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Can we exchange?

**Jeff High's foreign exchange
students weigh in on life in the U.S.**



Photo by Kyle Tincher

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Editorial: Benefits of the Ivy Tech Scholarship Reach Far Beyond Jeffersonville High School

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The city of Jeffersonville has created the life-changing promise of a free college education for Jeff High graduates. Mayor Mike Moore and Redevelopment Commission members joined with Jeff High representatives on November 28, 2018, to commit \$150,000 to the promise of free college tuition.

Despite some concerns from the community, this money is not coming from tax-paying citizens. "The funding is tax money generated by new business," Principal Julie Straight said, "so it's not coming out of our pockets; it's coming out of new businesses that are generating income they're putting back into the community through this TIF tax. That [income] goes into the Redevelopment Commission to decide how they use that money to help build up our community to further support business development."

The benefits of this program will reach far beyond the students who qualify for scholarships. Making post-secondary education more affordable will benefit our city and our region, as well. We should expect to see business flourish now that the number of college-educated Jeff High graduates is expected to jump exponentially. The program will open doors for job opportunities and entrepreneurship. It could even attract transfers to the city. Jeffersonville's Promise is more than a scholarship program. It's a dramatic way to shed the reputation of "Dirty J" and embrace a bright new future.



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Ivy Tech Scholarships: “Jeffersonville’s Promise” for the Future

A promise, a college education and a future. Many students stress about having enough money to attend college. However, the city of Jeffersonville has a solution and recently announced that they have partnered with community college Ivy Tech to offer a two-year scholarship to the graduates of Jeffersonville High School, starting with the Class of 2019. The program, “Jeffersonville’s Promise,” means that graduates are now able to attend two years of college at Ivy Tech for free.

Scott Hawkins, a social studies teacher at Jeff High and a member of the city’s Redevelopment Commission, explained how the program came together. “The program started with Travis Haire at Ivy Tech,” Hawkins said. “Haire contacted the mayor, who mulled over the idea for a while and in turn presented it to Redevelopment Commission members.” Other Commission members include Mayor Moore, fellow Councilman Matt Owen, Monty Snelling and Jack Vissing.

“Our Promise is based on a similar program instituted in Kalamazoo, Michigan more than 10 years ago, so we had data to look at concerning effectiveness and impact. Four of us voted for the expenditure,” he continued.

According to a press release by the city, students must meet the following requirements to qualify:

- A minimum of a 2.0 G.P.A. while in high school
- Maintain a minimum of a 2.5 G.P.A. at Ivy Tech
- Accept all federal and local aid as well as scholarships before the Ivy Tech scholarship, as the program is intended as a “last dollar scholarship”
- Complete the FAFSA (The Free Application For Student Federal Aid)
- Enroll in classes with the intent of getting a certificate, certification or degree
- Enroll in Ivy Tech during the summer, fall or spring after high school, starting in 2019

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It brought tears to my eyes when we were at the announcement.”**

-Jeff High Principal Julie Straight

There are no student income requirements for the scholarship, but Jeff High Principal Julie Straight anticipates that the program will be most beneficial to the middle class. “Our lowest income students — if they want to go to college through grants and things — generally they’re going to get it paid for that opportunity,” Straight said. “But the middle of the road where you have working families who make just enough ... there’s a lot of people in that situation because college is expensive.”

Some, like junior Sophie Weber, are extremely excited about the program. Weber, who has juvenile arthritis, says this will help her family pay for much of her college. “My family does not qualify for much financial aid, but most of what we make goes to my medical bills,” Weber said. “Without this help I could be stuck in years worth of debt.” With this scholarship, she said, “I am able to worry about my education more than my financial situation.”

However, Weber is concerned that the program’s money will run out. “I am worried that the money will not accommodate every student who meets the qualifications and wishes to pursue this opportunity,” she said. “Even with taking every financial aid and scholarship provided first, it is not cheap to fund all this.”

Hawkins explained where the money is coming from. “It is funded through the Redevelopment Commission, which receives funding through TIF districts throughout the city,” Hawkins said. “No taxes or fees will be raised to implement this Promise. The money is already there.”

Overall, Straight thinks that the program is a win and gives much hope to students. “Lots of people (are) very excited and....the kids....that’s the best part. It really can be life-changing...It brought tears to my eyes when we were at the announcement.” It’s a win situation for Jeff High students,” she said. “For Jeffersonville as a community, for employers in Jeffersonville, we’re going to have a more educated workforce. For Ivy Tech, they’re going to have more students. It’s just a win all the way around.”

By Greta Reel
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Academy System Continues to Grow at Jeff High

This school year (2018-19), Greater Clark County Schools started a new system of learning called the Academies of Greater Clark. The Academies encourage students to pick a pathway that goes along with their career choice in order to focus on the future. The Academies at Jeffersonville High School include Health Services, Public Service, Engineering and Manufacturing, and Business and Entrepreneurship. Freshmen start out in the Freshmen Academy. The question is: how successful have the Academies been so far and how are they changing Jeffersonville High School?

Jeff High Principal Julie Straight believes that the Academies have gone well and that students will benefit from them. "We have created small schools in a large school," Straight said. "We should not have as many students slipping through cracks or getting too far behind without a team of teachers that are talking about 'What can we do?' and hopefully intervene, which is definitely a benefit."

Each Academy has its own principal and counselor, along with teachers in that pathway to help students explore the career that they may want to pursue in the future. This also applies to the Freshman Academy.

Jan Haire, the Freshman Academy counselor, talked about the benefits that freshmen are receiving from the program. "There are three teams of core teachers who share the same students. Those teachers meet every week with Mrs. Hall (the Freshman Academy principal) and me and we discuss what students are doing well and which ones need extra support. I feel like we know the students better with the Freshman Academy," Haire said.

Straight says that current sophomores will be the first to truly experience the benefits of the Academies, as they will be the first class to have three years in a row of their career interest. However,

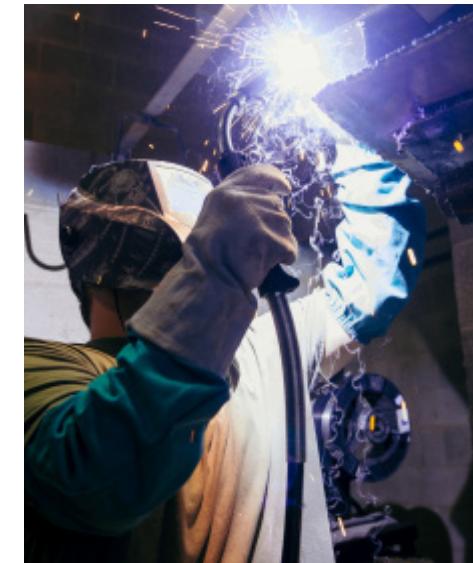
she notes that even upperclassmen will benefit from the program. "Embrace what opportunities there are," Straight said. "At Jeff High, we still have more opportunities to explore your interest for your future than any other high school in the area. We have welding here ... we have Radio/TV, we have Journalism, our arts." Straight also noted that students have been able to go on focused field trips and get real-world experience. "We have some seniors in internships, so there's some good things happening," Straight said.

Sophomore Karina Hernandez recognizes the benefits of the Academies, but said the Academies still need some improvements. "Students can now be guided in taking the classes that they will actually use in their career choice," Hernandez said. "However, they could be a bit more organized, but I get (that) it's the first year they have done this."

However, freshman November Shawler disagrees with the mission of the Academies. "Personally, I think that Academies are unnecessary pressure to chose the career you want when you are still a child," Shawler said. "A career I think is good for me sophomore year perhaps won't fit my interests senior year. And the fact that you can only change it once. What happens if you want to switch twice, and you are forced to have the credentials of a separate field entirely?"

For those who may worry that the Academies will completely change Jeff High, Straight reassured them. "(The) Academies don't change everything in the school," she said. "We're still a high school and all the classes are the same. But we hope that as we keep moving and getting deeper in our transformation, that there is more of a thread that may run through core classes of your Academy that helps really keep interest and make it more engaging."

By Greta Reel
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Is it Unfair? Students and Staff Sound Off on the Dress Code

Dress code has been a hotly debated topic for as long as I can remember. Teachers, peers, administrators and more all have different expectations of what students should and can wear to school.

There are even differences among dress codes in schools in our area. For example, New Albany-Floyd County Schools have a casual dress code and it isn't even strongly enforced. They can show skin above the knee, have rips in their jeans, show shoulders and more.

Our dress code at Jeff High is very strict, but there are many people who say that it is somewhat sexist, as well. While it doesn't explicitly show, everyone knows that our dress code affects girls more than boys. Guys can wear shorts a few inches above the knee, but if a girl wears a skirt or dress the same length, they get punished.

When asked if our dress code is more unfair to girls than guys, these are some responses from students and staff at Jeff High:

"I would agree that the dress code is more unfair to girls than guys. Guys can get away with a little bit more when it comes to dress code, because one would think they don't have as much to cover up as girls do."

- Natalie Bronson, science teacher and student council sponsor

By Joselen Lopez
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"Absolutely. Guys violate dress code all the time and nothing gets said to them because they are guys, when girls barely break dress code by the slightest bit, we get in trouble." - Tiara Jones, sophomore

"Yeah, there's more rules for girls compared to boys. I've been dress coded for having a hole in my jeans above my knee and a boy could have a hole in the same place and not have anything happen." - Elliot Mays, freshman

"Yes, guys have the ability to wear clothes that kind of let you breathe more than girls do based on our current dress code. Depending on the weather and circumstances, girls have it a lot harder." - Harrison Paul, senior

"Girls have it harder because guys don't have that problem, really, or I haven't at least. A lot of girls clothes break dress code and that's just how they're made. So it's kind of unfair that they buy clothes and can't wear them." - Hunter Milam, junior

By Meredith Shepherd
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food, and get rejuvenated to go back to class and work," said Lassiter.

Student walk-ins are welcomed at any time in Lassiter's office. "If they're just having a bad day they could just come by and talk to me, something might have happened the night before at home, or something could have happened during the day but they didn't get a chance to talk about it," said Lassiter. "I'm here for those types of things as well."

So I just want to put that out there
 so people don't think, 'oh it's not
 extreme so I can't go to her,'
 because
 that's not
 the case."

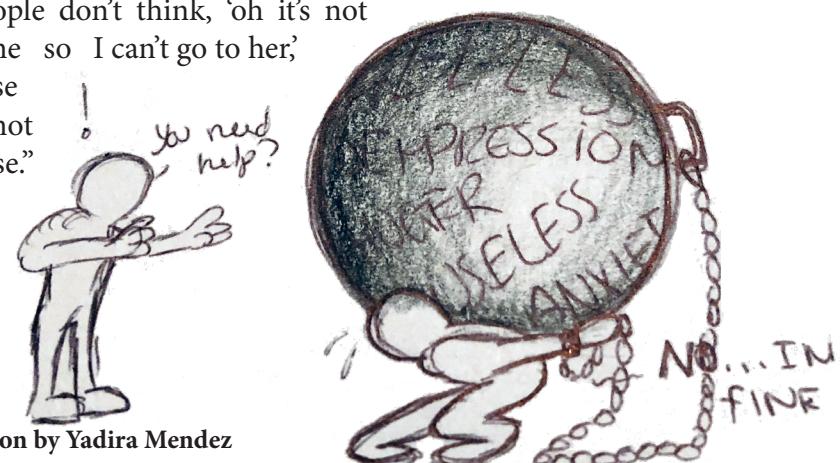


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Someone to Listen

Today's high school students are exposed to many stresses, whether it be academics, after-school jobs, social life or home life. Those reasons, along with others, may cause students to feel alone, anxious or overwhelmed. Sometimes these problems will sort themselves out on their own, but other times students suffer in silence with problems that time alone can't and won't be able to fix. They may want or need somebody to hear them and to help them find a solution to a problem that they aren't able to resolve by themselves.

Not all students know it, but there is someone here at school who students can go and talk to if they are having problems with mental health or difficulties at home or school.

Shaneé Lassiter is a social worker here at Jeffersonville High School. Her office is located in the media center. She has been working here for two years, and in that time she has talked to and has given resources to students to help them with problems that they were having. "I would like to think that I help them daily. It could be things like they're hungry so they can't go to class and concentrate on the work... because they haven't eaten... they could come in here and get some

Life Readiness 101

Would you rather learn parabolas or how to succeed in the real world?

We asked teens and adults what they think should be on
the syllabus for a class that really prepares you for life.

By Sophia Paul and Alanna Groves

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Sewing
How To Properly
Save Money

Communication Skills

Negotiating
When and when not
to say things
Social Media
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Name _____

Pop Quiz

1. What do you know about credit scores?
2. Do you have a car or any transportation?
3. When will you cast your vote?
4. How organized is your life?
5. What will you do to start saving?
6. Do you know how to negotiate a pay raise?
7. Are you ready?

Cover Story: Jeff High's Foreign Exchange Students Weigh in on Life in the U.S.

What would you pack if you could only take one suitcase to last you a whole year? A whole year without seeing your mom or dad. A whole year without sleeping in your own bed or petting your family dog. A whole year of new sights and sounds and sensations. A whole year in an unknown country. For Jeff High's five foreign exchange students, this is their reality.

Their names are Marlene, Louis, and Peter (who are all from Germany), as well as Giovanni (who is from Italy) and Kamilla (who is from Russia).

Amongst themselves there are many differences, from the way they were raised to the traditions of their families, but one thing they all have in common is the foreign exchange program.

The foreign exchange program allows students from all over the world to experience global interaction and travel, as well as the host of said exchange students to learn from their non-native guest.

"America is the dream country," said Kamilla on why she wanted to come to America.

She wanted to learn English and thought coming to a new place would be interesting. Marlene also agreed with her on this statement saying everyone wants to speak English and she wishes to become fluent.

Giovanni said there's even an English speaking club at his school back in Italy. The club's goal is to help students get their PET, which is a certificate of English fluency.

He also said America has lived up to his expectations. "Everything here is bigger. There are roads for no reason, and fast food everywhere." said Giovanni.

Louis stated Jeff High is a much bigger building than his school building back in Germany.

"Our number of students is the same – give or take, around 2,000 – but our school is probably 10 times smaller than Jeff High," said Giovanni on his school size. He said his school has no cafeteria, pools, sports fields or even lockers.

"I love my locker, even if it is annoying that we have to carry around our stuff" said Marlene, whose school is also without lockers.

Marlene also said school in the United States is much easier than school overseas. Every other exchange student agreed.



By Sophie Rousseau
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For Peter, Jeff High's daily seven periods are practically effortless to him, considering he takes 16 classes a week back home. In Germany, his homework is never assigned nor taken for a grade, rather it is simply just provided as a reference. In order for him to succeed on his exams, he has to study from wanting to rather than having to.

All the exchange students agree that homework from their home countries is harder than the homework here.

Kamilla said some of her classes in Russia only meet once a week, so when they do have class most of the time is spent taking a test. All the learning is left for her to on her own.

Some of them said students in their home country stay together the entire day and go from class to class together.

For Kamilla, she will stay with the same classmates from her kindergarten class until she graduates. In Russia, high school students only study 11 years rather than 12.

All of their schools have no school sports teams either. Louis, who plays tennis, is part of a club sport rather than a school team in Germany. Club sports only practice about twice a week rather than usual 5 for school teams here in America.

Many of the exchange students commented that sports are a much bigger deal to Americans. "One of the stereotypes about America is the sports," said Marlene.

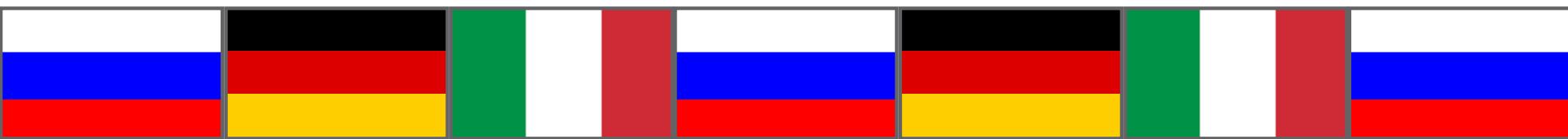
One of the things she has enjoyed most about her time here in the United States was going to all of the football games in the fall, even if she had no idea how the game worked. She is planning on going to all of basketball games this winter. Marlene also hopes to keep in contact with the friends she's made here at Jeff.

Kamilla, who will be leaving at the end of this semester, is sad she has to go. "I don't know if I will ever see them again, and although it has been a short time, I am sad to go," she said about leaving friends in the United States.



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- Giovanni Guazzo



Chess: The Sport of Mind

There are 400 different openings that are possible at the start of a game of chess. Calculating that first move intelligently and with close precision is crucial. All members on the team use different strategies to beat their opponent. Though it may not seem straining, moving pieces across a checkered black-and-white board takes mental strength, high concentration and rigorous training. So while chess does not require the physical endurance of activities like basketball, soccer or swimming, it still qualifies as a sport – a sport of the mind. Chess fits within the same category as debate, speedcubing (racing to solve a Rubik's Cube) and backgammon.

Calculating each move with precision “To the T” within a controlled amount of time, like a pre-planned quarter of a sporting event, makes the challenge of the game even harder. All the possible moves must be determined for the player to decipher which move has the most strategic advantages. Then they must try to presume what their opponent will do next and anticipate the result, hopefully toward to their personal victory. “We train, putting in hours of [training] like any athletic sport, and we compete,” coach Paul Washington said. “The talent within the team determines the outcome. It takes 10,000 hours to become an expert at anything you do in life. Chess is no different.”

Members of a chess team are given a rank and



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- Emmanuel Simmons

they compete against other players locally, regionally and nationally to receive points. Wins and losses determine how highly ranked the chess player goes.

Junior Emmanuel Simmons is the highest-ranked player at Jeff High and is the team captain. When a good move becomes apparent, there is a physical reaction, he says: “My heart starts beating out of my chest, my ears start ringing, I’m looking at the move thinking, ‘This is it. This is it.’”

Similar to tennis, each win counts as a point for the individual and accumulates to either a win or a loss for the team as an entirety. The stress of a match is simulated within the team’s training.

“The heart is a muscle and if adrenaline is pumping then I’m working out a muscle,” said coach Anthony Willis. “To do that, we have trainings that we do here, drills that we put these kids through. If you lose, you lose for your entire team to get their adrenaline flying … Just like that guy playing football calling the plays, he reads the defense and puts his people in the best position to execute the play.”

Whether it gets recognized as a sport locally or not, chess has been recognized by the International Olympic Committee as a sport since 2000. The chess team at Jeff High illustrates why chess requires a level of training and focus like other athletic endeavors.

Welcome the New Teachers at Jeff High



Mr. Glesing
Social Studies and
PE

“Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is the best.”



Ms. Esarey
Science

“When I was in the second grade I realized education can change your entire life. Now I’m honored to change someone else.”



Mr. Russell
Special Education

“The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught. It’s that every student should be allowed to learn.”

By Haylee Hedrick
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Why Should You Care About Class Size?

As a student, you might not think about class size very much. However, it is a topic that teachers discuss often and, in some cases, disagree about. This topic is disputed because most teachers like to have smaller classes, while others like to have bigger classes.

Since our school has so many students, classes are typically pretty large, usually ranging from 30 to 35 people in each class.

However, some teachers can't decide if they prefer bigger or smaller classes. This is a common dilemma for foreign language teachers, in particular. Aude Johnson, one of the French teachers, faces this problem.

"On one hand, I like smaller classes because I can have more one-on-one time with the students," said Johnson.

"On the other hand, when it comes to presenting, I find that students in bigger classes perform a lot better than students in smaller classes."

However, teachers who teach the common core classes such as Language Arts generally prefer smaller classes ranging from about 20 to 25 students. For example, Carolyn Simpson, a 10th grade Language Arts teacher, agrees that smaller classes are the way to go.



"Anything over 30 makes it harder for teachers to control the class and for students to learn effectively due to distraction."

- Evelyn Minton



Mr. Stock
Social Studies

"The greatest use of a life is to spend it for something that will outlast it."



Ms. Stevens
Special Education

"No matter what accomplishments you achieve, somebody helped you."

By Mattie Blanton and Kayleigh Gernand
@TheHyphenNews

"I definitely prefer smaller classes because I can have more one-on-one time with my students," said Simpson. "Also, students in smaller classes typically have better grades because of that extra one-on-one time."

Although the teacher's opinions on class size are very important, the students' opinions are just as important, if not more so. Students' education is very important and should be prioritized. When students feel as though they aren't catching on as fast as others, they need that extra help from the teachers.

"Anything over 30 makes it harder for teachers to control the class and for students to learn effectively due to distraction," said Evelyn Minton, sophomore.

All in all, while class size is a very debated topic among teachers, it should be an important topic for students, as well. Class size not only affects how students learn, but it also affects students' grades. In the bigger picture, this one topic affects students now and well into the future.

By Keandre Campbell
@TheHyphenNews



Mr. Manley
ROTC

"When all else fails, march with your head high."

How Does Social Media Affect Your Mental Health?

By Kristen Jacobs
 @TheHyphenNews

You live in a pretend world. Viewing fake people in fake places with all of their fake possessions. Sure you have followers, sure you have “friends,” but are you really happy? Most people think Yeah, I’m Happy, but social media can affect your mental health more than you think.

According to a Pew Research Center study, 92 percent of teens claim to go online at least once a day, and 24 percent say they are online almost nonstop. The statistics are from 2015 and I can only assume these numbers have increased in the past three years. So, here’s my question: how much does this affect your pursuit of happiness?

Worrying about the amount of “friends” you have or the amount of likes you get can impact you more than you think. Not only does social media have emotional consequences, but it can influence what you eat, how much you eat and how often you choose to go to the gym. These things can cause physical problems, not just emotional problems. If you’re under eating and over-exercising (yes, that is a real thing) just to impress your followers, it can generate physical health issues.

Cyberbullying is another big problem that comes with social media. Not being the “perfect weight,” not wearing the “right clothes,” and/or not having all the right materialistic things are only a few situations that could result in cyberbullying. People can be mean. I’m just going to put that out there. Some will criticize you for things that may not even be true, but that’s just the way the world works. I’m not saying that cyberbullying is okay; that’s

not at all what I’m implying. What I am trying to say is that you can’t expect for things to be perfect. And, if you are getting bullied, in person or not, you should definitely talk to a trusted adult. Whether that be a teacher, counselor or parent, they can most likely help you.

Growing up without social media hasn’t been super easy, which seemingly contradicts the purpose of this entire article; however, that actually helps my case. I don’t connect with people in the same ways as everyone else does. I tend to feel left out when I don’t see “that picture” or “that tweet” or don’t get “that invitation.” Just as having social media can cause negative feelings, not having social media can degrade your self-esteem too. This shows how much these apps have changed people throughout the last decade. If I can feel uncomfortable just because I am forced to have physical conversations, that tells you that some changes really need to be made.

What can you do to alter the way social media influences you? First I would suggest a cleanse. Although I said that not having social can be negative, I still think that you should try to go a couple days or maybe even a week or two without using any of your social media. It may end up becoming something that you make permanent. If you can’t stomach dropping Snapchat, however, you need to remember that whatever you post it will be out there forever. You don’t need to change who you are to fit in. If you are posting things that are even the slightest bit inappropriate just because everyone else is doing it, that can really come back to haunt you. Everything you put on the internet can be saved by anyone who sees it, even if it gets deleted.

1 in 4 teens say social media has a negative impact on people their age, for reasons including ...

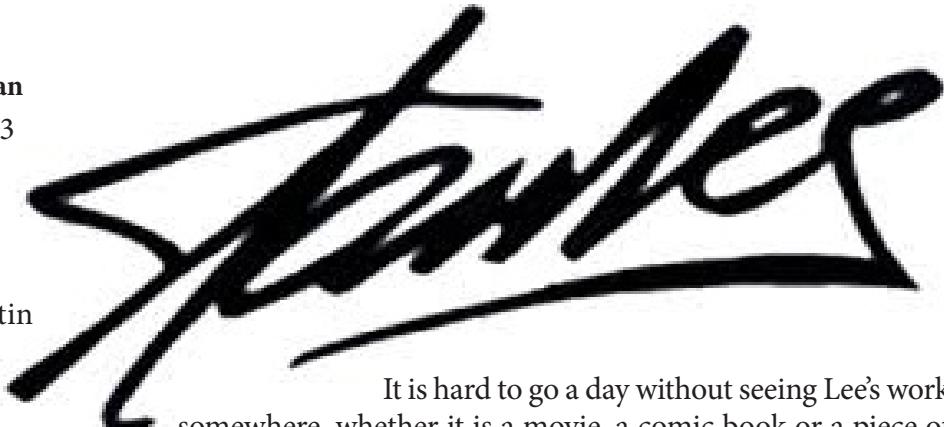
27%	17%	15%
bullying and rumor-spreading	harms relationships; lack of in-person contact	unrealistic views of others' lives

A Tribute to Stan Lee

By Braxton Troutman
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As lead editor and publisher of Marvel Comics, Stanley Martin Lieber – better known as Stan Lee – imagined and illustrated many of the blockbuster superheroes we see today including Spider-Man, Daredevil and the X-Men. Lee's characters were more than characters; they were people who changed the lives. They gave people hope and courage, and made them feel like anything is possible.

Born in New York on December 28, 1922, Lee grew up in hard times with his family struggling during the Great Depression. He went from living in the crowded New York streets to having one of the most successful movie corporations of all time.



It is hard to go a day without seeing Lee's work somewhere, whether it is a movie, a comic book or a piece of clothing. Could you imagine Halloween without kids dressed in their Spiderman costumes shooting silly string, children stuffing their shirts with cotton and foam to make themselves look like The Incredible Hulk, and kids attaching a metal plate to their chest to be Captain America. The list goes on.

Lee passed away on November 12, 2018. Even though he is gone, he has left a legacy that will go on forever in the hearts of millions.

How Many Stan Lee Cameos Can You Guess?

Did you know Stan Lee had a cameo appearance in every movie based on his comic books? See if you can match the movie with the cameo appearance. Also look out for Stan Lee's confirmed cameos in *Avengers #4* and *Captain Marvel*. (Answers on the back page)

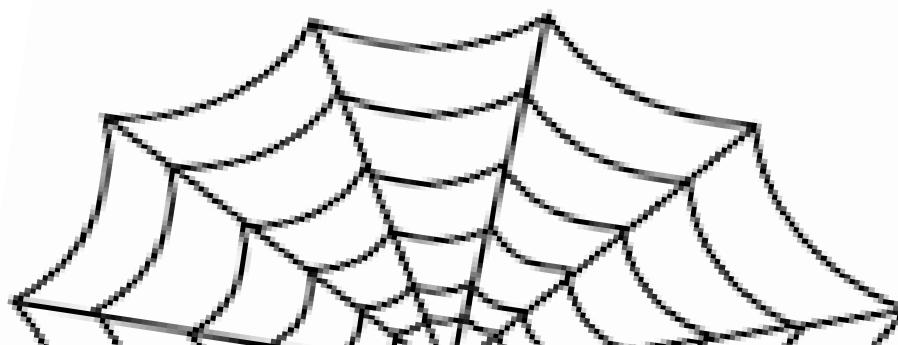
Movies

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 Spider-Man (2002)
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 Fantastic Four: ... Silver Surfer (2007)
 Iron Man (2008)
 The Incredible Hulk (2008)
 Iron Man 2 (2010)
 Thor (2011)
 Capt. America: First Avenger (2011)
 The Avengers (2012)
 The Amazing Spider-Man (2012)
 Iron Man 3 (2013)
 Thor: The Dark World (2013)
 Capt. America: Winter Soldier (2014)
 The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014)
 Guardians of the Galaxy (2014)
 Avengers Age of Ultron (2015)
 Ant-Man (2015)

Deadpool (2016)
 Captain America: Civil War (2016)
 Doctor Strange (2016)
 Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (2017)
 Spider-Man: Homecoming (2017)
 Thor: Ragnarok (2017)
 Black Panther (2018)
 Avengers: Infinity War (2018)
 Deadpool 2 (2018)
 Ant-Man and the Wasp (2018)
 Venom (2018)

Cameos

amused bus passenger
 car owner watches his car get crushed
 cyborg barber
 drunken War veteran
 dubbed Bartender
 FedEx driver
 General
 graduation guest
 hot dog vendor
 intergalactic storyteller
 man in the crowd "2nd larry"
 man in the fair
 man in Times Square
 man side steps debris
 man yells out the window
 Milwaukee man in the fridge
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Wrestling

The Jeffersonville High School Wrestling team is coming off yet another successful season. After a phenomenal 2016-2017 season, where the team qualified 14/14 Wrestlers to Regionals, the current 2018 team has qualified 13/14 wrestlers last season. "Team 60" also had 11 sectional champions.

As the wrestlers succeed on the mat, the team also gets it done in the classroom. Last year, there were six Academic All-State wrestlers, and the team also had the top two team GPAs in the state for the past three years.

With Coach Struck coming off of his sixth sectional championship, he looks forward to the new season. "My goals only change slightly from year to year. But our vision stays the same," he said. "My goal is to make it to state, national and international championships, but the purpose of our program is to inspire our athletes to be the best versions of themselves they can be."

Despite losing a class of wrestlers to college, there is still a major upside for the new and improved squad. Senior wrestler Isaac Hall says, "I feel we have a really strong lineup and I think it's going to be a shock to everyone because of how many first year varsity wrestlers we have. They just haven't had their time to shine and I think they are going to show out in a big way this year."



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Girls Basketball

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The Lady Devils return to the court this season with many returning players – including senior Tori Handley and juniors Nan Garcia and Kelcie James – as well as returning coach Mike Warren. Based on early successes, the team looks poised for a sectional title this year. The Lady Devils have scored 60 or more points in games that they have won this year and look to continue their high-scoring streak as the season goes on.

The Lady Devils started the season off by defeating the 16th-ranked North Harrison Cougars 66-44. "It was a big win for us after being so close in previous years," said team captain Tori Handley.

The sectional title is particularly important for the team this year, since it was taken from their grasp by a late, game-winning shot in last season's sectional match-up against Bedford North Lawrence. "It was a terrible feeling, but we all know our roles and what we need to do to succeed as a team," said Handley.



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Swimming

The Jeff High team is diving into another season for boys and girls swimming by getting back to their routines: morning practices, workouts, and vigorous afternoons in the pool. Their coach, Mike Pepa, couldn't be happier with the work ethic on his team. "It's difficult. We put in a lot of hours, probably the most hours of any team in the school," Pepa said. "But it's a lot of fun and good camaraderie. You're part of one of the most successful teams in the school if you join, but it takes a heck of a commitment."

To get to their level of expertise in their sport, they don't take the season lightly. When the end of October comes around, the girls team starts warming up. "I'm really excited to have a great season with the girls, everyone is so fantastic and sweet," senior Haley Vescelus said, "we have a strong team and I'll be sad when it's over."

Starting the season off right, the girls won against Bedford North Lawrence in their first meet. The boys team season starts two weeks after the girls, by the beginning of November. Both teams are in the water working to better the team and themselves.

Last year's state qualifier, Kameron Case, has high hopes for his senior year swimming. He plans to continue his career in the pool in college. "I'm looking forward to this season," Case said, "I hope this year will better prepare me for college level competition."

While the team practices for hours and days, all of that work goes toward a smaller, yet larger, goal: shaving off mere seconds (or fractions of seconds) from their time on meet days. A swimmer must rely on their own strength and put those hours of training into trying to beat competitors on the clock. "You're always trying to beat your best time," Pepa said. "You're not just benefiting the team but improving yourself as well."



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Boys Basketball

Every November, if a high school basketball team has lost a lot of senior talent, people call it a "rebuilding year." Although Jeff High lost several seniors from last year's strong team, not much rebuilding is needed this year. In fact, the 2018-2019 Jeffersonville Boys Varsity Basketball team, under the direction of coach Joe Luce, is poised for an exciting and successful season.

For returning junior starter Trè Coleman, this season he will have to take the court without the experience of his brother Jaden Coleman and the leadership of Bailey Falkenstein, whom they lost to graduation. Coleman said he is "expecting a great season and a good run when it comes to sectionals." The Red Devils will have eight returning players on their Varsity bench and Coleman feels like the 2019 Seymour Sectionals is a wide-open playing field. "With all our returning talent, we should consistently get better during the season and be competing for a sectional title in March."

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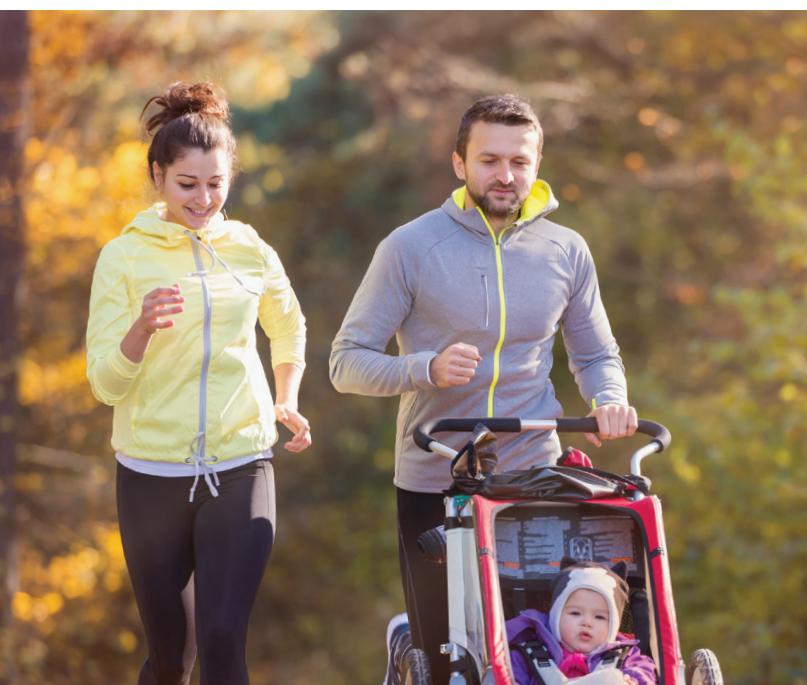
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