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THE BAND TAKES OVER friday night live during a COVID year

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Friday Night Live (FNL) is always one of the most exciting fall events. The four-day concert celebrates the conclusion of the band season. Due to COVID-19, it became a two-day performance on Nov. 6 and 7 in the stadium instead of the auditorium.

The theme for FNL this year revolved around the isolation many people are feeling right now due to the virus. Families in different places are having hard times seeing each other and even students feel this separation as they go to school on different days.

"The marching band's theme this year was 'Together Apart', and was centralized on the conditions that we have to live through during this pandemic," junior and clarinet player Kirti Chopra said.

There had to be more changes made to the performance than just cutting the number of days in half, though. Many changes were made to ensure that everyone was safe.

"Due to COVID restrictions, we were limited to the number of tickets allowed to be sold for the event and had to comply with the mask order and ask everyone to maintain social distancing," Band Administrator Heather Lantz said. "Due to the total occupancy limitations only a limited number of tickets were

available for purchase by band families from the high school and middle schools."

There have also been changes made to how the audience experiences the performance in order to limit unnecessary closeness.

"We had a QR code for attendees to view the program on their personal devices," Lantz said. "Offering a digital program removed the contact that parent volunteers and guests would have during traditional program sales."

However, the most distinct change made for FNL this

year is the location. Instead of performing in the auditorium, the concert took place completely outside in the stadium.

"Part of the excitement and intrigue of FNL indoors is being surrounded by band members located in the aisles and on the stage. Performing in the stadium does not allow the audience that opportunity to see band members up close and to be enveloped by the excitement of the music," Lantz said.

The new location isn't a solely negative change, though. The increased amount of space also allowed for bigger and more spread out songs.

"While some parts of the performance weren't possible, the band was able to perform drills and formations in the stadium that we would not be able to do inside, which is something we were looking forward to showing," Chopra said.



The Marketing Pioneers put on FNL on Nov. 6 and 7. Junior Sam Beelman has played in the band since his freshman year. The show was put together following covid-19 protocols and restrictions.

FIGHT FOR THE PRESIDENCY the juice covers highly contested election

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The 2020 presidential election is a big deal in our country right now. On Nov. 3, our school's broadcast program "the juice" had a live stream for the 2020 election. The live show was 12 hours long running from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. and streamed from youtube and facebook live for the Olentangy community.

The executive producer of the show was senior Kylie Hanson. She and the crew worked very hard to prepare the show since September. Broadcast teacher Brian Nicola supervised the live stream and helped with technical difficulties.

"We wanted to bring the community live coverage for the election, so we thought a long format live show would do that successfully. We brainstormed in class what we thought we wanted coverage on, and everyone came up with ideas for packages and live segments based on current events and election related issues," Hanson said.

The show covered topics such as Senate races, gerrymandering, platforms of the different parties and the candidates. Prerecorded packages were also created to run during the show and field segments. Topics like

environmental issues, voting fraud and mail in voting, and the black lives matter movement were discussed.

"We planned and produced a bunch of packages about current events, voting, the election, etc. We also recorded interviews with people around the community on topics they were knowledgeable in. We scheduled all of our content for 12 hours, assigned jobs to people and conducted research throughout election day to turn into stories," Hanson said.

Each party had representatives to talk live about hot topics and their parties' platform. Seniors Ashley Feucht, Alex Patton, and Tannor Lambert represented the republican party and conservative platform. Seniors Ava Clark and Sacchi Kuthe represented the democratic party and senior Carter Pedela represented the libertarian party. Hanson, and seniors Ethan Hunter and Abby Fulton were also on-screen anchors on the show as they were unbiased. Junior Chloe Hover went to voting sites to interview voters at different locations.

The show also had guests like Mr. Carmichael, an AP Gov teacher, and principal Trond Smith and

superintendent Mark Raiff and prerecorded interviews with other teachers.

Behind the scenes, the crew worked very hard printing and updating scripts so they were as accurate as they could be and towards the end of the show they kept up with live election results to keep the coverage as live as possible.

"I think preparing more graphics for showing poll totals across the country and in different states would have been cool, but that's hard to do in real time as results were coming in so fast. The graphics we had were amazing and worked great," Hanson said.



pictured; abby fulton, ava clark, alex patton, ethan hunter, sacchi kuthe, tannor lambert



SEASON OF SUCCESS volleyball team continues its legacy

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Not only does the volleyball team have insanely successful players, but it also had yet another great season. The girls broke many records this season including making an appearance in the regional finals.

A total of five of the upperclassmen are committed to various colleges, including seniors Addie Evans, London Davis, and Taz Appiah, and juniors Hanna Borer and Molly Shomock. Along with these commits, the girls broke program history records along the way.

"Evans is going to IUPUI; she broke the record for most aces. Davis

is going to Kansas, and she was first-team all-state last year and hit 1,000 kills. Appiah is going to Willams College; she broke the blocking record. Shomock is going to ECU, and I am going to Virginia Tech," Borer said.

Not only did they break various records as individuals, but they also set just as many records as a team. This season truly proved that nothing could come in this team's way.

"As a team, this is the fourth district title we have won as long as the seniors have been here and fifth overall. This is also our third OCC championship win in the past four

years. We have been competing with top competition all around Ohio which has allowed us to be ranked top 10 in the state for the past two years," Davis said.

The team plans nothing more than to continue following its path of success. There is a bright future for the program as it continues to work harder for the seasons ahead.

"We have a great core group of varsity players returning with a lot of experience and we are excited about the future," Head Coach Katie Duy said.

Although the season was an overall success, many challenges appeared due to COVID-19. Borer reflected on the different aspects of the previous season. "It's very different this year, no more high-fiving or going into the center when we get a point," she said.



MODERN DAY CLUBS clubs undergo change

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Extracurricular activities are a large part of being a high school student. It's where students make some of their best memories and meet some of their best friends. But like everything, COVID-19 made clubs much harder to operate this year.

The German Club met for the first time on Oct. 28 in the library after school, so that they could play games and make masks, all while staying socially distant. The short, 30-minute meeting took lots of planning.

"We planned to meet once a month, but obviously we haven't

been able to. Hopefully now that we've met for the first time the ball will get rolling, and we can meet more," Jessup said.

German Club is not the only club in the school though. There are between 30 and 40 clubs to join throughout the building.

"This year I'm in Olentangy Model UN, In The Know, Diversity Club, Science Olympiad, and Spanish Club," sophomore Achintya Perumal said.

Despite the difficulty that each club has had trying to meet during this pandemic, they have all been

successful so far.

"For Model UN, we plan bi-weekly meetings with my group," Perumal said. "In In The Know, we have either a competition or a practice meeting every week. In the Diversity Club, we're having about two meetings every month.

"In Spanish Club, we do activities that vary, so it changes how often we meet. And in Science Olympiad, I spend the most time because we meet multiple times per week," Perumal said.

GETTING CREATIVE

the choir preparing for another virtual event

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As the holiday season approaches, the choirs are working on preparing songs for the upcoming holiday concert. The date of the concert is TBD depending on how fast they are able to put all the recordings together and publish it online.

The choir concluded its virtual fall concert in November and is moving on to working on new pieces.

With COVID-19 being at an all-time high, the choirs cannot do their annual Holiday Pops concert as usual, so they will have to be creative and do it virtually again.

"The choirs will do another virtual concert choir concert, similar to the fall 'Justice, Hope, and Peace: A Concert for Healing.' This concert will feature some of our traditional pieces, like the 'Hallelujah Chorus,' 'A

Festival of Carols' and 'Bless Us All.' We will also have a virtual orchestra, and they will be playing along with us," choir director Cheryl Brooks said. Preparing concerts virtually is very

performances this year, which I appreciate, but I'm hoping that we can still have our holiday pops concert as usual next year," sophomore Jessica Mallet said.

Although they are not able to perform in front of in-person audiences and go to competitions, they have come up with clever alternatives. In addition to the choir doing a virtual holiday concert, they are also planning on doing a "drive thru" type concert that will include both the band and orchestra.

"We are hoping to do a drive thru outside event on Saturday, Dec. 12. People will drive through and hear our groups perform briefly," Brooks said.

Unfortunately, because of increasing COVID numbers, the drive thru event was cancelled. However, the virtual holiday concert will still happen.



Period 11 Choir practicing its songs

time consuming due to editing all the voices to make sure they line up with the music. However, the end result is something family, friends and performers can rewatch and be proud of.

"The performing arts have had to be really creative to have

THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

acknowledging different cultural holidays celebrated in america

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America is one of the most ethnically diverse countries in the world, yet Americans often fail to acknowledge the different beautiful cultures that reside in the country. Learning about other people's holidays and religious beliefs help make the person feel validated as well as expands one's understanding of different cultures.

Christmas and Halloween are examples of some widely popular holidays that are celebrated all around the United States. However, other holidays such as Diwali, are often overlooked. Diwali is an Indian holiday that began on Nov. 14 this

year and was celebrated over a span of five days. The holiday celebrates overcoming darkness, knowledge overcoming ignorance and good over evil.

"Typically, a tradition my family has during Diwali is getting a bunch of candles lit and drawing beautiful chalk designs. It's just a time to come together, give gifts and sweets and just spend time with one another," Orange Middle School eighth grader Ananya Tanjavur said.

In Germany and throughout Europe, Saint Nicholas Day is celebrated on Dec. 6 every year to honor the Greek bishop Nicholas for his various good deeds and history of helping others.

"The tradition is that you leave your shoes in front of the fireplace on the 5th of December and on the 6th, Saint Nicholas will fill your shoes with rewards but if you are bad it is said that Saint Nicholas will come on his horse and punish you as a cautionary tale made up by parents so their children will behave," sophomore Nick Schattschneider said.

A very popular holiday celebrated in Korea is Chuseok, which was celebrated on Sept. 30 through Oct. 2. It literally translates to 'autumn eve' and is a time to gather with friends and family, enjoy traditional food, celebrate harvest time and honor ancestors.

iPHONE FANFARE apple to release iphone 12

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Every year since 2007, Apple has come out with a new iPhone to generate revolutionary technology to its consumers. From the first iPhone to the now, Apple has come a long way in the phone world.

Past iPhones have become an innovation, while others seem to have just been more of a money grabber. With the new iPhone 12 recently coming out, consumers are speculating about what makes these iPhones different from the rest.

The iPhone 12 is not worth buying. The new phone seems more of a racket than a must-have necessity.

The biggest feature that seems to be turning heads was the built-in magnetic back, allowing for fast magnetic charging according to Apple. This allowed them the chance to create "MagSafe"

cases, which is a great financial opportunity for Apple but not for consumers' pockets.

Just like in 2019 when the iPhone 11 dropped, the biggest feature that Apple was pursuing was a new and improved camera. Apple's cameras have always improved drastically over the years, stringing in consumers to buy the new phone.

Smart HDR 3, Portrait mode, 4k HDR with Dolby Vision and being able to take selfies in dark mode are all features that Apple pushed out this year. Other features like the iPhone being 5g and having an A14 bionic chip allow Apple to claim it is the fastest phone they've made, according to Apple.

In today's environment, people want their technology to work fast, which would be a reason why some may consider the purchase of the phone. These features sound new and exciting,

Pros	and	Cons
New Features		Expensive
Optimization		Too Many Features
Durable		Potential Launch Issues
New "MagSafe" Feature		

but in all actuality, for the average person these features won't make an impact on their daily iPhone use.

The new iPhone may seem flashy and captivating with all of the 'new' features, but it's more of a marketing strategy. I would rate the iPhone 12 a three out of five stars.

MIDTERM SHIFT changes in midterms

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Midterms are one of the many things different this year compared to others. The new way of conducting midterms is because the end of the second quarter is delayed to the middle of January. This year's unorthodox midterms will be well received by students, although I would prefer more traditional exams.

The end of the second quarter is delayed to Jan 14, and any midterms should take place from Jan. 12-14. The hybrid schedule will remain unchanged until the end of the second quarter, which is when it is up for reconsideration, and because the hybrid schedule makes it impossible to administer the test normally. Teachers are also encouraged to not run traditional examinations.

The unorthodox midterms can help make the days with midterm feel less monotonous. Different teachers may test in different ways, such as various tests or projects. The change from tests can be seen as a good thing by some, but I see alternative projects with dread, preferring the consistency and test of knowledge with exams. They are easier to prepare for and I am not bothered by monotony.

Changes to midterms could reduce stress, but it could make it much worse. The thing that causes the most stress is presentable projects. They take time, resources, self-confidence, preparation and charisma to get a favorable score. I can only see the class I dislike asking for a project about a topic I am less than apathetic about. I try to not invest

more than I have to in things I dislike.

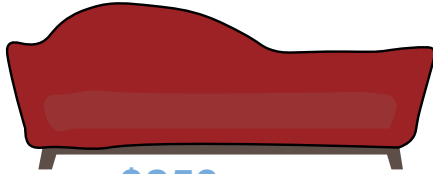
The midterms end in the middle of January, along with the second quarter. I see this as beneficial, as I have more time to study, although it gives more time for teachers to assign projects. If too many presentation-based projects get tacked on instead of tests, I could easily see myself losing time for winter break activities to something I loathe, and that would make me feel nothing but dread.

The changes to midterms can give students more time to study and can reduce stress, but they are also forced to do an arguably undesirable project instead of a consistent test. And hence, they can be put in a far more undesirable situation than a predictable test prior to winter break.

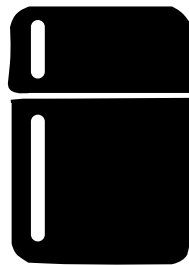
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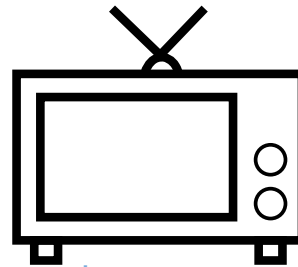
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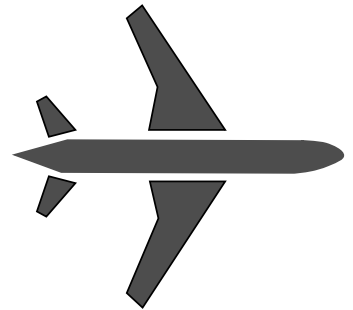
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travel

HOLIDAY WISH LIST

what students at orange are asking for

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Senior Maddie Rae:

1. hoodies
2. phone case
3. blankets

Senior Maggie
Vanfleet:

1. Jewelry
2. Lululemon leggings
3. phone case

Junior Alex Shinn:

1. ps 5
2. workout equipment

Senior Makeda
Mekonnen:

1. clothes
2. new phone
3. shoes

Junior Simon
Scheibeck:

1. dirt bike
2. truck tires
3. clothes

Senior Baylor
Whybrew:

1. steelers hat
2. danny duncan hoodie
3. madden 21

Senior Reagan
Scheibeck:

1. shoes
2. money

Senior Reina Sautter:

1. gift cards
2. Lululemon leggings
3. squishmallows

