

Pymatuning Valley High School Pymatuning Post

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Student Spotlight:

Zachary Morgret- *By Thomas Byrge*

Zach first started audio mixing for his church by subbing in for his brother. Zach's brother taught him how to use an audio board. Zach audio mixes at least one to two times a month during church meetings. Audio mixing occurs during choir and band showings and is used to enhance the experience of the performance. Zach explained that audio mixing consists of knowing how a sound board functions and how to utilize one, how to boost certain vocals and instruments, and how to prevent feedback loops through limiting certain frequencies. To Zach audio mixing is an overall fun way to give back to his church.

Zach's interests do not stop at mixing audio for his church, he also studies astrophysics and nuclear engineering on his own time. He first became interested in astrophysics when he was younger because he shared the desire to become an astronaut that many children had. He explained that astrophysics and nuclear engines are the key to interplanetary colonization which is what originally got him interested in nuclear engineering. He also briefly talked about the potential to utilize a Kugelblitz Blackhole as a spacecraft engine someday in the future. He plans on going into higher education to further explore the fields of astrophysics and nuclear engineering showing how interests from youth can drive a person into bettering themselves.



Isaac Varela- *By Kendra Wallace*



Isaac Varela has discovered the joy of exploring beyond the confines of his hometown. Isaac has been on a journey across the United States, visiting up to 31 out of the 50 states. From iconic landmarks like Yellowstone, Mount Rushmore, and Niagara Falls to standing in four states at once at the Four Corners. Isaac has also experienced Mexico, specifically the Nuevo Casas Grandes area, Puerto Penasco, and La Chona. The beautiful landscapes and the atmosphere made Mexico truly unforgettable for Isaac. He

discovered a hidden gem in an island off of the coast of North Carolina and even explored the wonders of Puerto Rico. When asked about his favorite memories, Isaac couldn't just pick one. However a standout moment was conquering a massive incline up a mountain in Utah. The breathtaking views and the sense of accomplishment made it unforgettable. Isaac's passion for traveling is inspiring and does not seem to be stopping anytime soon. Isaac serves as a reminder that there is a whole world out there just waiting to be explored.

Fine Art Focus: *By Katelyn Blanford*

Anna is a freshman keyboard player for PV Jazz. She's been thriving in jazz and in general music as well. She practices like no other in order to sound great in what she does. Mr Dye explains, "For a freshman to handle that piano music is very exceptional." What Anna does most professional pianists would dream of. She has kept up the good work and we are excited to see what she achieves next!



Student of the Month: *By Emily Blanford*

Carly Adkins



Carly was named the January student of the month by Mrs. Wonderling. Mrs. Wonderling said "I have really enjoyed working with Carly this year for cheerleading. Carly has been helpful to me this year. This last week, Carly had been out sick and missed practice so I decided that she should not compete at the Regional Cheer Competition. Carly was very understanding and even though she wasn't going to be able to go on the floor, she was still very willing to come to the competition and support her teammates. This year has been such a positive change for Carly. She has shown so much growth in so many areas. I am proud of her changes and success." Congratulations Carly!!!

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY: *By Emily Blanford*



Every year the National Honor Society gives away \$5,000 to charity organizations around the county through an organization called Youth Philanthropy. Youth Philanthropy is an organization that gives money to students in order to get them to learn about and experience philanthropy and the art of giving back. This year the National Honor Society reached out to organizations and got over 20 responses which was the most they have gotten in many years. They had a pitch-like meeting where each organization came in and said a little about their organization and what they intended to do with the money. Then the National Honor Society got together and voted on the organizations that they wanted to give the money to.

They chose Blessings in a Backpack, Ashtabula County Juvenile Court, The Henderson Public Library, Back to School Bash, and D-Day Ohio.

Also on Friday, February 2nd, National Honor Society members volunteered at Blessings in a Backpack which is a non-profit organization in Conneaut that specializes in providing food to kids that need it. They hand out food in five schools around Ashtabula County including PV. When they go to each school they hand out a bag of food to each student that is on one of their lists. When NHS got to Conneaut to help, the organizers only expected them to bag enough bags to get them through this week, which was 120 bags. The National Honor Society members ended up bagging 650 bags of food which the organizers were very happy about. The National Honor Society had a ton of fun helping the people at Blessings in a Backpack and they would happily do it again.



Dear Mr. Walters: *By Noah Whitesel*

1.) What does your average day to day look like for Mr. Walters?

Average day involves trying to make sure I can share my passion for science with all my students through learning about the human body or different animals through observation and dissection labs.

2.) If you could've chosen any other profession, what would it be and why?

It would be my first profession out of college that I had. And that would be working for a zoo through animal management.

3.) Do you teach your favorite subject as when you were younger? If so, do you like the subject more or less and why?

Yes I teach my favorite subject which is a blast!

4.) What is your all time favorite artist/band and why?

Favorite band is probably Eagles or Journey and will go with songs from Journey such as "Faithfully."



Pop Tabs *By Faith Whitt*



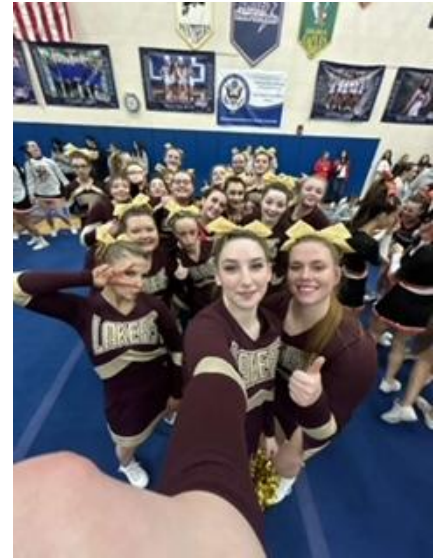
Mrs. Stoffel and her students are donating can tabs for the McDonald's House, for children in the hospital and for families that have children in the hospital. Her class has already gathered a bunch of pop tabs and although they don't have a goal set, they're working hard to get as many as they can. Make sure to bring in those pop tabs!

Cheer Regionals: *By Brianna Farmer*

On Sunday, February 4th, the Laker cheerleaders participated in the 2024 OASSA Cheerleading Regional Competition. The girls put in multiple hours of hard work spending over 3 hours each week since November practicing the routine. Through all of the hard work, the running, jumping, spiriting and the full-outs, the girls were prepared to make their way to states. They proceeded to perform their three minute routine at Lake Middle-High School in Uniontown, Ohio. Unfortunately, the cheerleaders did not make it to states, but they had a great time working towards better team work.

Senior cheerleader Gabby Farmer expressed how she felt by saying, “It’s a great experience and the first year cheerleaders don’t realize how intense a competition actually is until we get there. So it was hard this year having a team full of new people, but I still think we all worked as hard as we could.” Cheer coach Mrs. Wonderling and many of the girls have high hopes that they will have the ability to maintain great teamwork and move on to states next year.

Thank you to the cheerleaders for making our school spirit better and we are hoping that you guys will make a comeback at the 2025 regional competition!



PV Pink Out: *By Faith Whitt*

The PV Pink Out was Monday, February 12th at 6 p.m. The Lady Lakers played the Jefferson Falcons. The game had people on the edge of their seats. Every second of the game was the definition of a close call; everyone was fired up. The girls fought hard and Jefferson’s coaches couldn’t handle that. The referee needed to calm down their coaches so the girls could have a fair game. First quarter ended with the Lady Lakers at 11 points and the Jefferson Falcons at 9 points. The second quarter ended with the Lady Lakers at 29 points and the Falcons at 22 points. Our fantastic band carried away halftime with amazing vocals by Ella Poole, singing “September” by Earth, Wind & Fire. The cheerleaders gathered together to get the student section, along with the rest of PV’s visitors, to jump and sing along. There were booths set up in the main hallway to encourage people to donate. The booths consisted of cookies, a bunch of surprise baskets you could win in a raffle, and face paintings. Third quarter then started and





ended with the Lady Lakers at 46 points and the Falcons at 34 points. The fourth quarter ended with the Lady Lakers winning the game by just one point. Both teams were tied after quite a while until the very last seconds; everyone in the crowd was cheering and screaming their hearts out for the ladies in pink. Amazing job girls! The school does the Pink Out Games to raise money for scholarships in May. \$1925 was raised this year.



Bye Bye Birdie: The Musical By Isabella Limestoll

The students as well as Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Sabeh are deep into the musical season. With only two weeks left until opening night, choreography, vocals, and lines are being polished up and completed. Everyone has worked extremely hard, and has spent hours both in school and outside of it perfecting everything. *Bye Bye Birdie* has



been a fun experience for the cast, crew and the directors, as well as pulling people out of their shells and letting them open up to the great experience. Ella Poole, who plays Rose Alvarez, the female lead, has this to say about the musical. "It's so much fun! We work really hard to make sure that this



show is as fun as possible for our audience. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Sabeh are the best directors/stage managers we could ask for. This show wouldn't be possible without them!" *Bye Bye Birdie* will be a fun experience for families and kids alike. The musical will have three show dates, March 8, 9, and 10. Make sure to come on down and support the students!

Locura de Marzo 2024 (March Madness):

By Ainslee Scribber

Locura de Marzo began in 2011 with Señor Ashby from Michigan. Señora Adame started Locura de Marzo, seven years ago with her Class of 2017. The premise behind the “March Madness” is that, similarly to basketball, a bracket will be put up in the hallways; however instead of teams, it’s songs! The songs are all in Spanish, and while you are listening you can learn more about the artist, origin of the song and even the lyrics. There are 16 songs, including *Bonita* by Daddy Yankee, *La Vita Es Una* by Karol G., etc. You can use the QR



code(s) to listen to and vote on

which songs you want to advance into the next round. There’s a playlist for Apple Music, Spotify, and Youtube Music. Last year, there were over 106,000 votes on one song, and when she started there were under 5,000. So she is hoping to get more students to participate and learn about Spanish artists and music. Locura de Marzo 2023 's winner was *No Puedo* by Paulo Londra. The bracket will close for voting the 18th of March, so make sure you vote while you still can throughout the month to learn more about these talented Spanish artists.

Meet Your Editors:

Brianna Farmer:

⇒ Why did you choose to become an editor?

⇒ I chose to become an editor because I feel like our school has so many amazing teachers and students, from the smartest kids to the one teacher that we talk to about almost anything. I believe that we should be sharing all of these great students and staff with the community around us, just to show everyone how great being a laker really is.

⇒ Do you have any pets?

⇒ I have a 10 month old puppy that I got over the summer. His name is Ronan and he goes almost everywhere with me. My dad and step dad have 2 dogs, a german shepherd and a pitbull beagle mix. My mom has a golden doodle named Dolly, who is a rescue from a puppy mill.

⇒ If you had to live in a fiction movie, which would you choose?

⇒ I have always loved the Harry Potter series. I would definitely choose Harry Potter because I love the warm feeling of Hogwarts that is projected into the movies.

⇒ Do you have any hobbies?

⇒ In between school, cheer and work I do not have a lot of free time, but when I do have free time I enjoy socializing and being around my friends and family. They are very important to me so I try to spend as much time with them as possible.

⇒ What's a movie you could watch every day?

⇒ A recent movie that I enjoyed and could watch every day is probably the new Barbie movie. I like it because it sends such a great message to people of all ages and genders.



Noah Whitesel:

↪ Why did you choose to become an editor?

⇒ I chose to become an editor because I've always wanted to have a chance at being able to speak out and reach even the smallest of audiences. The idea has always fascinated me so I figured I would join the class.

↪ What's the next place on your travel bucket list?

⇒ I think the next place for me personally is either Bron-Yr-Aur or the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. I really enjoy music and the thought of how much it can affect one differently from another. Bron-Yr-Aur is a holiday home collectively owned by the band Led Zeppelin and they've recorded and released many of my favorite songs from the home.

↪ Do you collect anything?

⇒ I wouldn't say it's much of a collection right now but I fully intend to buy more guitars and pedals and just musical instruments and equipment in the future. I currently own 4 guitars and plan on getting more.

↪ What is the most interesting song you've ever listened to?

⇒ I think the most interesting song I've ever listened to is probably "Don't Follow" by Alice In Chains. Definitely one of my favorite songs of all time. I chose this song because it is a very emotional heartfelt song about loss and grieving one's presence and regret of one's own past mistakes. I definitely recommend listening to the entire *Jar Of Flies* Album but "Don't Follow" is definitely my favorite on the album.

↪ Would you rather be a superhero or a supervillain?

⇒ I would definitely become a supervillain because in all of the best movies and tv shows the villain is infinitely cooler than the superhero, most of the time the villain is doing wrong because they don't understand or were never taught better. I feel like I relate to that more than being courteous and looked upon 24/7.



Upcoming Events:

PV High School Spring Musical is March 8th, 9th, and 10th.

Winter Sports Awards is March 13th, 2024.

Concert Band Contest is March 15th.

Middle School PTO Chinese Auction is March 16th, 2024.

Scholastic Bowl is March 16th, 2024.

Saint Patrick's Day is March 17th, 2024.

The End of the 3rd Nine Weeks is March 21st, 2024.

SPRING BREAK is March 25th through the 29th

