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Can we expect our vote to sway the election?

All over my Twitter timeline I've seen memes and videos encouraging people to vote. I'm not sure that this turnout will manifest into actual votes. But if the outcome of this election is much different than the young Gen Zers, 31% of the electorate as baby boomers. But in past elections



Lauren Zeck

aging young people. However, I'm not sure that this online moment itself into a midterm election. As millennials/Gen Zers now make up 31% of the electorate, the same as baby boomers.

our generation hasn't used its power at the election booth. In the 2016 presidential election only 46.1% of citizens 18-29 voted, compared to a 70.9% baby boomer turnout.

This low voter turnout among young voters is nothing new or specific to our generation. Every generation has had a low turnout in their youth. Disillusionment and belief that their vote doesn't matter are often cited as reasons for not casting a ballot.

“I don't want to go out of my way and take time out of my day to vote and then have my vote not matter in the end” is often the type of sentiment I received when asking eligible ALHS seniors why they weren't voting.

But beyond being our civic duty, we should vote because our vote does matter. While Gen Zers/ millennials feel that they don't have a say in our nation's politics,

Gen Xers and baby boomers don't. They are showing in high percentages to each election, allowing them to disproportionately affect the election results. As young people, by not showing up we are preventing our voices from being heard by Washington by letting baby boomers speak over us.

And our place in Ohio makes our vote all the more important. As we are all made aware by the constant campaign ads, Ohio is a swing state that doesn't firmly have 2 feet in either party. In the 2016 presidential election, Trump won Ohio by just 9% and in 2012 Obama won Ohio by a mere 3%. While this election is only a midterm election, it is a gubernatorial election for Ohio. Polls are predicting it to be a tight race, with Corday up only 2 points.

So to the few seniors who are eligible to vote this election and have already registered by the deadline- make sure you go to the polls on November 6th. And to all seniors, juniors, and a portion of sophomores- vote in the 2020 elections.



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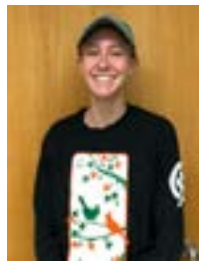
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Parents could provide better example with social media

As technology becomes the dominant form of communication in our current society, it is slowly being incorporated into all aspects of our lives. Everything from national current events to viral memes are passed along social media in what is supposed to be an all-inclusive area. Although younger generations are generally the target market for these social platforms, that does not mean we are the only ones to share the space.



Livie Crimaldi

In January of 2018, 68 percent of adults were recorded to be on Facebook (data according to Pew Research Center). Adults are not new to the cyber scene (I'm sure many students have suffered through a throwback photo on their mom's Facebook once or twice), but their numbers continue to grow as more news and essential information is communicated through

social platforms.

The adult presence on social media has been prominently felt, for one, in the backlash after Avon Lake's 2018 Homecoming Dance. The dance took place on Saturday, September 29, and a good chunk of the student body was in attendance. I went with a group of friends, and afterwards my only complaint was the sub-par DJ. However, many parents had other issues with the school event.

One post read that kids were “vaping and having sex at a school function” and that they should “have some class.” Another suggested that the high school shouldn't “have school dances anymore” because “the school is too spineless to have parents chaperone.”

Kids have been hearing for years to be careful what we say on social media because “it might come back to bite us,”

but how can we listen to that advice when it is not practiced by those who preach?

Regardless of your opinions on homecoming, these open complaints on social media are not the proactive action necessary to cause change. Nothing productive is going to come from a shady comment or subtweet, in any situation. If people don't agree with something, they certainly have a right to an opinion, but they are not entitled to share it in a hateful manner. An issue is best resolved through a civil conversation with the parties involved. Face to face. I know it might sound scary.

Social media is a chaotic platform where everyone, from our parents to our current President, has a chance to publicly share their views. With that kind of accessibility, everyone should be mindful of the real life repercussions of a digital insult.

Spectrum Halloween Movie Face off:

Animated Movies:



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The Nightmare Before Christmas

What is better than a movie that combines two major holidays? Nothing. *The Nightmare Before Christmas* is a Tim Burton classic following the story of the "Pumpkin King", Jack Skellington, and his desire to change the ways of his Halloween themed town. Throughout the film you are blessed with great music and complex characters that do not fail to draw the audience in. Jack throughout the movie tries to act as something he is not be kidnapping Santa Claus and taking over his role. But as the movie continues, he learns that

his plan was not a good idea after all. Jack, along with the audience, learns to be yourself, embrace who you are and never try to be who you aren't, because it won't work in the end. *The Nightmare Before Christmas* is full of lessons, an exciting plot and characters that everyone can relate to. Besides, at least this movie only has the word "Nightmare" in its title and is not giving little kids actual nightmares (*cough* *Coraline* *cough*).

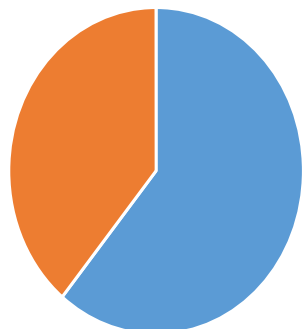
-Caroline Jantz

Coraline

Coraline is a creepy and fun kids Halloween movie that is obviously better than *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. Even though *The Nightmare Before Christmas* is actually about Halloween, *Coraline* still manages to top it in every way possible. *Coraline* has a thrilling and unique plot that draws the watcher in and keeps them on the edge of their seats throughout the whole movie. The characters are all extremely funny and well developed, which leads to a deeper attachment and

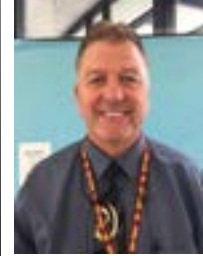
understanding of them. *Coraline* herself has lots of spunk and is really relatable and funny. The other world and the Other Mother are creepy and enthralling, and the plot is just downright scary. This makes it the superior Halloween kids movie! It's also a perfect movie for everyone to watch, no matter your age. It's a timeless Halloween movie and no one can convince me otherwise! -Elena Stojanavski

Instagram Poll



■ Nightmare Before Xmas ■ Coraline

Principally Speaking: ALHS NHS Induction



Mr. Mueller

The induction for new members of the ALHS chapter of The National Honor Society was held in the PAC on October 19th. Family guests and the ALHS Class of '21 attended, along with our chapter members and inductees. We inducted 88 new members at our ceremony. Congratulations to our inductees and their families. Recognition as an NHS member is a very prestigious honor. Membership in NHS carries lifetime significance, and is an impressive reflection of the personal, academic, social and ethical growth and development of the NHS member. As admission and access to opportunities after high school become more competitive in the 21st century, NHS membership can be an impressive component of your resume.

In order to be selected as a member of the National Honor Society, students must meet the following criteria:

Scholarship: Candidates with a 3.85 cumulative GPA (Wow!) after 4 semesters are eligible for CONSIDERATION. It is important to note that students with a GPA of 4.0 or above are NOT more eligible than a student with a 3.85 GPA. By national charter, GPA has no bearing on selection beyond identifying eligible students.

Service: Eligible students must submit and verify activities and organizations participate in during high school. This could be clubs, events or programs in or out of school, including social, civic and/or religious activities.

Leadership: The Faculty Council reviews recommendations and information on student leadership in determining selection for membership.

Character: The Faculty Council considers references and information on student character in the selection process.

Eligible students are responsible for the documentation and submission of all application materials. Application is not required, and eligible students may choose not to apply.

Membership and induction to NHS is extended to all students receiving appropriate approval for Service, Leadership and Character. No exceptions to NHS selection criteria are permitted. Eligible Juniors not selected for membership in the NHS are encouraged to re-apply during Senior year. We have proudly inducted senior NHS members throughout the years.

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Senior Spotlight

DEVAN UNDERWOOD



Your best halloween costume: 6th grade Edward Scissorhands

Worst Halloween candy? Candy Corn. 0/10.

Favorite Halloween movie? I have hundreds but my favorite will always be The Shining

What are you being this year? Wendy Torrance from The Shining

What spooks you the most?

I'm petrified of all bugs except for lady bugs. Lady bugs are alright.

Nightmare Before Christmas or Coraline: Coraline

Hocus Pocus or Halloween Town: Hocus Pocus

Believe in ghosts? Absolutely, just bc you can't see something doesn't mean it isn't there

Which horror movie archetype are you? The final girl, I've seen too many movies to make the same mistakes

Would you rather wake up to Chucky or Pennywise at the end of your bed? Chucky

Would you rather have red eyes or fangs? Red Eyes

Would you spend a night in a cemetery or haunted abandoned house? Haunted abandoned house

How excited are you for the Spooktrum? exuberant

CARL PORTER



Your best halloween costume: This year's

Worst Halloween candy? Candy Corn

Favorite Halloween movie? The Nightmare Before Christmas

What are you being this year? Sideshow Bob

What spooks you the most? heights

Nightmare Before Christmas or Coraline? Nightmare Before Christmas

Hocus Pocus or Halloween Town? Hocus Pocus

Halloween or Nightmare on Elm Street? Halloween

Believe in ghosts? Yes

Which horror movie archetype are you? First to die

Would you rather wake up to Chucky or Pennywise at the end of your bed? Chucky

Would you rather have red eyes or fangs? Red eyes

Would you spend a night in a cemetery or haunted abandoned house? Abandoned house

How excited are you for the Spooktrum? stoked

The spookiest houses we could find in Avon Lake



The Meaning and expectations of NHS

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Understanding how to improve in life is an explicit purpose of NHS.

The purpose of the NHS is to promote and recognize student excellence in the four NHS criteria of Scholarship, Character, Leadership and Service. It also promotes and supports the pursuit of lifelong excellence. NHS members are challenged to maintain high standards in all areas, and face responsibility - including review and dismissal - for violating NHS principles.

While scholarship and service can be specifically measured, the attributes of Character and Leadership, equally important NHS attributes, are more difficult to assess.

Each NHS member possesses leadership qualities. Many are leaders in the normal sense. That is, many of you can lead others. Maybe you are the officers of student council or the leaders of some organization. Perhaps you've started some club of your own. Maybe you've taken the initiative to help out in the community in some way. These are all important and commendable examples of leadership.

There is another form of leadership, the less visible kind. Everyone knows who the leader of a club is. It's recognized over the announcements, or on paper, or at meetings. This is a visible leader, one that everyone is aware of. We have many visible leaders at ALHS, both at school and in the community. But it is the less visible kind of leadership that NHS members display and which accounts, in large part, why they are invited to join this society. This leadership is the day-to-day willingness, helpfulness, and positive attitude - the "GBED"edness that inductees demonstrate. To lead is to be at the front of, behind or in the middle of something, and moving it in the direction of a goal or destination. Our inductees all lead themselves, our school, our communities, positively toward the successful and fulfilling futures we envision. They set an example for others to follow.

Character reflects the quality and consistency of attitude and behavior that sets an example for others. In 21st century high schools, character is often reflected by the courage to make good choices in the face of very intense peer pressure. The choice not to participate in inappropriate or

dangerous behavior, like academic dishonesty or substance use, at the risk of the rejection by peers, takes great conviction. "Character is what you do when no one is watching."

Accepting the invitation to become a member of the ALHS chapter of NHS means that members publicly state their willingness to model the 4 attributes, and to be held to a higher standard of excellence in each of the NHS areas.

Bottom line - if you want to be a member of NHS, you can't decide or state that you will not be an active and positive participant in all aspects of high school life (just get good grades). You can, but you will not be selected for NHS. NHS members are active, involved leaders of the highest character who demonstrate a commitment to life-long learning. As stated above, this designation is very attractive to college admissions officers, employers and others.

NHS sets high standards for the overall development of prospective members. It is, by design, a very selective organization. Students aspiring to NHS membership must intentionally subscribe to ALL aspects of student life. Scholarship alone carries absolutely no entitlement to NHS.

There are many choices to be made during a student's high school years. At ALHS, we work relentlessly to help our students reach their academic, career and ethical potential. The ethical aspect means developing good habits, consistently making good choices - choices that contribute to the individual and collective well-being. Doing this during a time of intense physical, emotional, social and intellectual growth is difficult, and not something that everyone is able, or chooses, to do. We recognize this, and work to inspire all students toward success. In school, as in life, potential is recognized - achievement is rewarded.

Congratulations, again, to our new NHS members. If you want to be in NHS, and were not selected, continue to work hard to emulate the four NHS attributes, think about what you can do to improve, and apply again next year. You can do it. We are proud of all of you.

Peace! GBED! Go Shoremen & Shoregirls!

Disney Movie Face off:



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Hocus Pocus

Let me start off by saying that *Hocus Pocus* was originally supposed to be a Disney Channel Original Movie (DCOM), but the producers believed the storyline deserved a bigger audience, hence it was moved to the big screen (unlike other Disney Channel Halloween movies, like *Halloweentown*). Also, let's not forget that Leonardo DiCaprio (Oscar winner) was up for the role of Max, but ultimately had to turn it down due to his busy schedule, and Sarah Jessica Parker (Golden Globe winner) starred as one of the Sanderson sisters. Besides the all-star cast, *Hocus Pocus* provides you with a family friendly movie that does not shy away from the spooks of Halloween. A perfect combination like this creates a classic (or at least one that is played on Freeform everynight in October...can *Halloweentown* relate?) and leaves you with a smile because of the relationship between brother and sister, and the demise of the evil Sanderson sisters. - Caroline Jantz

Halloweentown

Halloweentown is the cutest and most heartwarming Disney Halloween movie! Everytime I watch it, it makes my cold heart melt. The love between the Cromwell family is so sweet and the fun family dynamic makes the movie extra interesting! The kids especially make the movie fun with all of their shenanigans and rule breaking. The town itself even adds to the spooky Halloween dynamic! All of the different monsters and mythical creatures that live there contribute to a more festive plot. The villain makes this movie even better because you don't expect it to be who it actually is! The witches from *Hocus Pocus* are cool, but the villain from *Halloweentown* is better. The friendship between Marnie and Luke is also super cute and Luke's redemption arc is great. Overall, the family and the characters in *Halloweentown* are better than *Hocus Pocus*. -Elena Stojanovski

Sorry Caroline... looks like 62% of our IG followers agree with Elena

Make sure to follow

@al.spectrum on instagram for polls and other information

Foreign exchange student sees the evil in Halloween

Dear Ivan,

Halloween is approaching and I'm scared. In the United States they do this pagan holiday big. And from what I can tell it's just like the church says "pure satanism" disguised as costumes.

Halloween truly is corrupting the mind of the youth. Yesterday at the Target I heard a little 4 year old boy loudly proclaim that he was going to be Spiderman. My host family's daughter also told me how she was going to be a fairy princess. These traditions are instilling delusions of grandeur in the children and luring them over to the dark side.

Also something I find troubling

is that they just get candy by going up to a house in costume and saying "trick or treat". Parents just reward their children for dressing up in costume. By giving them a box of milk duds they're further positively reinforcing these satanic practices. As well as the fact that they do no work to earn their candy. Back home we had to plow the fields for 6 hours to earn just a morsel of clumped brown sugar. But here the children get 3 kilograms of candy in one night just for knocking on a couple doors. Lazy Americans.

And Americans take Halloween as an opportunity to mock death. I knew that this happened here but I had no idea the

scope. They put up plastic skeletons and gravestones as decorations. They make a complete mockery of death. Those plastic bones do nothing but make a mockery of our loved ones' memories.

While at times I will admit I admire American culture for a brief moment when facing down a mountain of bottomless fries at Red Robin. But then at times like these that they reveal their true colors and I once again remember how brainless and barbaric they truly are. And I become all the more anxious to return home to you.

-Your Aleksei

Looking Back on Hoco

As a freshman, the whole high school experience can be really intimidating. You've dreamt of what high school is like your whole life, even though your only references have been movies and books. High School Musical has even caused you to go into the year with high expectations for everything, especially school dances and romances.

I remember during my freshman year, I was super excited for homecoming. After all, I WAS basing everything I knew of school dances off of Grease and High School Musical 3. I thought I'd have a date to the dance, get a super nice dress, and have fun dancing all night. Let me tell you though, none of those things happened.

Homecoming puts so much pressure on everyone to have the perfect, well, everything. Boys have to ask girls to the dance in ridiculous and extreme ways so that the girls can post the perfect prom(hoco?) posal picture to Instagram. Girls want to have a date to go with, because going stag isn't cool and pictures with a date will get more likes on Instagram. Also, a gorgeous dress will make your homecoming post stand out from the hundreds of other homecoming posts. There's



Elena Stojanovski

so much pressure nowadays due to social media to make homecoming look like the perfect night, even when it's pretty mediocre.

I remember looking for a month to find the perfect dress for my first homecoming. Each dress I found that I liked was super expensive and wasn't even worth it to me, so I settled on a \$20 dress from Marshalls. As a senior now, I can tell you that buying a super expensive dress isn't really worth it because you'll wear it once and then it'll sit in the back of your closet.

Getting a date is also a dumb standard for high school dances. To all my ladies out there who think that they need a date to homecoming, please reconsider, because going to homecoming with just your friends is just as valid. It's just not worth it for a few extra pictures or to not be able to go with your own friends. Also, if you really want to go with a guy, just ask them yourself. The idea that only a guy can ask someone to homecoming is another stupid expectation.

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Best/Worst Halloween Candy

Marguerite Smith

The Spectrum Staff Writer

Although most students stop trick or treating around the age of 13, many of us still delve into the debate of the best and worst Halloween candy. Whether it's stealing the candy of a younger sibling or eating out of the bowl of candy your mom is making you pass out to children going door to door, everyone has their favorite and least favorite type of candy.

Statistically, some of the least favorite Halloween candy of the century include Smarties, candy corn, and Tootsie Rolls. Trick or treaters inevitably get so many Smarties every year, and they're great at first, but the human mouth can only take so many sour chalky candies. Candy corn is pure sugar and corn syrup, shaping into colorful triangles. To add to their lack of appeal, candy corn is coated in lac-resin: an insect secretion from a bug in Asia. Children who go door to door also end up receiving a lot of Tootsie

Rolls, and in most cases, they end up being the last type of candy left in the bowl. They're the easy way for people who don't want to spend a lot of money to pass out a lot of candy to trick or treaters.

From the same statistics, Sour Patch Kids, Snickers, and Reese's Cups are some of the favorite candies to receive on Halloween. While Sour Patch Kids aren't the most common type of candy, they receive high marks every year from consumers and kids. The heartiness of a Snickers bar appeals to many of the adults and children who consume them. Plus, it's easy for someone to go out of their way and buy the king-sized bars. The fun-sized bars are so small, so sad. Finally, the top ranking candy in America is Reese's Cups. In a not so close race, Reese's was top dog on all lists of American's favorite Halloween candy. Do we need to praise the purity of the Reese's Peanut Butter Cup? Indeed we do.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Aries, you've earned a little R&R. You've worked yourself nearly to the bone (ha) and it's time for a break.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Taurus, go get em! This month holds lots of excitement for you. Enjoy it!

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Gemini, take extra care to focus on your schoolwork. Don't let your grades slip because of things happening in life.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Cancer, take the risk you've been waiting on. Life is too short to play it safe all the time. No matter how it turns out, you'll learn something.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

Be more confident in yourself! This may be an odd thing to tell a Leo, but you are worth more than you feel sometimes.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Virgo, take some time to appreciate the beauty in the things around you. You tend to hyperfocus on the little, stressful things, but you should step back for a bit.

Libra (September 23-October 22)

A big month is ahead for you, Libra. Whether it's a sudden

change in outlook on life, or a drastic switch in your regular routine, be prepared: but don't sweat the technique.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Scorpio, you feel very self-assured sometimes, but down in the dumps other times. It's okay to go through fluctuations, but don't lose yourself.

yourself for it. Just focus on righting the wrong and learning from the experience.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

You may recently have had a sudden surge of ambition. Go as far as you can with it, Sagittarius: you never know where it may take you.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Capricorn, you've felt a lot of pressure lately. Listen to some music and remember that you should take care of yourself first and foremost.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

Aquarius, keep plugging away at whatever creative project you're working on. It will bring great things to your life.

Pisces (February 19-March 19)

Pisces, allow yourself to become more open with the people around you. It will be a good experience for all.

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Even after your perfect dress is bought, your perfect group is all figured out, and it's homecoming day, you still have to spend hours getting ready.

There's pretty much no point in getting ready, other than pictures, because your hair and makeup will get ruined at the dance anyways.

This brings me to my main and final complaint against homecoming, the dance itself. In past years, the dance was way too long. After taking pictures in heels for an hour, my feet were dead. When I heard this year that the dance would be only three hours, I was excited

because, well, my feet. But when I arrived at the dance, I found that they were breathalyzing. Breathalyzing is great a keeping the students safe, of course, but is very bad at making the line go quickly and effectively. I ended up waiting in line for a half hour to get into the dance, and since my group got there a half hour late, I only had two hours left to dance. The school should have accounted for the extra time it would take to breathalyze everyone to make the night go smoothly. Homecoming is just not very well planned,

and it causes everyone to be negatively affected.

Music is another main issue with the dance. Each student has their own style of music that they like, so it's understandably hard to pick the music or a good DJ. However, this year, the music was completely awful. The music has been bad in past years, but this year, I saw more people standing still at homecoming than ever before. All the music being played was music that wasn't necessarily bad, but music that you couldn't really dance to. That's what the dance supposed to be about after all, dancing.

I can't really tell you guys if homecoming is worth it because everyone has a different experience. What I can tell you, as a senior, is that you shouldn't worry as much about making homecoming look perfect because we all know that it's not. Instead, try and focus on finding a good DJ in future years and having the most fun you possibly can while surrounded by your sweaty classmates. Or maybe focus on having a fun, stay at home movie marathon instead.

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The Spooktrum Sports



Shoregal cross country wins D1 Districts for the first time

By Caroline Jantz
The Spectrum Sports Editor

History was made by the 2018 Avon Lake Girls Cross Country team at the District meet on Saturday, October 20th. Despite falling short to Avon at SWC's just the following week, the team found the strength within them to pull out a Division 1 victory, something that had never been done before.

"I was 99% percent confident

watching the girls finish that they had won," said head coach Rob Jurgens, "I generally don't pay too much attention

to the other teams and

just focus on my team. I sometimes kind of lose where the other teams are in the race, but I was pretty sure we had won. I did not want to celebrate too soon, but it was an awesome feeling."

The week leading up to the race, the mindset was focused towards Avon. The team looked back on the race to try and solve where they got beat in order to fix it for Districts, and they did just that.

"We had a talk and looked at the stats," said Maggie Jantz, sophomore

and top runner for the team, "We looked at what our number 4,5,6 and 7 runners could do to help pull out the win because every single runner is important. We focused on the things we could change in order to slip in front of those Avon runners."

Jantz, along with the 6 other runners on the Varsity team, did what they had planned and pulled out a win over Avon. Their 62 point score was accomplished by Jantz getting 6th, Riley Mullen

right behind her in 7th, Emma Sherban in 12th, Erin Boland in 17th, Alli Starr taking 20th, and Isabell Russell and Olivia Crimaldi right behind them in 22nd and 24th place. The top five's placements added up to the 62 points, and with the help of Russell and Crimaldi pushing Avon's fifth runner back to 28th, they secured the win.

"When we found out we won districts, it was amazing. Everybody was real hype before we found out, and we were really excited, but trying not to get too excited because the results were not in yet," stated Jantz on the reaction to their win, "But once we officially knew, we could not believe it. Obviously we were going in wanting to win but, Districts is a pretty big thing. We were in disbelief, especially considering this is the teams first Division 1 District title ever, and we did not believe it until we had the

trophy in our hands."

They moved on to the Regional meet where the team competed for a top 8 spot in order to move on to States. They entered the race with their heads up and held the same confidence they had for Districts.

Jantz shared her thoughts on what the teams goals were going into Regionals, along with some individuals goals, "I hoped that we would do are best and go in with our heads high, but also have fun with it and get as close to that top 8 as we could. For me, the top 28 individuals go to states, and I was looking to be in that top 28. It is a very fast race and you have to work hard at all times"

The state meet occurred on October 27th, where the girls placed 13th out of 24 teams. Leading the pack was sophomore Maggie Jantz who came in 43rd, just 16 runners away from qualifying for states, and freshman Riley Mullen who placed 49th. Although they did not make it to states and their season has ended, they have much to proud of.

"It was a fun and successful season and I'm excited to see how we can improve next year," explained captain Livie Crimaldi when asked about the season coming to an end.

The Avon Lake Girls Cross Country Team is exactly how you would imagine a successful team to act. They work hard at every workout and have such a close bond that they are almost like family, and those two mixed together create a team that is unstoppable.



Photo courtesy of Ron Jantz

The Shoregal Cross Country team after finishing Districts

Avon Lake Shoregal golf finishes the 2018 season strong

By Josh Kerner

The Spectrum sports writer

For the third year in a row, the girls golf team goes undefeated in their season. According to Paighton Masteron, the driving force behind this was how the team works together to overcome their challenges and reach their goals.

"Our team is really good at staying positive, calm, and are also really supportive. Our mindset is probably our greatest strength," said Varsity golfer Masterson.

Mrs. Frisch, the head coach, adds "The team had a lot of strengths: mental, ball striking, course management, putting, and



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Frisch

short game."

Going undefeated was also one of the team's goals, and they accomplished that, along with winning the conference championship for the third time in a row, and breaking every record this year. The way the team works well with one another also contributes to their astounding success this season.

Besides the teams overall success, one individual in particular had a very impressive season. Senior Paighton Masteron made it all the way to the state meet, where she got to compete with the greatest golfers down in Columbus. She ended up placing, 23rd (top 1/3) with a score of 81 on the first day and 77 on the second. Overall, that is something to be very proud of and Paighton is looking forward to continuing her career at the University of Cincinnati.

Caroline's Corner: The current state of Cleveland sports

As a Cleveland sports fan, I hold this truth to be self-evident: no matter how good the plan or how high the draft pick is, we will always be disappointed in some way.



Caroline Jantz

635 days and 19 games was the length of our beloved Brownies losing streak. Yeah, they had not won a game in 635 days. Yikes. As the 2018 season began and we started off with an unsatisfying tie to the Pittsburgh Steelers (But hey, we didn't lose!:) followed by a loss to the Saints, it seemed as if it would be another painful year. But wait! In comes rookie Baker Mayfield, and our hopes were restored as he gave us our first win in two years. The entire city of Cleveland rejoiced as we finally got to celebrate a victory and hope filled our naive minds as we began to believe that maybe, just maybe, the Browns will actually do well this year. And maybe I am just being overly picky and expecting too much, but the 2-4-1 record that this team holds after the exciting win is rather.... frustrating. But shouldn't I be ecstatic over the fact that we have not only one win, but two?! The competitive nature inside of me says no, but the Clevelander I am accepts it for what it is and is thankful to not be 0-16 for a second straight year.

Unlike the Browns, who have been disappointing Cleveland fans for well, a long time, the Cavaliers have succeeded in bringing joy to the faces of it's fans. Not

only did they end the long 52 year drought with a championship win in 2016, but they went to the Finals for four straight years! Granted, we only won 1/4 of these trips, but I, and every Cleveland sports fan, were simply pleased to have a team go that far in a season. Lets not forget about Lebron James. We are home to the best player in the NBA, and that is something we can be proud of forever despite him leaving the unpredictable weather of Cleveland for the sunny blue skies of Los Angeles. Entering the 2018-2019 basketball season I do not expect much. The Cavaliers will by no means contend for a championship and they might not even make it to the playoffs, especially since we currently are the only team in the East that has yet to win a game (0-6). From the looks of it, the season is going to be disappointing as the team tries to rebuild their franchise after losing their star and firing their head coach. You never know though, maybe they will surprise us.

Despite my love for basketball and Lebron James, I cannot deny that they take second place as my favorite sports team. Taking the #1 spot is none other than the Cleveland Indians, the team that brings me to tears the most (there is a video of me CRYING when Rajai Davis hit that two-run homer in game 7 of the 2016 World Series). But besides that, there is nothing better than sitting and watching a baseball game, and somehow the Indians

always find a way to make it interesting. Securing a spot in the postseason since 2016 created a greater love for the Indians in this city, and it has been a joy watching them compete for a World Series title. This season ended in disappointed as we lost to reigning champs, the Houston Astros, 3-0 in the Division Series. Losing is never fun, but it is even worse when you get swept (we know all about that this year though). So, add them to the list of teams I am disappointed in but still love dearly, for that seems to be the theme this year for Cleveland sports.

In reflection over the seasons so far and their end results, I am unaware of my exact feelings. Sure, I would love to see the Browns succeed more but, we have two wins! It's sad that I am celebrating that but, I've learned to embrace them for what they are. I miss Lebron, and I am not thrilled on how the Cavs are looking so far, but I'll keep my mind open. The Indians ending was rather disappointing, and something I did not expect, but I have hopes come March that they will be back and better with their sights on a World Series win. Over the years of being a Cleveland fan I've learned to look for the little victories and not focus too much on records or playoff appearances, but as a competitor, I want my teams to win and succeed. I guess I'm disappointed, but proud. But what is more Cleveland than that?

The Avon Lake 2018 fall sport teams were overall successful

Boys Football

Although they received their first loss of the season to the Bulldogs on the 19th, the shoremen have had a very impressive season thus far. Their final record is 9-1 and they will go into playoffs as SWC champs.



Photo courtesy of Ron Jantz
Shoremen athlete makes diving catch in game against Avon

Boys Soccer

The Boys Soccer team, after a successful season, ended with a tough 3-1 loss to the Avon Eagles in the District Semifinal. In spite of the loss the Shoremen had a fantastic season, and have much to be proud of. Their final record was 14-3-1 and 7-1-1 SWC, the best

regular season record in school history.

Girls Soccer

The Shoregals season came to an end as they lossed to Olmsted Falls 3-0 in a Sectional Championship Matchup. Their final record was 10-7-1, making it the fourth consecutive year for double digit wins.

Girls Volleyball

The Shoregals season came to an end as they lost to Magnificat 3-0 in the Sectional Finals.

Boys Cross Country

The boys cross country team continues to be successful, earning the 4th spot at the District meet to qualify for regionals. At the Regional meet they finished 20th out of 23 teams



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Avon Lake's mantra for the Shoremen football team



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Shoremen cross country runner running in a tough race