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Powderpuff

The 2016 Powderpuff football game was dominated by two teams, the seniors and the juniors. The seniors played the freshman team in the first game, and the senior class won their first game in their high school careers. In the second game, the juniors played the sophomores. The game was very one-sided, with the juniors shutting down every attempt the sophomores made to score. During the championship game, the score was tied at zero for half of the game. Then, junior Morgan Fleming scored a touchdown, winning the game against the seniors. While it was an impressive performance by both teams, the class of 2018 currently holds the Powderpuff title. Way to go, juniors!

Article by Ethan Morris

Fall Play

Once again, the RCHS Drama Department is hosting its annual fall play directed by Mr. Bernard Sell. This year, the play is *It's Alive! The Head That Wouldn't Die*. This production is an amusing sci-fi comedy written by Rand Higbee involving an ALIVE severed head, a werewolf, and a robot, making it the perfect theatrical piece to end the Halloween season. If you're looking for something entertaining to do this weekend while supporting your fellow students, HEAD on over to witness the talent of our young actors and actresses. See what the storyline has in store! Show time is 7:00 p.m. Friday, November 11th and Saturday the 12th. The cost of tickets is \$7. We hope to see you there!

Article by Autumn Bulington

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#Findaway: Guest Speaker Visits RCHS



On November 2nd, RCHS students had the pleasure of hearing a motivational message by guest speaker Brad Hurtig. Hurtig tragically lost both of his hands due to a factory accident while in high school. The accident occurred the night before an important baseball game. Hurtig was an exceptional three-sport athlete during his high school career. He holds Ohio's record for most tackles in a season. After his accident, he came back and gained his position on the team and re-broke his record his senior year. While at practice, he asked his coach to hand him his water bottle from the ground. His coach told him if he was that thirsty, he would "find a way." Hurtig got down on his knees and picked up the bottle with his mouth. From that day, he made his coach's ever important words his motto. He now travels around the country, sponsored by FCA, sharing his story of the trial he faced, and his determination to continue living his life. Mr. Jones heard about Hurtig from another principal and saw him on ESPN. Jones felt his words would benefit students at RCHS who face problems in their lives. Not only did Hurtig share his message here, but he also spoke to RCMS students later that day, and again to a crowd at eMbers that evening. We appreciate Mr. Jones inviting Brad Hurtig to our school, and hope everyone was able to take something from his presentation.

Article by Meredith Lucero

Spotlight on Staff: Ms. Terpstra

Q: What is your favorite part of teaching English?

A: "I enjoy discussing how literature affects and influences the individual in society."

Q: What is your favorite video game?

A: "Mass Effect."

Q: What is your favorite thing to teach in English?

A: "Ender's Game. I enjoyed it in school, and I like teaching it in my own style."

Q: How many tattoos do you have?

A: "Thirteen."

Q: What are your career aspirations?

A: "I plan on going to grad school and studying educational theory and publishing a doctoral dissertation."

Q: What is your favorite movie adaptation of a book?

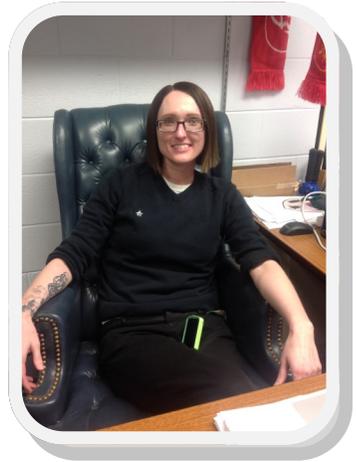
A: "Deathly Hallows 1 and 2."

Q: What do you look forward to this year?

A: "I'm looking forward to contemporary literature and *Slaughterhouse 5*."

Q: If you weren't teaching, where would you be right now?

A: "I'd still probably be in the military."



Interview by Madison Haynes

Bomber Q&A

What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?



Tyler Blackwell - 9th:
"Turkey"

Ethan McKinsey - 10th:
"Mashed potatoes"



Kevin Bracht - 11th: "Stuffing"



Heaven Bookwalter- 12th:
"Green bean casserole and rolls"

Sra. Kalbaugh - Faculty:
"Sweet potato casserole"



Interviews by Dakota Jones

Cross Country

2016 was an amazing year for the RCHS Girls Cross Country Team. The girls moved on to semi-state at New Prairie as a team. From there, freshman Kelsie Wuethrich advanced to state. The cross country team followed Kelsie to Terre Haute to support and cheer her on as she ran in the meet with the most elite runners from the state of Indiana. Wuethrich ran a 19:48.3, placing 63rd out of 208 runners. Wuethrich said, "It was an amazing experience to get to make it to state and run on that course, and I hope that I get to for many more years to come." With an attitude like that, Wuethrich will only continue to grow as an athlete. RCHS Chaos would like to congratulate Wuethrich on this huge accomplishment and wish her the best on her future endeavors.

Article by Tommy Gutwein