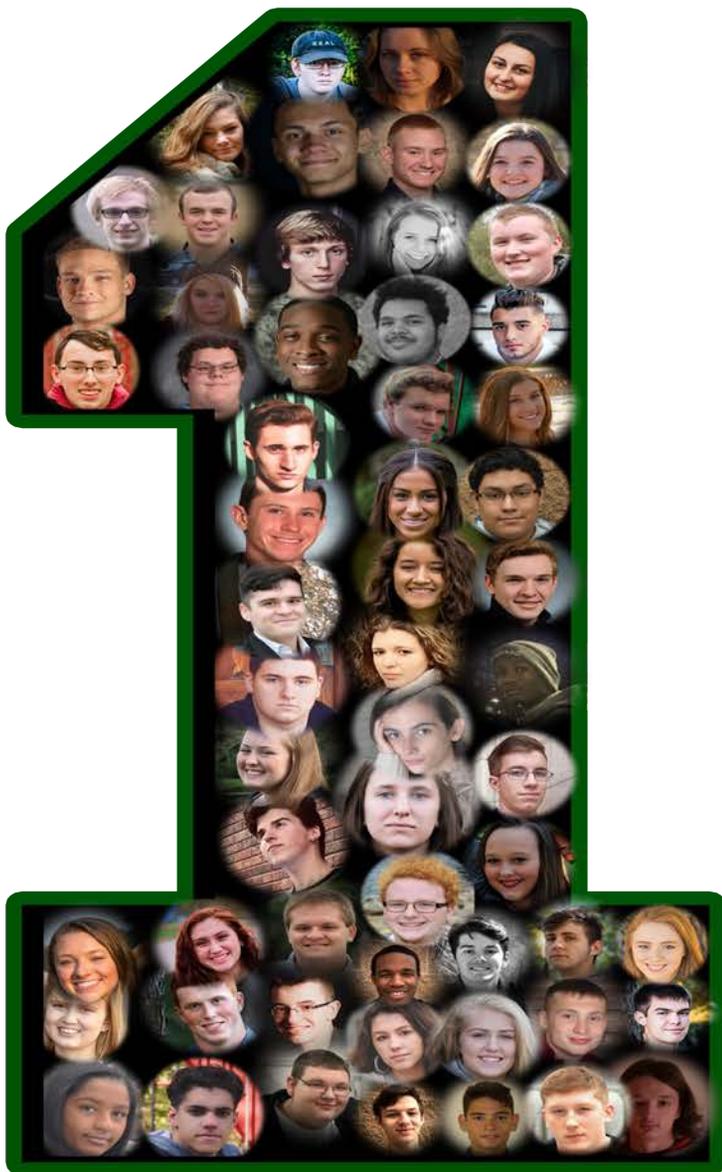


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Senior Tiles

Being a senior in high school comes with many perks and advantages. In art class, seniors have been given the opportunity to paint and decorate their own ceiling tile. Their assignment is to create something that speaks to them, either their experiences as students throughout their high school years or something they really enjoy. Mrs. Haroff said, "Seniors have the chance to do a tile, something to contribute to the school as a memory of their time here. But also it's part of their final/exam grade." However, seniors are also given the option to give their tile to a teacher of their choice or put it somewhere in the school hallways to place in the ceilings. Some seniors are currently working on their tiles and adding their last touch to it. Samantha Campbell explained, "I use art a lot to express myself, even though I might not be good at it, it's relaxing. My tile is about cheerleading. I've been a cheerleader for 4 years now and cheer has been a big part of my high school career. I've chosen to put my tile in the athletic hallway." Another student, Lena Valadez said, "Art for me is an escape from the world and life. My tile is about band and I decided to put my tile in the band hallway." For many students, art is way to show self expression and it means a lot of different things to different people. Therefore, making a ceiling tile is a great way to mark the end

of their high school journey. --Jazmin Hernandez '20



What Seniors Will Miss Most About High School --Hannah Davis '21

Shelby Smyers: "What I will miss most about high school, will definitely be the sporting events. I'm going to miss playing all around in volleyball for Pennfield. I'm also going to miss supporting our sporting events and cheering in the student section. It's also going to be super hard leaving Mr. Thomas because he's been my assistant principal since I was in 6th grade and I always had a close bond with him."

Alicia Lake: "I think the thing I'll miss most about high school, is all the fun activities we did such as powder puff, dances, assemblies, etc. I'm going to miss all the sports I played throughout school such as volleyball, basketball, and softball. Not to mention I'll also miss supporting our team in any sporting events."

Sarah Prell: "What I'm going to miss most about high school, will be all my friends. It's sad to think that we all will end up losing touch and go our own ways in life. I'm hoping that we all stay in touch and our friendships still grow."

Leah Tharp: "What I will miss most about high school, will be all my friends. I'm going to miss seeing them everyday at school. I will also miss all the activities I participated in and got to do with my class. It made us all so close and bond great together and it will definitely be missed!"

Kelsey Coger: "What I think I'll miss most about high school, would firstly be missing the people I grew up with. Everyone impacted my life in some way and I won't see them everyday and I will greatly miss that."

Devin Higgins: "What I will miss most about high school, is all my friends, sports, and the bonds I created the past four years. I'm going to miss playing and supporting all our sporting events. I've made so many friends since freshman year and it's going to be hard possibly saying goodbye to them."

Markus Roberts: "What I will miss most about high school, is all of my close friendships, playing football with the people I've known basically my entire life, and overall just being a Pennfield Panther. I have made a lot of memories and I have made a lot of choices at this school that have changed who I am as a person today. So I will miss the atmosphere of Pennfield because there's honestly nothing else like it."

Mitchell Gillard: "What I will miss most about high school is my friends and teachers. I've kept old and made new friends throughout high school and it's sad to think that once I graduate, everyone will go their separate ways."

Ben Geno: "What I will miss most about high school or school in general is for sure all my friends. The friends I have in high school are mostly friends I grew up with through school. It'll be hard leaving them for college thinking about how I may never see them again and have to start a fresh new start on making friends."



Tyler Boggess: "What I will miss about high school most would be basketball. I'm very passionate over the sport and it was always my main focus besides grades of course. I'm going to miss the teachers and classmates I made a lot of memories with. It's shocking how it seemed like yesterday I was a freshman walking through the halls wanting to grow up so fast."



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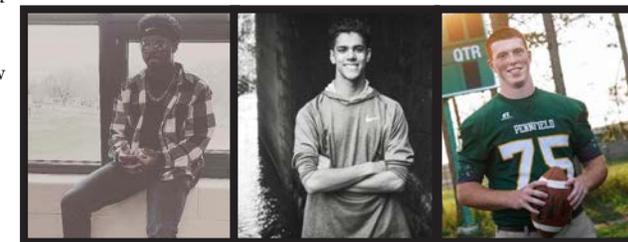
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Clarie Wygant and Landon Saxton

Senior Assassins

Assassins. Trust me, it's not what you're thinking. It's water guns and water balloons, not real guns. Assassins is a game played by students all over, where you get a target and you have a week to get them out before you are no longer in the game. You wouldn't think the game was serious, but when there's money on the line it's game over. As being the first person out, it's fun to watch fellow classmates search for their targets while I protect them in the best way possible.

--Shelby Smyers '19

If You Had To Do It Over Again...

We all have regrets, things that we wish we could re-do or change. Especially in high school, we all make... not the best of decisions.

Alexis Hunsicker said, "If I could take back one thing it would be procrastination, I ended up getting bad grades and having to retake a few classes which wasn't very fun."

Taolon Davis adds, "Finish all my work. After you miss one assignment, you get used to it and it spirals down until your grade is poop. Also, plan ahead. If you plan ahead on what you want to do and what classes you need, it can make your high school life way easier."

Scott Green agrees, "If I could go back and do something different I would have tried harder in class."

Madelyn Halt says, "Try harder your junior year."

Jackson Wood quotes, "I honestly have no idea, it honestly wasn't that bad... I wish I could do football again."

Shelby Smyers continues, "I would choose a different path for my classes I took, so that my senior year I didn't have to take classes my friends already took."

Leathan Schluckbier, "Responsibility, remember to do things on time, that is my biggest fault. As well as keeping my mouth shut when needed."

Taylor Young, "Be more involved."

TJ Paul concludes, "If I could change one thing, I wish I would have realized what a smooth operator that man James Ruoff truly is."

Slacking on assignments is something many seniors can agree that they wish they had done differently in their high school career. Hopefully most of us have learned from our mistakes, and will apply it to the future.

--Ione Davis '22'



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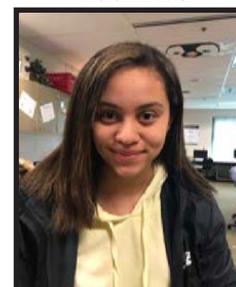
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Future Plans

The year is coming to an end for our seniors! Most of our seniors have an idea of where they're headed after high school, including Alissa Coughlin, Robert Cato and Taolon Davis. Alissa plans to attend MSU, she said, "In the fall I plan on going to Michigan State University to major in biomedical engineering. Either my junior or senior year of college I plan on applying to the MSU College of Engineering, where I will further my studies in biomedical engineering and get my graduate degree. To get a head start on that, this fall I am going to be part of the CoRe Engineering Program at MSU." After graduate school Alissa would like to attend medical school, and further her education in the medical field. Taolon Davis wants to be a paramedic. He explained, "I plan to work for Life Care Ambulance Service and continue my education at KCC to get my Paramedic License." Finally, our Valedictorian, Robert Cato said, "In the fall I will attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for the next four years." While there, he plans to study Aeronautics and Astronautics. Our seniors have big plans for the future.

--Madi Wollaston '22



Alissa Coughlin



Taolon Davis



Robert Cato

Senior Advice to Underclassmen

The wise seniors of Pennfield High School are nearing the end of their high school career, and are about to start a new chapter in their lives. Since they have lived through all the ups and downs of high school, it is fitting to get their advice, and pass it down to the underclassmen here at Pennfield. Hunter Robinson said that you should dual enroll in KCC. He stated, "It helps to further your education while you're still in high school. If you don't know what college you want to go to, but have an idea of what field, this could really help. You won't be as stressed your Junior and Senior year looking for a college. You'd already have some of your credits out of the way and it could help you narrow down your choices." Skilar Black explained, "While some people know exactly what they want to do after high school, it's okay if you don't. Take some time to decide, you don't always have to jump into college right after high school." Hadleigh Hauwetter also had some good advice, "If you are thinking about going to college, but not sure yet, dual enroll and get some of your general studies out of the way. If you find that college isn't the best option for you, that's okay. Not everyone benefits from college, and it's not the only way to succeed." Some other sound advice is to make the most out of your high school career. All the seniors will tell you that is goes by way faster than you would think. Get involved in school activities and go to the sporting events, because you may be upset you didn't once high school is over. Most importantly, make the best out of your life. Don't stress out and just make your high school experience the best it possibly can be.

--Alissa Grettenberger '20



Hunter Robinson, Hadleigh Hauwetter & Skilar Black

Class of 2019 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

A huge congratulations to the Valedictorian and Salutatorian! Valedictorian and Salutatorian are big achievements in high school. Some people may wonder 'how do they do it?' "In order to become Valedictorian, I paid attention in classes, asked questions, and challenged ideas. However, being Valedictorian is just a title. Having the highest GPA isn't what should be important throughout high school, what should be important is what you can get out of each opportunity presented as well as forming a community of friends. Doing those things helped me become a high achieving individual. Along with that, most of my teachers and friends at the Math and Science Center helped me strive to realize my potential," explained Robert Cato, Valedictorian. Your placement for Top 10 is based off of GPA. "Honestly, I do not believe a title should not be put on the success of a GPA score. This is not what I want to define my high school career. GPA does not define how smart you are and it is used to put people on a pedestal that I don't feel I belong. GPA isn't representative of the type of person you are. My goal throughout high school was to leave a positive impact on my school, my peers, and the faculty at PHS. Therefore, I really do not care that much about being Salutatorian because it is not an accurate representation of a student's success. I care more about the experience I had here at Pennfield High School," Adam Eyre, Salutatorian, explains. Robert and Adam will be speaking at their graduation. Come and watch all of our successful Seniors receive their diploma! Congratulations again to Robert and Adam and the rest of the Academic Top 10!

--Faith Grupczynski 2021



Robert Cato
Valedictorian

Adam Eyre
Salutatorian

Prom 2019

Alice In Wonderland

