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When you look back at times when we
had

I hope you smile
and know that though the good and
through the bad

I was on your side when nobody could
hold us down

we claimed the brightest star
and we, we came so far
and no they won't forget

whenever you remember times gone by
remember how we held our heads so
high

when all this world was there for us
and we believed that we could touch
the sky

whenever you remember, I'll be there
remember how we reached that dream
together

whenever you remember
when you think back on all we've done
I hope you're proud
when you look back and see how far
we've come

it was our time to shine
nobody could hold us down
they thought they'd see us fall
and no we won't forget
we, we claimed the brightest star
and we came so far

and know that we showed them all
and no they won't forget

(words and music -- Warren

Chloe Adams

My plans for after high school have already started. I took the opportunity to graduate early, and I will be a certified EMT before I technically graduate high school. After I get my EMT certification, I will go back and get my Fire and Paramedic certification. After that, I hope to forward my career in medicine.

Some things I will miss about high school are being able to be around my friends every day, and having that sense of childhood before you hit the real world. One thing that I won't miss about high school is having to wake up early.

Two teachers that were the biggest influences in my high school years were Mrs. Minning and Mr. Shinkle. They helped show me things that I will need

in the real world and they were the main teachers that would treat you like an adult and help prepare you for the real world.

My advice to other high school students in a school manner and in life is to not worry about what everyone else is doing and just live your life in the best way you know how. Life is not on a timeline and the faster you realize that, the better off you are. Don't put yourself up to try and exceed other people's standards because everyone has a different path in life and their standards might not take you where you want to go.

The hardest thing about being a teenager is change. You as a teenager will go through so much change in such little time and most people won't and can't understand how to help

you. Being a teen is stressful because you are in some ways still a kid and in other ways you are an adult making adult decisions.

I think school is important; however, school can be helpful for one person and not for another. For example, I did well in school and I was able to thrive; and school will help me get to where I want to be in life. But as for my brother, he struggled in school due to the fact that it just simply wasn't for him. School can be good for those who can use it for their advantages but less useful for those who just want to jump right into life.

There isn't just one person I put all my respect into; I respect a lot of people for different reasons. But if I had to choose one person, I would have to say my



mom. She has been there for me through every minute of my life and has had my back on every decision that I have made, even if she didn't agree with it. My mom has let me fall and watched me pick myself back up even when she wanted to help, but knew I had to do it on my own to better myself.

Gwen Bailey

After high school, I am taking time off to explore my options and interests, to be honest. I am not certain where or what I want to do after high school but a big dream of mine is to travel to all the national parks in America.

The hardest part of being a teenager for me is growing up. I don't specifically like the idea of being an adult and having to deal with the responsibilities that come with it.

My biggest fear is not knowing what the future holds for me. I feel like for anyone that can be a scary concept. I have so many years ahead of me, and it's scary to think about where I will be in 10 years because you never know if it will be good or bad. What makes me the happiest is definitely my dog Comet, a two-year-old Golden Retriever and my dad. I have a really good relationship with my dad. He is definitely the biggest part of my life and it's no secret that he is my favorite parent.

I think school is important

because it teaches you important lessons and life skills, along with getting you ready for your future whether it's higher education or something else. I believe it gets you ready for all of those paths you could go down.

Someone I respect a lot is my dad. He is very hard working and I believe he puts his kids above all else. He didn't come from a good background but he still worked really hard and worked himself up the chain to the top to help provide for his family.

I would not change a single thing about myself. I am happy with who I am and I am happy with the way I look. I am essentially happy to be me because I love myself no matter what.

I believe that I have the effect of brightening people's moods. I am in a wheelchair and some would think that is disheartening. But to me it is not: I was born the way I am today and I am not any less happy than what I would have been if I

wasn't in a wheelchair. Sure, there are things I wish I could do but I know myself and I am happy with myself. I feel like people see me and the things I have lived through and it lifts their spirits because they see that even in the face of everyone saying you won't survive, I thrived. And that, for them, means that even in the face of the hate of the world, you can still thrive.

My family consists of my mom, dad, my older brothers, Anthony and Michael, my oldest SIS -she's my sis not my sister- Kirstian, my future brother-in-law Austin, my other older sister, Alicyn. My family is interesting to say the least. We all are a little bit crazy -except for me of course... I am perfect-but we all love each other and are always there for each other when it is needed. I DO NOT WANT KIDS! I am just saying if the saying that says your kids are x10 worse than you were as a kid, then I definitely don't want any little me running



around. Also childbirth sounds PAINFUL but I wouldn't mind a family of fur babies.

I love money! I am very good at saving money. I hate spending money of my own. I instead allow my parents and siblings to buy me everything I want.

I am a big animal lover, I love them and I want to give them all a home! I think that too many animals are abandoned and they are good animals and they deserve a good home and that is something that I want to fix.

Lily Adams

My name is Lily Adams, I have attended New Richmond Schools since the third grade at Locust Corner Elementary. I used to want to be an actor or singer, maybe an astronaut, or a mental health counselor. But my junior and senior year threw some major curve balls that sent my life in a completely different direction. My dreams and aspirations changed in the matter of months. This domino of events starting with COVID, is truly a testament to the butterfly effect. If I wasn't in the Drama Club and I hadn't been invited to edit *Roar On The River*, I would be studying to be a psychologist. This metaphorical butterfly has brought me joy, doubts, fear, excitement, confusion, and so many other emotions. Senior year has been a roller coaster in itself.

COVID allowed me to experience hobbies and interests that I had never had the time to pursue. The spring musical and choral concerts were digital and needed someone to edit them so I decided that I would help. I began to work on multiple video projects for the school and I found peace and fulfillment while editing. I began to edit for *Roar On The River* senior year and after a month, I knew that is exactly what I wanted to do with my life. I am going off to Ohio University to join their film school. I have always been a creative writer, maybe not in a studies or professional format, but I love writing. The film school will allow me to write, cast, direct, and edit my own movies. I can not explain how excited I am.

To be honest, I don't know what college may bring me. I don't know if I will make lifelong friends like my parents have, or meet the love of my life like my grandparents did. My grandparents met at Ohio

University, isn't that funny? I don't know if it will be the best time of my life. All I know now is that the friends that I have made in the past year shaped me as a person. The memories I have with them I wouldn't trade for the world. I was in English class one day in January, halfway through the year, and I was asked by two girls if they could hang out at my house. I hadn't been friends with them prior to this and we barely talked at all, but these girls have been my best friends ever since.

I am proud of the clubs and sports teams that I was a part of. Fun fact: I was the only freshman in every extracurricular that I joined. The bowling team was all in fun for me. I joined the golf team because that's what my grandmother played. I thought that if I learned how to play golf, I could spend more time with her. Of course, I didn't take the opportunity to play with her enough and I regret that. I lost her in July of 2020. She was an amazing person and I wish she could have been here to see me graduate, it was all to make her proud. But in my final season, I made first team, and I finished in second place in our division. I never expected it, but I couldn't be happier about this achievement. I could go on and on about Drama Club and everything I learned from my seniors, the friends that I made, and the joy I have on stage. I could go over the list of shows and musicals that I have been in. I could even recite my favorite memories and thank Mr. Harris endlessly for putting up with me for the past four years. I will simply put that I have collected experiences and memories that are priceless to me and I hope that the next president has as much fun with the role as I did.

One of the prompts talks about

hardships as a teen. I'm going to treat this as some sort of a time capsule of my thoughts right now since we just started rehearsal for the spring musical. Mrs. McConnell told me this can't be my last show and that I should continue performing in college and even after that. Her support of me has been nonstop since the third grade; I thank her for her faith in me. Fermata Nowhere is the best group of people. I have so much fun rehearsing with them and singing on stage, and I am so excited for the showcase. Off course I can't pick a song for myself, but I'm narrowing it down. Winter formal is tomorrow, I invited a childhood friend to come with me. She lives 45 minutes away and I don't get to see her often so I am excited. She hasn't been able to go to a dance her entire high school career because of COVID. I am excited to share this with her. I think the school dances are the best days of the school year, I hope this dance is as fun as the last. I might just change my opinion on the best day of the school year though, when the last day comes, or when graduation comes around.

I have brought up people in my life that I respect and teachers that have shown me support since day one. I want to draw attention to some of the best teachers in this school district. First off, as an honorable mention, Mr. Smiddy; he is an amazing science teacher. He was absolutely my favorite as a kid. I have not been in a science class since that has had me learn as much as he did. Mrs. Minning is also a science teacher; she is, for lack of better words, the mother of this school. I have had her multiple times throughout high school and every class she teaches is just as entertaining as the last. She has so much energy and puts 110%



into every lesson every day; it's refreshing to have a teacher that loves her job so much. If you were to sit in on a class for a day, you would know that every student in the classroom loves her and that she loves every student right back. I am not exaggerating when I say that her classes are the only classes in this school that I would take again and again. Earlier I mentioned my love for writing. English teachers in the district have many different ways of teaching and my favorite was Mrs. Ball in middle school. She is the only English teacher that actually made me want to read. I learned a lot from her.

I'm excited for college and I am excited to graduate college. I don't know if I plan to stay in Ohio. I might go off to Tennessee, maybe California, but I doubt it. I don't know if I will work from home or be on set every day. I don't know if I will travel the world or stay put. What I hope for is to be comfortable and happy in my career and life. I hope that college prepares me enough for a life on my own. My family has been there to support me every day of my life. I hope to make one of my own that is just as full of love. I hope to make friends that can support me in the workforce. I hope everyone of my current friends can make it out in the world. To the class of 2022, may the odds be ever in our favor.

Ellie Arkus

After high school, I am planning to attend Ohio University and major in art therapy. I am going to pursue a master's degree after receiving my undergraduate degree. I would like to work in a hospital as an art therapist so I can work with lots of different people and try to improve their day while they're going through medical treatment.

While I have been a student at NRHS, I have participated in cross country, bowling, swim, track & field, Art Club, Kind Club, and NHS. Outside of school some of the things I enjoy are hiking, reading, painting, getting food with friends, taking care of my plants, and crocheting. I have volunteered some due to Kind Club and various other opportunities and I would like to continue volunteering in college. I also plan to continue running during college and I'd like to start competing in triathlons.

There are lots of teachers that have influenced me in different ways throughout high school, but some stand out more than

others. One of them is Mrs. Hauserman. She has been a lot of help to me in becoming a better artist and she has always been there to help me whenever I need it. I have taken pretty much all of her classes and I would recommend them to anyone who wants to take a fun class and learn something you didn't know before. Another teacher who has had a positive influence on me is Mr. Harris. He does give a lot of notes, but if you can get past that, he is a really good teacher and I have learned a lot from his classes. I would especially recommend taking AP human geography if you want to be involved in a small class setting, or if you just really enjoy memorizing maps and learning about which states prefer which pizza joints. The last teacher I'll mention is Mr. Shebesta because he has been my coach in both cross country and bowling and he has always been nice to everyone he interacts with. He always sets a good example to look up to. There are a lot more teachers than these who have had posi-

itive impacts on me as well, but I'll just talk about these ones so I don't take up a page with it.

My closest friends are probably Ruby Horgan, Brooke Donley, Makenzie Bene, Logan Crooks, Eva Shepherd, Ainsley Zimmerman, and Vittoria DiSalvo. They all impacted me in different ways throughout high school, but they all have made my life better in one way or another. Some of my favorite memories come from hanging out after cross country practices or from driving around and going bowling or to Half-Price Books. There are lots of other people who I have been/am friends with that have also had positive impacts on me, but these are the main people who have helped me during high school.

I think I can have a positive impact on the world through art therapy. I am planning on becoming an art therapist and I think I will be able to help a lot of people through that career. I want to be an art therapist because I know from personal experience that art can be ther-



apeutic and that it is a great way to pass time during difficult situations, so I would like to pass that experience on to more people. My ideal job would be working in a hospital helping patients because I would be able to help a large number of people and get to meet and help new people every day. Aside from art therapy, I also think it is just important to be a kind person. I'm not perfect at that, but I think it is important to try to be nice whenever possible and I think developing a positive outlook on life over time is one of the best ways to help other people grow through example.

Brooklyn Armbruster

I plan to attend Marshall University to get a doctorate in physical therapy.

I helped film for the football team junior and senior year.

My advice to other students is to get involved in every activity possible. And try a new sport.

Maddie Wells, Marissa Parker, and Anne George are my closest friends. I can tell them anything without them judging me. Going out for lunch and running around after we get out of school are some of my favorite memories.

When I go out in the world as an adult, I want a different lifestyle than the one I grew up in.

Money is important because



it is used to buy the necessities for surviving; however, the amount of money is not important to me.

I would change how quiet and shy I am. I would like to be more outgoing. Being really shy makes it really hard to make friends and hang out with people.

*You have brains in your head
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any
direction you choose.
You're on you own.*



*And you know
what you know.
You are the guy
who'll decide
where to go.
Dr. Seuss*

Bethany Baker

While at New Richmond, I've participated in many different extracurricular activities both in and out of school. I've been the president of our school's GSA club since the year we started it, (our sophomore year), I've been in the marching band, the concert band, and the pep band for four years, concert choir for three years, and Girl Scouts through my entire grade-school career.

My advice to other students is to just do what you want to do. People can be awful, and it's hard to deal with; especially in high school. But as long as you just mind your own business and learn to accept things and move on, you'll get along perfectly fine, regardless of your personal state. Somebody said something negative about you? Oh well, just ignore them and continue on with your life. It's not worth getting physical. Not a lot of people seem to know how to stay out of drama, and I think that's one of the hardest parts of high school; everybody wants to be somebody, even if they have to be the bad somebody.

It's hard to pinpoint anything specific, almost everything about being a teenager is difficult. Though if I have to pick, I'd probably say all of the expectations that are thrown on us. We're expected to complete upwards of four hours of school, work part-time jobs, be able to drive, participate



in school clubs and sports, manage time to hang out with friends, go through school five days a week, and get at least 8 hours of sleep on top of everything. There isn't enough time in the day to be able to make all of these things happen, so we're left to pick and choose what we do, most of the time without help.

My biggest fear is being alone. I've always been a very codependent person: it's how I was raised. If you don't have somebody to lean on, then you'll never succeed. That's what I was taught. What makes me happiest is being out with my friends. Whether we go out to the mall, to lunch, or just stay in and listen to music/watch movies together, I always love being around my friends, because they're all so loving and understanding.

Somebody I respect is Mr. Wright. He's always polite and respectful, never rude or blatantly mean to somebody. He doesn't discriminate, and he's always so understanding and caring; all of which are things that I pursue to be in life.

Brooklynn Bartley

I plan to go to college.

I was a soccer player.

My advice to high school students is that time is going to pass regardless so you might as well get your (high school or college) diploma out of it. The hardest thing about being a teenager is never feeling understood.

I do think school is important. Even though it isn't always the best environment, it shapes you into a better person, even more so than you think.

Money is important to me but it's not at the forefront of my mind. You need money to survive, but you don't need it to actually live.

One problem in the world that I'd like to fix is abuse.



I've known many people in this school and community that have faced some form of abuse. I've seen how it can affect their mental and even physical health. Most of the time they are too afraid to come out for fear of causing more problems. Or if they do try to come out, the abuser doesn't get reprimanded for their actions, or even if they do, it's not as nearly as heavy as the abuse that they have done.

Timmy Brown

After I graduate, I am going to continue my education at the Transitions Program at New Richmond High School.

This program will help me to learn future employment skills.

I am thankful for Mrs. Mc-



Guire because she taught me how to improve with my speech at New Richmond Elementary. I will remember Mrs. Hauserman, my high school art teacher, because she was always respectful and kind.

I will miss seeing my teachers. I am excited about my future even though I am undecided about my career path.



**The man who graduates today,
and stops learning tomorrow is
uneducated the
day after.**



Newton D. Baker



Faith Battista

My plans after high school are kind of undecided right now. An idea I have is to go to Ohio State or University of Cincinnati and major in criminal justice, psychology or nursing then work my way up from there.

Throughout high school, the only sport I've participated in is volleyball. When I started volleyball in seventh grade, it was as a joke and just something to occupy my time. Then, I fell in love with the sport and continued playing for the next five years. Volleyball taught me a lot about people and taught me how to deal with certain situations because I've been team captain for the past three years so whenever there was a problem, it was brought to me.

Something I'm really going to miss about New Richmond High School is participating in sports. I'm really going to miss playing volleyball and creating new bonds with people each

year. Another thing I'll miss a lot is the fact that New Richmond isn't a clique-y school at all. People have their group of friends that they hang out with and there's always going to be those mean negative people everywhere you go, but for the most part everyone was nice to each other and everyone was accepting. We also liked to include and interact with new people, which isn't a very common thing in public schools.

Someone who has influenced me during my time at New Richmond High School was our vice principal, Mr. Hefflin. It was important to him to always stay positive and be happy so being around him was always fun. If he saw someone was having a bad day or just in a bad mood, he'd tell his special jokes to make them laugh, give them a hug or even pass candy out to them. He was good at reminding people that it was important to stay positive even if things aren't going well for you that day.

The most important advice that I have to give to underclassmen is: stop worrying about what other people think and do what makes you happy. It's hard to think about in the moment when people are being judgmental, but if you start working on having that mindset now you won't have to deal with it later because the things people say will no longer bother you. Another thing that's

really important is picking yourself back up when you're down. When you're having a hard day, week, month, year, etc. you can't wait for someone to come along and help you or wait for someone to show pity and feel bad for you. If you're having a hard time what helps me is to remind myself that everything happens for a reason and pain is temporary. It's okay to be sad, but don't be weak and let it consume you.

I believe that school is important not only because you need a well rounded education, but because you learn so much throughout middle school and high school. Throughout high school, you will meet people who will have a positive impact on your life and many more that will do the opposite and make your life a little harder. When you're going through something, it's important to remind yourself that this is happening to you for a reason and in the end you'll come out of it with another lesson learned and that'll only make you smarter and stronger. I feel like your teenage years are by far the most important years of your life because these are the years where there are so many lessons learned and you learn so much about yourself. These are the years where you start to get an idea of what you might want to do for the rest of your life.

I've never been discriminated against, but something sim-



ilar that I've experienced on multiple occasions is someone just being nasty and rude to me for no reason whatsoever. Usually, when someone is picking on another person it's because they believe that this person is weak and isn't going to stand up for him or herself. That is why it is so important to stand up for yourself when having problems with people. If you stand up for yourself and be confident enough to show those people that you're not going to put up with them and the way that they're treating you and the people that surround you, they'll stop and move on to the next. Never let yourself get walked on and treated badly just because their people aren't happy with themselves or their lives and need a way to express their anger. Always stand up for yourself. If you see someone else getting talked down to who they won't stand up for themselves, but you don't feel comfortable getting involved, go get help from someone who is.



To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else means to fight the hardest battle which any human can fight, and never stop fighting.
e.e. cummings, 1955

Ella Bird

I plan to attend Northern Kentucky University to study nursing and to get my BSN. There are so many routes one can take with a degree in nursing and that is something that I'm looking forward to. I just love people and want to help and take care of them the best I can.

I have been a part of many clubs and sports throughout my high school career. Soccer, basketball, swimming, track, Student Council, Kind Club, Fermata Nowhere, Environmental Club, Hope Squad, and most recently the musical. Not all of these have stuck; however, some have brought me my closest friends, helped me learn about myself as a person-likes and dislikes and made me the person I am today.

I know this is probably such a classic answer and many others will praise this teacher but that just shows how much she deserves it. Mrs. Minning taught me to love learning. Up until this year, I had always gone through the motions of school, being interested in a particular subject every once in a while, but taking her CCP biology class this year made me fall in love with learning. She explains in ways that make complicated concepts so easy to understand. Makes me want to know more. She is also such a motherly figure to most students at the high school. She is fun, flexible, and caring. All things that make not only a great person but a great teacher.

There are many people in my life whom I respect. I am surrounded by good, honest



people and I feel very blessed by that, however, the person that first comes to mind is my grandpa. He is the most patient man I know. He is selfless, kind, and honest. All qualities that I greatly admire in a person. He and my grandma have supported me my entire life in any activity I have done. Showing up to almost all my games or meets. Cheering me on from the sideline, whatever the weather. He has been an integral part of my childhood and I feel so lucky he has been so involved in my life.

I think anyone can make an impact in their world. I want to make a difference in my world by just being a good person. Being kind to those around me, and showing them the love that they may not otherwise have. Especially as a nurse, I want to make a difference in the lives of every patient I see by taking the best care of them I can and loving them in their times of stress, uncertainty, and pain.

School is so important to me because there are so many benefits. It not only gives you the education to help get a job in the future, but it helps you grow as a person and mature. Being around peers and learning lessons together helps in so many ways. It allows you to make friends and learn lessons that can last a lifetime.

Emily Carey

While attending New Richmond High School, I have participated in Student Council, Kind Club, Troubadours and National Honor Society. I have played softball all four years as well.

When I graduate, I will miss seeing my mom at school the most!

From kindergarten to high school, some of the most influential teachers and coaches have been Mrs. Heckard, Mr. and Mrs. Hannah, Shannon Willis, and Trish Payne.

My favorite memory from high school is winning districts in softball my junior year. This



was an accomplishment that made school history and one I'll never forget.

After high school, I plan to attend the University of Cincinnati to pursue an education degree. My goal is to become a teacher and coach softball in the future.

Emily Carter

I advise all students to use Socratic, Symbolab, Sparknotes, and Quizlet through school. They will be your best friends, especially on a hard day when you just can't think.

I work on a Zebra Farm in Bethel. I have learned so much being there five hours a day five-six days a week, it has shown me what it takes to have that many animals and how to take care of them and manage your time. I started working because I wanted some gas money but now I work because it hurts my pride to ask my parents for money. Being more and more independent makes me feel so good about myself.

They always say money can't buy happiness but money buys cows. Cows always make me happy.

I plan to go to Wilmington college to study agricultural



business and throw for their track team.

I have participated in soccer, basketball, track, FFA, 4H, Ecology Club, band, and choir as a student at New Richmond High School.

I will miss Mrs. Mining and Mrs. Montgomery when I leave.

Mrs. Minning, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Liming, Mr. Jackson, and Mrs. Jackson have influenced me the most and I will always remember them.



Robert Carter



I plan to go into construction. I have participated in golf and wrestling

I will miss my friends and the sporting events but I won't miss getting up early to go to class and homework.

The teachers that influenced me were Mr. Heflin and Mr. Shinkle.

One of my favorite memories is when Roman and I put a bunch of compliments in Mr. Mahan's nice box.

My advice is to worry about your schoolwork and don't be too ready to graduate.

The hardest part of being a teenager is figuring out your life.

My biggest fear is heights. What makes me the happiest is my family and hanging out with my friends.

Yes, I believe school is important.

Something that really influenced me was going to Grant because it made me realize that I really like construction.

I respect my father a lot because he has done a lot for me and my family.

Some of my favorite memories with my friends are hanging out during and after the football games.

No, I do not want to change myself.

I think I can impact the world by building houses for families and buildings for people to work in because I'm going into construction.

I do have a job. I push carts at Krogera and I work because I want the money.

No, I have not witnessed or felt discrimination.

Some things my family does is go on vacation together and we have dinner every Sunday together. I have three older sisters, an older brother, and my mom and dad.

Money is important to me because I can't fill up my gas tank off of good looks.

Once I'm in the world as an adult-family-wise- I want a similar lifestyle; however, I plan on traveling for a living.

If I could fix a major world problem, I would just fix our government.

Laney Clemons



I have participated in softball and basketball while at New Richmond High School.

Some things I will miss at New Richmond will be the teachers and softball.

Advice I would give to other high school students or students coming into high school is that you shouldn't slack off and do your work and turn it in on time; not doing that could really hurt your grades.

The hardest thing about being a teenager is all the responsibilities you start to have. Things stack up like being in a sport, in school and on top of that having a job. It can be hard and you realize you need to step away from one of those to focus on school and one other thing.

My closest friends don't go to New Richmond, but we always hang out after school and on the weekends. Within my friend group are my sisters and people

I have known almost my whole life. My favorite memories are when we all are hanging out, just laughing and having a good time.

Over the summer I worked at Coney Island. I learned from working there that people are not nice at all, but I never let that get to me and just let it go. I work because I wanted to and wasn't forced into getting a job.

As an adult, I don't want a similar lifestyle like the one I grew up in. I want to be successful and have a great job and family.

I learned three important things in college--to use a library, to memorize quickly and visually, to drop asleep at any time given

a horizontal surface and fifteen minutes.

Agnes De-Mille, *Dance to the Piper*, 1952



I hope that my achievements in life shall be these: that I will have fought for what was right and fair, that I will have risked for that which mattered, and that I will have given help to those who were in need; that I will have left the earth a better place for what I've done and who I've been.

C. Hoppe



Savannah Cloud

My plan after high school is to go to UC Clermont to pursue forensics. I've wanted to go into forensics since I was nine. A funny backstory behind it is that my grandma let me watch NCIS with her when I was little, even though I wasn't necessarily allowed to at that age.

I only participated in two electives/extracurriculars while I was in high school. I participated in band all four years, Concert Choir for two years and then Troubs for two years.

The things I'll definitely miss from school are the casual friends that I made in classes,

but not the friends that you talk in passing and you aren't too close with. Once you graduate, you're really unlikely to talk to them or ever see them again unless you attend a class reunion. Another big thing I'll miss is the teachers; they were so supportive throughout the journey of high school. They were especially so amazing when I came out to them and very understanding. I'm going to also miss the structure of school and going through the motions every day and greeting my teachers and joking around with them.

Some advice I have for oth-

er high school students is take everything in, enjoy the experiences you've had and will continue to have. Even if they are little things that you do every day, it's good to be mindful.

I think school is very important for success. Not just because of the education you receive but also the experiences and learning how to overcome things as well as learning social skills. Also, the way teachers give you more leeway and independence when it comes to assignments. You'll have to manage your school work and time on your own at some point so it helps a lot.

Someone I respect a lot is Mrs. Hannah. She's been in my life since middle school and we were both fairly new to the choir program at the middle school. I had a new teacher, which was a little nerve wracking, when I had Mrs. McConnell before for two years. Mrs. Hannah has always been there for me, been understanding, kind, and supportive. My high school experience would definitely not be the same without her. I wouldn't have a little



family in Troubs or have someone to go to when I'm having a bad day. Her kindness and consideration for every student is really life changing to everyone; she truly changes people's lives for good.

I would say money is important but not the highest priority in life. It's always nice when you have extra money to spend on things you don't need or to go out to eat at a fancy restaurant, but I don't see that as something very important in life. As long as I'm able to have a roof over my head, be happy, live comfortably, whether that be with a partner or just myself, money doesn't seem to matter much at that point.

Kylie Cox

My plans after high school are to go into education, either music education or elementary education.

I've participated in Drama Club for three years and currently have a part in this year's musical as Medda from *Newsies*.

The hardest thing about being a teenager is definitely the way adults don't listen to you when you bring up your concerns. It's brushed off as these are the best years of our lives, and they make it sound like we don't know true hardships because we're not adults yet.

My closest friends are McKenzie Bene, Lily Adams, and Cadence Deitsch. We've created lots of memories together including doing yoga, crochet, and now we're all participating in the musical this year.

As an adult, I want to have a very different lifestyle than I grew up in. I plan to be more organized and hope I'll be able to do that when I'm entirely in control of my own space, and can take responsibility for my actions.



I work at Plant World. I water plants and care for all sorts of plants. I think there has been a lesson to learn while working there. While working with so many species of plants, you learn that they all have different needs; some need to be watered more often than others and others need plant food and I think that can also really relate to how every person has different needs.

My advice to other high school students would be to actually not overwork yourself. Every teacher gives some assignments and it is okay to miss one or two every once in a while for your own mental health. Your grades don't determine your self worth in the slightest.

Adam Ernst

I plan to go to college and study the environment

I have participated in Young Life, basketball, soccer, tennis, and Chemistry Club while at New Richmond.

Mrs. Prescott is the teacher who has influenced me the most. She influenced how I thought about the world and changed my overall view on life.

Someone I respect a lot is my brother because he has done many things and is one of the smartest people I know.

Money is important to me because if I don't have any mon-



ey, then I will be unable to buy insulin.

I believe that one of the biggest problems in the world is racism. To fix it, I would make everyone love everyone even through our differences.

Emily Colonel

My plans after high school are to attend Eastern Kentucky University, and double major in Criminal Justice and Forensic Science. I am also going to play clarinet in their marching band in the fall. I am very excited to study something I am very interested in. With my degrees, I hope to work for a government agency like the FBI or DEA in investigation, or in the lab doing forensics.

I was pretty busy all the time during highschool. I played volleyball for three years, varsity swim for four years, and went to Districts (twice), played softball for four years, and, for the first time in history, went to Districts for softball. I participated in Student Council for four years, and was treasurer for my junior and senior year. For all four years of high school, I have been involved in the KIND club and was secretary for three years. I was part of the Chemistry Club for two years, and ASL for one year. I love being in band and have done marching band for all of high school. I was field commander for my junior and senior year.

Some of the teachers that have influenced me to be who I am today are Mr. Wright and Mr. McKinley. They have

grown my love of music into something I want to continue in my life even after high school. I love playing music, learning about music, and have always looked forward to their classes at the end of the day. You can never be bored in their class. As the two teachers I have had consistently since seventh grade (six years), I definitely have fond memories of laughs and jokes that I could not have with any other teachers. Mrs. Minning is always someone I know would tell me straight about anything. I took her forensics class and she really helped me solidify my forensic major in college. She is so supportive and helpful with anything school or life related. Mr. Chandler and Mrs. Heiden were two teachers I was really lucky to have twice in elementary school. I had Mr. Chandler in first grade and fourth grade. Mrs. Heiden I had for second and third grade. They were teachers that really made an impact on me at a young age. I always loved their class and think of memories in their class all the time. Mr. Chandler and Mrs. Heiden were two teachers that helped me become who I am today, at a young age.

My advice to other high school students is to be in-

involved in your high school years as much as you can. Even though they might not be totally fantastic, they ended up being some of my fondest memories. The football games, band performances, sports, and clubs all will be a vital part of your life. Yes, they look good on a college application, but the student sections, football games, and volunteer opportunities will all be better memories one day. I urge everyone to just go once and maybe, if you like it, go again. Be friends with lots of people, be as nice as you can, and have fun. You only are in high school once, so you might as well have zero regrets.

Someone I respect and look up to is Judy Middeler. She is such an inspiration of giving back to the community, putting others first, and not being afraid to speak up when something is not right. She is always willing to put in extra time, host team dinners at her house, and be absolutely hilarious in the process.

My family is the most supportive, funny, and loving group in the world. My family's friends are my family. We do everything together, from sports and school together to bonfires and camping trips. We hang out all the time, we carpool together,



and we usually hang out every weekend. My family is a combination of several families that have been there for me since the beginning and has given me lifelong friends that are like siblings.

When I go out in the world as an adult, I would love to have a similar lifestyle to the one I have now. I think that I work hard to balance school, my job, fitness, and my social life and hope to continue that even balance during college and in my career. It would be a dream for my future self to still be close with my family and friends. I would love to still have bonfires and vacations together. It is hard to travel during the school year, but in my adult life I would like to travel the world more and experience more of different cultures and food.

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted
wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

The Road Not Taken--Robert Frost

Caitlin Darnell

After high school, I plan to go to UC for Criminal Justice and eventually have a career within the FBI

During high school, I did choir, I played softball, and I played basketball for one year.

The thing I will miss the most is going to be all of the memories I have made in school. But I will most definitely miss the teachers at NRHS. I have grown really close to some of them; however, I'm not going to miss all of the high school drama.

Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. Montgomery, and Mrs. Minning definitely had everlasting impacts on me and have made me a better person.

One of my favorite memories from high school was when Mrs. Parker accidentally poured water on Jake Riffle.

My advice to high school students is to make sure to cherish the time you have in high school. It's a really important part of your life and it's really sad to see it go.

The hardest part about being a teenager has to be all of the drama and imperfections you go through. It gets really hard at times but it makes you stronger as a person.

My biggest fear is death, I know it happens to everyone but it's scary to me. Hanging out with my boyfriend, family, or friends makes me the happiest. It provides comfort and happiness.

I do think school is important. Although there are things you learn that are pointless, it does teach you the basics of life.

My mom passing my freshman year has definitely affected me.

Some people that I respect a lot are my teachers and my par-



ents. Both of them have helped me through a lot in my life and have taught me things I need to know.

My closest friends are Kalib, Sean, Logan, and Lleyton. My friend group gets along very well and we are all interested in the same things.

I don't want to change anything about myself because I've changed so much in the past. Right now, I'm really happy with myself and my place in life.

I currently work at Lowe's in the paint department and I enjoy it a lot. My job teaches me to communicate with people and help others. I work to help others and make money for myself to do the things that I like to do.

My family consists of me, my aunt, my uncle, and my cousin. I would describe my family as perfectly imperfect. We are crazy, but we all love each other a lot. We love to go on trips together, especially to Disney. I would love to have a family of my own one day, one that appreciates each other, spends time with each other, but also has a lot of fun.

Money is important to me because it helps you do the things you love and helps you get places in life.

Personally, I don't want a lifestyle that is similar to the one I grew up in. It wasn't the greatest.

Madison Ewald

After high school, I plan to attend the University of Cincinnati, and study marketing management.

Throughout my time at New Richmond, I did a handful of different extracurricular activities. I was in a sign language club, I swam for two years, played volleyball for three years, Student Council for four years, NHS for one year.

My advice to high school students would be to never take your time there for granted. When you are so young, you want to move past those stages because you can't wait to get older, but once you get a little bit older, you realize you really miss having little to no responsibilities.

Some of my closest friends throughout high school were Anna Reynolds, Abbie Heiden, Roman Carmosino, Joli Boggs, Caleb Stephens. Although that wasn't a friend group on its own, when people were meshed together in the group, things just ebbed and flowed.

I think school is extremely important. I worked hard in school to maintain good grades year round because it will most definitely affect your future! Even just going to school was important to me; do not take the time you have there and make it



shorter by not going.

Some of my favorite moments in high school all took place on the volleyball court, whether that was practice daily where I begged my coach to let us listen to loud music, or right after a game where everyone came together as a team to celebrate.

I do have a job. I've had three different ones while in high school, but my current one I've been at for a year! I work at Pig Candy BBQ, as much of the office staff knows; they have been seen there on multiple occasions! I work for an independently owned BBQ restaurant, I love all of the relationships I have made there. The owners are some of the sweetest people I've ever met. I one hundred percent recommend getting a job while in high school. Having a little bit of extra money to spend when you want to do stuff with your friends is always worth it.



Brooke Donley

After high school, I am planning to attend Berea College as an English education major. I am planning to run cross country and track there.

I have participated in a lot of different clubs while a student at New Richmond, such as; ASL Club, S.A.D.D. Club, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, KIND Club, Student Council and I have been a member of *The Messenger* staff for four years. I have participated in cross country and track as well.

There are a lot of teachers that I will always remember from my time at New Richmond. I will always remember my fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Blauwkamp, who was so kind to me. She was my teacher the year I had my spinal fusion and she came to my house to teach me lessons that I missed. From middle school, I will remember my eighth grade English teacher, Mrs. Ball, because she made me realize that I might want to be a teacher as well. She made our assignments interesting while we learned a lot about the books we read. There are a couple teachers that I will always

remember from high school. The first one is Senora Nehls because her class is always so much fun and there is never a dull moment. She is also a good person, who I have worked closely with for both S.A.D.D. and Spanish Club. We have spent a lot of lunches selling cookies together. Another member from the high school that I will always remember is Mrs. Minning. I hate science so much because it's my least favorite subject but she makes it understandable. She also does her best to not make college biology so boring that I tear my eyes out. The last teacher that I will always remember and who has influenced me the most is Mrs. Griffin. She opened my eyes to newspaper journalism and I fell in love with it. The first year of the class was hard, but it made me a better writer. Four years later, I am so glad that I stuck with the class because it is something that I'm looking at doing for a career besides teaching.

Something that I have been involved in that has changed my life for the better is running. It made me have a different outlook on life because it made me understand that hard things can change you for the better. At first running was hard, but I stuck with it and it made me better. I was the slowest runner on the team in middle school, but by the end of high school I was one of the fastest runners on the team. Another thing that has affected me a great deal is being involved in church. My faith has allowed me to go through a lot of difficult things and meet a bunch of incredible people. I grew up in church, but it wasn't until the past couple of

years that I got involved. I have been interpreting sign language for a couple of years now as well. It has allowed me to get out of my comfort zone and be more comfortable in front of large groups of people.

There are a couple people that I respect a lot. The first one is my friend, Janet, who has been there for me for the past four years. Janet is kind and she always offers the best advice. She and I go on shopping trips for dresses and she gives me honest advice on which dress is best. We have a lot of laughs in the process. Her smile is contagious and can make me laugh, even when I'm about to cry. The other person that I respect a lot is my other friend, Pam. She is so sweet and caring and also offers the best advice. She made sure that I had a church to go to when I left mine. Pushing me out of my comfort zone is one of her favorite things to do. The two of us perform at church; I interpret in sign language as she sings. It scared me at first to be in front of so many people, but she kept pushing me to do it. Over time, I got more comfortable being in front of everyone. It is thanks to her that I stuck with it. I respect these two women because they push me to do hard things and have made me into the person I am today. I respect that they are always there for me, even though they don't have to be.

My closest friends are my teammates; Ellie, Eva and Ainsley. I enjoy that our friend group is together through awful track workouts and getting new personal bests. We also hang out at random times to get dinner and go shopping. Some of our best memories include long



runs at practice. The four of us enjoy exploring the campus to find something different to look at. One time we were trying to go down to the creek behind the middle school, but it had rained all week and the path had grown up. That means that the downhill slope was quite slick and almost all of us fell and got covered in mud and not a lot of running happened.

I hope that I can have an impact on the world by becoming a teacher. Being a teacher can give me the opportunity to impact many students' lives and I hope to do it in a positive way. I also hope to continue volunteering in order to positively impact my community and help those around me. There are people in my community that need help so I hope to do so because I am in a position to do so.

When I go out into the world as an adult, I hope to keep a similar lifestyle to the one I grew up in. I love knowing that my Sundays will be spent in a pew at church and Monday nights are for Bible study. I also like that serving others has been an integral part of my life so far and can not imagine a life without serving others being a big part of it.



Calandra Farrell

After high school, I plan on attending UC Clermont for pre-business administration.

I participated in tennis and band.

Some things I will miss are the pep rallies and all the school spirit.

The teachers I will always remember are Mr. Smith, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Winkleman, and Mrs. Miller.

Some of my favorite memories from high school are watching Isaac Trees on *Roar on the River* and being with the band.

My advice would be to make sure you don't slack off and wait till the last minute to do things.

The hardest thing about being a teenager is making sure you get enough sleep and feeling like you never have time for things.

My biggest fear is clowns. My friends and family make



me happy.

I think school is important because it helps get you prepared for the real world.

Someone I respect a lot is my mom because she is always there for people.

My closest friends are Zane, Zach, Nick, Emma, Ryan, Andrea, and Brooklynn. The thing I enjoy about my friend group is that we never judge each other and we have lots of fun together.

I work at Papa John's. Papa John's has taught me time management, to be kind, problem-solving, and to always do your best.

Conner Fouss

After high school, I plan on going to Ohio University for marine, freshwater, and environmental biology.

While a student at New Richmond, I was involved in golf, swimming, and tennis for all four years.

There are definitely some things I will miss about New Richmond, like the close-knit community and many other things.

I think high school is important but I don't think college is as important as it has been in the past. A lot of people can go



straight to the workforce and even make more money than people with a college degree.

I don't think there would be anything I would change about myself. I am very blessed to have great parents and a solid group of friends.

Lleyton Flamm

After high school, I'm planning on going to Mount St. Joseph University to play baseball where I will major in Sports Management and minor in Education.

During my time at New Richmond High School, I have participated in National Honor Society, Student Council, Baseball, Cross Country, Soccer, Marching Band, Pep Band, and Troubadours.

One person I will always remember from New Richmond Schools is Ms. Diana Spinna-ti! Most students my age don't know who she is. She was the principal at the middle school and the high school for a number of years. If you knew her, you loved her! She was never my principal, but she was my friend. I will remember her for her generous actions towards everyone.

My advice to high school students would be just have fun and work hard. It goes really quick!

In my opinion, the hardest thing about being a teenager is making tough, life changing decisions.

My biggest fear is snakes.



Hanging out with my friends and family and playing baseball makes me happy.

I think school is important, as it is the foundation for our next phase in life. Whether you go to college, the military, or the workforce, it is difficult to obtain any of these without your high school diploma.

One thing that has had an impact on my life is that during COVID, my family worked at the New Richmond Food Pantry, and delivered food for Project Lunch Box. This was my first look at the struggles for some in our community. I developed a new appreciation for giving back to others and a sense of pride towards helping my community become a better place.

I have a mom who teaches health here at NRHS, a dad who is a retired police officer and is a substitute teacher here at NRHS, a brother who plays baseball at Xavier University, and a sister who is a sophomore at New Richmond High School. My family is very close; we do almost everything together. We like to laugh and have fun! Some things we do together are go on vacations and spend a great deal of time watching/playing baseball and softball. I will have a family in the distant future, and I want it to be very similar to my family now!



Abbie Heiden

After high school, my plans after high school are to go to Ohio University and study business.

During my time at New Richmond, I have participated in many different activities, including; soccer, basketball cheer, track, club soccer, Student Council and National Honor Society. I have also worked at Legendary Run Golf Course and Deadlow Brewery.

Some things that I will miss about NRHS will be seeing my friends every day and the fun environment that the teachers and students create during class. I will also miss the school

events like football games, pep rallies, assemblies and Student Council events that I will always remember. The things I won't miss about New Richmond High School will be getting to school early. I will miss this place a lot.

My advice to other high school students is take your time through high school. There is no rush to grow up because it will come very fast and out of nowhere.

I think the hardest thing about being a teenager is that you have adult-like expectations even though you are still a teenager.

I do have a job and I currently work at Deadlow Brewery. I am a hostess and a busser at this restaurant and I've learned a lot from being in customer service. I've learned how to resolve conflict with people very quickly and how there are a lot of different people that I need to learn how to interact with.

My family is very close to each other. I have a younger sister and we live with my mom and dad. I would describe my family as supportive and comfortable. I always feel my safest with them and they really mean a lot to me. My family spends a lot of time listening to



music and playing cards. We go on vacations together and we like to spend time outside together when it's summertime. I do want a family of my own because I love the family I have and I would like to create and

Evan Hughes

After high school, I will attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte to major in nursing and minor in business.

I am going to miss many of the friends that I have made here at New Richmond; however, I'm not going to miss coming to school here every day.

The teacher that has influenced me the most is Mrs. Minning. She brings so much energy and enthusiasm into the classroom every day and really made me love science.

Most of my favorite memories came from her biology class, as well as filming for *Roar on the River*.

My only advice to current students is to just relax and enjoy the journey while you can because it will be over before you know it.

I think the hardest thing about being a teenager is the constant pressure to succeed in school,



and while that is important to an extent, it's important to not let it interfere with the experience.

My biggest fear is not being as close to my really good friends that I have made in high school when I move to North Carolina for college. Hanging out with them is what makes me the happiest.

I think that the concept of school and teaching the youth is great, but I think that there are a lot of changes that need to be made in order to make school truly useful in people's lives.

Colin Humphries

My plans after high school are to continue working at Front Street Cafe.

The activities/extracurriculars that I participated in are Marching Band, Student Council, bowling, and Pep Band.

I think that school is important because you will be able to learn about stuff that you haven't seen before.

My favorite memories from my time in school are playing in the Marching Band at the football games and playing in the Pep Band during basketball.

The things that I will miss about NRHS are hanging out with the band during the football season and hanging out with my friends during basketball games.

My closest friends are Lleyton Flamm, Logan Woodruff,



and Sean Miller. The thing that I enjoy about my friend group is that we would go anywhere together.

I do have a job. The things that I do at my job are clean the tables, sweep the floor, and make salads. The thing that I have learned from my job is that you will be getting more money if you are working longer. The reason why I work is that I want to make money.



Dylan Iker

There are many different teachers who have influenced me in many different ways, but the one teacher that has influenced me the most is Mr. Crowley. From his kind nature and warm demeanor, he always has a positive attitude as a teacher in and out of the classroom. Every day he brings excitement to his classes by being involved with the students and being very amusing even when he himself may not be going through the best time. The excitement he brings to the classroom through his humor is one of the many things I love about him as a teacher and I am beyond honored to be able to have Mr. Crowley as my teacher in multiple classes.

My advice to high school students is to always try and do well in school. The list I have is long, but one of the things at the very top of that list is achieving academic success in the classroom. Also, be respect-

ful to the teachers, staff, and other students. It will bring you a long way maturity wise and it'll make you feel much better about yourself rather than being negative or sour towards them. But most importantly, be you. Do not change who you are to try and be "popular" in high school. Be who you are and the people who like you for you will stick around the longest.

Personally, life has not been the easiest for me. I do not want to go into detail but what is going on with my home life currently is only about a third of all of my problems. One of the biggest things was making the decision to stop seeing my dad. The environment there was toxic and unsafe for me, and the freedom I had there was almost scary because it was too much. Deciding to step away from my father was extremely difficult but if I hadn't done so I would not be the young man I am today.



Julia Keith

After high school, I plan to go to Ohio University for a business degree.

I've played basketball for four years, track and volleyball for one year, Student Council for three years, and Student Council president for my senior year.

Mrs. Minning has definitely influenced me the most in my time at NRHS. She's such a fun and optimistic person to be around!

My advice to other high school students is to have fun and make the most out of it.

I think school is important but not necessarily what we are learning in school. There are lots of different lessons you learn from high school that aren't taught in a classroom.

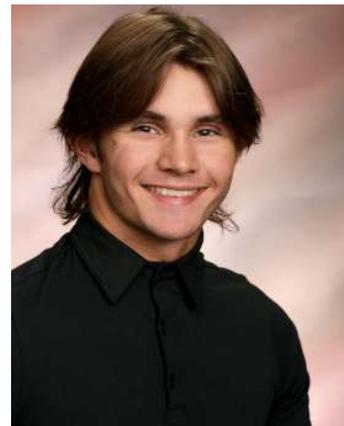
Someone I respect a lot is my

dad. He's done so much for me, especially the last four years, and I could never repay him.

I've had a few different jobs in high school. Dee's Dairy Bar in New Richmond for three years and counting; that taught me a lot about what it means to have a job and work with time management and stuff like that. I like to have money to spend on things I want to do.

I know the question says one, but two people I respect so much are my mom and my grandpa. My grandpa is the closest thing I have to a father figure, and whenever something is going on at home he always welcomes me and my brother there with open arms. I am always comfortable talking to him and he is one of the hardest working people I know. He is someone I truly look up to and I aspire to have a work ethic like he does one day. Next, is my mom. My mom did everything she could while me and my brother grew up to give us everything we needed and things we wanted. She worked constantly, and would often be gone because she was working to give us the things we needed despite our financial situation. My dad never paid child support, so it made it much harder on her. I look up to her as well because throughout the years she has always been so strong and I am so proud to be able to call her my mom.

Some of my closest friends are Danny, Justin, and Evan. I enjoy hanging out with these guys because we all have interest in the same things, and we have made so many memories throughout the years. Some of the best memories we have had are just always hanging out, whether it was playing 2v2 basketball in the driveway or just talking about whatever. I have always enjoyed hanging out with these guys and I am happy to call them some of the best friends I have ever had. Now, my true best friend, Griffin. We became very close in the past year. We have the same interest in just about everything, especially the gym. From late night lifts, to the many gas station runs, or when he broke Tyler's diving board at his house; the greatest things are the hot tub talks, where we just sit in the



hot tub and talk about life and our problems. He is the one friend I have that I am truly comfortable with telling my problems to no matter what it is. To always being there for me and being the best friend I have ever had, thank you.

I have a job, and I have worked multiple jobs at once, mostly during the summer and part of the fall. The first one is I work at a small grocery store just down in New Richmond and the second one I was a lifeguard at Coney. I work because I need money to be able to buy and afford the things I need. My parents have done a good job of setting the standard of how you have to work for what you want, and not everything is going to be given to you.

Money is important to me to some extent. Money is what makes the world go round, and without it you cannot survive. So yes, money is important to me in the aspect of having what I need to be able to survive, and also be able to afford the things I want. But, does it mean happiness? Absolutely not. Happiness comes from things you enjoy, the people you surround yourself with, and the hobbies and activities you are interested in. Money cannot buy happiness as it comes within but, it is very important for surviving and doing things you enjoy that bring happiness.

Nathan Kennedy

I have participated in Art Club, cross country, tennis, soccer, football, and wrestling.

Something that I will miss about New Richmond High School is participating in wrestling.

My biggest fear is definitely the ocean. My family and friends make me the happiest.

Money is important to me, but it should not be the most im-



Sean Miller

My plan after high school is to get a good paying job.

I am going to miss all of my friends when I leave; however, I am not going to miss homework.

I think the hardest thing about being a teenager is finding self confidence to do things that no one else is doing.

The teacher who has influenced me the most and that I will always remember is Coach Burke.

My biggest fear is heights. Lifting weights makes me the happiest.



portant thing. Money will come if you work hard enough.

When I go out in the world I do want the same lifestyle because I grew up in. It is a good environment and I want my kids to experience the same.

One of the funniest memories I had here is when Ian Williams wore a skirt and a crop top to school. Another funniest memory is when Brady Payne ate a whole roll of paper towels in the bathroom.

Something I will miss about New Richmond is all of the games and not being able to see everyone every day.



I have played football, sung in the Troubadours, and thrown in track and field while at New Richmond.

I advise all students to live your life to the fullest and don't be scared to make mistakes.

Renee Lucero

I believe that school is not as important as a lot of people think. I feel like school doesn't teach you things that you need to know for the real world. There are a lot of useless things we are taught that we will never use. Nowadays, people accomplish major things without finishing or going to school.

Something that has happened to me that has changed my life is finding out I have type 1 diabetes. Finding out I have diabetes has come with a lot of emotion and pain. I found out at the age of nine. I'm going on nine years of having it, and with that being said, I've been through some pretty rough patches. There comes a point where you just are burnt out on trying to get your numbers in a good range and putting your effort into it. I've had to learn the hard way by being in and out of the hospital. It has taken me eight years to really be in the best healthy state that my body needs to be in. I've gotten the pump recently and without that, I don't know where I'd be at.

I work as a hostess at Don Rigos where I mainly seat people. In the time I've worked there, I've learned that you have to be nice to everyone even though it may be hard. As a hostess, you deal with customers who are rude and impatient. I have a job because it keeps me busy and I am making money, and who doesn't love money?

I live with my mom, Angela, my dad, Rene, my sister, Irene, my brother, Angel, and my youngest brother, Galen. I would describe our family as loud, crazy, and loving. Some things we enjoy doing together are going out to eat. We love eating, especially Mexican



restaurants considering we are Mexican. We also love going to Coney Island during the summer along with having cookouts and having everyone over.

Money is important to life because without it, how would you survive in this expensive world? Money is not everything to me because no matter how much you have, one day you won't be here and it won't mean a thing any more. So my focus isn't about how much money I have, or can save, as long as I'm spending it on important things, and here and there on fun things.

No, I do not want the same kind of lifestyle when I am an adult. Not that I have a bad life that I've grown up in, but it can definitely be crazy, and just a lot of drama. One thing that I do want to carry into my lifestyle as an adult is how family oriented we are. My dad is very big on respect and that's something that I want to teach my children in the future.

The biggest problem I think in the world is immigration. I've seen it first hand because of my dad. My dad has been going through this for a long time and it is not fair because of the kind of guy he is. My father is an immigrarnt and even though he takes care of his family and goes beyond for us: pays taxes, bought a house, and owns multiple cars, the government is not fair at all, in my opinion.

Ashley Lykins

After high school, I am going to college at Ave Maria University in Ave Maria, Florida where I am majoring in marine biology. I also have a scholarship to play for their softball team.

Some life advice is don't care what other people think about you, do what makes you happy, not what will make others like you.

School is important because it teaches you how to deal with things and people you don't like.

The one person I respect the most is my mom. She raised five kids by herself for 20 years, working 10 hours a day, going to all our sports events, and being the most present person in our lives.

There is nothing I would change about myself because I am strong and healthy. It has taken me 18 years to feel confident in myself and I would not change the way I am today.

My family consists of three



brothers and a sister, a dad, a mom, a stepdad, seven aunts, 10 uncles, two grandmas, three grandpas, one great grandpa, 39 cousins, four cats and three dogs. My family is one big unfiltered mess. We say whatever we are thinking without caring who we offend or what repercussions will happen. My family and I do everything together whether it's grocery shopping, going to softball tournaments, or just watching TV. I might have a family of my own someday, but it will definitely be after I have a career and a steady income. I want a family that isn't afraid to say how they feel, like the one I grew up in.

Money is only important to me because you need it to buy things and live, but the amount of money each person has I do not care about.



Dance like nobody's watching; love like you've never been hurt. Sing like nobody's listening; live like it's heaven on earth.
William Purkey

Zane Naegele

I have participated in many sports and activities, including football, wrestling, track, tennis. The best part of being a part of these teams is the friendships and connections you make.

My advice to high school students is to remember to smile; smiling at someone can be enough to make a friend.

The hardest part of being a teenager for me was being awkward. You're in a hard time of your life and if school and life aren't enough stress, you have to be social.

My biggest fear is being a bum when I grow up and what makes me happy is being busy.

Something that's affected me a great deal was being involved in football, which affected me in a very big way. Football is



how I have made most of my friends and has made me the person I am today. And the football team is the reason I was Homecoming king because my friends had my back.

I have a job at Papa John's, where you can get a 1 topping pizza for \$9.99 for pickup if called to order!!

When I'm an adult in the world, I want to live with a little more money and a bigger house than what I am around now.

Another turning point, a fork stuck in the road
Time grabs you by the wrist, directs you where to go
So make the best of this test, and don't ask why
It's not a question, but a lesson learned in time

It's something unpredictable, but in the end is right,
I hope you had the time of your life.

So take the photographs, and still frames in your mind
Hang it on a shelf in good health and good time
Tattoos of memories and dead skin on trial
For what it's worth it was worth all the while

It's something unpredictable, but in the end is right,
I hope you had the time of your life.

It's something unpredictable, but in the end is right,
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I hope you had the time of your life.

Natalie Newman

I plan on making a living by working in the corporate world and gaining some self-independence.

I sing and volunteer to help with little kids at church. In terms of physical activity, I play soccer.

I like how teachers at New Richmond High School push to make students their best. I won't miss the drama and the drive to school.

I will always remember my third grade teacher, Ms. Parker, and my choir teacher in elementary school.

The best moment that I ever had was after school with my friends. The laughs and giggles are the ones I will never forget.

Michael Nyam

My plans after high school are to pursue a degree in information systems management at UC.

While a student at New Richmond High School, I was a part of the basketball team for two years.

Something I'll miss about New Richmond High School is the community and just how nice it is to be in a small town with great people. I won't miss the lack of scenery or the lack of restaurants.

My advice to other high school students is to take everything step by step and to focus on who you are and what you want to do in life and just to have a purpose.

The hardest thing about being a teenager is that awkward stage in your life where you have to go from being a kid to an adult. There's going to be many situations you encounter where in your mind you think you're making the right choice. You have to realize sometimes it might not always be the best

The hardest thing about being a teenager is the pressure to do your very best. The expectation of just getting A's or just A's and B's. One wrong move you make could just fail miserably. Keep up with everything to get into the good college or the best job.

My biggest fear was failing and not showing my best potential. The happiest I've ever been is spending time with my friends.

I feel like school is important for the learning process, but it never teaches you how to live in the real world. There are so many things I have had to learn on my own because the school should have taught it. Some-



decision, but it's hard for a high school student to understand. Teenagers are really impulsive and they don't like being told they are wrong. So my advice is to really think about things.

My biggest fear is to fail in life and not do the best of my ability. What makes me happiest is my family and friends. Basketball helps with my comfort and therapy at most times.

I want to impact the world in a positive way and I want to go down in history some day.

If you knew me personally, you'd know I always give my all in whatever I do. I thank God for each and every day, and this won't be the last time you hear from me. Deuces.

times it's that the school did teach it and didn't do a very good job at it so I've had to go back and relearn things.

Going to Southern Hills was probably the best decision that I have ever made because this school has shown me that I can do anything if I put my mind to it. They have taught me communication skills and how the real world works. The teachers here have actually pushed me to do my best and to get things done. I am doing something that I love and can go to work for.

The one person I respect is my best friend, Emily Carter. She has been there for me since first grade.

My closest friend from New Richmond is Emily Carter. My friends from Southern Hills are Aidan, Darren, David, Brhi, and Josh. The best thing that I enjoy about my friend group is that we could go with days of not talking, but come back and still have the same strong friendship when we left. Some of the best memories were when we all went to see *Spider-Man No Way Home*, winning a PS3 over a bet. Other memories include going on vacations with Emily and just driving with her. The best memory is when Josh and I spent the whole day together just driving around doing the stupidest things that we could think of.

I would love to change my determination to do anything. Some days I wake up and I don't want to get out of bed. I would love just to have the will to do something all the time.

I just want to show people that we can do whatever we want if you are motivated to do it. People nowadays don't use their



full potential. I want to teach them how to make a difference in the world by doing the little things.

I have a job and it has taught me how to communicate with others.

I have never been discriminated by anyone, but I have seen some be discriminated against for their color. It's so sad to see that in this world still. "A person is a person no matter how small," is a quote that I like a lot.

The only family member that has been there for me is my cousin, but my family is my friends. They are always going to be the closest thing I will ever have to a family. They have been there for me more than anyone ever has. One day I will want my own family and show them that there is so much more to life.

The only reason why money is important is to support my family or myself. Other than that, happiness is the most important thing to me, not money.

I would not have a similar lifestyle that I grew up in. I wish to be better than what my parent raised me to be.

There is no one big problem, but there are millions of problems and they are all big. I wish for the future to be better.





Jack Nicoloff

Scouts where I recently earned my Eagle Scout rank.

One of the things that I will miss most about NRHS is hanging out with my buddies. I have shared a lot of great memories with them that I will never forget. My closest friends call themselves the core four and consist of my pals: Adam, Jake, and Danny. My favorite memories with them are when we would spend the entire weekend together going boating, playing video games, or playing basketball. My lowest moments with the group were when I lost fantasy football twice and had to buy everyone dinner. They made me feel better by telling the waiter it was my birthday.

My funniest school memory would be when I left my phone in the locked band room after a football game. I remember trying all of the doors and ultimately walking back up to the field to find someone to let me in. Mr. Cochran drove me back

to the school in his Gator and I was able to retrieve my phone. It was a fun ride.

Many teachers have left a lasting impression on me, but a few of them really stand out. Two teachers that come to mind are Mr. Crowley and Mr. Shebesta. Mr. Crowley and I really hit it off from day one of my taking his class. Not only did I learn how to apply physics to everyday life, but I know a lot of jokes now, too. I met Mr. Shebesta my freshman year when he recruited me to play tennis after being cut from the baseball team. Not only has Mr. Shebesta helped me in tennis, but with algebra (sophomore year) and calculus (senior year). I had never played tennis before, but I quickly caught the hang of it. That first practice came and I showed real promise, but I wanted to get better. At home I would volley against the basement wall so at the next practice I could be a menace at the net. I moved up to varsity before long and won a trophy for Rookie of the Year.



I enjoyed the team van rides to matches as we bantered, ate beef jerky, and listened to rock n' roll. I felt supported by the upperclassmen who took me under their wing, and helped me work on my form. As a senior, I look forward to also taking new tennis teammates under my wing and leading them into a winning season. I hope to earn my 30th win with Mr. Shebesta during my last tennis season.

One piece of advice that I hope to impart to others is: "Doors will close, and new ones will always open. If you get stuck in the middle, don't fret. Be patient and trek on."

I plan to major in finance after high school. I've narrowed down my top three college choices to Xavier University, Ohio University, and the University of Cincinnati.

While attending New Richmond High School, I have participated in basketball for three years, golf for three years, tennis for four years, and Marching Band for four years. I've also been a member of National Honor Society, Chemistry Club, Ecology Club and Boy

Marissa Parker

My plan after high school is to attend Christ College of Nursing to get a BSN.

Teachers that influenced me are Mrs. Tea, Mrs. Dalton, and Mrs. Prescott, I will always remember them.

My advice to high school students is don't only focus on school and remember to have a good time.

My biggest fear is drowning. What makes me happiest is spending time with my pets and family.

I think school is very important and a great way to develop one's education.

I participated in Troubadours. Being a part of the Troubadours has changed my life for the better and I love singing. The tour was my favorite part--getting to



singing to all the kids knowing that I was that kid once.

Someone I respect is Mr. Hefflin because he is a very kind and great person.

I want to make a difference in the world by becoming a nurse and helping however I can.

I do have a job. I mostly babysit for two families at once. This job teaches me responsibility, patience, and great social skills.

Brady Payne

I played football and baseball while at New Richmond.

Mr. Burke is a teacher that has influenced me the most. He's helped me with things in and out of school that no other teacher has done for me.

The funniest moment was four years of Nathan Kennedy being an idiot.

The hardest thing about being a teenager is trying not to worry about things you can't control.

I think school is important until about eighth grade. After that, I feel like I could've spent



way more time working or doing something better with my time.

Mr. Mahan and anyone else who served are people that I respect.

I work at Papa John's so I'm not broke.

Kalib Pottorf

My plans after high school are to go to college and be a successful adult.

During my years at New Richmond I have done track, football, Troubs, and Fermata Nowhere.

Coach Burke has taught me valuable lessons

Yes, money is important to me. That's how I survive.

I'd like to change violence and war; it's a really important issue in our world.

My closest friends are Sean, Logan, Cait, and Lleyton. They



are my friends because they do dumb stuff like me, and I can trust them.

The hardest part about being a teenager is the depression and anxiety.

Jacob Riffle

My plan after high school is to attend Ohio University to study business management and leadership.

I participated in two years of varsity soccer, two years of golf, one year of basketball, and four years of baseball.

Some people I respect are the people in the military.

To me, money is very important because if you have money you can do what you want with that money to make you happier.

My friends are Danny, Adam, Jack, and Brady. We have a lot of fun when we hang out.



One of the biggest problems in the world right now is people being too sensitive about things and making big problems about small things.

Mrs. Coulter and Mr. Heflin have been the most influential teachers and or staff for me.

Zach Prescott

After high school, I plan to make and perform Christian rap music, attend the Recording Connection Academy, DJ, do commercials or perform in some way

While at New Richmond I have participated in: wrestling, 4-H, Mish.

I will miss basketball and football games. I will not miss homework.

There are a few teachers that have influenced me, including; Mrs. Hatfield, Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Adkisson and Ms. Senter. All of these teachers really gave me the help I needed when I needed it. They all believed in me and were positive people.

One piece of advice that I would offer to other high school students is: keep your head up and don't let other people mess with you.



My biggest fear is not knowing what's going to happen next. Things that make me happy are music, being on stage and church.

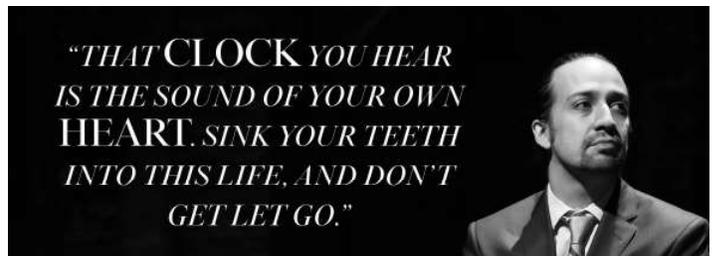
School is important because it helps to determine how successful you will be in the future. It determines the type of job you could end up with.

My Aunt Trish is someone that I respect a lot. I wouldn't be where I am in my life and with my family if it weren't the sacrifices she made for me when I was a young kid.

I need to show and tell people about God. I wish that more Christian teenagers would show their faith in school. Let people know that God cares for you and gives you grace and mercy at all times and that you are never alone in your struggles. He has your back at all times and you need to let Him lead you.

When I go out into the world, I want to live in the city in an older style home.

More people need to know about God and to go the direction He wants you to go. People need to love each other for who they are and quit judging each other. I hope the music I make helps make this change.





I plan on attending the University of Cincinnati and majoring in Guardian Ad Litem.

I think the main thing I'll miss about New Richmond High School is the people. That includes both staff members and my fellow students. I'll miss

Dakotah Reynolds

talking with others and sharing stories with some. I won't miss the school lunch that I occasionally had, but all school food typically isn't the best.

There are a couple of teachers that have made a big impact on my life, one of them being at the middle school and the other two being at the high school. The middle school teacher that had the biggest influence on my life was definitely Mrs. Jones. She was always there for me and was always there to help me out when I needed it the most. She was also by far one of the kindest teachers I have ever had. I remember her Foodie Fridays and all of her students, including me, look forward to that and her Brownie Points, where

if each of her classes would do well, they'd rack up brownie points and she would bring in brownies once we got enough points. She made learning fun and informative. I also found my love for working with the school's yearbook in her class. I furthered that passion later in high school. The second teacher I would like to include in this honorable mention would be my yearbook teacher, Mr. Robinson. He furthered my knowledge within the school's yearbook and I want to thank him for that. Not only that but Mr. Robinson is just a great, kind guy in general. He's always willing to help if a student is confused on their page for the yearbook. He motivates me to try my best in the yearbook. Lastly, but certainly not least, I would like to thank my past art teacher, Mrs. Hauserman. I had her last year for the very first time and I'm glad it's a requirement to take a fine art credit because I got to really know Mrs. Hauserman. I found out we had a lot of things in common with one another. Not only that, but I genuinely enjoyed the way she taught and I loved both of the classes I had with her.

The best memories I have experienced would have to be in my high school years. I absolutely loved Clash of the Classes. I loved getting to be in a big and fun environment with my fellow classmates. I loved getting all dressed up during Spirit Week according to the appropriate days.

The hardest thing about being a teenager would have to be trying to fit in with your peers or being confident in yourself. It's kind of like you get one and not the other. I would consider myself a normal teenager, but I don't do a lot of normal things like teenagers. At the same time I do, if that makes any sense. It's crazy that it's taken me four years to realize I shouldn't care



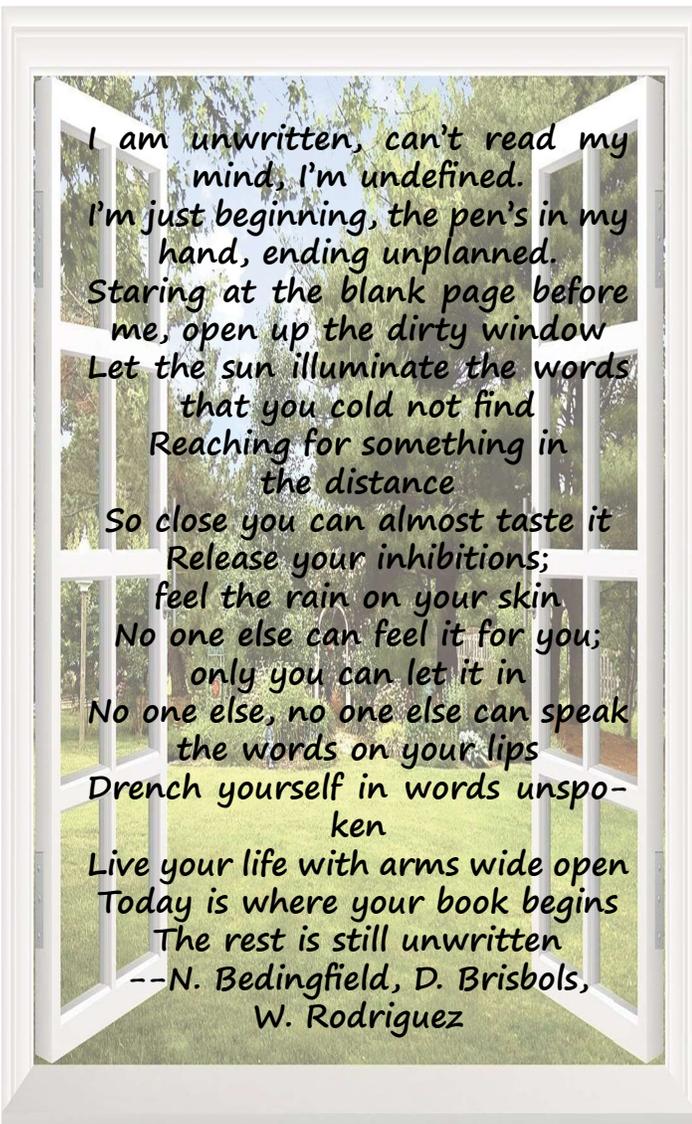
about what others think about me. I should just do what makes me happy. Senior year has been the light to show me that.

The biggest fear I have is both heights and dying. Which yes, I know, one seems a lot more rational than the other. On the contrary, the thing, or I should say, the person who makes me the happiest would have to be God. My religion plays a huge part in my life; therefore, God equals my happiness.

I do believe school is very important to help you further your education in your future. If you want to have a pretty successful job, I feel like you need to have some education to back it up with. School even teaches you some of the basic common sense in your life.

I only really have one really close friend and that's my best friend, Sammy, who I've known since I was a little girl. She's the backbone of my life along with my boyfriend, Ethan, who I've known since eighth grade, yet we didn't actually start dating until our freshman year of high school.

Anyway, I do have another really close friend in my life who I met almost a year ago. She's one of my Young Life leaders and let me tell you, this girl has given me so much wisdom and has strengthened my faith in God in more ways than I could even begin to explain to people. Honestly, Young Life in general is like a big loving, friend group to me.



Laney Ringhand

After high school, I am headed out west, to Brigham Young University. I will be studying Environmental Science and I am thinking about specializing in entomology.

I have participated in church youth group, golf, cross country, swimming, pep band, ranch hand on Ensign Ranches, Student Council, Ecology Club, Hope Squad, Fermata Nowhere, National Honor Society, 4H, Land of Grant Honor Band, Solo and Ensemble, Leadership Academy, American Sign Language Club, Drama Club, band, and Troubadours.

I will miss the students, the teachers, and the staff of NRHS I am truly the person I am today because of their influences. I have enjoyed being a part of the band, choir, and art. These classes have allowed me to grow and learn how to express myself and develop my talents. I am grateful for all the wonderful teachers I have had that have supported me throughout the years, and have led and influenced me in what I want to do in the future. I will also miss all the people that I have become friends with throughout high school. They helped

me to become more confident in myself and learn my boundaries. I found out the type of people that I enjoy spending my time with. Thank you to the upperclassmen that helped me find my way and thank you to the underclassmen that are so supportive of me.

My advice to students is to be involved in extracurricular activities. Take advantage of the opportunity to discover your talent. NRHS has so much to offer so take a variety of classes. You might find out you like art like I did my senior year, so be yourself. It is hard being a teenager with all the stress, pressure, and anxiety, when life feels like it is getting too hard, spend some time outside and remember to breathe.

I have seen a lot of personal growth over the past four years and know it is because I put in the work. I overcame a lot of the anxiety I was experiencing my freshman year. I am thankful for all my relationships in high school and for what my peers taught me about myself. I am listening less and less to that voice in my head that tells me that I am not good enough. I am overcoming my desire to be perfect.

I am excited about my future. The next chapter of my life is right around the corner and I couldn't be more thrilled. I look forward to the new opportunities and the change of scenery and dynamics. I want to be in an environment where everyone wants to build on their knowledge and support each other in the process. I want to work on myself, develop my talents, step out of my comfort zone, make lifelong friends, prepare myself for the workforce, and strengthen my faith. I am excited to pursue my passion for the environment and hopefully upon graduating from college will be in a position in which I can make a great



impact on our planet and improve the lives of others.

My family moved to New Richmond in July 2015 after participating in open enrollment. My parents are Lance and Lindsey, and my siblings are Samantha and Bradley Ringhand. Our goal as a family was to become *that house*. The house where you can walk in, grab a drink out of the fridge and feel at home. The house where you won't feel judged. The house where, despite what may be happening in your life, at school or at home, you know that you will always have a second family who cares, accepts you for who you are, supports, and loves you.

I have many great memories of playing soccer, basketball, and 4-square in our living room with my family and friends. We have been fortunate enough to host many events like Homecoming dinners and New Year's Eve parties where it was common to listen to loud music and play *Just Dance* until the morning. Many of my fondest memories are within the walls of my own home. My home was a safe place to have fun without feeling the peer pressure to do something stupid. Eventually, I would like to have a family of my own and will raise my own children similarly. As an introvert, in a house full of extroverts I needed a little more time to reset and recharge. So, I hope to also be that safe space for my children and their friends, but in moderation.

Anna Reynolds



rude one there's 10 good ones.

One teacher that I will remember from my time at New Richmond is Mrs. Dalton. I always looked forward to going to her class and loved the conversations we would end up having about anything. Although it was very easy to get sidetracked and talk about one topic forever, I did learn a lot of valuable lessons in her class. Definitely one of my favorite teachers and classes!

One of my favorite memories I have from my time here is when in Spanish class we did March Madness with Spanish music. The whole class ended up memorizing *Ella* by Alvaro Soler and he quickly became a class favorite.



My plans after high school are to continue my education at UC Clermont and stay at home. I will also continue working at my current job at Ann's Hallmark.

During my time at NRHS I played volleyball for three years, and I participated in ASL club my freshman year.

One thing I will miss about NRHS is seeing my classmates, whether it be the underclassmen I've become friends with or classmates in my grade. One thing I won't miss are the exams!

My advice to other high school students would be to go to every sport event you can! I definitely wish I went to more football and basketball games.

I have a job working at Ann's Hallmark and I've learned a lot of customer service through working there. It's hard some days when you don't feel like putting on a smile for every rude customer, but for every

Emma Sanchez

While at New Richmond, specifically in my sophomore year, I took journalism. With that being said, journalism was my joy. In comparison to peers, who found passion in sports and other clubs in relation to the typical societal standards, I took pride in being a little bit different and being a part of creating *The Messenger* my sophomore year.

My advice to high school students is: don't take life for granted. Throughout the years I've been in school, I've witnessed all these people around me grow and change immensely. I've watched new friend groups form, and people finding their passions and figuring themselves out. It's been a long ride. Nonetheless, I would do it all over again in a heartbeat, time has flown faster than I could've imagined, but I look back on every moment and it's all still blissful to dissect and remember.

I look at schooling in two very different lights. I've struggled a lot throughout the years in efforts to maintain composure and there have been countless times where I've wanted to just call it quits on everything and sink to failures unjustified, but it's been worth every minute. Not only does schooling provide obvious education, but I've built bonds and learned

lessons that will stick with me long after high school has ended. Basic brick-and-mortar education has so many benefits in between the lines, you just have to be willing to see it.

I still have uncertainty as to where I'd like to attend, but I plan to further my education in the creative writing field. Passion trumps everything else, and mine has always laid in using the 26-letter combination to spill art on every line I compose, and so I intend to put that to use in my future career pathway.

The person who influenced me the most at New Richmond was Mrs. Griffin. My sophomore year, I had just moved back to Ohio from living in Texas for the past three years, and coming back to New Richmond was pretty daunting. Seeing all of the people I had known years prior again, post-elementary and middle school, understandably surprised me. I didn't have many friends coming back, and for a while, first period English class was calamitous. We had writing assignments, as expected in a typical tenth grade English class, but Mrs. Griffin used to leave, what she likely thought, were trivial notes on my papers. "You're such a good writer", "Please join journalism", are what the notes most closely

resembled, until I finally gave in. Joining journalism was one of my more noble decisions, as it turned a corner for me. Mrs. Griffin, I feel, pushed me into the rain house of potential I was always capable of, previously stuck standing in uninspired puddles. Without Mrs. Griffin, I likely wouldn't have become more confident in my work and writing, and would've missed out on countless opportunities.

Decorously, I intend to change so many aspects of behaviors I've obtained throughout the years. I moved a lot in my childhood, back and forth, school after school, the struggle never stopped. Adjustment was the new norm, and the expectancy of acceptance was overwhelming. As an adult, I never again want to have to force myself to be happy and content with all the changes again. My life has been filled to the brim with love and pure devotion, but I'll prioritize my own mental health in the ambitious life I've yet to live.

In the first grade, my mom's white blood cell count metastasized, and she passed away. The leukemia of my mother was the root of my problems at age seven, and ultimately took so much away from me. When my mom passed, I was out of school for a little while. Not knowing what would hap-



pen going back, as most seven year olds have difficulties processing death in itself, it was terrifying. The day I went back, I remember there was a pink gift bag left in my cubby, inside contained a picture frame. The intention was for a picture of my mom to be placed in it, and after all the sadness I'd been dealing with, I smiled so bad that day. She likely doesn't remember this story, or even know the significance it will always have to me, but I have the utmost respect and admiration for a fellow classmate of mine, Ella Bird, for doing something so small, yet so massive at the time for me. She gifted me that frame 11 years ago now, and while it may seem insignificant, I still see it as the kindest thing that's been done for me at my most vulnerable state, and that is why I respect her the most.

*You know a dream is like a river
Ever changin' as it flows
And a dreamer's just a vessel
That must follow where it goes
Trying to learn from what's behind you
And never knowing what's in store
Makes each day a constant battle
Just to stay between the shores...and*

*I will sail my vessel
'Til the river runs dry
Like a bird upon the wind
These waters are my sky
I'll never reach my destination
If I never try
So I will sail my vessel
'Til the river runs dry*

*Too many times we stand aside
And let the waters slip away
'Til what we put off 'til tomorrow
Has now become today
So don't you sit upon the shoreline
And say you're satisfied
Choose to chance the rapids
And dare to dance the tide...yes*

*I will sail my vessel
'Til the river runs dry
Like a bird upon the wind
These waters are my sky
I'll never reach my destination
If I never try
So I will sail my vessel
'Til the river runs dry*

*There's bound to be rough waters
And I know I'll take some falls
But with the good Lord as my captain
I can make it through them all...yes*

*I will sail my vessel
'Til the river runs dry
Like a bird upon the wind
These waters are my sky
I'll never reach my destination
If I never try
So I will sail my vessel
'Til the river runs dry*

*Yes, I will sail my vessel
'Til the river runs dry
'Til the river runs dry*

Alicyn Saylor

After high school, I want to go to college, hopefully

I will miss seeing some of the close friends I have made over my four year of high school... I won't miss waking up super early.

Mrs. Senter helped me find my love for books and I will never forget that.

Some of my favorite memories will always be Mrs. Parker's learning period freshman year. My friends and I had so many good times together that I hope to carry with me forever. We were so weird back then and we still kinda are.

One piece of advice I would give to other high school students and people coming into the high school is even though I hate saying it, listen to advice people give you; you are not the smartest person in the world and you do not know what you're doing. Trust me, even if you think that you are right about everything in your life you're not. Second-guess everything you do because if you don't, you're going to mess up. You just have to take things a step at a time. Do your work and don't mess up your GPA early on--it's a pain in your butt to fix.

Parents are the hardest thing about being a teenager--they're not always understanding and they're not always the best people in the world. Hopefully, what they do is for the best but you should probably listen to them.

My biggest fear for a long time was probably always not living up to my dad's expectations and honestly, I have to say the thing that made me happiest was when I realized that the only person's expectations that I actually have to live up to is my own.



Someone I respect would probably be myself. I really respect myself and the things that I've been through. I think that self-respect is a super important thing and I think everybody should respect themselves and hold themselves to a higher standard

I wouldn't change a single thing about myself except for maybe my nose and maybe lose a couple pounds.

I'm so understanding and willing to see things from other people's point of view. I think that I have the ability to touch other people and help them with their problems in a way that people who are very close-minded cannot.

Money is important because the world is literally run by money. Without money, you can't do anything so money's important

My parents are controlling and they think that every part of my life needs to be controlled and that I can't make decisions for myself. I've made mistake--every child does --but the importance is to allow your child to make mistakes and grow from those mistakes.

I am one person and one person can start a revolution but they can't end it so I feel like I don't want to fix anything. I want to start the beginning of fixing something.... I want to give people a voice and help them stand up and say this isn't okay.

Caden Scheu

My biggest fear is the dark. What makes me happy is steak and mashed potatoes.

Some people I respect are my brothers because they are really cool.

Yes, money is important because the world would be lost without it.

I'll miss seeing my friends but I won't miss waking up just to go to school.

My plans after high school are to become an astronaut.

My family is fun and loud and is usually late to anything we were invited to. My family consists of me, my two older broth-



ers, Noah and Sawyer, and my mom and dad. I would describe them as cool, fun people and they're fun to hang out with. I want a family of four to five in the future.

I have played soccer all four years of high school.

Nathan Schneider

After high school, I plan to attend college for Music Production.

Managing expectations for yourself and understanding that your adult life will come soon regardless of what you do.

Ethan Wehrymeyer is my closet friend. I enjoy his voice. He was accused of plagiarism because he used a long Membean word.

I had three jobs during high school. Two during the summer and during school. I worked to pay for gas, and I learned time management is important.

Spiders are my biggest fear. Absence of spiders makes me



happy.

Yes, money is important because I need it to pay for things, such as gas and college.

If I could fix any issue in the world, it would be the abuse of kids. All perpetrators, in my opinion, should be met with punishment of the upmost severity.



Daniel Shockley

I plan to go to Ohio University and study sports management with a minor in business and analytics.

Mrs. Parker, Mr. Crowley and Coach McMonigle are the teachers who have made the most impact on me.

Doing anything with *Roar on the River* would have to be my favorite memories.

My parents are extremely supportive. They have come to every one of my sports games no matter what they have going on.

I have a job at Papa John's. I deliver pizzas so I have learned the roads of New Richmond. I work because I need to make



money to pay for life expenses.

Money is important to me because you need money to survive.

I would like to fix the price of Netflix. It is getting too expensive and really cramping my style. I would fix it by making a GoFundMe for a pool for Netflix subscribers.

Griffin Staneika-Ross

My plan after high school is to attend The University of Cincinnati for mechanical engineering.

I participated in XC, wrestling, track, Art Club, Chem Club, Robotics Team, Makers Club, and Student Council.

I'll miss the people from NRHS; however, I won't miss the work.

The teacher that influenced me the most was Mr. Crowley.

My favorite memories are all of my team memories.

Nothing is the hardest thing, we have it easy.

My friends make me the happiest.

I kinda think school is important. I think the grading system is flawed but learning is definitely important.

Something I was involved



in was wrestling; it taught me work ethic.

My closest friends are Anna Uhlenbrock, Nate Kennedy, Dylan Iker, and more. Too many to name.

No, there is nothing I would change about myself.

I have a job cleaning apartments.

Yes, money is important to me.

No, I would not like a similar lifestyle as my current one--I want to travel more.

Kaelyn Simpson

My plans after high school are to attend Xavier University and pursue a nursing degree. After a long and hard decision, I decided to live on campus.

I have participated in cheerleading for four years, Student Council for three years, American Sign Language club for two years, Troubadours for two years. I also have had a job since my junior year.

A teacher that has influenced me in my life is Mrs. Montgomery. Any time I have a peer issue, a personal issue, or even just want to vent, she is always there to listen. She has given me such great advice with the many adversities I have faced in high school. She's never given up on me and continues to influence every student around her on a daily basis.

My advice to other high school students would be to not be so serious about everything. It's okay to be absent if you just need a day to yourself. It's okay to have a couple of missing assignments, as long as you get them caught up. It's okay not to know what you want to do after high school.

I think that the hardest thing about being a teenager is the feeling of just wanting to fit in. Everyone wants to be liked by everyone else. They want to be the most "popular" or the girl/guy that everyone wants to be like or with. But what I have learned is that it really doesn't



matter about popularity. As long as you are happy with your life and with your friends, that is all that should matter. In 10 years, it won't matter what people are saying about you.

I only really have one close friend. Her name is Elleah Senters. We are almost the same exact person. We have been friends since elementary school and have been inseparable ever since. She goes to Ohio State right now so I don't get to see her often but that doesn't matter to us. My favorite memory with her was last summer. I was about to leave for my family vacation when I decided to call her up and ask her if she wanted to tag along. Of course, she said yes. She had her suitcase packed in like 20 minutes. We then spent nine days in Florida.

I do have a job. I work at Skyline Chili in Amelia. From working in "fast food" I have learned so many things. Since I work in a drive-thru, I see so many different things on a daily basis. I have had to learn how to accommodate people who may be different from me. We have a regular that comes through and she is deaf. I have had to learn how to read her lips to know what she wants. Also, I have had to learn how to be kind to people who may not be the happiest. I have to keep calm and not give in to their rude comments or however they may act towards me.



Cortney Smith

After high school I plan to attend Ohio University and major in nursing. Once I finish college, I hope to be able to travel and see the world, possibly as a travel nurse.

Throughout my time at New Richmond, I participated in basketball all four years and softball for two years. I was also a member of the Student Council, K.I.N.D. Club, Hope Squad, and NHS.

One of my favorite memories here at New Richmond was the senior sunrise. I think it was a cool way for the seniors to reunite and start off the school year together. Another one of my favorite moments from high school is going to the football games and cheering on my friends. Though there are many good moments to my high school career; there are also hard times.

One of the hardest things about being a teenager in high school is change. Throughout high school, so many things are going to change, whether that is your friends, workload, future, life in general, or things being restricted because of COVID. The best way I found to deal with this change is to think of it as an opportunity to grow and better yourself rather than a setback where nothing will get better. Schoolwork in general is also something stressful about being a teenager; there are so many different assignments,



tests, and sporting events going on that it is sometimes difficult to budget your time efficiently.

Making time in your schedule to complete your school work is something important. A lot of the things you learn in high school will help you in your future whether you're going into a trade or going on to complete more schooling in college. This being said, when I go out into the world as an adult I hope to live a similar lifestyle to the one I was brought up in.

The lifestyle I had throughout my childhood taught me to be grateful and gave me the opportunity to explore and go through high school being relatively stress free.

Some advice I have for high school students is to cherish every moment. It is so important to take advantage of the opportunities in front of you and to make memories as you go because soon enough you're going to be an adult and have real-world responsibilities. Thank you to all my fellow classmates for the fun memories, I wish you the best of luck with your future endeavors.

Madeline Wells

My plans after high school are to attend Christ College of Nursing and obtain my BSN.

A teacher that had had a big influence on me and that I'll never forget is Mrs. Merritt. She pushed me to always be my best not just in class but in life. She has always been someone for me to trust and to get advice.

My advice to other high school students is to be involved in any way you can. Join all the clubs/sports teams and don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone.

The hardest part about being a teenager is balancing school, a job, and also having enough time to hang out with friends and family.

I do have a job working at IGA. I stock shelves and am a cashier. This job has taught me discipline and to be more responsible with not only my work but also with the money I make.

When I go out into the world as an adult, I would love to have a similar lifestyle as I have now. I want to stay close to home and have the small-town feel that I have now.



Money is very important to me. While I like to save my money and not spend it all the time, I do like to spend it every once in a while on something special for myself or my family.

My family is special to me in many ways. They have always been my biggest supporters and people I can lean on to. I hope in the future I have a family just as great as mine is.

My closest friend is Brooklyn Armbruster. We have been friends since we were very young when we played on the same soccer team. We are very similar and like many of the same things hence why we are so close. My favorite memory with Brooklyn is when we went to Florida a few weeks ago and went to the beach. Brooklyn is a very important person to me and I am so happy that she's a part of my life.

Trey Wentzel

After high school, I will go to Cincinnati State to study fire science and technology.

My advice to other students is: don't try too hard. Being happy and passing is better than being stressed and excelling

Money is important because it allows me to obtain the things that make me happy and having money makes me happy.

I think getting the diploma that says you graduate is im-



portant but school in general is useless.

My biggest fear is being homeless.



William Swart

I plan to graduate with a high-school diploma and several national certifications and move on to a full time employment with a set of decent pay and full benefits. I also plan to get a credit card to make small, benign payments that I am 100% sure that I can pay off so that I may build a credit score to take out a loan on a house to put on my property.

During high school, I participated in the makerspace and Competitive Robotics team to gain technical skills to forward my education before going to Grant Career Center Vocational School.

I will miss the time I had spent with my New Richmond class that I had known since my first days in public school.; however, I will not be missing the two school years that I did horribly in during my time at the high school.

Some staff members who have affected my life are both of the Moler's, Griffin, Jones, Nyam, Kirby, Crowley, Minor, Smiddy, Helton, Heflin, Liming, Minning, Huntington, and Lindner. They all had a positive impact on my life and pushed me to strive towards what I enjoyed in life and to turn it into a career.

One of my favorite stories from my time in high school would be racing Charles Stammen with the drones during my sophomore year in Robotics II.

My advice to other high school students is to strive to do more than what is offered to you during highschool. This includes extracurricular courses, college, and vocational school. Also, learn how to effectively

use money, manage finances, and plan several steps ahead of the present.

The hardest thing about being a teenager is being more mature than what the masses think you are and being treated and grouped in the majority.

There is nothing I fear more than losing the people I love.

Yes, I think school is important, to an extent. The implied importance of traditional curricular activity causes students to be pushed to "achieve" more in school with no results or benefits at the end of their schooling career. This causes people a large amount of undue mental stress. There are many things that I have noticed looking from an outside perspective that are beneficial; however, are so overdone and repetitive that the meaning of the work being completed is completely voided in the grand scheme. A student's time is much more valuable in a vocational school due to the simple fact that the benefit to work ratio is a lot more balanced. The concept of homework is also partly the reason that I believe that the high school curriculum needs to be updated as a lot of stress and anxiety is imparted on students when they have personal things to worry about (at home for example) and they have to spend hours of their time doing busy work. Would it be fair if a full time employee had to go home every day after work to the unfortunate realization that he has been assigned work to do from his house only to wake up the day after and repeat the processes over again?

Something that I have accom-

plished that has affected me is getting a job my junior year, meeting my groups of friends, making connections, and being in a very loving relationship for nearly two and a half years.

Someone I respect is my partner, Louisa Mitchell, as our relationship is full of love and mutual respect.

Anyone that I have an instant gut connection with are people who I strive to know better and who eventually become my best friends. I enjoy the support and mutual respect that my friend groups have for me and for each other. Any moments I get to spend with these people are my life's best moments. I owe a lot to these people and would do anything within my power to repay them.

There are a lot of things I'd like to change about myself to fix my insecurities; my appearance as an example. However, throughout my adult life, I have learned to live with these things and accept me as me and realize that other people appreciate me for qualities that I dislike in myself and my life would never be the same without them. This concept and the people involved have improved my confidence ten-fold.

I think I can have an impact on the world by just being myself. Some say I have a natural charisma and a positive radiating effect on people. This is one of the few things I pride myself on.

I have worked for two years at Grant Career Center which has given me the skillset needed to achieve my future goals.

I was discriminated against to an extent. I was heavily alien-



ated during my time at New Richmond due to my interests and hobbies. I have since grown from this and surrounded myself with both staff and students that appreciate me for who I am.

I appreciate my family a lot,;we are all mostly respectful towards each other (sarcasm). Some day I wish to have my own family when I know that I can effectively support them. I am in no hurry however and am thoroughly taking my time.

Money is less of an importance and more of a tool to me; however the sad truth is that it is a requirement in the modern age. I believe that it should be held in high regard as it can make the difference in quality of life; however, it should not be held to a pedestal (this may develop greed).

Yes, I want a similar lifestyle to the one I grew up in because I have been raised as a mature young man and have moved into my adult life early.

I believe that history repeats itself. People are destined to do heinous things over and over again without thought. If there would ever be anything I'd want to change in the world, it would simply be the small things that affect those that I love and care about.



Ethan Vogt

I plan on going to Cincinnati State for cyber-security after high school.

Outside of school, I play sports and work.

When I leave NRHS, I will miss my teachers.

I will remember Mr. Robinson because he has influenced me in many ways. My favorite thing about him is just how amazing he is.

The hardest thing about being a teenager is growing up.

I think school is very important because it is one of the plac-



es where you learn and develop many skills.

Money is important to me because it is very essential in the world today, especially with price changes and inflation.

Logan Woodruff

After high school, I want to go into firefighting.

I played baseball here at NRHS. I will miss the dances and sports but I won't miss the work or getting up early.

Mrs. Minning, Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Loving and Mr. Heflin are all teachers I will remember.

My advice to other students is never give up. Try new things because you never know what you might like and don't let anyone tell you what sports to play. I made that mistake and never got a chance to play football.

The hardest thing about being a teenager is the mental things we go through. What makes me happiest is my girlfriend, Caitlin, and friends.

I do think that high school is important but some of the stuff we learn, I will never remember.



I got into working out and that has helped me get through a lot. I can just take a break from the world for a few hours a day.

My closest friends are Flamm, Sean, Kalib, Caitlin. My favorite memory is when all of us went kayaking together.

I would like to change how big I am. I want to lift weights to get bigger so I look better.

I think I can have an impact on the world by doing my best and helping people.

Katie Williams

After high school, I plan on attending one of the three following colleges: Northern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, or Cleveland State University. I am still unsure of what I'd like to major in, but I'm excited to experiment with different fields of study to see what career path is truly right for me.

The thing I'll miss most about NRHS would have to be the daily routine. The last six years of my life have been structured very similarly to one another, so the switch from middle/high school life to college life will surely take some getting used to. I definitely won't miss the super early mornings, though.

Throughout the twelve years I've spent in the New Richmond school district, I've had the pleasure of being taught by a ton of amazing educators. However, Mr. Chandler, my fourth-grade math teacher from Monroe Elementary, has definitely been and will always be the most memorable.

The greatest piece of advice I could give to other high school students would be to never let someone belittle you for being passionate about something you love. Not every single person you come face to face with in your lifetime is going to have the same exact interests as you, and that's okay. As long as you aren't harming anyone, you should always continue to do the things in life that genuinely make you happy.

Just like with any stage of life, being a teenager comes with many struggles. I think the hardest thing about being a teenager is trying to balance your home life, school life,



and social life all at once. Yes, those three aspects of life are all very important, but they're also stressful and challenging, and occasionally chaotic. It's not always easy, but making time for yourself and taking mental breaks every once in a while are both extremely crucial to maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

I think my biggest fear is not living my life to its fullest potential. Laughing and having a good time surrounded by the people I love the most in this world always makes me feel happy and pushes me to keep going.

Money is important to me, but it doesn't mean absolutely everything to me. My motto has always been to enjoy/appreciate the little things in life, and you don't need to be making hundreds of thousands of dollars to do that. Sure, having that much money would be absolutely amazing, but it's not a must.

When I go out into the world as an adult, I'd like to have a sort of mix of the lifestyle I grew up in, as well as the lifestyle I've always dreamt of. For instance, my siblings and I all grew up super close. We've always had a really special bond and I truly hope that never changes. But, I'm also really excited to experience all the opportunities I never got the chance to as a kid.



How will you let challenges change you?

Will they change you for the better or worse?

By: Brooke Donley

One thing that I have learned in high school is: challenges make us who we are and can greatly impact our lives. We can choose if they will make our lives better by growing and learning from them or let them drag us down. Therefore, it is not the challenge itself that determines who we are but rather the actions we take after the challenge and whether we choose to fight or let the challenge defeat us.

One challenge that I have faced in high school is something that I never in a million years thought would change. My church had been the center of my life since I can remember. Everything in that church was familiar and safe from the landscape painted behind the baptistry to the craggly looking cross that never got put away from Easter a long time ago. The same people were there every week and I knew them all by name. I knew that every Sunday I would sit in my seat next to the same person and sing out of the same red hymn book. After church, I would go out to lunch with my friends and spend many afternoons hanging out with them. Then, I would

be back in the church basement at five o'clock to attend youth group. The basement with rows of tables that were empty because I was usually the only kid who made it to youth group.

Then, everything changed. I no longer felt that was the church for me. It isn't important now, two years later, what happened to make me not want to stay there, but I knew I couldn't stay. Due to that challenge, I had to decide what I was going to do and if I was going to let the challenge change me for the best or the worst. It wasn't a change that I wanted, but it was there and I had to do it. I made the decision to leave and I found myself at my new church, Saltair Church of Christ. It was different from what I had been used to for my entire life. I wasn't sitting in the same seat, even though I was sitting next to the same person. There wasn't a landscape painted in the baptistry, it was made of stone. There was also no craggly old cross that was forgotten to be put away. The hymnal was about twice as thick and I didn't know half of the songs inside. It was a scary change, but the challenge definitely changed me for the best.

Slowly, over time, the church became more like home. The songs that were not familiar became familiar and I even like some of them. The people who were once strangers have become my church family. They are so close knit at Saltair and I am so glad to be a part of that church family. I had started learning sign language to different songs and I started to perform before I left my old church. Had I stayed I would have never continued to learn sign language and perform, but since I did I have learned so much. It is now something that



I love to do and I would have never stepped out of my comfort zone in that way at the old church.

Another challenge that I've faced is becoming better at running. At first, I just liked cross country and track because my friends were there. I never really thought that I could be faster. Sophomore year I decided to run outside of practice to spend time with a friend and the extra miles paid off. I made varsity for the first time which is something I would have never thought possible for myself. Then, I started running more distance races which were also challenging at first. I ran my first half marathon, the Flying Pig, in the spring of 2021 virtually and it was a challenge for sure. The race didn't exactly go as planned and I ran a 2:12. That set me on a mission for the fall season for the Queen Bee. I was going to beat 2:10 and train better for it. In July, I started training 16 weeks out from the race. My legs were sore most of the training cycle, but it definitely paid off. The race couldn't have gone more to plan. From the time the

gun went off, I was able to be faster than my planned pace. I ran a 1:54 and finished first in my race.

Challenges are going to happen and this is the most important thing that I have learned in high school is that it is not the challenge itself that defines who you are, it is what you choose to do with that challenge. I could have chosen to let the challenge drag me down and leave church for good or stay where I wasn't growing. I'm not the same person I was two years ago because of the change that made my life better. "If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you," is a quote that I have found to be true over the past few years. Challenges force us to change and it is our choice whether we allow them to change us for the better or worse.



Class of 2022

Academic Achievements

Top 10 (In alphabetical order, subject to change)

Justin Ackerman

Makenzie Bene

Hailey Collett

Emily Colonel

Logan Crooks

Vittoria DiSalvo

Brooke Donley

Jack Nicoloff

Cortney Smith

Griffin Staneika-Ross

Artistic Achievements

Mrs. Hauserman would like to recognize the following art students for their accomplishments:

Ellie Arkus

Trey Wentzel

Musical Achievements

Mrs. Hannah would like to thank the class of 2022 for their dedication to the choral program, their creative ideas, and their strong leadership. You will be missed!

Tyler Arlinghaus

Makenzie Bene

Ella Bird

Rebecca Brunk

Emily Carey

Savannah Cloud

Kylie Cox

Logan Crooks

Cadence Deitsch

Lleyton Flamm

Brandon Gibson

Sean Miller

Marissa Parker

Kalib Pottorf

Anna Reynolds

Jake Riffle

Laney Ringhand

Nate Rodgers

Nathan Schneider

Danny Shockley

Jordan Shuck

Kaelyn Simpson

Cortney Smith

Charles Stammen

Maddie Wells

Katie Williams

Mr. McKinley and Mr. Wright wish all the best to our senior class of 2022. We're so proud of you! Your leadership, personality, and talent will be greatly missed.

Bethany Baker

Savannah Cloud

Emily Colonel

Kelly Crawford

Cadence Deitsch

Calandra Farrell

Lleyton Flamm

Reagan Fugate

Johnathan Glover

Benjamin Howard

Colin Humphries

Luke Murray

Jack Nicoloff

Laney Ringhand

Nathan Schneider



Achievements

SBAAC League All-Stars

Boys' Basketball

Player of the Year:

Justin Ackerman

1st Team:

Justin Ackerman

Tyler Sininger

2nd Team:

Luke Abbott

Adam Ernst

Honorable Mention:

Bo Snider

Boys' Cross Country

2nd Team:

Ben Howard

Girls' Cross Country

2nd Team:

Ellie Arkus

Brooke Donley

Football

1st Team:

Damean Daugherty

Tyler Sininger

Bo Snider

Honorable Mention:

Brady Payne

Wrestling

1st Team:

Zachary Asbury

Griffin Ross

Honorable Mention:

Nathan Kennedy

Boys' Golf

1st Team:

Jake Riffle

Boys' Soccer

1st Team:

Lleyton Flamm

Girls' Golf

1st Team:

Lily Adams

Laney Ringhand

Girls' Basketball

1st Team:

Cortney Smith

Eagle Scouts

Jack Nicoloff

Community Service

Achievements

Luke Murray - 2696.56 Hours

Laney Ringhand - 1470 Hours

Brooke Donley - 306.5 Hours

Brandon Gibson - 112 Hours

Ellie Arkus - 87.5 Hours



Theatre Achievements

The Drama Club would like to recognize the following members for their accomplishments:

Lily Adams

Kylie Cox

Becca Brunk

Nate Rodgers

Logan Crooks

Nathan Schneider

Danny Shockley

Cadence Deitsch

Brandon Gibson

Tyler Arlinghaus



As seniors say goodbye, staff offers

**"With a positive attitude, you can be anything you want to be."
- Selena Quintanilla (Mrs. Nehls)**

**"Success can only be measured by happiness and happiness is always a choice. So I hope you choose a successful life."
-Mr. Mahan**

"No matter what you do in life, remember the oft-forgotten importance of being a decent human being."
-Mr. Daniel Heflin

**"Always take copious notes."
-Mr. Harris**



"It is our choices, that show who we truly are, far more than our abilities." -Mrs. Merritt

"He/She who is not courageous enough to take risks will not accomplish anything in life."
-Mr. Kozlowski



"Don't forget that pancakes make everything better!"
-Mrs. Minning

*"I would tell you the sky's the limit but there are footprints on the moon! Go chase your dreams, but always know the road that'll lead you home."
-Mrs. Montgomery #bestdayever*


2022

Self-trust, integrity, and determination should be your watch-words as you step into the world of endless challenges, opportunities, and responsibilities.
-Dr. Nyam

Don't ever say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Louis Pasteur, Michaelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, Albert Einstein and even Elon Musk. Learn to manage your time if you want to accomplish your goals.
Mr. Lindner



"Always be thankful for what you have." -Mrs. Carey

**"The starting point of all achievement is desire." Napoleon Hill
Best wishes for an incredible journey!
Congratulations Class of 2022!"
-Mr. Trapp**

good luck, wishes, words of wisdom

Never throughout history has a person who lived a life of ease left a name worth remembering.
- Theodore Roosevelt (Mr. Pitzer)

"Best of luck, graduates, and remember... a good time to keep your mouth closed is when you find yourself in deep water..."
-Mr. Crowley

Do not let anyone else determine your success, it is determined by you and your effort. You get what you put into it!
Mrs. Kirschner

"Life is not about the destination.....it's about the journey it takes to get there"
-Mrs. Dalton

"Life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans."
-Mr. Benzinger (John Lennon)

"There are three ways to ultimate success:
The first way is to be kind.
The second way is to be kind.
The third way is to be kind."
-Ms. Senter (Fred Rogers)

"A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds." -Emerson "Don't be afraid of change. Be kind, be careful, be happy."
-Mrs. Griffin

"It would be nice to spend billions on schools and roads, but right now that money is desperately needed to go to Mars."
Mr. Hatfield

What I will remember about the class of 2022:

7th-period Adv Eng 3
Kaelyn's Lion Spirit
The Unfortunate Jake Incident
Lleyton's Perfect Game
Roman and Trey
Every day of ROTR-
Mrs. Parker



"Whatever you choose to do, remember..."
1. Show up.
2. Work hard.
3. Have a good attitude."
-Mr. Helton

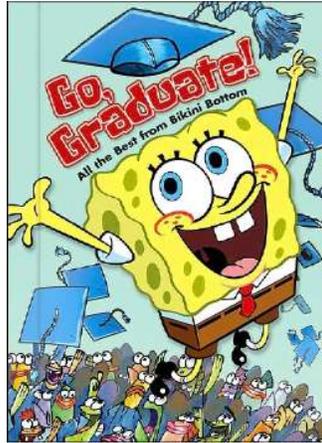
"Always be a first rate version of yourself instead of a second rate version of someone else."
- Mrs. Schlachta

"The only time you should look back is to see how far you've come." -Mrs. Graser

*“Always wear
your safe-
ty glasses and
closed toe shoes
in the shop.”*
-Mr. Shinkle

“Put your future
in good hands-
your own.”
-Mrs. Adkisson

“Because I knew
you, I have been
changed... for good.”
-Mrs. Hannah



Don't be afraid of fear. Because it sharpens you, it challenges you, it makes you stronger; and when you run away from fear, you also run away from the opportunity to be your best self. The only impossible journey is the one you never begin. Take pride in how far you've come.
-Ed Helms (Mrs. Willis)

“Pursue your dreams, even when it gets tough because
success happens when you persevere through the
challenge.”
-Ms. Marriott

“One thing that can
never be taken away
from you is your
education.”
-Mr. Evanshine

“Dream as if you will
live forever; Live as if
you will die today.”
-Mr. McMonigle



“We've got time.”
-Mr. McKinley

“Don't ever settle
for being average.
It just means you
are as close to the
bottom as you are
the top.”
-JR Superstar

“And in the end, it's not the
years in your life that count.
It's the life in your years.
Reflect on your past, dream
of your future, and pay
attention to the present. All
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-Mrs. Coulter

“Believe in yourself
and all that you are.
Know that there is
something inside of
you that is greater
than any obstacle.”
-Ms. Johnson



“A well-educated mind
will always have more
questions than an-
swers.”
-Helen Keller (Mrs.
Martin)

“Cupcakes are muf-
fins that believe in
themselves”
-Mrs. Puliaficio

"You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink."

-Mr. Shebesta



"Beautiful people are not always good, but good people are always beautiful"

-Mrs. Carmack

"All our dreams come true... if we have the courage to pursue them." -Walt Disney

"Good luck on achieving your future dreams."

-Mrs. Corbin

"What I permit, I promote. Find peace in whatever situation you are in."

-Mrs. Prescott

"Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead."

-Nora Ephron (Mrs. Baker)

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do. So, throw off the nowlines, sail away from your safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, dream, discover."

-Mark Twain (Mrs. Lewis)



"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

-Mrs. Miller

"You are a masterpiece."

-Ephesians 2:10 (Mrs. Hauserman)

"In life you can't replicate or duplicate or you have to find your own way!"

-Ms. Cain

"Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm."

-Winston Churchill (Mrs. Fetchak)

"Time is a monster that cannot be reasoned with, it responds like a snail to our impatience, then it races like a gazelle when you can't catch your breath- Don't be in such a hurry to get to the answers at the end of the road, that you forget to read the signs along the way."

-Mrs. Flamm

Four simple rules:

- Wake up Early
- Work harder than you think you did yesterday
- Never go more than 3 days without exercise
- Make time to read every single day

Mr. Foote



Where are we going?

Chloe Adams.....EMT/Fire/Paramedic/Medicine
Lily Adams.....College
Ellie Arkus.....Ohio University
Brooklyn Armbruster.....Marshall University
Bethany Baker.....Undecided
Gwendolyn Bailey.....Undecided/Traveling
Brooklynn Bartley.....College
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Ella Bird.....Northern Kentucky University
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Emily Carter.....Wilmington College
Robert Carter.....Workforce
Laney Clemons.....Trade School/Workforce
Savannah Cloud.....UC Clermont
Emily Colonel.....Eastern Kentucky University
Kylie Cox.....College
Caitlin Darnell.....University of Cincinnati
Brooke Donley.....Berea College
Adam Ernst.....College
Madison Ewald.....University of Cincinnati
Calandra Farrell.....UC Clermont
Lleyton Flamm.....Mt. St. Joseph University
Conner Fouss.....Ohio University
Abbie Heiden.....Ohio University
Evan Hughes.....University of North Carolina
Colin Humphries.....Workforce
Dylan Iker.....Mt. St. Joseph University
Julia Keith.....Ohio University
Nathan Kennedy.....Undecided

Plans for the Class of 2022

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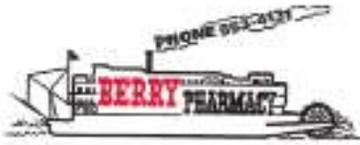


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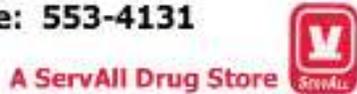
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