

Minds IN MOTION

TECH FREE

Mr. Chris Kupersmith's AP Lang class goes outside and reads about transcendentalism. "I think AI is great if used correctly, but in general we tend to have an overreliance on technology," said Kupersmith. *Photo by Kelton O'Connell*



ALL SMILES

Joe Luther (11) and Frank Keefer (11) work on the bubble lab in AP Environmental Science with Dr. Angie Shelton. "Next year I plan on taking Anatomy because I plan on taking it in college," said Luther.

Photo by Sofie Garcia



TO THE POINT

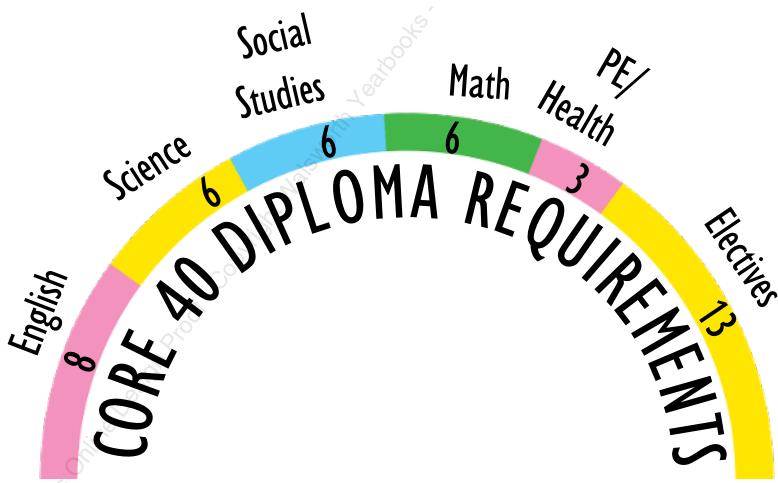
Lynzee McQueary (10) and Ellie Holden (10) use their periodic tables to complete a lab in Mrs. Mary Adams' class. "My favorite part about chemistry is doing labs with friends," McQueary said. *Photo by Ally Sons*

BURNING UP

Henry Hatfield (10) holds a fire during the Halloween show in Mrs. Mary Adams' class. "I plan on taking Plant and Animal Science next year," he said. *Photo by Ally Sons*

SCIENCE RULES

Mira Vamos (9) working on a lab in Mr. Dan Henry's biology class. "My favorite thing we've done this year was learn about climate, h" *Photo by Sofie Garcia*



It's All About...

... the best core classes.

"Geography and History of the World. I like the group work." *Josh Wood (9)*

"Geography and History of the World with Ms. Lykins." *Bryson Jenkins (10)*

Bee Belle (10) sorts a mixture created for a chemistry filtration lab. Belle said, "We had a cup with a bunch of rocks, sand, gravel, and iron filings," and the students used a magnet to remove the iron fillings from the mixture.

Photo by Shay Pfanschmidt



INSPIRED LINES

Jack Maher (10) working on a drawing in his English class with Dr. Lynch. "My favorite piece of literature we looked at this year was 'Macbeth,' because it was fun acting out all the scenes," said Maher.

Photo by Ally Sons





What day do you have more core classes?

"I have more core classes on gold days. I have finite and government."
Addie Fruehley (12)

"I have an equal amount of classes on both days. I have math and history on maroon days and science and english on gold."
Lauren Fernandez (11)

"I have more on maroon days. I have chem, bio, and math."
Colin Cullinan (10)

"I have more on maroon days. I have english, math, and biology."
Mason Chen (9)

FEELIN' BUBBLY

Tracey Chen (11) and Soyul Ahn (11) work on the bubble lab from Dr. Shelton's AP Environmental class. Chen (11) said, "We were testing out whether or not nurturing a bubble would affect how long it would last in the air."

Photo by Sofie Garcia

LOUD AND CLEAR

Joe Shipley (11) and Jimmy Lin (11) listening to fellow classmates speak in a mock debate on Mr. Sturgeon's AP US history class. "The easiest part of the debate was listening to other people's opinions the hardest was coming up with my own to share with the class," Lin said.

Photo by Kelton O'Connell

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS EXAMINE AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been a highly controversial technological development, especially in schools.

With exploding popularity, AI platforms such as ChatGPT and Snapchat AI allow students to paste a school assignment prompt or question and immediately get an answer out of it. In doing this, students aren't truly learning the material. Removing critical thinking, AI can cause an overreliance on technology, and because these programs can provide misinformation, may provide inaccurate results.

Mr. Chris Kupersmith, an English teacher with a zero-tolerance policy towards AI, said, "Kids should use it

like they use a tutor. ... Tutors help you, but they don't do your work for you, right? To me, if you use AI to write an essay, you're not doing your work; your tutor is doing the work for you."

Does that mean that AI is all bad? Social studies teacher Mr. Chris Blackburn said, "I think that AI is an amazing tool for kids and is great for generating ideas and such. ... One thing our institution should be doing ... is helping [students] understand ... language models." He also emphasized the increasing demand for AI skills and familiarity in the workplace.

While we have yet to see what is to come with the integration of AI in schools, it remains a very disputed topic in the academic community.

Story by Tristan Larson

How many core classes do you have?

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"My favorite is definitely English 12 because of Mr. Engel. He teaches us things about the real world."
Eli Arnold (12)

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"My favorite is geography because my teacher [Mr. Nelson] is a good teacher."
Ashlynn Covert (9)

Senior Vs. Freshmen

"Geometry because I like learning it more than other math."
Amia Johnson (10)

"English, just in general."
Makinze Deckard (11)

"Mr. Sturgeon's history class... he always made it fun."
Evan Allie (12)

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