Social happening

Students give their thoughts about math classes

The clock is ticking. Your classmates are sitting in their desks, chattering away quietly, not really noticing what is going on. Only you know. You know that in less than 50 seconds, you will be gone. You check your wristwatch to see how much time you have left. Three seconds left, two, one...ding, ding, ding...Boom!

The door explodes open, people start talking loudly all at once, and the bell finishes ringing away faintly. And finally, it is hall passing time. Everyone rushes out and takes a deep breath of the invigorating sweet smell of freedom, even though it's only for seven short minutes.

When students were asked if the hall passing time limit should be longer, they said yes, no and that it doesn't matter. Most of the people that said yes claimed they needed more time because there's so many people.

"We're overcrowded by 200 students so I think we definitely need more passing time," senior Kristine Sokoll said. "If we did have more time, I think it would be really effective."

Those that said no, said that they have enough time already so it was fine the way it's going now.

"I don't think hall passing time should be longer because it'll just make the school day longer," junior Rachel Kingstrom said. "We have enough time to pass as it is."

Everyone has a different view of how hall passing time should be. Some people even said they that it doesn't really matter if hall passing time increased or not.

"I really don't care," junior April McDugald said. "Because we still have to make it to class anyway."

Top five excuses for forgetting your homework

5. I had better stuff to do then homework last night.
4. Tell your teacher it is in your locker then go to your locker and do it really fast.
3. My best friends got hungry and ate it.
2. Say to teacher they told you to DO questions 1-10, but never said to BRING them.
1. Ask teacher, "Do you believe someone should be punished for something they didn't do?"

Jason Moore, senior

Jason Moore was a senior in AP Calculus. He said that taking math will help prepare him for college. It also comes easy to him.

He was involved with the robotics team during his freshman, junior and senior years. During his sophomore and junior years, he helped with the electric car.
Mini Quiz

1. Can you write a five paragraph essay with ease?
A. yes  C. no
B. depends on the subject

2. Do you do all your homework and study for all of the tests and exams?
A. yes  C. nothing at all
B. no homework but study

3. Do you pay attention and take notes?
A. all of the time  C. take notes
B. only when your teacher says

How did you do?
A= 5 Points  B= 2 Points  C= 1 Point
7-9 Points—You are ready. Good Luck!
5-7 Points—Close but you have a long way.
3-4 points—Good luck because you will need it.

English Excitement

You are sitting at home staring at the computer screen the day before it's due. You can't come up with ideas. You ask your whole family for help, but they just don't seem to click with you. You just can't seem to get past your name. You are trying to write a college application essay.

"Mrs. Matekunas gave us an application and we had to write a mock essay for it which helped prepare me for future applications," said senior Odai Baylor.

The college application process has to begin as early as 9th grade in English class. While learning about Romeo and Juliet you also learned how to write better and how to use certain styles in specific papers. As you advanced in the English department, you learned more techniques and read more stories such as, Go Ask Alice and The Great Gatsby.

"My counselor helped me with my applications which played a big part in helping me get accepted," senior Kandace Piché said.

When you become a senior you start collecting the applications for the colleges you were interested in. After you filled them out and attach the processing fee you gave them to the counseling office and they sent them in along with a transcript and all of the other necessary information. After that it was a waiting game that could take anywhere from three to 12 weeks.

"The college essay gives you an opportunity to strut yourself," Mrs. Jones said.

Even though college applications were a pain and many seniors hated them, they had to be done early enough to get accepted and still have time to make the choice of what college you wanted to go to.

"It's a relief once you get accepted to a college," said senior Rebekah Armstrong.

Top 5 tips for writing a good English story
- Good research
- Good organization
- Good introduction
- Good grammar

The number one tip is

Top 5 Colleges

1. University of Michigan
   Grade point average needed: 3.70
2. Oakland University
   Grade point average needed: 3.18
3. Central Michigan University
   Grade point average needed: 3.55
4. Western Michigan University
   Grade Point average needed: 3.22
5. Michigan State University
Jeans were worn often. More than anything else, it could show a person's personality, but most importantly shows a person's sense of style.

Many people choose to wear jeans that best suited their style by the way the jeans fit comfortably, the way they look, and also perhaps the brand of jeans they happen to be.

"I like Mati flare jeans because that are comfortable and loose," junior Dolores Juranek said.

Along with Dolores many other girls choose flare jeans as well.

"I like my jeans because they are really comfortable and have the worn out look going on," senior Alicia Pacini said.

There were many types of jeans, but whatever you choose to wear should represent the style that you like.

"I am a fan of loose Old Navy jeans because they are comfortable and they match just about anything," senior Bryan Young said.

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- Abercrombie & Fitch Track Belt: $19.50
- Express D-ring Belt: $45
- Gap Riddon Belt: $18.50
- Banana Republic Nylon Stripe Belts: $25 each
- Express Cowboy Belt: $50

Marcine Glowicki: Life Skills, REACH Club Advisor
Heather Hammerli: Campus Monitor
Brenda Harrell: Campus Monitor
Candy Harris: Matrix, Business

Sarah Jacobs-Hempshall: Business
Alyssa Jeris: Associate Bard Director
Megan Johnson: Language Arts
Janette Jones: Career Center
Stacy Keywell: French, Educational Paradigms Department Head

Gary Kibby: Math, Basketball Coach, Softball Coach
Doug Kline: Social Studies, Middle School Football Coach, Varsity Wrestling Coach
Scott Knapp: Head Custodian
Kim Krajewska: Language Arts
Betty Landstrom: Staff Associate

Jason Larsen: Language Arts
Judy Law: Counseling Secretary
Sarah Logeman: English 9, Comp 1, Am. Themes, Research Writing
Lucy Logsdon: Math
Chuck Londo: American Gov., Abnormal Psychology, U.S. History

Stephanie Lundberg: Drawing 1&2, Painting, Computer Graphics, Jewelry, Ceramics
Hazel Manby: Special Education
Pat MacIntyre: Industrial Tech, Robot, Electric Car
Dawn Makar: Special Education, LRC Science, Reading, World Studies, Special Olympics Co-Coordinator
Jim Manzo: Math, Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach

Staff
Elements of LO

Style

preppy guys

Jim Couretas

Shirt: Hudson's $40
Tie: Burlington Coat Factory $7.95
Pants: Abercombie & Fitch $49.50
Shoes: Doc Martens $125

Anthony Mirani

Shirt: Tommy Hilfiger $45
Pants: Gap $30
Shoes: Nike $85

Bart Knowles

Shirt: Structure $40
Tie: Mens Wearhouse $25
Pants: Men's Wearhouse $40
Shoes: Doc Martens $100

Alicia Piacentini
Jesse Piche
Kandace Piche
Sean Pla
Jeffrey Platt

Bianca Pletsch
Matthew Poisson
Eric Pokooyoway
Christopher Potyk
Brian Preczewski

Evan Pugh
Jay Pugh
Andrew Randazzo
Jeremy Rawls
Katie Reek
Rae Rasmussen a.k.a. Olive
Female lead in "The Odd Couple"
Relation to Character: Rae and her character went hand in hand because she is very messy and she loves sports.
Counterpart quarrels: Rae believed that having a male that played the same character as her simply made it more competitive.

Christopher Hall a.k.a. Oscar
Male lead in "The Odd Couple"
Relation to Character: He felt he was not similar to his character and it was a challenge for him to act as if he were a slob. However he and his character enjoyed sports.
Counterpart quarrels: Chris thought of Rae as an advantage to see different acting techniques.

Knowing
your role

Everyone in the school looks forward to something. It could be for their sports season, summer vacation, or the talent show but for 16 students it was the fall production, The Odd Couple. The play is about two friends that are total opposites. They are as different as can be and fight all of the time due to these different lifestyles. In the end they balance each other out and resolve most of their problems.

“I was glad to be part of it,” said senior Jay Pugh.

Having two casts was not too hard, but not having a director, Ms. June Wygant, made it a little more difficult for the students. Seniors Chris Hall and Megan Smith both had to start to lead the casts.

“We all took an evaluation of the situation and realized that in order to get anything accomplished we had to work together,” said senior Chris Hall.

While Wygant was having neck surgery, Smith took most of the leadership responsibilities and guided the casts to success.

“It was a challenge not having [Wygant] there for the first three weeks which was such a crucial time in the production, but it was a great learning experience,” said Smith.

Having two casts was another learning experience for everyone. It made the guys work well with the girls and vice versa to get the play finished. Some people really liked working with two casts while others didn’t like it at all.

“I’m glad I was in an all girl cast because I didn’t have to put up with all the drama boys,” said senior Erin Pettypiece.

The male version ran November 14 and 16 and the female version on November 15 and 17.

“I enjoyed the idea of the different casts because I got to spend more time with my friends and a wider variety of people,” said junior Casey Purcell.
sinking the putt
choosing the path

A great effort each and every time out. Varsity golf coach Gary Newcomb saw it every time. The boys golf team was certainly a special one. Although expectations were surpassed, not all goals were. Newcomb has been coaching golf for the past 31 years and surely found something special in this year’s team when noticing every player showed great sufficiency on and off the golf course.

“All the players handled themselves very maturely,” Newcomb said. “Not one complaint was made the entire season by any of the players even if a game was lost. The boys’ attitude towards the whole sport was very positive.”

All the guys were there just to play for the love of the game. But their greatest victory that season was winning the division for the second year in a row. The results of the matches were mixed, but the tournament finishes were outstanding.

With a strong squad of nine players which consisted of four seniors, four juniors and one sophomore, there was not one player that didn’t want to play in every game.

“We overall had a good season,” senior Brandon Tasco said. “But the thing that made it better was that we all got along so well and all improved from the start of the season to the end.”

The varsity team landed 3rd place in the Eccentric Newspaper Tournament and took 6th place out 24 teams in the Oakland County Tournament.

“We didn’t play as well as we wanted to but we always played pretty well,” senior Kyle Aldrich said.

The start of the season didn’t start off too great, but luckily ended with victory by placing 2nd out of 20 teams in the county league tournament.

“I really think we improved over the course of the season because of all the hard work and practice,” sophomore Miles Eakins said.

Which goes to show that with lots of dedication and effort anything was possible. The boys junior varsity team proved that. The team was proud of a successful season they had and were also proud of one of the teammates, Doug Collins who shot 3rd place out of 100 players.

“Over all we had a good line up in every game,” Eakins said.

Junior Justin Kirtland and senior Brandon Tasco concentrate hard to line up the putt correctly. Lining up putts and working together, as well as learning from other people played a major role in their season. “The person I learned the most from was Kyle Aldrich because he always had a great attitude,” Kirtland added.

Golf is a stress relieving sport. As senior Kyle Aldrich marks his ball for the match, he thinks about which club he is going to use for the first hole. “Marking the ball helps you find it quickly during a match,” Aldrich said.
Trash picker! You are rummaging through trash in an alley at some restaurant. You didn't lose a ring. You're not looking for something for some forks and spoons your manager told you to go look for because they were accidentally thrown away. You are looking for food to feed yourself.

Try imagining that. Maybe that's not the case for you but for many others, it's their reality.

At the Baldwin Soup Kitchen in Pontiac, students could help prepare food and serve it to those that are less fortunate.

Sophomore Marshall Hayes assisted there and according to him, it was a great learning experience.

"You learn that there's people out there that don't have it going too good," said Hayes. "There, you forget about yourself for a while and do all you can to help."

Another benefit was you could get service learning hours. Hayes had gotten five service learning hours, for helping cook and hand out food.

"The people there had good manners and they were pretty thankful," Hayes said. "They actually had food being served to them to eat for once."

Sometimes teachers provided the opportunity for students to help hungry people.

The Matrix program had a friendly class competition during the holidays to see which home base could raise the most money.

The winners then got to visit and help out at the soup kitchen during the day.

"It helped open the eyes of many students to the plight of the poor," teacher Kirk Weber said.
Heitmann,
You are ready to "jump" into the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead. Your kindness, creativity and sensitivity will take you far. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. Always strive to do your best, but most of all, Be Happy!

Our Future Awaits You-
Our Love,
Mom, Dad, & Alex

Allison Lucy,
We have been so proud of you as you have grown from our little "peanut" to a college bound student. You have a good heart and a sharp mind. With those qualities you can only continue to be successful. Don't forget your family on the climb up.

Love ya,
Mom, Dad, Randy & Andrew

Meghan Marie Lambie,
Our sweet little moo, all grown up now and ready to begin a new chapter in your life. We know that whatever the future holds for you, you will do well and be successful. We are proud of all your accomplishments and have enjoyed these last 18 years, and look forward to what lies ahead of you. We wish you all the best as you continue on to college and beyond. You have blessed us by being a wonderful daughter and sister and we all love you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Marshall & Muffy

Career Expo

Annual exponential assisted students with info for planning their futures

Where could you earn community service hours, and also learn about many careers, services, and colleges that could help play a big part in your future? Even better, where everything was housed in the same place? It did all exist at the career exponential.

"Doing community service for the career exponential was a good experience because I also had the chance to go and learn about the different business fields and what colleges offer," senior Chelsea Fisher said.

Some students were able to make college decisions based on the information provided at the exponential.

"I learned that Central Michigan University has a great advertising program, which persuaded me to attend Central," Fisher said.

The career exponential had 67 different organizations, colleges, military, and businesses attend this past year.

Each booth had representatives from their companies and colleges. They held demonstrations, and passed out packets to the students and parents.

"The career exponential gave me good information on Oakland University," said senior Yasmin Muhhammad. "I plan on attending there, and going to the Career exponential informed me of what Oakland University has to offer."

Around 150 people attended the career exponential. Many students came with their parents, while others chose to come with friends.

The exponential was very beneficial to the students who chose to attend.

"The career exponential showed me I have unlimited career possibilities," freshman Amanda Zink said. "I'm very grateful I attended."