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SMOKE SIGNAL

WORDS FROM THE HEART

Have you ever wondered what makes Newton so great? Could it be the 660 of kids in our school from Pre-K through 12th grade, or the amazing 54 seniors in the class of 2022? Maybe its the 17 alumni staff members who after graduating from Newton, decided to come back and make a positive impact within the school. To me, all of those things point to one thing. Love. The reason Newton is so great is because of the people who are in it. Because of people like you, the atmosphere here is always something full of heart.

Since we are all such a big part of Newton, I decided to ask the students what comes to mind when they hear the word "Newton". The answers ranged from person to person, which is a perfect representation of what each individual brings to the school. Look at the image below to read the words that best represent what "Only at Newton" really means.

- THE COMEDIC RELIEF

Newton
Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?

I'm sure you are familiar with the popular game show, "Are you Smarter than a 5th Grader? ", where adults are tested to see if they know elementary-level questions. This month, we challenged the Newton High School students and staff to see if they could answer ten 5th-grade level questions correctly. In addition, we sent the same questions to Newton 5th-grade students to see their responses. Overall, the majority of the 5th-graders answered the questions correctly. However, here are some hilarious (wrong) answers we received back from the HS students and staff as highlighted below...

What is the capital of California?	What are the 3 forms of matter?	What galaxy is the Earth located in?	Animals without backbones are known as...	What country is both an island and a continent?
The official capital of the Golden State is **Sacramento**. "Hollywood?" "Moscow??" "San Francisco?" "???"	The 3 forms of matter are **solid, liquid, and gas.** "Does it...", "What's the...", It Doesn't..." "Earth Wind Fire" "Gas, Liquid, Solid (4th one is plasma)"	Our solar system is located in the **Milky Way Galaxy.** "Snickers" "I have no clue" "Milky Way (Not to be confused with the Snickers galaxy)"	**Invertebrates** are animals without backbones. "Amphibians? I know that's not right..." "invertibrates" "Backboneless animals" "Backless, duh"	The "land down under" also known as **Australia** is the only country that is also a continent. "Asia" "Motunui" "antarctica??" "africa"

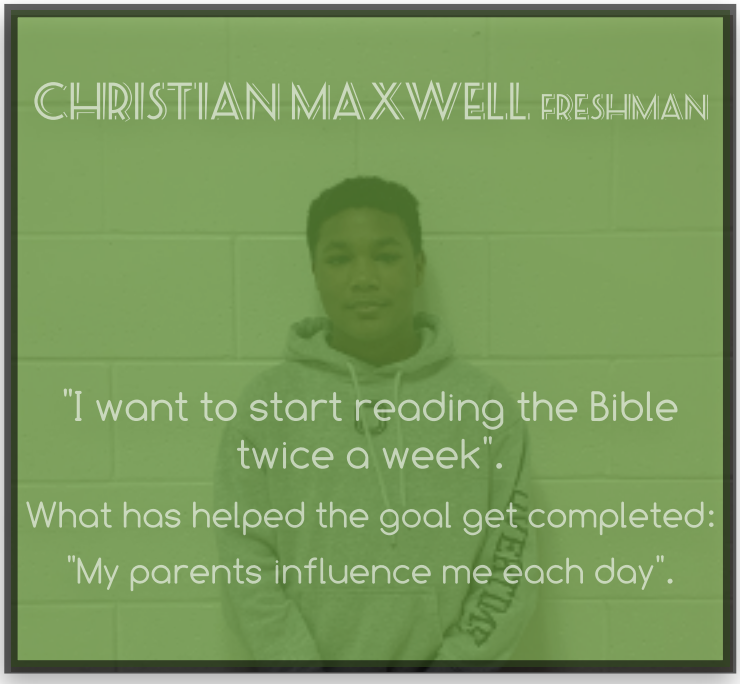
What are the three primary colors of light?	How many sides does a heptagon have?	What is the longest river in the world?	The interior angles of a triangle always add up to ___.	Who was the 2nd U.S. President?
The three primary colors of light are **red, green, and blue**. "ON, OFF, Black Light" "LED, Incandescent and Black" "Bright, dim, dark"	A heptagon has a grand total of **7** sides. "2 (top and bottom)" "Is that even a shape?" "Like The Pentagon? Hahaa... Final answer, 10."	The **Amazon River** aka the "River Sea" is the longest river in the world. "Nile?" "Mississippi" "The Red Sea" "Stillwater"	Going back to some Geometry review, interior angles of a triangle always add up to **180 degrees**. "360" "Ask Mr. Davis" "3, there's always 3 sides!"	One of the leaders of the American Revolution and the second president of the U.S. was **John Adams**. "Should have been Eric Schindler" "Abraham Lincoln" "honestly, couldn't tell ya"

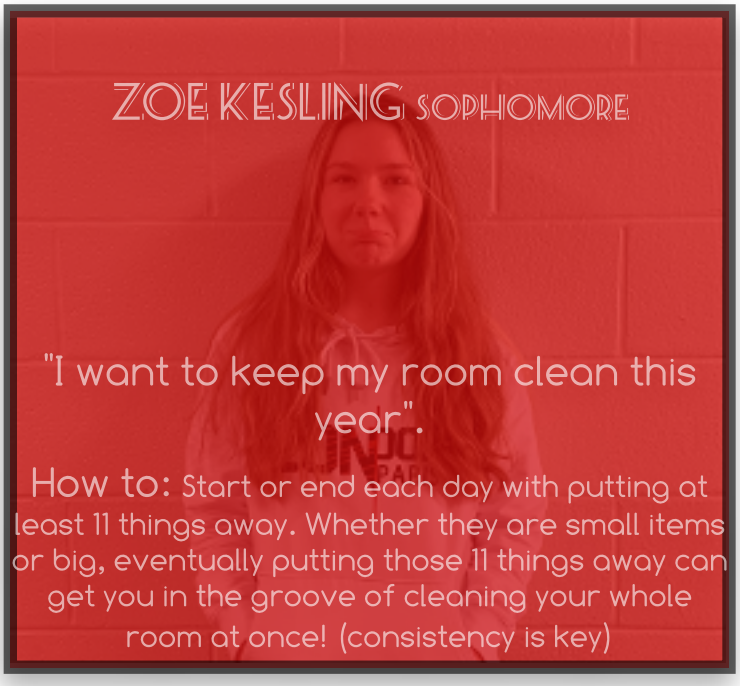
– The Horse Girl

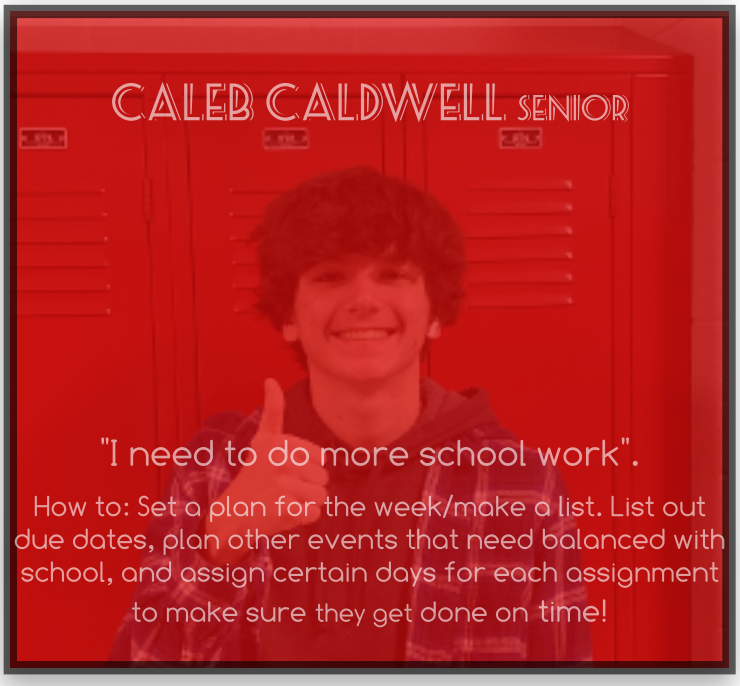
NEWTON RESOLUTION REVIEWS

REVIEWED BY: *The School Diva* & The **Rebel**

Every year, millions of resolutions are made throughout the world. When you make a resolution, you have to create it into a habit in order to complete it. Habits can be formed after 21 days if you consecutively complete the task everyday, and now that January is ending, resolutions should hopefully be habits by now! We decided to go to different people at Newton to see if they had a resolution, and see who had started, completed, or already failed their resolutions. If they started, completed, or are still working on it, then their box is **GREEN!** However, if they already failed, it's **RED:(**







Wide World of Sports

-THE CLASS PRESIDENT

Football: In 2021, Tom Brady led the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to win Super Bowl LV as a wild card. They defeated Kansas City in the big game, 31-9. This year, in two close games the Bengals defeated the Chiefs (AFC) and the LA Rams won over the 49ers (NFC). These two face off in the Super Bowl to be played on February 13 at 6:30pm.

Baseball: In 2021 the Atlanta Braves, "America's Team", won the World Series in only five games. This was their 18th Pennant and fourth World Series victory.

Hockey: The Tampa Bay Lightning took home another trophy for "The Big Guava", beating the Canadiens in the Stanley Cup in five games.

College Football: In 2021, Alabama took the National Championship over Ohio State, but the Buckeyes were avenged by Georgia earlier this month when they beat the Crimson Tide, 33-18 in the 2022 National Championship.

College Basketball: Baylor ran the NCAAM bracket with ease last year as a 1 seed, winning their fifth ever national title in Men's basketball. Stanford won its second ever national title on the Women's side. As of publication, there are 41 days until March Madness begins for 2022.

Summer Olympics: The United States won the overall medal count as well as total for each individual medal, with 39 gold and 113 total.

-Caeleb Dressel swam well in the pool, earning 5 gold medals.

-Even with the absence of Simone Biles, the US Women's gymnastics silver in the all-around, and Suni Lee won gold individually.

Stock Cars: Kyle Larson (5) won the NASCAR Cup Series with 10 wins last season.

Golf: The PGA's Patrick Cantlay won Player of the Year with four titles.

Bowling: Kyle Troup was named Professional Bowlers Association MVP by a long shot, having a monster season involving a season-opening Player's Championship win and a finale of the PBA Playoffs. He earned a record-shattering $469,200.

Local Legends: State Champs

DIV Football: Versailles
DVI Football: Coldwater (Runner-up)
DVII Football: Marion Local
DIV Basketball: Botkins
DIV Softball: Bradford

DII Women's Bowling: Coldwater
Rylie Resides (DIII 5th Pole Vault)
Dawson Hildebrand (DIII 1st Shot Put and 10th Discus)
McKenna Downing (DIII 50th Cross Country)

Elite Athletes - Band Kid

Bowling, 10th Grade

"She has picked up on some of the mechanics pretty quickly and has already gotten better." - Schindler

Bowling, 10th Grade

"Trevor has gotten exponentially better. Trevor started the season on JV and had earned a spot on varsity." - Schindler

Swimming, 12th Grade

"Kendra embodies the best of consistency and hard work and succeeds the standards that are set for our swimmers. Kendra gives it her all in everything she does, she has complete focus for the events at hand." - Fulton

Swimming, 11th Grade

"An athlete who has shown growth and maturity over the last year. He is working on being a team leader and does his best when he has focus." - Fulton

Basketball, 12th Grade

"Chandler is a leader on and off the floor. He leads by example, he works hard, he competes 100% of the time, and he is an all around great young man." - Spitler

Basketball, 9th Grade

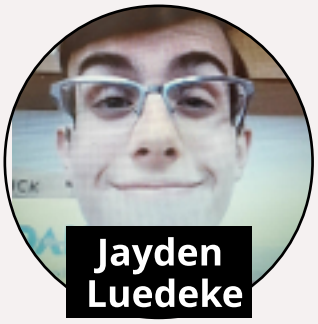
"Max has made great progress since the beginning of the season. He has developed a consistency to his game. He has become the reliable go to player as a Freshmen." - Spitler

Basketball, 9th Grade

"She has improved all season and has been playing her best basketball later in the season. Her improved play is a big reason the team is playing well now." - Fiely

Basketball, 9th Grade

"Felicity put a lot of work in the off-season and has shown a great deal of improvement over the course of the season as well." - Davis



Pep Band, 12th Grade

"Jayden Luedeke is a great leader, a solid musician, and balances participation in bowling while still devoting time to performing with the Pep Band." - Taylor

Pep Band, 12th Grade

"Michelle Alexander is another of our pep band leaders and a solid musician on the clarinet. Michelle is quiet but confident and has perfect attendance." - Taylor

Cheerleading, 12th Grade

"I chose her because she is a leader, a scholar athlete and a perfect example of what a role model should be. " -Chamberlain

Cheerleading, 9th Grade

"She isn't afraid to step up to be a leader. She also wants to encourage school spirit at Newton and make other students excited for our season." -Chamberlain

Flashback: In Our Elementary Classrooms

At the start of a new year people tend to look back on the past year. I decided to look a few more years into the past and highlight some fun and memorable projects from elementary school. If you don't remember or didn't come to school at Newton in elementary school, ask a friend about the project and see what they remember.

Every Other Day Kindergarten

At Newton the Kindergarten used to come every other day and were split into a red class and white class.

Flipping A Strip

From Kindergarten to third grade, teachers had several behavior management system such as flipping a strip, pushing a pin or clipping down.

SNOWMAN BRICKS

THE FIRST GRADE CLASSES PAINTED BRICKS TO LOOK LIKE SNOWMAN. THEY ALSO READ A LOT OF BOOKS AND DO PROJECTS TO LEARN ABOUT SNOWMEN. WE GIFTED THE SNOWMEN TO OUR PARENTS FOR CHRISTMAS.

FLAT STANLEY PROJECT

THE SECOND GRADE CLASSES MADE PAPER FLAT STANLEY'S. THEY SENT THEM TO FAMILY AND THEY WOULD WRITE ABOUT WHAT THEY DID WITH FLAT STANLEY. THEN, THEY MAILED IT BACK TO THE CLASS.

3rd Grade All Nighter

In third grade if you met your AR goal in all four quarters you got to attend the all-nighter. At the all-nighter we played games, ate dinner, watched a movie, and had lots of fun.

CCC LAB

THE ELEMENTARY USED TO GO TO THE CCC LAB EVERY DAY AND WORK ON THE COMPUTER TO ACHIEVE A GOAL. WE HAD MATH AND READING PROGRAMS TO WORK ON. THIS WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY.

ROCKETS

IN SIXTH GRADE THE STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT AERODYNAMICS. THE STUDENTS ARE THEN CHALLENGED TO BUILD A ROCKET OUT OF HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS THAT DEPLOYS A PARACHUTE AND FLIES THE HIGHEST.

Tiny houses

The sixth grade classes learn about area, volume, and perimeter in math. At the end of the year they made a tiny house out of paper and had to find all the measurements for the project and decorate the whole house.

The Mom Friend

MID-YEAR MOTIVATION

Now that it is the last half of the school year, many students can start to feel unmotivated because they are counting down the days (it is 114 days, in case you are wondering) until it's summer break! While being excited for the last day of school is great, you need to make sure you have motivational techniques in order to keep pushing through this last semester. Every year of your high school career counts towards your graduation and your future!

-The School Diva

FRESHMEN

Your first year of high school is almost over! This year is crucially important for your transcript and GPA. This is the foundation for your entire high school career, so you need to make sure you are meeting your expectations. For these last few months, talk to your teachers to see if you have set a good goal for yourself during this first year of high school! They will be extremely impressed with you if you do.

Sophomores

Sophomore year is not the most exciting out of the other years. However, you need to keep up the work to develop your grades for graduation! It may seem like your senior year is far away, but I promise it is way closer than you think. This will most likely be your easiest year in high school, so as long as you keep track of your classes you should be good! Stay motivated and stay positive!

JUNIORS

Junior year can be super frustrating or stressful for so many people. A lot of big projects, assignments, and tests happen. This is the year when you really prepare yourself for the ACT, college applications, and your senior year. You need to make sure that colleges WANT you! Make checklists and know your deadlines. Make sure you go into senior year on a good note!

Seniors

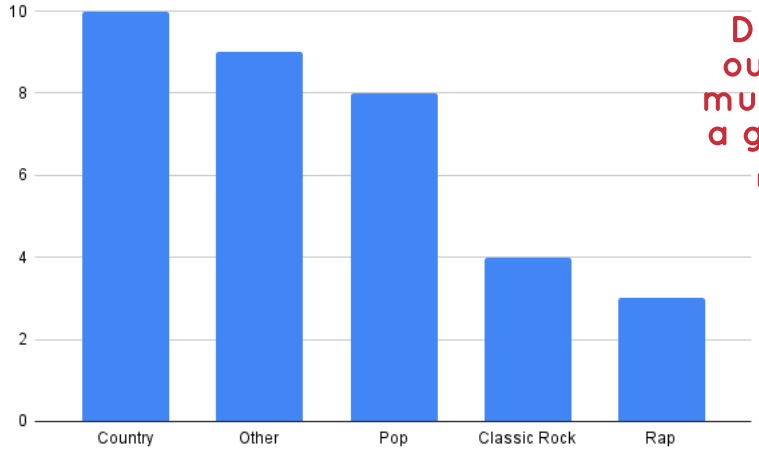
This is the LAST half of high school seniors! Whether you are excited, overwhelmed, or even confused on how these years went by so fast, please acknowledge how many things you have accomplished! This last semester is going to be filled with memories, but you need to keep being a student. Keep working hard for the next couple months! you are ALMOST there:)

MUSIC MIX

WHY IS MUSIC SO IMPORTANT?

According to a study conducted by Florida National University, music can be beneficial in multiple ways. This study actually explains how music helps students study more efficiently. Not only is it helpful to listen to in the background, but have you ever had a catchy song stuck in your head? That's called an "earworm", which is actually a useful strategy for students who forget details. When you study, arrange your information into a catchy beat like you hear in a song and you will see how helpful music really is!

How does this work? Music helps activate your left and right side of your brain, which affects learning and memory. Music also affects your body. We all know school is stressful, but listening to your favorite artist can lower blood pressure, heart rate, and anxiety levels. Music is even credited to being more relaxing than a massage!



Different genres can help produce different outcomes, so don't be afraid to expand your music taste. Whether you're getting hyped for a game, remembering vocab, or hanging with your friends, music is always the answer.

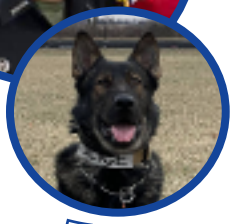
When asked what a students favorite genre is, Country won by just one vote!

- THE COMEDIC RELIEF

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Nick Honeycutt
Newton Class of 2017

Edison State Community College class of 2021



Tyson

Why did you choose this school? It was close and cheap lol

What was your major? Criminal Justice

What is your job now? A police officer in Jackson Center with a K-9 unit

What is your best college memory? Graduation. I did not love college and was excited to start at the police academy

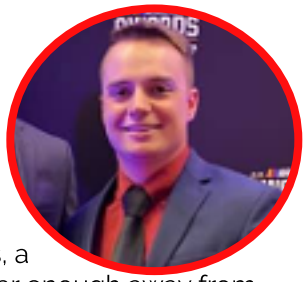
What is your best high school memory? Small town school and small town sports, with big city love for the game.

Advice to high school students? Find good role models and go through life with them. Take advice from people with more experience and knowledge than you, and do the best you can do. You might not be around that small town forever but people remember how you treat them and always follow your dreams no matter how big or small.

What were you involved in, in high school? I was on the soccer and basketball team. Only district champions in Newton soccer history lol

Ryan Hines
Newton Class of 2014

The Ohio State University class of 2018



Why did you choose this school?

Great business school and athletics, a large city surrounding it and it was far enough away from home that pushed me to grow up fast.

What was your major? Marketing and Sports Management.

What is your job now? Senior Manager of Public Relations for David Gilliland Racing in the NASCAR Truck Series.

What is your best college memory? OSU football winning the inaugural playoff my freshman year.

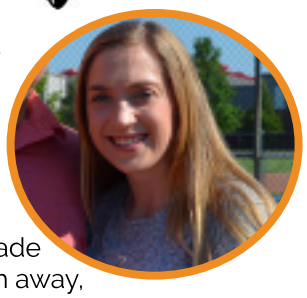
What is your best high school memory? Competing at FCCLA Nationals in San Antonio during my senior year.

Advice to high school students? 1) Take advantage of every opportunity in High School **2)**Do not stress about your major, you will have time to figure it out as you go **3)**Ask for help. Every job I have had was from networking and communicating with people.

What were you involved in, in high school? Basketball, National Honor Society, FCCLA, Spanish Club, Science Club & Student Council.

Laura (Burden) Ferrell
Newton Class of 2015

Ohio Northern University class of 2019



Why did you choose this school? I loved the small town feel and that made it feel like home. It was also far enough away, but still close enough to where I could come home if needed. The class sizes were small too, so you got to know your professors and classmates well

What was your major? Nursing, I will receive my family nurse practitioner degree from University of Cincinnati this December.

What is your job now? A nurse on the Covid floor.

What is your best college memory? Playing college softball for three years.

What is your best high school memory? Hanging out with my friends all the time and playing sports.

Advice to high school students? Chase after your dreams no matter how big they are and it's okay if you change your dreams while doing so. Life is not always going to turn out how you plan and that is perfectly okay.

What were you involved in, in high school? Softball, Volleyball, National Honor Society.

Layla (Robbins) Hicks
Newton Class of 2018

Wright State University & Lake Campus class of 2021

Why did you choose this school? It was close to home and the best option financially.

What was your major? Elementary Education.

What is your job now? Fifth grade math teacher.

What is your best college memory? Taking advantage of Covid closing school and using my time to travel and explore new places.

What is your best high school memory? NYC choir trip.

Advice to high school students? Take lots of pictures and make as many memories as you can! But above all, follow your heart and chase your dreams.

What were you involved in, in high school? Soccer, Cheerleading, Leo club, and Spanish Club.

- The Dumb Blonde

SENIOR SHENANIGANS & SUGGESTIONS

Shenanigans:

Sage Coker: I remember back in junior high, Olivia Michalke and I wanted to know what the boys bathroom looked like SO BAD. So after a basketball game we looked inside every boys locker room and bathroom and discovered that the boys bathrooms are bigger than the girls.

Mrs. Kenworthy: Lane Bayer had always complained about doing fishbowl discussions in Mrs. Kenworthy's class. One day Mrs. K had enough, after Lane voiced his complaints. per usual. The class was loudly lectured on how to be respectful and not to constantly complain....and then we had the fishbowl.

Clint Shellenberger: In third grade, we had to push pins for bad behavior. Towards the end of the year I had to push a pin, and I got mad that Ashley Evans never had to, so one day when we were going to the gym, I pushed a pin for Ashley because I was mad!

Mr. Schindler: One time during our freshman year over half of the class cheated on an assignment. Mr. Schindler was so mad that when he slammed the door the glass in the door broke.

Quentin Smith: One of the most memorable shenanigans was in sixth grade when Caleb "slapped" Robert because he broke his lead or something, and Caleb got yelled at by Mr. Rhoades. I heard from other students that you could hear Mr. Rhoades voice from the third grade hallway.

Mr. Borchers: Katelyn Walters had attempted to throw a goldfish snack at Chandler Peters during Mr. Borchers' English class. Instead of hitting Chandler, the stray fish hit Mr. Borchers. After this incident, Kate and Borchers had a "little talk" in the hall.

2020

Don't follow in our footsteps.. here are some SUGGESTIONS:

- Appreciate and respect the teachers, they work really hard to help students succeed. - Hannah Beidelman
- Make sure to pay attention to your grades. - Robert Ingle
- Make time for friends & family because high school flies by fast. - Hannah Beidelman
- Make sure to be genuine and let people know that you care about them. - Dalton Trucksis
- Be yourself, don't pretend to be someone you aren't for popularity & attention -Sage Coker
- Take time for yourself, make sure you are your top priority. - Josie Marple

Most Valued Christmas Presents

These are the Junior High and High School student responses to the question, "What was your most valued gift from this past Christmas and why?"

Daniel Rose

"My most memorable gift was my fishing pole. I love to go fishing and my old pole was broken."

Jayden Luedeke

"I got a big white board that has wheels and it flips around so I finally have enough room to do my Calculus homework!"

Kaylee Deeter

"My favorite present is definitely my projector. I don't have a T.V. in my room so now I can watch all the movies I love"

Grace Stanhope

"My most memorable gift is probably my AirPods. I love listening to music and it gets me hyped before games."

Sophomore Student

"My learner's permit! I waited for over a month for it to come in the mail and my parents wrapped it up for Christmas"

Jaden Deaton

"We got a new dog and I love him! He makes me so happy and brings me and my family together"

Maya Diceanu

"It's kind of lame, but my most memorable gift is my bed sheets. I needed new ones and they are so soft"

Hudson Montgomery

"My favorite present is 100% my new headphones. I love watching shows and movies and listening to music. I use them everyday"

Christmas is a special time of the year, and as we can see, receiving gifts can mean a lot to people. Getting something you utilize often makes it all the more special. However, Christmas is not all about getting presents, but more importantly, it is about giving and making others feel joy. Keep in mind, Christmas is also not the only holiday to give! Valentine's day is just around the corner, two weeks to be exact, so remember this is an opportunity to get your "special someone" and even a friend something they will love and cherish just like these students did with their gifts.

- The Dumb Blonde

THIS or THAT

The winner is highlighted in yellow

Buzz Cuts 56%	Mullets
Old Taylor 83%	New Taylor
Airforce 1's 51%	Dude Shoes
Beanies	56% Baseball hats
Gold Jewelry	57% Silver Jewelry
Kanye West	63% Drake
School chicken n noodles	68% School grilled cheese
NFL Playoffs	56% March Madness
Boy Siri Voice	72% Girl Siri voice
AC/DC	70% Queen
Bring back salad bar	51% Bring back shakes
Canes	67% Chick-Fil-A
Mrs. Kenworthy's comfy classroom 80%	**Miss Nunemaker's comfy classroom**
Monthly Smoke Signal	57% Weekly Smoke Signal
Add a sign language class	65% Bring back Home Ec
Get rid of Snapchat	68% Get rid of Tiktok
Go into school early, get out early 57%	**Go to school late, get out late**
High School recess	68% High School nap time
Dinner with The Rock, Kevin Hart & Ryan Renolds 63%	**Dinner with Tom Holland, Andrew Garfield & Tobey Maguire**
Drink apple sauce with a straw	61% Sip applesauce out of a cup

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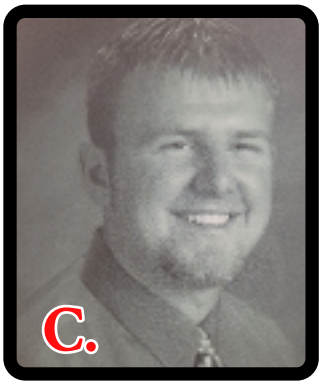
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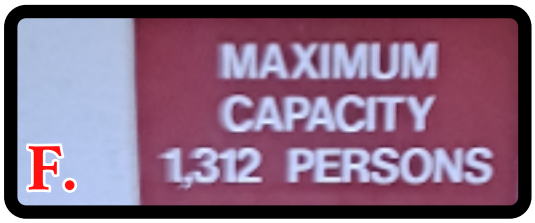

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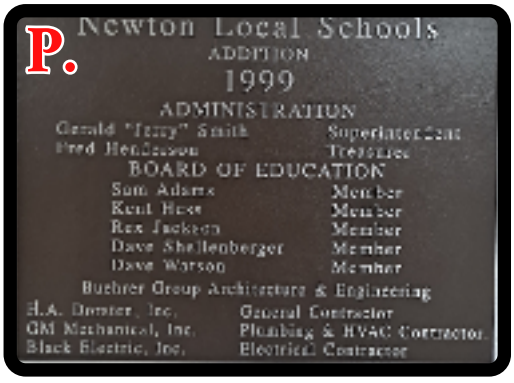

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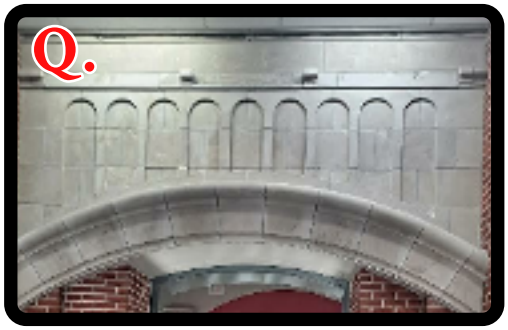
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-The Country Boy.