

So much to do, so little time...



By Blaine Darcy **SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving)**

Formally known as “Students Against Drunk Driving” this ambitious group is headed by Mr. Scanlan. SADD is an active group fighting for many important causes. Two of the most prominent are seeking harsher punishment for drunk drivers and raising the drinking age. We meet occasionally, mainly before an event. For example, we will meet for Sean’s Run. Sean is the Chatham teen killed in a drunk driving accident five years ago. Interested students are always welcome. Keep your ears open for a meeting announcement or see Mr. Scanlan for more information.

Spanish Club

New Lebanon’s Spanish club is led by Ms. LeBarron, mixing food and fun with learning

about the Spanish culture. We meet on Wednesdays, opposite Reality Check meetings. We celebrate a Spanish holiday or do a fun project to keep the creative juices flowing. It is a lot of fun. Check it out and ask Ms. LeBarron for details and the next



meeting’s date. We would love to see you there.

RC: NY (Reality Check)

Reality Check members are on Big Tobacco’s case. Headed by Ms. LeBarron, RC has set out to educate young people on the advertising techniques of the tobacco companies as well as the awful effects tobacco has on your body. This fun-loving group does it all with activities and merchandise (yeah, we know how you guys like the free stuff!). Got your attention? We meet on Wednesdays with some exceptions. See Ms. LeBarron for more informa-

tion or the next meeting date.

Varsity Track

Coached by Ms. Coon and Mr. Brown and with a great turn out this year, students from seventh through twelfth grade have started the gears in motion towards another impressive track season. Track is a rewarding and easy-going individual sport with events ranging from throwing to sprinting. Best of all, it’s open to all grades so keep it in mind for next spring.

For now be sure to wish your runners good luck in the season ahead!

Tween Scene

A paper for the tweens by the tweens, the Tween Scene needs you. Want to help out? We need reporters, artists, poets, recipes, ideas!! This club meets most Thursday’s from 2:15 to 3:00. See Mrs. May in room 132. It’s a blast!

Battle of the Belts

By Allysha McCarty

On April 12th a competition called Battle of the Belts was held. The objective of this competition was to line up, race to the car, have each of the four people get in and out of the car without touching the doors (the doors were open). Students were to go from seat to seat buckling up. When the last person hit all four

seats, the team was to put their hands up to show that the task was completed. This competition was fun and reinforced the importance of wearing seat belts.

Students competed to participate in a similar activity at Sean’s Run, an annual event held in memory of a Chatham student who lost his life in a drunk driving accident.

JV Baseball



By Patrick Bartlett

The JV baseball season began during the first week of April, but individual preparation among eager players began long before they took the field. That’s a good thing too because this year’s team is very young and has no other schools in its class. Thus, the competition is stiff. Nevertheless, Mr. Lewick, our coach, is ambitious and up for the challenge of growing his team towards competitiveness. Wish us luck and come out and support us. We would love to see you there!

School

Many kids enjoy school I must say
Then there’s the group who hates it at least for today
Tomorrow will be different
For all kids rush around in a hurry
Piles and piles of homework to get through
Without any clue of what to do
For without school what would you do all day long;
Sit on the couch, read a book, or sing a song
No kid wants to sit home all day
You would rather be outside with your friends ready to play
School gives you knowledge
So that you will have a brighter future
And get into a great college
So everyday it takes a certain amount of effort
To maintain your standards
For you will not always have the chance
Take everyday as if it’s your last
And use it for the future and forget about the past.

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Bye Bye Birdie

By Allysha McCarty

On March 10th and 11th the play Bye Bye Birdie took the stage and what a spectacular play it was. The leading characters were:

Tim Cassavaugh-Conrad Birdie; Minerva Campbell-Rosie Alvarez; Dan Padrick-Albert Peterson; Lindsey Arthur-Kim MacAfee; Chris St. Clair-Hugo Peabody; Jesse Brown-Mr. MacAfee; Emily Blacker- Mrs.Mae Peterson; Emma Furlano-

Mrs. MacAfee; Leah Miller-Brandi MacAfee; Tegan Campbell-Ursula and Suzie.

Our great cast did a wonderful job. P.A.C. would have never gotten anywhere if it not for our wonderful stage crew. The stage crew consisted of: Kim Walsh, Corri Blank, Lisa Saviano, Lauren Clark, Wally Feltmate, Catharine Laier, Hannah Springer, R.J Walsh, Jessica Colon, Sam Johnson, Rachel Polacinski, and Lauren Tinger. Derrick

Saviano, Jarad Gallup, Bob Walsh, Pete Forward, Michael Arthur, and Michele Arthur also helped us with technical support. Of course, we wouldn’t have costumes if our costume designer Minerva Campbell, hadn’t come through. Our pit band was wonderful. We thank you. Finally, and saving the best for last, we thank our wonderful directors Mrs. Nicole Henderson and Mrs. Jennifer Clemente.

Read All About It

Book Options For The Eager Reader

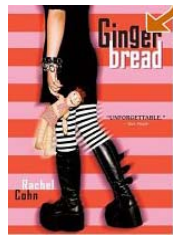
By Bookworm (M.R.)

The Killers Cousin



David, a 17 year old recently acquitted for a murder. He moved in with his aunt, uncle and cousin. Even though he lives with them, he feels like he lives alone. His cousin Lily is always acting strange, and her mother is never there. David feels like he is in the way but wants to know why he still feels like a "killer" even after he has been acquitted.

Gingerbread



After being kicked out of boarding school, Cyd returns to her absolutely crazy family's home. Cyd meets a new surfer dude and has a great life until her

step-dad sends her off to stay with her real dad. She doesn't know what to expect or what to do. Can she find somebody she trusts this summer? Or, does she have to deal with her life alone.

Bungalow Mystery



You make a friend and you always try to help that friend, but would you risk your life for her?

Well, Nancy Drew does!!!

The Mystery at the Lilac Inn

Do you believe you have a double? What would you do if you found that he or she was a criminal?



Check these and other captivating reads out at your school or local library! Happy reading.

Casey's Corner

By Casey Lambert

Easter, that special time of year.

Waking up to my siblings screaming, "Wake up! Wake up!" is not a pretty sight. But the joy of seeing them hunting for their Easter baskets is the best thing in the world. While they are hunting, I can hear the Easter egg hunt screams, "I founded an egg! I founded an egg!" Next, there are the smells of my mothers cooking, yuck, never mind that. And then the moment we've all

been waiting for... Easter dinner. It's a catastrophe! There's food flying everywhere in the kiddie section! But finally, the adults and I get to sit down, and talk about good times. I love the Easter candy, chocolate bunnies, jellybeans and those little candy eggs. But, the most important thing about Easter is spending quality time at home with my family. I hardly ever do this. So, when I get the chance, I love too! Well, most of the time anyway.

Weird But True Facts

By Juanita Eaton

- The King of Hearts is the only king without a moustache on a standard playing card!
- The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows. It was the fashion in Renaissance Florence to shave them off!
- Every day 20 banks are robbed. The average take is \$2,500.
- The most popular first name in the world is Muhammad.
- Tablecloths were originally meant to be served as towels with which dinner guests could wipe their hands and faces after eating.
- Most lipstick contains fish scales.
- The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.
- Over 2500 left-handed people a year are killed by using products made for right-handed people.
- If you counted 24 hours a day, it would take 31,688 years to reach one trillion.
- Taphephobia is the fear of being buried alive.
- Clinophobia is the fear of beds.
- Porcupines float in water.
- The sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over a lazy dog." uses every letter of the alphabet.
- The Mint once considered producing doughnut-shaped coins.

- The only 15-letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is "uncopyrightable"!
 - (This one's for you Ashley.) The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds.
 - The sloth, a mammal, moves so slowly that green algae can grow undisturbed on its fur.
 - (Gross!) Cat urine glows under a black light.
 - The world's termites outweigh the world's humans 10 to 1!
 - A hippo can open its mouth wide enough to fit a 4 foot tall child inside.
 - A quarter has 119 grooves on its edge, and a dime has one less groove.
 - Every time you lick a stamp, you're consuming 1/10 of a calorie.
 - The average person has over 1,460 dreams a year!
 - (Say what?) It's against the law to burp, or sneeze in a certain church in Omaha, Nebraska.
 - Human thigh bones are stronger than concrete.
 - Over 10,000 birds a year die from smashing into windows.
 - (Strong motivation!) Thomas Edison, the light bulb inventor, was afraid of the dark.
- Source: www.wierdbuttruefacts.com
Check it out for yourself!

Peer Pressure

By Casey Lambert

Does peer pressure affect us? Yes, it does! There is good and bad peer pressure.

Some examples of good peer pressure would be to encourage a peer to do homework, do well in school, or join a team sport. Other positive examples include helping friends to quit smoking or drinking. Some peer pressure is bad for you and your peers. For example, encouraging a peer to drink or smoke is not helpful. Other negative examples that are often the result of peer pressure include going against your parent's word, whether it be stealing or some other defiance that could land you in trouble, or excluding someone because they're different whether it be their weight, height, or intellectual ability.

The truth is that many kids our age are giving in to peer pressure.

As your peer, let me encourage you to do what you think is right. Even if you think the decision is right at

the time, think things through before you act. If you pause and think, you won't regret what you did. Remember, it's your choice that matters most when it comes to what will or what will not influence you.

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