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## Russia-Ukraine War

By Pavel Navarro

Russia and Ukraine have been at war since February 24th, 2022. The reason why Russia decided to invade Ukraine is because in 2014 Russia did an operation to protect the people in Ukraine. Kim Jong-un said he will visit Russia in the coming days to send more weapons to Russia, and Ukraine said they would take more land if needed. How is Putin, President of Russia, he is president Putin was part of Federal Security. Volodymyr Zelenskyy was elected for his anti-corruption platform. During the war over 120,000 people have been killed. Former president Donald Trump boasted said "if I get elected he has that war settled in one day".



Photo from Harvard.edu

## The History of the Old Settlers

By Willa Mowry

When I think of Old Settlers, I think of amusement rides, Grange pups, concerts and an all-around good time. But what most people don't know, is that Old Settlers is more than 100 years old. It started in 1877 as just a one-day gathering to celebrate and remember Olathe's history. The idea was put to action by the Old Settlers Association. The Old Settlers Association is still an active non-profit organization that meets to plan the Festival for 9 months of the year. The first Old Settlers gathering was very different from the one we have yearly now. People from all over the County gathered in a Shady Grove in Southwest Olathe, had a picnic, and formed The Pioneer Association of Johnson County, Kansas. Though, it wasn't adopted as an annual tradition until 1898 when a gathering of people sent out invitations in the newspaper and adopted the name "The Johnson County Old Settlers Association". I interviewed a Member of the Old Settlers Association, Pam Hall, and asked her lots of questions. Here is what she said:



(photo by OlatheHistoricalSociety.org)

Q: When did you join the Old Settlers Association?

**A: 1996. That was 27 years ago. I have lived in Olathe all my life.**

Q: Why did you want to join?

**A: When I was a little girl, in 1951, I used to go to Old Settlers with my family.**

Q: What was Old Settlers like back when you were a kid?

**A: It's very different than it is now. I would babysit to get enough money to go on the rides. The High School band would perform. In the seventies it started to change more into how it is now.**

Q: What is the Old Settlers Association like now?

**A: There are only 26 people in the Association. The only event we organize is the Old Settlers Fair. There are different committees within the association and I am in charge of the Arts and Crafts committee. We start meeting in February and meet every month to plan the event.**

Q: What's the hardest part of organizing the event?

**A: The hardest part is setting up and packing up the fair.**

Q: What's your favorite part of Old Settlers?

**A: The people. I like seeing my family, and old friends. It's a celebration meant for Olathe to remember its heritage. It's a tradition that needs to stay.**



Park Street, Downtown Olathe

(photo by OlatheHistoricalSociety.org)

# OT/Local News

## Spotlight on OT Theater

### By Rydia Kuchar

This year we have a new theater teacher at OT, Mrs. Ackerman. She is going to put on two shows this year and bring the love of theater to OT. This is Mrs. Ackerman's first year teaching at OT. The first major show she is directing, Circus Olympus, is going to be put on very soon. The actors have been rehearsing since September 18th and their first performance, opening night, is November 9th. There will also be shows on November 10th and 11th. Make sure to come, support, and enjoy this amazing show.

Full productions are not the only part of the theater program this year. Mrs. Ackerman is also leading the theater club. The club practices their theater skills and works to improve them on the last Wednesday every month. If one of your friends does theater make sure to wish them luck or say "Break a Leg" to them for their performance.



Photo by Rydia Kuchar

## Mr. Simon

### By Rydia Kuchar

I interviewed and asked Mr. Simon 5 questions about being the head dance coach. Here are his answers:

*Q. How long have you been working with the dance team?*

A. This is my 2nd year as head coach, but my 5th year coaching dance.

*Q. Why did you decide to be the dance coach?*

A. I have always been interested in dance. Always inspired by Janet Jackson, and Paula Abdul, and Britney Spears. I always wanted to be on the team in middle and high school, but that was before boys were really allowed to try out, and it's been a really fun creative outlet these past few years. Plus I love to get middle schoolers excited about possibly pursuing dance in high school and even beyond in college!

*Q. What is your favorite part of being the dance coach?*

A: My favorite part of being the dance coach is seeing the progression of the dancers, especially the ones who start out without any experience. Just seeing their confidence in dance and in themselves building more and more is really rewarding.

*Q. Do you choreograph your own dances?*

A. We usually have outside choreographers come in for our competition routines, but I've done our glowstick routine for Spring Show the past two years, and am choreographing our hip-hop routine this year!

*Q. What is your favorite style of dance to choreograph and why?*

A. My favorite style to choreograph is probably Pom. Just because it leaves very little room for interpretation. It's all very strong and sharp, so everyone has to hit their mark, otherwise you lose the thrill of how visual Pom is.

Now you know a little more about Mr. Simon and the OTMS dance team.



Photo from OlatheSchools.org

## Our One And Only Oakley

### By Hailey Thon

We all know Oakley, the loveable therapy dog, comes on Tuesdays and Thursdays to help anyone feeling down. To learn more about our one and only Oakley I have asked Mrs. Sheldon, a sixth-grade ELA teacher, a few questions.

How did OT find Oakley?: "I used to take her with me when I worked at Rolling Ridge and when I moved to Oregon Trail I brought her with me."

What does Oakley do for the school?: "I think she provides comfort to a lot of the students and staff. She's just a peaceful present and makes people feel safe."

How long has Oakley been a Therapy Dog?: "She was actually born for that job, and she was trained in Washington, Kansas at KSDS which is a dog training facility."



Photo by Hailey Thon

## Behind the Scenes of the Announcements

By Charlotte Gurley



Have you ever wondered what it's like for the people behind the announcements? We start every class with the announcements. There are 3 jobs you can do which are the anchors, crew, or editor. The anchors are the people on camera who review the announcements and choose who will say what. The crew gets out the camera, the microphone, and the stand and then they are the ones that record. Lastly, the editors are the ones who edit the recording and post it on YouTube. We also have props that we are allowed to use when we are anchors. We use the green wall in Mrs. Stein's room and there are also other green screens that we can use to sit, lay, or put Oakley on. At some point, each recording has someone laughing or other noises so the editor edits those out and adds the screenshots and entry music. That's all tigers, so BE GREAT and BE A TIGER!

(All Photos by Charlotte Gurley)

### MRS. COOPER By Pavel Navarro

Many people have seen Mrs. Cooper around the halls or in her classroom so I decided to interview her. Here is what she told me.



**Q: What was your first job?**

**A:** "Oregon Trail was my first job once I graduated from college. I decided that I wanted to work with middle school students and there was a FACS opening for me!"

**Q: Why did you choose to be a culinary teacher?**

**A:** "I chose to be a culinary teacher because learning to cook/bake is a lifelong skill and is something that students enjoy! We get to be hands on and have fun. I love watching students have fun and enjoy being in my class!"

Photo by Mrs. Cooper

**Q: How long have you been working at Oregon Trail**

**A:** "This is my 13<sup>th</sup> year teaching Culinary!"

## Meet the Choir Director

All about Mr. Chamberlin By Charlotte Gurley

After Mrs. Nelson left over the summer Mr. Chamberlin became the new choir teacher, to get to know him I interviewed him, and here is what he said:

- **What is your favorite part about teaching choir?**

"I love to make music. There is no greater feeling than to hear a group come together and make some beautiful sounds. To be able to evoke some kind of emotion out of the audience from singing is a really cool experience."

- **What is something new that you are hoping to do this year as a choir director?**

"There have already been several new things that I have done this year that that is new to me. I'm looking forward to going to some different festivals and providing some new opportunities for students that I didn't get to do at my last school."

- **How long have you been teaching choir?**

"This is my 17<sup>th</sup> year of teaching choir. I have taught choir, private voice, band, audio technology (studio recording class), performance, and stagecraft. I have taught kindergarten all the way up to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. I have also coached high school basketball and tennis."

- **What was your first job?**

"If you are talking about teaching related jobs, my first year of teaching was at a 3A school down by Wichita. I taught 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. If you are asking about my first job ever, I worked on a greyhound farm taking care of dogs when I was 15."

- **Why did you decide to work at Oregon Trail?**

"I came to Oregon Trail because I wanted a new challenge, and I heard good things about Oregon Trail and the Olathe School District. I'm excited to continue and build upon some of the traditions established as well as adding my own spin on things."

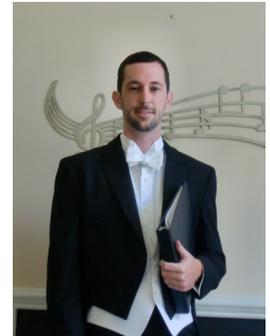


Photo by Mr. Chamberlin

# Sports/Activities

## **Refereeing Soccer as My First Job**

By Willa Mowry

Normally, you can't get a job until you're around 16, but here in Olathe, there is an option to earn some cash as an 11 year old kid. I first heard about Refereeing from my Soccer Coach. I really wanted cash so I signed up to Referee little kids for Rush soccer.

The sign up process was not difficult. There was a Ref meeting that I needed to attend just to sign up and get information about the league. And really that was it. The director gave me a whistle and some websites that I could learn the rules on. Refereeing for little kids is not all that hard. Before you go to the game, you just need to sign in at the Ref building in the middle of the fields and pick up a game card, which you use to write the score on.

For your Ref uniform, all you need is black shorts. You are the only Ref refereeing the game, but you are refereeing 5 year olds. The ages you can Ref are U6, U7 and U8 which are basically kindergarten through 2nd grade. The only thing the kids do is kick the ball out. So it's not too hard to make calls. What about getting paid? Refeing a U6 game earns you \$10 per game. U7 is \$11, and U8 is \$12. It's a great way to make money as an 11 year old.

But if you want more earnings, once you turn 12, you can get a Referee job for Heartland Soccer Association. I really wanted money to save up for a phone, so once I turned 12, I got right into becoming an Official Referee for Heartland. Refeing the bigger fields takes more than one Ref. There is one Center Referee and two Assistant Referees (AR) who stand on the side with a flag. The grades you can Ref are older, spanning from U7 to U18. And the wages are great! Refereeing a U7 game as an AR gets you \$17.50. And Refeing a U18 game as a Center Ref gets you \$50 dollars a game!

The sign up process was a bit more complicated than signing up for Rush. I had to sign up for a 5 hour Refer-

ee class that was mandatory to becoming a Ref. The class was mostly just listening, taking notes, and learning the rules of being a Ref. At the end of the class, we had to take a test. You could only get 6 questions wrong to pass. After a very long and boring morning, I passed the test! Once you pass, you are a Ref for 1 year until the new year, when, thankfully, you don't have to retake the class, you just have to take the test online again.

After I became an Official Ref, I needed a uniform. Heartland Refeing uniforms are more professional and you need more items in it. I ordered mine as a full set but you can just go out and find the things you need from any sports store. The uniform includes a bright-colored Referee shirt, black shorts, black socks, black shoes, a flag, a whistle, a yellow and red card, and your referee badge. Once you get all those things, you're good to go!

Every Referee gets emailed once a week to sign up for games. You have to fill out a form stating all the times you are

available to Ref over the weekend and where. The two main soccer fields are the Garmin Olathe Soccer Complex fields and the Scheels Overland Park Soccer Complex Fields. All of the fields are numbered, so you shouldn't have a hard time finding your field. Once you get assigned some games (an email will be sent with the weekend game calendar) you report to the Ref office at the Soccer Complex and sign your name in. Then you're ready to Ref!

My first game as an AR was very nerve-wracking. AR's have to call who throws it in, goal kick or corner kick, and offside. It's hard making calls because no matter what you do, there's always a coach or parent criticizing you. And I know what to do if they take it too far (Get one of the Ref directors and get them to deal with it) but it's still scary. I don't enjoy refeing, but that's part of having a job. You may not always enjoy it, but you're still doing a job that is helping someone else.



Photo by KansasSoccer.org

## **Sports**

What's the point?

By Azaria Hann-Richardson

Why should I play a sport? Some might say, even professional sports players might have asked themselves this question before or said something along the lines of, "sports are boring." So lets dive in about reasons why some may play. The first reason, some might have already guessed, because its fun. This is a great reason!

People who say this might not take sports as seriously as others, which is completely fine. Another reason I hear alot is because they're naturally good at the sport. It is good to celebrate your talents and skills and use them everyday somehow. Some may play sports because they like to win, which is completely valid. It is good to play a sport because of the friends you can make with similar interests which can also help with your teamwork skills. You see, sports are good your your physical health and your mind and soul. "Toughness is in the soul and spirtit, not in muscles", Alex Karras said. I find this to be true as someone can be so good at a sport but if there mind isnt there, their body isnt either. So, I suggest trying a sport that you like for whatever reason, maybe it calms you, maybe you want to make friends, whatever your reason is try it. You never know, you might like it.



Photo by WeAreCardinals.com

## History of Softball

Softball is a very Fun sport but have you ever learned the history behind it?

By Haylie Schuman

Baseball has been around a long time and I think we all know that but how long has softball been around? The first Softball team was put together in 1895 at Chicago West Division High School. The actual sport was created in 1887 by George Hancock.

Softball was believed to be first developed from the game called Indoor Baseball. Indoor baseball started in 1887 when a crowd of people were gathered together inside the Farragut Boat club waiting to hear the Harvard vs. Yale football game. When they heard that Yale had won an excited fan threw an old boxing glove at one of the Harvard fans. That Harvard fan responded by swinging a broomstick at it. George Hancock, a reporter at the time suggests that they play a game of indoor baseball. He stitched together the old boxing gloves to make a ball for them to hit then he drew the bases and the mound. The result of the game was 41-40 and the start of a new sport.

Softball has had many different names throughout history, at one point it was called kitten-ball and up until 1926 it took on various names including Mushball, Pumpkin Ball, Diamond Ball, and Army Ball. In 1930 it was officially named Softball and became a sport enjoyed by many girls around the world.



Photo by LongWoodLancers.com

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## Sports Players Interviews

By Charlotte Gurley

There are three fall sports that lots of people enjoy watching and playing, so I interviewed three different sports players and asked each of them three questions. Mr. MacClland, Mr. Hoisington, and Mr. Hammons are 8th-grade football coaches and Mr. McClure, Dr. Kessler, and Officer Warren are 7th-grade football coaches. You can participate in football in 7th and 8th grade and the same for volleyball. In Volleyball Mr. Maska is the 8th grade coach and Mr. Berrey is the 7th grade coach. For Cross country, Mr. Neubauer is the boy's coach and Mrs. Neubauer is the girl's coach, you can be in cross country in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade.



### Brooklyn Alvarado, 7th

Q. When did you first get interested in volleyball?

A. "My mom has made me play volleyball and rec at a very young age and then she started coaching me and I moved into club"

Q. What's your favorite part about playing volleyball?

A. "Probably the enthusiasm or the people that play it"

Q. What are your techniques to improve your skills?

A: "For passing work on your thumbnails because I play front and back row, and if your hitting know the measurements of the court and where you are."

### Sam Purcell, 6th

Q. When did you first get interested in cross country?

A. "Me and my friends were always super fast and always ran around everywhere all the time so then they started cross country and I didn't feel like doing it for a while" "Then after a little bit I wanted to do cross country so I started to get into it a little bit."

Q. What's your favorite part about running in cross country?

A. "It's good condition and I get to run with my friends and it's fun"

Q. What are your techniques to improve your skills?

"Pace yourself and don't try to be in the front the whole time keep at a good pace" "Just try to finish strong"



### Jacob Brandenburg, 8th

Q. When did you first get interested in football?

A. "In 4th grade when I watched the Superbowl for the first time."

Q. What's your favorite part about playing football?

A. "Working as a team and functioning more as a family instead of a unit"

Q. What are your techniques to improve your skills?

A. "Practicing at home instead of just during practice and talking with the team instead of just being by yourself."

All Photos by Charlotte Gurley

# Rodeo Mania

## Things you do in a Rodeo

By Hailey Thon

What is a Rodeo? To all the people who don't know what that is, you're missing out. Rodeo is a sport that was invented by Spanish-Mexican settlers in the 16th century to show off different ranges of cowboy skills. Originally, a rodeo was meant to train people to ride horses and collect cattle. Which later became a competition amongst men and women everywhere. Rodeo shows



Photo by BarrelHorseNews.com

are also a good source of income for the city and for the company. From selling tickets, livestreaming on TV, and people buying cattle from the company hosting the show. What are some things people do in rodeo? Some of the most popular things people do at the stock show is bareback riding. Bareback riding is when a cowboy or cowgirl rides on a wild horse or bull that's never been tamed. This is one of the most dangerous sports due to the permit damage it can do to your body. Nearly 21 professionals have died and 49 catastrophic injuries since 1989 because of bareback riding.



Photo by ManningRiverTimes.com

Another popular thing in a rodeo is steer wrestling, also known as tie-down roping. In steer wrestling they let a wild bull, cow, or a goat in a pin. While the animal is running around, a cowboy is either on the ground chasing or it jumps on it off a horse. The cowboy is trying to successfully rope the animal's legs to tame the animal. Still a very dangerous part of a rodeo but deaths rarely occur from this one.

Now for the less death defying parts of a rodeo. Team Roping and Barrel Racing are also very well known in the mid-west. Barrel Racing is a

timed horse race around an arena with three barrels. The arena is 130 feet wide and 200 feet long with the world record held by Hailey Kinsel at 13.11 seconds. Team roping is when a pair of cowboys/cowgirls are let into a pin on horseback, trying to restrain an animal by rope. Rodeo is a very exciting sport to watch but very dangerous to be in.



Photo by VernalRodeo.com

**DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME KIDS!**

# 8th Grade Football

By Haylie Schuman

Our 8th graders football season has started out rough but it's getting better. The A team football games have been pretty hard for our 8th graders but the teams have been doing better than they have been recently. The night game at CBAC the 8th grade A team lost their game 12-33, and the B team won 8-6 against Summit Trail. So far the A team's record is 5-0 and the B team's is 4-1. The other games our team has been playing have gone pretty rough, with scores like 0-41, and 0-30.

The losses have been pretty hard for our 8th-grade football team but the injuries several of them have experienced are most likely worse. Several of them have broken bones and are unable to play the rest of the season. A one-eighth grader broke four of his fingers in one game and had to be pulled out early.

The whole school is hoping they can come back from this lose streak and finally have a breakthrough but we'll have to wait and see for their next game.



Photo by Haylie Schuman

# Arts/Entertainment

## Think Pink

Barbie is Making the Most Money in 2023

By Charlotte Gurley

The movie Barbie started making the most money in 2023. The Super Mario Bros movie was making the most money in 2023 until Barbie came out. So little girls everywhere wanted to watch it. So far Barbie has earned \$575.4 million dollars while Super Mario Bros movie has made \$574.2 million. Barbie has also broken lots of records.



Photo from Ebay.com

# Best Candies From the Past

By Pavel Navarro Camarillo

The Best Candy from the past is Abba-Zaba is a really good candy the founder's company was from Hayward, California. Abba-Zaba was a Top tier candy that was sweet taffy with peanut butter, and it was so hard to open it.

Marshmallow Ice cream cone was a candie from France that was popular for years. The candy was made by a tailor named John V. Arbino made the candies because in 1936 people didn't have enough money to buy a handmade suit but they had a spare change to buy a piece of candy.

Candy buttons were a good selling candy from the 1930's. The company that found the candie buttons were from New York. The candies were bought at an auction by Necco.



Photo from Ebay.com

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## The Evolution of Social Media

By Willa Mowry

It's 1997 and a new website that will change the course of online communication is now available to you on your family desktop computer. SixDegrees. A social network service website that was the first of its kind. You would use it to communicate with friends and family members. While SixDegrees laid the foundation for all other social networking apps, it was shut down in 2001 because it failed to earn the money that was predicted.

Two other social networking websites were created in 2002, Friendster and LinkedIn.

LinkedIn is a social networking website for business and employment-focused users that is still being used today. Friendster was similar to SixDegrees but shut down in 2015.

Myspace was launched in 2003 and was the most visited social media site for several years. On MySpace, you can chat with friends, make new friends, watch videos posted by other people, listen to new music, and post pictures. All through the 2000's it was one of the most popular ways to connect.

Then, in 2004, a new website was created, Facebook, that changed the course of social media. Mark Zuckerberg, a Harvard sophomore launched a social networking service designed originally to connect Harvard students which has spread to users all over the world. In 2005, YouTube was born. The first of its kind; it's a platform for creators to share videos all across the world.

Twitter came along in 2006. The first tweet ever posted was by one of the founders, Jack Dorsey, saying "just setting up my Twitter". More recently, in 2022, Twitter was bought by Multi-billionaire Elon Musk for 44 billion dollars. Musk changed the logo of a bluebird to a plain X and is trying to rebrand it as "X" though many still refer to it as Twitter.

Then in 2007, the most revolutionary piece of technology was released. The iPhone. A new mobile device with a flat screen and apps which included Calling and Texting. And, on the first iPhone, there was no app store. You couldn't download Subway Surfers or Roblox, all you had were a few basic apps. The starting price for one of these new, high-tech gadgets was \$500. Which is a pretty good deal compared to the prices now. But for \$500, you only got 4 GB! My phone now has 128 GB!

In 2010, Instagram was Released followed shortly by Snapchat in 2011. In 2014, a new app called Musical.ly was started as a platform where users made and shared mainly short lip-syncing videos. Then in 2018, Musical.ly rebranded and became TikTok, which is almost the same as Musical.ly before. TikTok has become a worldwide platform that has brought people and creators together but has also done some psychological damage to lots of its users.

Social media is a great way to connect with friends and family, but it can also hurt people's feelings and physical state. Social media can be a good thing, but only if managed well and used with the intent to share kindness and creativity.

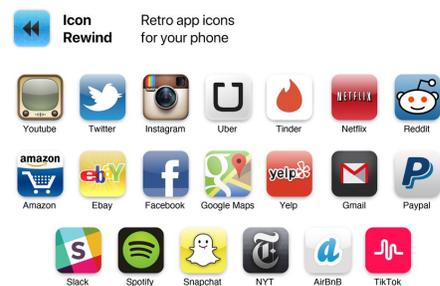


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## Top 5 Songs of 2023

By Pavel Navarro



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1. "Rich Men North Of Northmond" By Oliver Anthony-The song is good for vibing to in the country.
2. "Fast Car" By Luke Combs- Fast Car rhythm is amazing, and is a good song for a party.
3. "Last Night" By Morgan Wallen-Last Night is mostly for a broken heart if you are felling depressed.

4. "Cruel Summer" By Taylor Swift- Cruel Summer is mostly focused for all the people working in the summer.
5. "Calm Down" By Reme & Selena Gomez- Calm Down was a trend by a TikToker, and is a good song to play when a friend gets angry.

# Taylor Swift's "The Eras Tour"

by Haylie Schuman

Taylor Swift recently visited Kansas City and it was the biggest event of the summer. Taylor Swift recently went on tour as most people know it's called "The Eras Tour". Her concert is over 3 hours long not including the opening artists.

With 15 cities visited before Kansas City she has already made millions, but we probably couldn't predict that she would become a billionaire before the end of the tour. With 146 shows world wide and her constantly adding new shows, it will most likely be the highest grossing tour of 2023 and 2024.

The days that Taylor visited Kansas City were a very big deal for Kansas and Missouri. In honor of her coming to our city they temporarily renamed a street to Cornelia St. in reference to her song Cornelia Street, and another

street named Swift Street (Taylor's Version). The first night when she performed was the day she released Speak Now (Taylor's Version) and premiered her new music video "I can see you". The surprise songs to happen in Kansas City were



Photo by KansasCity.com

Never Grow Up, When Emma Falls Love, Last Kiss, and Dorethea. She also added a new song to her setlist while performing here; Long Live.

Taylor Swift broke several personal records while on the Eras Tour including, the longest applause, longest show-time, and ten albums on billboard charts. This was probably her best concert she'll ever have here but we'll have to wait and see until she comes back.

## Colors Have Meaning

Colors can trigger certain emotions and feelings

By Azaria Hann-Richardson

Believe it or not colors actually trigger certain emotions and what we think which can affect our decisions. Not only that, but they also symbolize objects or things and feeling too. Whenever you see colors they are always taking an effect on you. The reason for this is that colors you may have seen in your life a lot now represents that thing that you see that color on. Makes sense? For example, You have most likely see stop signs all the time around you and the color of those signs are red. The reason for that is to grab your attention because red is such a bold color. Other examples of colors symbolizing things is out American flag. Well most of the time when someone brings up those colors together your mind will think of the usa because that is what we have seen while other countries might not. Some other examples are colors meaning , purple represents royalty.



Photo by Pinterest.com

## THINK SPOT

1. Fill in the blanks in the sentence below with 6-letter words that are anagrams (rearrangements of the same letters) of one another:

Several hours can \_\_\_\_\_ quickly if you're \_\_\_\_\_, so \_\_\_\_\_ try to stay awake.

Hint: Words have the letters, s,e,p,e,l,a

Answers on the back page

### 2. Crack the Code

4 1 2 One number is correct and correctly placed

2 9 8 Nothing is correct

0 6 3 Two are correct but wrongly placed

1 7 6 Nothing is correct

What's the code?

### 3. Guess The Song By The Emojis

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# Dissecting Dreams

Seeing the true meaning behind dreams

By Hailey Thon

Have you ever had the dream about falling, being chased, or taking a test? Have you ever wondered what they mean or why they happen? Studies have shown that there are 7 common dreams that have a deeper meaning than just, for example, flying.

The first dream, one of the most common is the dream of falling with no end in a pit of infinite darkness. Some actually say if you do fall then hit the ground, it's a sign of danger or maybe death. But the real meaning behind falling in a dream is that there is something wrong in your life. This could either mean you need to rethink your choices or take a different path in life.

The second dream is the dream of being naked in public. This dream is very strange and one of the rarest dreams to have. Despite the ridiculousness of this dream it's quite deep. This dream means that you feel fake and you're hiding your true self. The deeper meaning of this dream is the fear of being exposed for what you really are.

The third dream is about being chased. The dream about being chased, whether it's someone you know or not, has the same meaning. If you're being chased it means you're trying to avoid something in your life. If a specific person is chasing you that means that you are most likely hiding something from the person.

The fourth dream is one of the most common dreams is your teeth falling out. This dream means either two things. One, (the most common) is that you are worried about how you look. The second one is that you

feel silenced and have a fear of saying something that would embarrass you. This is most common when you feel left out in your place of work.

The fifth dream is the most sad/scariest dream, death.

The dreamers that dream about death, they usually dream of the death of a loved one or even their own death. You might think that the meaning behind this is simple. You're scared of dying or watching a loved one die, but it actually has a lesser meaning of things changing and being scared of the unknown. A study from Lauri Loewenberg said, "Like death, change can be scary because - Also like death - we don't know what's 'on the other side' of the change, which is why the dream-

ing mind equates change with death".

The sixth dream is taking a test. We've all been

stressed out for a test and have always felt the need to study and the pressure of taking a test is so nerve racking. When a dreamer is dreaming about taking a test that means that they have a fear of failing. People usually have this kind of dream when they are carrying a big wait on their shoulders. Whether that's taking an actual test or having someone important relying on you.

The seventh and final dream is flying. Flying can either be a bad dream or one

of the best dreams to have. If the flying dream is bad. It means one simple thing. You're scared of heights. However if it's a good flying dream where you have the freedom to go anywhere you want to go and beyond. That means you are at a good point in your life physically and mentally. Whether you feel like you can express yourself or that you are open to the possibilities and you're ready for the challenges that are ahead of you!



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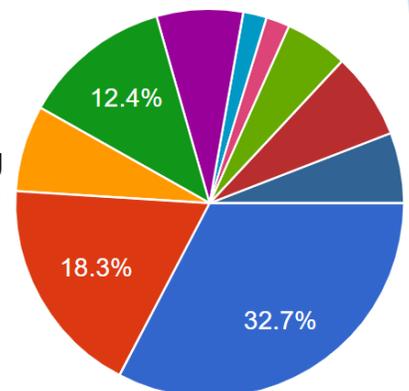


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## Oregon Trail's Favorite Artists

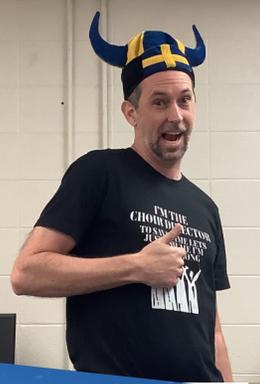
By Haylie Schuman

We conducted a survey to see who people's favorite artist is, here are the results. Taylor Swift came in at first with 32.7% or 50 people voting for her. Drake came in at second with 18.3% or 28 people. Third place was Ice Spice with 12.4% or 19 people. The rest of the artists include Olivia Rodrigo, Kanye West, Sabrina Carpenter, Lil Peep, Kendrick Lamar, DaBaby, and Morgan Wallen.



# OT Spirit Week

**SPRIT WEEK**  
10/2 - Crazy Socks  
We are CRAZY about Kindness!  
10/3 - Favorite Sports Team  
Team up against bullying!  
10/4 - Twin Day  
Be a BULLY, not a bully!  
10/5 - Hat Day  
HATS OFF to being a good friend!  
10/6 - P J Day  
Put bullying to REST!



## Movie Mania

### Top 3 movies of 2023 review and summary

By Hailey Thon

I'm sure you've seen some of the banger films that have come out this year such as Barbie, Super Mario Bros, Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse, and many more. Lucky for you I will be rambling about the top 3 movies of 2023.

First, a favorite amongst women around the world, Barbie. Although, you'd think this movie would be a childrens' movie with dad jokes and corny catch phrases. It's a lot deeper than just a feminine empowerment. The movie starts with Barbie living her best life in Barbie Land. When one day, Barbie finds her feet are flat, her showers are cold, and the thought of death follows. Barbie realizes she must travel to the real world, where things might not be as perfect as she thought.



Photo by IMDB.com

**88%**

TomatoMeter

**83%**

Audience Score



Photo by IMDB.com

The second movie is a sequel to the Grammy winner Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse. There's not much I can say without spoiling the movie. The sequel follows Miles Morales and Gwen Stacy through the multiverse. Joined by an elite force of Spider-Man variants dedicated to protecting the multiverse. However, when a new threat arrives, our heroes find them at a crossroad on how to handle the threat. While the other Spider-People start to choose sides, we explore the dangers of the multiverse as Miles learns about the sacrifices and consequences of being a hero.

**95%**

TomatoMeter

**94%**

Audience Score

The third movie is the Mario Bros Movie. Most people who first see this movie think it's just going to be another story of Mario saving the Princess and living happily ever after. This isn't that. The movie is a story of brotherhood and the risks you are willing to take for your loved ones. In this storytelling of Mario, the brothers are just trying to make a living as plumbers. When their business doesn't turn out how they wanted they try to help Brooklyn plumbing. Then out of nowhere they both fall into a rainbow tunnel leading them into a different world. Unfortunately Luigi ends up in the dark land, and gets captured by Bowser. While Mario ends up in the Mushroom Kingdom, and teams up with Princess Peach and Toad to save his brother.



Photo by IMDB.com

**59%**

TomatoMeter

**95%**

Audience Score

### Top 5 Weirdest Laws in the U.S.

By Charlotte Gurley

Most laws are about the U.S. or other things but there are some laws that make no sense so these are the top five craziest and weirdest laws.

1. It's illegal to sing in your swimsuit in Florida.
2. It's illegal to serve ice cream in cherry pie in Kansas.
3. It's illegal to fart in public after 6 p.m. in Florida.
4. It's against the law to eat an orange while taking a bath in California.
5. In Kansas, it's illegal to throw knives at men wearing striped suits.

### Taylor: Are the Rumors True?

By Rydia Kuchar

On September 24th, the Kansas City Chiefs had a special guest, Taylor Swift. Taylor was sitting in a suite with Travis Kelce's mom wearing all red. This made a massive difference in the sales of Travis Kelce jerseys. The jersey sales went up by about 400% and has become one of the top 5 selling jerseys in the NFL (National Football League). Travis also gained 300,000+ social media followers because of Taylor. Travis and Taylor met before Taylor's Eras Tour Concert. He tried to give her a friendship bracelet with his number on it, but she wouldn't talk to him before or after her concert because of all the songs she had to perform. Couples are now dressing up as Travis and Taylor because a picture of a couple that dressed up like them for Halloween in 2020. This picture of a couple's Halloween costume going viral as people believe that the couple predicted their relationship.



Photo from Today.com

# Trends Through the Years

By Rydia Kuchar

Through the years there has been many different styles and trends. We are going to go back to the 1950s, 1980s, 2000s, and the 2010s. Come on!

1950: First on our trip we are going to travel back to when sonic carhops wore roller skates. In the 1950s there were a lot of polka dots. They were just the style and they were everywhere in the 50s. Bright red lips and little bobby socks were also the trend. If you have never heard of poodle skirts, they were also popular in the 50s.



Photo by MarieFranceAsia.com

1980: Next we are going to electric 80s. They are loud and neon. They were also sporty so they wore leg warmers, L.A. Gear, fanny packs, and biker shorts. Business in front, party in the back. Yep, mullets. You can't talk about the 80s without talking about mullets. Back then there were also flared jeans, but they were washed in acid. With jeans, they also rolled them up at the bottom and if you didn't wear them like that you weren't cool.

2000: Now back to the 2000s. Picture this outfit, low rise jeans, layered lacey tank top, big belt, platform shoes, dangly earrings, chokers, and butterfly clips. There 2000s. They also wore flared jeans and had boho bags.

2010: In the 2010s there were a lot of different things that were popular like colorful skinny jeans and galaxy leggings. Also flared skater skirts, crop tops and incredibly ripped jeans were popular in the 2010s. Knee high boots, gladiator sandals, and rockstud heels were popular types of shoes. Lastly shutter shades were popular.

Through the years there have been many different trends, but one thing has always stayed the same, people have trends.

## A Few of My Favorite Books That Are Worth Reading

{ } -Readers thoughts

By Willa Mowry

### #1: So Close to You Trilogy

{I could definitely say that this is one of the best series I have ever read. It combines everything I want in a book, Adventure, Time travel, Mystery, Romance.} This is a story about Lydia Bentley, a teenager who is very intrigued with a local myth, the Montauk Project. As her and her grandfather investigate, she accidentally travels back in time to the 1940s where she meets her great-great grandparents and great-aunt. As she continues to investigate, she is stopped by a mysterious boy, Wes, who might have something to do with the time machine. Throughout the series Lydia and Wes travel to the 1980s and even 2040 to release the secrets of the Mountackproject..{I really enjoyed this book and the author did a great job painting a clear picture in my head. I really wish there was 50 more books to this series}



Photo from Amazon.com

### #2: Bridge to Terabithia

{This book made me shed some tears.} The main character, Jess, meets Leslie, the new girl, and they create a world in their imagination, Terabithia, where anything can be possible. They also create a friendship that could last a lifetime until Jess is put to the test after a terrible tragedy occurs one fateful morning. {This story a Realistic fiction that is sure to unleash your emotions. I could relate to the characters and really feel their happiness and pain}

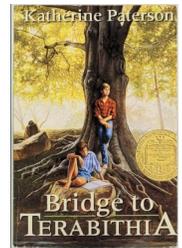


Photo from Plumfieldbookstore.com

### #3: Famous Last Words

{I loved this book because it has a super intriguing murder mystery that stopped me from putting it down. Also, the main character has the same name as me.} Willa is moving to LA to live with her Mom's famous movie director boyfriend. She notices some weird things happening around the house, a house that has been rumored to be the place a young actress was murdered in the 1930s. There has been a serial killer running loose around LA reenacting famous movie deaths with real victims. Willa meets Wyatt, a boy at school obsessed with finding out the true hollywood murderer. They work together to solve the mystery and end the killings. {This book was so fun to read! I loved trying to solve the murders alongside Willa.}

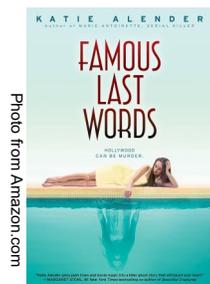


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# In The News

## Hawaii Gets Hotter Than Usual

### Half of Maui Caught on Fire

By Hailey Thon

On the early morning of August 8th nearly 115 people died due to a wild fire in Maui. The fire created 5.5 billion dollars in damage, and nearly 2,170 acres of land was destroyed. The authorities confirmed that electrical lines fell and the Hawaiian electrical company didn't disconnect it fast enough and spread the wild fire. Now, Maui is burnt to the ground and 2,200 homes were destroyed. This left about 4,500 people homeless and have no where to go.



## Sink vs Fountain water

Is tap water really bad?

By Azaria Hann-Richardson

When you want a drink of water, most kids find that fountain water is most appetizing and tap water is bad. This isn't always true. Sink water, most of the time, is the same water used in fountain water. You see, what really makes water bad is if it includes a toxic chemical, germs or worms. In tap or fountain water chances are you won't find anything **bad** because chlorine is used to kill of any micro organism before it enters pipelines. Now the question is, is chlorinated water really good for you?

The answer to that is not really, while it is safe for you to consume chlorine infused water, its definitely not recommended. So take from this, Yes tap water is safe but if possible, drink fountain water.



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## Kitten Saved From a Storm Drain

By, Azaria Hann-Richardson

Near Port Jefferson Station on Long Island, NY, a kitten fell 30 ft down a storm drain. The kitten was heard meowing and soon help was called. Strong Island Rescue and police were called to help save the kitten.



Photo from Strong Island Animal Rescue Facebook Page

Together, they moved 5,000lbs of concrete surrounding the storm drain and were able to save the kitten from the storm drain. Shortly, the kitten was taken to jefferson animal hospital. The kitten was named, Lawrence and will be put up for adoption soon.

## Florida and Southern States

### Struck by Hurricane

By Willa Mowry

Since 1950, around 250 tropical storms have hit Florida giving Florida the record for State with the most Hurricanes/tropical storms. Not all of these storms have caused considerable damage but there are quite a few that have cost lots of money and lives. The most recent hurricane to sweep the west coast and even part of the mainland, Hurricane Idalia, has been on for record-books. Reaching wind speeds of up to 125 miles per hour, Hurricane Idalia has destroyed more than 4,000 homes and caused up to \$12 billion dollars in damage. Hurricane Idalia showed up on the National Weather Service's radar on August 27th giving civilians 3 days warning before the storm made landfall on the West coast of Florida on August 30th. The Hurricane began forming in the Gulf of Mexico as a Category 1, the lowest category, then escalated to a category 3 due to the high temperatures of the Gulf. So far, there have been only 3 confirmed deaths. We can never stop the destruction that Hurricanes cause but we do know that a big source of the hurricanes is due to Global warming. The best thing to do when a disaster does strike is to help those in need by donating or volunteering .



Photo by NBCNews.com

# Climate Change

How is the world changing

By Azaria Hann-Richardson

Climate change has been happening for so long now but we have only been seeing changes over the past few years. Global warming is the long term temperature of the earth which is caused by ways of releasing carbon dioxide. Humans burning fossils is the most common way carbon dioxide is released. Some of the changes you may be seeing include, glaciers melting, the air gets hotter, there have been more forest fires, and alot more hurricanes and storms. Humans arent the only ones being affected by this, animals are too. Popular creatures you may have heard of that will be going extinct soon because of climate change are, monarch butterflies, koalas, and polar bears. The change in the climate is happening because of our bad decisions as a society. While we cannot change climate change from stopping completely, we can help slow it down. We can do this by not using adding anymore carbon than is already present. Some other ways to help the earth include saving energy like turnin of the light when not in use, recycling, and thinking about how you travel. For example you could take public transportation or ride a bike instead of taking a car that releases gas into the earth.



Photo OneKindPlanet.org

## CANADIAN WILDFIRES

By Haylie Schuman



Photo by Yahoo.com

I'm sure you've heard about the wildfires in Canada, but do you know the reason behind them? Canada has recently been experiencing more than 100 wildfires all over the country. Which could be a little confusing considering that Canada is know for the cold and snow there.

The cooler conditions Canada has been known for are partially relieving the wildfires, but they have still managed to damage over 200 homes. The wildfires have spread and burned over 37.8 million acres across Canada, that's nearly the size of New York state. At one point there was over 1,000 wildfires in Canada with over 600 of them being out of control. While

there as only a little over 200 under control. And about 150 of them not under control but also being held from spreading more. That means nearly 60% of the wildfires are out of control.

The main factor of these fires starting is drought. Canada has gotten severely worse over the years, and this year is the worst so far. Atlantic Canada received an exceptionaly low amount of snow this winter and had a very dry spring. Climate change is probably the biggest contributor to this years drought. They expected that coastal regions would get more rain due to the climate change but dryer climates tend to pull the moisture out of the soil, which causes higher rates of wilder fires.

## Twin-Dergarten

By Rydia Kuchar

17 sets of twins started kindergarten this year in the Colonial School district in Pennsylvania. It's the most amount of twins in the same grade in the school's recent history that they know of. The school district is welcoming 34 dergarteners to 3 of their 5 elementary schools. At Ridge Park Elementary School there's a set of twins in every kindergarten classroom. The teachers started calling it twindergarten for fun. "I always have someone to play with at home, now I have someone to play with at school, cause we're twins!"- Brynn Smith, kindergarten twin.



Photo by NBCPhiladelphia.com

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## Peso Pluma



Photo by eBay.com

By Pavel Navarro Camarillo

Peso Pluma is a 24 year old singer. He was born in Zapopan Mexico, and he was raised in Guadalajara. He's a famous mexican singer and is most known for Ella Baila Sola with Eslabon Armando. Peso Pluma goes by La double P, but his real name is Hassan Emilio Kabande Laija. He got death threats by the Cartel on the 21st of September, 2023 in Tijuana Mexico. He supposedly praised El Chapo. Peso Pluma had to cancel his concert because of the death treats by the cartel.

# Fall Sports and Activities Participants

## 8th Grade Girls Volleyball

Kahlan Aguayo  
Adler Berendzen  
Issa Cortez  
Ainsley Cruise  
Kaliyah Fuel  
Ella Gibson  
Stella Hamilton  
Roslyn Irwin  
Skylar Mudge  
Isabella Newton  
McKenna Sullinger  
Ciera Westerfield

## 7th Grade Girls Volleyball

Brooklyn Alvarado  
Sloane Anderson  
Aubry Badowski  
Kendall Bunch  
Katelyn Carter  
Norah Gallagher  
Brooklyn Hoegler  
Avery Lakin  
Tenly Palmer  
Isabella Reyes-Roe  
Sloane Troyer  
Ashlyn Young

Managers:  
Teagan Smith  
Stella Fritz  
Karly Lent



## Student Leaders

Brooklyn Alvarado  
Aubrey Bishop  
Mackenzie Burnham  
Spencer Burton  
Yaire Cruz-Jorge  
Alisson Diaz Rodriguez  
Taylor Heidari  
Angel Hernandez  
Brooklyn Hoegler  
Avery Lakin  
Mallory Lickteig  
Bailey McConnell  
Pavel Narvarro Camarillo  
Charles Nordstrom  
Ellis Orrick  
Yarianna Perez-Rodriguez  
Sophia Rice  
Barbara Rodriguez  
Chastelyn Rodriguez Diaz  
Haylie Schuman  
Mady Strohm  
McKenna Sullinger  
Leah Terry  
Jose Torres Raygoza  
Sloane Troyer  
Guadalupe Vicente Alcalá  
Ashlyn Young

## Cross Country 6th Grade

Reynolds Bodenstab  
Riggs Bodenstab  
Clara Davis  
Ava Fuller  
Hayes Hammett  
Collin Hayse  
Paige Hemenway  
Princeton Her  
Joseph Kingston  
Cayden Kuhn  
Brinlee Lewis  
Annistyn McCoy  
Mack Montgomery-Smith  
Madison O'Neil  
Eva Panic  
Samuel Purcell  
Roman Smead  
William Teigen  
Emma Walker  
Connor Willingham

## 7th Grade

Colton Alvesteffer  
Molly DeGregorio  
Anya Duncan  
Andrea Florez- Perez  
Parker Hanson  
Evan Hastings  
Asher Heath  
Andrick Kelly  
Ryan Leifert  
Connor Ray  
Mason Wynn  
Avilyn Young

## 8th Grade

Aubrey Bishop  
Tucker Burks  
Alejandro Fajardo  
Taylor Heidari  
Bailey McConnell  
Leah Terry  
Daniel Trubiroha  
Ayden Young

## Sources of Strength

Maria Baudenbacher  
Karly Lent  
Tyler Oxley  
Brandon Trejo  
Noah Toomey  
Molly Franz  
Hector Bautista  
Dulce Becerra Torres  
Adayla Lawrenz  
Colton Obrien  
Aiden Otta  
Tenly Palmer  
Aubrey Bishop  
Mackenzie Burnham  
Spencer Burton  
Azaria Hann-Richardson  
Angel Hernandez  
Kason Joles  
Pavel Navarro Camarillo  
Barbara Rodriguez  
Gomez

## 8th Grade Football

Alex Alvarez  
Manny Badilla  
Brody Barlow  
Colton Bowers  
Cashton Bowers  
Jacob Brandenburg  
Anthony Carcamo  
Jaden Colin  
Carter Cordell  
Colton Derks  
Deuce Enright  
Michael Fellows  
Corban Hardman  
Isaac Hernandez  
Hendrix Hollimon  
Brady Hutcheson  
Jackson Hutcheson  
Evan Jarrett  
Eli Lankford  
Angel Limas Garcia  
Nathaniel Martin  
Turner McAdoo  
Josh Mendoza  
Angel Olalde  
Eliu Pacheco  
Gavin Provost  
Jerle Runnels  
Anthony Sanchez  
Skylar Stahl  
Jackson Swanson  
Alec Trubiroha  
Nathan Vrbn  
Jackson Wagner  
Luke Weber  
Joey Welton  
Sheldon Witzke



## 7th Grade Football

Elijah Aguilar-Torres  
Edwin Anchondo  
Caycen Arens  
Memphis Bailey  
Vabil Boumrah  
Bryen Brandon  
Max Bray  
Chase Cain  
Mason Castrop  
Deagan Custard  
Julian Espinoza  
David Flores  
Xavi Garcia  
Juan Gonzelez Molina  
Lathan Harris  
Kingston Herr  
Tre Johnson  
Austin Kern  
Luke Jueter  
Jovan Kumbukani  
Jasal Malhi  
Diego Martinez Cardona  
Coltin Miller  
Juan Negrete  
Colton Obrien  
Aiden Otta  
Cole Pellatz  
Chase Riley  
Juden Roberson  
Zavian Rodriguez  
Colton Sargent  
Myles Schober  
Cohen Stevenson  
Gary Stroble  
Logan Tiegen

Managers:

Miles White  
Barbara Rodriguez Gomez  
Katherine Diaz Velzquez  
Carlos Guerrero



## Circus Olympus Cast

AJ Goelz  
Adayla Lawrenz  
Adelyn Amos  
Ali Aliverez  
Aliyah White  
Amy Syhabout  
Atticus Hayden-White  
Avilyn Young  
Axel Witthac  
Brooklyn Hasty  
Brooklyn Miller  
Caleb McMillan  
Charles Nordstrom  
Cooper Metsinger  
Elianna Hoshaw  
Elizabeth Tatchell  
Ellis Orrick  
Emma Swanson  
Emma Walker  
Ginny Mitts  
Joseph Wealot  
London Wittaker  
Maria Baudenbacher  
Martha Herman  
Ranan Myers  
Reyna Mendoza-Medina  
Rylee Brown  
Spencer Burton

Ta'Shaun Boswell  
Tierney Livezey  
Trinity Asca Mayienga  
Valeria Venegas  
Victoria Wallace  
Ximena Fuentes  
Yvaine Murphy

# CMM Fall 2023 Staff

**Haylie Schuman** is an 8th grader here at OT. Haylie enjoys playing softball and hanging out with her friend on the weekends. She is a pitcher and outfielder. She is a huge swiftie. Her current favorite song is mad woman by Taylor Swift.



**Pavel Navarro Camarillo** is a 8th grader here at Ot. Pavel loves to play soccer with family and friends on the weekends, and playing video games. He loves going bowling with his friends, Angel H and Tony S. Pavel loves to go with his dad and work or to go run errands.



**Willa Mowry** is an 8th grader at OT.

This is her first year in CMM. Willa likes to watch TV, bake, play soccer and basketball, and make movies. Her most recent home movie is The Secrets of Angelini, to be premiered in November. She has lived in Olathe for her whole life with her brother and parents. She has dreams of being a movie director in L.A. Willa spent the last semester of the 2022-2023 school year living with her family in New Zealand. There, she attended New Zealand school and learned about it's culture. She came back just in time for the 2023-2024 school year. She had fun, but is now back in Olathe enjoying her last



**Hailey Thon** is an 8th-grader here at OT. She moved to Olathe when she was 8, with her mom, dad, and sister. This is Hailey's first year in CMM. She plays soccer. In her free time, she likes to watch TV, make things, and hang out with her friends.



**Charlotte Gurley** is an 8th grader at Oregon Trail Middle School. She likes school and loves choir. She's even involved in an advanced out-of-school choir called Allegro. She loves to go on camping trips in her trailer and has been to over 23 US national parks. She also enjoys spending time with her friends and family. She lives with her mom, dad, little sister, and dog.



**Rydia Kuchar** in 7th grade. This is her first year in communications. In her spare time, she likes to do theater and dance. She lives in Spring Hill with her mom, dad, 2 brothers, and 2 dogs.



**Azaria Hann-Richardson** is an 8th grader at Oregon trail. This is her first year in communications and multimedia and she loves it. In her free time, Azaria likes to call her friends, play video games, go on bike rides and listen to music. Azaria loves her friends and family the most and she has a dog who she loves to hug and a fish named cheese.



### Think Spot Answers:

1. elapse, asleep, please
  2. 4 3 0
  3. Dance Monkey -Tones and I
- Blank Space -Taylor Swift  
 Drivers License -Olivia Rodrigo  
 Genie in a Bottle -Christina Aguilera  
 Baby Shark -Min Seok Kim  
 Starboy -The Weeknd  
 Ice Ice Baby -Vanilla Ice  
 Take Me To Church -Hozier  
 Call Me Maybe -Carly Rae Jepsen  
 Eye Of The Tiger -Survivor