridge and River Hill have wheelchair-accessible ramps leading up to the stage. Centennial only has steps. Although it seems that older schools like Centennial are always at a disadvantage when it comes to compliance, van Greunen noted that HCPSS does not determine what one school needs based on what another

one has.

“Comparing a school like Centennial to [newer] Marriotts Ridge is not an apples to apples comparison. They are different designs built in different years,” van Greunen continued. “Instead, [HCPSS] determine[s] if Centennial is meeting the needs of the students and staff in that building just as we determine if Marriotts Ridge and every other school is meeting the needs of students and staff.”

Van Greunen believes that the county takes a proactive approach when making accommodations for students by working with staff as well as the families of students who require specific accommodations; he also mentioned that general compliance is not always what works best for students.

“General compliance isn’t always the solution that is required to meet the needs of individual students,” he said. “This is why school staff work alongside maintenance staff and the family to ensure that any additional accommodations above and beyond ADA compliance are met.”

Hanssen’s experience has been different.

“That quote [van Greunen’s response] is not characteristic of my experiences,” Hanssen stated.

Hanssen shared that he has only spoken to some

one outside of Centennial about his son's situation two times. In addition, he felt that his perception of Centennial's compliance was "skewed" due to issues at Noah's middle school.

"There were a lot of promises made for the building and for accessibility, and they were just put off until he left; accommodations were never enacted."

However, Hanssen felt that Hafets is supportive and does what she can for his son.

"Ms. Hafets has been very cooperative... when the problem's brought up, she sends the stuff out and we've had people come in [to fix them]," Hanssen said.

In addition to Hafets, Karol Moore, a physical therapist for HCPSS, who has been with Noah for nearly 10 years, is a big support for the Hanssens.

"She's been the person that's the most involved with Noah... [Moore] always comes around to find out what she can do. She's always been a voice, and

advocate for Noah," Hanssen shared.

Van Greunen mentioned that ADA standards do not necessarily always require the accommodations in each building.

HCPSS has taken a very adamant stance in favor of equity for all students. According to the HCPSS Strategic Call to Action, as published on the county website, there are four overarching commitments, one of which being "an individualized focus supports every person in reaching milestones for success, [where]...each and every student receives

According to HCPSS Policy 6020: School Planning/School Construction Programs, "The Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) employs sustainable design construction that supports educational program needs and creates a safe and nurturing environment for students and staff within allotted budgetary resources."

Essentially, this policy ensures that all schools prove to be a safe and nurturing environment regardless of when they were built.

"It's true that newer buildings are constructed with many accommodations

with staff at the county level.

"It's not ideal, it's not perfect. There have been some improvements made, but for my son, he's the only manual wheelchair user in the school. His experience... intrinsically is not the same as other students."

-Meghan Moore

- Howard High School (1952)**
- Glenelg High School (1958)**
- Mt. Hebron High School (1965)**
- Atholton High School (1966)**
- Wilde Lake High School (1971)**
- Oakland Mills High School (1973)**
- Centennial High School (1977)**
- Hammond High School (1977)**

1990

- Long Reach High School (1996)**
- River Hill High School (1996)**
- Reservoir High School (2002)**
- Marriotts Ridge High School (2005)**



Hanssen is an art teacher at Centennial.

a high-quality education through individualized instruction, challenges, supports and opportunities." Van Greunen noted that this is a driving force of their focus.

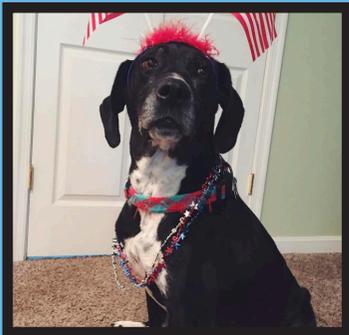
"We are ensuring that our school buildings meet the needs of every student," he said.

that were not required in 1977," van Greunen shared, "we overcome that by working closely with Centennial staff and families to make modifications to the building that allow for a safe and nurturing environment to be created."

Hanssen once again shared that this was not his experience when dealing

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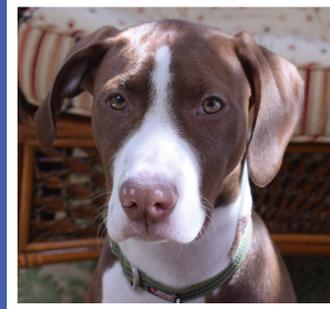
Rocket Parisi



Breed of pet: Lab/
Spaniel Mix
Age of pet:
10

Owner: Ally Parisi
Personality of pet: Laid back
and loves to take naps in his
cozy beds
Toy: Kong wobble
Treat: Peanut butter
Place to be: fireplace
Weather: Sunny

Cooper Grossman



Breed of
Pet: Ger-
man Short-
haired
Pointer
Age of pet:
4 months

Owner: Zach Grossman
Personality of pet: Very
intelligent and sociable
Favorite toy: Any shoe
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A League of Their Own

Every year at the conclusion of tryouts at Centennial High School, students either achieve their goals and secure a spot on the roster, or, unfortunately, fall short of the goal they had in mind. Some give up the sport completely, while some practice even harder in the off-season and come out again next year. However, eight players who were cut from the varsity basketball team had a completely different idea: start the Hoosiers recreation team.

Those eight players include Joe Brown, Matt Demme, Jake Horen, Michael Pellegrini, Francis Kim, Nick Good, Jeremy Wilson, and Josh Horen.

The team was started three years ago by Brown and his father, Coach Mike Brown. Mike Brown has been coaching in the rec circuit since Joe Brown was a young kid, and he was very excited to take on this new coaching opportunity.

"I've coached my kids since they were in grade school and I've always

enjoyed it. Hoosiers rec is a great way for the team to have fun and play basketball together," said Mike Brown.

Some players have been playing since the start, the 2015-2016 season, while others joined as recently as this year. However, rec basketball has provided these players with some of the best basketball memories they might ever have.

These players don't hold on to bitter feelings towards the Centennial basketball team. Rather, they enjoy playing with their best friends on a winning team at a competitive level.

"After being cut from the high school team I thought I saw my basketball days slip past me. Then, my friend talked to me about joining the Hoosiers rec team and I had a mini signing day at school to announce I would be playing rec for Coach Brown and the Hoosiers," senior and three-year player Michael Pellegrini said.

"There was no better feeling than beating the rival Mount Hebron rec team

by a whopping 60 points, and I have loved Hoosiers more and more after every game with the boys."

Jake Horen played on Centennial's JV team freshman year and became a starter his sophomore year. However, he did not make the Varsity team his Junior year. Thought to be a lock for varsity by many people, it came as a surprise when he got cut. Days after Horen was cut, he was recruited by friends to play for the team. At first he was skeptical to join. He waited until the next year because he was unsure whether or not he would try out again for the high school. He ended up deciding not to and he instead played with the Hoosiers. After playing a few games for the team, he decided that he had never had more fun.

"The group of guys really makes it an enjoyable time. You are playing basketball with your best friends and winning all the time. My only regret was not playing sooner," said Horen.

One player on this year's team, senior Dillon Glyder, has never even played basketball in an organized league, but decided he would give the team a try.

Glyder said, "Last year all my friends had so much fun playing for the Hoosiers

team and I was a little bit jealous, so this year when I had the opportunity to join the team, I signed up right away and I can't wait to suit up for the first game."

At the initial start of the team, everyone was either a freshman or a sophomore, and it was harder to compete with the physicality of older teams. Last year, with the addition of some talented players, the Hoosiers went undefeated until the championship game, in which they came up short to a team composed of almost all seniors. This year, the players on the Hoosiers fully expect to win the championship.

When you try out for a high school team it is always frustrating to be cut after putting in so much work, time and effort. The Hoosiers rec team has brought students together who have been cut, and made something very special out of it.

Francis Kim said, "Hoosiers has taught me so many valuable lessons I will carry with me into adulthood. I am blessed to be a part of something so much bigger than myself. Only one thing has clouded my mind for the past months and that is getting that championship shirt we've come so close to getting. I can feel it now."

-Josh Horen



Selling Clothes

on SOCIAL MEDIA

Is it wrong?

Many people have turned to social media to sell their clothes. Plat-



forms such as Instagram and Facebook have been booming with prospective shoppers and sellers. Instagram has made a business setting on accounts so that people can make their page public and link it with their Facebook account. This makes it extremely easy for people to find clothes to buy. Teenage girls have been taking to private accounts to sell their clothes to followers, making it easier to sell

to people close to home. Selling clothes on private Instagram accounts has created an uproar on social media.

“It’s a trend. Someone started it and then everyone else said, ‘Hey that’s a good idea, I’m going to do that too!...’ I guess people just want money,” senior Renna Haj-Hamad said.

With cyberbullying playing a big factor in social media, girls have posted rude comments or posted pictures shaming girls that are selling their clothes on social media.

“I think that girls should be able to do whatever they want with their clothes, whether that be selling them or giving them away for free,” said senior Terry Kim.

Girls are continuing to sell their clothes, despite rude remarks from others.

Poshmark is the largest fashion app for people to sell clothes efficiently.

Poshmark separates the clothing being sold by brands and clothing type. This makes it more efficient for customers to find what they are interested in buying, as well as easier to sell clothes based on brand. However, many teenage girls have been going to Instagram and Facebook to sell clothes to a smaller group of people.

“Social media is a good outlet to advertise your clothes and sell them on an app,” said senior Brady Buscemi. Selling to a smaller crowd allows transactions between the buyer and seller easier when they are known.

Selling clothes doesn’t need to be just on social



media. Plato’s Closet is a company that buys worn or never worn clothing, and sells them for less money. The prices of clothing range based on the brand of the item; more expensive brands are usually sold for more money. This means that they give you less money for the clothing that they want to keep for themselves. However, there are other options such as Goodwill that take clothing donations.

Senior Seif Mira said “I would personally sell them on social media because it gives me a broader spectrum to sell my clothing.”

Whether or not a person sells their clothes online or through an app, or gives their clothes to charity does not change the type of person they are. Everyone should be free to do as they please with the clothes they have purchased in the past and no longer want.

- Sydney Beck

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Shun, one of ancient China's mythological emperors, came to the throne more than 4,000 years ago, leading his ministers to worship heaven and earth. From then on, that day has been regarded as the first day of the first lunar month in the Chinese calendar, starting Lunar New Year.

In China, Lunar New Year

celebrations, also known as the Spring Festival, start on the 23rd day of the 12th lunar month of the Chinese calendar. The festival lasts for about 23 days, ending on the 15th day of the first lunar month in the following year in the Chinese calendar. Meanwhile, in Korea, the celebration usually spans over three days: the day before, the day itself, and the day after. Japan, however, does not designate the Lunar New Year as a public holiday and instead celebrates western New Years.

This year, on February

16, families and friends across the globe will gather to celebrate Lunar New Years. According to Chinese astrology, this year will be the

year of the dog-symbolizing loyalty and honesty. One popular belief is that if a dog happens to come to a house, it symbolizes the coming of fortune. However, Tracy Yang, a senior, has her own New Year's traditions.

"A few days before every New Year, my mom and I have to clean the house," Yang said.

Like western New Years, Lunar New Years offers a fresh slate for people as well as excitement for what's to come in the future.

"A lot of people believe that to have good luck or good fortune for the next year, we need to clean out the bad luck," Yang explained. "It is crucial to wear red as we celebrate, because legend has it that it scares off the beast from eating children in China and intimidates the bad luck from getting to us," she added.

For many people, Lunar New Year is a time to connect with their families.

"My favorite part of the New Year would be receiving New Year's money in little red envelopes from friends and family," Yang answered.

"The most important food, in my opinion, dumplings. There are many forms of dumplings in the Asian culture. People prepare them before the New Year with their families and friends as a bonding activity," Yang said.

Chinese classes are making dumplings to conclude their celebration of the Lunar New Year because they are the most popular food eaten during the Lunar New Year. Parents from the community are also coming in on February 23 to make dumplings for all Centennial staff.

In addition, Centennial's National Chinese Honor Society has events planned to observe the new year.

-Laila Abu-Ghaida



MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 National Pig Day	2 Old Stuff Day	3 National Anthem Day
4 Hug a GI Day	5 Multiple Personality Day	6 Dentist's Day	7	8 Popcorn Lover's Day	9 Panic Day	10 Middle Name Pride Day
11	12 Girl Scouts Day	13 Jewel Day	14 National Potato Chip Day	15 Everything You Think is Wrong Day	16 Everything You Do is Right Day	17 Saint Patrick's Day
18	19 Poultry Day	20 Proposal Day	21 Fragrance Day	22 National Goof Off Day	23 National Puppy Day	24 National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day
25 Waffle Day	26 Make up Your Own Holiday Day	27 National "Joe" Day	28 Something on a Stick Day	29	30 National Doctor's Day	31

FUNDAYS