

ON THE EDGE

SUPER BOWL LVIII SURPRISES



YEAH! Usher!

Halftime Surprise

JADYNN RIVERA

The 58th Super Bowl between the San Francisco 49ers and the Kansas City Chiefs got a halftime performance by the one and only: Usher! Usher rose to fame in his teens and is still a R&B heartthrob to this day. While he just released a new album, his halftime performance show consisted of his best hits. Songs like, “Caught Up,” “Got It Bad,” “Love in This Club,” “Yeah!” and other songs got the crowd, and people watching from home, to dance and sing along. Usher was also accompanied on stage by guest stars: Alicia Keys, H.E.R, Lil John, Ludacris, Will.i.am, and Jermaine Dupri. And even in his 40’s, Usher still has the moves; not only did Usher and his guest stars give a great performance, but they also sang and dance while on roller skates! While the crowd may have been divided on who should win the football game, I think almost everyone could agree on one thing: Usher can give a great performance and still has great songs.



Travis & Taylor

It’s a Love Story...

ANNIE LAUGEN

It all started with a friendship bracelet and a phone number. Or, it was supposed to, anyway. Travis Kelce, NFL superstar, and tight end for the Kansas City Chiefs planned to attend a Taylor Swift concert at Arrowhead Stadium in July of 2023. Taylor Swift’s fan base, the “Swifties,” made thousands upon thousands of friendship bracelets to exchange with each other at her concerts. The idea stemmed from a lyric in a song called, You’re On Your Own Kid off of her history-making album, *Midnights*. Travis had planned to give Taylor a friendship bracelet with his phone number on it. However, Taylor was unable to talk before or after her shows in order to save her voice for her 2 ½ hour performances.

Relationship speculations took flight in September of the same year after inside sources stated that “they have been spending time together recently.” Swifties then started digging into the outfits that she wore out in public for signs of this relationship. (Since Taylor drops clues in everything she does.) Travis’s brother, Jason Kelce dropped subtle hints on the brothers’ podcast *New Heights*, but neither of

them confirmed anything. Then September 24th rolled around, and Taylor was seen and photographed standing next to Travis’s mom at a Kansas City game in the press box. A photo then later emerged from a Chief’s after-party of Taylor’s arm around Travis’s neck. This made the internet go crazy with more intense speculations.

Now into October, Taylor attended almost every game and the couple is seen out in public, hand-in-hand going to different parties which confirms the relationship. Travis then attended one of Taylor’s international shows in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and stood next to Taylor’s dad, Scott Swift. Within the same week of Taylor being spotted at a game, Fanatics told TMZ that Travis saw a “400% increase in jersey sales” and that he was now a top-selling NFL player. He also saw a gain of 300,000 Instagram followers within 24 hours. Now that is impressive. Taylor attended the Super Bowl in which the Chiefs won (again.) The couple shared cute hugs and kisses that took the internet by storm. These two are inseparable and are sure to make you smile.

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VALENTINE'S DAY*Always and Forever, "Your Valentine"***MCKENZIE LEMMO**

February 14 is a day of romance and love celebrated with candy, chocolate, flowers, and gifts. However, Valentine's Day dates back to the legend of St. Valentine which is recognized by the Catholic Church in three different ways. The most common story about St. Valentine was his challenge to restore sight to a young lady, and after doing so was arrested for attempting to convert people to Christianity. He was sentenced to death and before his execution signed a letter to the woman whose sight he restored, "Your Valentine."

Students at EHS are full of love and celebrate Valentine's Day by honoring St. Valentine in unique ways. This year, students wrote what they love or a kind message on paper hearts that were posted in the cafeteria. One student wrote "Be kind everyday" reminding their classmates that there is always a reason to share joy, not just on a holiday. Spreading love is the best part of the Valentine's holiday and to junior Aliyah Smith the celebration is "very important to [her] because it is how [she] shows [her] love and appreciation for [her] friends and family." Smith and her boyfriend, sophomore Tanner Cline, shared the special day with "[buying] each other gifts and ma[king] heart shaped pizzas." Their token of appreciation for each other exemplifies the evolution of St. Valentine's origins, but also how time spent with a loved one is time well spent.

Valentine's Day is an ancient holiday that has evolved from its original birth with St. Valentine. Kindness and love should be shared every day, not just on Valentine's Day. Whether someone is lacking companionship or in a happy partnership, the holiday is about more than relationship status, but about the love one sees if they stop and look around for a moment. The Beatles said it best with "All You Need is Love" because in the end, possessions do not die with an individual, but their heart does.

**PRESIDENT'S DAY***All About
President's Day***ABBY CLUTTER**

President's Day is celebrated each year on the third Monday of February. This is because a bill was passed that moved most federal holidays to be on a Monday every year. This holiday is celebrated in February to honor the first president George Washington's birthday on the 22nd. Around 75 years later, another president, Abraham Lincoln, was born on the 12th, making it a special month for both. Overall, this day is dedicated to all of the people who have served as president in America and give them a day full of recognition. This holiday, being a federal holiday, requires all government-affiliated companies to give their workers the day off. In addition, most schools in the country have President's Day off because it is a federal holiday and to celebrate past presidents. However, not every school has a day off because it is left to the digression of the school to have the day off or not. Not only that the people who do have off can spend the day shopping because many stores have President's Day sales that give discounted prices on many items. This year alone, stores discounted hundreds of dollars off of popular brands like Samsung and Hisense.

February Sports Summary

AUSTIN PANETO

JV Girls Basketball:

- Lady Warriors fell to the Geneva Eagles on Feb. 1st, 43-38
- Lady Warriors played two quarter against Madison on Feb. 7th, falling 11-10
- Lady Warriors fell 38-31 against Berkshire on Feb. 14th

Varsity Girls Basketball:

- Lady warriors get the 48-35 win over Jefferson on Feb. 3rd, with this win, the warriors clinched a spot in the CVC Lake Division Championship, with the first league title in school history.
- On Feb. 7th, Lady Warriors took the 58-50 win over the Madison Blue Streaks, winning the first league title in school history as CVC Lake Division champs.
- Lady Warriors took down Conneaut 65-10 on Feb. 10th and celebrated senior night.
- Warriors got the 48-35 win at Berkshire on Feb. 14th to finish out the regular season
- Ladies became sectional champs with a 55-47 win over Ursuline on Feb. 24th

JV Boys Basketball:

- Boys fell to Geneva 51-48 on Feb. 1st
- Boys took the 51-28 win over Jefferson on Feb. 2nd
- JV warriors took the 49-43 win over Madison on Feb. 6th
- JV Warriors took down Conneaut 55-27 on Feb. 9th
- Warriors got the 47-42 win over Fairport on Feb. 13th
- Warriors battled West Geauga to the 66-62 win on Feb. 16th
- JV took the win against St. John over two quarters to finish out the regular season on Feb. 20th

Varsity Boys Basketball:

- Warriors get the 70-59 win over Jefferson on Feb. 2nd
- Warriors fell to Madison 75-56 on Feb. 6th
- On Feb. 9th, Warriors took down Conneaut 79-24
- Warriors take win over Fairport 43-40 on Feb. 13th
- Varsity took the 57-48 win on Senior night on Feb. 16th
- On Feb. 20th, Varsity took the 84-44 win over St. John, in this game, Jacob Ernst surpassed his 1,000th point.

Girls Bowling:

- Girls team finished 2nd in the CVC on Feb. 4th
- Girls qualified for Districts with a 4th place finish at sectionals on Feb. 10th
- Regular season finale for the girls, falling in a battle 1946-1962 on Feb. 14th
- On Feb. 24th, the Ladies competed in a district match, finishing 10th overall

Boys Bowling:

- Boys team finished 6th overall in the CVC tournament on Feb. 4th
- Regular season finale, the boys fell 1850-2226 on Feb. 14th

Swimming:

- Warriors competed in a meet at Beachwood High School on Feb. 3rd, Boys taking 21st in both Medley and 200 free, and the girls placing 26th in Medley and 21st in the 200 free relay
- Tyler Hill qualified for Districts with a fifth overall finish and new school record of 1:48.86 in the 200 freestyle on Feb. 9th. Along with a 4th place finish in the 500 free with a new school record of 4:54.98.
- Tyler Hill competed in the District swim meet on Feb. 16th, setting a new school record of 1:47.86 in the 200 free, and an 8th overall finish in the 500 free, qualifying for states in both events.
- On Feb. 22nd, Tyler Hill competed in the state swim meet, finishing 22nd overall in the 200 free, and 17th overall in the 500 free.

Wrestling:

- Warriors fell to Hubbard 47-31 in the OHSAA state duals on Feb. 3rd
- Lady Warrior wrestling competed in the Iron Maiden Tournament on Feb. 3rd, with Neveah Hibbard taking 4th, and Aubrey Tolley taking 5th.
- Warrior wrestling celebrated Senior night on Feb. 8th, taking the 41-33 win over Geneva
- Lady warriors competed in the Port Clinton Invitational on Feb. 11th
- Warriors fell to Mentor on Feb. 15th
- Wrestling will be sending five wrestlers to the District tournament, Kyle Vencill as sectional champ, Zeke Lucas as sectional runner up, Gregory Helmbright with a 3rd place finish, Michael Ochoa in 4th, and Chris Skwera also in 4th.
- Lady warriors competed in Sectionals as well, with Aubrey Tolley finishing 4th, and Neveah Hibbard finishing 5th

As the winter season comes to a close, Tammy Liplin is also advancing to states in the 3200 meter run in indoor track. Overall, the winter season saw much success from many sports, but the spring season is just beginning, and if you'd wish to play a spring sport, options such as boys tennis, boys and girls track, and baseball and softball are available. Talk to each sports coach to learn more about practices as winter sports come to an end.

TEACHER FEATURE

Mrs. Nelson

Morgan: So where did you go to school?

Nelson: I graduated from Geneva High School, I waited about ten years before I decided to go back to school either for nursing or teaching and I opted for teaching because I thought the hours might be better. I went to Youngstown State and then I got my master's degree online through Walden University in curriculum and instruction. I then later added special education mild-moderate K-12 and I've been there ever since and my entire teaching career has been here in Edgewood since 2000.

Morgan: What are your favorite things about teaching?

Nelson: Well of course it's the kids for sure, both good and bad. Some of them are more challenging so that makes it that much more rewarding when you break through. Then you have the kids that make it just a pleasure to come into school every day you know, they smile and light up the room so that part is always rewarding. Now there are certainly many challenges especially with special education and again it makes it that much more rewarding seeing that lightbulb go off. Then you see them after they graduate and they're off leading successful lives and completely responsible citizens and making their own mark on the world.



Morgan: Yeah, I'm sure it's nice to kind of see that all come full circle. Do you have any funny memories or crazy stories?

Nelson: While there are a lot of crazy stories, they may not be the most appropriate ones. But I will say that when they say it is like a family here I thought it was cringe at first but then I grew to realize that it was true. These people may be my colleagues but throughout the years they have become some of my best friends and have supported me through all the ups and downs of life and teaching.

Morgan: Since you are in charge of the Youth Philanthropy program is there anything that you would like to say about that?

Nelson: I don't always get to work with the kids that are on the upper end of achieving and NHS, I often times don't even know their names but through Youth Philanthropy I get to work with the kids that I know are going to be the movers and shakers of the world and go out and make a difference. There is a past student of mine that still does a nonprofit and donates hundreds of thousands of dollars a year through a skill that she learned in youth philanthropy and now she has turned it into a career.

Morgan: So how long did you say you've been teaching here at Edgewood?

Nelson: This is my twenty-fourth year.

Morgan: Twenty-four years, wow you're getting up there!

Nelson: Yeah, I'm one of the oldies here. Stolfer and Fowler have definitely got me beat though. There are a couple others, but they all started out of college whereas I waited. But I was a managing cosmetologist before I did this. I also worked in a factory, I worked in retail, so I kind of understand the game of jobs.

Morgan: Yeah you definitely have a very diverse background.

Nelson: Yes, I do, I grew up on a farm, I milked cows before I went to school. I joined sports in high school because we didn't have good water at home and I wanted to be able to take a good shower every day, but my running career started in seventh grade and now I'm 58 years old and I'm still training for a marathon right now. So, there's always good facing diversity and seeing how you can overcome it and good things come out of it.

Morgan: It's awesome that you're still training for a marathon!

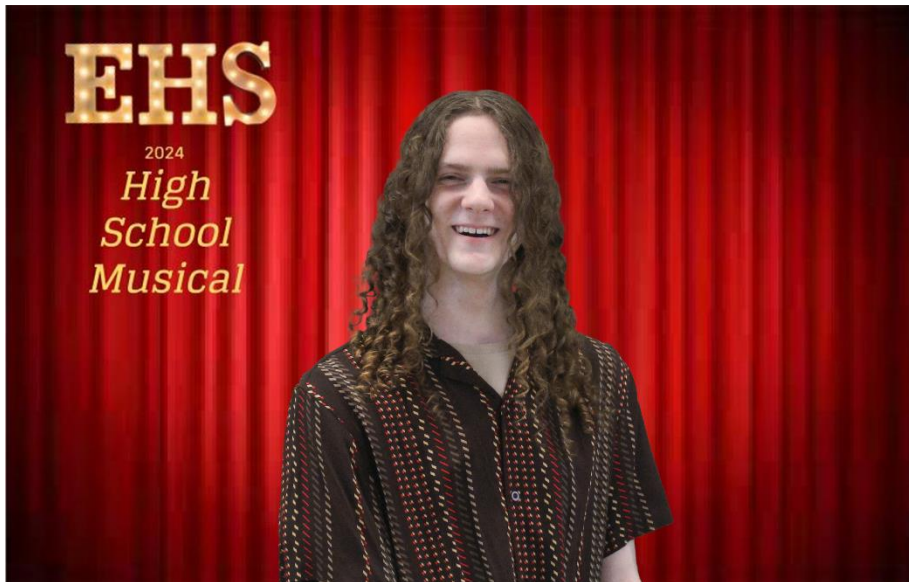
Nelson: Yeah, I've done the Boston marathon five times, Chicago, New York City, and I'm currently training for Big Sur which is on the Pacific coast highway in the most beautiful section of the country overlooking the Pacific Ocean the entire twenty-six miles. So that'll happen on April 28th. But I continue running probably for my sanity and mental health. I truly believe that exercising is the best form of mental health and one of the best ways of caring for yourself so I try to promote that with my students.

Morgan: Do you have any Valentine's day traditions?

Nelson: Not romantically necessarily, but I do always get my daughters roses.

Morgan: I do love that tradition that a lot of families do, it's really sweet. Alright well thank you so much this was an amazing conversation!

Nelson: Yes of course, thank you for choosing me.



Vance Brown

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT*Vance Brown***JADYNN RIVERA**

The February senior spotlight is Vance Brown. Mr. Notar chose Vance due to him being a “really nice and respectful young man,” he also “always makes sure to greet me in the hallway when I see him.” Mr. Notar says that being acknowledged with a nice smile means a lot to him. Vance plans to study film in college in hopes of writing, acting, and directing his own movies. Vance’s favorite high school memory is when he had a duet with, “Hunter Cusano singing “Hanging by a Moment” for cabaret, and getting a standing ovation.” Mr. Notar is proud of Vance’s achievements in the classroom, as well as the sounds room. Vance would also like to add that he feels very honored to get the senior spotlight, and “I’d like to thank Mr. Notar for choosing me out of many outstanding students in my graduating class.” Congratulations Vance!

REFLECTIONS IN THE CLASSROOM

Real World. Real Problems. Real Solutions.

RYLEE SCHOR

Recently I have been hearing certain grievances at school such as, “The teachers only give us busy work,” “I am never going to use this in the real world”, or even, “This is not going to help my future”. But this is not the case in all classes. Mrs. Hartzell’s Entrepreneur class shines a light on a different innovative teaching method aimed at solving real-world problems. This entrepreneur class is for grades 9-12 where students collaborate with community partners to help solve community problems. In this three-week endeavor, students improve their critical thinking, collaboration, research, and presentation skills to be self-sufficient when discerning problems and finding solutions practically. Currently consisting of only seven students, Mrs. Hartzell hopes to increase the numbers through the years. “It scares the students because it seems like a lot of work”, Mrs. Hartzell stated in an interview. Hartzell then goes on to explain that there is not any busy work. Students are encouraged to solve the problem in ways they deem necessary and work collaboratively. Former students have said that this class is the most important class they had in High School and that it taught them much they can use in the real world. Not only are students problem-solving in the classroom but students go out into the community to meet with the community partners and see what is going on. At the end of the challenge weeks, the students present their ideas to the community partners and witness what their ideas could do for the community as a whole.

After the interview, Mrs. Hartzell explained how she wants this class to have a ripple effect, inspiring different teaching styles for other classes as well. Although this is just one class, one period a day, Mrs. Hartzell hopes for it to become a bigger part of the school system and remarks, “Trust the Process”. In an interview with Mr. Adduci, co-founder of the Entrepreneur class at Edgewood, similar ideas to that of Mrs. Hartzell’s, were stated. Mr. Adduci hopes this class will “provide all kids exposure to real-life learning, stuff that will transfer to their future careers and life endeavors.” Adduci is more focused on shifting the entire school structure from thinking beyond what they are told, not just recitation to remember things for a test. Not only does this style of teaching impact students, but it also impacts teachers. Mr. Adduci states teachers across districts are no longer looking at the time to try to pass it, they are losing track of time due to participating in meaningful work. This means that busy work is eliminated. Mr. Adduci is more focused on the student’s motivation of wanting to be at school and wanting to learn. Eliminating busy work is just the first step. In closing remarks, Mr. Adduci states, “Focusing on creating opportunities for the kids to develop competencies that the contemporary global market covets is extremely essential and I almost believe its malpractice if you don’t look at that”. All of us students want a change in the way classes are taught. Students are burnt out on doing busy work and studying knowledge for tests that they will never use in their future lives. The students want to learn, to grow, to become individuals. In the grand scheme of life, knowing that the mitochondria are the powerhouses of the cell is not the most important thing.



Mrs. Hartzell and Mr. Adduci

UPCOMING EVENTS

Magnificent March Madness

GABBY EVANS

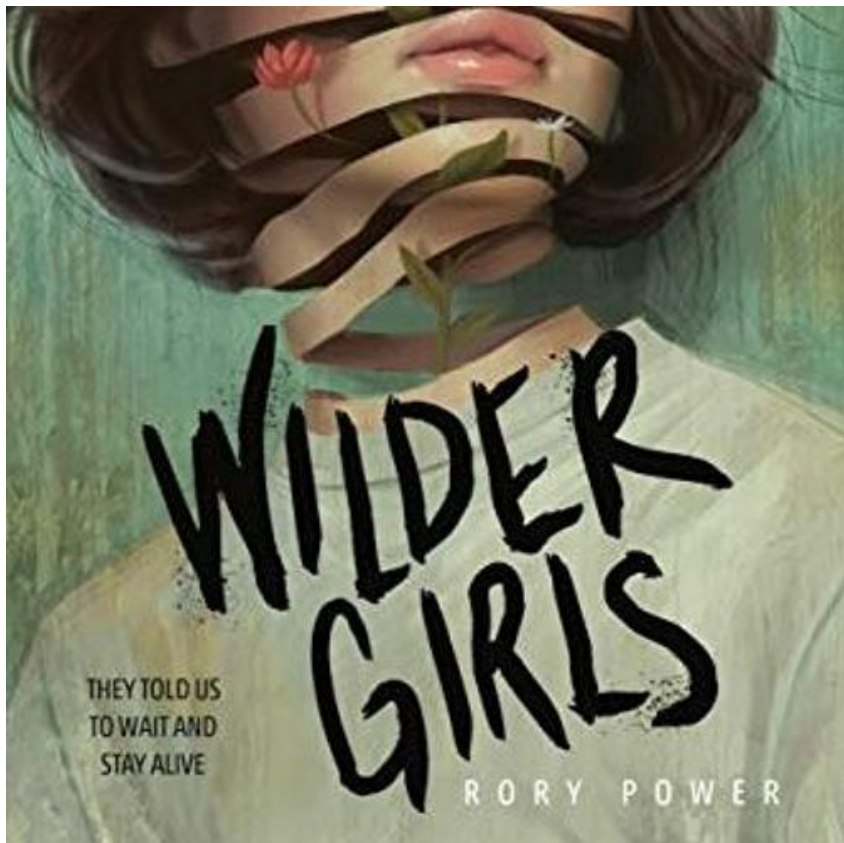
As we start approaching the last months of the school year, there are plenty of events to look forward to. Starting the month off strong the school musical, **High School Musical**, will be open to see on March 8th, 9th, and 10th. Show times are Friday the 8th at 7pm, Saturday the 9th at 2pm and 7pm, and Sunday the 10th at 2pm. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults, we hope to see you there! The week of **March 4th to 8th the Student Council will be putting on a food drive for veterans** and donations should be turned into your homeroom teacher. Please try to donate any non-perishable items, any and all donations are much appreciated. On Thursday, March 14th the Student Council is sponsoring a **School Skate!** The skate is at the Ashtabula Roller Den from 6pm to 9pm and presale tickets are \$10, tickets at the door are \$15. Presale tickets will be sold at lunch from March 4th - 13th. Tickets include skates, but do not include food or drinks. Get ready to show some school spirit because there will be a **Spring Break Spirit Week** from March 18th to 22nd. Monday is Airport Outfits, Tuesday is White Lies, Wednesday is Rhyme Without Reason, and Thursday is Sunday Best. Friday, March 22nd is a records day for staff, so students do not have school. Spring break is March 25th to April 1st and Easter is on Sunday, March 31st. As always, Art Club meets every Wednesday.



BOOK NOOK

Wilder Girls by Rory Power

JOCELYN FRANKLIN



The current book of the month is *Wilder Girls* by Rory Power. This book showcases the resilience of the female conscience. Rory Power writes an illuminating horror story about three girls living in quarantine on an island. The plot revolves around the girls finding out why they are in quarantine, which isn't information they ever expected. Author, Rory Power, is known as a crime fiction editor and story consultant for TV adaptation. She has written four books, all of which have been bestsellers for their intriguing plot as well as character development. *Wilder Girls* is definitely worth a read, even if you are not in Book Club. 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!