

ON THE EDGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR EDGEWOOD



Edgewood New Year Resolutions

JADYNN RIVERA

New Year Resolutions vary from person to person, but most revolve around self-improvement and setting goals for the new year. Let's check in with some Edgewood students to see what their resolutions are for 2024!

Devon Sanchez (10th grade)-To have better health

Morgan Haywood (11th grade)-To have her splits down all the way

Kyle Vencil (12th grade)-To improve in wrestling

Robert DiGiacomo (12th grade)-To continue to better himself and achieve all that he wants

Ben Schwartzfigure (11th grade)-To be a better version of himself in school and on the field

Noah Drake (9th grade)-To reach his goals in school and sports

Anna Kauppila (9th grade)-Improve in school

Jadynn Rivera (12th grade)-To read and journal more



9th & 12th Grade End of Semester Check-in

MORGAN HAYWOOD

At the beginning of the school year, we interviewed freshman Sarah Leonard and senior Aidan Hernandez to see the contrasts between being fresh out of Braden to an Edgewood veteran. Let's see what they are up to now that we're halfway through the year!

Sarah Leonard

Morgan: How is high school compared to middle school now that we're halfway through the year?

Sarah: I think it's quite different, but not as bad as I thought.

Morgan: How about in terms of workload, friends, the different way people go about their day?

Sarah: I feel like here it's a lot more of everybody kind of having their friends and their friend group and they just kind of stick with it. So, it doesn't really bother me.

Morgan: How were your classes last semester?
Sarah: They were actually pretty good, I kind of debated if I liked them at first but now that it's over I actually really miss them.

Morgan: What classes were you taking?

Sarah: I took Mystery and Horror Mayhem and I took Digital Design and a few others I can't think of right now.

Morgan: Okay so are you excited for your new classes?

Sarah: I don't know to be honest ha-ha.

Morgan: Okay well I guess I'll have to come back and check up on that!

Aidan Hernandez

Morgan: Do you have any worries about the end of the semester now that we're officially halfway through your last year of high school?

Aidan: Only worries I would say that I have is getting my scholarships in by March 1st to meet all the deadlines.

Morgan: Alright and then what does the new semester look like for you with wrapping up the year and college right up ahead?

Aidan: I'm looking forward to the spring semester with the warmer weather and baseball. Also looking forward to the end of the year and my last summer as a high schooler, and excited to move onto the next chapter of my life in college.

Morgan: Well I wish you the best of luck!

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JV Boys Basketball:

- 53-45 Win Over Brookfield Jan. 3rd
- Fall in OT to Perry 41-38 on Jan. 6th
- Warriors win 49-34 over Jefferson on Jan. 9th
- Warriors win in OT 50-46 over Madison on Jan. 12th
- JV gets the 47-23 win over Conneaut on Jan. 16th
- Win over Harvey 63-50 on Jan. 20th
- JV falls to Lakeside 54-42 on Jan 26th
- Warriors fall to the Perry Pirates 57-46 on Jan. 30th



Zar Triplin scans the floor as he brings the ball up the court.

Varsity Boys Basketball:

- 68-50 Win Against Brookfield Jan. 3rd
- Warriors fall 67-64 to Perry on Jan. 6th
- Warriors win in double OT over Jefferson 77-72 on Jan. 9th
- Warriors Fall in OT 69-67 to Madison on Jan. 12th
- Varsity takes the 84-44 win over Conneaut on Jan. 16th
- Warriors win 83-81 over Harvey on Jan. 20th
- Varsity falls 65-59 to Geneva on Jan. 24th
- Warriors win 63-51 over Lakeside on Jan. 26th
- Varsity Boys took the 70-64 win over Perry on Jan. 30th

JV Girls Basketball:

- 34-27 Win Over Madison Jan. 5th
- Warriors win 51-14 over Conneaut on Jan. 10th
- Win over Harvey on Jan. 13th
- JV Warriors fall 51-15 to South Range on Jan. 20th

Varsity Girls Basketball:

- 61-53 Win Over Madison Jan. 5th
- Warriors take the win 46-41 over Conneaut on Jan. 10th
- Warriors defeat Harvey 62-20 on Jan. 13
- Varsity win over South Range, 62-51 on Jan. 20th
- Lady Warriors with the 57-48 win over Geneva on Jan. 24th
- On Jan. 27th, Warriors took the 64-28 win over Lakeside
- Lady Warriors fall to Perry on Jan. 31st 45-36



Katie McCollister with the power layup.

Boys Swimming:

- Ashtabula County Swim Championships, Jan. 5th

Girls Swimming:

- Senior Night, Ashtabula County Swim Championships, Jan. 5th

Wrestling:

- Wrestlers Compete in Perry Pin City on Jan. 6th, Zeke Lucas and Kyle Vencill taking third place.
- Wrestlers Compete in Top Gun Invitational on Jan. 12th
- Lady wrestlers compete at the Olentangy Orange Tournament on Jan. 12th
- Warriors fall to Howland 45-24 on Jan. 17th
- Wrestlers take 4th overall at the Berkshire Battle for the Belt Tournament.
- Wrestlers compete in the CVC championship on Jan. 26th & 27th, with Kyle Vencill becoming champion and Zeke Lucas as runner up.

Boys Bowling:

- Match against St. John, 1874-1683 win, Jan 3rd
- Win over St. John, 1997-1728 on Jan. 11th
- Match on Jan. 22nd Warriors- 1868, Lakeside- 2149, Wickliffe- 2126
- Warriors fall to Berkshire 2038-2201 on Jan. 24th.
- Celebrated Senior Night on Jan. 30th
- Warriors win 1738-1193 over St. John on Jan. 31st

Girls Bowling:

- Match against Lakeside, 1672-1462 win, Jan 3rd
- Match against Jefferson, lady warriors fall 1754-1734 on Jan. 8th
- Match on Jan. 11th Warriors- 1598, Berkshire 1598, Lakeside 1212
- Match on Jan. 22nd, Warriors- 1630, Wickliffe- 1635, Lakeside- 1346
- Girls bowling takes the 1788-1451-point win over Berkshire on Jan. 24th
- Celebrated Senior Night on Jan. 30th



Thomas Jeffers releases the ball in hopes of scoring a strike.

SNOW DAY FUN

Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!

MCKENZIE LEMMO

From elementary and on through high school, students across the Midwest and northeastern parts of America watch the winter weather report on a snow-filled and frigid school eve. Young children flush ice cubes down the toilet, wear their pajamas inside out, and place a cold spoon under their pillow hoping that the superstitious habits will promote a snow day. Older students lay awake hours after their usual bedtime as they anticipate their hibernation day. It seems that most students want a day off from school, but are unsure how to spend their time without leaving home. The next time one finds themselves bored when they are snowed in, look to this list for ideas of what to do on a snow day.

Look up an at-home workout. YouTube offers many free 10-45-minute exercise videos ranging from H.I.I.T. (High-Intensity Interval Training) or even yoga. Daily movement is extremely important for health and wellness and the accessibility is greater than ever. Taking time on a day off to prioritize moving one's body that makes them feel best can help make a day of boredom more fun.

Start a new T.V. series. Streaming services like Netflix, Disney+, and MAX offer a variety of movies and shows. For history lovers, try *The Crown*, which covers the rule of Queen Elizabeth II over Great Britain. For the ones wishing they were on the beach, *Outer Banks* is the perfect summertime watch that warms all the cold winter days ahead.

Bake or cook a new recipe. Trying a new recipe is always a fun and delicious way to spend one's time. Whether chocolate chip cookies, a 3-layer cake, or chicken pot pie, food is always a way to warm the body and the heart.



Students and staff will sometimes turn to the Snow Day Calculator online to predict whether or not there will be a snow day if the weather forecast looks bad.



However, if you are Mr. Fowler, you turn to old school forecasting of snow days, asking the Magic 8 Ball.

Bundle up and build a snowman. As long as the temperature is not too low, be nostalgic, enjoy the fresh air, and play! As people grow up they forget to channel all the best parts of their childhood. Sometimes the best way to de-stress and live in the moment is to remind oneself to have fun. Put some gloves, boots, hat, and coat on and make a friend for Frosty the Snowman.

Play a board game. Life gets busy, especially as individuals age. Having a day that forces hibernation can be the perfect way to reconnect with family and fun. Board games and card games like UNO and Monopoly always bring laughter and enjoyment to the table.

As the days get colder and the snow falls harder, the earth reminds individuals that this season is their chance to take a break. Snow days are made for relaxation, two important parts of health that are often forgotten. Reconnect with oneself and family while taking a well-deserved repose in the wild winter weather.

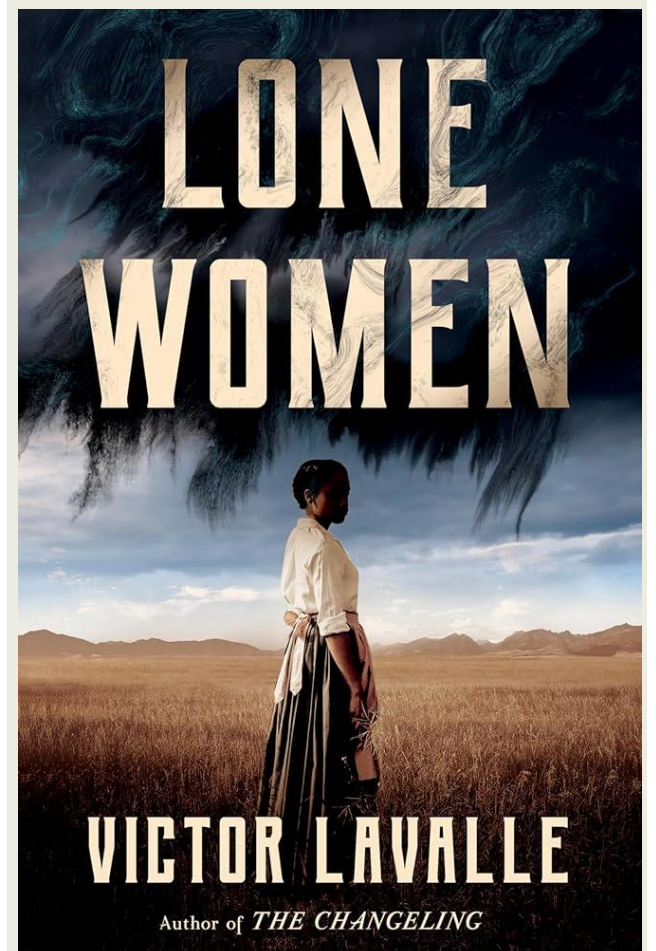
BOOK NOOK

February's Selection
– *Lone Women* by
Victor LaValle

JOCELYN FRANKLIN

Welcome back to the Book Nook! The current book selection is *Lone Women* by Victor LaValle. The book club meeting for *Lone Women* will be on Friday, February 16th. See Ms. Fischer if you want to check out a copy. This book helps to create a strong appreciation towards sisterhood. The main character is a woman named Adelaide who carries some underlying secrets. Throughout *Lone Women* the plot reveals that Adelaide is not the only character with skeletons in her closet, and that the other women have many unspoken experiences as well. The author, Victor LaValle is very well known for his vast short story collection. A few of his influencers for his writing include Stephen King, Gayl Jones, and Ishmael Reed.

If you are interested in reading books and want to get into new genres, you should join Book Club! Book Club is a club where students as well as a few teachers meet once a month in the library at 7 a.m. to discuss the book of the month. The book selection differs each month, which helps to introduce new genres to everyone in the Book Club. Even if you don't want to join the book discussion you can still come to the library to meet some friendly people and get some book recommendations!



Senior Spotlight

JADYNN RIVERA

For the month of January Mr. Notar chose senior Braylon Wetherbee to spotlight. Mr. Notar says, “that Braylon is a diligent student, exemplifies respect, care, and leadership in his academic performance.” After high school Braylon plans to go to “Trine University to become a chemistry teacher”. Braylon says that his high school career helped him learn the importance of pushing through when things got hard, as well as helping him discover how he’d enjoy being a teacher. Braylon would also like to share that he believes that a perfect year doesn’t exist, “how good or bad each year is will depend on your reaction to the battles you face.” Mr. Notar also adds that his behavior, “not only his character but also his commitment to fostering a nurturing learning environment.” Good job Braylon!



Braylon Wetherbee at the Madison U
Wanna Come Back Cross Country meet.

February Fun!

GABBY EVANS

February is full of fun activities to get involved with! To kick off the month, the Student Council is having a **Superbowl themed spirit week from February 5th to 9th**. The days are Kick Off Monday (crazy sock day), Taylor and Travis Tuesday (dress like Taylor Swift or Travis Kelce), Warm Up Wednesday (wear sweatpants, sweatshirt, and headbands), Tailgate Thursday (any NFL gear), and Friday Color Day (wear colors for Kansas City or San Francisco). That **Sunday, the 11th, is the Superbowl**. Fun fact, **Abraham Lincoln’s birthday is on February 12th** and later that week is **Valentine’s Day, on the 14th. President’s Day is on the 19th**, so we will not have school and **conferences are on the 22nd from 3:30 to 7pm**. All juniors will be taking the **ACT on February 27th at 7:30am**. As always, anyone is welcome to participate in **Art Club, every Wednesday**.

February
EVENTS



JANUARY TEACHER FEATURE

Kevin Andrejack

MORGAN HAYWOOD

Morgan: Where did you go to high school and college?

Andrejack: I graduated from Edgewood High School, and then I went to college at Miami of Ohio. After four years at Miami Ohio, I came back here and got a teaching job at Edgewood.

Morgan: What did you major in?

Andrejack: I majored in math education.

Morgan: And then have you ever taught at another school?

Andrejack: This is it, I was 21 out of college and got a job here and have been here for twenty-eight years.

Morgan: That's nice, stick to what you know.

Andrejack: Exactly.

Morgan: Why did you become a teacher?

Andrejack: Probably honestly, to coach, as many men sometimes do. But also, because I enjoy helping kids, the mentoring process is probably the most enjoyable part and I know it's weird sometimes to think of math as the avenue to do that but I find math to be challenging for some people and I actually believe it should be easier than people make it out to be. That's kind of what my teaching philosophy is and how I connect it all to life.



Morgan: What are your favorite things about teaching?

Andrejack: Absolutely the students, just being around high school students. I certainly probably wouldn't be a very good elementary teacher or even middle school teacher. I don't like immaturity, but I enjoy this age group and it certainly fits my personality

Morgan: Yeah, I definitely give a lot of credit to those who teach young kids. Do you have any funny memories or crazy stories?

Andrejack: I guess nothing that jumps out at me. You know you when you're here for 28 years there's all kinds of stories and things that happen. Certainly, some of your best friends are on staff because you work with them for so long there's people on staff who you've taught. So, you have different relationships with them now that they're colleagues compared to students. Then of course you have tons of students who you had a student relationship with and then they turn into adults and you're coaching youth sports with them and stuff like that. So, I'm not sure they're funny stories but they're very memorable, just personal experiences.

Morgan: So, then this is just more of an arbitrary question, but do you have any favorite winter memories that come up with all of the snow days we've had?

Andrejack: So, I'm probably one of those mean grumpy people who don't like snow days. It messes up my AP courses and the amount of material that we can cover and that AP exam is going happen in may whether we're ready or not so I don't like to miss days. So, snow days always annoy me especially as there are many preps that I have to reschedule so they are more annoying to me; but listen we all like the bonus day off when you're not expecting it and when my kids were younger it was fun to have those bonus days off with them.

Morgan: Alright well that's all I have; is there anything you'd like to add?

Andrejack: I think you guys are doing an awesome job with the paper. It's really cool to read it.

Morgan: Thank you so much!