

# The Tigers Tween Scene

The New Lebanon Junior High Newsletter

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## Welcome Back

Welcome new students, and the new seventh graders. We hope that your first days went well. We hope that you were accepted on to 'the scene' with great enthusiasm. Never give up, you have to earn your tiger stripes, no matter where you go.

Well, even though it is almost half way through the year, we are still here, and

ready to rock-and-roll!! We still have the familiar Readers Corner, and the great advice section run by Jacquitta. However, we have had a layout makeover and have added a few things to spice up the pages. For example, we introduce Catalina's new crossword, and some funny new comics.

We even have a new website online (you can see the

Tween Scene in color) and some great articles, artwork, and other goodies that were cut. We also would like to congratulate the Winter Concert Performers and their directors, Mrs. Clemente, and Mr. Thompson. Wow! You guys were great!

We hope to see you again soon, and remember to send in your work as well, and show off those stripes.

## Sports Report By: Geneva Furlano

**Varsity Girls**  
Soccer season was great for the varsity girls' soccer team. The girls' team played well and they went to the Regionals. Leigh Sowalski and Katrina Stauch scored in their latest game on Friday the fifth of November.

**Varsity Boys**  
The boys' varsity soccer team had an excellent season this year. Everyone on the team did their jobs. Their team advanced to the sectionals and won two games! In their last game, on Saturday the sixth, they lost with a score of one to zero. This was an unfortunate loss

but it was still a great season for them.  
**Junior Varsity Girls**  
The junior varsity girls' team did a great job this



year. They played really well together and hopefully everyone on the team will come back next year.

**Junior Varsity Boys**  
The boys had a good season this year. Though not many games were won, the boys on the team communicate well and were beginning to look like a team.

**Modified Girls**  
The girls' modified team did a great job this season. The team improved as the year went on and everyone had fun. As a team they won two games and scored five goals!

**Modified Boys**  
The modified boys' team also improved a lot as the season progressed. They worked really hard each practice and it really showed in their games. The team ended its season with a tie.

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- Readers Corner: Check out 'Thanksgiving' By: Rachel Hayes. Nicole LaMoutains 'Imagine' is featured there as well.
- Catalina's new crossword on the back!!
- Check out Shannon Pabla's article on East Indian culture featured on the fourth page.

# Readers Corner

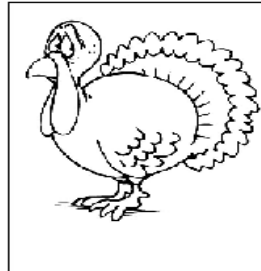
## Thanksgiving By: Rachel Hayes

So, what is Thanksgiving really about? Picture this, a great big family sitting in a very small room talking very loudly and happily. Everyone is gobbling up the food like bears, discussing whatever they want in a loud and funny manner. I admit everyone's talking sounded like happy tap dancers, and there were many funny stories told. All of us kids were talking about crazy things like last Thanksgiving.

The rolls— WOW! Were they delicious! They melted right in your mouth. They reminded me of a girl in a

brightly colored dress running through a field of flowers. The rolls also had a great buttery taste.

Oh that gravy! The container was full and I was having trouble with it and quite a bit of it landed on my foot. It was so painful when it dripped through my sock. The gravy was so hot, that it reminded me of



fire burning on my foot.

The turkey was also very delicious. It was so flavorful and moist. I wanted to chew it so slowly and savor every bite of it. That turkey reminded me of heaven!

The big truth about Thanksgiving is that family, hungry, happy, loud, and all is worth being with even if it takes a meal to get them all together. So, what is Thanksgiving really about? You decide.

## Imagine By: Nicole LaMountain

Imagine you sitting in the doctors' office waiting for some test results to come back. Finally the doctor walks through the door with a somber face. Soon you find out that you have cancer. Imagine as an adolescent, still a kid, finding out that your life is on the line. Imagine that your parents can't pay for any of your treatments because the government won't give them any money. What would you do?

Your parents have voted picking Mr. Bush to be your president. However, President Bush's administration only allocates 2 billion dollars a year to cancer patients. That's only 500 dollars for every patient depending on their insurance. So, a sick person can't even depend on that money with-

“...Your parents have voted and picked Mr. Bush to be your president. However, President Bush only gives 2 billion dollars a year to cancer patients. That's only 500 dollars for every patient...”

out the right type of insurance!

I took the time to talk to Rachel who, at 13, was in Albany Medical center for lung and breast cancer. I asked her how she felt about Mr. Bush being the president again. She replied “It really doesn't bother me. My grandfather is rich and helps pay my medical bills, but my parents, even with his help, still struggle with the bills to keep me alive.” We talked some more, but the last question I asked her was “How do you feel about being 13 and having cancer?” She said that no matter what, she would always be herself. Unfortunately, Rachel passed away on Nov 5th.

I was fortunate to have known her.



In Loving Memory of Rachel

**Some Advice Is Nice: With Jacquitta Ferguson**

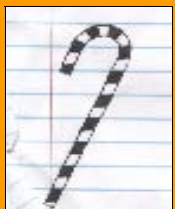
Hey there all my fellow students...! Miss me? Well, I missed you! The Tween Scene is back, and that means I'm back too! And just in time for the holidays! So for you this holiday season, I am offering you the chance to ask openly any questions you may have about the stress involved with the holidays. But don't let my holiday offer stop

you from asking any other questions, whatever they may be. Just place them in the provided envelope, as always, in Mrs. May's room, or e-mail them at: Tigerstween-scene@yahoo.com. Sound good? Great!

**"And remember, I'm all ears!"**

**Happy Holidays!!**

**~ Jacquitta ~**



Here, students can be seen in Mr. Toles' math class paying more attention to the camera than the lesson

**School Voices; Students Reflect on First School Days**

"...When I walked into the High school I felt really scared. I was afraid that somebody was going to pick on me. Once I got into the school and met all the teachers and kids I was fine. School is fun. I will stay in school having as much fun as I can while I work very hard...!"

By: Jessica LaVare

"...When I first came to the High school I didn't feel scared because I knew most of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. When I played baseball for Shed Man they

were on the opposite teams. The one thing I was worried about was memorizing three locker combinations. The two things I learned very quickly were my locker combinations and my schedule. Once I found where my classes are it was easy to memorize my schedule..."

By: C.J. Trombley

"...The first time I walked into New Lebanon Jr./Sr. high school I was scared I would be torn into pieces because I was a new student. I thought I

would be left behind from the others because of my height. I was embarrassed because I didn't know how to use a combination lock. I had to ask every teacher I could find. My favorite classes were Mr. Boudreau's, Mrs. Singleman's, Mr. Brown's and Mrs. May's class. At lunch I stayed at my locker to organize all my books. I did not have all the materials I needed, but I wrote them down. My first day was exhausting, but I really enjoyed it..."

By: Taylor Dunn

## Two To Go: A Review By: Kaylie Warner

You are not alone as you battle through the teenage years. School, parents, body image, friendship, and what to wear... There's a lot of stuff we all have to go through. Two To Go is a double feature play the first was The Teen Age and the second was Two Small Fries To Go. Both written by Molly Bass. Teen Age helps you understand that you just need to be yourself and not what others wish or want you to be. I interviewed Kim Blank who played, Lena. A teenage girl with flippy bouncy hair, a conceded attitude, and one problem; she really wants to be different.

ME: How was being on stage?

Kim: It was scary. The lights add a lot of pressure on you and you get really hot.

ME: What was it like to have the spotlight on you, up in the front of the stage, with all those people watching you?

Kim: It was actually very fun. The audience was focusing on me and no one else. It was great!

ME: How would you describe your character?

Kim: Well, she wants to be an individual but she is afraid of what others will think of her. She does act conceded at times.

ME: Thank you Kim for your time!

**-I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE AND THANK ALL THE PARENTS, THE PRINCIPAL, AND SCHOOL STAFF WHO MADE THIS PRODUCTION POSSIBLE. ALSO, THANK YOU TO THE FINE ACTORS AND ACTRESSES WHO MADE THIS PRODUCTION COME ALIVE! THANKS!~**

**~Kaylie Warner**

Kim: Your welcome.

I enjoyed watching this play. It personally gave me a different look on myself and others. Two To go is a great double feature show

The audience enjoyed it, and left with a smile!

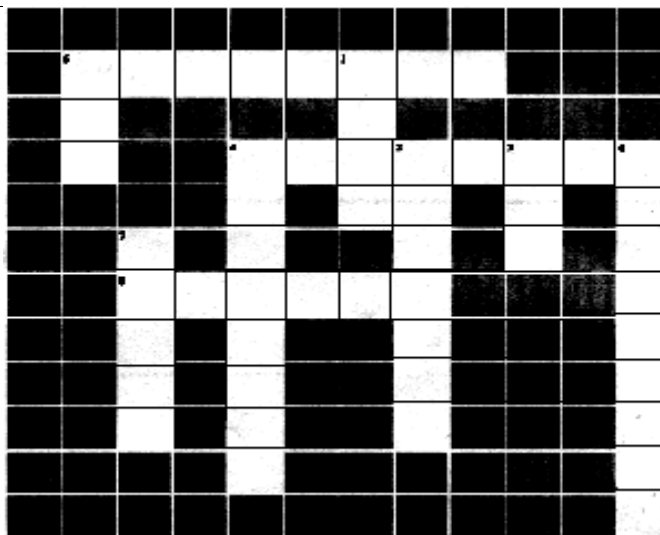
### The Indian Culture By: Shannon Pabla

My Indian religion is very different from other religions. As in all religions, there are some things that we can and cannot do. I will refute a myth, and describe five symbols of my faith for you. First of all, many of you have heard that Indians are not allowed to eat beef. This is not true, but applies only to those who have made a spiritual decision against consuming beef. Next, in my religion there are the five Ks. They are: do not cut the hair (Kas), use only this holy comb (kanga), wear only a special metal bracelet (Kada), wear a different type of undergarment (Kacha), wear a holy knife (Karpan). If you drink the holy water, you are expected to honor your spiritual commitment. However, as you can see, those of you who know me, I have not drunk the holy water.

### The Comics:

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Catalina has kindly contributed a section to our pages...a new crossword. This crossword is on the great horror writer, Edgar Allan Poe. The answers are flipped on the bottom....

**Down**

- 1.) One of Poe's major themes, Good vs. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.) Poe's secret fiancée, before His marriage (last name)
- 3.) Reason why the narrator in the "Telltale Heart" hated the old man.
- 4.) Poe's work, "The \_\_\_ Heart"
- 5.) In 1849, \_\_\_ dies
- 6.) Word spoken by bird in Poe's poem.
- 7.) Poe's famous bird.

**Across**

- 4.) Age of Virginia when married to Poe.
- 5.) Name of Prince in one of Poe's poems
- 8.) The name of the family that took Poe in after his parents death.

**Christmas**  
**By: Kaylie Warner**

The snow falls softly  
The tree glistens in the night  
A child lying in bed  
Waiting to hear sleigh bells  
Or the chuckle of a jolly fellow  
On Christmas day  
The child will open her gifts  
And know within her heart  
Christmas is the season of love  
and joy.

**Happy Holidays**  
**&**  
**Happy New Year**

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