

# The Emerald

## Academic Top Ten

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**Ian Stemplewski**

“My favorite memory is hitting Whitney with my car.”



**Heather Mcleod**

“My favorite memory of school is Band Camp freshman year when it was like 112 degrees F and Mr. Driver had us line up along the practice field and sprayed us with the hose. Mr Driver said, “The band that showers together...well, never mind-” but he was then interrupted by Jacob Yeager yelling, “Has babies 9 months later!” It was hilarious.”



**Amanda Griffin**

“My favorite memory was watching Ian hit Whitney with his car.”



**Taylor Flood**

“That one time at band camp..”



**Kylee Mead**

“In my driver’s training course my instructor told the class to imagine ourselves as product. He told us to be successful we need to market ourselves to the world, to our future boss, etcetera: he gave us an assignment to create a slogan for ourselves. The slogan was how we want to portray ourselves to the world. The slogan I created for myself: “Seen but never heard.” Which is why I am content to disappear for this stage of life where I have been successful, quietly beginning the next.”



**Emily Jackson**

“My favorite memory has not happened yet. It will be walking across the stage on May 31st!”



**Whitney Webb**

“My favorite memory is getting hit by Ian’s car.”



**Tyler Lahusky**

“My favorite memory was when Parker, Ryan, Ian and I were in the Fowler Fab 5. That was hilarious”



**Briana Smith**

“The one thing I will always remember about school is taking a 14 hour bus ride to New York and stepping into the pouring rain. I’ve hardly been out of Battle Creek and singing at Radio City with my friends definitely tops all of my adventures.”



**Kendall Sidnam**

“My favorite high school memory is being part of the Pennfield’s Follies. It’s always a really fun time backstage hanging out with the other performers!”

# Panther Life

## Cam Crespo's Parking Spot Samantha Penland '15

In the back of the parking lot there is one spot that only one person has everyday, Cam Crespo. He has had that spot for as long as he could drive. Even when snow blocked his spot that didn't stop him from parking there. He would shovel it out only there just so he can have his parking spot. We had the chance to talk to Cam about his spot. The first question was why do you shovel out a spot just so you can claim it as your own? Cam said, "The main reason for doing this was because it is my spot. I took care of it and felt the connection. It was my responsibility, plus it was pretty darn cool to have snow above your truck on both sides." After receiving a ticket for parking on the snow mound, Cam decided to shovel out his space to prevent further tickets. Cam worked hard to keep his spot and even when he leaves that will still always be Cam Crespo's parking spot.



## Easter Traditions

Logan Messanger '16 Easter is a lovely holiday to celebrate, it's a day to remember when Jesus Christ rose from the grave after being sacrificed during Passover. Certain students from Pennfield High school and their families have traditions for Easter, traditions are the transmission of beliefs from generation to generation. On Easter, my favorite tradition is to spend time with my family and attend Church. I had the chance to speak with two Pennfield High school students about their favorite Easter traditions. "I go to church that morning and instead of an Easter egg hunt, my grandpa sets up a scavenger hunt with eggs that have clues inside to get to a big prize at the end," explains Junior, Katee Freelove. "I go over to my grandmother's house and spend time with my family" says Junior, Micheal Rennaker. Whatever your tradition is, make sure to have a great Easter!

## Training for Teachers

Mikkii Lovelace '15 As most of you are aware, the teachers were required to attend an active shooter training a few weeks ago. A school shooting is one of the scariest things that could happen, and everyone should be prepared. The teachers went through what would happen and what they would need to do if there was ever a situation where there was someone armed in the school. After attending the training, Mr. McCafferty said, "The teachers feel better about keeping the students safe." Then we discussed if it happened how prepared someone would be, "You only have time to react with what you are prepared with," he replied. It is important that the adults in the school are prepared to protect the students as best as they can.

## Exotic Pets

Jaymee Wilber '15 Have you ever thought you had a lot of pets? Well you haven't seen "A lot" until you take a visit to senior Gavin Goss' house. Gavin currently owns and breeds 75 snakes! Yeah, I was shocked as well. His dad has been breeding snakes since he was about 20 years old. He has since brought Gavin along about 5 years ago to help breed with him. Some of the breeds that they own include; Ball Python, Red Tail Bows, Burmese Python, and Corn snakes. You might be wondering, where does he keep them all? Gavin and his dad keep their snakes in breed specific temperature tubs. I asked Gavin a couple of questions about what other people think when he tells them about his pets. "I get a lot of the same reactions from people, either it's cool or they're just really unsure on how to react about it. And the neighbors really don't pay attention or care for them." Do you still think you have a lot of pets?



## Plans for Spring Break

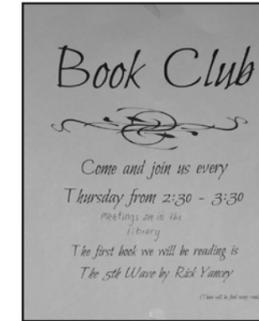
Mikkii Lovelace '15 There is always so much you can do over spring break. Some people go visit family, go on vacation, take road trips, or just relax at home. Elizabeth Keifer said "I'm just going to stay home and play league." There doesn't have to be trips and traveling just to be able to have fun over spring break. Maybe just being around family and friends and home is enough. I personally have never gone anywhere for spring break and every break that I have had has been good and I can't complain about that. Senior Braxton Burchard is going to Orlando Florida to stay with his cousin and he is going to shoot guns with her boyfriend. Sophomore Jonah Kurtz is going to the Toledo Zoo and he's going to look at the animals and feed them with his family. Everyone looks forward to spring break, make sure you spend the time doing what you want to do and don't hesitate to actually have fun because you'll never get that time back so make it worth it.

# Academics

## Book Club

### Camarie Smith '16

There are many great clubs at pennfield, and there are a few new ones this year. One of them being book club. Book club is a great way to meet new friends and talk about books you like. Mr. Lessnau is the teacher in charge, Cassidy Stevens one of the members is "excited to introduce the book and meet new people." Pennfield is always trying to find new ways to improve student literacy here at school. I had the chance to talk to our principal Mr. Duckham and asked him what he thought about this new book club and how it will improve our school's literacy. He believes that "in order for it to improve our schools literacy then the students who created the club would have to branch out and get their friends involved as well." If you are interested in joining, book club meets every Thursday from 2:30-3:30 in the library. The first book that they will be reading is The 5th Wave by Rick Yancey.



For years, Pennfield has provided the students with an excellent learning tool, laptops. The school laptops have become an essential supply in our classes, every single day. But how much is too much? This year, Pennfield officials decided to use more technology, and less printed paper. As the days go on, the support for this dwindles down. With the teachers not being able to print things out, it makes it harder for the students to do what is required of them. Some of the parents are speaking against this new rule, also. A mother of a senior had said, "they don't even send us things in the mail anymore, they just call and it's annoying. If I can't get to my phone, or forget something, I don't have the paper to look at." When it comes to paper, students and teachers should still have the option to use it. Senior, Ashton Amaro, explained "I think that it is harder on the students [without paper] because we have to rely on technology that does not always work, I would rather use both paper and computer together so if one fails I can rely on the other." Ashton makes a very good point, yes, the school saves money by not producing all the paper, but is it really worth the frustration and burden on the students, parents, and even some teachers? For some classes, it is easier to use strictly technology. Mrs. Royer for instance, has not put in for copies all year. "I find it easier to place documents on Moodle, rather than dealing with submitting copies, picking them up, handing them out, and then having students lose them," said Mrs. Royer. In many cases technology has advanced learning, but for some it is a burden.

## Eat, Sleep, Cry Taylor Stout '15

Parenting can be hard at times, and that's just what Mrs. Allen teaches her students in her semester long parenting class. Each year, if the students choose, they can take home a baby of their own (not real, of course) and we call these the infant simulators. They act very similar to a real life baby; sleeping, eating, crying and even "filling" a diaper. Many kids take it over a course of a couple days and experience what parenthood is really like. "The infant simulators are a great opportunity for students to understand all the responsibilities of parenthood," explained Mrs. Allen. Raising a child can be tough, and Pennfield provides this class to provide the students with the experience before actually taking on the responsibility of a child.

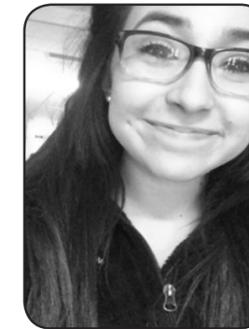
## Paper vs. Computers Taylor Stout '15

## Hallway Challenger

### Camarie Smith '16



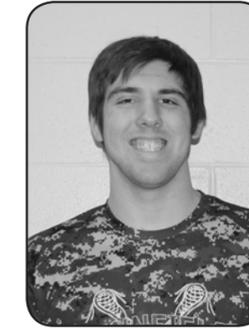
Troy McClain '18  
1976



Aneesa Tejada '17  
1800



Quentin Mandoka '16  
1943



Jacob Nigg '15  
1961

## When was the first edible Easter bunny produced?

Good job everyone! The correct answer is the 1800's. We don't know the exact date but, Aneesa was the closest.

# SPRING

Namaste, join us on a journey to finding your inner peace. Pennfield High School is starting up their very own yoga club. The word yoga is derived from the Sanskrit word 'yuj', which means 'to unify' or 'to yoke'. Yoga is an ancient form of meditation; an awareness practice that synchronises body, mind and breath. I asked yoga club member Taylor Flood the reason why she decided to join the yoga club and how long it took to get a yoga club here at Pennfield and she said, "I personally enjoy yoga and wanted to join a class outside of school but couldn't find one so I decided to start my own. I put a lot of thought and consideration into the yoga club before it became a thing at Pennfield. It took me about 3 months to get the club started and it means a lot to finally have the going with many people giving positive feedback and enjoying their time in yoga club."

**Yoga Club**  
Erin Ownes '15

It's almost spring time, which means spring sports are almost under way. One sport you should definitely sign up for is the track team. Track is a great way to stay in shape and increase stamina. The team divided into a boy's and girl's team. Practice started March 9th, and a previous track member, freshmen Alana Dyer, has a few tricks to help you out. "You can expect pain and sweating," she says. "It was fun, In January I liked it, sadly I quit." To join the team you must have a physical on file before April 15th. I also talked to Coach McKire, who states his favorite moments of track is "When students become all staters. Track is really about working together as a team." If you have more questions about track, or want to join talk to Mr. Steele or Coach McKire.

**Track**  
DeJana Tellis '18

Many sports are coming to Pennfield this spring, including softball. This year, the team is coached by Mrs. Metcalf and Mrs. Cowham. Tryouts for the team were March 9th, and thankfully, I found someone that made the team! I interviewed Destiny Hand, who told me "Yes, I am on Varsity softball and I am more than excited for the season! I absolutely love softball!" She could be found practicing in the band hallway multiple times, before, as well. Just ask Mrs. Metcalf for more information. Let's cheer on our Pennfield Varsity Softball team as they go into the new season!

**Softball**  
Emma Stover '18

Baseball is one of the worlds, as well as one of Pennfield's, favorite sport. This season, the guys have really been putting in work to be the best players out there. Junior, Taylor Dean, said that their biggest rival would be Harper Creek. Taylor said his goal for the season, would be to "hit home runs." A Junior Varsity player, Malakhi Smith, said that his favorite thing about baseball season would be the sound of a bat hitting a ball. The team hopes to go all the way this season. As a team, their goal would be to get some wins and just to take it game by game. This year, will be Coach Moran's 12th year coaching. You can find their schedule online or in the office. Come out and support the boys this season!

**Baseball**  
Ainsley Haaskma '17



**Seniors:** Darian Brown, Gaige Parker, Brandun Rugg, and Tanner Dean.

**Not Pictured:** Kody Moore, Kyle Moore, and Jordan Hultink.

# SPORTS

**Lacrosse**  
Chester Dalski '18

Lacrosse is one of the oldest sports in the world. Originally created by the Native Americans, it has been a rapidly growing sport in the past ten years. Our Pennfield Panthers Lacrosse team looks to be as strong as ever. The coaches this year are Coach Taggot for the varsity squad and Coach Casey for the JV squad. "I'm looking forward to my first year on the JV team," said Nick Godbey, Freshman. The first practice was March 9th and their first game is on March 30th. If you're a fan of Lacrosse and even if you're not, come support your Pennfield Panther Lacrosse.

**Tennis**  
Samantha Penland '15

It is getting warmer and you know what that means, spring sports are coming. One of those lovely sports is tennis. Tennis is so far great, there are a ton of new faces. The team has players with the skills they need to succeed this tennis season. The Pennfield girls have a big enough tennis team that everyone will most likely get a spot on the team, but there will only be enough for a varsity team. Recently the girls had a match at Portland High School for the MSU tournament on the 21st. The girls worked hard every minute and even if some of them didn't win they had fun playing the sport. Of course there will be more matches, so if you are interested in coming out to support them then you can ask our Captain, Briana Everline, Clarissa Thurman, and Ally Schwarz for information on matches. We had a chance to talk to junior Clarissa Thurman. Clarissa was asked what she was looking forward to this season and how do you think you will do personally. She said, "I am looking forward to the games and hanging out with the team, and I hope I do well this season." The newspaper staff wishes everyone on the team good luck, and play hard.



**Seniors:** Emily Kent, Taylor Flood, Samantha Penland, and Lisa Dube'  
**Not Pictured:** Briana Everline and Clorissa Hall.

**Golf**  
Ashley Tate '15

Spring sports have started and have been practicing all week. One sport to check out this year is the Golf team. There are students from last year returning but we also have new students joining the team. Senior Tyler Driscoll says, "I'm just excited to get back on the course." If you are joining the golf team this year, a physical must be on file before you play and if you have any questions you can contact Coach Larson (larson116@comcast.net)

Spring is the season these girls anticipate the most. With spring means the start of the girl's soccer season. On the week of March 9-13 girl's soccer practice began. I asked Coach Kubik what the number one thing he is looking forward to coaching Pennfield Girl's Soccer team this season was and he said, "The number one thing I'm looking forward to this season is easily working with all the talented players. This will be by far one of the most skilled groups I have worked with in my 12 years coaching soccer between Florida and Michigan." Good luck girls!

**Girls Soccer**  
Erin Owens '15

# Community

## Woman's History Month

Ashley Tate '15

March is known as Woman's History Month, it is celebrated during March in the United States, the United Kingdom, and also in Australia. In the United States, Women's History Month goes all the way back to the first International Woman's Day in 1911. Sunday, March 8th, was National Womens Day. This years theme was called "Make it happen" The theme encourages people to take action toward gender equality and recognizing women's achievements all around the world. There are plenty of ways celebrate International Women's Day. It could be wearing purple, learning more about woman in history, or just talking about it with friends and loved ones. Women have come a long way in this world, and deserves a day of celebration. Read more: <http://www.care2.com/causes/how-international-womens-day-began.html#ixzz3TtT8tkFv>

## #Not All Men

DeJana Tellis '18

Men right activist, meninists, are a group of people opposed to feminism and feel men are discriminated and have disadvantages in society. The word originally came from feminist, wanting equal right for all genders, but this particular group is against this idea because "Feminism is really the hatred of men." Meninist believe that women are treated equally in society and feminist are really trying to dominate men. Meninst believe that, although women have endured years of unfair treatment, that they have too much power and need to include men. As it states in an anti-feminist group on facebook, "A feminist is someone who: Has nothing good to say about men, nothing bad about women and then claims this is equality." This Facebook group also refers to advocates of gender equality as "turbo-feminist." On Twitter the hashtag "Not All Men" and "Meninist" trended for weeks. Although, yes, men do face challenges in society. For example saying men don't cry and having unrealistic body expectations. That's what feminism is all about; Wanting equal rights and equal opportunities for all genders. Being able to do and look the way you please without being judged. Freshmen Aryn Holcomb gave her opinion on the whole debate. "Feminism to me is equality for both sexes, all sexes. Menism to me is just sexist. Just because it has the word feminine in it doesn't mean it's just for girls." Whether you are a feminist or a meninst, no one should ever be against basic human rights and equal treatment.

## Cat Calling

Taylor Swartz '15

"Haay girrrrl!" Have you ever been whistled to and shouted at while walking down the street or even down a school hallway? This is called catcalling. Recently members of "Hollaback!", a group against street harassment, posted a video of a woman named Shoshana Roberts. In the video Roberts is walking down a street in New York City wearing jeans, a t-shirt, sneakers and no makeup. Robert's boyfriend walked ahead of her with a hidden camera attached to his backpack and in only ten hours they recorded more than hundred instances of catcalling directed toward Roberts. At one time, a man even followed her for just under five minutes trying to talk to her, but Roberts never said a word back and was obviously scared by the man. Catcalling is becoming a huge issue, To support the cause go to <http://www.ihollaback.org/> and help take action!



# Community

## Homemade Shamrock Shakes

Jaymee Wilber '15



### Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups of whole milk (less milk if you prefer thicker shakes)
- 2 large scoops of premium vanilla ice cream
- 1 tsp of peppermint extract
- 2 dashes of mint bitters (optional for flavor and color)
- 2 drops of green food coloring (if you're not using bitters)
- Whipped cream

### Directions:

1. Place all ingredients into a blender, in the order they are listed.
2. Turn blender on and mix until you reach your preferred consistency.
3. Pour into a tall glass and top with whipped cream.

## Concerts In Michigan

Chester Dalski '18

Have you ever wanted to experience a band live? Well here's that chance. There are tons of bands that travel around the country and some of the best are going to be here, In Michigan. Alien Ant Farm and HED PE are going to be at the Music Factory in Battle Creek on April 15th. Not only are there bands from around the world, there are some local ones here too, like Resonance. Resonance is a Hard Alternative/Punk rock band that was formed in Battle Creek and normally performs at the Music Factory. They have no performances currently scheduled but they are planning to release a new Album this summer. "Resonance will always be one of the best memories in my life" said Zachary Perry, who is the lead singer/guitarist for the band.

## March Madness Logan Messenger '16

March Madness season is heating up! March Madness is the term that is the brand name that is used for coverage of the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Tournament. On March 15th, selection Sunday will occur and the first four will play on the dates of March 17th and 18th. Then, the second-third rounds will take place from March 19th to the 22nd. The South, West, East and Midwest regionals will take place from March 26th to 29th and at the end of the regionals, the Final Four will be revealed! The two Final Four games will take place on April 4th, and it all leads up to the final Two teams remaining to face off against each other on April 6th! The coverage for March Madness will be split between CBS, TNT, TBS and TruTV. I asked two students from Pennfield for their thoughts on March Madness "Um... it's a basketball tournament in March, that's pretty much all I know about it" explains Junior, Jacob Birman. "I think it's a great time of the year. I can't wait to see all the upsets and find out who the real basketball fans are and who will win a national championship for their school" explains Junior, Dylan Huff. Whether you like Basketball or not, March Madness is a great tournament to find out what teams are the current best in the league.

## Where Are They Now?

Ainsley Haaksma '17

Once high school starts, we're all waiting for it to end. But what happens after it ends? Where do all these seniors go? It's like some of them just disappear. One, however, did not. That would be, Jake Grimes, a graduate of the 2014 class. Jake now goes to Olivet College. He plays basketball for the Olivet team. According to Jake, the best thing about college is being able to do what you want. The worst thing would be not having his mom to do his laundry. I asked if college was different than high school, and he said that compared to high school, college had very few cliques. Jake added that the things he missed most about high school were the snow days and all of his teachers. Jake was just one of the many graduates that have gone out into the world and started their lives. One piece of advice Jake would give about high school, would be: Save your money.

## Netflix Addiction

DeJana Tellis & Emma Stover '18

Binge-watch [binj-woch] verb: to watch (multiple videos, episodes of a TV show, etc.) in one sitting or over a short period of time. Nowadays, binge watching is the thing to do, especially when you have so many options such as Netflix, Hulu, Amazon, Google Play, and more. What are you going to do when you have all of that power, at the palm of your hand? Most people won't admit it, but almost everyone takes advantage of it. The most popular is Netflix. For just 8.99 a month you have access to over 9,796 movies and 4,505 tv shows. That's hours of pure, unadulterated binge watching. Netflix claims that the total watch time for all of its viewers was 6.5 billion, averaging out to about an hour or two per day. However, the average watch time for Netflix enthusiasts that I asked was four hours during the weekdays, and a whopping twelve hours during the weekend. "Netflix is bae." Said freshman Sara Gerber, when asked about her addiction. "Netflix is love, Netflix is life..." Another freshman Aryn Holcomb commented. With an option for everybody, there's no surprise that it's so popular. Gilmore Girls, Pretty Little Liars, Friends, Walking Dead, Fosters, Parks and Recreation, Criminal Minds, The 100 are all TV shows that you can watch and are the most popular, but there are also movies such as Mean Girls, Spanglish, and the Human Centipede. Better yet, there are no advertisements or breaks between. How can you ever choose between these convenient features?

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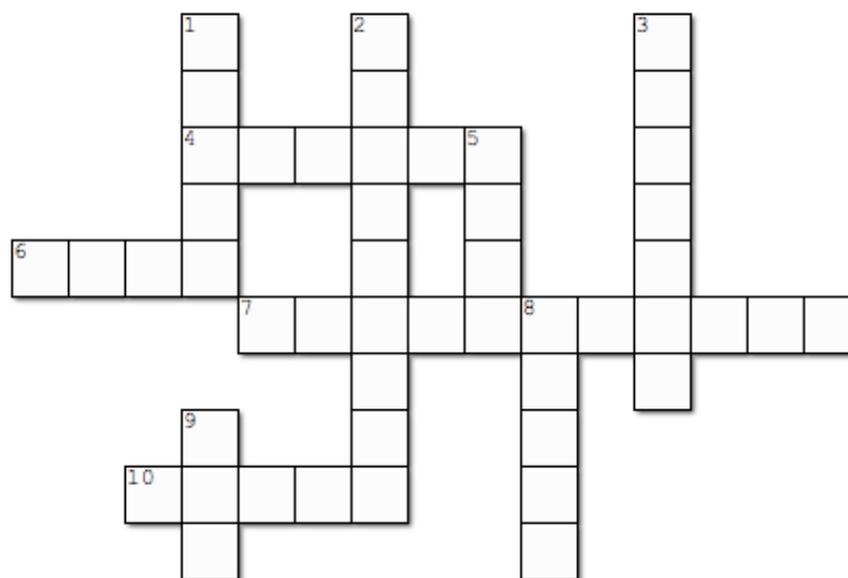
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### Spring Time

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Flowers Rain Easter Eggs Mud Butterfly SpringBreak Bunny Peeps

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#### **Across**

- 4. holiday in spring
- 6. the hunt is on
- 7. getting a week off school
- 10. soft and little

#### **Down**

- 1. marshmallow candy
- 2. Fluttery
- 3. start to bloom in spring
- 5. April showers bring May flowers
- 8. green and spiky
- 9. happens after rain shower