

Teaching the next generation.

Ava Premo (11) cheering on the football team during the Fall Youth Cheer Clinic on Friday, Oct. 3. "It was very fun," she said. "We did a lot of activities with the little kids." The young cheerleaders learned stunts and cheers that they showcased at the game.

// Maria Estivill-Kilmer



FUTURE FLYERS

Youth cheer with North team

The Bloomington High School North Cheer Team hosted its annual Youth Cheer Clinic this week. The team had practices with young cheerleaders on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The clinic ended with an opportunity for the

cheerleaders and see what it's like to cheer for a high school football game.

North cheerleader Annabel Thornbury (9) said, "I just made sure everyone was included. We did different cheers, we did stunts, we did tumbling. I just kind

of made sure, even if people didn't have the skills, like, that they felt special doing everything."

Thornbury said she gets along well with her teammates. "We're all, like, really good friends with each other, and I like seeing the familiar faces in the hallway, and I get to say hi to them," she said.

by Lyle Henry

Listen and earn.

William Payne (12) and Carlee Mueller (12) attend the Teaching Tuesdays Tutorial about the Common App. Payne said, "I just made my Common App account like last week, and I never finished filling it out. So I was like, might as well go in there and ... get some questions answered."

// Casey O'Connell

**Connecting with culture.**

Linden Travers (9) reads Chinese poetry at the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival celebration on Friday. Travers said, "It was a great cultural experience, and I think [it] made me feel more connected with the festival as a whole."

// Claire Watrous



Students hear new Taylor Swift album

Pop music celebrity Taylor Swift released a new album, "The Life of a Showgirl," on Friday, Oct. 3. CNN said the album was one of her most eagerly awaited to date.

At North, English teacher Mrs. Cassandra Mack hosted a listening party in her tutorial on the album's release day.

In addition to listening to the album, Bella Abel (9) said, "We also did coloring pages, and just kind of chilled out."

"It created a good atmosphere," Laura Bars (11) said. "[I felt] like everyone was just vibing along, and everyone seemed happy."

Lola Hawkins (9) said, "[I] thought the tutorial was fun [and the] coloring was fun, listening to music, being with friends." However, Hawkins said, "I'm not a huge fan of the album, really."

Abel said, "It's okay, not her best, but ... I recommend."

by Leah Fitzgerald

Color the sounds.

Bella Bennett (9) colors a coloring page during the "Life of a Showgirl" tutorial. Bennett said, "It was really good." Bennett thought the album was "definitely different from [Swift's] other stuff."

// Leah Fitzgerald



Still fresh.

Amia Johnson (11) listens to the new Taylor Swift album during Mrs. Cassandra Mack's tutorial. She said, "I like Mrs. Mack, and she loves Taylor Swift, obviously." About the album, Johnson said, "It's not one of my favorites, but maybe it's just because it's new."

// Leah Fitzgerald



BHSN Hoosiers Outrun Cancer team returns



Running for a cause. Mrs. Michelle Klawans and Ms. Stephanie Bruce at Hoosiers Outrun Cancer (HOC), participating on the Bloomington North team. Holloway Galvan (10), who also participated with the North team at HOC, said, "I decided to do it because I have a lot of people that are related to me that suffered with cancer, and friends, like in their family, and it just meant a lot to me to run and support them."

// Lyle Henry

Hoosiers Outrun Cancer is an annual running event that raises money to support the cancer community in Indiana. Over the years more and more participants have been joining, along with our students.

Fareeda Elghamry (10) took part in the event for the second time this year. She said, "It's one of the reasons I love Bloomington. Many people come in from out of town just

to race."

Bloomington North had a team that took part in the races but unfortunately had to stop participating due to the pandemic in 2019. This is the year we reintroduced ourselves into this celebration. Melody Smith (11) ran with this year's North team. She said, "Just having, like, something good to rally about."

by Marie Estivill-Kilmer

LEFT IN THE DARK On Monday, Bloomington North and several surrounding houses and buildings lost power during period G7. Some students were in class, others were at C lunch. The lights turned back on about 30 seconds before the bell.



Eating in the shadows. Josie McCarty (11) takes C lunch on gold days, which was when the power outage occurred. McCarty said, "I was kind of shocked." She said the power went out a few days before it at her work, and she "thought it would turn on really fast... but it did not." // Kelton O'Connell



Working through the dark. Isobel O'Leary (11), Ashley Greer (11), and Yashvi Tailor (11) complete an AP Chemistry lab during the power outage. O'Leary said chemistry class in the dark was "pretty fun." // Kelton O'Connell