

Newton

Smoke Signal

Hello Newton community!! Welcome to the second issue of the school newspaper! We hope everyone loved the first edition, because there are many more issues in the works!

★ "Capturing" Class Challenge Spotlight ★



What Does It Mean To Participate In High School?

Recent events such as class challenge have left many students and faculty wondering “**Is there enough participation within our high school?**” Some feel strongly that there isn’t enough, and there should be more effort from the student body to participate in high school extracurriculars. Others feel that high school participation doesn’t matter in the grand scheme of life. I want to share with you how some of the student body felt about this year’s class challenge, as well as participation throughout the school.

The year 2020 has brought so much change, and in my opinion, way too much, into our lives as high school students. The annual Fall Fair (see page 8) was still put on, but the approach for the class challenge had to be completely redone. Of course, putting on this year’s class challenge was... *a challenge*. The News Crew gave Newton an entirely new way for the classes to battle it out. Working with what we had, we tried our hardest to make the best of our situation; **for this was better than nothing**. We had a lot of fun planning out this year’s class challenge, bringing in our own element of creativity and uniqueness and while many enjoyed the challenge overall, participation was low. Only a total of 15% of the student body participated this year, raising the question, “**How well did the student population receive this?**”

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4 DIY COSTUME IDEAS FOR HALLOWEEN

If you're in a jam for dress up day, on October 30th, here are four easy and unique costume ideas that you can use. If you decide to use one of our suggested ideas and report to Mrs. Kenworthy's room, on dress up day, you will win a King Sized candy bar!



THE CLASSIC

- White Sheet
- Sunglasses
- Scissors (to make eye holes)

THE DWIGHT SCHRUTE

- Glasses
- Yellow shirt
- Clip on tie
- Khakis
- Dress shoes



THE SPONGEBOB

- Black dress shoes
- Red tie
- White stockings
- Brown khaki shorts
- Black belt
- Sponges (Covering your body)

THE PREPARED ONE

- N95 Mask
- Faceshield
- Hazmat suit
- Gloves
- Goggles
- Shoe covers
- Hand Sanitizer





As students, we are with our teachers everyday, resulting in a major impact on our lives and futures. Moreover, I'm sure we all play a big part in their lives as well. We interviewed multiple teachers to get their thoughts on the four high school grades, or



The Snacker



their favorite moments with us :)



The Hippie



Freshmen (Class of 2024)

Mr. Davis: Made proofs fun, which is a first.

Mrs. Anthony: A very nice, respectful group of students.

Miss Ulmer: "One of my favorite memories was when Dustin Butts made several decoys and hid during class. "

Miss Meyer: "There's not enough corners to put them... they talk a lot."

Sophomores (Class of 2023)

Mrs. Anthony: Good leadership

Miss Ulmer: "My favorite memory of this class is when Josh Fisher did a Fortnite dance the entire class period."

Miss Meyer: "I remember when the boys would put markers in places I couldn't reach and I think the boys dominate the personality side." This class has a lot of jokesters

Mr. Davis: A few kids who could become great leaders

Juniors (Class of 2022)

Mrs. Anthony: A lot of intelligence

Mr. Davis: Group full of crazy high intelligence

Mrs. Kenworthy: "I'll always remember the fishbowl discussions and all of the lessons we learned from them" :)

Miss Meyer: "They are a very quiet group and as a whole act like the stereotypical middle child."

Seniors (Class of 2021)

Miss Meyer: "The senior class really clicks well with my personality, so we always have really good conversations and life lessons".

Mr. Fisher: A very academically and athletically strong group of students.

Mrs. Stevens: Pumpkin guts fell through a really old pumpkin all over my floor. My room smelled like rotten pumpkins for weeks.

Mrs. Kenworthy: They have a lot of personality, and I can always count on a "hello" and usually a laugh from any of them.



Fun Activities Before Spooky SZN Ends



Dayton Scream Park

Background Info:

Scream park with four new scary attractions , such as a maze, haunted trail, and two haunted houses. They offer a \$5 touch pass where the actors in the haunted attractions can interact with you. They also have concessions and free parking available.

Why It's Worth It: The scream park provides 30+ acres of haunted trails with more than 60 live monsters guaranteed to play with your senses and emotions.

Address:4355 Valley St
Dayton, OH 45424

Admission: \$20 per person, Ages 5 and under are free.

Hours: Friday and Saturday, September 11 - October 31, 8AM- midnight.

~The Slugger



Brumbaugh Fruit and Fun Farms

Background Info:

Brumbaugh Fruit and Farms started back in 1940 when Winston Brumbaugh was given a choice by his mother to either shovel chicken poop or pick vegetables from a garden. Little did Winston know that picking the vegetables would help him create a life long family business. Then 20 years later, Winston and his wife made Brumbaugh fruit and fun farm outside of Arcanum.

Why It's Worth It: If you and your family are looking for fresh fruit, delicious desserts and family fun, this is the place to go. Brumbaugh has been entertaining families for many years, and it's guaranteed to entertain you!

Address: 6420 Hollansburg Arcanum Rd, Arcanum, OH 45304

Admission: Free admission on ages three and younger and 65+ \$10 per person

Hours: Open Saturday 11AM-7PM and Sunday 12AM-7PM after Labor Day through November 1st.

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Fulton Farms

Background Info:

Fulton Farms started in the 19th century, and located in a barn that is now over 100 years old. They have many seasonal activities to do all year round. They have hayrides, food, a corn maze, and games the whole month of October! They also have a large pumpkin patch to come and pick your own pumpkins!

Why It's worth it: If you and your family are looking for a fun day full of games and fun fall activities this is exactly the place for you! Hayrides are 8\$ and children two and under are free!

Address: 2393 OH-202
Troy, OH 45373

Admission: Varies on activities

Hours: Monday- Saturday
10AM-6PM

Sunday 12AM-5PM

~The Dancing Queen



You all know that when trends come alive, they are everywhere!!! At home, in school, and especially on the internet. Well, Tik Tok, a thriving app off the app store, has been downloaded over 2 billion times, consists of short-form videos that produce trends like this one...

-The Drama Queen



IT'S THE _____ FOR ME



Josh Ecklebarger: It's the thinking you're Tik Tok famous for me

Tori and Camryn: It's the tucking your basketball shorts into your spandex and thinking it's cool for me

Bella Hall: It's the looking annoyed everyday for me

Kaylee and Eva: It's the separation anxiety from each other for me

Ben Hoover: It's the having a lion's mane for me

Mia and Ely Cook: It's the getting pulled over by the same cop in a span of 30 seconds for me



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I asked around, looking for the opinions of non-participants and participants alike. **Ben Hoover**, a Junior who didn't participate, had an interesting take on class challenge. "For me, I didn't think it was something I would have enjoyed, so I kind of shrugged my shoulders at it. I think the News Crew did fine with what they did, but it's difficult to substitute the original class challenge, since it's so good. I respect the effort the News Crew put towards this year's though." When asked about student participation, Ben felt that it wasn't a problem. "No, I don't think there is a participation problem. Students do the sports and clubs they are interested in. **I'd rather have a small club full of passionate members than a big club who do not care about the club.** Participation is important, all you can ask of our student body is for them to participate in the activities they enjoy".

On the contrary, **Ashlyn Deeter**, a Senior who participated this year, enjoyed the new take on class challenge. She felt that the fact that everyone could participate, compared to the select few in a regular class challenge, set this year's challenge apart and made it more enjoyable. When I asked her what people who didn't participate missed, she responded with "funny pictures, cool entries, and a very cute cow". When asked about overall student body participation, she felt that there was an imbalance of participation because even "**Spirit Weeks bring in the same few people.**"

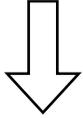
Personally, I felt that given the circumstances, the News Crew gave our students a new opportunity that could not have originated otherwise. Even if it wasn't your typical class challenge, I can speak for my senior peers that **high school goes by quick, and it's important to be involved and get everything you can out of high school....** even if that means taking a picture of yourself kissing a pig.

★ A Little Extra Something ★

If you're ever feeling a little down, just know things will get better.

To the right is a list of things you can do to help your day get better.

Listed below are some good quotes to live by.



- ★ Wake up early, be active, and positive.
- ★ Drink half a gallon of water everyday.
- ★ Give someone a compliment everyday..
- ★ Keep your room cleaned and organized.
- ★ Write down three things you're thankful for and achieved everyday.

"If you can dream it, you can do it" -Walt Disney

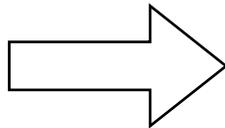
"Great people are those who make others feel that they, too, can become great"
-Mark Twain

"Success isn't overnight. It's when every day you get a little better than before and it adds up" -Dwayne Johnson **-The Vault-**

★ Fantasy vs. Facts ★

Most likely to total their car

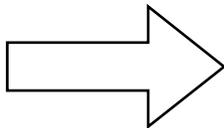
□ Chandler Peters



He has hit multiple cars, has backed into a four wheeler and hasn't even had his license for a year

Most likely to become famous

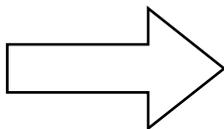
□ Hudson Montgomery



He went viral on Tik Tok and got two million views on a video

Most likely to be running late for the rest of their life

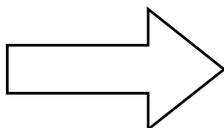
□ Mia Dunlevy



She ran into school every morning of her Junior year with only 30 seconds to spare. She was only one tardy away from getting a detention

Most likely to have a sibling rivalry

□ Katie Critz



Aliyah threw a cookie pan at Katie when they were younger

-The Indecisive One

THE GHOST OF PLEASANT HILL

October 31, 2001. The last time there was a full moon on Halloween. This was also the last time that the little town of Pleasant Hill, Ohio was haunted by its own ghost. In that village, the night was as quiet as the clouds that float across the sky and everyone knew nothing bad could ever happen... or so they thought.

It all started in the late evening of Halloween, when three young kids were relaxing at Indians Pizza. However, that relaxation quickly turned to rushing home, once they realized what time it was. One boy walked down Walnut Street, the other turned left, toward Covington, while the last friend walked towards the Monument... a decision he would soon regret.

On this night, the boy made his way down the dark, quiet, creepy road towards the Monument. It was so cold, fog had started to rise from the ground. He zipped up his jacket and looked back towards his friends. He was scared to walk alone, but he decided to keep going. He was in front of the library, when he heard a noise behind him. It sounded like someone crying. He didn't want to go see who it was, but he couldn't help himself. He started to walk towards the noise, and what he saw made him stop in his tracks. It was an older lady, with a bright, white dress on. But, it wasn't like a dress people wore during this time. She was crying, the boy thought she was just lost, but then he thought he recognized her. All of the sudden, he remembered a picture he saw in Mr. Armentrout's class that week, which was the first picture of the Monument.

He learned there are 12 names of soldiers who had died in the Civil War and the Monument was dedicated to honor them. At the dedication there was a mother who had three sons killed in action during the Civil War. This woman looked a lot like the mother who unveiled the monument in 1895.

During this time the fog grew very thick that the boy couldn't see two feet in front of him, so he walked closer to her. She stopped crying and barely looked up, the boy could barely make out her eyes. He asked, "who are you?" She looked up a little more and said with a scratchy voice, "Mrs. Delilah Reiber."

The boy looked at her. Her skin was as white as snow and he now he could tell that her cries were fake. All he wanted to do was run away, but his legs wouldn't move. He asked her if she was lost, but she didn't answer. He asked again, and she answered this time, with her haunted voice,

"I'm not lost, I'm right where I'm supposed to be, and you are too."

The boy was confused and scared. He looked at the old lady and said that he must be getting home. He tried to leave, but his legs wouldn't move. It was like they were stuck in cement. He struggled to try to get loose, and he started to panic. As he was doing this, Mrs. Reiber was looking up to the sky, and then she pointed to the moon and said, "It's a full moon."

The boy stopped and looked at her, and then looked up to the moon. He looked back at Mrs. Reiber and yelled in panic, "What does that mean?"

She looked back at the boy. "It means it's time for me to see my sons." The boy looked at her confused. Mrs. Reiber started to smile, and then pointed at the Monument. The boy looked at it, but the soldier's statue wasn't there. "Where is it?" The boy yelled. She started to laugh even more, and then pointed behind the boy. He barely turned his head and was startled to see the statue right beside him, as alive as it could possibly be. The boy started to panic and said, "Please don't.." But before he could finish, the statue grabbed him and dragged him back to the bottom of the Monument, and he was never seen again. Mrs. Reiber laughed and laughed as she started to fade back into the night.

For the first time since 2001, this Halloween will have a full moon, so as you're trick-or-treating be wary of the Monument, as the statue and Mrs. Reiber may be ready to strike again...



~THE JOKER





Fall Fair in Review




Above are the FFA Officers on a tractor brought in by the Kenworthy



Above are Ribbons from Fall Fair. The left is a picture of a First Premium Ribbon from the 1934 Fall Fair. The First Place Ribbons on the right are how they look today (Notice the ribbons haven't changed much!)



As many of you know, Fall Fair is an annual Newton tradition, which is always a huge event at Newton. Fall Fair first started in 1930 making this the 90th year for it! However, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we were unable to hold it in the "normal" format. But, that was not going to stop us from celebrating it.

Usually Fall Fair consists of tractors, community and student entries, baked goods, games put on by class and club booths, class challenge, a wonderful dinner, and more. However, to keep everyone safe this year, there were only FFA and FCCLA entries, and a drive-thru dinner. There was also a virtual class challenge called "Capturing Class Challenge." Students in grades 9-12 had to capture pictures of certain items and send them in for points to win!

Despite the changes there was an outpouring of support from community! The FFA actually sold more dinners this year than in years prior. Even though there wasn't an inflatable bounce house, that did not stop people from viewing entries and petting animals!

Take a look around at the pictures. You can see what it was like from having tractors, to petting animals, to viewing entries, the 90th Annual Fall Fair will be one to remember! Thank you for your support as students, staff, and a community. We are looking forward to the 91st Newton Fall Fair in 2021!

-The 9 1/2 Genius



Fall Fair Winners

Grain Division
 -Grand: **Via Family**
 -Reserve: **Erika Shellabarger**

Shop Division
 -Grand: **Via Family**
 -Reserve: **Henry Ovenshire**

Egg Division
 -Grand: **Lacey Family**
 -Reserve: **Via Family**

Hay & Silage Division
 -Grand: **Clint Shellenberger**

Vegetable Division
 -Grand: **Lacey Family**
 -Reserve: **Via Family**

Fruit Division
 -Grand: **Roland Fisher**
 -Reserve: **Via Family**

Ag Promotion Display
 -Grand: **Jackson Cress**
 -Reserve: **Lee Morrow**

Tractor Division
 -Grand: **Kenworthy Family**
 -Reserve: **Jadaan Miller**

Overall Winners

- Via Family**
- Lacey Family**
- Erika Shellabarger**



Left is the cover of the First Newton Fall Fair book. It was held in 1930 and was put on by the Vo Ag Dept. (FFA) Right is the cover as it looks today.

