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By Molly Crock



The Falcon Playhouse lights up the auditorium with their marvelous rendition of Meredith Willson's *The Music Man*. (Photo: Staff)

Last weekend, Harold Hill's marching band arrived at Fairless High School. The Falcon Playhouse presented *The Music Man* four times over the weekend. The classic musical had audiences tapping along as the cast marched to "Seventy-Six Trombones" and sang to "Iowa Stubborn."

The classic musical originally opened on Broadway in 1957. The show's run took place at The Majestic Theatre and Broadway Theatre. *The Music Man* ran for an energetic 1,375 performances! Winning many awards, including the Tony for Best Musical in 1958, *The Music Man* was proven a success on Broadway!

When Harold Hill moves to Iowa to sell band instruments, some trouble ensues. The town is ecstatic when Harold Hill comes to start a River City boy's band. Iowa becomes a musical place to live! However, Harold Hill falls for the town librarian, who is a bit too serious to "buy" into his instrument selling. Problems arise, but the show will leave you feeling good.

The crowds went wild as they watched the quiet Iowan town come to life. Catchy tunes and flashy dancing were all to be seen at *The Music Man*. The performers did a fantastic job, as did their backstage companions. The Falcon Playhouse did a magnificent job under the direction of Mrs. Lemus Santos.



Spectacular Solar Eclipse

By Desiree Bechtol



Hey there, Falcons! Have you made your Pinhole Projection Boxes? The solar eclipse is happening on March 20th.

A solar eclipse occurs when the Sun, Moon and Earth align in a perfect or near perfect straight line. A solar eclipse happens during the new moon phase. The Moon falls between the Earth and Sun, in turn, blocking the Sun's light from the Earth. Typically a lunar eclipse will follow the solar eclipse after two weeks.

It is never wise to look at the Sun directly during a solar eclipse. The Sun's rays are very dangerous to the eyes during eclipses. That is why people make a pinhole projection box (see page 4) or purchase a pair of solar eclipse glasses.

Woo Hoo! Spring Break!

By Amber Kleinhenz

Spring break can be a wild time depending on your age. College kids tend to go wild and are known to be fairly irresponsible when it comes to abusing certain substances. Often times, such abuses result in injuries or deaths.

High School kids are a lot mellower. They often go with their family on vacation. Typically, they go somewhere warm; spending quality time with their families. Families mostly like to go out of town, to the beach or go visit family that they haven't seen in awhile. Some people might not have enough money to go anywhere out of town, so they will probably just stay around their hometown.

Fairless High School's Spring Break begins on Friday, March 30th, and students return to their classes on April 6th. Have a safe and enjoyable time over Spring Break!



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Things To Do Over Spring Break

By Drew Foradas

Not everybody get's to go on a fabulous Spring Break rendezvous. For those of the populace stuck at home for the holiday, there's still so much to be done! Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs have recently released a list of 31 fun activities to get into over Spring Break. Try some of these out!

1) **Start a project.** You have an entire week to work on a new project or finish one that's been put on hold. Work on scrapbooking, writing, music or whatever else you're passionate about.

2) **Read a good book—or two.** Amazon sometimes offers free e-books for a day or two. Check out something new with your Kindle or computer.

3) **Watch some Netflix.** If you want to start a new TV series, this is the perfect time. You can watch episode after episode with no interruptions. (Just make sure to get up and stretch or exercise every once in a while.)

4) **Have a game night.** Invite your friends and break out your Wii. Or try it the old-fashioned way: Get out your favorite board games or play a round of cards.

5) **Go shopping or travel to a nearby city.** Maybe you're tired of your local mall. Go to one in a nearby city for a change of scenery. Get some friends to tag along. You can split the gas and make a day trip out of it.

6) **Take a trip to your local zoo.** This could be really fun with a group of friends who are also home for break. Or take your little brother or sister, which is guaranteed to earn you the "Best Sibling of the Year" award.

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The Emerald Holiday: St. Patrick's Day

By Amber Kleinhenz

Saint Patrick is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. He is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. Many people ask the question, "Why is the Shamrock the national flower of Ireland?" The Irish made it the National Flower because Patrick used it to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagans.

One theory on why St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th is because St. Patrick died on that day. The Irish people spread that idea around the world as they emigrated and immigrated. They took their celebrations and history with them.

America has a large Irish population, making St. Patrick's Day a big deal. Americans celebrate with parades, green clothes, music, and Irish food and drink. Also, in Chicago, they dye the Chicago River green. Dying the river has been going on for over 50 years.

Contemplating Chromebooks

By Christopher Janosz

The school recently purchased a massive set of new Google Chromebooks, a new type of laptop. They operate off of a Gmail account and connect to Google Drive. This is where the files you would work with are stored.

Each Chromebook has a small hard-drive that is capable of storing only the computer's operating system, ChromeOS. The laptops come with virus protection, automatic updates, dual-core processors and plenty of workspace, all for an inexpensive price of about \$300.

The laptops were purchased online from CDWG, an IT vendor who specializes for businesses and schools. They were paid for in part by Title I Dollars, a federal fund for reading and science education.

About 360 laptops were purchased, and distributed around the district. The high school has three carts, as does the middle school. The elementary school, however, only has two carts.

The Chromebook is the perfect work computer for a student; they are inexpensive and harness an exceptional amount of hardware power.





Front: Chris Janosz, Abby Passos, Anastasia Nelson, Alexis Lanier, and Kyle Cline;
Back: Mr. Conley, Allison Waugh, Ashley Stokes and Luke Everhart.
 (Photo: Staff)

Falcons Soar In Academic Challenge

By Drew Foradas

Congratulations are in order for the Fairless High School Academic Challenge Team! On Tuesday, March 17th, the team faced off against Louisville, Minerva, and Tusky Valley at the NBC League Meet. The Falcons came out on top against all three schools, including the previously undefeated Tusky Valley.

This was the team's third win in an undefeated streak. The victory secured them a place at the Regional Meet in April. The Academic Challenge Team and their advisor, Mr. Conley, have brought an air of excellence to Fairless High School. They have a fantastic future ahead of them. On behalf of the Falcon Review, excellent work team!

Palm Sunday

By Cameron G. Baylor

Within the Lenten Season, Christians have many holidays to look forward to, like Palm Sunday. This year, on Sunday, March 29th, Christians will be celebrating the historical event of Jesus' "triumphal journey" into Jerusalem.

Palm Sunday is about a week before Good Friday, April 3rd, the day Jesus Christ was crucified. Also, it is a week and two days before April 5th, Easter, the day Christians believe Jesus was resurrected from the dead.

Jesus traveled into Jerusalem for Passover, a Jewish holiday originating from an event in the Old Testament of the Christian Bible. Before he made his entrance, Jesus sent two of his disciples to go get him a donkey. In the book of Matthew 21:2-3, Jesus said, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." The disciples did what they were told to do, placed their cloaks on the donkey and colt, and Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem. The donkey was a symbol for coming and bringing peace.

This entrance was a big deal, and it caught a large crowd's attention. The crowd placed their cloaks and palm leaves on the ground, making a path for Jesus. The crowd shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna is the highest! This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Roman officials had a problem with this because Jesus was ruining their authority. Jesus said that he was the King, and this threatened the Romans. Soon, Jesus would be arrested and crucified, and all his believers would be arrested as well. The crowd that once praised him disowned him, but Jesus and his disciples trusted that God knew what he was doing. And, potentially, the Bible states that God loved the world so much, that he sent his one and only Son to die on the cross for the sins of humanity.

Lucky Charms

By Molly Crook

Happy March and Happy St. Patrick's Day! Whether you wore green from your head all the way down to your toes, or you were drinking a refreshing Shamrock Shake, everyone knows this is really the month to find that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. However, you may need some luck!

Some people have special lucky charms that they like to carry to give them an extra bit of good fortune. Others maybe just eat some "Lucky Charms" cereal and hope for the best. Nevertheless, even if someone doesn't carry a lucky charm, they may simply feel extra lucky around the "Luck of the Irish" holiday.

The Falcon Review asked a few Fairless students if they had any lucky charms they carried with them.

Lauren Dostal has a horseshoe with a penny in the middle that she brings when there is a big test. Big tests are definitely a time for an extra stroke of luck!

Alexia Kloha has a lucky charm as well. Her Yoshi keychain is what she likes to have with her to keep her safe on the road. That is a very smart place to bring a lucky charm.

Some people may think they don't have a lucky charm, but they might just not know what theirs is yet. Lucky charms are great confidence tools when there is uncertainty in the air. And, who knows, maybe they do bring people that extra little spark of luck that they need! Having a lucky charm might help someone find that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, it's just waiting to be discovered!

2014 - 2015 Junior National Honor Society Inductees



Front: Dresden Wilson, Maddison Baltzly, Lauren Dickey, Mickenzie Schoepner, Jessica Langenfeld, Jazmin Shoup, Cassandra Christner;
Row 2: Tela Lautzenheiser, Makenna Remenaric, Leanne Furney, Meredith Baltzly, Emily Savage, Lauren Dostal, Alexis Lanier, Kyle Cline;
Back: Christian Simmons, Ryan Smith, Nathan Kennedy, Aaron Silvestri, Anastasi Nelson, Fearon Himes, Mitchell Waugh and Alexia Kloha.



The 23 inductees and their families beam proudly after the NHS Ceremony last Wednesday, March 25th. Congratulations!
 (Photo: Staff)

BREAK



- 7) **Plan your next service project.** Take this time to plan a service project—or even implement one. Get your idea ready to present to your club, and if your club members are interested, create a committee to get it started.
- 8) **Go to the library.** Yes, libraries are ideal for checking out books, but they're also great for random acts of kindness. Write some encouraging notes before you go, then stick them in books throughout the library for others to find.
- 9) **Serve—spring cleaning-style.** Clean out your pantry (with your parents' permission, of course) and take a bag or two of canned or non-perishable food to your local food bank or shelter.
- 10) **Deep clean your room.** Yes, this might sound super boring, but you never know what you could find—a \$20 bill, a pack of gum, a note about something you forgot—hidden somewhere.
- 11) **Make a bucket list.** Think of 100 things you want to do before you graduate from high school or before you turn 25.
- 12) **Plan a photoshoot.** Stop taking selfies in the mirror this week. Plan a "real" photoshoot with your friends. Dress up in silly outfits—such as a banana suit—to make it even more fun.
- 13) **Order a pizza online.** In the "special instructions" box on the order form, request that someone write a special message or draw a picture on the pizza box.
- 14) **Start a blog.** Figure out what you're really passionate about and start writing about it. Research some of the best blogs in your field for inspiration.
- 15) **Design a T-shirt.** Most big service projects have an event T-shirt. Why not design one yourself?
- 16) **Start thinking about college.** Maybe some of you already have. Check out college websites and see what they offer—including whether they offer a CKI club or give students the opportunity to start one if there isn't.
- 17) **Create a new recipe.** Become a crazy, cooking scientist and try out something new!
- 18) **Start a résumé.** For many upperclassmen, this is the best time to look for part-time jobs and start applying to colleges. It's never too early to start thinking about creating a résumé or updating one you already have.

- 19) **Make a memory box.** Write a letter to yourself about what's going on in your life. Put it in a box along with a few items to represent yourself right now. Bury it in the backyard (with your parents' permission!) or hide it in the attic to find years from now.
- 20) **Create a mural.** Walk around town with some sidewalk chalk. "Chalk up" some inspirational messages and leave them for passersby to see.
- 21) **Try something new.** Explore a new restaurant you've never been to before, or stray away from your regular order at a restaurant you eat at frequently.
- 22) **Write a letter.** Send a letter or card to your grandparents or a friend who you haven't talked to in a few years.
- 23) **Learn a new useful skill.** Don't know how to tie a tie? Want to try a new hairstyle? Turn on YouTube and watch a tutorial. You'll be surprised what you can learn this way.
- 24) **Watch a TED Talk.** There's a TED Talk on just about every topic you can imagine, ranging from leadership and how to live your life to the fullest to optical illusions and how to tie your shoes. The best part is that each talk is 20 minutes or fewer.
- 25) **Solve the puzzle.** Take out your newspaper and complete the sudoku puzzle, crosswords and word search. Or go online and create puzzles that your club members could do as icebreakers at your next meeting.
- 26) **Make a playlist.** Summer is just around the corner, so that means it's time to start working on the perfect summer playlist.
- 27) **Start a garden.** You might not be a health nut, but chances are there's at least one vegetable you fancy. Grow a garden in your backyard—or just in a small planter with your favorite veggies—for some fresh produce this summer.
- 28) **Ride your bike.** A bike ride is a great way to get outside and get some fresh air. No bike? Get some friends together to play a game of kickball if the weather is right.
- 29) **Make a home video.** Gather any friends who are still in town and make your own home video. Create little skits and stitch them together, or make a music video to your favorite song.
- 30) **Perform a random act of kindness.** Buy a stranger some coffee, or leave some spare change at a vending machine for the next person to find.
- 31) **Do it all.** Challenge yourself to complete all the tasks on this list.



Kings, Queens, and Pawns

By Meeya Parker

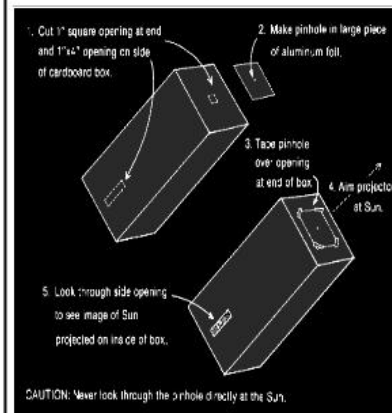
Did you know that our school has a Chess Club? For those who don't know exactly what chess is or have it confused for something else, Chess is a game for two skilled strategic players on a checkered board. The players begin with sixteen pieces that are moved around the board to capture the other player's pieces according to precise rules. The goal is to put the other player's king under attack at impossible escape.

Our school reopened Chess Club in October of 2014. The club had been on hiatus. There are not many people in the club right now, but the most people they've ever had are 22! That was only at first. Not as many people come anymore because they are busy with other things, such as sports and whatever work they need to do.

The person in charge of Chess Club is Mr. Long. Long has wanted to make this happen ever since he got here. Long took the first chance he got to reopen the club. He likes chess because it challenges the mind and thinks it should be more popular. Long believes people should play chess because no matter how good you may be at something, no matter who you are, you can always get better.

Logan Dostal was the one who came up with the idea to bring back the club. Dostal really likes chess and has been playing since he was seven and went to tournaments. He finds it challenging and rewarding. Dostal wishes more people would play as well. Mr. Long and Logan have been trying to reach out to other schools in hope to expand to other schools.

How To Make A Pinhole Projection Box



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