

PANTHER PAWS

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Student Wellness Tips

By Chloe Czuk



With the warmer months approaching, it's important to consider student wellness: whether it's because people are wanting to just get the school year done and over with or if they don't want to be cooped up all day in a classroom. There are so many good resources students can use to help their overall physical and mental health as we come into the closing months of the school year. Some students said outdoor activities like fishing or golfing can be good things to do when you start to feel fatigue during the school year. Another thing students mentioned was eating your favorite foods can help your brain relax and feel much better. Some more basics are: staying hydrated, getting enough rest at night, and maintaining proper hygiene. Believe it or not, simple things just like that can significantly improve your mental well-being.

Mr. Haynes also made some recommendations to help students with their mental wellness. First, participate in hobbies/activities that you enjoy. Next, create time in your schedule to ensure that you have your own personal self-care. Also, incorporate a routine of self-care in your day-to-day life can combat burnout. If you're struggling to find hobbies or activities for, mental health professionals recommend a variety of things: daily journaling, exercise, spending time with pets, spending time with family or friends, or trying something new like going to a new park or trying a new food.

The Drama Club Presents

By Ivy Beattie

This year the Climax-Scotts drama club put on an amazing showing of "The Island of Dr. Libris" a play about a young boy that finds out he can bring stories to life just by reading them!

The show was very enjoyable to watch and, by the time it was over, my chest hurt from all the laughter!

The drama club worked tirelessly for months, and we're glad that everybody enjoyed it!

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the show, and a special thanks to all the people that brought snakes to help the cast and crew reenergize during rehearsals! It's because of you that the students are able to continue acting in the drama club!



Above: The drama club takes a curtain call after their performance.

(Photo credit: Kristin Simmons Wykoski)

The Next Level

By Logan Gilbert

It is almost that time for the seniors to walk these halls of Climax-Scotts High School as a C-S student for their last time. And with that, some of our Panthers will be looking to continue their academic and athletic journey after high school.

Our first student-athlete to announce they will be continuing their academic and athletic career was Lylah Parrish when she signed her Letter of Intent to play volleyball at Kellogg Community College.

A couple months later, Gavin Eyre announced that he will be going to play baseball at Spring Arbor University, when he signed his Letter of Intent in December.

Recently, we had two more students announce they will be going to college, as Cole Reitz and Logan Gilbert signed their letter of intent to wrestle at Southwestern Michigan College.

Good luck to our C-S athletes as they continue to pursue their athletic passions at the college level!



Left: Logan and Cole pose with their sisters on signing day. (Photo credit: Paula Reitz)



Middle: Gavin poses with his family after signing to play for Spring Arbor. (Photo credit: Climax Crescent)



Right: Lylah poses with her new coach and her former coach. (Photo credit: Kristy Parrish)

Easter Survey

By Kaylee Peck

Our yearbook staff surveyed the school to see what things everyone likes for Easter!

Overall, for their favorite Easter Dinner dish, most chose ham or deviled eggs.

Most people chose chocolate-covered strawberries or chocolate bunnies for their Easter favorite treat.

Some Easter traditions that were mentioned were egg hunting, going to grandparents' houses, eating food, and finding Easter baskets.

For their favorite Easter movie, most people chose Peter Rabbit or Hop. Some of the people's favorite memories from Easter that were mentioned were egg hunting with family, just spending time with family, and going to a friend's house. Overall, for their favorite Easter craft, most people chose egg decorating or egg basket making.



Senior Spotlight

Myles Scherer

Favorite Memory at Climax-Scotts? Being the Dungeon Master for the Dungeons and Dragons Club.

What legacy do you hope to leave behind? N/A

What do you plan to do after high school? Continue the Early Middle College Program to achieve a Master's in Psychology

What's a good word of advice to share with your younger classmates?
Stay on top of the work



Rosendo Garcia-Delgado

Favorite Memory at Climax-Scotts? Recess in middle school.

What legacy do you hope to leave behind? I don't want to leave a legacy behind. (Rosendo's legacy will be all the great haircuts he has given here at the school.—from Mr. Vick)

What do you plan to do after high school? I plan to re-enroll into barber school to get my license.

What's a good word of advice to share with your younger classmates? I don't have a good word of advice for the youngins'. (Rosendo's advice should be—not everything you think should be spoken! - also from Mr. Vick!)



Sean Mekediak

Favorite memory at Climax-Scotts? Frog dissection in Dr. Bell's Biology class.

What legacy do you hope to leave behind? I have nothing notable so none.

What do you plan to do after high school? Make money that's the only reason to go to school.

What's a good word of advice to share with your younger classmates? I told bro we GEEK HARD.



Going to Work

By Jordan Grove

Not every student has plans to go to college. Some are deciding to go directly into the work force. Brayan Simbron-Malerva, for example, is most likely going to work as a construction worker.

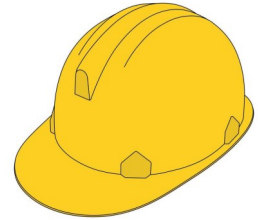
Lucas Piper will be making money as a heavy equipment operator.

Rosendo Garcia-Delgado will first finish his time at barber school, and then begin working on his haircutting career.

Gage Champion is planning on working at Pizza Sam's after high school.

Jose Espino is going to work for Schupan.

Kylie Sineath is going to take a gap year to save up for a house and build up her professional portfolio.



Tiller's International Plow Day

By Ethan Deplanche

Plow Day at Tiller's International is a day full of exciting activities, farm animal encounters, and a 5-k run around the farm. This annual event is the official kickoff to spring. Community members are invited to visit Tiller's International for the day to share in the experience of spring cleaning and planting on the farm.

Plow Day kicks off bright and early with a 5-k farm run where finishers are able to take home a hand forged metal made in Tiller's blacksmith shop with the help of student interns. Following the run, master craftsmen provide demonstrations in the woodshop and the blacksmith shop to visitors interested in these crafts.

While waiting to see spoons being carved in the woodshop or metal hooks being forged in the blacksmith shop, visitors can meet the Tiller's plow crew: Hamilton and Burr (a working pair of Swiss oxen), Sam and Solomon (a working pair of draft horses), and Bernise (the donkey) will all pitch in on the farm to plow and plant a variety of food crops, cover crops, and animal feed crops.

Tiller's International continues to share opportunities with the community to experience a farming season without any modern equipment and tools.



Above: Ethan Deplanche chops wood at Tiller's International.
(Photo Credit: Sarah Randall)

Final Blood Drive of the Year

By Ilona Kovach-Fitzsimmons

I asked Ms. Wright a few questions about the April Blood Drive. Here's what she had to say!

Question: "Why do we do blood drives?"

Ms. Wright: "Blood drives are necessary as we need a well-stocked blood supply for emergencies. Every donor saves one life!"

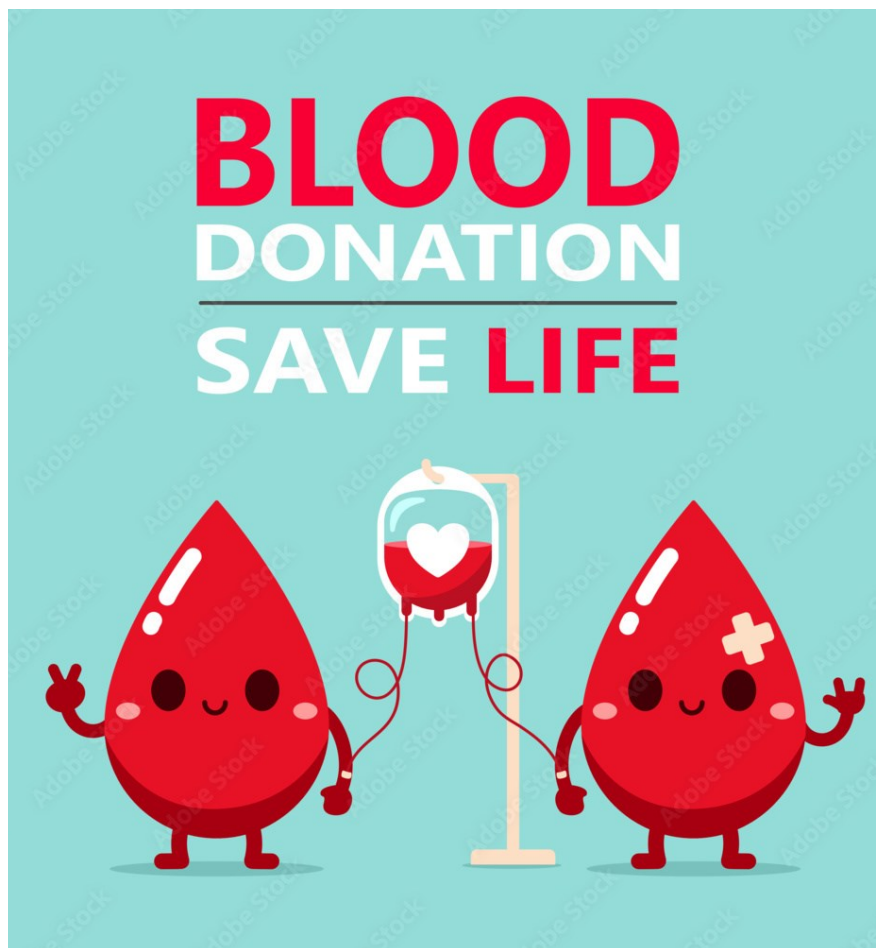
Question: "Who started the blood drives at Climax-Scotts?"

Ms. Wright: "When I started advising the NHS, blood drives were already being done three times a year. I just took over where D-Rob left off. This has been an initiative (at C-S) for a very long time."

Question: "What were the results of the April Blood Drive?"

Ms. Wright: "The results were great this time! Our goal was 20, and we got 26 units! Yay! We beat our goal for two of our three drives this year, and Versiti will be providing one of our kids with a \$250 scholarship! We also have several seniors who have given several times who will be wearing red cords for Leaders for Life at graduation."

Thank you Ms. Wright and Ms. Madison for your hard work put into these blood drives.



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