Spaghetti Supper Remains Strong!

By Lawson Patterson

The 73rd Spaghetti Supper and Homecoming Game at Montgomery Bell Academy had a tremendous outcome, despite a loss in football. With high expectations after last year’s game and supper, everyone was thrilled for this special night to be back. The event was announced three weeks in advance, and students were given their tickets to sell. Money collected from ticket sales went to benefit the school and also this year to help feed Nashville’s hungry. Special prizes, such as a Macbook, a Playstation, and a puppy, were awarded to students with the highest ticket sales. The highest seller chose first and then the second, and so on. Additionally, the highest sellers in each grade received a certain prize depending on grade level. As a way of bringing the whole MBA community everyone was made aware of the celebration. Plenty of tickets were sold and enough spaghetti was made so no one would go home hungry. Dinner was served from 5:00-7:00 pm, and carryout was also an option from 3:00-5:00 pm. The dinner was followed by a varsity football game against Brentwood Academy. Unfortunately, the team couldn’t put anything together and fell 29-0. While the game may have been a disappointment, the dinner was certainly not.

The week of the Spaghetti Supper is another MBA tradition known as Spirit Week. Each day of Spirit Week, there is a different theme for students to dress up accordingly. As another way of supporting the school, every student must pay $1 if he wishes to participate in the dress up for Spirit Week. The bake sale also falls upon Homecoming week; students bring in food for other peers to buy in the gym. Money raised from the bake sale also directly goes to support MBA. While a loss in football was a letdown, the whole week was filled with enough excitement and joy for the school. With much help from many volunteers, the Spaghetti Supper was ran smoothly. This event brought together an entire community for a night of good spaghetti and fun.

8th grader Charlie Graves wins first prize (the coveted puppy) for the most Spaghetti Supper tickets sold!

The 73rd annual Spaghetti Supper and Homecoming help to continue a timeless tradition of MBA that always brings together family and friends for a great time.
Big Red Carnival is a Big Success

By Lawson Patterson

The 14th annual MBA carnival had a favorable outcome. Numerous families, students, alumni, and newcomers came on campus to experience a great event. The Big Red Carnival featured many different activities such as face-painting, amusement rides, a bouncy house, and plenty of food to go around. The Big Red carnival also demonstrated students’ artwork for different types of sets. Food trucks were provided and the carnival also helped to raise money for MBA. The carnival received vital aid from both students and teacher volunteers who allowed the whole event to run at a smooth pace. Activities involving all age groups were present, providing an opportunity to bring the whole MBA community together.

Following an exciting pep rally on Friday, the whole school was prepared and ready, not only for the carnival, but also the MBA-Ensworth game. Various prizes were given away at specific events, and free food and drink kept everyone satisfied. Music was performed by musicians throughout all grades, giving the carnival another area of intrigue. Face-painting, animal balloons, and the cakewalk provided entertainment for kids of younger age. The reward games and amusement rides were an easy option for kids of the middle age, and each type of MBA boy found pleasure in something at the carnival.

The carnival is always followed by a varsity football game each year, and this year provided quite the excitement. After plenty of enthusiasm, the team was pumped up and ready not to disappoint. After halftime and the Big Brother-Little Brother event, the score was 7-10. However the score remained the same and, after a very close game, MBA fell to rival, Ensworth, 7-10. Still, losing to Ensworth only gave the Big Red more motivation for the next matchup against BA. Although the game was a disappointment, the carnival proved to be the highlight of the night. The carnival also had plenty of MBA attire and accessories with the Big Red store open. The carnival provides an early introduction to MBA for new families, excitement each year for students, and always a great event for alumni to come back and visit. Through it all, the carnival was still a great way to bring together the community for a night of fun and games.

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Spirit Week Images

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At Camp Laney, there are six high ropes courses. Some of them are scarier or more challenging than others. So, the person doing each will need encouragement from their classmates to complete the course. With the support from classmates come lifelong bonds and friendships.

One of the scariest and most challenging ropes of the course at Camp Laney is the Kamikaze, a giant structure that the group has to jump from to complete. The easiest part is taking off the harness after you and the group have jumped. At the beginning of the challenge, the group climbs up a huge rope and mesh ladder. Then the group climbs across a bridge that is only rope and wood, and next the group climbs to just a rope bridge. After the group crosses the bridges, the challenger has to do the scariest part, jump off. But first he/she has to get on a log and shimmy over to the jumping spot. At this point, the challenger is regretting that he chose to try to jump off this structure that seems 100 feet off the ground. But with a lot of encouragement from your group...the challenger jumps! For a split second, the person feels as if he is free falling and about to die. Then the harness catches him and swings safely to the end.

Another scary ropes course at Camp Laney is the Pamper Pole. This one is an old telephone pole that the 7th graders have to climb up. They have the choice between going to the top disc or going to the slightly lower platform. At first glance most people would just walk away and think that only crazy people would do that. Then they look at it a little more... and think the same thing. After a lot of time and lots of encouragement, the first thought that they may do this goes through their head. After more consideration, they decide that they are ready to jump. When first putting on the harness, they start getting the jitters. Then it is their turn, and they start climbing up the ladder and think this is not so bad. When they start getting a little higher, that thought is no more. But after a few seconds, they get to the platform or the disc (depending on what they decided to jump from). When they are on and stabilized they walk to the edge of the platform or the disc. When the time has come and they are ready to jump, they start to count down. 5,4,3,2,1, and right before go, they question if they will actually do it. Go! The 7th grader jumps. For a second he is scared out of his mind, but then he falls safely down to the ground and gets to have the accomplishment of doing that crazy thing.

In conclusion, the point of Camp Laney is to build friendships, not just to have fun. With the high ropes course, the 7th grader learns how to overcome fears and how to encourage your friends along the way. Camp Laney rope courses are some of the most scary, yet rewarding, experiences. Finally, even though, a student can get scared out of his mind, just remember we all will have more lifelong friendships.
Dodgeball and Cabins

By Frank Hancock

Camp Laney began when the buses pulled up to camp, the 7th graders got off, got their stuff, and went to their cabins. There were 10 cabins that the students used, each with a different name. There was not a lot of time spent in the cabins during free time. Time was mostly spent playing Ga-Ga Ball (or Pit-Ball as they call it at Laney), playing basketball, drinking Powerade, playing ping-pong, tennis, or maybe walking around. But probably the most fun part of the whole trip (besides the High Ropes Course) was dodgeball. The seventh grade played in the Airnasium on the far side of the camp. They had only two sessions of dodgeball, one each night. Both nights there were teachers on each team. The teachers who played every game were Mr. Simpson for the odd numbered cabins and Mr. Lawrence who was on the team of the even numbered cabins. The rules differed per game. One game might have Jailbreak rules, another Medic rules, or sometimes, a regular game. The seventh grade had a great time playing dodgeball every chance they could get. The highlight of all of dodgeball happened when a small number of students were left on the even team and there were 10-15 students on the odd team. The seventh grade was playing Jailbreak rules that round. One student from the even team chucked up a ball hoping that it would go in the basket, and he made it. All of the even team members rushed onto the court, and they were back into the game.

After dodgeball the seventh grade went their cabins where they showered, then they would do some activities like play a cabin game, play card, read a book, or talk with cabin members. One of the special activities that happened at cabin 16 was that Mr. Lawrence played his Native American flute every night when we were trying to go to bed. It was hard to sleep some nights because a seventh grader might have been homesick, or maybe he was worried about something.

Overall, Camp Laney was a great experience for the seventh grade because we got to know more of our classmates and have a great time. This experience brought the Class of 2023 closer together.
By Carter Ozburn

The Laney boat-building relay was a great team-building challenge. It required a seventh grade group of 12 boys to work successfully as a team and create a boat that not only floats, but also sails five laps back and forth on the river. Cabin 16 had a very interesting boat. As the group walked back to the cabin with the supplies, the members were feeling a little nervous. They had only an hour to build this boat! The first thing the group did was plan the boat. The group discussed ideas and important aspects of the relay. They soon realized that drawing a diagram really helped. Eventually the group decided between two ideas, making the boat square or canoe shaped. One of them drew a picture of both with scale and measurements, and we realized we could not make a canoe. After the group committed to the square boat idea, they started cutting. Coach Lawrence helped them cut and gave the group some helpful tips about teamwork. Next, they laid out the pieces and used duct tape to seal the cardboard onto the hull of the boat. After that, the group worked collectively on cutting just the right amount of plastic to fit the walls and sides. Finally, they gave the boat a name, the S.S. Couch. As the group carried her away, the cabin could not help feeling proud as they valiantly set her next to the water. They stopped feeling proud as the boat sank just as the crew jumped in. Even though they did not do very well, the group learned something about teamwork: If not all of the group participates in the challenge, they will surely fail.

One other thing they learned was how to listen to ideas. It was a little rough at first, but they soon were able to collaborate very efficiently. Maybe if they had taken a different approach to the boat, the team might have had different results.

The Camp Laney boat race was a great challenge, and this year’s seventh grade cannot wait to see how the next seventh graders will do.
Advisory Officers 2017-2018

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Creamer/Gillespie: Darin Hall  
Cooper/Wims: Charlie Graves  
McMurray/Killian: Ian Durelli  
Kesor/Spiegl: Robert Holliday  
Russ/Russell: Will Burke  
Simpson/Euverard: Larson Looney  
Roberts/Kimball: Gaits Buntin  
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**Seventh Grade**
Creamer/Gillespie: Reed Sullivan  
Cooper/Wims: Keen Zoller  
McMurray/Killian: Liam Campbell  
Kesor/Spiegl: Chase Thor  
Russ/Russell: Connor Carr  
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Roberts/Kimball: Andy Nunn  
Ellery/Sawyer: Dawson Bowling  
Anderson/Cirillo: Oliver Pilkinton  
Chauvin/Overton: Peter Xu
The Big Brother/Little Brother Service Day has become an MBA tradition. Held the day before fall break, the seniors and seventh graders engage in service projects in the neighborhoods surrounding MBA.

The service day begins with breakfast together.

Photos Courtesy of Big Red Photos
2017-18 Service Representatives

Creamer/Gillespie: Smith Zoller
Cooper/Wims: Jack Manning
McMurray/Killian: Max Buenahora
Kesor/Spiegl: Carter Ozburn
Russ/Russell: Hill Odede
Simpson/Euverard: Alex Owings, Hunter Johnson
Roberts/Kimball: Marshall Green, Rhett Hayles and Luke Murray
Ellery/Sawyer: Wren Jacobs
Anderson/Cirillo: Oliver Pilkinton
Chauvin/Overton: Simon Buenahora, Walker Stevens
Welcome to the Hill

New Eighth Graders

By Jackson Francis

At the start of this new year, the eighth grade gained six new students. They were accepted into the class by the former eighth graders. We are lucky to have new and amazing people come join MBA and be a part of the brotherhood. I have interviewed them to see how their experience at MBA is going. I asked each student the same questions, for example, “What is your favorite part of MBA?” Here are their responses:

Foster Pierce ‘22: My favorite thing about MBA is being able to play on the tennis team. My least favorite thing is the amount of homework. A big difference from my former school is the amount of homework. At my former school, I finished all my work at school. MBA is more than I had thought it was going to be. My favorite place to hang out on campus is the courtyard behind Massey. I do like MBA a lot.

Charlie Kost ‘22: My favorite thing about MBA so far has been the amazing community and helpful students and teachers. Everything so far has been great, so I don’t have a least favorite thing. MBA differs from my former school in the size of the campus, and the lunch here at MBA is a lot better than my former school. MBA lives up to what I’ve heard and, people’s descriptions of the amount of homework have been accurate. My favorite place to hang out on campus is usually the areas around Massey. MBA has been a positive experience and I am very happy here.

Harrison Jackson ‘22: My favorite thing about MBA is the environment that surrounds it. Everyone has respect for each other, and coming as a new student I was immediately accepted into the MBA environment. My least favorite thing about MBA is the amount of homework, even though I know it will pay off. MBA varies from my previous school in many ways; one of those ways would be the brotherhood that all the boys are part of and the bond that everyone had with each other. MBA is more than I thought it was going to be because I realized over my short time here, that everything is taken very seriously and effort is required or else you will not succeed here. My favorite place to hang out is most likely the Massey courtyard where junior school students play soccer at break and at lunch. Yes, I love MBA. I could not imagine myself anywhere else.

Darin Hall ‘22: The thing I like most about MBA is the atmosphere and the culture of the people, the campus, and the teachers. Everything has been amazing so far, so I don’t have a least favorite thing. I like MBA way better than my old school. MBA was more than I thought when I was first coming in. My favorite place to go on campus is the PL Room inside of Massey. Yes, I like MBA very much.
Welcome to the Hill

Jack Roberts ’22: I really like lunch and the study halls at MBA the most. There is nothing I really do not like, except maybe the homework. The main difference from my old school is that there is more homework at MBA than my old school. MBA is about the same as I thought it would be. I like to hang out in the Massey court yard. I like MBA a lot.

Dawson Atnip ’22: I like the excellence in athletics and academics at MBA the most. The thing I like least at MBA is the amount of homework you get. MBA is a lot more challenging than my old school. It was way more than I expected. The quad is my most favorite place to go on campus. I really like MBA a lot.

Landen Rucker ’22: My favorite thing about MBA is the freedom to do certain things around campus. I also enjoy the PL system during study hall, but my least favorite thing is the amount of homework. MBA is different because the classes are in different buildings. It is exactly what I expected including the work load. My favorite place to hang out is the PL area and/or the individual rooms in the library. I love MBA, and I am proud in my decision to come here.

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Black or White, never Grey
By The Third King

Roses are Red
Poems are hard
Maybe I should write
A short story.
Violets are blue
Short stories are hard
Maybe I should continue
This poem.
I don’t know what I should do, that I know is true
The lines are grey
They make us fray
But never black and white
That is my fright.
The Chick-Fil-A Crisis

By Matthew Hyde

Hello Gentlemen. Recently the Chick-Fil-A sandwich price has been raised from five dollars to six dollars. The price was raised for the sandwiches at break and at the football games. The average Chick-fil-a sandwich costs $3.05 at the restaurant. Many students made the excuse of “why pay two dollars more?” Now the argument is why pay even more? Way back when, the sandwiches were sold to MBA for $2.50. The reason the sandwiches were sold for less to MBA is that they were sold for educational purposes and free of tax. The company was not aware that MBA was selling the sandwiches for more. This situation meant that nobody was taxing the sandwiches. So now the government taxes all the sandwiches, and the school receives them for $3.64 cents. So, in order to receive the same profit as before, the school raised the price of the sandwiches by one dollar. Now, the school receives the same profit. People claimed that not as many students would buy the sandwiches at the higher price, but Ms. Hollifield disproved this theory. For Best Buddies she ordered fewer Chick-fil-a sandwiches and sold out, proving that even though the price of the sandwiches was raised, the demand for the sandwiches is still the same.

There might be a small difference in the number of sandwiches bought, but the school will still make more profit than if they kept the price at $5.00. From the student’s point of view, it is frustrating having to pay more for the same product. Students are upset that the school is asking for more money. Another argument is that paying six dollars is not convenient when the price was five dollars, and students didn’t need to bring an extra one dollar bill. Another inconvenience is at the football games many parents hand their children a ten dollar bill so the child can buy a smoothie and a Chick-Fil-a sandwich. Now, the child must decide between a smoothie or sandwich.

Personally, I am frustrated about this because I am not able to buy as much food as before. Students are saying that MBA should be fine with the previous profit figure and asking for an additional dollar is unnecessary. Many students feel disrespected and are saying that nobody wants to pay twice as much. For the school of Montgomery Bell Academy, Chick-fil-a sandwiches are seen as an investment and a source of money for service organizations and the school.

Musical Guns

By The Third King

The guns blazing,
Putting down all that listen,
Putting a sense of change in all survivors.
For the thousands that listen,
They learn from the bullets,
Of each and every single vibration.

Not much to learn from Mozart,
But beauty in every form comes in his art,
Not all bullets kill,
But all harm.
Some music you don’t learn from,
But all music is beauty.
Weather or Not: Weather/Climate Update

By William Curley

Lately in the news there have been disastrous hurricanes. This article is intended to inform you about them and why they are happening. I have not gone into detail about any one subject too much, but if you find something interesting, ask an earth science teacher or research that topic.

This season we have had many hurricanes. Some you will have heard of are Harvey, Irma, and Maria. The hurricane naming system can help you figure out how many hurricanes we have had this season so far. Each year names are picked, and the names then go down a list. The names start at the letter A, this year it was Arlene. If it happens that the list runs out of names, you would start naming the storms after the Greek alphabet.

Most of the hurricanes you have probably heard of occur in the Pacific Ocean because of the favorable conditions. The Pacific has a large expanse of warm water where hurricanes can form easily.

Hurricanes are formed over warm water, so global warming could be a cause in the increase of hurricanes. When climate change warms the earth, the heat absorbs into the ocean. When the water evaporates, it takes the heat with it. The warm water vapor then turns into a cloud, creating a wind current in the air because the air above the water is colder than below, and it is less dense.

Before it becomes a hurricane, the storm must be a depression, with winds up to 62 kilometers per hour. When winds read from 63-118 kilometers per hour, it then becomes a tropical storm. Finally, it becomes a hurricane. Once the storm becomes a hurricane, it is measured based on intensity. On the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale a level one hurricane has winds from 119-153 kilometers per hour. A level two is 154-177 kilometers per hour. This scale keeps going up to level 5, the worst on this scale.

The Glencore Earth Science book states “To people living in the Indian Ocean, they are cyclones. In the North Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea, the Gulf of Mexico, and along the western coast of Mexico, the strongest of these storms are called hurricanes.”

Hurricanes can be formed on any expanse of warm water on any part of the globe.
Dear Gabe,

How did you manage to get through the seventh grade?

Thanks for your help,
Bewildered Seventh Grader

Dear Bewildered in need of the Wise,

To be honest I barely did. From actually having to do homework to getting good grades on exams, the seventh grade was hard. First, I met my friend coffee, which is God’s gift to exams but, of course one mistake I made was I did not manage my time well. Two things that you must prioritize are sleep and homework because without homework you fail your class and without sleep you fail tests. Oh, and IPS is going to be OK if you just work at it...don’t worry.

Good Luck,
Honest Gabe

Dear Gabe,

I heard you could help me out. Is 8th grade as hard as the 7th?

Thanks,
Eighth Grader hoping for a better year

Dear Hopeful,

8th grade is really tough but it depends on your personality. If you adjusted well in the seventh grade, it will probably be harder; however, if it took you a second to really hit your stride and start to grow, I think eighth grade won’t be that much tougher.

Hang in there,
Honest Gabe

Dear Gabe,

What are mixers like throughout the year?

Sincerely,
Clueless Socially

Dear Soon-To-Be Confident Socially,

imagine your younger sibling’s birthday party with strobe lights and a giant wall that specifically separates girls and boys with literally no crossover, and you have yourself a perfectly functional mixer.

Best of Luck, Honest Gabe
By KJ Scruggs

**IT (2017)**

We can all agree that clowns are scary, right? But there is no clown scarier than Pennywise, the shape-shifting evil dancing clown who plagues the children of Derry, Maine, every 27 years. Bill Skarsgard plays Pennywise in the new remake of *IT*, the story of seven children from Derry, Maine, who must face Pennywise. They have to overcome their personal fears and band together to defeat the evil clown. The original *IT* was made in 1990 and based on the Stephen King novel of the same name. The 1990 movie trailer looked really good. Within the first ten minutes of the movie, *IT* was intense and scary. When Pennywise makes his attack on poor Georgie in the first scene, you know this movie won't be terrible. Anyone can agree that the 1990 version wasn't as scary the 2017 version. If you're planning on watching the remake, don't worry. It's not all scary. The 2017 version includes comedy that will have you laughing at the most unexpected times. So, if you're looking for a movie to watch that will have you at the edge of your seat at every moment, I suggest watching *IT*. The only thing left to ask is, *what are you afraid of?*

**Happy Death Day**

Tree Gelbman, yes, her name is Tree, is a college student who wakes up in the bed of a college student named Carter on her birthday. As the day goes on, she has a feeling that she has already lived through this day. At night, on her way to her surprise birthday party, a masked killer attacks her, and she wakes up in Carter's room unharmed. She learns that she must keep dying and living the same day over again until she finds out who her killer is. Each time she dies, she finds out who she really is. She starts off as mean and self-centered, but by the end of the story, she has changed drastically. I will not spoil who the killer is, but he/she will definitely blow your mind.

**KJ’s Horror Movie Recommendations**

Here is list of horror movies you should definitely see - *Jigsaw, Snowman, Leatherface, and World War Z2.*
This year MBA chose to do George Orwell’s *Animal Farm* as their competition One-Act. The cast, consisting of Harpeth Hall and MBA students, performed in Maryville, Tennessee on Friday October 27. The story follows the pigs, Napoleon, played by Jack Capizzi, Snowball, played by Lillian Stowe, and Squealer, played by Harrison Kidd, as they struggle for political power after the farm owner, Mr. Jones, played by KJ Scruggs, is expelled from the farm. Soon after Jones is expelled, he comes back with other farmers to try to take over the animals. The animals win the battle, and Snowball and Boxer the carthorse, played by John Powell Cooper, are awarded for their valiant efforts. Snowball then makes the principles of animalism which every animal is to live by.

After this there is much debate among the pigs about how to run the farm. Snowball comes in with a light approach wanting equality and education for all, and most importantly she wants to build a windmill to help produce labor and electricity. Napoleon and Squealer do not like this idea and throw her out of the farm. Next, Napoleon goes through with the plans to build the windmill. This project makes many characters, like Clover, played by Isabelle Kohler, suspicious since he had spoken so strongly against the idea of building a windmill. After the windmill is destroyed by wind and rains, Squealer uses this event as an opportunity to turn the animals against Snowball, saying that she had come in the night and had destroyed the windmill. Soon after, Napoleon convinces the animals that there are traitors among them, and Napoleon has these “traitors” executed. Then, one of the principles of animalism, which was previously “No animal shall kill any other animal” is changed to “No animal shall kill any other animal, without reason.” This rule change and other rule changes like “No animal shall sleep in a bed” becoming “No animal shall sleep in a bed with sheets” and “No animal shall drink alcohol” changing to “No animal shall drink alcohol, to excess” cause the farm animals, especially Clover, to lose trust in Napoleon and Squealer. Later, Boxer is injured because of being overworked, and he is said to be

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taken to a hospital. He is really taken to a horse slaughterer. After Boxer’s death, Napoleon and Squealer become what is against animal rules to become, a human. In addition the one-act competition, Animal Farm was also performed at the MBA theatre November 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. The cast appreciates the support shown during these performances.

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Congratulations to the cast and crew of George Orwell’s Animal Farm, MBA and HH’s entry in the Tennessee Theatre Association’s One-Act Competition. Our production won First Place in the state and First Place for Technical Excellence as well. Additionally, senior John Powell Cooper won Best Actor honors, and senior Harrison Kidd and junior Lillian Stowe were named to the All-Star Cast. In March, the troupe will move on the Southeastern Regional Theater Competition in Mobile, AL.

TOH Meetings are every Tuesday in M21!

Writers Wanted
Project Octopath Traveler Review

By McConnico Sharpe

Greetings fellow gamers, today you are reading a review about the Project Octopath Traveler demo for the Nintendo Switch. Although the game won’t come out until next year, a free demo is available the e-shop now for download. The game’s focus is that the player can choose among eight different characters to play as and as each character you can add the other playable characters to your party. The demo allows you to play as two of the eight characters, Olberic and Primrose. Olberic’s story is about a knight who discovers the whereabouts of the man who killed and betrayed his king. Primrose’s is about a girl seeking revenge for the death of her father. Each character has a special ability, Olberic can challenge people to duels, and Primrose can lure NPC’s to fight in your party. The combat system is a standard RPG turn-based battling which I think is fun in its own right. The graphics are very unique with the game’s background being very realistic and beautiful while the characters and items are pixel sprites. I think it adds an interesting element to an already unique game.

The stories are also very well written and acted. One of the best things about it is that the developers send you a survey after you complete the game so if there is anything you did not like about it, you can complain!

I thought the demo was very fun and interesting, so if you have a Nintendo Switch and some free time on your hands, I would suggest you check it out!

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Fall Semester Exam Schedule

**Wednesday, December 13 - Latin/ Grammar-Vocab**

**Thursday, December 14 - Math**

**Friday, December 15 - History**

**Monday, December 18 - Science**

**Tuesday, December 19 - English**

**Wednesday, December 20 - None**
The NFL Protests

By Jackson Francis

This NFL season has been one to remember. The NFL has never been connected to politics in such a way ever before. This situation all started with Colin Kaepernick in 2016 during the NFL preseason. Colin Kaepernick was the former backup quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers. On August 14, 2016 the 49ers were playing a preseason game against the Houston Texans. Colin Kaepernick did not play because of a sore shoulder. Colin was dressed down, and was on the sidelines with his teammates and coaches before the game. What was going to happen next would change the NFL forever, and have a big impact on the country. During the national anthem Colin sat on the bench. Many people do not know but Colin actually sat on the bench during the national anthem for two preseason games before he started to kneel. Colin did not get too much attention for what he was doing until he kneeled. On August 27th the 49ers were playing the Green Bay Packers. This was the first game Colin was dressed ready to play. This game was different. Instead of sitting on the bench Colin Kaepernick took a knee during the national anthem.

This action sparked national attention to what Colin was doing. After the game during the press conference, Colin explained why he knelt by saying, “I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color,” (Christine Hauser, NYtimes, 2016). Before the next game against the San Diego Chargers, Eric Reid took a knee with Colin. This was the last preseason game. Even though the preseason had ended, Colin’s protest had not. He knelt during every 2016-2017 regular season game. Colin gained a lot of attention. Every news station was talking about him, and more and more players joined Colin’s protest. The 2017-2018 NFL season, almost every NFL team has players kneeling. A big reason for the increase in protesters is the comments that President Trump made that caused a major reaction. Many NFL players felt disrespected and were very upset. This response caused many more players to protest and many other forms of protest. Players took knees, others were locked arm in arm with each other, but three teams took the protests a step further. The Tennessee Titans, Seattle Seahawks, and the Pittsburgh Steelers stayed in the locker room during the national anthem.

Because of these protests, the NFL’s ratings are down, TV viewers are down, ticket sales are down, and the stocks of the major networks that have broadcasted NFL games are falling, too. Even Vice President Pence went to a NFL game. He flew from Las Vegas, Nevada, to watch the San Francisco 49ers play the Indianapolis Colts in Indianapolis. President Trump asked Vice President Pence to leave if any players disrespected the flag. Many believe that it was a publicity stunt. The 49ers have the highest number of protesters of any other team in the NFL, so he most likely knew that he was going to see protesters, but no one knows for sure what Vice President Pence’s motives were for going to see that particular game. Eric Reid was very vocal after the game calling Pence’s walkout a “publicity stunt.”

Many people think that Colin’s protest is dishonoring the flag and the country, but that is not what Colin or other NFL players are kneeling for. They are protesting the racism and oppression towards people of color in America. Colin even says, “I am not anti-American. I love America. I love people. That’s why I am doing this. I want to help make America better.” (Billy Witz, NYtimes, 2016). Eric Reid also says, “If I need to say it every time y’all ask me, I will. This is not about the military. This is Continued on page 20
not about the flag. This not about the anthem,” (Cindy Boren, Washington Post, 2017). The players are using their platform and their stature to bring to attention to what is going on in America. They are speaking for the people who do not have a voice. There have been many prejudiced killings in America. There are still many places that have systemic oppression. There are still many prejudice people in America. Many players are saying they cannot stand for a country that oppresses people and shows inequality and unfairness to people just because of the color of their skin. They are taking a knee during the national anthem because it is a song that celebrates the country.

The good thing about this protest is that it brings racism and inequality to many people's attentions. It puts the idea and the discussion on the table, but there are some flaws to this protest. Everyone has said what he is protesting for, but no one has created or said a plan on how they are going to fix what they say is wrong in America. No one has created or said a plan on how they want to make America better. They are only protesting and that's it. They get asked why they are doing it, but they never say what they are going to do about it. Another flaw is that no one has taken the initiative of leading this protest. One of the reasons the Civil Rights movement was effective is that they had strong leaders who led and guided them. They talked with the government and the President on how to make the situation better. They held speeches and protests that made people believe it was going to get better. Nobody is leading this protest. No one is making people believe what they are saying will get better. People in government are not taking them seriously. They did a good job bringing the matter to attention, but the next step is what is going to be done to solve it, to make it better. Until someone takes the lead and has a strong plan to fix things, and actually tries to put it into action, this protest will continue not to be taken seriously.


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New York Yankees: What a Season!

By Ingram Hitt

One of the most exciting topics in baseball this year was the New York Yankees and their young talent, who make up the “baby bombers.” Baby bombers is a play off of the Bronx Bombers. The two most exciting young players on the Yankees are Aaron Judge and Gary Sanchez. Aaron Judge is an outfielder with great power, and Gary Sanchez is a rare player because of his great hitting ability as a catcher. Gary Sanchez got off to a great start in 2016 after getting called up. This year, Aaron Judge set the record for most home runs in a season by a rookie all-time with 52. Throughout the year, the Yankees were in a tight race for first place in their division with the Boston Red Sox. Although the Yankees were not able to win their division, they sneaked in as a wild card team. After defeating the Minnesota Twins in the wild card game, the Yankees had to face a tough Indians squad consisting of three great pitchers Corey Kluber, Trevor Bauer, and relief pitcher, Andrew Miller. The Yankees were able to get through this tough team, but next faced a young Houston Astros team with one of the best lineups in the league. After a rough start, down 0-2, the Yankees came roaring back at home with three straight wins. Todd Frazier’s and Aaron Judge’s timely hitting helped the Yankees get the series to 3-2. The Yankees ended up losing the next two games in Houston and were eliminated. Though not the end they would have wanted, they went farther than they were predicted and did very well especially because they were considered underdogs in both the Indians series, and the Astros series. Didi Gregorius, the shortstop for the Yankees, had a very good season and ended up batting cleanup by the end of the season. Defensively, Gary Sanchez did not have a great season but made up for it with his bat. The late addition of Todd Frazier was a good one because of his ability and his experience. One of the coolest things this year was the section of Yankee Stadium that was turned into a jury box. Every time that Aaron Judge would get up to bat, this section would rise, like a judge telling a jury “all rise.” Overall, it was a successful year for the Yankees, and one they would hope to build on.

2017 MBA Golf Season

By Reid Smith

The MBA Junior School golf team had another successful season in the Harpeth Valley Athletic Conference. The team battled hard and finished the season at 12-1-6. The four highest scoring averages for the season competed in the HVAC tournament at the end of the year. The golfers with the four best scoring averages were Reid Smith (1), Max Hastings (2), Jack Manning (3), and Pierce Hill (4). The team fought hard, but took second as they fell short to Ensworth for the second year in a row. The team had 3 finishers inside the top 10, which gave Ensworth a run for their money. Highlights of the season included William Cook and Charlie Kost both having eagles, a low round of 33 from Reid Smith, and having two 7th graders on the team, Owen Flanagan and Frank Dinkins. Flanagan and Dinkins have gained experience over the season and will be ready to lead the team next year to a hopeful HVAC victory.
JS Cross Country

By Matthew McMinn

On Thursday September 28, the MBA Cross Country team ran their HVAC championship race. The team started their season in August. They ran on hot days and rainy days. The Cross Country team ran strong throughout the season with several first place finishes and were expected to do well in their championship race.

It was a sunny day, the temperature outside was 80 degrees, and there was little humidity. It was a perfect day for running. When the gunman shot the gun, a BA runner started in the lead. About a quarter of the way through, MBA’s runner Hall Griffith passed him along with some other schools. At the three quarter mark Hall was in second place right behind Ciro Albamont from St. Matthew. MBA had three runners place in the top ten. Hall Griffith came in second place right behind Ciro Albamont from St. Matthew. MBA had three runners place in the top ten. Hall Griffith came in second place, Oliver Pilkinton came in sixth, and Jacob Huizinga came in seventh. The first place team was University School of Nashville (USN) with 66 points. In second was Brentwood Academy (BA) with 67 points, and MBA came in third with 71 points. This is one of the closest HVAC championship races in recent years.

To conclude the season, Coach Elijah Reynolds, the head Cross Country coach, talked to the team after the race. The runners huddled around him excitedly. Coach Reynolds congratulated the team on their season. During the races each runner ran faster than he ever thought he could. Coach said he was proud of the improvement of the individual runners and of the team overall.

Although we didn’t come in first, Coach Reynolds says he was happy with the turnout of the season and enjoyed seeing the team improve. According to Coach Reynolds, “A good Cross Country runner is one that has dedication, focus, toughness, and patience. They have to delay success and know that winning comes from hard work.” Coach Reynolds is hoping that the seventh graders that ran this year will run again next year. He says that this will get us a guaranteed win next year.
ROW RED ROW!

By Ian Durelli

The MBA Junior School Crew team ended its fall season with a regatta in downtown Nashville this past weekend. The Junior School team had lots of rower this year. The eighth grade team consisted of Alex Allen, Arthur and Nicky Bennett, Carson Mire, Carter Gold, Dawson Atnip, Devan Durrett, Illan Paez, Ingram Hitt, Jace Breeden, John Dayani, John Gray Egbert, McConnico Sharpe, Noah Wisniewski, Ryan DeCoster, and Wilson King. The seventh grade rowers were Alex Deerkoski, Andrew Dovan, Andrew Smith, Ethan Bandaccari, Fletcher Robinson, Henry Lee, Jude Tumminello, Orman Nimmo, Parker Johnston, Peyton Alexander, Reid Groomes, Robert Carpenter, Simon Cian, Smith Zoller, Thomas Billups, and Vincent Wang.

There was a high school regatta on September 30 in Clemson, South Carolina. Along with the collegiate 8 boat that faced college teams including Clemson, there were varsity boats and novice boats that raced. Ryan Decoster, John Gray Egbert, and Ian Durelli were honored to participate in some of these races in Clemson. Ryan and John Gray took home a gold and bronze medal while I sadly only took home a silver and bronze medal. The Varsity 8 boat I was in placed second after SOMEONE caught a crab. The Novice 4 with Ryan and John Gray won Gold after a strong finish beating the Peachtree City Rowers by four minutes. The Novice B four boat had Ryan and I both rowing, and John Gray as our coxswain. We placed third, only seven seconds behind the other MBA novice boat. We would have gotten a silver medal for that race, but I caught a crab that probably cost us about twenty second. So yeah… my bad.

The regatta downtown was a regatta for both seventh and eighth graders. John Gray and I rowed in a high school regatta there also and won second to another MBA boat. In this regatta, I am not going to give names, but the SAME person that crabbed in the Varsity boat in Clemson crabbed yet again in our boat this week. The Junior School A boat with Ryan, Wilson, Orman, Devan, Carter, Noah, John Gray, and I, placed first. The other MBA junior school boats rowed well, too.
7th Grade Football

By Nate Cantrell

This year’s 7th grade football team was very successful with a 4-1 record, their only loss coming to a tough Central Catholic 8th grade team. They didn’t allow a point against other 7th grade teams. With a speedy and strong-armed quarterback, Marcel Reed, the team had a strong passing attack. To go along with that, they had a hard-to-tackle halfback, Zane Thompson, to balance the play calling. Defensively, this tight defense consisted of an aggressive defensive line, tackle-magnet linebackers, and lockdown defensive backs. The 7th grade football team came together to persevere through a tough schedule.

In the first game of the year, MBA’s 7th grade football team blew out Mount Juliet Christian Academy 42-0. This shutdown defense didn’t even let up a first down! In their second game, the team was scheduled to play Central Catholic’s 8th grade team on a Thursday night. Just before the coin toss, this game was rescheduled because of a tornado warning and lightning strikes within a five mile radius of Father Ryan’s football field. So, nine days later, the 7th grade team played the McCallie Blue tornadoes. They won 32-0 in part to yet another massive defensive effort.

The following Monday, it was the rescheduled Central Catholic game, eleven days after the previously scheduled game against the bitter rival. Catholic came out firing on all cylinders and at halftime, Central Catholic was winning 18-0. After a comeback, the score was 26-24. Marcel Reed just threw a bullet to Claiborne Richards for a touchdown. It was time to go for two. Central Catholic’s defense wrapped up Zane Thompson to win the game. After a sad loss for these 7th graders, it was time for the next week, when they played Brentwood Academy!

BA is MBA’s most bitter rival. Nothing can replace the contention between the two schools. And now, the 7th graders, for the first time, experienced this intense competition. This young MBA football team came out firing. And they kept firing, and MBA beat BA 36-0. Now they were confident, but they knew if they got too confident they would have a rough game against Christ Presbyterian Academy. CPA had a mobile quarterback and tough running back. But they didn’t stop Montgomery Bell Academy’s 7th grade football team! The game was another victory for this youthful team, yet another blowout, winning 36-0.

After a prosperous year for MBA’s 7th grade football team, they were hungry for another year of dominance. Bring on the 8th graders!
8th Grade Football Season

By Will Burke

The Montgomery Bell Academy 8th grade football team had a successful season this year. The team started out strong with a great turnout at the summer workouts. Everyone that could make it showed up on time and put in the necessary work to better themselves and the team. When mandatory practice started in August, the team started to work on plays and team chemistry. After a month of solid work in practice, the team had their first scrimmage against Lipscomb Academy at MBA. The Big Red trailed in the first 3 quarters but made a comeback in the 4th and won the scrimmage.

We continued to practice hard and soon faced our next opponent, Mt. Juliet. They proved to be a tough test for the team. Mt. Juliet was up by 20 in the first quarter, but the Big Red took back the lead and in a head-to-head fight Mt. Juliet won the football game 48-46.

After this devastating loss, the MBA 8th grade team took on The McCallie School, showed that hard work pays off, and crushed them at home.

We took the following week to prepare for our first road game against Farragut. These Farragut boys looked good on the field and played hard, but they were no match for the Big Red and we took this crucial road win. This bus trip served as great bonding time for our team.

From the moment this season began, the team had been getting ready for this next game against the Brentwood Academy Eagles. You might say this game could have ended up a little better for the Big Red because for some reason the team just was not ready for the Eagles. The team suffered a devastating loss against them, but regardless, they played hard.

The football team was fired up about losing to our biggest rival, BA, and was ready for the next game against CPA. MBA fought hard but ended up losing to CPA in a low scoring, defensive showdown.

Based on numbers, some people might say this season was disappointing. However, the team, the managers, the coaches, and anyone who got out there and watched this group of boys know that we work hard, play hard, work well together, and have a lot of potential as a football team.
Junior School Riflery

By Carter Ozburn

Junior School riflery started off with a bang. Our first practice was a three-hour safety course. Then we started shooting for score. During riflery, we shoot both paper and electronic targets. Our first paper targets were large and easy to hit. Now our paper targets are tiny and very difficult to hit. Electronic targets are the second kind of target, which are connected to a computer that displays the scores to the shooter and to the audience. The scores of one shot go from one to ten. The highest score for a single shot is a 10.9. Junior school matches are three by twenty shots. We shoot twenty shots in all three positions, standing, kneeling, and prone (laying down). Prone is the easiest because you have the most contact with the ground. Kneeling is second-easiest because you have good contact with the ground. Standing is really hard because you have very little contact with the ground. The average score for prone is around 170. The average kneeling is 150. The average standing is 120. I have had so much fun with riflery. I have made many new friends and even though I am not the best shooter, I love being a part of the team. I would highly suggest signing up for riflery. For more information talk to Max Buenahora, Reed Ruccio, Carter Reynolds, Parker Bowling, Henson Moore, Noah Higgs, Cole Steanson, Chanden Climaco, Reed Sullivan, Parks Asbury, or me, Carter Ozburn.

Try to Cry Over the Symphony
By The Third King

The crack of the whip
And my head still sinks.
Many years spent on a trip
Not to hear that whip.

I try to ignore the devil’s sound,
But it’s around every corner.
I can’t show a crowd
Or I hear the devil’s symphony.

Gladly here I am,
Without that infamous song.
But some part of me mourns
Over the Devil’s pit
From which I left.

My soul droops
When I look into the Devil’s abyss,
For all those stuck down
In the fiery pits
Of Society.
Fall HVAC Season

By Darin Hall

This year’s Junior School 2017 fall HVAC tennis season was a great success. There was a large team this season led by the number one player Hunter Johnson, and followed by Peter Xu, Foster Pierce, Anson Anderson, David Han, Sam Elasy, Kavin Lewis, Braden Zeigler, William Gu, Hogan Walker, Jack Cheek, Penn Andrews, Jackson Rishel, Carter Welch, and Darin Hall. It was an undefeated season, ending in the team winning the HVAC tournament, hosted by Ensworth. This year was the second in five years for the Junior School team to sweep the HVAC tournament completely. The team faced the University School of Nashville, Brentwood Academy, Ensworth Middle School, Woodland Middle School, Poplar Grove, and McCallie. All wins were by a large gap, each player being an essential part of each one of the wins during the season. Practices were always filled with fun, games, and drills, all preparing the team for their future high school years as a tennis player for MBA, or for their next year in eighth grade. Each player worked hard every practice: improving their skills on volleys, making first serves in, ground strokes, overheads, or whatever the player needed to guarantee another victory for MBA. Although the season was short, friendships and memories were made throughout the team, and bonds have been forged that will never be broken. This season was great, gentlemen, so good job to the tennis players, and go Big Red!
Congratulations to the 2017 Microbe Tennis Team, HVAC champions!

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