

# The Paw Print

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## Volleyball team dominates in league play Wildcats look ahead to playoffs

By Halle Olsen  
Staff Writer



Junior Clarissa Klein winds up for a spike. The team is currently first in league, and hopes to place in state this year. Photo credit Greg Artman.

The 2019-2020 volleyball team has had an amazing season so far. They are currently ranked 1st in league for 5A and have remained undefeated throughout the season. At 12-0, they have a lot of pressure and a target on their backs. The team is built up of 7 graduating seniors, 1 juniors, 4 sophomores, and 1 freshman.

The remarkable bond they share with each other definitely shows on the court, according to their coach, Nathan Blankenship. "[I'm] very happy with how the team came together. They're playing hard for each other and executing each match to our game plans and systems. [They are] an extremely talented team who is focused and represent themselves, the program, and the school with distinction."

Part of the reason they play so well as a cohesive team is that they are more than that. They are close friends, close enough to even consider one another family. One of the seven seniors, Kennedy Juranek, has started on

the varsity team all four years at WVHS and has nothing but praise for her team members. "I feel very honored to be a part of the volleyball team. It's such a great group of girls and I'm so lucky to have them for my last year. Since we are 12-0 right now we

have a huge target on our back and we know that every team we play is out for us. But we have such a strong connection within each other that we know when to turn it on to come out on top. We play every game with fire and intensity because it's getting

us ready for state." Every practice and game is preparing them with teamwork and determination. This is a team that competitors don't want to mess around with. As of right now the team still has 4 games left in league play. On October 9th, the Wildcats

played against their stiffest competition and one of Wilsonville's greatest rivals, La Salle High School. They were on fire from the very beginning. The first three matches went to the lady wildcats leading them to win the game. Their team bond definitely showed on the court, Wilsonville girls volleyball team has worked very hard to get to the spot they're at today.

The Wildcats played their last home game against Hillsboro on Tuesday October 22nd. It was senior night for all 7 graduating senior. Many student fans came out to support this undefeated team. Even though Hillsboro wasn't a big competition, the lady Wildcats still played with intensity and drive. Playoffs start November 2nd for all 5a Volleyball teams.

Each game for the Wildcats will be played with pride and they feel strongly about representing the high school. This season is particularly important to the seniors, since it will be their last. This team of 13 girls is ready to conquer and be 5A state champions.

## Seniors show freshmen the magic of theater Wilsonville's production of Cinderella provides opportunities for the classes of 2020 and 2023 to bond.



Seniors Averyl Hartje and Mikaela Ochocki pose with their freshmen buddies Elle McGuire and Claudia Molatore  
Photo by Kate Hedgepeth

By Ally Finkbeiner  
Online Editor

This fall, Wilsonville's theatre department is putting on a production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella. This is the musical adaptation of the classic fairy tale, and the extremely talented cast is bound to bring the magic to life.

Many of the leads this year are seniors, with the titular role being held by Samantha Katz. Senior Ari Lauthner is Prince Topher, while Casey Young is Sebastian, the Lord Chancellor. The evil stepmother and evil stepsisters are played by Katie Walter, Averyl Hartje, and Mi-

kaela Ochocki, respectively. Juniors Kaiya Shivers (Marie, the fairy godmother) and Cormac Lister (Jean-Michel, a poor revolutionary) round out the lead roles alongside sophomore Cian Lister, who plays Lord Pinkleton, Sebastian's second-in-command.

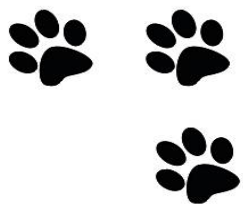
While it is obvious that the class of 2020 is well represented in this year's production, another grade stands out as well - the freshmen. After the seniors, the freshmen have the largest number of performers in this year's musical.

In order to help the underclassmen and other new cast members get acclimated, there's a buddy system in place which matches up an experienced ju-

nior or senior with a new member of the theatre department. According to senior Casey Young, "It's like a friendly mentorship. Lots of the underclassmen look up to the upperclassmen, since we've been here the longest."

Senior Averyl Hartje's buddy is freshman Elle McGuire, who is a member of the ensemble. As a way for the two to bond, Hartje and McGuire went out to lunch with Mikaela Ochocki and her buddy, freshman Claudia Molatore.

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# OPINIONS

## Privilege has the potential to be helpful

Wilsonville students can use their advantages to change lives



By Noelle Schaaf  
Staff Writer

Privilege is often-times an overlooked source of success, especially for those who are accustomed to it.

Here in Wilsonville, many people take it for granted whether it be from lack of appreciation, using their privilege in an unacceptable way, or by failing to take advantage of the opportunities they've been given.

Wilsonville is an amazing community that has no shortage of opportunities in the form

of arts, sports, and education.

It is important to be grateful for the opportunities handed to us because there are many places in America, and even Oregon, that do not have the resources that we do.

Wilsonville High School placed eighth this year for the title of "Best High School in Oregon" according to US News and second for "Best Public School for Athletes in Oregon" according to Niche.

Having such an amazing school is a privilege and we should be thankful for the options we have, especially because

many people don't have access to good education, arts, and sports.

Poverty plays a big role in this and as a community, we don't face many of the disadvantages and dangers that students have to cope with in disadvantaged communities.

Many of the hard-working students who live in places where they don't have good opportunities would do anything to be in our position.

It's easy to take what we have for granted, but we need to appreciate what we've been given and not let it go to waste.

Some people take their ungratefulness a step further and use the privilege they have in a bad or dangerous way.

Students in poor school districts and dangerous communities try to escape the situations they're in, usually because of drugs.

On the contrary, students with privilege and money already have what they need so they might not have the motivation to try hard in school or to stay away from drugs.

They can use their privilege to waste the opportunities

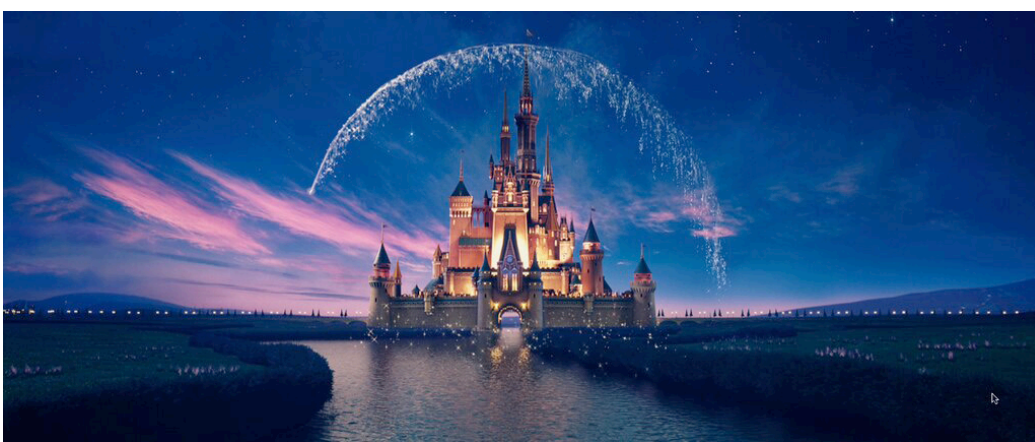
most students can only dream of, and then use their parents' money and power to take college spots of students who actually put in the work to achieve what they want.

Even though we are privileged, it's important to work hard and make sure we don't take it for granted as opposed to wasting our opportunities.

We can show how grateful we are by participating in activities and playing an active role in the community that has given us so much.

Privilege is not bad as long as it is not wasted.

## Disney-Fox deal destroys movie experience



Disney bought Fox for \$71 billion in March of 2019. Photo credit Flickr.

By Anthony Saccente  
Staff Writer

On March 20, 2019, The Walt Disney Company completed its acquisition of 21st Century Fox from NPR for \$71 billion.

This mass media merger was at the forefront of a new and dangerously trending wave of large enterprises being absorbed by even larger enterprises.

In 2016, AT&T bought Time Warner, and Comcast bought NBCUniversal three years before that.

These three mergers specifically all have one thing in common: the victorious companies all purchased content.

Content is what's needed in order to compete with the likes of Netflix and Amazon in the changing media world. What does this do for the traditional Hollywood ways of revenue?

Let's not forget the only way anyone could watch a movie before the internet was by heading out to the theatres.

It's how the studios earned their revenue and it's why there was a

"Golden Age" of cinema.

A phone or TV can't compete with the electricity a cinema can bring. The "Golden Age" has been long dead and as the traditional media players roll out their streaming services in the next year, so will the cinematic experience.

For Disney, they will feature Disney Plus coming this November.

Ben McClelland, a sophomore at Wilsonville High School weighed in on the matter. "I don't like how much power Disney has in the entertainment world."

The fact is that with the

merger taking place, Disney absorbed an entire major studio - a studio that, with a luxurious movie library to claim their own, had a path to further success.

Thanks to Disney, 20th Century Fox does not exist as its own entity any longer. What does this do for Fox's critically-acclaimed production arm, Fox Searchlight Pictures?

A money-making business that is bent on exploring sources of revenue has neglected to aid a sect of that empire that takes more than a check to appreciate its true beauty.

Of course, there are those who support their contemporary ideals. Matthew Jara, another sophomore at Wilsonville, is excited about what Disney Plus has to offer.

"Disney took all of its movies and shows off Netflix, which means a lot of people will have to switch over to watch that content. It's \$6.99 per month, which is a lot cheaper than Netflix."

But how will Disney take that next step? Will they take those immense strides or will they continue to live in the past with their current showing of films?

Until then, Disney will settle for discouraging remakes and sequels such as The Lion King and The Jungle Book.

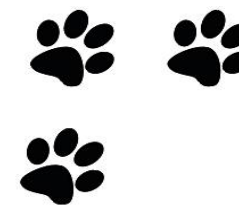
Let's be honest with ourselves, when was the last time Disney has produced and distributed an outstandingly creative film?

Better yet, when's the last time they've had an original thought? Probably Moana in 2016.

We can't deny Disney's glorious past, from their own work as well as what else they have acquired, can open new doors for Disney going forward.

The real question is what path will Disney take to continue its success? And who will suffer at their gain?

*"I don't like how much power Disney has in the entertainment world."*  
- Ben McClelland



## New admin brings smooth safety changes



Photo by Kate Hedgepeth

By Editorial Staff

The new school year has brought new administration here at Wilsonville, and we, as an editorial board, feel as though they're handling the transition well.

Over the past two months, hall passes have become a part of classrooms in our school. While some students feel as though they are unnecessary, we argue they help to keep order in both the hallways and bathrooms.

In our experience, we have noticed that fewer people leave the classroom unnecessarily and teachers seem more in control of who can leave the classroom.

The administration has worked closely with teachers to stress the importance of keeping track of students during class time – not only for learning purposes but for safety as well.

Another aspect of safety at WVHS that has changed for the better is the system for fire drills. Instead of having students dispersed all over the school grounds, students and staff now line up every two yards on the football field.

This new organization

helps to ensure that the streets in front of the school stay open and clear if any emergency vehicles need to get through. While it may be more work for students to trek down to the football field, it helps teachers keep track of their classes and make sure every student is accounted for during an emergency.

The student body tends to be hard on our administration. Over the past few years, the locked doors were a point of

frustration for many in the school.

Students felt as though the new rules were too harsh – they felt both literally and figuratively locked in at all times by administration. In that instance, safety was the primary reason, but the rigidity of the new rules could feel suffocating.

With the new protocols, however, there has been generally less pushback. The changes this administration has made haven't been quite as drastic as those

by the previous administration.

Locking the doors was necessary and vital to keeping our school safe, there's no denying that, but the sudden change was difficult for upperclassmen to adjust to.

The changes this year haven't been as stark as years prior – the wider acceptance is due in large part to the smoother transition between these changes.

Our new administration has done a great job of not only making necessary changes to the all-around safety of the school but also making students comfortable with the changes. Merging both safety measures and communication is integral to their continued success.

This year has proved that productive change is both possible and real under our new administration.

## Have a comment? Write to us

Letters to the editor and other comments are highly encouraged

By Editorial Staff

The Paw Print, through its Opinion Section, provides a space for staff writers, guest writers, and the editorial board to share their opinions.

We strive to make sure we cover events equally, focus on different aspects of student life, and understand the topics we write about to the fullest extent – that doesn't mean we always hit the mark.

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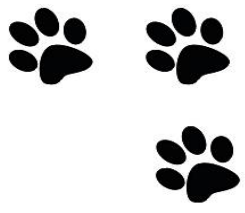
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Special thanks to Mr. Greg Artman for his amazing photographs



## Making Miracles club widens reach

### One of WVHS's many clubs expands program throughout community

By Bella Kleiner  
Student Life Editor

Making Miracles is a club at Wilsonville High School that is being continued. The club is run by three senior girls, Emily Swenson, Bella Kleiner and Cate Stamnes.

The point of this club is to create a community and help others. It isn't just donating but it's helping around as much as possible.

Not just in Wilsonville either! The club's mission is to do all that is possible by making "little miracles" and making people's days.

This club was started by teenagers and that can make it hard but it is a great way for students to get involved.

Making Miracles was started last year as a club affiliated with helping Doernbecher.

However, this year it took a different route. The club is all around helping and doing service around Portland.

This year, Making Miracles was able to partner up with Portland Rescue Mission, which really helps broaden what projects that can be done as a club!

Another great addition to our club was all the service ideas that the club got, such as joining Night Strike, which is an organization in Portland, to help the homeless.

While these are the larger projects of this year, the club has endless opportunities for helping out in the community.

"I can't wait to get more into this club! I really like this kind of stuff and I'm excited to start helping the school and the community! I'm really happy to have joined!" says freshman Mia Rust. The club and leaders are very open to ideas, and they make sure that everyone can be included.

So far, the leaders and club members have been working hard to start the year off. The next project is the candy drive. What is the candy drive? The candy drive is giving donated candy from our community and shipping it out to people in service around the United States.

We are collecting candy from students around the Portland metro area. As a club we are trying to reach out to include more schools in this project. The purpose of this is to create a community and make people's days.

Not only is there a candy



Club members Emily Swenson, Cate Stamnes, and Bella Kleiner posing for a picture after a meeting with our administration. Photo credit: Ryan Berry

drive this year, but the club is continuing to do the toy drive, which was a huge success last year.

Emily Swenson, a senior at Wilsonville and club leader, comments "We are hoping to

make a closer connection with our community by reaching out and doing things - little and big - to influence some change!"

*"I can't wait to get more into this club!"  
- freshman Mia Rust*

## A look into leadership

By Emi Bishop  
Staff Writer

One class that does a lot for the school but does not always get the recognition it deserves is Leadership.

Leadership I is a freshman and sophomore class taught by Ms. Crabtree, while Leadership II for juniors and seniors is taught by Mr. Sundquist.

The leadership classes help run school assemblies as well as the student store and promote different events by making posters.

They plan spirit days, take votes for the homecoming and Springfest courts, and run after school events like powderpuff. Mr. Wildcat and Doernbecher Days. They also decorate the school during the holidays.

"Leadership is a great way to get you involved in the school, introduces you to the upperclassmen and learn essential leadership skills," junior Maggie Willard comments.

These skills included learning how to promote and plan events, work with many different kinds of people, along with learning how to be responsible for producing high-quality work.

"Leadership is a good transition between high school and middle school," junior David Higa says.

"This class is a great way to build confidence and get out of your comfort zone," says senior Aly Johnston.

It truly is the ability to talk through issues and communicates ideas is a great skill that will be used throughout your professional career.

So far the class has done a lot for the school - for example, they planned homecoming, they set up and hosted the assembly, they brainstormed ideas out for spirit week, and they tallied the vote for the court.

Along with homecoming, they also set up for the club fair, and they have promoted most sports, arts, and activities happening in the school through the poster they make throughout the year.

As the year progresses the classes will plan Doernbecher Days, powderpuff football, Springfest, and all of the winter festivities that occur throughout the school.

Freshman Malake Manhaw says that doing leadership "helps you learn the dates of events that are happening around the school."

Sophomore Emma Mathies says "it teaches you how to be leaders so as you grow older you can help others."

As you can see, taking Leadership I is a beneficial way to introduce freshmen to the school community, while also showing them the culture of WVHS what different events are happening around the school.

All of this happens while also learning valuable life skills that will be beneficial beyond just high school.

The Leadership I and II classes at WVHS provide students with a rare opportunity to do meaningful work within the WVHS community.

If you ever need to take an elective, a Leadership class may be just right for you.



Seniors Samantha Katz and Siona Laform show their school spirit on twin day. Planning spirit week is one of the many things that the leadership classes take part in doing.

## The inside scoop on the Gender and Sexuality Alliance club

By Meghann Yochim  
Academics Editor

Clubs, clubs, and more clubs! Here at Wilsonville High School, students can find copious amounts of clubs that they could participate in, whether those are academic, artistic, or athletic. Clubs are a great way to find like-minded people, meet new individuals, and spread awareness of what your club is about. One of these clubs is the Gender and Sexuality Alliance club.

This is a club that meets on Wednesdays at lunch in Mr. DeGiovanni's room (room 225), and they welcome anyone who would like to participate. The members of this Alliance have deemed it a safe space for people of any gender or sexuality to come, learn, and support the LGBTQ+ community.

One of the members, Katie Walter, has been participating in this club for a while, and they are extending an invitation to anyone else who would like



Pictured above is Katie Walter with the room number of the Gender and Sexuality Alliance Club. Feel free to join Walter and many others at lunch on Wednesdays.

to join this club as well—or just come for one lunch period to learn something new. “This is an inclusive space where ALL are welcome,” Walter expresses, “we only ask that you come with an open mind and respect everyone there.” Walter is one of the chair members of the club, with Vy Frolov and Logan Demarais.

From a different standpoint, Mr. DeGiovanni has been hosting the club inside of his room for upwards of fifteen years now, but he denies any credit given to him

for this inventive club. He prides in being able to provide the space necessary for a safe club like this to occur, but he deflects all credit back to the students actually participating and running the club themselves, since he believes all credit is due to them. “I would hope that each generation is getting a little bit more open-minded and a little bit more soulful about humanity,” DeGiovanni conveys, “and recognizing that there’s just going to be a broad, broad expanse of how people can practice being human and practice loving each other.” One thing the DeGiovanni would like to express is how everyone should stay educated, open-minded, and curious of the world rather than restraining themselves and others mentally.

If you would like to learn more or participate, feel free to drop in during a Wednesday lunch period in room 225. The Gender and Sexuality Alliance club is one that is open to all, and they would love to experience your company.

## Female Empowerment club spreads positivity and awareness

By Natalie Opager  
Guest Writer

When most people hear Female Empowerment the first words they think of may include: sexism, liberals, prejudice and they then shy away from the idea of understanding what it means. Wilsonville High School has a club called Female Empowerment, which is run through an Organization called Girl Up, in the United Nations. The overarching Girl Up organization, raises money and puts that money into education, health, freedom from violence, leadership and counting people to ensure they are registered in their government to receive access to equal treatment. To succeed in life we have to have an education and this op-

portunity, which is freely given in America, isn't the same in other countries. In third world countries it is very difficult for girls to gain an education. Most families there have to sell off their daughters into child marriage so they won't die from starvation or in other cases they don't have money to send their daughter to school because the sons get first priority of gaining an education. Just to highlight the importance of this issue I want to share some shocking facts given by Girl Up. “Each year, 15 million girls are married before the age of 18. That's 28 girls every minute.” This fact is heart wrenching! To think that these girls are no longer able to have the choice of their own lives and will be placed into a forced relationship just because of money

is absurd. Another jaw breaking fact is shared by Girl Up. “One in four of children in the world go unregistered at birth. Not being registered puts girls at a higher risk for child marriage, trafficking, and child labor.” The goal of our club is to help emphasize the goals of the Girl Up foundation and make a difference in our community. We try to create a safe place for people in our school to feel that they are welcomed and accepted. Throughout the year we do fundraisers for Girl Up. This year we are planning to do a self-defense night which teaches girls how to combat against future attacks and the money raised from the

event will help other women in the world. We also are going to try and help the Women's prison in Coffee Creek, do a female hygiene drive and do a dress drive for Abby's closet. Female Empowerment is about uplifting and supporting other girls to break the stereotypes of only male or-

dated fields and to give women a voice to speak their opinions. Everyone deserves equal opportunity and to feel that their voice has value. That is what Female Empowerment is and that is the kind of environment we are trying to create within the school.



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The FEC meeting, pictured above. The group has done fundraisers to help support worthy organizations.

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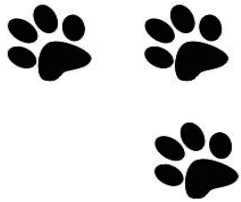
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## Wilsonville girls soccer takes season by storm

By: Ryan McCord  
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Wilsonville High School is notorious for having a competitive women's soccer team. This season the Wildcats are playing inspired soccer after falling to Crescent Valley in their first playoff game last year. Many expected the Wildcats to make a deep run in the playoffs but their season ultimately fell short.

Senior Ally Finkbeiner said the teams goal this season is to, "win league again this year, and to make it further in the playoffs than we did last year."

Haley Stahl added, "A team goal of ours is to have a successful season and ideally go undefeated in league for the second year in a row".

The Wildcats team has performed decent during the preseason. The Wildcats placed second in a preseason

tournament in Bend, where they faced mainly club teams.

The team started the season with a few losses but began playing better after a 10-0 victory over the Dalles. The Wildcats then went on to draw against a very good Lincoln side, followed by a close game against the 6A powerhouse Sherwood.

Senior Camryn Pettenger-Willey said that the, "preseason went really well, it felt like we improved with every game that we played. We just kept playing better together every game". This is very encouraging to hear for Wildcat fans, as they will be excited to see the team improving.

Finkbeiner said, "I'm excited to see how far this team can go. We have the talent to make it far in the postseason, and we've definitely been putting in the work. The whole team works really well together and we know how to be successful and enjoy



Girls Soccer lines up before the game. Photo by Greg Artman

ourselves at the same time." This season there are a few players fans can keep their eyes on. The Wildcats come in with a senior heavy team, however star sophomore Lindsey Antonson stands out as a key player for the 'Cats and one of the best play-

ers in the state. All three seniors I interviewed agreed Lindsey is a key to the Wildcats' success, adding that she is a crafty player with a high soccer IQ. This season will be very exciting to see just how far this senior class can propel the talented

Wildcats in the playoffs. A state championship is not something fans should consider out of reach for a team of this caliber.

## Freshman in Varsity Sports

By: Fiona Dunn  
Staff Writer

This fall season, two freshmen have been instrumental in their school sports teams. Makenna Weipert made varsity volleyball here at Wilsonville, and came out of her first game with 12 assists after only playing one set. When asked about her thoughts on volleyball, Weipert said, "It's been a really fun experience." Weipert also commented that the upperclassmen have been a really positive part of the whole experience, by just having friendly faces in the hallways. The first time Weipert played volleyball competitively was in sixth grade, and it's been her favorite sport since. Weipert's favorite part of volleyball in high school so far is, "Before every volleyball game we go to a player's house, and we all have a team dinner." She explained it, saying it is a bonding experience that creates an environment for the team to grow closer together. The second freshman undoubtedly making a difference is Mason Weisgerber. Mason is a runner on the boys' varsity cross country team, and for his first competitive 5k, he broke 17 minutes. Weisgerber's favorite part about cross country is, "just being with the team." Weisgerber started running in fifth grade for

Trinity Track. So far, Weisgerber has thoroughly enjoyed running with the upperclassmen and believes that he will run cross country for the entirety of high school. When asked about his pre-race eating habits he said, "If it's a meet after school, I'll just eat a sandwich for lunch and then like a trail mix on the bus, but if it's a meet in the morning, I usually eat eggs and toast." Apparently, this pre-meet routine works, as Weisgerber has the freshman 5k school record, and the 3k freshman school record. Both freshmen are athletes to keep an eye on for the rest of this year, and for years to come.

Yaseen Mubashir is a center-midfielder swinging to the Boys' varsity soccer team. He is a freshman, and if he were to describe his experience so far in one word, it would be "crazy." Mubashir's favorite memory of soccer so far is their win against Tigard. He explained saying, "They were one of our toughest teams that we've played against, and we played hard—and in the end, we got the win." Mubashir summed it up by saying that overall, it has been a positive experience for him, and playing with upperclassmen has been both fun and helped him become a better soccer player.

Fiona Dunn - xcountry Fiona Dunn is a freshman on the girls' varsity cross country team. Dunn has participated in

cross country since sixth grade, and she loves going on runs in the rain. Her favorite part about cross country at Wilsonville High School is her teammates because, "They give the experience such a positive vibe."

Nathan Wilde - xcountry Nathan Wilde is a freshman on the boys' varsity cross country team. Wilde's favorite part about cross country here at Wilsonville High School is when he has, "practices where we can just talk while we're doing the workouts." Wilde had high praise for his teammates' character saying they were "good people" that he enjoyed spending time with. Wilde is definitely a runner to keep an eye on as we head towards the district and state meets.

Gregory Keswick is a forward on the boys' soccer team. Keswick describes soccer here at Wilsonville as fun, but also highly competitive. Keswick stated that, "It's a good experience." A small amount of nerves plague him before every game, but Keswick's older teammates always help him feel more comfortable and confident in himself and his game. Early in the season, he already has two goals to his name, despite his freshman status. Keswick is definitely a promising player to keep your eyes on.

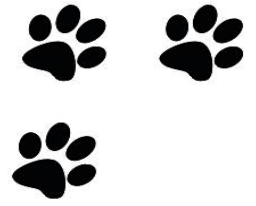
Cameron Little is a center midfielder for the boys' soccer team. Little has played soccer almost his entire life, spanning over a decade, and this shows on the soccer pitch. In his first varsity game, Little never came out. Even this early in his freshman season, he has already started for the Wildcats numerous times. Little's favorite part about soccer at Wilsonville High School is the "environment." He claims that the coaches and players, together, make the experience what it is.

"Before every volleyball game we go to a player's house, and we all have a team dinner."  
- Makenna Weipert

Grace Thompson setting the ball. Photo by Greg Artman



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## Wildcat football in the midst of another successful season

By Finlay Dunn  
Sports Director

Coming off a season where the Wildcats came only a few points short of a 5A State Championship, the 'Cats were devastated but looking forward to the next year. However, the 'Cats also lost 40 seniors, so they knew that it would be tough to repeat their success this season. For the first game of the year, the Wildcats hosted the Crater Comets. The Comets were a preseason top 5 team, so the 'Cats knew the Comets would pose a challenge.

The Wildcats received the ball first and were able to move all the way down the field to the two yard line. However, their drive stalled, and they were not able to convert on fourth down. After this drive, the 'Cats battled, but ended up falling to the talented Comets 40-0.

The following Friday the 'Cats faced another good team in the Churchill Lancers. Wilsonville dominated the game from start to finish. The final score was 41-7, and the team felt amazing after the win especially since Churchill was a top 5 team the past sea-

son. In addition, the win over the Lancers marked the end of non-league play for the Wildcats.

The 'Cats played a difficult non-league schedule with both schools being potential play-off teams. When asked how the tough non-league schedule helps the team throughout the year, senior lineman Noah Ochs said that playing good competition gives you a grasp on how your team stacks up against other high quality teams. In addition, he said that they could play an easy preseason and pack their record, but that would not help the team out at all in the long run.

After the non-league portion of the season, Ochs said they needed to try and erase small mistakes.

The 'Cats started out the season with a homecoming game versus Cleveland, in which they dominated the game from start to finish and won 66-7. Next up, the Wildcats traveled to Hillsboro to take on the talented Spartans. The game was closely contested, but the Wildcats came out with the 30-26 victory.

Next up for the Wildcats,



Football faces off against Crater for season opener. Photo by Greg Artman

were the Forest Grove Vikings. The 'Cats cruised to a 47-6 victory and improved to 4-1 on the season. Ochs said that they were able to be so successful against the Vikings because of their improved offense. He said they started to click and put a lot of good drives together.

After the Forest Grove vic-

tory, the Wildcats were set to face the only other undefeated team in the league, the Scappoose Indians. The 'Cats prepped hard all week for the talented Indians, and the preparation showed as they won 50-14. When asked about the Scappoose game, Ochs said, "...we really just put ourselves in the right spots to stop them

from A and B gap runs because that's what they are best at..."

As for goals for the rest of the season, Ochs said that they just need to focus on their opponent each week and get the job done.

## Boys soccer eyes deep playoff run

By Sam Blohn  
Staff Writer

Wilsonville boys' soccer's preseason exceeded expectations. They entered league 3-2-3 on the season and ranked 9th in the state for 5A.

The Wildcats have put up reasonable results against tough 6A teams. Last year, the 'Cats advanced to the quarterfinals before losing to a well organized Central squad.

This year's team features a lot of veterans from last year's crew, which has led to high expectations going into the season. Some skeptics said that Wilsonville would struggle with the loss of both Henry Tellez and Ruben Lopez.

However, the team has managed to subdue the effect of those losses with good play from Joey Friedman as well as a collection of players stepping in to fill the shoes of Lopez. The team's attack has been bolstered by junior Adam Landy. Landy has been the group's top goalscorer thus far and is

enjoying a breakout season.

Ryan McCord is a senior captain on the team this year and he has been ecstatic about the team's performance and is looking forward to the rest of the season "The preseason was successful. I have been impressed with the players that have stepped up to fill the missing spots from last year's team. Cameron Little, a freshman player this year, has stepped up recently to fill in that center mid role." Ryan went on to say that the team "seemed to be on track to peak at the end of league and playoffs. We are looking to fill some holes right now but we are close to figuring them out and becoming a top-three team in the state."

The league schedule is a mixed bag for the Wildcats. NWOC has the number one 5A team in the state - La Salle - and the number three team: Hillsboro.

The Wildcats began league play in a good position - Putnam was right behind Wilsonville, ranked 12th in 5A. The rest of the conference sat at or below 20th. McCord especially highlighted the La Salle game as one to watch, since the Falcons are predicted

to win state and the game is at home this year.

He hoped to have a big crowd at that game to support the cats. Contrary to what most may think about soccer, the La Salle vs Wilsonville games are known



Pictured above is senior captain Ryan McCord playing against Scappoose. The Wildcats won that game 4-0.

Photo credit Greg Artman

to be heated and passionate.

Ryan McCord recalls his freshman year when the stands were full during the semi-final and the atmosphere was reminiscent of a football game. The big crowds willed the team to play better to impress their fans.

goals at the end of the first half.

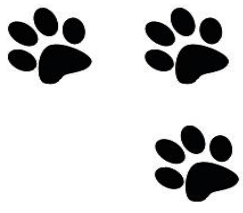
McCord had a positive take from the game - "we are still trying to figure things out, but after we made some changes, we were able to dominate the second half and play more to our style of play."

Sadly, the Wildcats faced a tough La Salle team on the 17th and lost the match 0-1.

The season is far from over, though - try to check some of their future games out as they should be thrilling.

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*- Ryan McCord*



## Closing the credit deficiency gap

By Aly Johnston  
Editor-in-chief

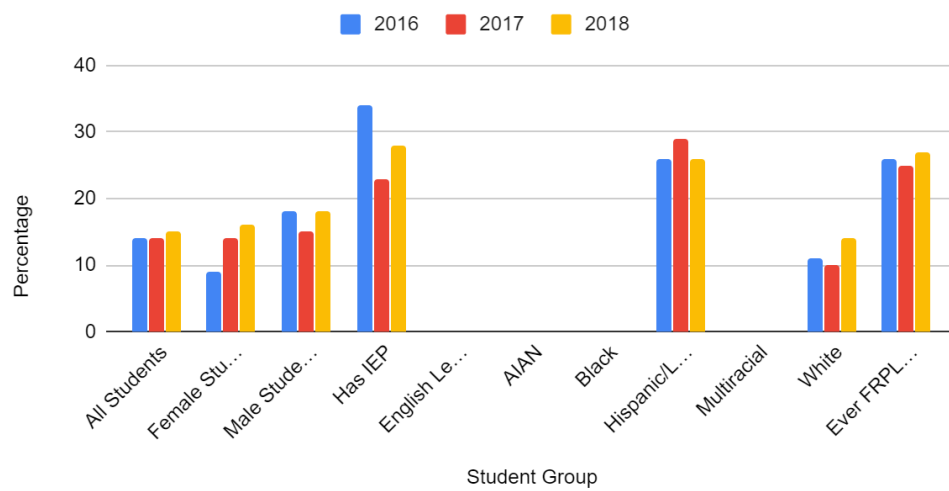
High school graduation is something that most high schoolers look forward to – walking across the stage, getting a diploma, moving beyond high school. For some students, finishing public school is harder than you'd think.

Credit deficiency is an issue that around 1/5th of our students face. Freshmen, as a class, are more likely to fail a course than any other grade level. Being credit deficient is also an issue for two other very important populations of our school – students of color and students living in poverty.

According to the Oregon Department of Education, only 79% of Wilsonville freshmen were on track to graduate after the 2017-2018 school year. Principal Kelly Schmidt contributes that statistic largely to poor attendance. "Attendance is the number one thing," she says of preventing failing classes.

According to the 2017-2018 ODE report, only 77% of the school were regular at-

Percentage of Students Who Failed 2 or More Classes in a Year



The graphic above shows the percentage of students who failed two or more classes in a year. Graphic designed by Oliver Hardt.

tenders, meaning that only 77% of students attended 10% or more of the school year.

Of that 23%, though, students of color averaged more missed school than white students. Students on free and reduced lunch plans had the highest percentage, with 36% of the population missing 10% or more of the school year.

The administration has

taken note of these discrepancies, has made efforts generally combat issues of credit deficiency. Since freshmen are the most likely group to fail a class, a new program was implemented by administration to help track the progress of that group of students. Around 30 students have the exact same core classes – Mrs. Demaray, Mr. Baertlein and Mr. Schuster are their teachers for English,

math, and science, respectively. These teachers meet often to discuss the progress of their students and how they can work to promote success throughout the whole freshman class. Mr. Deeder, a Teacher on Special Assignment at our school, is helping freshmen by helping freshman teachers, facilitating parent-student communication, and helping freshmen work with their teachers.

WVHS has also started a tutoring center that is available for students weekly after school. Students are able to work with students who volunteer to tutor, and can get help if they seek it out. While the school is making strides to help reduce the rate of credit deficiency, the current programs aren't enough. The plans already in place are a great start – any new programs that have the possibility to help reduce the number of students failing classes is great. A program that's missing, though, is one that will specifically help these minority groups that are more at risk of failing. Just as freshmen have more provisions put into place to help monitor their success, students of color and students on free and reduced lunch plans should have the same. The school, if they don't already, should have the resources to make this happen. Every student at Wilsonville deserves to succeed – and the school should do everything they can to support them. The school has the power to make a lasting impact on the lives of students: it should be a positive one.

## Students weigh in on admissions for college



Seniors Averyl Hartje, Aly Johnston, and Sydney Byun pose for a photo while announcing a volleyball game for WBN Radio. Photo credit Greg Artman.

By Ally Finkbeiner  
Online Editor

Fall is upon us, which means there's one thing weighing on nearly every senior's mind: college applications.

While most schools have their regular application deadline set in early January, many give options for earlier admissions decisions.

Early action programs

and early decision programs at universities across the nation have a deadline which is rapidly approaching: November 1st.

Early action programs are nonbinding, meaning a student receives their admissions decision early, but does not have to decide whether to attend that school until the typical reply date of May 1st.

A number of public schools, including Oregon State and University of Oregon, have early action programs.

On the other hand, early decision programs are binding. Students that apply early decision are committing to attend that college if accepted.

Early decision is for those who are absolutely certain about their number one school, and is an option at a lot of prestigious universities, like Brown and Dartmouth.

Regardless of whether they're binding or not, these programs are extremely popular among students who are eager

to learn of their admission status.

The number one reason to apply early is simply the comfort of finding out whether you've been accepted or not in December rather than having to wait until late March or early April.

Senior Sydney Byun is taking advantage of early action programs at some of the colleges on her list, and is applying to three schools by November 1st.

"It's just nice to know earlier and to have the peace of mind that you're in. I'm applying to some safety schools early so I can have that safety net, along with one reach school under restrictive early action."

Restrictive early action - offered by a select few schools such as Stanford, Harvard, and Yale - is a hybrid of early decision and early action which provides students with a decision in December, but restricts them from applying to any other private schools before the regular deadline.

Byun says a lot of thinking went into her choice about which schools she should apply early to (and which schools to apply to at all), and she warns against making a hasty decision.

"I applied to my very top school early, because I wanted

to get it done as soon as possible...don't just apply to schools based on name recognition."

Turns out, her advice rang true with a number of students. According to senior Averyl Hartje, "Make sure you're only applying to the schools you would love to go to, the ones you would be excited to receive an acceptance letter for."

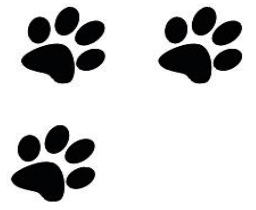
Hartje also suggested getting a head start on applications and beginning supplemental essays in the summer, if possible.

Senior Alyson Johnston echoed her sentiment, saying, "Don't procrastinate, because you'll end up feeling like you're way behind." Johnston also mentioned that the entire process is extremely demanding, especially when it comes to meeting deadlines.

"It's not a race, but sometimes it feels like other people are one step ahead, and that's super stressful."

Whether you're a senior in the thick of it, or a junior looking ahead to next year, the college application process can seem like a tough journey. The best thing to do is get organized, research all your options, and stay on top of your deadlines.





## Middle school vs. high school: how do the grades compare?

By Meghann Yochim  
Academics Editor

It's the beginning of a new school year; that means new friends, new teachers, and even a new school. High school is the last academic step before the "real world:" college, work, the army, or whatever you decide to pursue in your life outside of high school.

Now, before we get ahead of ourselves, let's focus on the freshmen stepping into this new and seemingly final moments of their childhood. While many things are brand new to these students, one thing is for sure different: the grading system.

There are now two middle schools in Wilsonville—Meridian and Inza R. Wood—yet there are still multitudes of students that come from other districts or states. Regardless, due to differing academic rigors and areas, the students are hit with a new curriculum and grading system when they step into high school.

Let's talk with some of the incoming freshmen to see their points of view:

Freshman Fiona Dunn is currently taking classes such as Advanced Algebra, AP Human Geography, Spanish II, Broadcasting and Journalism, and Biology. Dunn reported that AP Human Geography is a more advanced class than any of the ones she has taken in the past, yet it is far more interesting. "I

think the teachers are more lax with their grading in high school,"

Dunn reflects, "but they expect more on the work and quality side of things." According to Dunn, the work in high school is more quality rather than quantity.

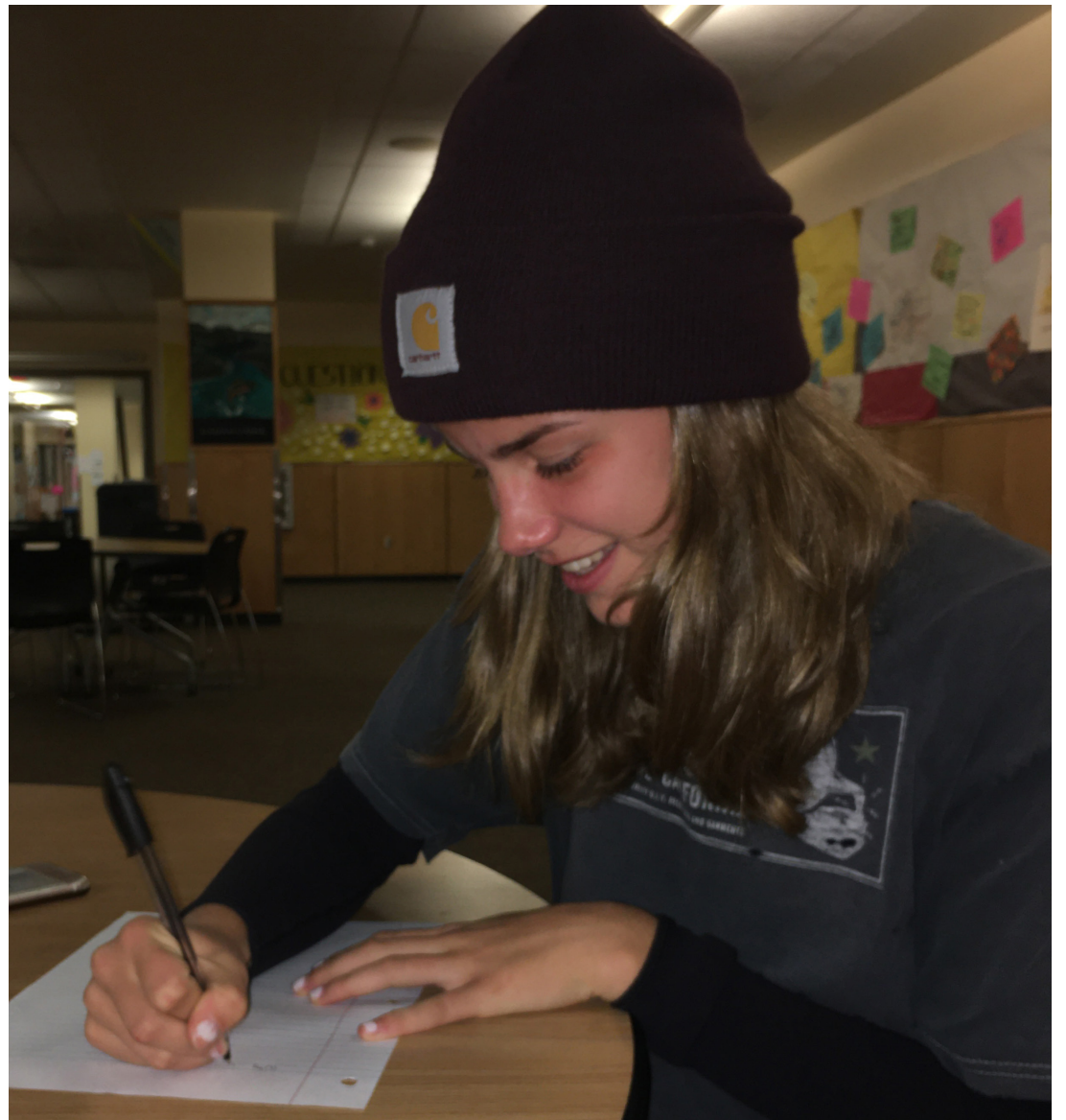
Other freshmen Sean Colyer and Callan Keo have similar schedules as Dunn, and they have opinions among the same wavelength.

"They [the teachers] have higher expectations on the amount of thought put into each piece of work, but they look into the little details less and grade on the little details less," Colyer analyzes.

In conjunction, Keo expresses his appreciation for the level of freedom that the high school grading gives: "I like high school way more than middle school, it's not as crazy and you have more freedom to work on classwork than in middle school when you had to get everything done on time."

Many freshmen agree with Colyer, Dunn, and Keo when it comes to the amount of freedom given on assignments.

In the end, while the academic level of these classes in high school are much more rigorous than in middle school, the overall freedom has gone up; evidentially leading to a higher interest in these courses at the end of the day, as shown by freshmen Dunn, Colyer, and Keo.



Pictured above is Fiona Dunn working on AP Human Geography homework. Dunn has expressed how, although the course is difficult, in the end it is very interesting to learn about. Photo by: Meghann Yochim

By Preston Whitlock  
Staff Writer

## Freshman check-in

Freshman year can be a hard adjustment after middle school.

To get a better perspective on how freshman year is going for this new crop of underclassmen, I talked with five freshmen.



HOW IS YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR GOING SO FAR?

"Good I guess. It's new and kind of confusing at first, but you get used to it after a while."  
- Winston Tang

HOW HAS THIS YEAR BEEN DIFFERENT FROM LAST YEAR?

"My grades are better. I failed almost all my classes last year - it was not good, but I'm turning it around and hoping to keep improving."

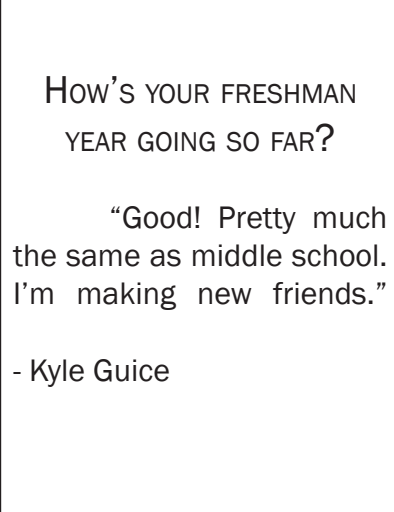
-Peyton Hollow



HOW'S YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR GOING SO FAR?

"It's good. I like it a lot better than middle school. The classes are harder, but I like the challenge, and I'm making a lot of new friends."

-Sydney Higa



HOW'S YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR GOING SO FAR?

"Good! Pretty much the same as middle school. I'm making new friends."

- Kyle Guice



HOW IS YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR GOING SO FAR?

"It's not that bad. The upper classmen are really nice and playing on a sports team as a freshman is not that hard."

-Alexis Carroll

## Wilsonville High School Band And Choir



WVHS Band preparing for the big day. Photo By Meghan Barry

Mikaela Ochocki  
Guest Writer

When you think of choir and band concerts, you may be drawn to the negative stereotype – boring.

However, here at Wilsonville, our groups perform a wide range of pieces, all taught by Ms. Kubitcheck, choir, and Mr. Davies, band, with the intent to teach their students something vital about music and its performance.

When coming to a concert, you may hear classical music, which, despite what you may think, is far from boring. Also, pop songs, Bollywood music, contemporary choral pieces, and maybe even a song from Star Wars may be featured!

The Music Directors teach and conduct these pieces with respect for the cultures they derive from, because it is important to them that

their students approach them in the same way.

The band concert last week produced raving audiences, who all walked away with an appreciation and new respect for music and the hard work that comes before its performance. Sophomore Alexis Gessler has been apart of the Symphonic Band for 2 years, and is proud of the work the group, and all bands, have completed this

year. “After working so hard in rehearsal it is so cool to hear the pieces on stage!”

Choir groups had their concerts on the 23rd, and were excited to show off what they’ve been working on. Claudia Molatore is a freshman this year, and has started her choral experience at Wilsonville as not only a member of the Bella Forte group, but also a Choir Representative (alongside Elle Mcguire and Brea

Hammond). She says, “As a freshman I am most excited to join the choir family at Wilsonville high school and continue growing as a singer.”

The next music concerts are December 16th and 17th at 7:00pm in the Auditorium, and are free to all.

## Cinderella

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Both Hartje and McGuire believe the buddy system has been really beneficial for each of them, and they’ve become closer because of it.

McGuire says Hartje has taught her a lot already, and she says she’s been inspired by her senior buddy.

“Averyl puts so much effort into everything she does, even when she’s tired and has a load of homework. She puts herself out there and is an amazing role model for underclassmen.”

The respect goes both ways, as Hartje had high praise for the freshman class as well, mentioning that they are “really hard-working and enthusiastic.”

McGuire echoed her

sentiments, stating, “The class of 2023 is working hard to learn from the upperclassmen...we are so grateful to be a part of this awesome experience and to work with such talented people and directors.”

While the future definitely looks bright with a freshman class bursting with talent, the focus this year is on the seniors, who are making the most of their final musical.

As freshmen, the class of 2020 entered with twenty-three students in the theatre department, a number which earned them the title of ‘Baby Boomers of Wilsonville Theatre’, according to senior Mikaela Ochocki.

Ochocki had nothing but love for her fellow seniors, saying, “We’re being ourselves and trying to

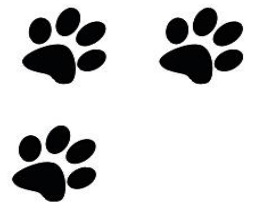
spend time together while remaining professional...we’re constantly growing, we’re constantly improving ourselves, and we just love to work together.”

Cinderella, directed by Jason Katz, opens November 7th and will run until Saturday, November 16th.

Come out and see the seniors leave their legacy in their final musical, and watch the freshmen make their mark on the stage in their first production. Tickets are on sale now!

Cinderella shoes designed by Kate Hedgepeth. Photo by Kate Hedgepeth





## Ninth grade art prodigies

By Fiona Dunn  
Staff Writer

Art at Wilsonville High School is, as Sophia Pond puts it, “everything that I could ever ask for.”

Pond is a quarter of the way into her freshman year of high school, and she already knows that she will continue to pursue art throughout the entirety of her schooling, both at Wilsonville High School and beyond.

She only has gracious words for her teacher Mr. Shatola-Hardt, not to mention her praise of the environment surrounding art here at Wilsonville including a “very loving, caring and kind community – it’s just everything I could ever ask for in an art class.”

Her love of art began while trying to impress her friends and only grew from there. Pond’s favorite type of art to create is graphic art, such as in comic books.

In fact, a goal of Pond’s is to both write and illustrate a graphic novel once out of college.

Another gifted artist in the freshmen class is Kanthasamtneera Yathem. Yathem loves “doing things with my hands,” whether that may be sculpting or drawing realistic pictures.

When asked if she would pursue it for the remainder of high school, she said she would love to if the situation allowed it.

Yathem also said that after high school she will continue to create art for herself and others, but more likely as a hobby, not a career.

Annalise Munoz, Elia Bartlett, Lacie Wheeler, and Trevor Budiao are also talented artisans in the freshmen class.

Annalise Munoz’s favorite art pieces to create are detailed architecture sketches. Not only does she plan to go to some sort of art college, but Munoz dreams of finding a job in the arts.

Elia Bartlett is currently enrolled in Art I and is enjoying her class’s current unit of drawing forms in space.

If you have a class with Bartlett, you know that in her free time, you can find her drawing various animals.

In fact, Bartlett’s favorite drawings to create are critters, both big and small. Bartlett can see herself continuing into collegiate level art classes in her future.

Lacie Wheeler and Trevor Budiao are both fond of sketching, although sketching different things.

Wheeler spends her time drawing people or eyes, while Budiao draws things such as houses, ships, or cars.

When asked about her art classes, Wheeler commented that she finds the classes in high school more compelling than those in middle school because of the fact that they are “more serious”.



Freshman Sophia Pond makes art in her art class. She enjoys her art classes here at Wilsonville and plans to pursue art after high school. Photo credit Sophia Pond.

Budiao kept it short and sweet when asked about his feelings toward his Art I class – “I love it.”

This year’s freshman

class at WVHS has so many diverse and talented artists, yet every single one of them agreed on one thing – the community of the art classes and the feel-

ing of belonging given to any student who takes an art class or creates art here at Wilsonville High School is unmatched.

## Middle school watches Cinderella

By Kate Hedgepeth  
Art Editor

This year, the Wilsonville High school theater department is putting on Cinderella for their fall musical!

For the first time in years they are holding a special performance for the 8th graders at the district middle schools.

The drama department normally holds a “pick-up” rehearsal – kind of like a dress rehearsal – on the Wednesday before the second week of shows.

It gives the cast an opportunity to run through the show like they have an audience before performing for a real audience again.

This year the cast will be doing a separate show, during the day for the middle schoolers to come watch. It is a great opportunity to get kids excited about joining theater and

hopefully help push them to join the middle school musical.

After the show is done, middle schoolers will have a chance to talk to the cast and gets them thinking about theater.

It also still gives the cast another run through before the next show!

Senior Casey Young, the president of the drama club, seemed very excited that the drama board (the student leaders of the club) was able to make this happen.

Young said “The senior class was actually the last middle school class to go and see shows at the high school.”

“And looking around at the size and involvement of our grade in the theater department, there was some clear correlations to exposure to theater in middle school versus those without it.”

“So the board col-

lectively decided to see if this would be an option for Cinderella and see if it works out. Katie Walter and I met with Principal Schmidt about possibly getting it to work, and from there everything just fell into place.”

This year the theater board has been creating new ways to involve the middle schoolers and get them interested in theater.

They hosted had a workshop where members of drama club worked with middle schoolers on acting, singing and dancing.

President Young said “a lot of what we want to do this year is involvement with middle schoolers. So having a middle school performance seemed like a logical thing to do. it provides middle schoolers an opportunity to ask us questions at the end about the show and hopefully get kids interested in the middle school musical, which then would hope-

fully keep them interested in doing theater through high school.”

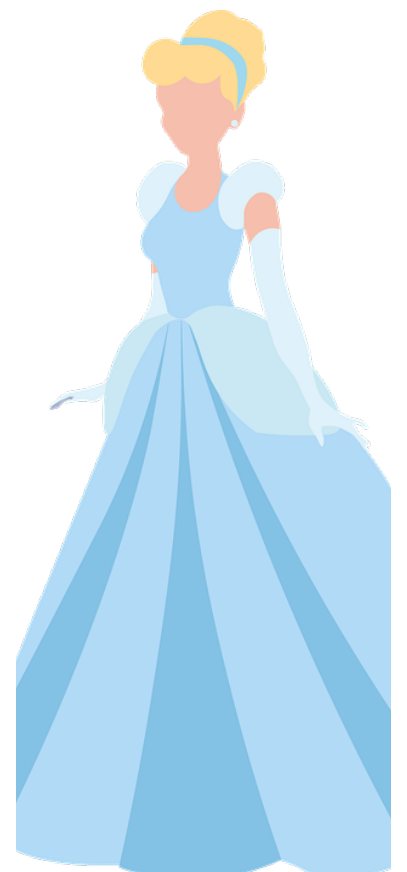
“We want to generate some curiosity inside of them about theater that could evolve into something bigger.”

Having the performance for the middle schoolers will help get them interested in theater or show them that theater is fun.

It also is a great way for the cast to practice in front of a different audience.

Cinderella opens on November 7th, at 7 and has shows on the 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th and 16th.

Tickets can be bought at [wildcatdrama.org](http://wildcatdrama.org), make sure to get your tickets now because they sell out fast!



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## Seniors lend wisdom to underclassmen

The Class of 2020 gives some insider tips

By Bella Kleiner  
Student Life Editor

While freshmen may be feeling overwhelmed the first few months of high school, there are always upperclassmen ready to give tips and advice on how to handle those drastic changes.

I talked with some seniors who, after surviving their freshman year, wanted to help out this year's new crew of freshmen.

Senior Kylie Aube said, "I joined the soccer team freshman year, so I have always had a support group that pushes me to work hard and get better every day."

"Over the past three years through NHS and Hands Helping Hands, I've been volunteering time and giving back to my community."

"This has taught me how to be a leader

Seniors Andrew Classen, and Cole Kleckner, give underclassmen advice.  
Photo credit Bella Kleiner.

and to be grateful for all the opportunities I get."

When talking about out of school activities, she said "I got a job at Human Bean which has improved my communication skills and pushed me to be more independent."

Senior Cole Kleckner said he got involved in football and baseball. "I was able to gain a lot of friends from these sports."

"These sports have

helped me a good student-athlete, as I had to keep my grades up. The friends that I got from school and sports keep pushing me to be better all the time."

Andrew Classen struck a similar tone. "Getting involved

with sports and having a good support system really helped me to succeed at school. My friends and family has always pushed me to stay on top

of my grades and study."

Senior Stephanie Bashoury also joined sports teams to get to know people.

"Joining tennis as a freshman helped me make a lot of friends and good connections. It also made high school more enjoyable. I was more motivated to be a good student as well as a good athlete."

Cate Stamnes, also a senior here at WVHS said that "the teachers in the

school who were confident in me and continuously offered me help and gave me chances helped me be successful in high school. My best advice is to always go out and find help."

Every Wilsonville senior has a different story to tell and different advice to give – the path to graduation isn't a straight line, and can be difficult at times. The biggest piece of advice I can give is similar to Catie's: be open to accepting advice from anyone who will give it to you.

*"Joining tennis as a freshman helped me make a lot of friends and good connections. It also made high school more enjoyable."*

*-Stephanie Bashoury*

## Fall provides festive opportunities for adventurers



Fall activities, like going to the pumpkin patch, are fun ways to enjoy the season.  
Photo credit Pixabay.

By Miranda Platt  
Staff Writer

Looking for some fun fall and Halloween activities? The community offers some exciting events for both high schoolers and their families.

If you're looking for a fun event that is close by and involves the community, there are a couple of options.

On October 27th from 9:30 to 11:00 am there is a Harvest Festival at Stein-Boozier Barn at Murase Plaza. They have lots of

things planned at this event including pumpkin decorating, horse and wagon rides, storytime at the library, and a costume parade.

Another event later that same night is the Scary Movie Night from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. They recommend bringing

blankets to curl up in. There will also be hot cocoa and snacks available to buy at the event.

The next day from 8:00 to 11:30 am there will be the Frolic 5k & Kids Dash Costume Run. Located at the same place as the movie night, it is also close by.

The run loops from Stein-Boozier Barn at Murase Plaza through Memorial Park. Costumes are highly encouraged, and each runner gets a complimentary t-shirt with registration.

If you're looking for a little scare, there are also events close by that might meet your needs. Fearlandia in Tigard appears to be a fun opportunity. The haunted house allows people 14 years or older to participate. They are open throughout October as well as the beginning of November.

Another place that sounds fun and is open to younger children is Oregon Airsoft Arena: A Zombie Experience. They are located in Hillsboro.

There is also the House of Shadows, located in Gresham. They are also

open throughout October but have a 13+ age restriction. Fear Asylum in Milwaukie is open during October as well, also allowing 13+ patrons inside.

Finally, Fear PDX is also a great option. The haunted attraction is located in Portland and has a Halloween carnival type feel. It is open every Friday and Saturday in October as well as some other select weekdays from October 6th to 31st.

While only for ages 14 and up, I feel like it could have a little something for everyone. The last thing that I thought to add to fall activities was some of the best places to see the leaves change.

I have visited a couple of these places and they are gorgeous. Just a few places are Memorial Park, Graham Oaks Nature Park, and Mollala River State Park. They have amazing spots to sit and just watch the leaves fall.

Hopefully this spooky season you get to enjoy a few fall festivities. Have a fun and safe Halloween, Wildcats!