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Casey Schmidt

Everyone claims that there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Finding the end of a rainbow is pretty difficult, so instead, you can visit these metaphorical gold spots that can be found in our very own community. These little shops and restaurants are all locally owned and are the closest thing to the gold at the end of the rainbow.

Le Crêpe: This is a small French restaurant that sells everything from crême brulee and macaroons, to panini sandwiches. But, of course, they are most famous for their crêpes, which are thin pancakes wrapped around a tasty filling. You can choose from a savory crêpe (like ham and cheese) or a sweet one (like nutella and strawberries). After placing your order, you can watch your crêpe come to life, or you can sit down and enjoy French music while chatting with your friends.

Emerald Winds Honey Shoppe: The owners of this shop are proud beekeepers who make and sell many different types of products that include honey and honeycomb. You could try out their beeswax skincare line, or maybe their endless flavors of honeys and jams. They also sell fresh eggs from their free range chickens! This is definitely one "sweet" shop!

The Artist Colony: This little boutique has a little something for everybody. They sell Vera Bradley style bags, lanyards and purses. They also have jewelry and small accessories like scarves. Upstairs, you can find adorable stuffed animal bookmarks and much more. They sell a little bit of everything, so I strongly recommend a visit.

Do You Believe In Luck?

Emma Barnard

As Saint Patrick's Day is quickly approaching I called upon the students of this high school to answer the long unknown and often legendary question: Do you believe in luck?

Sophomore Avi Rathod says, "I do not believe in luck, but I think that wishing for luck-whether or not you believe in it- encourages people to try harder and make their own luck." Junior Matt Sturm agrees saying, "If by luck you mean sheer coincidence, then yeah...". Sophomore Rebecca Johnson, though, has a very different view; she explains, "I have really bad luck usually, but one time after our house got struck by lightning my mom then entered and won a raffle." Agreeing with Rebecca is band teacher Mrs. Budd who tells a story about meeting her husband. She says that she first met him shopping for prom dresses in high school and then out of sheer luck met him again a year later in college. For many sophomores,

luck is a very real thing, seeing as they believe they've been cursed with bad luck due to the long and seemingly indefinite absence of the esteemed and kind Xavier Zurawski. He left us after eighth grade to join the ranks of St. Ignatius. Along with bad luck comes the good luck that one student felt after an accident that could've led to disaster. Junior Jacob Burdette believes in luck because without it he might not be okay today. He broke his first rib, which is very dangerous seeing as it could quickly turn fatal. Thankfully he only suffered a broken rib and a slightly bruised lung and was able to regain 100% function. This experience left him believing in the strength of luck because without it, he might not have left the hospital. Luck, real or not, is a powerful motivator and tool that could be used every day. So go out and make yourself some luck!

How Lucky Are You?

Olivia Candow

*Do you have the luck of the Irish?
Take this quiz to find out...*

1.) *Oh no! You walk into class and realize you forgot to study for your test. What do you do?*

- A. Neither fail or ace it and probably end up with a C.
- B. Completely bomb it with your expertise guessing skills.
- C. Purely guess on every question and still ace it.

2. *Have you ever found money on the ground?*

- A. Maybe a few coins but that's it.
- B. Never, you are still waiting to find your lucky penny.
- C. All the time, especially when you need it the most!

3. *Have any of your wishes ever come true?*

A. Maybe once or twice.

B. You don't believe in wishes because they would never come true.

C. Yes, and especially when you least expect it.

4. *Do you have any good luck charms?*

A. Maybe one, but you don't know if it actually works.

B. You don't believe in good luck charms.

C. You have too many to count and are convinced that each one works.

5. *Are you superstitious?*

A. You don't know what that means.

B. No, you think superstition is a joke.

C. You always go the extra mile to knock on wood, make a wish at 11:11, and never open an umbrella inside.

What does your luck say about you? See Page 3 to find out!!

Spring Fashion Necessities

Lauren Gumney

The days have grown longer and the air has gotten warmer. The snow has turned to rain and the flowers are blossoming. Big sweatshirts and gray sweatpants might have been okay in the winter months, but it is time for some much-needed spring cleaning.

Floral Prints

As flowers begin to bloom, fashion follows. Floral designs are classic spring fashion. Whether it's a sundress, blouse, pair of shorts, or a headband, flowers are alive and thriving.

Striped Pants

Vertically striped pants are a bold statement, but a great one. Comfy and cute, high-waisted belted palazzo pants are the big trend, and we're here for it.

Scrunchies

With the weather getting warmer, the hair goes up, and there is no healthier way to put your hair up than with a scrunchie. These accessories come in various styles and sizes, and can be worn in your hair or on your wrist.

Getting to Know Your Newest Cleveland Baron

Sara Tonissen

Olmsted Falls High School is no stranger to exchange students walking through the halls and it has had its fair share of new faces this year. Take junior Nick James, for example, who is visiting from Fort Wayne, Indiana to play hockey with the Cleveland Barons. Moving is a daring task, especially when you are moving without your family. However, the other students on the team have welcomed Nick with open arms. Nick's parents have recently moved to Atlanta, so once the school year ends, he possibly will be moving back with them and once again joining a new school, unless he receives the opportunity to play hockey elsewhere.

Nick said that the hardest part of moving to a new school was getting used to the new environment around him. When he first moved here, Nick knew no one. He first met his host family in August and then joined the team in September. His high school class back in Fort Wayne was made up of about eight-hundred students, so the size of Olmsted Falls has been a shock. Luckily, Nick said that the curriculum and workload here is very similar to his workload last year, so that wasn't too big of a change.

In addition to the school work, however, another constant since Nick's big move has been hockey. He started playing hockey when he was four years old, and he has seen the many injuries and sacrifices that come with such a tough sport. The Cleveland Barons is part of a Tier One League, and Nick participates on their Elite Team. He practices with the Barons every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for two hours with an hour and a half workout after. The team then participates in several tournaments or showcases Friday through Sunday. They have traveled throughout the U.S. and have their Districts coming up in March.

Next year, Nick will either find a team to play with down in Atlanta, or he will come back to live with his current host family in Olmsted Falls and continue to play for the Cleveland Barons. There is also the possibility he will be invited to play somewhere else next school year. He plans to play hockey on a Division I team in college before ending his hockey career. Nevertheless, if he is offered a position on a professional team, he would not pass up an opportunity like that. Nick remarked on what he considers as the best part

of moving to play with the Cleveland Barons: "The experience overall. I have never really done anything like this before, so having to do something like this for the first time is actually kind of cool." So let us send Nick our best wishes throughout the rest of his season with the Cleveland Barons before he moves on to whatever comes next in his hockey career.



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OF Couples Put their Relationship to the Test

Laney Ventimiglia

How well do some of Olmsted Falls most stable couples really know each other? I asked the girls of the relationship some questions about them. Then, I asked the boys the same six questions. Here is how they responded!!

Couples:

Conner Ciolek and Maddie Kreitzer

Carson Balfour and Grace Simon
Justin Jaeckin and Halle Slater

Maddie Kreitzer:

Name three things you would bring with you on a deserted island?

“Conner, Dempsey (my dog), and food”

Where is your dream vacation?

“Bora Bora”

What is your favorite Bath and Body Works scent?

“Japanese Cherry Blossom”

What is your favorite thing to do on a warm, summer day?

“Swim”

What color is your toothbrush?

“Pink”

Conner Ciolek:

Name three things Maddie would bring with her on a deserted island?

“Conner, Dempsey, and Chicken”

Where is Maddie’s dream vacation?

“Some place with a B. Budapest? Oh!

Bora Bora”

What is Maddie’s favorite Bath and Body Works scent?

“Some Chinese flower”

What is Maddie’s favorite thing to do on a warm, summer day?

“Swim”

What color is Maddie’s toothbrush?

“Hot pink”

Grace Simon:

Name three things you would bring with you on a deserted island?

“Food, a tent, and scuba gear”

Where is your dream vacation?

“Bora Bora”

What is your favorite Bath and Body Works scent?

“Sweet Pea”

What is your favorite thing to do on a warm, summer day?

“Swim”

What color is your toothbrush?

“Purple”

Carson Balfour:

Name three things Grace would bring with her on a deserted island?

“Her dog, her phone, and a basketball”

Where is Grace’s dream vacation?

“Bora Bora”

What is Grace’s favorite Bath and Body Works scent?

“Sweet Pea”

What is Grace’s favorite thing to do on

a warm, summer day?

“Eat ice cream and swim”

What color is Grace’s toothbrush?

“Green”

Halle Slater:

Name three things you would bring with you on a deserted island?

“Justin, my food, and my phone”

Where is your dream vacation?

“Hawaii”

What is your favorite Bath and Body Works scent?

“Twisted peppermint”

What is your favorite thing to do on a warm, summer day?

“Eat ice cream on the beach”

What color is your toothbrush?

“White”

Justin Jaeckin:

Name three things Halle would bring with you on a deserted island?

“Food, a blanket, and a machete?”

Where is Halle’s dream vacation?

“Hawaii”

What is Halle’s favorite Bath and Body Works scent?

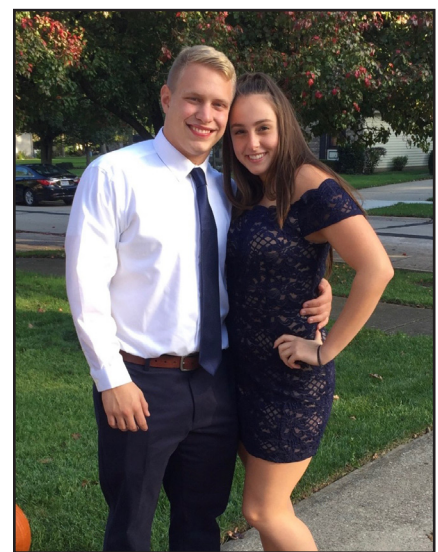
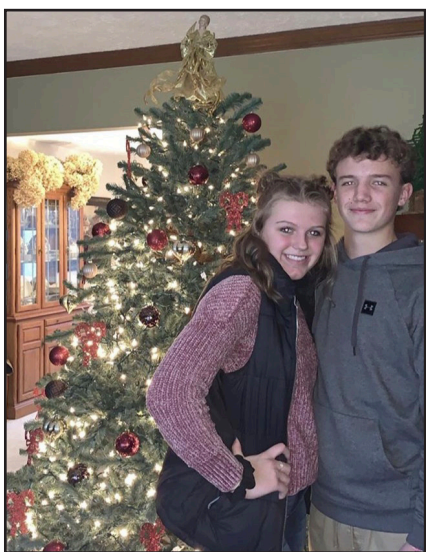
“I don’t know, there are so many. Eucalyptus?”

What is Halle’s favorite thing to do on a warm, summer day?

“Go to the beach”

What color is Halle’s toothbrush?

“White”



How Lucky Are You? Here are your Results!

Olivia Candow

Answered mostly A’s?

When it comes to the luck of the Irish, you are just about average. You like to take some risks when it comes to luck but staying in your comfort zone is more your cup of tea. You like to go with the flow and if something goes your way you are very appreciative.

Answered mostly B’s?

Although you may not believe in luck at all, you sure do be-

lieve in yourself to decide your fate. You like to be in control of your life rather than the pick of the draw, and this says a lot about your confidence!

Answered mostly C’s?

When it comes to the luck of the Irish, you have it all! Whether it is because you are always at the right place at the right time or your positive outlook on life, you are considerably lucky. The universe seems to favor your attitude on life and reward you in return.

Winter Sport Wrap-ups

Morgan Ciolek

As the winter athletes say good-bye, we asked each of the seniors to describe their final season in three words...

Gymnastics

Abbie Larosa- Bittersweet, memorable, unforgettable
Naomi Goldman- Fun, exciting, memorable

Bowling

Travis Green- Enjoyable, fulfilling, successful
Allen Smith- Competitive, joking, and calming
Chris Burkhart- We box Chad
Zack Prodan- Fun, hard, exciting
Scott Mckee- Exciting, stressful, memorable
Jason Atherton- I did good
Sarah Henry- Accomplishments, fulfilling, fun
Krislynn Katona- Family, exciting, teamwork
Summer Smith- Uplifting, family, unity
Ashley Clark- Efficient, accomplishing, hardworking
Jamie Bridle- Surprisingly not terrible

Wrestling

Caiden Fetterman- Fun, memorable, exciting
Connor Atkins- Memorable, challenging, exciting

Dan Holmes- Hard work, dedication, um...

Boys Basketball

Braden Galaska- Fun, unforgettable, motivational
Eric Hanna- Exciting, successful, unforgettable
Chuck Backus- Fun, accomplished, exciting
Drew Higginbotham- Gold squad stinks *throwup emoji*
Ryan Higginbotham- Back to back
Michael Fritz- Gold squad carries
Gavin Dietrich- Back to back
Austin Stefan- Blue squad forever

Girls Basketball

Shannon Carr- Fun, hardworking, exciting
Clare Kelly- Fun, competitive, tough
Kaitlyn Hradek- Hilarious, family, unforgettable

Hockey

Jake Kerkay- Dogs on top
Mike K-G- Best for last
Max K-G- Best for last
Dom Conte- Big money moves
Mackenna Woehrman- Teamwork, savage, toxic

Cheerleading

Claudia Gulan- Fun, eventful, memorable
Grace Piper- Rollercoaster of emo-

tions

Gabi Wasikowski- Momentous, bitter-sweet, proud
Addie Quinlan- Memorable, bitter-sweet, dedicated
Sara Martin- Blue, gold, white
Elyse Walker- Memorable, exciting, eventful
Lauren Gumeny- Let's go dogs
Lily Beaty- Memorable, bittersweet, headlong

Swimming

Addisyn Umbel- Exciting, challenging, fun
Ally Rice- Fun, laughter, energy
Connor White- Exciting, challenging, unforgettable
Hayley Taylor- Fun, rewarding, exciting
Kaye Dregalla- Bittersweet, fast, exciting
Masen Collins- Driven, limitless, rewarding
Matthew Thielman- Rewarding, fun, memorable
Megan Strohmenger- Fun, sad, exciting
Michael Thielman- Fun, competitive, unique
Mikayla Sheils- Exciting, sad, fun
Morgan White- Sad, diligent, exciting
Peter Hervol- Rewarding, strengthening, entertaining

Pretty Little Office Friends from the 70s

Katelyn Leaver

To get to know the student body a bit better, the *Spotlight* Staff asked a student from each grade the following question: "What TV show would your friend group be, and who would represent who?" The answers follow, so enjoy getting to know your classmates!

Freshman Olivia Heinrich said, "My friend group would be The Office for sure. Emma K would be Michael, Olivia M would be Andy, Allie G would be Pam, Kylie R would be Erin, Maddie T would be Stanley, I would be Jim, Lauren N would be Kevin, and Mallory O would be Angela." Olivia said her group would be The Office because they are all funny and relatable, and they always have a good time when they are together.

Sophomore Maggie Lloyd said, "My friend group would be Pretty Little Liars. I would be Spencer, Sara M would be Emily, Katelyn L would be Aria, and Mary would be Hanna. My group would be PLL because we all give off a mysterious vibe; we keep the fun in the group while being serious and loveable at the same time."

Junior Summer Stevens added, "I think we would be That 70's Show. I would be Fez, Megan P would be Hyde, Bailey M would be Donna, Nick B would be Eric, and Katelyn L would be Kelso (and Jackie)." Summer said they would be That 70's Show because of the time it's set in: "I feel like we would all vibe during that time period and that's where we were really all meant to meet. We have a way of working together and fitting together like puzzle pieces, like Eric and all his friends do."

Lastly, Senior Molly Bayne said, "We would be Friends. I would be Monica, Katelyn L would be Rachel (or Phoebe), Jared W would be Joey/ Chandler, Carter K would be Ross." Molly said that they would be Friends because, "We all have a kind of city feeling, we love to be together and would love to live with each other, and we just get along incredibly well, just like the six friends in Friends."