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Bonneville High School

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POETRY CONTEST

The School Newspaper Staff has an exciting announcement. We will be hosting a poetry contest for the next issue of our newspaper. If you would like to enter, email (or hand deliver) your original entry to Mrs. Berni (room 107, saberni@wsd.net) by the end of February. The winning entries will be printed in our next issue. Some of the English teachers have even agreed to offer extra credit for entries and/or winners (double check with yours).

SWEETHEARTS DANCE

Love is in the air. Come dance the night away with the current "love of your life." Or just hang out and enjoy a night out with your friends. The dance is from 8 to 10 pm on the deck. The theme is Falling Like the Stars. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Hope to see you there.

MIDTERMS

Looking ahead, midterm grades are posted on Wednesday, Feb. 12, just in time for your parents to ground you for a really long weekend. (There is no school on Friday Feb. 14 or Monday Feb. 18.) Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday Feb. 20. If any of this news makes you worried, perhaps it is time to get your butt in gear and get those grades up.



Photo by: Lexi Michaels

Chromebooks Have Arrived, Have They Helped?

by: Hannah Folker

Hopefully you noticed there was a big change here at Bonneville last month, and that was the chromebook switch! On Dec. 17, students got their very own chromebooks.

The process of getting and setting up the chromebooks mostly took place in the English classes and was kind of a hassle. Some issues were that some of the Chromebooks were dead, some had functionality issues, some students weren't here and had to get them later... Despite the issues, once everyone got theirs it soon became an easy thing for the most part.

This switch is a big deal for everyone here, and a lot of things will be changing. Perhaps the biggest change is the one made to the Wi-Fi network.

You would have to be living under a rock to have not noticed that the school district Wi-Fi is no longer available for the personal devices of students.

Junior Rylee Streeper said, "The change did not really affect me because I did not often use the

Wi-Fi before the switch, I mostly just used my own data. If I did not have my own data, I could see the change as being very frustrating for some students because sometimes the school Wi-Fi just won't load. It is nice to have a backup."

School Wi-Fi isn't the only potential draw back of the Chromebook switch. Some students have problems trying to connect to their home Wi-Fis as well.

Sophomore Bailey Maw said "I haven't been able to connect to home Wi-Fi so all the assignments I've gotten, I can't do." She also said, "I would rather sit down and write a whole six pages than type it because I hate using chromebooks... I like writing by hand."

In general, giving everyone a chromebook is nice because students will always have a way to do their work. Of course there could be problems when students forget to bring them, forget to charge them, or leave them behind in classrooms.

Sophomore Fischer Bowcutt said "They're easy to carry around... but it's kind of unnec-

essary for some people, overall though it's a positive thing."

Most students agree that there are both negatives and positives when it comes to the Chromebook switch.

Sophomore Nathan Jeffries expressed the ambiguous feelings of most students when he said, "The worst thing is I don't have an excuse for why I didn't do my homework. The best is that it is a portable charger, but I don't really care for it."

Almost everyone has something good and something bad to say about the switch, even the teachers.

Social Studies teacher Kyle Bullinger said, "I like how easy it is to run a digital classroom. No paper assignments, no Chromebook lab bookings; everything available to kids at all times, but kids forget to charge their Chromebooks.

For better or worse (mostly better), the Chromebooks are here to stay, so you might as well get in the habit of charging yours and bringing it everyday!

Does a Grade Really Reflect Learning or is it Just a Letter?

by: Aspen Franks

School: something defined as “an institution for educating children.” However, others have different speculations about it. The real question is are we here in school to actually learn and develop from this.... or are we simply here to earn a passing grade?

I’m sure everyone will agree that education is different than it used to be. Curriculum has taken an extremely sharp turn in recent years.

Despite the changes, one persistent question is, “Is anyone actually learning anything here in school?” Truly, it depends on the student. Say a student isn’t interested in a class...

It can be difficult to focus on a class that just doesn’t interest you. When students are more concerned

with their interests than with general education, they can show up to school and class everyday and not actually learn anything.

On occasion, the mere act of making it a routine to show up to all of your classes can pull you through the parts that do not interest you, but sometimes it is not enough.

Nowadays it seems like schooling is make it or break it. Senior Hudson Iverson stated, “I feel like I have learned so much in high school but I feel like I have learned more about social skills than becoming more ‘book smart.’ In my opinion, you can get a lot further in life learning how to talk to someone successfully than learning stuff out of a book.”

Berni would like to delicately point out to Hudson that “learning how to talk to someone success-

fully” may have been a skill he perfected in her COMMUNICATIONS CLASS!!!

Senior Tommy Martinez said “I have learned a lot while being in school. I have learned how to do certain math equations, but I didn’t necessarily care about those parts of my knowledge.” What Martinez meant by this statement is that, although he has learned a lot throughout the years of being in school, he does not think any of it will be used in the future.

What many teachers find ironic is that most students don’t seem to understand the transferrability of skills. Just because you may never need the quadratic formula, doesn’t mean you will never need to problem solve.

Would students be happier knowing that they have learned the material or that they passed the

class? Which seems to be more valued these days? Senior Mckell Birch said, “I would be so much more happy learning instead of just receiving the passing grade.” Shouldn’t students be more concerned about the simple fact they have actually learned something rather than worrying about their perfect GPA? Social Studies teacher Brent Strate thinks so, “Students should be focused on learning, but I think their main concern is graduating.”

Both are important to maintain and I believe both can be achieved. Passing may be most important to one person, but learning may be most important to another, but at the end of the day we, as the students, get to decide where we take these achievements.

So to answer the question... Are we here to learn or to pass?

Don’t Worry Be Happy: Learn to Bounce Back with Resiliency

by: Sunny Sudea

What is resiliency to you? And why is it important to have that type of characteristic? There are different types of ways to show resilience. Resiliency is when you don’t back down; it is the will to try and try again and continue to fight for that dream or goal you need to reach and achieve.

I interviewed students and teachers here at Bonneville High on what resilience is to them and this is what they said. Makell Knight, a senior, said resiliency is “your willingness to take a step back after being beaten down... it’s important because its the key to living. You have to be willing to bounce back, and continue your journey. There is so much more in life than sleep, eat, and work. There are moments that are tough, but you are the only one to decide how you are going to trudge

through the mud. Whether its a toxic relationship, family member or situation- you decide what’s best. It’s time to fight back, remember your worth.”

When asked, Spanish teacher and LIA adviser Skyler Kendall said, “It’s how you respond to challenges and failures and bounce back. It is important because all of us experience failures and that’s what separates successful people and happy people from unhappy people who are unsuccessful.”

Resilience is the will to recover quickly from difficulties and hard times, it is important because it can get you through the tough times in life when it comes to stress and other obstacles that test one’s mental ability and physical ability.

Increasing your resilience helps you become stronger and learn to overcome the hardships such as losing a job or a loved one or maybe even not getting accepted

into a college you applied for. The way you react to those types of hardships will determine how good your resiliency is.

There are five pillars of becoming more resilient, one- self awareness, two- mindfulness, three- self care, four- positive relationships, and five- purpose. Building up those five pillars in life will help you become more resilient and help you better your coping mechanisms when it comes to trials and failures.

When you don’t build a strong resilience, you may take things to heart easily, such as constructive criticism, or even a huge tragedy that you aren’t prepared for. And not having a strong resilience to rely on will make you shut down mentally and become depressed or sometimes even suicidal depending on the situation.

You will feel like it won’t get better or it was the worst thing that

could happen in life. You could start to feel unmotivated and trying again or getting back on your feet may seem useless or not even worth the effort.

If everyone had a weak resilience, things would not change in the world. If everyone stopped at the first try and failure of something, we wouldn’t have most things in life such as electricity and light bulbs. The world would be a failing society.

Resilience is a very important characteristic to have; it helps you get back up if you fail; it helps you realize that if you fail you can keep trying and trying until you succeed in what you want.

Resiliency is what makes members of a society believe they can do anything they put their mind to and they can. Everyone has their own definition of what resiliency is; it’s up to you on how you use it.

Strange Experiences in a Strange Land

by: Olga Tamtura

Cultural differences sometimes can be very confusing for both natives and foreigners. It is not a big secret that American culture is completely different from, for example, European countries, and it can cause a huge misunderstanding.

Being an exchange student, I’ve already experienced a lot of interesting and unusual things and every day brings me new challenges. To be honest, I am sure that I will never get used to some things; however, I really like others. The best motto for a person facing a new culture is “Not better, not worse, just different.”

The first thing, which really confused me, is American’s huge love towards cold. Intensive air conditioning drives me crazy sometimes. Keeping cold temperature inside the building both if the weather is hot and really cold was the first thing which really weirded me out.

Air conditioning is used in Ukraine and other European countries as well, but usually we use it when it is extremely hot outside and we want to keep a comfortable temperature in our homes. I guess the biggest difference is the definition of comfortable.

Heaters start constantly working in the middle of fall and the reason for it is still the same. Furthermore, we usually add ice to our drinks only in summer, when we really need to cool ourselves off. For the first time it seemed really strange to have more ice than soda in your glass and, honestly, I still can’t get this.

Cars, cars, cars and, one more time, cars! Can you imagine your life without them? I think it will be just impossible. Of course cars are very popular in Europe, but not as popular as they are here in the U.S. Firstly, teenagers are allowed to drive only at the age of 18 and



there are no exceptions to this rule.

Secondly, not every person or family can afford to have their own car. Good cars are pretty expensive in Europe, so, sometimes, people just don’t want to spend too much money. There is a much cheaper and pretty comfortable option for them - public transport.

Forget about this stereotype that public transport is only for homeless or really poor people, because in Europe this thing is pretty popular. In comparison to the cars, it is really cheap and in the big cities it is much faster because of the traffic jams. .

Another strange thing, that really confuses me is wearing your usual footwear at home. To be honest, it doesn’t make any sense for me. Home is a special place for us and we just can’t allow wearing the shoes, which we were wearing outside, there. There is a clear reason for it - with your footwear you bring all the dirt and germs you have gathered during the whole day to your home and you continue spreading them everywhere.

We think that doing this is unacceptable, that’s why all our outside shoes are usually kept in the small closets or shelves. At home we always wear house slippers, but some people prefer to stay shoeless. This habit of ours really helps to keep the floor clean and safe (at least, it makes us feel more satisfied).

Americans are known to be very friendly and open-minded people. Of course, I consider these traits to be positive, but sometimes they seem to be overused. When my host mom met a complete strangers at Walmart who started a conversation about family, health, and other personal aspects, I was sincerely confused.

You will never see such a situation in the European countries. Moreover, usual “Hi” to a stranger or even smile or eye-contact seemed very unusual for me. I am not used to that, because in my country and all European countries I have visited, people are not that open and due to the differences of mentality. They are not that open and easygoing.

We may seem very serious sometimes, but that is not always true. Usually, we just prefer not to show our real feelings or emotions to a person we know nothing about.

Exploring cultural differences is both very funny and educational. That’s why traveling is really exciting. Sometimes, it is really important to get out of your comfort zone and look into another culture. Living your usual life in your country, you will never completely enjoy your life.

Travel, be brave, be ready to accept challenges and dip into the new unforgettable emotions.

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We are always looking for amazing writers, artists, photographers, music lovers, food lovers, and sports enthusiasts. Or people who are just all-around fun. See Mrs. Berni in room 107 if you would like to join or send her and email at: saberni@wsd.net.

Struggling to Cope with Divorced Parents? We Can Help!

by: Hannah Folker

A lot of kids are dealing with divorced parents or other issues at home. It's a huge issue that adds a large amount of stress to students.

It's hard to make time for yourself when your whole world is changing, but there's some simple things you can do to make sure you're doing okay, and trying your best to be happy.

One of the easiest things to do is just stick with your daily routine, things around you may be changing, but it'll help remind you that some things will stay the same. Although the emotional turmoil can seem extreme to begin with, what is most important to remember is that whatever happened between your parents is not your fault.

It may seem like a cliché thing to say, but sometimes we naively assume that we had something to do with their decision to call it quits. Not only is that simply not true, but it can be potentially damaging.

The next best thing to remember was summed up well by

Sophomore Kyra Fish who said, "It gets better, and friends help you get through it."

Focusing on what makes you happy will help distract you from everything going on. Taking time to make sure you're okay will help with some of your emotions, and try not to isolate yourself, cutting everyone off and constantly being alone isn't going to do your mental health any good.

Don't drain yourself of all your energy though, you should still take time to yourself, but you shouldn't be constantly isolated. Sophomore Mary Nichols said "Talk to people about it; it's good to hear what other people have to say. I sympathize with anyone going through that no matter when it occurred. It's difficult, but there's always something around the corner."

Talk to people you trust. Talking about what's going on and how you're feeling is a good way to deal with the emotions you're feeling. Look for activities you can do by yourself or with friends, going out and doing things will help you concentrate on other things instead

of just what's going on at home. Here are some activities you can try...

Working out. It'll help direct your focus on your body and what you're doing. Working out is super good for your health, and you can do it with friends. Working out with friends is always a good idea, not only does it increase your accountability, but it also gives you a venting buddy.

You can build muscle, relationships, and emotional resiliency all at the same time. It can also help with the whole "routine" thing. If it isn't already part of your routine, build it in.

Writing is another good option, you can write out what you're feeling: poetry, a story, or just something that makes you happy. Journaling isn't a bad idea either. Sometimes just getting your feelings down on paper for no one else to see can help release some tension and help you begin to deal with those emotions instead of burying them or hiding them.

You can find a new hobby to take up like painting, cooking, knitting, hiking or reading. Those

are traditionally calm hobbies, but whatever calms you is totally fine. Maybe that is skiing, bouldering, or mountain biking.

Heading out and going shopping or to dinner with friends, is super fun and you'll be with people who care about you. People who can make you laugh, even when you're upset, are amazing to have around.

You can even do something as simple as starting a new TV show. Your focus will be directed to what's going on in the show rather than what's going on around you.

There are many things you can do to cope, but like I said before just focus on you and what makes you happy. Your mental health should always be your top priority, especially when you're going through rough patches.

Sophomore Whitney Stewart said, "Don't get so depressed about it because you get two Christmases, two birthdays, and two Thanksgivings!" Parents divorcing is always rough, but, like Stewart said, you get two of everything, and there's always people there for you.

I Miss You; Why Are You so Far Away: Long Distance Relationships

by: Lexi Michaels

For so many years we had to sit through the same super boring internet safety video. Many of us also had plenty of talks with our parents as soon as we started getting on the internet whether that was on Facebook or on internet games with public chat rooms.

All of us by now have heard the same repetitive lessons on not giving out our names or addresses, but why do we find it more acceptable to make friends or romantic interests online than the generations before us?

Catfishing is still a very real, very prevalent thing. However, us

Gen-Z-ers, as the generation who cannot remember a time without the internet, are a little better at vetting the people we meet online.

With video calls and photo searches, we have a lot of the necessary tools to determine if we are talking to the real deal. I know many of us have watched MTV's show *Catfish*, and there is some pretty sketchy people on this Earth.

Another very real truth is that anxiety is on the rise. As teenagers who have social anxiety with face-to-face interactions, we are much more comfortable meeting, talking to, and becoming friends with strangers online rather than IRL. I feel like this is okay because we

know what is okay to share with strangers and what is not.

Can online-long-distance relationships be the same as a face-to-face connections? Isaac Wright, a senior, says yes. Wright has been with his girlfriend who lives in Indiana, he said, "I feel like long-distance relationships are pretty much the same, we have a ton of ways to talk... We talk to each other every day."

The only thing about an online relationship that may be difficult would be getting to meet in-person. Junior Janae Rock has a long-distance friend in Taiwan.

They had a chance to meet face to face in the summer of 2018, but

things just did not work out, Rock said, "We tried really hard to make our schedules work, but we just were busy at the opposite times. We still talked for quite a while online during that time."

Sometimes making friends is hard, but there are chances all around you to have a lifetime friend. If meeting them online is your preference, then more power to you.

With all of the ways to protect yourself online, there is minimal risk to meet people there. By getting online friends it may also give you the confidence to make a face-to-face friend.

The Reality of Customer Service: Why Are People So Hard to Deal With?

by: Aspen Franks

As a teenager, finding a job can be stressful. Not only are there not many varieties to choose from, but there are also many trials that come along with having a job in high school, particularly a customer service job and yet, that seems like the only type of job available for our age group.

Going into Customer Service, no one can truly anticipate all the extra stress that is about to be added onto a student's life. From trying to go to bed early after getting out of work late, to trying to finish homework before the deadline, the list goes on.

Balancing a full schedule at school while having a job can quickly get complicated. Some students are even taking harder classes such as Concurrent Enrollment or AP, and the heaps of homework do not make it the easiest task. At times certain companies do not

care how much school work a student may have, their only concern is that you come to work and get the job done.

This seems fair, but in reality it is the most stressful part of it all. At that point you are being taken advantage of, always put your school work before anything else. School will have your back in the long run especially if you decided the job you have was only a job, not a career you wanted to keep forever.

Senior Ashlyn Collins, who works at Walmart said, "Having a customer service job doesn't fully affect my focus on school, it does get in the way of doing homework sometimes." Which is completely accurate. At times students get too far wrapped up into work that they forget homework that is due the very next day. It is not an easy upkeep to manage.

Junior Ambry Brown said

"Having a highschool job has at times caused me to go into work instead of working on my school work."

Brown also said "a pro to having a customer service job is always having money, being able to go out and do stuff, and a con is missing out on highschool activities and not being able to have time for my school work." At certain times some forget they are also still in highschool and do not enjoy those special moments.

Not only can focusing on homework become a struggle, but customers can also decrease your mood. A lot of the time customers are not exactly understanding about the fact that this might be your very first job. Learning simple customer service skills does take a little amount of time.

At times when you may mess up, customers can cause you to feel like you have just caused World

War Three for messing up their hamburger. The truth is it is not at all that serious.

Senior Tommy Martinez said, "Stress has also come from having to always be polite to customers that don't give respect in the way that I am required to give to them." Dealing with these sort of customers can be a hard thing to get used to.

These all fall into line on the debate about whether or not having a highschool job is worth the stress.

If you do happen to have a job in high school always be sure to prioritize school very first. These are only jobs for some after all, not your future career. Don't take on too much at once or that could cause you to burn out.

Always maintain your personal care including stress and whatever else having a job in highschool may cause.

We All Want to Be Popular, But is it Really Worth It?

by: Sam Holmes

When you search the definition of important, three definitions come up.

Number one is "likely to have a profound effect on success, survival, or well-being." Second "having high rank or status." The last one is usually only used in the art world. It means is the piece of art, "significantly original and influential."

So if we want to answer this question we need to pick a definition to go with the word "important."

They always say not to put people into categories. (I don't know who "they" are but I always hear it from somebody somewhere.)

But when it comes to high school, if we often feel that if aren't in a category then we don't

fit in anywhere. This is one of the many reasons high school is just so confusing.

They say to stand out so that others notice you, but at the same time, you have to fit in so you still have friends. The first day of school is stressful because of the social part of it. What group do I fit in? Am I smart? Can I sing, act, draw?

It seems like one wrong move is all that stands between you and a ruined reputation or a nickname you never really earned. No one will care to talk to you and see if it's true because they are convinced they already know you.

In a survey of ten Lakers, five people said that popularity is not important. The other five were a little iffy. They said popularity was both important and not important.

That means that the importance of popularity is, in and of itself, not

a popular opinion. Oh the irony.

Principal Brock Mitchell said, "Being your own person is more important." Mitchell also said "People hide behind masks to protect themselves and it's sad." I fully agree with that. Whether our mask is social media or other people, the masks are there.

A few months ago, I deleted all my social media accounts. When I did this, I realized I didn't have as many friends, if I were to only count the people I actually talk to in person. I think all of us would be in the same boat. One day, the popular people will notice how many "friends" they really have when they leave high school.

Adam Thomas, a sophomore, said, "Most of these people that you are trying to be popular with, you will never see again, or hang out with after high school." The psychology teacher, Carly Lloyd,

agrees, "No one cares out of high-school."

Though teens don't always agree with adults, I think we can take this from them; don't worry as much now because it won't matter later. We will always care, but it shouldn't be a big thing and so negative.

You're always one decision away from a totally different life. Your future is based on the consequences of the decisions you're making right now, whether they are good consequences or not. I think we should throw out the first two definitions of important and look at importance from an artist's perspective. We need to view ourselves and everyone else as "Significantly original and influential."

Unsurprisingly, the stereotypical high school popularity is not important, be yourself!

Frozen II Has the Potential to Thaw Your Heart

by: Aspen Van Vliet

Frozen 2 is the sequel to the first movie, Frozen, which came out in 2013. Frozen 2 came out November 22, 2019. It was going to come out on the 27, but the date was pushed forward.

One of the best parts of Frozen 2 was the animation. It showed beautiful ice sculptures, amazing colors. The animation was definitely developed well since the first movie, showing even each fiber in Elsa's gown.

This movie showcases the relationship between Elsa and Anna as they went on their adventure to save Arendelle. It is a movie about sisterhood and empowerment, and about building each other up in

order to succeed.

One of the interesting parts of the movie was the songs. Although the numbers didn't seem to be quite as powerful as *Let It Go*, the soundtrack was catchy and showed the relationship between all of the characters.

Carly Lloyd, psychology teacher, said, "I really liked it, I watched it five times. I thought it had more of a mature vibe than the first movie. I liked that it touched on issues that we are seeing today with climate change. I thought that the songs were better than the first movie, and Olaf was a treat."

Frozen 1 got a 90% score on rotten tomatoes and an 85% audience score. Frozen 2 got a 77% score on rotten tomatoes and a

92% audience score. This movie shows some of the backstory from the sisters and their family, and helps the audience to understand the history behind each character, especially Elsa and Anna.

Trey Campbell, a sophomore, said, "I liked Frozen 1, but I actually preferred the second movie. I liked to see Olaf's character development throughout both films."

Another good thing about the movie is seeing how each character changes and develops. This is a movie everyone has been waiting for for six years, and although the soundtrack didn't get quite as much attention as the first movie, Frozen 2 actually got better audience ratings than Frozen. The audience rating shows just how much

people were waiting for this second movie, and wanted to see more of each character.

Sarah Harbertson, a sophomore, said, "I thought it had a lot more meaningful scenarios. The second movie relates more to people than the first, and it touches on things that are sensitive in people's lives but was probably more helpful to people in that way, and the songs were a lot better."

It seems that the second movie had a more meaningful, powerful reaction, and the first movie was more catchy and fun. Overall, this movie was entertaining and I loved having a chance to see it.

If you haven't seen it yet, venture "into the unknown" and check it out.



We Must Know: Did Anyone Actually See the Live Action Movie *Cats*?

by: Daeja Cowan

The *Cats* movie was a flop in the box office, the movie did not make as much money on the opening weekend it only made \$6.62 million.

This may seem like a lot of money, but when you consider how many big name stars were in the movie and all the work that went into production, this is actually a measly payoff.

The movie failed to make a connection with the audiences, one of the reasons why it didn't connect was because of the creepy human-like cats.

As soon as the first trailer dropped the internet was awash

with people commenting on the creepy cats. Everyone wanted to throw in their two cents.

Nobody wants to see human-like cats. It was weird seeing a human body face, and fingers that talked and danced like humans, but also looked like cats.

I'm sorry I'd rather watch a movie of real cats running across the stage and doing cat things instead of watching this film.

Universal Pictures did rush the film so there were a lot of mistakes. For example, parts of the CGI were off, like the hands. They forgot to be consistent with the hands. So in one shot an actor may have fur and claws and in the next, just normal

human hands. They also forgot to add whiskers which made the cats look even more human and less cat-like. Kind of a big deal in a movie called *Cats*!

The other weird thing with the movie was that the other animals were disproportionate when it came to their height. In order to make a movie great you need to make sure the world you are building is immersive for your audience. That means the other animals should have had proportionate heights to a real cat. This call just did not work in the director's favor.

A lot of the actors in the movie didn't even end up watching the film. Taylor Swift, James Corden,

and Jennifer Hudson have claimed that they have not seen the film. That's not a very good sign for the movie.

We did finally find one person who saw the movie. Senior Melina Rosser said she and her friends went to see the movie because, "It looked kinda funny." Rosser said, "I didn't really understand what was going on. So much was happening and it was hard to focus on the storyline." As far as the infamous costumes, "They were horrible. It could have been a lot better."

So there you have it, if you choose to go see it, make sure you go in with the right expectations.

It Pucks That NUI Hockey Season is Over!

by: Tyler Smith

In the fall, NUI (Northern Utah Independent) Hockey checked the season off to a start. The teams are made up of students in the Weber School District, but it is independent of Bonneville High School, although four proud Lakers are on the NUI Hockey teams.

JV started off their first game in early September and wound up the season in mid-January. Overall, they had a rough season with a win/loss record of 1-12. Some highlights of the season were: their 9-0 win against Oquirrh JV, Brohler Rogers' two minor penalties for cross checking, Harrison Gailey's major penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct, Tyler Smith's Major Penalty for Boarding, and lastly Rogers' fight with Grant O'Neil that ended in ejection from the game for both players.



NUI Division 2 (D2) started their first game on September 23 and played Tooele D2 and lost 1-4. After a few games, they landed their first win against Park City with a score of 3-2.

They finished up the season in mid-January as well. One of the craziest highlights of the season was the game where Dakota Tuner

served a minor penalty for interference and boarding and later served a major penalty for charging. He was removed from the game and suspended for the next game.

The team's one tie came from their game against Uintah D2 with a score of 1-1. They ultimately ended their season with a record of 2-6-1.

Skating along to NUI D1. They started off the season on September 23 and played their first game against Salt Lake and lost 2-9.

After another loss against UCI-North, they started a winning streak with wins against Viewmont, Oquirrh, and Skyline.

Their winning streak was interrupted with a loss to Park City back in October, but it quickly got back on track.

The team got the W with wins against UCI-North, Farmington, Brighton, the Salt Lake Stars, and Bingham. NUI D1 stands proudly with a win/loss ratio of 8-3.

Overall this season was amazing; the teams worked hard, kept pushing through, and never gave up. We have had a little bit of support from some students, but would love some more support for a great season next year!



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Smith Swims Laps Around the Competition

by: Olga Tamtura

Bonneville High School has always been known for its athletes. We are incredibly proud of our Lakers and their achievements and we are always ready to support and encourage them.

Every sportsman has his own and very unique story of success. Their paths are thrilling, full of different challenges, painful break-outs, exhausting practises, competitions, strength, desire, and breath-taking happiness of victory.

Every achievement is the result of attitude and huge effort. That's why it is so important to know their stories and realize how amazing these people really are.

Senior class officer Jaren Smith cannot imagine his life without swimming. He has been swimming for six years and it has brought a lot to his life.

His path started accidentally - his older sister joined the swimming team during her senior year. Competitive spirit appeared between siblings and Smith promised himself to become faster than his

sister is. Of course, he kept his promise.

"I joined the team, because people who did sports seemed like a lot of fun," said Smith. Furthermore, this decision changed his life a lot. He met plenty of new people and became really close with them. "My favorite thing about my team is the relationship between the members and coaches. I bond so much with them and, I think, this is a very important part of being an athlete," said Smith.

His favorite things about swimming are the environment that it creates, coaches, who do their best to share their precious knowledge, give valuable advice, support and create this little family that is always there for you, and the good sportsmanship between the different teams.

Competitions are always very emotional and challenging, and it is so important to show your best skills and at the same time respect the opposite team, no matter who wins.

Nobody knows what the fu-



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ture holds for him. Some athletes leave their sport as a good experience and unforgettable memories of high school, while others carry it through their lives and become professional sportsmen. Smith has not decided yet whether he is going to swim after school or not, but he says that this is a good possibility.

A lot of people want to do sports and join the team, but they are too scared to do this. Stepping out of your comfort zone is always hard and uncomfortable, but you will never become a better version of yourself without it.

Smith has a some advice for the people, who are just beginning.

"If you want to achieve success you need to work really hard and always listen to your coach. Another important thing is your attitude, which people always underestimate. Attitude is extremely important not only in sports, but also in your life. That's why you need to understand what you really want, how you can achieve it and go for it."

Stories of successful athletes encourage people to fight for their dreams and live their best life. So, be brave, try out for our incredible sport teams, make friends, and achieve all of your goals with our amazing Lakers' family!

Bonneville's Basketball Star: Why the Lakers Love Laura Lindquist

by: Porter Wade

Laura Lindquist is a junior and a starter on our girls basketball team who has experience in every position. She played for Ogden Highschool last season, and is a great addition to the team.

The rest of her family stayed at Ogden, but Lindquist came here for sports opportunities. Lindquist even left behind her twin brother, but she says that's fine because they are "polar opposites."

Lindquist has been playing since second grade, and has played for many teams including Junior Jazz, NWBA (Natalie Williams Basketball Academy), Saint Josephs, Mount Ogden, Ogden, and Bonneville.

When asked if she planned on

playing in college, Lindquist said, "I would love to play basketball in college along side throwing in track, but education is my main priority when looking at college." Ultimately Lindquist would like to attend a PAC 12 school.

Although she is a great athlete, her focus is obviously on education. She has not yet decided on a career path or a specific degree yet, so she would like to keep her options open. So far she is doing that by academically challenging herself with multiple college courses.

Currently she takes four AP classes: Language, U.S. History, U.S Government, and Chemistry. In addition, she is enrolled in a calculus class at Weber State.

She also has hobbies outside



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of basketball and school, including math, running, skiing, javelin, and anything active. Lindquist's favorite food is raspberries, and her favorite movie is *Tron: Legacy*.

She loves playing for Bonneville and said, "It's a great team, with amazing potential, and I have never been closer with a team." She said she has known sophomore Courtnie Porter forever because

they have been neighbors for a long time.

When asked how the student body can support the girls basketball team Lindquist said, "Come to our games and bring friends and family to cheer and motivate us during the games which drives energy on the court." So, Lakers, get out and support your team!