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# Psyched out Psychic

Emily Drumm

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The tang of gas and car exhaustion could not distract her from the spit, gum, and cigarette butts that coated the ground. Grease and fuzzy mold poured out of the dumpster in the back and pooled on the cement swirling together to create a sleazy green puddle that resembled chewed up spinach. Cars sputtered, swooped, and scooted in and out of the pumping stations. Impatient customers beeped their horns and spat insults while waiting. Pumping gas in the cold, stale air, Casey Denys thought nothing extraordinary could happen, but thirty feet away a lady sat ominously in her shadowed Escalade.

Suddenly the lady waved her hands and shouted, "Miss, please, come here!" to Denys. Leisurely, she made her way over to the stranger, not knowing what to expect.

As Denys recalls, the conversation went like this:

"You have a very strong aura. I must read your palms. Please, you have an interesting adventure in your future. Your love life is waiting. When you walked by you gave off such an intense feeling. Please, let's

do the session right here," the lady said.

"I don't have any money with me- I spent it all on gas," Denys said as her heart was beating faster than the gas pump.

"Then here, please, please take my card," The lady said.

Taking the card, Denys turned and walked away.

"I don't know if what happened was real. When I went back to my car I was so excited. I wanted to go see her and have my fortune told. Then my friends told me that the whole thing could be a scam, and I believed them," Denys said. "I still wanted to have my palm read."

One way a psychic can foretell the future is through the study of the palm. Through soul and mind, a palm reader can tell your nature, personality, will, desires, relationships, future, etc. The three main lines of the palm that most people have read are the head, the heart, and the life line.

Ashly Hagan recalls the first time she had her palm read. Hagan does not believe that one person can possess the ability to predict the future through any means. She feels that supernatural abilities are impossible to acquire, and psychics make

money through lucky guesses. A lot of the times, psychics pay close attention to body language, reaction, thoughts, words, and actions. By combining all of these elements, a person can determine a practical set of events placed in the future based on context.

"Palm readers or psychics are cool, but I don't believe that what they say is true. It is easy to make something up about a person's life to interest them into giving you their money. When my palm was read, the lady told me I was going to have a long, happy life. I could have figured that out myself," Hagan said.

While some are non-believers, others genuinely imagine that these powers are true. It may be possible to hold the power to see the future. It may also be a scam. How does it work? How can lines on a palm be the key to my future? There is no scientific explanation for such a gift. Very little research has been done on the subject. All that can be said is that it's difficult to know for sure unless experienced firsthand. Psychic abilities can be acquired through practice, but it is very unlikely that one is born so special that he or she can anticipate the future.

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# Bye Block Scheduling

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From the appearance of the school, to the rollout of iPads, and now a transition into a new schedule, a lot of changes have been made in the past few years at Fraser High School. On the night of November 11th, the Fraser Board of Education passed the schedule proposal for the upcoming school year of 2014-2015.

“It was exciting to hear about the passed schedule,” Regina Cable, the head of the media center, said.

The Board of education approved the modified block schedule as the committee recommended it. There was a committee of teachers, administrators, parents, and students who worked since May to come up with a schedule that everyone could live with. Being the president of the Fraser Education Association, Cable was asked to select, in addition to herself, six other members who were teachers. The administration then chose seven other members for the committee.

“I feel that the change is a great compromise. We looked at several schedules and the schedules that could have been implemented would have been vastly different than what we have done in the last fifteen years at Fraser,” Cable said. “Block scheduling has become a part of the culture of the Fraser community. That aspect was very important to the parents, important to the students, and very important

to the board as well. They wanted to have something that everyone could live with.”

According to Dr. Michael Lonze, the principal of Fraser High School, there were a couple of reasons for the change. One of the reasons was to look at the effectiveness of the block schedule academically. A

lot of research has been done regarding block scheduling and it has revealed that the schedule isn't the most effective to have academically. With the changes made for next year, the school now has a comparison point between a class that meets every day and a class that meets every other day to see

how it affects the academic success of its students. The committee put in charge of creating a new schedule looked at several schedules, wanting to find the best fit possible. Many months of preparation and discussion led up to the newly approved schedule.

“What had been proposed to the Board of Education was that we have a first period day that meets every day for forty-five minutes.

Then following that is a fifty-minute seminar that meets every day,” Dr. Lonze said. “Then, after that, we fall back to our typical blocked schedule where we will have three ninety-minute class periods; roughly the same amount of classes we have right now, just a little different setup.”

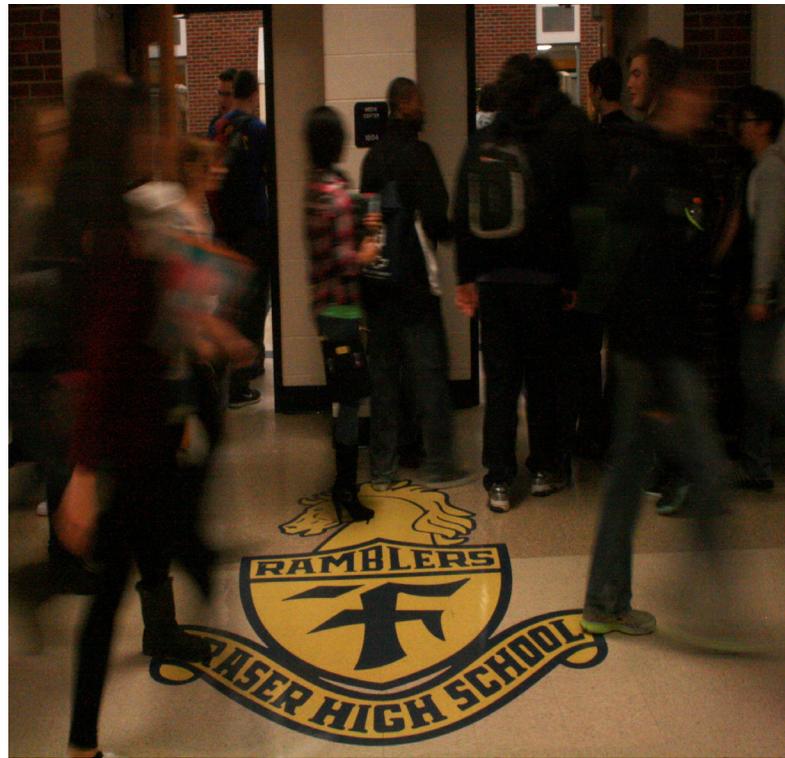
One concern that parents

While students are apprehensive about the new change, one thing students seem excited about is having a seminar class every day. Seminar is a time for students to meet with their teachers, study for classes, do homework, as well as catch up on any work from being absent. The prospect of having seminar each day

will give students a reliable time set aside from their busy schedule to get those things done.

“I am really encouraged by having a seminar every day. Seminar will move away from being an event, something that you have twice or three

Busy students in the hall.  
Credit: Erica Kloski



times a week, to something you have every day. You can count on having those fifty minutes. It becomes part of the routine with what we do and I really think that it will change the focus of seminar in a more positive direction,” Cable said.

The prospect of having seminar each day has come with a lot of questions.

“The piece that hasn't been decided yet is how exactly seminar will work.

We currently do not know if the students will have the same seminar teacher each day. We have a committee, Steering, that was a part of how we did business over the last ten years and we kind of moved away from it, but we're bringing it back,” Cable said. “Those are the decisions that'll be made in Steering. They'll decide what seminar is going to look like, how the time will be structured, if a strict structuring at all, or if it'll be made into an advisory period. Those are all things that'll be decided at a later time.”

Students have a lot to look forward to in the upcoming school year. The new schedule isn't too drastic of a change for students already in high school, but it also helps transition middle school students into the life of high school. Whether or not the schedule will be a permanent change will be decided along the way.

“I think the change in the schedule is a nice step. I think it's a great way, again, to get some good data to see if we're being most effective in the time that we have and how we're using it,” Dr. Lonze said. “I think at the same time it might not be the schedule we live with for the next thirty years. We might find out some great things and see where we're going to go in the future through it. I think we want to continue to evaluate change based on the need of our students and their academic needs.”

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# Student of the Month

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Student of the month for the Career & Technical Education Department is a reward given to a student in recognition of his or hers accomplishments and behavior. Senior Michael George Gordon was given this title on November 6.

The justification was made upon the great improvements and the solid technical skills he has shown in his CTE classes, which include Vocational Welding, Advanced Woodworking, Electronics, and Drafting/CAD. He, with assistance from his Industrial Technology teacher Brent Brasure, recently made a new sign with the Rambler logo in steel which will be hung in the high school's athletic entrance.

"I feel honored being chosen as student of the month," Gordon said. "This does motivate me to work hard the rest of my senior year, especially in my CTE classes. I already have five different projects going on in welding and wood shop."

Gordon has been a member of the MITES/Builders club during his entire high school career, and he has also been a fixture in the Industrial Technology Department for just as long. In the four past years he has developed into a leader figure and someone his fellow classmates can look to for help.

"My goal for my senior year is to take first or second place in MITES and builders club, which makes me eligible for getting a scholarship," Gordon said.

Gordon is excited for graduation and the end of high school as it means he's finally able to go to college and get a welding job. He plans on attending Macomb Community College to focus on Drafting and Design, Welding, and Automotive Service. Later, he wants to earn a degree in Welding Engineering through Wayne State University or Ferris State University.

"If welding doesn't work out for me, my plan is to fall back on electronics or computer-aided design, two of my other electives," Gordon said.

Gordon currently works part-time at the family business Fairlane Tool Company in Fraser. When he goes off to college he will continue working and earning his own money after school time. With the amount of hard work and determination he puts into his electives and hobbies, it can take him a long way and give him lots of opportunities after he ends his education.

# We're Going Global

**Savanna DiStefano**

*Flash Editor*

High School students around Macomb County were given the opportunity to participate in Macomb County's annual Global Trade Mission November 19-21. Students who participated were given the task to invent a new product to distribute to a specific region of the world that he or she was assigned to. Groups consisted of three to four students from different schools.

ily, friends, and two pretend investors who choose to support one group's product by giving them a check for "one million dollars."

"My favorite part about GTM is presenting the product in front of the students, parents, and investors because of the fact that you put so much time and energy into something for two days, on the third day you have to be ready to sell it and hope that they give you their money," Hardy said.

There are multiple groups

were made up of other veteran participants. Her group won the one million dollars from the investors for their product, Climorite, which was a clothing line that incorporated NASA technology to heat and cool the body.

Junior Helen Sabik was also a winner for her region, Asia. Her group designed BioBAM, a biofuel generator, which created clean energy out of every day trash.

Groups were also selected to win "exportsmanship awards," which were sports-



Global Trade Mission Participants  
Credit: Ronald LeBlanc

"I decided to participate because I had done it once before during my sophomore year of high school, and I really enjoyed it," senior participant Camry Hardy said. "It has taught me how to actually come up with a product, a business plan, and make people want to invest in it."

In a *Shark Tank* style setting, the students present their product in front of fam-

in one region; however, each group is also assigned a specific industry in which their product is related to. Industries of choice included life science and technology, homeland security, robotics and animation, and renewable energy. There are winners for each region.

FHS senior Savanna DiStefano attended the program for the second time this year. DiStefano was placed in the Spin off Room, where teams

manship awards given to selective teams according to a particular quality that a team portrayed. Freshman Donna Cross won an exportsmanship award with her group.

"[The Global Trade Mission] is a ton of fun, very focused with all the different groups and leaders in the rooms, and I strongly suggest that more people sign up for it next year. It was a great experience," Sabik said.



Michael Gordon in his WoodTech uniform.  
Credit: Karoline Asdal

# Google Glass

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*Flash Editor*

“OK Glass...” are two words people will begin to hear more often. With the ever changing technology of today’s society, Google wants to show the world a different view on technology. Many people are glued to smartphones, tablets, and computers throughout the day, now Google is introducing a hands-free device for technology lovers of all ages. Google Glass, also known as Project Glass, is a wearable computer with an optical head-mounted display in the form of glasses. The design of the glass is built to be lightweight, comfortable, and as unobtrusive as possible. The sleek and stylish device currently comes in five colors: charcoal, tangerine, shale, cotton and sky. Google is in the talks of partnering with sunglass retailers, and they’re considering opening retail stores to reach out to customers. The mission for producing Project Glass is a

mass-market, ever-present computer. Google Glass Explore Edition is currently released for developers only.

While the glass is a great addition to today’s technology it also comes with negative effects. The price is one

a Californian driver was ticketed for driving while wearing Google Glass. This event will spark a nationwide debate on whether or not it is safe to drive with the glass on. Prescription glasses, the problem with the cur-

price for this ever-changing piece of technology. The device surely won’t disappoint its customers with the features on the glass. Features include taking photos and video, Google searches, directions, phone

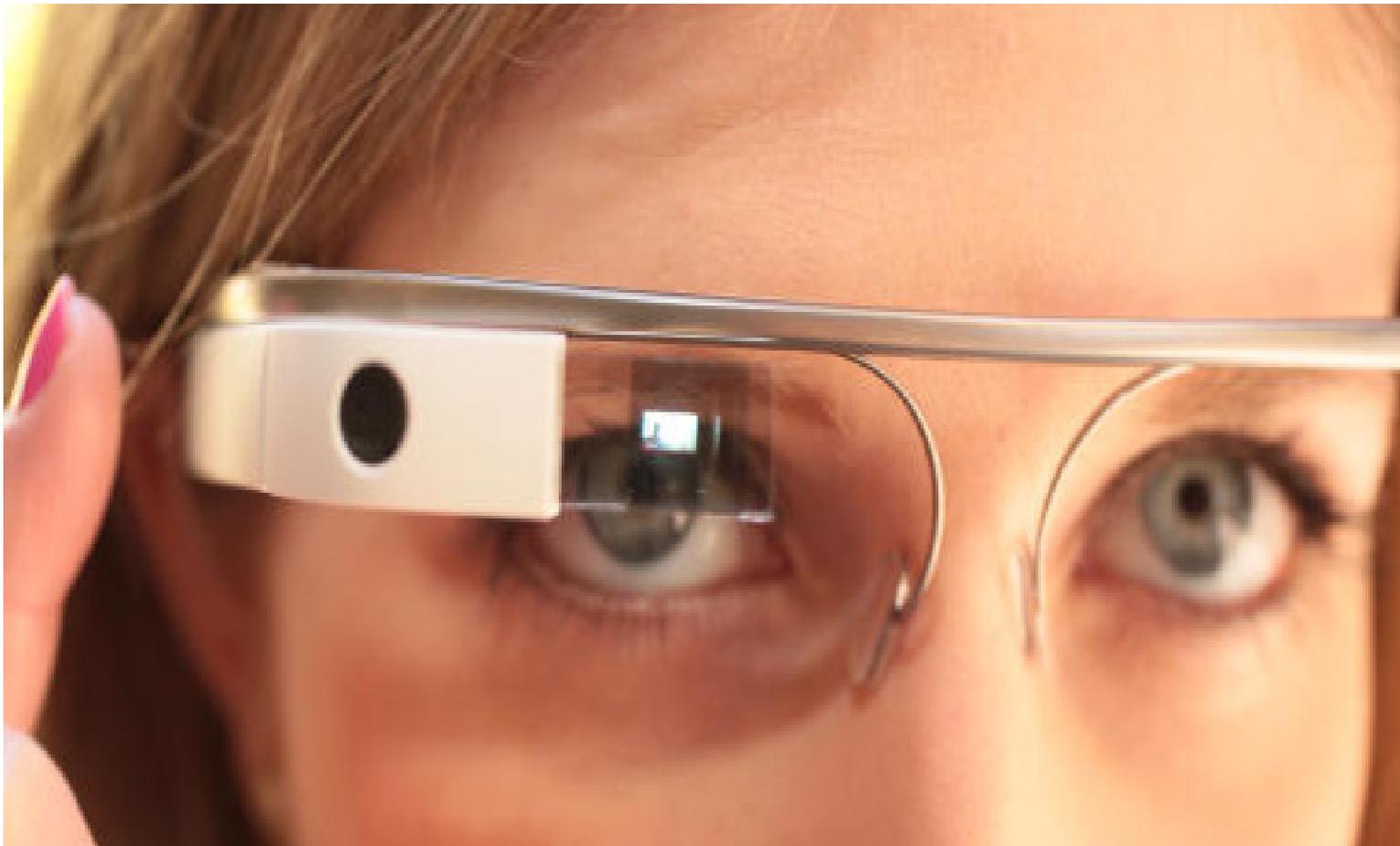
let your phone just sit in the dust once this new product is available; the glass can be paired with a phone using the “My Glass” application to allow quick fixing with settings and customization.

The current version of

Google Glass offers a 640 x 360 display with a 5 megapixel camera built-in to the frame that can capture a video at 720p resolution. The device has a 16GB memory built into the device, though only 12GB is available for user storage. The rechargeable battery of the glass is significantly decent lasting just about a day; depending on how often the device is used. Among the many things built into the device like Bluetooth and WiFi, GPS will not be – this is

where a smartphone would come into play by using the Bluetooth feature. Through the bone conduction transfer sound will be produced - which vibrates your skull to transmit to your eardrum.

The Google Glass is expected to be released in 2014.



2014's Google Glass  
Credit: Google

of them, currently costing \$1,500 for a pair. However, the price is expected to drop drastically when it is released to consumers according to Topology Research’s Jason Tsai; however, nothing is confirmed yet. Safety tends to be another effect with the glass; recently

rent explore edition of the glass is consumers who wear prescription glasses cannot wear the glass. Google is currently working on an edition that will work with frames and lenses that match the wearer’s prescription.

It is up to you whether you think \$1,500 is a suitable

calls, emails, and “hang-outs” - a video calling service where people that are calling can see what the user sees through the Google glass camera. The glass responds to voice commands, as well as taps and gestures on the touch-sensitive bar on the side of the frame. But, don’t

# Teens Talking Truth

Emily Drumm

Flash Staff Reporter

"T3 started many years ago. It was originally called SAD (Students Against Drunk Driving). Then that group evolved into Students Against Destructive Decisions because they thought SAD was too restrictive. Students Against Destructive Decisions is a national organization. Here at the school we've evolved into T3, Teens Talking Truth, because the students we had in the group thought that T3 was a name that gave a more positive connotation to what they were doing. They are teens and they are promoting healthy behaviors and they wanted to make sure it was all inclusive," Fraser teacher and T3 leader Steven Norgrove said.

Teens Talking Truth is a club at Fraser High School dedicated to empowering their peers to live a healthy lifestyle. Students tell their tales and express their thoughts on the Fraser community. Whether the topic is tobacco, marijuana, or alcohol abuse, members of T3 have something to say.

"Drugs and alcohol will always be an important topic. Each has a negative influence on a person. In T3 we stand up against these things and fight for staying clean and being a good person. We hope to educate each other," junior Becky Carson said.

Not only do members of T3 share their opinions and stories, but they take action. The group takes on many

projects. In protest against drug use, T3 passed out red ribbons during Red Ribbon Week at Fraser. Each ribbon symbolized a pledge to stay clean of drugs.

"Red ribbon week is a big one, and another thing we do is coming up here soon. We are going to be training some of our members to go present to the elementary schools. They like doing that. We have created a

PSA contest, public service announcement, and we published the best ones and given prizes to those. We've participated in the school parade for Homecoming. We have days where FAN comes in and speaks to our classes," Norgrove said. "The nice thing about the T3 group is that it is county wide, so we do activities with other schools in the county. For the last few years we actually went to the MISD. We take a day there where we watch presentations. We have had students in the past help set up these presentations. It's a day long field trip for the students to discuss situations that we are dealing with."

T3 is available to anyone. The cost to participate is nothing but your time.

"I think it is a great organization to join because we are anti-tobacco, drugs, and alcohol. Some students, for instance, are anti drug and are heavily involved in certain aspects of that. Some students are also anti alco-

hol or anti tobacco. What it does is blend those together to make a group that is non-discriminatory against people that do partake in those behaviors. We want to promote healthy lifestyle. We want to promote that students make positive choices and then promote those choices so that they can influence others to do the same," Norgrove said.

T3 changes to adjust to the troubles affecting teens today. They promote students to make positive choices and influence others to do the same.

"Every year it seems to be a different substance. Right now it's pushing prescription drug use. Also the legalization of marijuana had a big impact on our youth. Those are the things we are trying to counteract," Norgrove said.

T3 is an organization formed because the teens of the Fraser community need some guidance making healthy choices in their lives.

"We just like to get out image out there and get ideas out there to let the community know, especially out youth, that it's okay to make healthy choices," Norgrove said. "They think that everybody's doing it. We are trying to get the message out there that not everyone is doing it. It's cool to stay clean it's the best way to go. Then again, people do make mistakes. We are there to help people through those mistakes."

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# Features

## The Girl Player

Rachel Moore

Flash Staff Reporter

Being the only girl on the football team never sounded so easy, Victoria Stamper she never really wanted easy.

"I joined football to get more aggressive for soccer," Stamper said.

She got her wish with hard and extensive practices; she works on being a great football player. With bumps and bruises, she worked past all of that to maintain her goal of becoming a better athlete.

"She's a team player," Fishburn mentioned.

Starting from an early age, Stamper has made it a point to be an athlete. She has played soccer since she was three years old, and hopes to do many other sports this year. Not including football, she wants to be in soccer. If soccer doesn't work out for her, track is her next choice.

"First time coaching a girl in 17 years of coaching football," Coach Fishburn said.

Being a girl, many would think that she's treated differently like a piece of glass; Coach Robinson makes sure she's treated like one of the guys. Having a girl on the team doesn't always mean different rules for everyone;

in fact the coaches make it that way so that no one is treated differently on the team. Of course you have the basic changes as in; Stamper doesn't have to wear a cup. Other than that however, nothing is really different.

Same pads used to protect the body from hits, the same dress code is required, and no one disrespects that

fact that she's a tough cookie. Coaches make sure she's not treated any differently on the field either; she's a football player so she's meant to be treated as one.

"I'm pretty much treated like everyone else. In fact, one time we all were doing hitting drills and

they don't really like hitting me. Coach Robinson said, 'she has a helmet and pads on, hit her!' I find it really funny when that happens," Stamper said reminiscing on football practices.

Football is not the only sport on the agenda for the young athlete, Stamper wants to, and plans to go for soccer later on in the year, and if possible would like to go out for the track teams as well. With the plan to quit football, she'll be leaving a memory of a life time.

"She came to practice, did what she and to and made herself part of the team, what she does with her future is up to her," Fishburn said.



Freshman Football Team  
Photo Credit: Yearbook Staff

## Profile: Zachary Zombo

Starria Coppins

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Junior Zachary Zombo sat in the back of Kyle Ray's AP Calculus class learning how to derive a function. In the seventh grade Zombo was placed into Pre-Algebra. After he was in that class he was moved to Algebra and has been in advanced math ever since.

"I don't mind math, but it's starting to get a little complicated. Next year, I'm not sure what I'm going to do. I might be able to take classes at Macomb, take Statistics, or Data Analysis," Zombo said.

Not everyone is good with math, but for Zombo it just comes naturally.

"Zach is a great student who does his work on time and pays attention in class. I can tell he cares about his education," Ray said.



Zachary Zombo in front of the Rambler's Baseball Collage  
Photo Credit: Starria Coppins

Zombo is an honor roll student striving to be the best person he can be. He has other advanced classes like AP English, accelerated physics, and accelerated Spanish. Most of his hard work is done at school so he'll have leisure time at home.

"I think Zach works harder at school, only because I rarely see him doing homework," mother Julie Zombo said.

The most important thing to Zombo is to keep his math grade high and to not make silly mistakes.

"I never really had any struggles in math except for this year: I seem to be making more stupid mistakes than in the past," Zombo said.

Whether he's working hard in school or playing hard in his sports, he's still striving to be the best.

"After school I am usually at hockey or baseball practice. On weekends in the summer I am usually at a baseball tourney somewhere," Zombo said.

As a quiet guy, Zombo is focusing on his life goals of going to college and maybe playing baseball for the school he chooses.

"After college it would be nice to get a job, maybe as an accountant, and start a family," Zombo thought.

Focusing on the future is always good; however, Zombo is focusing on how he's going to get there.

"Zach, I am sure, will be successful in whatever he goes for. If you work hard and have your priorities straight you'll be alright in life. Zach has a good head on his shoulders: he will be fine," Ray said.

## Profile: Jared Montgomery

Amy Weed

Flash Staff Reporter

When a person is young, he/she sometimes becomes interested in an activity or subject that can later blossom into a career choice. This very experience happened to Jared Montgomery, a senior at Fraser High School.

"When I was very young I was interested in church music because my father was a pastor: I was sort of always around music. I didn't like volunteering or doing crafting, but I really enjoyed the music part of it. Then going to Fraser, the program is so good; I just got into it," Montgomery said.

A flimsy interest starts playing a larger part in Montgomery's life.

Montgomery was surrounded by music, and his childhood surroundings influenced him to like music.

"I think I started playing the piano seriously before I started singing seriously, but that sort of switched, so now I sing more than I play," Montgomery said. "Including the piano, I am a classically trained organist, the violin, the clarinet 'technically,' but mostly voice."

There were several children's programs, including children's choir, youth choir, and drama club that he has participated in. A big reason Montgomery even came to Fraser High School is because of its music program.

"I was in three or four plays for church. I was in *Phantom of the Opera*; as Piangi, the big Italian opera singer guy. I was in *White Christmas*, in the quartet. I was in *Anything Goes*, as a head sailor. Now I'm going to be the *King in the King and I*," Montgomery said.

Every day after school Montgomery goes to Fraser Performing Arts Academy to expand his knowledge of music; then, when he returns home, he practices his singing or playing late into the night.

"When I go home I usually just practice until I go to bed, or eat. I think that if you're a very serious musician that's usually what they spend all their time doing."

After his senior year, Montgomery is planning to go to college to study music.

"I will absolutely go into music after high school; I want to go into operatic study. I want to go to Curtis, Juilliard, or Oberlin. We'll wait and see. I'll send in my application and we'll see," Montgomery said. "I could be an opera singer, an oratorical vocalist, an actor; I could very much be on Broadway."

As one may see, a childhood influence, or interest, can flower into a career choice into the adult life. One day, maybe, Jared Montgomery will be a name known worldwide for his voice.



Jared Montgomery practicing the piano.  
Photo Credit: Amy Weed

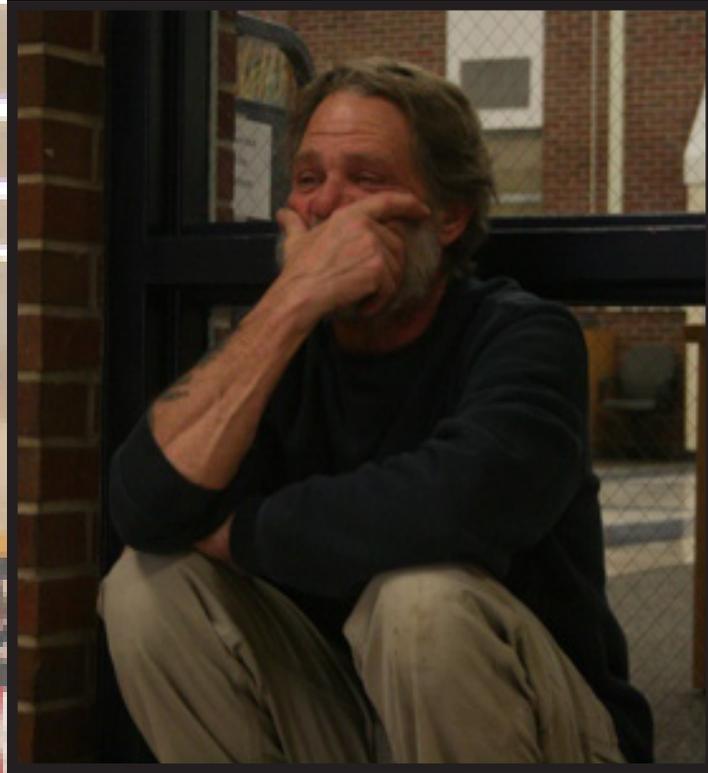
# FACES In



Q: Who is your role model?

A: "Probably my mom because she has gone through a lot of hard things, but she always makes it through and she

shows me that there's hope in everything that you do, even if you mess up."



Q: What's your favorite part about Christmas?"

A: "My favorite part about Christmas would be my grandchildren."



Q: What is your talent?

A: "I'm just a hall monitor. I juggle a little bit."

Q: What do you juggle?

A: "Balls, I'll have to show you."

Q: Why did you change your hair color?

A: "The original color I wanted was red, but it didn't turn out red enough, so we re-dyed it yesterday. It looks more red, but it's still not the red I wanted."



Q: What made you want to change it?

A: "I was tired of my brown hair."

# The Hall

Q. What is your talent?

A. "I can imitate Shakira."

Q. How did that come about?

A. "I really got into foreign languages, and I like Shakira so it kind of escalated from that."



Q: What's something bad in the world that you would like to change?

A: "All the starving kids in the world, it's sad to think about."



Q: What do you usually do after school?

A: "Depends on what day. Tuesday is drama club. Either drama club, rehearsal for a play, or go home."

Q: Are you in the recent play?

A: "Nope."

Q: Do you do any plays?

A: "I do them at Warren Civic theater."



Q: What is your favorite class and why?

A: "Probably Accelerated Intro to Calculus because it is a challenging class, yet I understand it because I enjoy math."

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# An Emerging Artist

Savanna DiStefano

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With a Crayola crayon squeezed in her fist, the young kindergartener practiced her skills in one of her many coloring books. Francesca Gianetti has always loved to color, draw, and make art.

"I've always wanted to be a sculptor, always, and I found out that I'm really bad at sculpture, awful. So, then I got a camera from my aunt in sixth grade and became really fascinated with it, and took that up."

The first camera Gianetti received was a film camera. With help from family, Gianetti learned to use the new camera well.

"When I started getting better at the film, I asked for Christmas, like freshmen year, for a nice digital camera, and I got one. From learning the film I could learn everything about the digital pretty easily," Gianetti said.

Immediately, Gianetti loved the camera and taking pictures of others.

"I'd be like, 'hey let's take pictures,' to my friends. You know, the typical Myspace and Facebook pictures. I was like 'These look like photography pictures,'" Gianetti said.

Transferring from Chipewa High School to FHS her

sophomore year, Gianetti enrolled in her first photography class, which helped accelerate her skills and talent in art.

"I've had her in photography for three years. Between Mrs. Di Pace and myself, she has been in a variety of art classes, so she constantly flutters between the art department and the teachers in the art department," FHS art teacher Roger Drabant said.

Teaming up with Gianetti is 18 year old Brandey Rudolph. Rudolph creates her own art pieces using make-up and a model's face as a blank canvas. She rats and exaggerates models' hair to transform her into the

perfect character to be photographed for a themed shoot.

"I've been interested in being a makeup artist since I was a little girl. I used to

watch my sister put on her makeup and beg her to teach me. I was the one kid who had way too much makeup on when I was only in elementary school," Rudolph said. "It ended up helping me in the long run though, because I've been practicing and studying it since I was so young."

Both Gianetti and Ru-

dolph are able to relate to having a desire for art at a young age. Because of this, they are able to come

together and create beautiful photographs with help from models.

The photographs are featured on the Facebook page, Frankie Gianetti Photography.

"Everything about makeup is interesting to me. I like the way that I can transform someone's self-confidence with just even things like body painting and special effects," Rudolph said. "I think Frankie and I work great together because we are both very creative and like similar things."

Spending most of her school hours in the art department, Gianetti also enjoys drawing and painting and uses her artistic skills to create unique art pieces, which have been featured at several art shows at FHS and in the Anton Art Show in Mt. Clemens. She has also received a gold key for her work in the Scholastics art awards.

"She has in a huge way found a way to show who she is through her work. She is always willing to take

a chance, a risk, and more often than not, those risks turn out in a positive way," Drabant said.

takes on song writing as well.

"I've never really considered myself a great singer. But, I enjoy it, and I find a

way to make it fit the music I want to perform. Singing isn't my strongest point, and I know that, so I try my best to write good lyrics that everyone can connect with," Gianetti said. "I hope one day someone can really get into my music."

The self-taught musician usually writes her own lyrics to songs; however, she doesn't know chords or notes. She hopes to become either a music artist or music lyricist. Whether it be a photographer, drawer and painter, or a musician, Gianetti will surely succeed in whatever career path she pursues.

"She's a wonderful human being. I think she has a lot of talent in a variety of areas," Drabant said. "Unique, to sum it up in one word. She is comfy with the person she is and she's not really worried about what other people perceive her to be, other than what she is."



Scholastic award winning photography piece by Gianetti  
Credit: Frankie Gianetti



Gianetti  
Credit: Gianetti family



Use this QR code to check out a performance from Gianetti.

Gianetti has passion for music as well. Aside from open microphones at cafes, she has participated in the Fraser talent show and Fraser Idol. She is a talented vocalist, pianist, guitarist, and even plays the ukulele.

"My passion for music is and always will be a bit above my love for visual arts. Music can really hit home for me. Certain songs remind me of certain memories and certain people. Everyone in my family is a musician, so it's kind of how we comfort each other and have that family time," Gianetti said

Containing the joy of singing and the ability to play instruments, Gianetti

## Review: Paradise Valley

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Flash Staff Reporter

The Grammy-winning guitarist and vocalist John Mayer had just recovered from a throat surgery when he started recording his new album “Paradise Valley”. Because of this, people questioned the quality of it before it even was released, but the album has generally received very good critics. “Paradise Valley” was out on August 20th 2013 and is the sixth of his albums. The singles from this album is “Paper Doll” and “Wildfire”, released in June and July. Every song, except for one, “Wildfire Pt. II”, where he collaborates with rapper Frank Ocean, is written by Mayer himself.

It is nearly impossible to place John Mayer in one genre, and some people would say it changes from album to album and song to song. This album is leaning towards country and folk, and he said he considers this album more of a “summer, cook

breakfast and outdoors-y” record; a great example is the song “They Call Me the Breeze” with a very catchy tune.

John Mayer has been a very popular artist in the celebrity press for a long time, and he has been linked to a lot of famous stars, among others the young country star Taylor Swift. Actually, the track “Paper Doll” is speculated to be a response to her song “Dear John”, where she expressed her feelings about how bad he treated her. His lyrics’ says “You’re like twenty-two girls in one/ And none of them know what they’re runnin’ from/ Was it just too far to fall/ For a little paper doll” which is rumored to be aimed directly towards his ex-girlfriend. After a while he got tired of all of these scandals following him everywhere

and decided to move out to the middle of nowhere, more precisely Paradise Valley, Montana, hence the album title. He also said this peaceful site gave him inspiration for the record and that it shines through clearly.

Since I’m already a big fan of John Mayer’s music, my expectations for this album were high. It is in many ways similar his previous album, “Born and Raised”, only with even more significant guitar playing and personal lyrics. In my opinion, it’s definitely worth a listen, and I even think it deserves to be re-played over and over again. My personal favorite tracks are the single “Wildfire” or the duet with his current girlfriend Katy Perry, “Who You Love”, which is a soft ballad about falling in love when you least expect it.

Album art and album cover for John Mayer’s *Paradise Valley*

## Thor: The Dark World

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*Thor: The Dark World* sets stage on an ashen alien planet called the Dark World where grisly Dark Elves and the Asgard Kingdom battle to take control of a powerful red presence, the Aether. The Asgardians capture the Aether and hide it from the Elf leader Malekith (Christopher Eccleston). Thousands of years go by as Malekith is lying in wait, biding his time to retaliate. In post- *Avengers* present day, Jane Foster (Natalie Portman), Thor’s (Chris Hemsworth) romantic interest, accidentally becomes injected with the Aether. Gaining the

attention of Thor, the Asgardians, and the Dark Elves, Thor brings Jane to Asgard in an attempt to protect her, unleashing war within his home from the invading Dark Elves led by Malekith.

During the time of the unleashing wars, the nine realms of the universe are aligning, making the passing between the realms simple and uncomplicated. The Dark Elves no longer hesitate in their plan for revenge. Aiming to use the Aether for world domination, sending it spiraling into darkness, Malekith brings his battle to earth. The only person who can help Thor



Movie Poster for *Thor*.

stop the Dark Elves is Thor’s traitorous brother, Loki (Tom Hiddleston). Begrudgingly, Thor teams up with his treasonable brother to save the Marvel universe, putting aside their hate-filled past, bringing together the brother’s mighty forces for the ultimate battle of power.

Director Alan Taylor brings life to a whole new side of *Thor*. Grueling battles, explosive worlds, and powerful forces create a thrilling experience for all. Twisting the fabric of reality, Thor’s ease between worlds is crisp and effortless, making the transition of scene to scene believable and easy

to handle. Each location is unique, keeping the scenes fresh and fun.

Within all the dazzling effects, exotic scenes, and the switch between worlds, everything ultimately comes down to the relationship between Thor and his brother Loki. Though they hate each other, the brother’s quest for vengeance takes precedence over all. Living with the lack of trust, the fight against evil pushes them to their limits, showing just what they’re capable of.

After two years of anticipation, *Thor: The Dark World* did not disappoint. Whether you’re a fan of Marvel’s Thor or not, *Thor: The Dark World* is a movie you can’t afford to miss!

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# Central Station

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*Flash Editor*

I was greeted with an excited “hello” and a gleaming smile from a waitress with bright brown eyes when walking into the small, family-friendly Central Station Restaurant on the north-west corner of Garfield and Moravian. With a very laid-back, easy going attitude, the woman insisted that I sit wherever I chose.

Finding my way to a wooden table against the olive green and beige wall, I sat comfortably in the booth with a soft red seat and colorful back. I opened my tall menu and observed the items available for my rumbling stomach to devour for breakfast.

The first two pages of the menu were replete with delicious breakfast options. From stuffed French toast, multiple flavored crepes, and home-made breakfast sandwiches. It was difficult to pin-point exactly what it was that would wholly satisfy my watery mouth.

Looking for a healthier alternative for a delicious breakfast, I focused my eyes on the list of “35 Great Omelets,” which held many unique types of omelets like taco, gyro, and steak and cheese. If something different feels uneasy, classics like bacon and cheese, turkey and Swiss, and vegetarian are also available. For a very meat lover, the Heart Attack option is available.

As for me, I ordered the

Heart Smart omelet, which was loaded with vegetables. Sliced mushrooms, green peppers, onions, and diced tomatoes were all used to incorporate flavor into the carefully, well cooked, eggs. My whole meal took up one

poured on top, the warm golden cakes nearly melted within my mouth.

Accompanying the delicious pancakes were four browned sausage links, which were hardly crisp on the outside and extremely,

long as a child’s Christmas list.

The cob salad is a favorite afternoon meal. Crisp iceberg lettuce, grilled white chicken, tomato, onion slices, hard boiled eggs, cucumbers, topped with real

cheese sprinkled in the salad slightly melted against the chicken as well, adding a barely cheesy taste, and everything tastes better with a little cheese.

The salad comes with a side of grilled, soft, warm, flat bread. The triangular slices of the tender bread melted in my mouth like butter being heated in the microwave.

For someone who enjoys hamburgers better than leaves and raw veggies, a classic hamburger is always a great choice. The thick hamburgers are homemade, cooked carefully. The burger does not have an overwhelming sense of spices but reminds one of a classic American burger with a taste from home. The meat comes on two large toasted sesame seed buns with a fresh leaf of lettuce, a thick slice of tomato, dill pickles, and an option of cheese.

The cooks at the Central Station restaurant cook their food as if they are cooking for family. The service is welcoming and friendly, and someone is able to feel completely comfortable enjoying his or her meal. The restaurant has received 4.5 stars out of five on [menuism.com](http://menuism.com).

“A small but great restaurant with excellent food. It’s only open for breakfast & lunches until 4:00 PM – well worth a visit. The soups and hamburgers are also outstanding. A friendly staff – that tries very hard to please,” a customer said on [menuism.com](http://menuism.com).



Cobb Salad  
Credit: Savanna DiStefano

long plate, while soft, butter hash browns filled one half, my lengthy and some-what thin, omelet filled any space left.

I was also able to try the silver dollar pancakes, which came even larger than I expected. The fluffy, but light, home-style hot cakes brought comfort like a mother’s warm breakfast on a chilly winter morning. With Log Cabin maple syrup

wonderfully tender within. Not highly spiced, the meat did not leave a mix of several different spices in my mouth like most sausage I have tried.

The restaurant is only open until 4:00pm, but it has great dishes for lunch and early dinners. After breakfast time, one would find a larger extension of choices ranging from pita sandwiches, several types of hamburgers, Coney dogs, fresh salads, and a list of sandwiches as

crisp bacon crumbled on top and sprinkled with white and yellow shredded cheese is served in a clear bowl, which was probably meant to be used for punch. The salad is large enough to serve at least two people.

The chicken is like the center piece of the salad. The thick slices are marinated to make them extra juicy and tender to capture your taste buds in a warm bundle of flavor. The white shredded

# All About **tumblr**

**Karoline Asdal**

*Flash Staff Reporter*

At the age of 21, David Karp, a New York-born web developer and entrepreneur, founded the social networking website Tumblr. This happened in February 2007, and in those six years the blogging platform has grown a lot. Today it is the home to about 110 million blogs. The concept of Tumblr is “short-blogging”, often posting nothing but pictures, sometimes even under a pseudonym so no one is able to recognize you. “Picture-spamming” is suddenly accepted, and “reblogging” pictures that relate to you many times every hour is totally okay. This is one of several reasons why this idea has turned out so popular, especially among young people.

In May, 2013, Yahoo bought Tumblr for 1.1 billion dollars. Yahoo saw an opportunity to tap into the younger, active online user base at Tumblr, and they took it. Today Yahoo has mostly grown up users, and there were few too, so they desperately needed what Tumblr could give them.

“At first, there was this big controversy, because we thought Yahoo was going to mess everything up, but the real deal was that Yahoo technically bought Tumblr

and allowed it to function as its own business. The people who ran Tumblr before it was bought still does. Yahoo only takes a part of the money Tumblr makes,” senior Cheyenne Johnson said.

told me “Hey, you like Doctor Who, don’t you? Go on Tumblr, there’s tons of it there,” So I did,” she continued.

All kinds of people use Tumblr. The users have different backgrounds,

my parent’s graduation present, I’m flying out to California to meet some of them,” Johnson said.

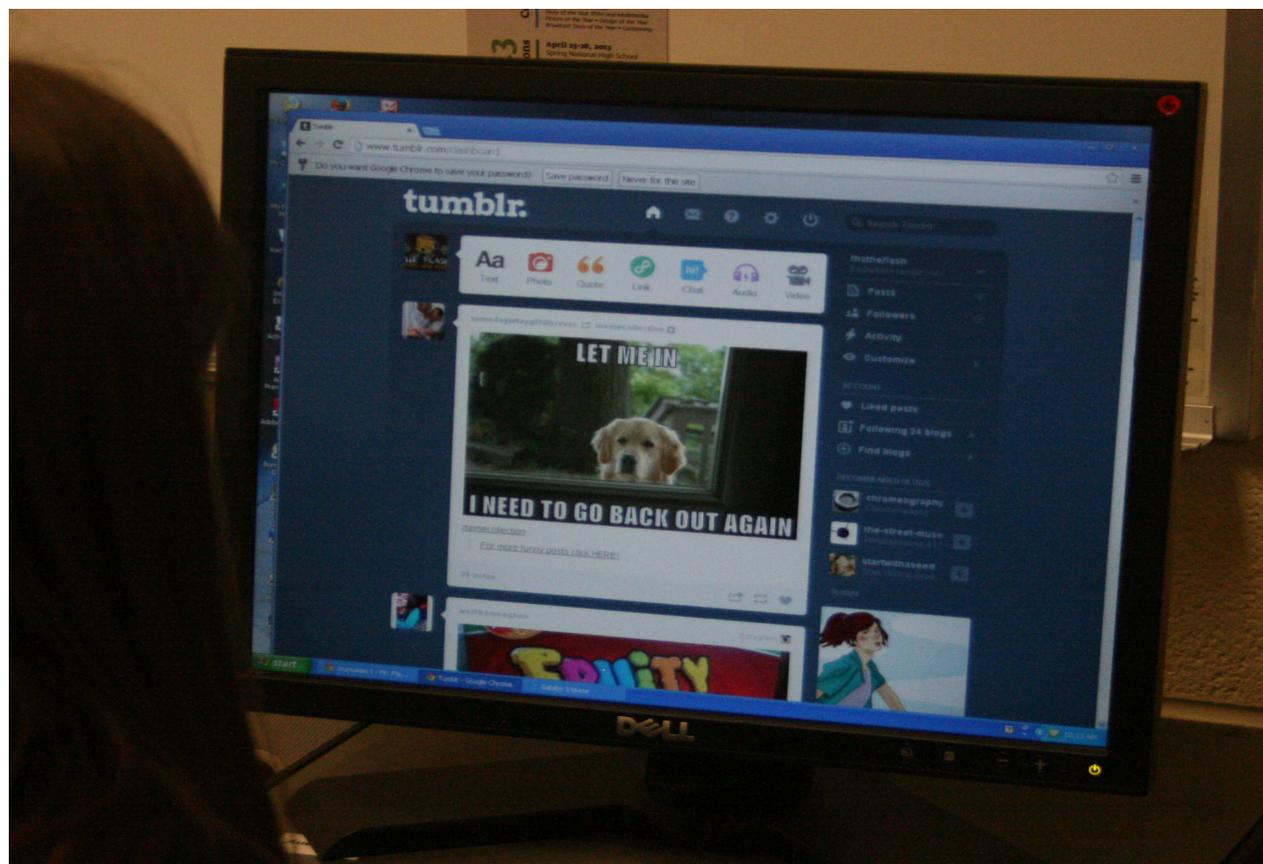
The different subcultures on Tumblr take over tags, and thousands of people create blogs dedicated to

deep quotes. The rest is pretty much a bunch of crazy people reblogging pictures of food and cats,” she continued.

Although Tumblr is a good place to express yourself and to meet people with similar interests, it’s not all roses. The website has been accused several times of having a negative impact on adolescent girls and their body image. Pictures of young women with “the perfect body” used as backgrounds for quotes like “Calories will never make you happy,” “Nothing tastes as good as skinny feels,” and “Your stomach isn’t grumbling, - it’s applauding,” can do harm to anyone’s self conscience. These darker sides of Tumblr might provoke eating disorders like anorexia and bulimia, and some blogs even directly exhort their readers not to eat and to develop these possibly life-threatening disorders.

Used with caution, Tumblr is a cool and fun place to convey your thoughts and feelings. There are millions of posts and pictures, and every single person should be able to find something to connect to. It’s entertaining, it’s addicting, and definitely a reason for teenagers increasing use of computer.

“I genuinely don’t think I could give up Tumblr. I would like to keep blogging for the rest of my life if it stays as cool as it is today,” Johnson ends.



With URLs that try to sound as hipster as possible, that are far too long and hard to spell, like “u-AR3-B3autifUL” and “whaddup-its-kels”, people share their emotions and opinions through pictures or short text posts.

“I’ve been blogging for about 2 years now. The whole thing started when I got into this British TV-show called “Doctor Who,” Johnson said. “My cousin

nationality, and interests, which makes this a community of great diversity. These dissimilarities result in smaller groups being formed within the social network, and sometimes these groups appeal to so many people they grow into subcultures.

“I like it because it unites people. I have several friends that I have met on Tumblr, and they live all across the country. This summer, for

that one particular subject. A few examples of the most popular topics people devote their blogs and time to is bands like *One Direction*, and the TV series *Doctor Who* and *Supernatural*. This is commonly called a “fandom”.

“Tumblr kind of has different sects. It’s the “fandom” side, and then there’s the “hipster” side where people post black and white pictures and really

# A State Champion Diver

Amy Weed

*Flash staff reporter*

Once, twice, three times her feet hit the board and a silent, inaudible splash rippled over the water as the repercussions of the board sounded throughout the silent pool. Senior Alli Shereda came up from her final dive at Fraser's pool October 29<sup>th</sup> against Romeo.

"I try to never push my kids into anything, because if you do they won't stick with it," Shereda's mom, her diving coach, said, "I am so proud of her and the work she's put in."

Shereda resurfaced to cheers from her teammates and the crowd. The announcer came on and proclaimed to the crowd that she had beat the long standing Varsity record of 260.5 by Michelle Schuster, who set the record in the early '80s, by 7.5 points.

"When I was getting up there for my last dive I wasn't really thinking about anything. I wasn't thinking about beating the record or what everybody in the crowd thought, because that meet I had a lot of fun," Shereda said.

Shereda had experimented with many activities to try and find something she was good at. She began diving her freshmen year, but she did not have much of an interest until her coach took her aside and asked if she really wanted to continue to do diving. Instead of quitting, the conversation drove her to get better.

"I hated it freshmen year. When I first started I hated the sport, absolutely de-

wasn't going to go anywhere with this, I wasn't happy, so why was I doing it? And I

she did prove him wrong, later texting him "Guess who broke the Varsity record for

tenacity to compete at the next level; she has the head to compete at the next level," Coach Nowinski said, "I don't know if she's going to go to level one or two, that will be determined by her and her parents, and discussions with myself. But whichever level she goes to I know she's going to be a productive member of that team."

Shereda has come far from freshmen year, and she is planning on continuing into college, which will be more challenging than the high school level. Shereda now holds both the girls fresh/soph and girls varsity record.

"I do plan on diving in college. I want to go to Perdue University. But as of right now I have other colleges that have been coming to me," Shereda said.

Shereda finished first at Macomb Area Conference (MAC) White Girls Division Meet in diving with a score of 375.45. Shereda and fellow diver, freshmen Amanda Hurchalla, the two went to states a few weeks later. Shereda became the first state champion for Fraser High School swimming/diving. She pulled ahead of her competition on her last dive of the Div II Championship by five points. Shereda achieved the ALL-American consideration and score of 412 points. Shereda plans to continue diving and hopes to enter the Olympics in either Rio in 2016, or Tokyo in 2020.



Shereda screaming for victory.  
Photo Credit: Megan Springer

spised it. I'd get up on the board and I'd be afraid to throw everything," Shereda said, "My coach took me aside one day and said I

said 'Whoa, you saying that makes me want to prove you wrong.'"

Three years later at the last meet of her senior year

diving?"

"She could be a successful college diver, she's got the



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Congratulations Alli Sherada and Amanda Hurchalla for placing 1st and 15th in Girls State Diving!



Sherada and Hurchalla smile with winning medals  
Credit: Alli Sherada

## A Look Ahead

### Boys Varsity Basketball:

|               |                      |        |
|---------------|----------------------|--------|
| January 21st  | Grosse Pointe South  | 7:30pm |
| January 24th  | @Port Huron Northern | 7:00pm |
| January 27th  | Port Huron           | 6:30pm |
| January 30th  | @Madison             | 7:00pm |
| February 6th  | @Port Huron          | 7:00pm |
| February 7th  | Anchor Bay           | 7:30pm |
| February 11th | Fitzgerald           | 7:00pm |
| February 14th | @Grosse Pointe South | 7:30pm |
| February 18th | Port Huron Northern  | 7:30pm |

### Girls Varsity Basketball:

|               |                      |        |
|---------------|----------------------|--------|
| January 21st  | L'Anse Creuse North  | 6:00pm |
| January 23rd  | @Roseville           | 7:00pm |
| January 28th  | @Ford II             | 7:00pm |
| January 31st  | @Lakeview            | 7:00pm |
| February 4th  | @Warren Woods Tower  | 5:30pm |
| February 7th  | Sterling Heights     | 6:00pm |
| February 11th | Fitzgerald           | 5:30pm |
| February 14th | @L'Anse Creuse North | 7:00pm |
| February 8th  | Roseville            | 6:00pm |

### Gymnastics:

|               |                     |         |
|---------------|---------------------|---------|
| January 28th  | Grosse Pointe North | 6:00pm  |
| January 30th  | @Groves             | TBD     |
| February 1st  | @Canton             | 10:00am |
| February 4th  | Dearborn Edsel Ford | 6:00pm  |
| February 8th  | @Vassar             | TBD     |
| February 10th | Troy                | 6:00pm  |

### Ice Hockey:

|               |                            |        |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------|
| January 23rd  | @Detroit Skating Club      | 7:45pm |
| January 24th  | Port Huron                 | 7:55pm |
| January 29th  | @Glacier Pointte Ice Arena | 7:45pm |
| January 31st  | Stevenson                  | 7:55pm |
| February 1st  | @Onyx Ice Arena            | TBD    |
| February 5th  | @Eddie Edgar Ice Arena     | 6:00pm |
| February 7th  | @Viking Ice Arena          | 6:00pm |
| February 15th | @Mc Morran Ice Arena       | 6:15pm |

### Wrestling:

|              |                     |         |
|--------------|---------------------|---------|
| January 23rd | @Mott, St. Clair    | 5:00pm  |
| January 25th | @Saline             | 9:00am  |
| January 25th | @Fitzgerald         | 9:30am  |
| January 29th | Grosse Pointe North | 5:00pm  |
| February 1st | @Cousino            | 9:30 am |
| February 5th | @L'Anse Creuse      | 5:00pm  |

