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• Jeans for teens— bring in your old jeans!
• Prom committee every Tuesday in Mrs. Bryant’s room.
• February 17-20th no school— winter break.
• There are super fan t-shirts left over! See Mr. Bowers for more details.

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What’s up with the weather, Monroe County?

If you don’t like the weather in Michigan, wait five minutes and it’ll change! The saying has held much truth throughout the 2011/2012 year. Although Monroe County didn’t see a white Christmas, there was plenty of wild weather to make up for it. The 2011 year was the second worst year in the past 31 years for rain, according to Evening news records. Rainfall totaled to more than 47 inches in the year alone. If the rainfall alone wasn’t bad enough, two major floods took place during the year— one in the spring and one in the fall. The beginning of the year started out with 26 inches of snow within the first two months. This is much different from the end of the year— not even an inch of snow has fallen for the Christmas season. However, there have been brief flurries throughout the current winter season.

The weather in Michigan seems to have an indecisive mind of its own. One minute it’s snowing and the next its raining. Welcome to Michigan, folks!

(Article by: Jenna Cocagne)
Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Ida

Hunter Cole started the second quarter the right way, scoring two points for Mason. With an amazing save of the ball by Blade Bowman, Skaggs was able to push to the basket and set the score at 20-17, putting Mason even farther ahead. The Mason boys appeared to be on a roll when Brent Bodie shot a 3 point basket. Ida kept close behind, and continued to play as hard as they could possibly muster-forcing the boys to keep their heads in the game. Sure enough, at half, Mason was ahead making the score 35-29.

At the start of the 3rd quarter, Ida was quickly catching up. Deal found his head and stole the ball back for Mason, enabling Skaggs to shoot a 3 point basket. Mason kept their lead alive by a thread with 38-35. Ida, striving to win, caught up with 3 minutes left of the 3rd quarter. Mason quickly regrouped and Skaggs scored for the team putting the score at 40-38. With electricity in both teams’ veins, Ida’s number 20 made the shot that tied the game to 46-46 at the end of the third quarter.

With the win on the line, the Mason boys picked it up and Skaggs shot the 3 point basket that pulled Mason ahead once again. With the crowd on pins and needles, Deal fought his way to the free throw line. With cheers of encouragement from the crowd, he made both of his shots putting the score 51 Mason, 48 Ida.

The Mason cheerleaders riled up the crowd and had them on their feet. With the crowd cheering, Skaggs made his way to the free throw line once more and skillfully made both baskets. With 2:05 left in the game mason was ahead with 59 points, and Ida was behind with only 53 points.

Ida’s boys were giving out free foul shots it seemed, and Brent Bodie emerged at the free throw line. With the score already 59 Mason, 55 Ida, Bodie pulled through with another basket for mason. Dustin Lewis soon followed him, making both of his shots.

The boys delivered a fire filled game and took home the victorious win for Mason. The crowd was thrilled and even stuck around to congratulate the winning players. The final score being 62 Mason, and 57 Ida. Go Eagles! (Article by: Jenna Cocagne)

Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Blissfield

At jump, Blissfield took the ball and the Mason girls started hard on defense. Blissfield scored the first two points, but Paige Stark pushed hard to Mason’s basket and Sarah Kohler, in turn, made a great attempt to score some points. However, not getting rebound, the girls returned to their position on defense. Once again, Stark pushed her way down the court and allowed Katie Cerveny to shoot a three point basket for the girls team. With the score 3-4, Blissfield winning, Mason was on the score board. Kellsie

Cousino then shot another basket, pulling the girls ahead. The ball went back and fourth down the court until Blissfield broke away and shot three points for their team. The score was 5-9, Blissfield ahead at the end of the first quarter.

Second quarter kicked off with hard offense and stellar defense by the Mason girls. Sarah Kohler shot her way to the free throw line and shot a basket for the girls. Blissfield played hard and kept the girls alive and on their toes. Katie Cerveny kept the girls on the board with yet another two point basket. The ball was mainly in Blissfield’s court until Stark stole it back and enabled Cousino to shoot; with another two points, the girls were staying alive with the score 10-26, Blissfield winning at half time.

The third quarter took off and the ball seen both sides of the court as it went back and fourth. With a burst of energy, Blissfield took off and shot multiple points. Stark shot a basket for mason; however, setting the score 12-32, in hopes of catching up.

Amanda Ellison got an amazing rebound and shot the ball, giving the girls two more points. Blissfield responded and shot multiple baskets in return. Mason pushed hard and showed great hustle managing to keep the ball on their side for quite some time. With the score 14-38, the girls sparked their energy and kept up as hard as they could manage. Stark shot an amazing three point basket with just seconds left. making the score 17-43.

Seconds into the final quarter, Stark found herself at the free-throw line and shot two foul shots, putting two more points on the board. The girls then resumed hard and great offence. The ball flipped back and fourth once more and Laura Gomez finally broke the tension with an amazing steal and brought the ball back to Mason’s basket. Stark broke the stagnant points and shot the final basket of the game. The clock soon ran out leaving the final score at 21-45. Good job girls!

(Article by: Jenna Cocagne)
All Things Student’s

Growth of The Eagle’s Eye!
As some of you may know, the newspaper is now being printed off! Copies can be obtained in Mrs. England’s office throughout the day or during lunch! Each copy is FREE—support the school newspaper and pick one up!

e2020!
e2020 and after school tutoring have started. The program will run Monday—Thursday from 2:45-3:45. Students please report to room 242.

Family Swim!
Family Swim is every Wednesday that school is in session. Certified lifeguards are on duty at all times! It only cost $1.00 per hour! 7-9 P.M.

Food:
School Lunch for the week of 2/6-2/10

2/6:
- Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup
- Chicken Tenders
- Buffalo Chicken
- Chicken Fajitas
- Southwest Chicken Wrap
- Chicken Tortilla

2/7:
- Bosco Sticks & Sauce
- Country Fried Steak
- BBQ Jack Burger
- Chicken Taco Salad
- Turkey Club Wrap

2/8:
- Popcorn Chicken
- Stromboli
- Bacon & Bleu Burger
- Steak Quesadilla
- BBQ Chicken Wrap
- Broccoli Cheddar

2/9:
- Bosco Sticks & Sauce
- Four Cheese Ravioli
- Spicy Chicken
- Beef Empanada
- Veggie Sub
- Vegetable Beef

2/10:
- Chicken Nuggets
- General Tso’s/Eggroll
- Pulled Pork
- Tex Mex Bosco Sticks
- Buffalo Chicken Wrap
- Santa Fe

Drivers Ed Segment 11!
There will be a segment II drivers ed session in January for students who have had a level 1 license for 90 days.

“Experiences is the name that everyone gives to their mistakes.”
- Oscar Wilde

Teacher of the week:
Mrs. Bryant

“Shes a great teacher– she doesn’t give us a ton of homework and goes easy on us freshman.” - Logan Griffin

Star Student:
Logan Griffin

“While Logan does get frustrated in class sometimes– usually with me, he never gives up on an assignment. If he does it wrong the first time, he will keep asking questions until he gets it right! I will always be proud of anyone with that work ethic!” - Mrs. Bryant
The moon is actually moving away from Earth at a rate of 1.5 inches per year.

To sell your home faster, and for more money, paint it yellow.

Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel in 1952, but he declined.

The only king without a moustache in a deck of cards is the king of hearts.

Q-Tip Cotton Swabs were originally called Baby Gays.

In Florida, Penalty for horse theft is death by hanging.

Nose prints are used to identify dogs, just like humans use fingerprints!

A quarter has 119 grooves on its edge, a dime has one less groove!

Each day, up to 150 species of life become extinct.

The ant can lift things 10 times its own weight.

Recycling one glass jar, saves enough energy to watch T.V for 3 hours!

McDonald's is the world's largest distributor of toys.

Every two seconds, a person in the United States is in need of blood, and one in every seven patients in a hospital requires a blood transfusion. There isn't a substitute for human blood, making the donation process very crucial to society. However, only 3% of the U.S. population donates blood.

The December school blood drive this year was a complete success! With the majority of the time slots filled, it was easy to achieve the quota of 40 students donating. While the actual donating process took about ten minutes, students were required to sit at the canteen (food and drink area) for about ten minutes as well. Students munched on a variety of snacks and also had their choice of water, lemonade, or tea to drink.

A giant thanks goes out to all the students and staff who donated blood this time around, as well as the student volunteers who took time out of their school day to help out!

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The brain has two sides, as everyone knows—left and right. What everyone might not know is that each side learns and experiences things in different ways. Some people dominantly use the right side of their brain, some the left—but what does that really mean? The left side brainers are often thought of as the logical, thinking, analytical people, while righties are considered as the dreamers, the artists, and the musicians of the world. So which are you?

Pick which of the following applies to you, then count up the L’s and the R’s—L for left, R for right. When complete, look beneath the answers for more characteristics of your brain side.

1. I constantly look at a clock or wear a watch
2. I keep a journal or diary of my thoughts
3. find it hard to follow directions precisely
4. I frequently change my plans and find that sticking to a schedule is boring
5. I believe there is a either right and wrong way to do everything
6. To find a lost item, I try to picture it in my head where I last saw it
7. I frequently let my emotions guide me
8. People have told me that I'm psychic
9. I learn math with ease
10. When I'm confused, I usually go with my gut instinct


Characteristics of a Right side brain:
- Prefer visual instructions with examples
- Good at sports and art
- Like to read fantasy and mystery stories
- Can listen to music or TV while studying
- Like to act out stories
- Enjoy interacting affectively with others
- Think better when lying down
- Become restless during long verbal explanations

Characteristics of a Left brain:
- Prefer things like instructions to be done verbally
- Very Logical
- Need total quiet to read or study
- Like to read realistic or action stories
- Prefer individual counseling
- Usually do things in a planned orderly way
- Can think better sitting down
- Attentive during long verbal explanations
- Prefer well structured assignments over open ended ones
- Likes to be Organized

Maieutic means to bring out latent thought, and that is essentially what I plan to do with this new column—bring up interesting and not commonly thought about subjects! I hope to create engaging articles that people will enjoy reading!

-Molly

Maieutic Musings

Yelena remembers nothing of her life as a young child, only living in the orphanage with the other children. She remembers harsh, seemingly pointless tests of dodging sticks and rubber balls that slowly became swords and knives as she grew older. She was educated, at least, and she knows the law of Ixia well enough—Anyone possessing magic abilities will be immediately executed, regardless of age. Though she isn’t in prison for that, she knows another law—murderers are hung, regardless of the situation. For killing her benefactor’s son, she will suffer this fate. Or will she? The law that condemns her may also save her. For there is one other law—The next person in line for the noose must be offered the job of the food taster. Is a poisoned life really a life at all? Well, its better than the noose.

(Review by: Molly Siedlecki)

Book Review: Poison Study

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Amusement

Nikka's Guide to Procrastination

1. GET COMFORTABLE!
   Couches, beds and armchairs all provide the perfect atmosphere for procrastination.

2. MAKE AN EXCUSE!
   "I got abducted by aliens!"
   "and they brought me home really late... So I went to bed instead of studying..."
   "Make an excuse to use for later... just make sure it's believable."

3. DO SOMETHING FUN!
   "DIE... YEEES..."
   "Video games, TV, books, car rides, the mall, hanging out with friends... all good alternatives to actual work!"

Artistic Ideas

Do you have an amazing idea for a comic strip or artistic article? If so, e-mail the staff at: TheEaglesEye@hotmail.com. Be sure to include a detailed description of the comic or clear, thought out ideas. If you have an article idea, elaborate!

- The Eagle’s Eye staff
Want to place an add?

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Welcome back to another year of being a Mason Eagle. This year, we have a new goal. We, as the new school newspaper staff, want the students to have a voice. To achieve this goal, we have brought to Mason Senior High a school newspaper for every student to send in their opinion or questions to be read. The Eagles Eye staff will do our best to answer questions and to respond to your opinions. We too, are students of this school; we know that it can be aggravating to not be heard. This paper is to help students learn to have a voice, not only in the school, but in our community. We have the right to freedom of speech, so why not exercise that right? **SOAR TO EXCELLENCE!** 

*Chuck Hatch—President and Publisher*

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**Letter to Chuck**

Dear Chuck,

Finding a parking spot that’s not in the very, very back of the lot is like pulling teeth from a toddler. The parking job’s these people make are insane. They park sideways, taking up nearly three slots and some just blatantly park in the middle of two spots. It’s as if the lines mean nothing to them. Why don’t they have some sort of ticket issued to them? I know its school property and whatever but how come they get to break parking laws and crap just because it’s a school parking lot? Its starting to get on my nerves. Can’t administration have like monitors or something at the very least?

- Annoyed Senior

**Chucks Response:**

Dear annoyed senior,

As you can see in this photo, it will be a lot of work to fix the whole parking situation. Maybe half of the school slept through Drivers Ed, segment I when Mrs. Adams was teaching the parking ordeal. I, personally, have taken the class which was taught by Mrs. Adams- so I know for a fact that it was taught properly. A lot of it has to do with the carelessness of the students. When we figure out how to fix carelessness, we may be able to fix the parking lot.

- Chuck Hatch