

The Green and Gold Times

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Events that Shaped 2017

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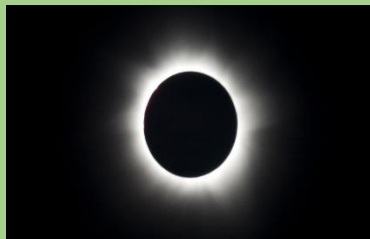
2017 was an eventful year, to say the least. Here are a few of the things that made it so memorable.

Inauguration of President Donald Trump - January 20, 2017

The inauguration of the 45th president of the United States marked a tangible change in our government, as well as a high point for nation-wide division. Celebrations (and protests) followed.



Total Solar Eclipse - August 21, 2017



This summer, the United States experienced the largest solar eclipse in over three decades. Millions briefly looked away from electronic devices to go outside and enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Hurricane Season - Throughout the Year

2017 was an especially bad year for tropical storms. Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria caused an estimated total of 200 billion dollars in damages.



2017 Fall Sports Wrap-up

Written by: Jennifer Williams

As the 2017 fall sports season comes to a close, there is no doubt that Narrows High was well represented.

The varsity football team has had a phenomenal season. Coach Kelly Lowe has lead the team to being the Pioneer District Champions. The football team won the first round of playoffs against Rural Retreat with a score of 48-6 on November 10. Following the first round of playoffs was a matchup with Covington. The green waves pulled out a win and went on to play Galax in the region semifinals. Unfortunately, the waves lost. We all are extremely proud of all the effort that the football team has put in this season!

The junior varsity football team also had a great season while rounding off their season with a record of 5-1.

The Cross Country team's season was outstanding. Ryan Perdue, Erick Oliva, Landen Eastburn, and Matthew Hamm all competed in the state run in November.

The varsity volleyball team won the Pioneer District Championship in November. The team went on to play in Richmond for the state championship against Mathews High School. The Lady Waves won the first set, but sadly lost the others. Congratulations to the Lady Waves on a tremendous season!

The junior varsity volleyball team had a good season as they finished 11-8.

The middle school volleyball team finished with a record of 5-3.

As the winter season is upon us, we are looking for basketball to also represent the high school well. Go Big Green!

Favorite Holiday Desserts

Written by: Hannah Belcher

It's your favorite holiday and your whole family is having a get-together to celebrate. You wait anxiously for the dinner to be over and then run to be first in line for picking out your delicious sin. Sure the family time, presents, and games are fun, but the desserts are what really matter. These sweet, scrumptious delicacies are what really bring the family together. Here is a list of people's favorite holiday desserts that satisfy their craving.

Mr. Sparks likes pumpkin rolls.
Hunter Orey likes ice cream.
Jennifer Williams likes pumpkin pie.
Caleb Clemons likes monster cookies.
Cota McGlothlin likes banana pudding.
Chris Wozniak likes banana pudding.
Kelsey Williams likes gingerbread cookies.
Vicky Whitters likes pumpkin rolls.
Zeb Shrader likes pumpkin rolls.
Frankie Cahoon likes cranberry sauce.
Mikey McKinney likes peanut butter balls.
Mrs. Kirby likes German chocolate cake.
Amalia Conscious Likes banana pudding.
Sydney Janey likes cherries in the snow.
Bailey Chambers likes pumpkins rolls.
Hannah Shuff likes pumpkin pie.
Alyssa Smith likes coconut cake.
Kellsy Lovell likes dirt cake.
Mallory Johnson likes pumpkin rolls
Jacob Kennet likes chocolate pie.
Austyn Mabry likes chocolate eclair.
Savannah Spencer likes custard.
Alexa Shockley pumpkin rolls.

Favorite Christmas Gifts

Written by: Kelsey Williams

Christmas is a very special time during the year in which a lot of happiness and memories are shared. While some say it is better to give than receive, I was curious about the best Christmas gifts my peers have received over the years.

- My most favorite gift was my Nikon Camera I got two Christmases ago.
- Stephanie Buckland said that her most favorite gift she has ever received was her gun.
- Alexa Shockley received her very own flute.
- Chloe Perdue got an old Gibson guitar.
- Chris Wozniak got a bow and arrow.
- Shyla Quesenberry loves getting a bunch of new clothes each Christmas.

As you can see, many of my peers were more than happy to give me an answer when asked about their most favorite Christmas gift. Christmas is a time where families and friends make many memories that will be remembered for a lifetime and anyone would be excited to talk about one of their most joyful holiday. Since this delighted holiday is about giving and spending time with family, people often look forward to this and are beyond excited to tell their many stories.

Foreign Exchange Students' Interviews

Written by: Cota McGlothlin

As many of you know, we have welcomed to our school two foreign exchange students this year! Their names are Keon Lee and Carolina Barbosa, they are both sophomores. I recently had the privilege of sitting down and interviewing our friends from far off lands! These interviews will help you get to know them a little bit better, I hope you get as much out of this experience as I did.

Q1: What country are you from?

Keon: "I am from South Korea."

Carolina: "I am from the big Brazilian city of Sao Paulo. Brazil." Sao Paulo is among the world's most populated cities.

Q2: What exchange program brought you here?

Keon: "I was able to come here through a program named Education First."

Education First is an international education program that specializes in language training and educational travel.

Carolina: "A governmental program with the initials ISE." The International Student Exchange is a Non-Profit Organization that unites the world through student exchange.

Q3: What food do you miss the most?

Keon: "It's a grilled beef and vegetable dish called Bulgogi, it is pretty famous." That is exactly what Bulgogi is, and yes, it's very popular.

Carolina: "I miss rice, in Brazil we put rice on everything, all kinds of rice."

Q4: What American food do you like the most?

Keon: "I like a lot of the American foods, they all are good to me, but I think Hamburgers and French Fries are my favorite American foods."

Carolina: "Mac and Cheese is definitely my favorite food here, we don't have that in Brazil, it is something special to America."

Q5: Is there any places you are looking forward to visiting in America?

Keon: "I really want to see some of the major universities in America, I really want to visit Boston University."

Carolina: "I really would like to visit some of your big cities like Washington DC, New York, and San Francisco."

Q6: What is the most surprising thing about America to you?

Keon: "I have been surprised by the American culture, I hear about it in Korea and now I see that it is real. Also, I am surprised about how big America is and how many states there are."

Carolina: "I have been surprised by just the difference in culture between a small place and a big one like I come from."

Q7: How are your classes here similar/different than your classes back home?

Keon: "My classes here are easier than my classes in Korea, the math is easier because I get a calculator, I really love being able to take music as well."

Carolina: "I really like being able to choose what classes I can take here, the focus of my classes are also different here than in Brazil."

Q8: How are the holidays here different/similar to the holidays back home?

Keon: "Halloween is bigger here than in Korea, Christmas is also a big deal in Korea. We also have something very close to Thanksgiving in Korea."

Carolina: "Christmas in Brazil is very hot, I am looking forward to Christmas being cold here."

Q9: Would you recommend the Foreign Exchange program to someone else?

Keon: "It depends on the interests of the person, it depends on if they want to learn English and further their studies."

Carolina: "Yes, this has been a very enjoyable experience for me so far."

Favorite Holiday Movies

Written by: Christopher Wozniak

During the holidays many friends and families come together and unite to share gifts, laughter, and memories. Some families, maybe on Christmas Eve or another joyful, sit down in front of their TV and watch their favorite Christmas movie. I took the opportunity to ask people: what are their favorite Christmas movies are and why do they love them so much?

McKenzie Smart: How the Grinch Stole Christmas. "It is really well made."

Paizley Lovern: Home Alone. "The little kid is so cute."

Shelby Mullins: Rudolph the red nosed reindeer. "I like the deer!"

Dustin Brewster: Elf. "Will Ferrell is hilarious."

Mr. Caitlin Suttle: Rocky IV. "Believe it or not it's a Christmas movie. They go to Russia and fight on Christmas."

Emilee Dennis: The night before Christmas. "It's kinda halfway a musical. It's funny, and the cartoon: it's cool."

Felena Pack: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. "It's funnier than me!"

Madison Keaton: Christmas Vacation. "It's funny and my family watches it every Christmas."

Autumn Blankenship: Frosty. "It just makes me happy!"

Allison Grose: Polar Express. "It all relates to Christmas and it's a good movie for kids to watch. It has a great story to it."

Fantasy Football Recap

Written by: Hunter Orey

This year, the yearbook staff decided to take part in a fantasy football league. The draft was September 7th which was in the nick of time because the first game was that night. Many members didn't have the time to draft so they had to auto-draft. After about thirty minutes, teams were set and the season was underway.

After the first week, there were several frontrunners. Jennifer Williams, Joshua Sparks, myself, and Caleb Clemons emerged as these. Several trades were proposed but no major moves happened. Odell Beckham Jr., Joshua Spark's pride and joy, did not play week one due to a bum ankle. Frankie Cahoon, owner of Ezekiel Elliott, has been troubled all year by the possible suspension of him. He was domestic violence year and this has haunted him all season. His appeals have been heard and granted multiple times. Up until week nine, he had played but his suspension was upheld and he will be required to serve his six game suspension.

Over the next couple of weeks, Jennifer Williams would assert her first place dominance and remain there. Her two powerhouse players from the Kansas City Chiefs, Tyreek Hill and Kareem Hunt, have carried her all year. She only has one loss which game to Joshua Sparks. Odell Beckham Jr., would give Mr. Sparks just enough to close narrow out his victory before his injury. Beckham would break his ankle during the game which would require surgery and he is out for the season.

The standings as of now for the east division are, Jennifer Williams in first, myself in second, Joshua Sparks in third, Phillip Orey in fourth, and Frank Cahoon in sixth. Caleb Clemons leads the west division, Mikey McKinney in second, Cota McGlothlin in third, Hannah Belcher in fourth and Benjamin Clemons in sixth.

The season is not finished at the timing of this newsletter being published.

Senior Superlatives Winners

Written by: Victoria Whitters & Zeb Shrader

This year, we had the opportunity to be on the yearbook staff to create these wonderful categories. It was a hard decision to narrow our options down to sixteen unique places. Voting for the superlatives took almost a week to complete, tallying the winners took a couple of days. Below are the winners of the Senior Superlatives:

1. Most likely to be the next Bill Gates/Oprah:
 - Garrett Green
 - Reana Shrader
2. Most likely to brighten someone's day:
 - Matthew Hamm
 - Kendra Johnson
3. Most likely to make millions:
 - Mikey McKinney
 - Fred Short
4. Most likely to be on the cover of Sports Illustrated:
 - Matthew Mullins
 - Maggie Guynn
5. Most likely to win an Oscar:
 - Joe Shipman
 - Jami Martin
6. Most likely to be late with food
 - Devin Blankenship
 - Kaylan Sheally
7. Most likely to be caught texting in class
 - Cameron Sowers
 - Kellsy Lovell
8. Most likely to be fashionably late to graduation:
 - Jacob Cecil
 - Jennifer Williams

9. Worst case of senioritis :
 - Brady Patteson
 - Cassidy Goumenis
10. Bestest of friends:
 - Zeb Shrader
 - Victoria Whitters
11. Biggest sweetheart:
 - Gavin Pruitt
 - Haley Conley
12. Most contagious laugh:
 - Jake Martin
 - Laney Newby
13. Best all around:
 - Mikey McKinney
 - Felena Pack
14. Most dependable:
 - Eric Oliva
 - Alexis Biggs
15. Most School Spirited:
 - Hunter Orey
 - Felena Pack
16. Most Changed Since Middle School:
 - Matthew Mullins
 - Alyssa Perdue