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Those who serve Honoring our Vets



By Madison Dundas & Alison Hassett



HHS is very proud of the many current students and graduates who have served their country or plan to do so after graduation. Above, starting top left, seniors Sean Contreras and Trevor Stutz, and 2019 graduates Matthew Dorsey and Megan Berns.

November 11, 1918, marked the official end of World War I, which is known as ‘The War to End all Wars.’ Today that day is known and celebrated as Veterans Day, the day we recognize and honor all of the courageous individuals that fought for our country.

When most people think of holidays in November, Thanksgiving is more thought of than Veterans Day. November 11th is known across the country as Veterans Day, and many Americans recognize Veterans Day for a variety of reasons. Some of those reasons include them or their loved ones risking their lives to serve and protect our country, or the respect and knowledge of everything our military does for our country.

HHS has some of their own students that plan on joining the military after

high school.

Senior Sean Contreras said, “I want to go into the military to be the best I can be. I want to build leadership skills, become mentally and physically stronger, and become someone to rely on. I plan to work in engineering or legal work and hopefully stay in for 20 or more years, but I just have to see where life takes me.”

Another student planning on going into the military, senior Trevor Stutz said, “I chose the military because I have family that have served, and I have always wanted to serve. I plan on serving four years as an aviation electrician in the Navy.”

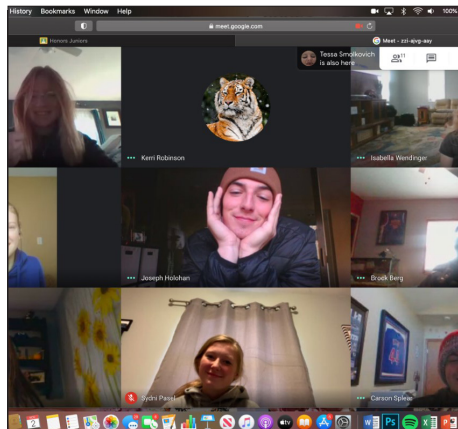
Former HHS students have gone into different branches of the military every year. 2019 graduate Megan Berns said, “I joined the military for many reasons, but I wanted to serve and I wanted to have that experience for the future. My experience has been great. I love everything about it. I chose the right branch for myself and I would encourage others. I think Veterans Day could be more recognized since it is one day.”

Another former student that went into the military, Kara Schultz said, “I joined because I live in a huge military family. I really wanted to follow in my brothers’ footsteps because I am so close to them and they are my role models. The military gives you such an honorable sense of pride. Veterans Day is such an important day for my family. It has been pretty recognized throughout the years, but of course there could always be more done to celebrate and honor all of the veterans.”

This Veterans Day, we did not have the day off of school to commemorate our past and present soldiers. The holiday is not as recognized as Thanksgiving. Mr. Eric Regez, history, said, “I believe we should be in attendance on Veterans Day. What better way for students to become aware of the importance/significance of how Veterans Day came about than to learn of the details at school.”



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Dealing with the craziness

Life's a mess



By Sean Contreras

Where do I even begin. Life is crazy, chaotic, and unpredictable. If you told freshman me everything that has happened this year, I would have called you crazy.

Let's just go over a few things that have happened this year. We have had a lockdown of the majority of the country, including our county. We have gone months without seeing friends or family. Yet Kankakee has the second highest growing rate of Covid. In the country that is. Kankakee has a higher rate than New York City, Los Angeles, and other major cities. Kankakee is only behind Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Majority of our classmates are in quarantine or have experienced quarantine, including myself who is going on week four of quarantine due to getting exposed the day after my first quarantine ended. Even the President of the United States had to quarantine. Speaking of presidents, that is a little crazy too. Our own president has filed lawsuits against multiple states because he lost the popular vote there. Many of those lawsuits were thrown out due to lack of evidence, although Pennsylvania allowed vote supervisors to stand closer with masks as votes were counted due to the Trump administration's complaints. No fraud was found. Actually there was fraud found, but less fraud was found than people in Trump's cabinet have gotten Covid. So now we have a new president-elect, 77 year Joe Biden. The man who has been in politics since before some of our parents were born has worked with many prominent people in his career. He was VP to president Barack Obama, he spoke at Robert Byrd's funeral. Oh Robert Byrd, you know the former KKK member. He will be the first president with a female VP, Kamala Harris, who helped America become the country with the highest incarceration rate.

Covid, politics, it is all crazy. Life is crazy, so all we can do is go with the flow and make things the best they can be.

Herscher... at home



By Abby Batdorf

As November progresses, it almost feels like we are sinking further and further into craziness.

In regards to Herscher itself, the two week break at the beginning of the month came as expected. Many teachers and students, including me, knew the break was coming, just didn't know when.

Personally, the school-wide break was actually really refreshing. I realized how much stuff we do in-person that isn't 100% necessary. I almost preferred being at home. I woke up at 7:45, made some coffee, and hopped in class. Snuggling with your dogs while KRob talks about poetry is actually super nice.

Why should I have to get up 2 hours before class actually starts to put on makeup, make breakfast, take the dogs out, get dressed, and drive 20 minutes to school? I don't. It's so much easier to wake up ten minutes before class and make breakfast while I'm in class. Not to mention, being in my own space and not having to worry about a mask was a good break.

I know remote learning is different for everyone, but it works for me. Teachers, on the other hand, struggled with it. I know a couple of my teachers wished that the two weeks were over because they hated the whole technology thing. However, since then, we have lost many teachers to a personal quarantine.

We have English teachers teaching science and vice versa. Even Mr. Elliot and Mr. Heck stepped up to fill some spots. As most students know, the school wifi is not the best, and with so many teachers missing, the wifi puts a wall between students and the teacher.

As Herscher keeps pushing forward, don't be stupid, wear your masks, and be nice for no reason other than to be nice :)



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End with a win

Rogers takes state

By Taylor Chio & Halie Kohl



The cross country season is coming to an end after the team performed at a makeshift state put on by Shazam racing and Milesplit.

Sectionals took place on October 31, with the boys' team placing fifth and the girls' team placing twelfth. Drew Rogers, junior, placed first with a time of 15:49.8.

State took place on November 6, with the boys' team placing ninth overall. Junior Drew Rogers, a now two times state champ, won individually with a time of 15:34:37. This is the first time HHS has had a repeat state champion, as well as the second highest team place

in school history. State Champ, Drew Rogers stated, "I am extremely happy with the outcome of the race. I am especially proud of my team for working so hard even though we weren't guaranteed a season."

The team was incredibly successful considering the outstanding circumstances that came with the 2020 season.

Junior Ben Morgan stated, "I was unable to get as much mileage and efficient training sessions in with so little parks open. Luckily, every runner was in the same boat, so most races ended as they normally would."



At left, the boys team celebrates their regional win. The team went on to compete in a sectional and a privately run state meet.

Who won anyway?

Election drags on

By Ally Meyer



As if 2020 was not stressful enough, the Presidential Election took place this November.

The two main candidates, Donald Trump and Joe Biden, were neck and neck when the first few votes were being counted, as Trump won most of the Midwest and Biden won larger states, such as California and New York. After swing states Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Georgia voted blue, Biden's votes began to increase.

While Biden ended up with more electoral college votes, many lawsuits regarding mail-in voting fraud have been filed. Many students kept up with this year's election. "I wasn't

surprised that there could be a possibility of voter fraud, whether it be true or not, I think most people suspected that this would come with mail in ballots," said Peyton King, sophomore.

Many celebrities took to social media to influence young people to vote and make their voices heard, such as the Kardashians, Lizzo, and Zendaya.

"I stayed up to date on the election. Some of the swing states went in surprising ways, but I know lots of people were working hard to encourage voting this year," said Chloe Whalen, sophomore.



At left, voters line up at a polling place in Wisconsin. In some areas, residents had to wait hours just to cast their vote. The results of the election are still being challenged. AP Images Photo

Mastering e-learning

Students adapt to learning at home

By Darian Berns & Allison Huizenga



Two weeks ago all students at Herscher High School went fully remote. Many students dislike not being able to come to school. Freshman Kennedy Huston said, "Personally, I am not a huge fan of e-learning. I would much rather be taught in person. Some more changes I would make would be to not be so hard on students, I know the teachers have a lot to do, but so do we!"

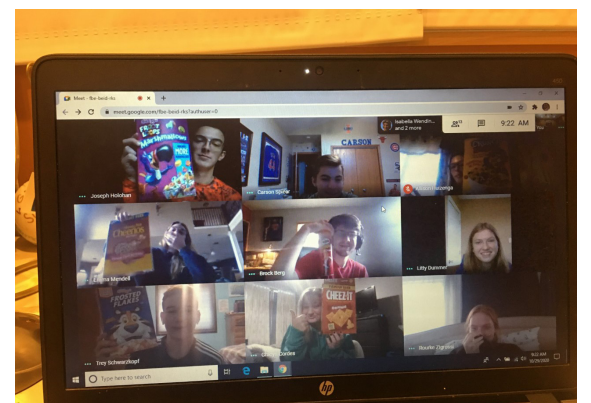
Several students are very distracted at home and feel it is harder to get their work done. Sophomore Carter Purachio stated, "I hate not being in school because there are so many extra distractions. To

improve e-learning I would make it mandatory to be in all the google meets for the whole class period but eliminate any homework."

However, there are a number of students who enjoy online learning. Sophomore Norah Meyer mentioned, "I actually really enjoy e-learning because I didn't feel the stress of having to get myself up and go to school, when instead I got to stay home and lay in bed."

Junior Sydni Pasel said, "I feel like the amount of participation you put in the more you are going to learn from it. I feel like we are all doing our best in our current situation."

At right, Honors English III students participate in a Google meet. Mrs. Kerri Robinson, English, said, "They are a great class for remote learning - they still keep class fun."



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Giving thanks apart

Covid changes holiday plans

By Rylie Hartman
&
Mia Ruder



COVID has changed everyone's plans for the holidays this year and as Thanksgiving approaches, as the next holiday in line, families debate how they will celebrate.

Time and time again we are hearing about all of the new struggles everyone is faced with this year due to COVID. October's big holiday debate was Halloween, and now we are on to this month's debate, Thanksgiving. This holiday is especially known for gatherings, big and small, where families and friends feast on large amounts of food. Not only is the table spread a highlight of the holiday, but so are the people that accompany each other at these gatherings.

For Thanksgiving this year, many people are switching up their usual plans and going a different route. Some do not want to risk a possible outbreak in their family.

Junior Sydni Pasel said, "It'll definitely be different; some family members who are a little more scared of this whole Covid thing won't be there...which means some food they make won't be there. It'll all be different, but I feel like it will still be memorable, something nobody will forget."

Not only do close family members take this time to focus on each other, but usually at Thanksgiving gatherings, it gives more distant relatives, or relatives who are not around as much, the opportunity to revisit. Some gatherings have the potential to be really big, but now more and more people are taking into consideration the state we are in with the virus.

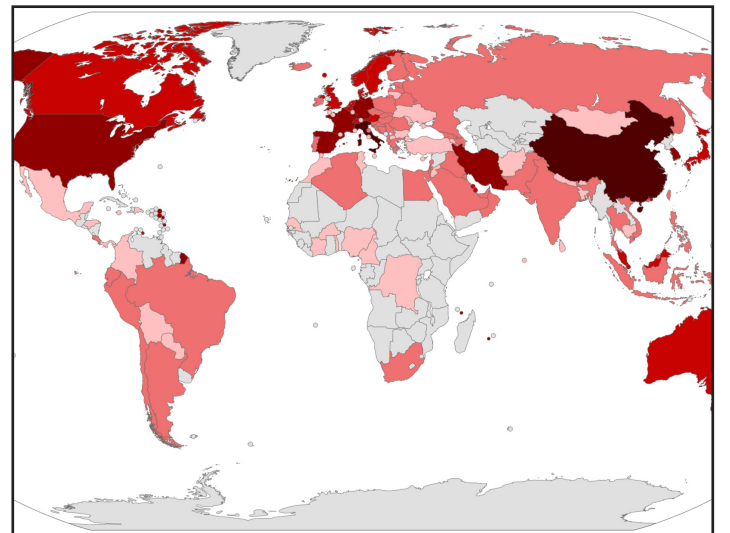
"We're just going to have it with my mom, dad, and sisters. We usually have a very big group for Thanksgiving. We don't want anybody getting Covid," freshman AJ Cotter stated.

Even though things may be different for the holidays this year, people seem to be making the best out of this difficult situation. They are all finding new ways to adapt and still be able to enjoy their everyday life and these special events.

Lacy Grigas, junior, explained, "A lot is different this year because we want to keep social distancing in mind."



Many families will be trading in the traditional meal this holiday due to the dangers of spreading the virus. Below, a map of world cases shows the high risk in the United States, as darker colors represent more cases.



Black Friday deals



Shopping during a pandemic

By Jaret Holt & Cody Lunsford

Black Friday is another holiday that is going to be affected by COVID 19.

Before COVID-19, students loved to go out and shop with their friends and family. Due to the virus, some stores will not allow you to try on and there will be limits to how many are allowed in the store.

Some stores are also limiting their hours, and many have decided not to open on Thanksgiving night as they have in the past.

Senior Casper Cracco said, "With this year most stores are doing fully online or they are making people wait in line outside. I personally think it would be wiser to stay inside to get more variety and better sales without being exposed to many people."

Target started their Black Friday deals weeks early this year, as their website claims it's "Black Friday all month."

They are trying to space out the shoppers to promote for social distancing

A hand full of students at

HHS think that cyber Monday is the best option for this year.

Junior Emily Denault stated, "I do not go Black Friday shopping. I do Cyber Monday because then I don't have to deal with people. I really don't think it's safe with COVID going on because nobody is going to social distance and it might cause a worse outbreak for the virus. I also heard some stores might be closed, which is probably better with everything going on right now."

Other students aren't too afraid to go out and get some good deals.

Senior Lydia Miller added, "My family goes up to my grandparents for Thanksgiving and my girl cousins, my aunts, and I go shopping up there. We will wear masks, but our plans aren't going to change much according to the past years."

According to blackfriday.com, holiday sales could make or break many stores facing bankruptcy.



Leaha Voss



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



A different year Covid Thanksgiving

By Emma Mendell



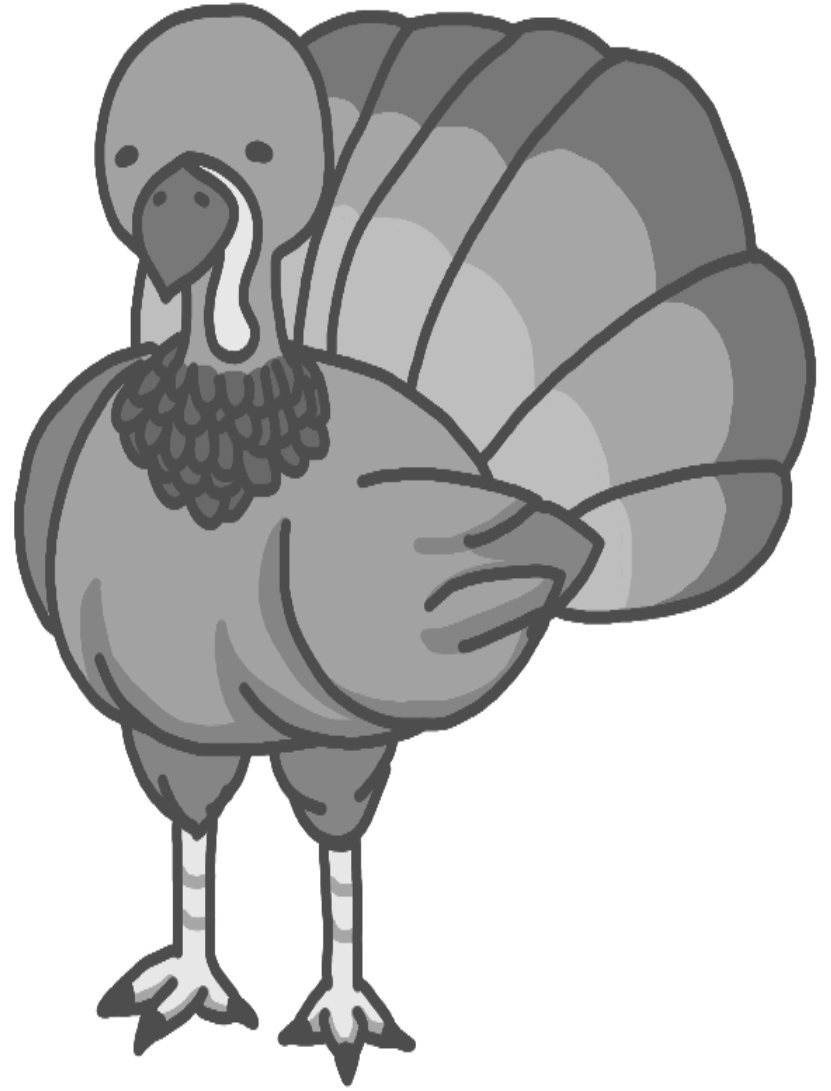
To the left, Ben Morgan, junior, stated, "We will be having dinner with just our immediate family, which is what we normally do every year anyway. Our tradition is usually Lou Malnati's pizza since we don't like turkey. If there were no COVID restrictions we would be going to Boston to visit family."

To the right, Jillian Cotter, senior, stated, "One of my favorite family traditions is playing cards Thanksgiving night! Every year we go to my aunt's with my dad and mom's side and we all have an amazing time together! We have delicious food and even more delicious deserts!"



To the left, Miles Hoffman, junior, stated, "Telling funny stories and talking with friends and family I haven't seen in a while."

To the right, Sophia Weprecht, junior, stated, "Some of my favorite things during Thanksgiving are watching movies and I go and have dinner with my family."



Leaha Voss

Favorite foods

Enjoying Thanksgiving dinner



By Alexis Cinnamon & Leah Fritz



Junior Lacy Grigas said, "My favorite Thanksgiving food is definitely green bean casserole, and I would have to say my least favorite is the cranberry sauce." Junior Madi Guimond said, "My favorite food is either broccoli rice or cheesy potatoes, and my least favorite is cranberry sauce because I don't really like it."



Freshman Lydia Schultz said, "My favorite food is pretzel salad because it tastes good and my grandma makes it a special way every year and my least favorite is steamed carrots." Senior Reigan Muniz said, "My favorite food is stuffing and my least favorite is turkey."



Freshman Laney Rodgers said, "Definitely my grandma's strawberry pretzel salad because the way she makes it is so good. My least favorite is stuffing because I just feel like it tastes gross and there are way better options." Sophomore Nolan Schott said, "Mac and Cheese is my favorite food and turkey is my least favorite."



Sophomore Jackson Fritz said, "The best food on Thanksgiving is definitely the turkey because everyone eats it. The worst food is stuffing because it is way overrated." Junior Blaine Dodds said, "My favorite food is ham and I like stuffing too; that's really all I like."





NAT and GOOSE *Thankful?*

By Natalie Rink & Harrison



Thanksgiving like most things upsets me. It's just another holiday filled with disappointment. The entire event is centered around gathering with a big group of people and eating bland foods that don't excite me. Thanksgiving perhaps wouldn't be as gruesome if there wasn't so much social interaction involved. The foods served are never exciting. Mounds of food are wasted; that just goes to show how terrible the foods are. Then you are expected to keep eating it for the rest of the week because way too much of it is made. I am forced into mass amounts of labor to just get ready for this holiday-cleaning, washing dishes, and making crescent rolls. I want to relax on a holiday, not nearly receive a trip to the emergency room from the heart attack that is caused by the absurd pop from opening up crescent rolls. Thanksgiving is just too predictable and dull, don't even get me started on the "what I'm thankful for." I don't want to be known for dragging all holidays, so I will say I do enjoy Thanksgiving decor, such as a well done hand turkey. The story behind Thanksgiving is just lovely, the pilgrims and the natives all gather together. It's just darling how Squanto gave the pilgrims corn and they gave him smallpox. I will give a few things that I'm thankful for to show I'm not a snob like Harrison. I am thankful for myself for being myself, my bike, and Jimmy Neutron also known as Boy Genius. Black Friday really does make up for what Thanksgiving lacks. There is tons of chaos and arguing by people who just hours before were claiming they are thankful for everything they have and need nothing else.



Happy Thanksgiving! Let's take a moment to distract ourselves from this snowball effect of covid 19 issues and put the attention on a November celebration. A day for peace, thankfulness, and the invasion of the white man onto somebody else's property and claiming it as their own.

I'm going to be honest here, Thanksgiving isn't my favorite holiday, and I may not be too against Nat for this one.

But if we can forget for just a moment what the day is based on, and focus on what happens in the present, maybe we can have a good time.

For most people, Thanksgiving is about the plethora of food and being able to stuff yourself until you get bigger than the stay puff marshmallow man. For others, it's about family. Getting together and convening, seeing relatives and/or friends that you may not have seen in a while. Sharing

memories and stories of the good times.

And it's about that THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL! Watching the Detroit Lions get their butt handed to them by any of their opponents. Seeing a classic Washington vs Dallas game while Uncle Roy downs his 8th bottle of Jack Daniels and starts arguing with your third grade nephew about why fire trucks are red. Just the best!

Thanksgiving's origin may not be the greatest thing to celebrate, but we can focus on the fact of tradition of bringing Americans together with one thing and one thing only.. FOOD. Copious amounts of FOOD.

Adam Ruins Everything

Turkie Tyme



By Adam Schott

Welcome back to my column losers. It's still me. I know I talked about food last month, but November has a holiday for feeding fat American mouths. So how can I not write this month's column on food. Thanksgiving has greatly evolved from the age of pilgrims, but in which ways does the festive feast not make any sense?

To start, I would like to bring up the amount of food. For typical families, relatives from across the area gather and bring their favorite dishes. In some sense, it is a scenic sight with all of the piping-hot dishes lined along the kitchen counter. However, after the meal is over, does any dish actually get finished off? Most of the time there are 50 casserole dishes and pies with one or two servings taken out, so is it worth it for Auntie Karen to go through a 2 hour process to make a green bean casserole for only 1 person to take a bite? Options at Thanksgiving are nice, yet the amount of untouched food at Thanksgiving is a problem.

My other complaint about Thanksgiving deals with cranberry sauce. The tart surprise originally began as the name implies: a sauce. However many now associate cranberry sauce with the canned Jello that Ocean Spray has the audacity to call "sauce." Sauce is typically runny and can cover other food. Originally cranberry sauce came in dishes, which could be served with a SPOON. When someone opens a can of cranberry sauce, the loaf of Jello flops out on a plate. Later people eat the cranberry sauce... with a FORK. True sauce should not be able to be eaten with a fork. Not to say I don't like cranberry sauce, but the canned cranberry needs a rebrand.

My 140-pound self is CLEARLY a big food guy, so I would advise you to take my knowledge to heart. Now I understand it may be too late for you to make these changes for this year's Thanksgiving, but keep these in mind for the next turkey day. Thank you for your time.





Gracyn's Gossip Group: Bachelorette bonanza

By Gracyn Cordes



(WAIT! Huge spoilers ahead if you watch *The Bachelorette*)

Welcome back everybody! This month, our big focus is not as popular with most guys, but we girls love a good recap of *The Bachelorette*. Let me start off with the facts:

This season's bachelorette is Clare Crawley; she's 39 and the oldest contestant on the show

The very first night, she met some guy named Dale, and I quote, said, "I think I just met my husband" (crazy right?)

Clare appeared for a good 3 and a half episodes before the producers brought in a new bachelorette, Tayshia.

I would just like to start the slander part by saying how punchable Dale's face looks. Nothing against him, he's a great guy, but the facial features, man. I think one of my absolute favorites is Eazy. He definitely has a great sense of style, considering he stepped out of the limo in a salmon/pink suit on night one. Very complimentary if I do say so myself. Switching gears to one of my least favorites, Yosef. He was totally suspicious from the first episode. One of the other guys accused him of messing around with other girls before filming, but after Yosef was chosen to be on the show. Kind of annoying because he ended up making it past the first rose ceremony. He for sure becomes the worst when he gets mad at Clare for hosting quite an interesting game of dodgeball. He actually has the audacity to call Clare "classless" and "immature" when he gives off major bad vibes. He seems



like the kind of guy to emotionally manipulate his partners and seems pretty narcissistic. At Clare's last cocktail party, she and Yosef really get into it by yelling across the courtyard at each other. The final straw was Yosef saying he "expects more from the oldest bachelorette." Clare, being the absolute queen of a woman she is, kicks him out and returns to the rest of the guys.

Clare herself has been through so much, losing her dad, experiencing an abusive relationship, and appearing on an earlier season of *The Bachelor*. By her seeing a lot of

what a bad relationship looks like, she was able to pick out Dale pretty easily. She obviously fell in love with him, and everyone could tell. I mean, points for trying to hide the favoritism, but nobody was buying it, and by nobody, I mean all of us watching at home. Eventually, the guys caught on and got mad, but Clare apparently didn't care because she was not "going to apologize for love." I don't blame her because that's the whole point of the show, but holy crap it took everyone by surprise. Clare and Dale got engaged and left the show, leaving like 15 or so more guys at the resort. The producers brought in a new Bachelorette, Tayshia Adams, and she's absolutely STUNNING. I am definitely tempted to keep watching, but the rest of the guys are pretty boring and there's no one new to meet so, I don't see the point anymore.

xoxo,

Gracyn's Gossip Group

By Izzy Wendinger



Getting busy with Izzy

Sooooo *clicks pen* today... we will be diving into the mind of the one and only, Mr. Eric Regez, one of our social science teachers here at Herscher High School.

You teach geography; if you could travel to anywhere in the world, where would you go? I would probably want to see a Formula 1 race in Europe someday, maybe go see the Italian Grand Prix.

So you are a big sports person; if you could pick only one sport to watch for the rest of your life, what would you watch? Probably Indy car racing, it's fascinating to me.

If today was your last day, what would you do? I would make sure I see all of my loved ones one last time and say goodbye.

You seem to have a certain teaching style; why did you pick that? I don't know if I more so picked it rather than just being myself more.

What would you say is your favorite genre of music? I like all kinds of music, but I'm a huge fan of 80s hair band music, but it really just depends on my mood.

You seem to have a lot of random facts; where did you learn a lot of them from? Honestly it's all just experience from being alive!

If you could go onto any gameshow, which would it be? I would definitely pick Jeopardy, but some of the categories can be very difficult.

What other subject do you think you would teach if you didn't do social studies? I would probably want to be a PE teacher.

Do you have anything else to add? My spotify playlists are constantly changing genres.





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