

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

FNL is back in the theater

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Friday Night Live (FNL) is an annual performance by the marching band to conclude its season. Tickets are \$10, and they will be performing Nov. 17-19 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 20 at 4 p.m. in the theater.

This will be the first year since COVID-19 that FNL will resume in the theater. The previous two years, it was held outdoors on the field to encourage social distancing for the performers and the audience.

"Outside was miserable and cold for the audience and us. We were limited in the things we could do, and there wasn't anything original. It was just a compilation of the music we played during football season," senior marching band member Carter Buening said.

The theme for the performance is "What Music are you Listening to? 80's, 90's and Now". Some songs that they will be performing are "Come on Eileen", "Funkytown", "What Makes

Junior Brendan E. and sophomore Krish P. practice for their FNL performance



You Beautiful" and "Black or White".

"There are lots of components that are involved when practicing for FNL. Coordinating 200 people to play in a smaller space is quite the task; luckily, we get lots of breaks and lots of sectional time to work on the music,"

senior colorguard member Grace Chmielewski said.

Preparing for FNL is a rigorous task. Practices are two and a half hours four days a week, yet many are excited to perform FNL in a traditional manner.

"It's the first FNL that's back to the traditional way in years so everyone is really excited," Buening said. "It's going to have a ton of energy, and there's more days and more tickets to be sold. We used to sell out the theater all four days, and I hope we can do it again."

For senior band members and



Members of the band practice in the auditorium for the big night.

color guard members, these are their last performances being a part of the marching band. Many members have been part of the marching band all four years of high school or even started in middle school.

"I am very sad that this is my last FNL. While being a senior isn't easy, band and color guard has always been an amazing activity to be a part of, and I am sad to let that go but thankful for what it has done for me," Chmielewski said.

For underclassmen, this is their first time performing FNL in the theater and not outside. There's a lot of hard work that goes into preparing for FNL and marching band members encourage anyone to come.

"People should come because you get everything that the band has done over the course of the entire season in one night. It's a lot of music, and a lot of fun," sophomore marching band member Adam Weist said.



Sophomore Taylor B. practices with her flag for color guard.

THE HUNT CONTINUES

information on upcoming district partnerships

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The district is currently in the developmental stage of involving their business partnerships in the schools. Students may have the opportunity to connect with employers and work with Chase, OSU Wexner Medical Center, Elford Construction, Worthington Industries and Honda.

Through Bridge Ed, these companies will connect with students by providing skills and engagement opportunities. We are likely to see career fairs, panels and hands-on learning experiences coming forward.

Possible job opportunities for Chase and Honda may interest the more tech minded students.

"As we continue to expand our reach to people and further technological advances, we'll be looking for people on cyber security and data analysis," Chase Executive Director Jeffrey Lyttle said.

Lyttle's goal is to demystify the stereotypical Chase job. With the data they are handling comes improvements needed in digital interface tools. Artists and designers aid in that development, and they are recruiting people from the Columbus College of Art and Design.

Recruiting Manager at Honda Evan Benjamin is offering other non-traditional path relationships with trade schools.

"We're reaching for people who recently graduated from a tech program who have an interest in robotics manufacturing. You'd be working with high level tech without a four-year degree, and we don't strive for recruiting people with a strict amount of experience," Benjamin said.

Honda also deals in aircrafts, and there will be many engineering, design and AI opportunities with them.

Gearing more towards the side of construction and innovation, Worthington Industries and Elford Construction want to make their presence known in Olentangy.

Talent Manager for Worthington Industries, Lisa Divine is looking for new ways to innovate and wants creative, hands-on people on their team.

"We want better ways to transform production and we understand as the job market fluctuates, we must shift our mindset. There will be less focus on experience in the field and more on fostering rising talent," Divine said.

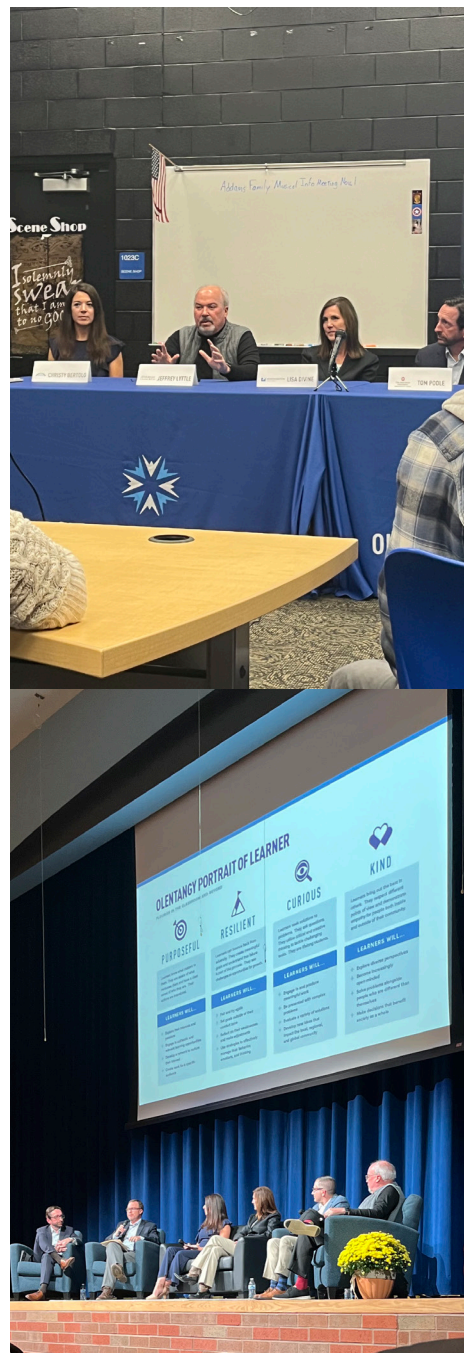
Chief Operations Officer for Elford Eric Bull has a focus on robotics and how they can bring tech infiltration to construction.

"3D modeling has become huge in the field alongside info modeling to best build what we have to. We need people on space planning and those with a drive to solve problems," Bull said.

For students with interest in trade school or jumping straight into the workforce after graduation, shadowing is a great opportunity to branch out. Many other jobs involving construction include real estate, financing design and subcontractors.

Talent Acquisition Manager Tom Poole with Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center wants students to know there is more to the medical field than just doctors and nurses.

"People don't know that our nutrition operation serves 10k meals a day. There is more to our center than people see," Poole said. "Students with interests in imaging, pharmacy, therapists, technology and nutrition may not need a four-year degree and OSU wants new ideas brought to the table."



Panelists Tom Poole, Eric Bull, Christy Bertolo, Lisa Divine, Evan Benjamin, and Jeffrey Lyttle talk to parents at the parent panel discussion at Berlin High School on Oct. 19.

FIELD TRIPS

recent and upcoming field trips

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Field trips and alternative learning experiences (ALE) were brought to an indefinite halt during COVID; teachers and students alike were unsure of when they would be back. Visiting somewhere with friends is irreplaceable and is making a comeback.

The eighth grade classes of 2024 and 2025 were not given the option of a Washington D.C. trip and to partially compensate, selected sophomores class of 2025, visited Vienna, Prague and Berlin over summer break.

Sophomore Annie Bookheimer

was one of the selected, "It was mostly a leadership trip and I learned about problem solving, about culture and independence," Bookheimer said.

AP Environmental and Anatomy teacher Jessica Timmons invited students to one of the ALE's since COVID hit. Timmons was granted a scholarship to visit the Pacuare Reserve this past summer, and through Ecology Project International, students will fly out to research leatherback turtles.

"Students will contribute to research with measurements of the female leatherbacks from the Caribbean waters emerging to lay eggs and will collect them for protection," Timmons said. "When there are

hatchlings, students will collect data on the eggs before we release them."

Students will be going on hikes through the Costa Rican rainforest and will be living in bunks without hot water and electricity. Timmons wants students to gain new appreciation for biodiversity and gain connections if aiming for a science career.

"Ecology Project International has sites where students go after high school to contribute to scientific research, and they are always visiting and studying the biodiversity of the Pacuare Reserve," Timmons said.

WELCOMING STAFF

new teachers have arrived

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New faces have walked in the doors of the high school for this school year. The students and staff are greeting new teachers with open arms.

CP English 9 and Honors CP English 10 teacher Lauren Napoliello has been welcomed to the staff.

"I've always loved English," Napoliello said. "Beyond the undeniable importance of the skills

of reading, writing and speaking, I believe English has the most real-world application."

Napoliello has already been able to have an amazing experience at the high school.

"I've really enjoyed getting to know my colleagues and working with such a gifted group of people," Napoliello said.

Her main goal is to provide all of her students with love and care.

"I see so many kids each day who have their own personal lives, backgrounds and experiences," Napoliello said. "If I can just give them a little bit of love and kindness each day, then I'm doing alright."

Another teacher who has been brought to the staff is Intellectual Disability Unit teacher Alexis Williams.

"I work with our special education students," Williams said. "I love helping students notice their potential

and accomplish things they never thought were possible."

She has already been given so much support from other staff members around the school.

"I have already been pushed to grow so much which makes me a better teacher," Williams said.

Williams believes that every day her students walk in is a fresh start to be a better person.

"Every day is a new day," Williams said. "Just because something bad happened, doesn't mean you should cling to it."



Mrs. Williams and her students pose for the photo during class.



Mrs. Napoliello smiles for the picture in broadcast room.

CLUB EVENTS

introducing new and revamped clubs

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COVID-19, among other things, has lessened the number of students who take time out of their day to read for pleasure. The school's new Book Club has gained popularity since the beginning of the school year.

"I wanted to create a space at school for people to read what they wanted for their own pure enjoyment," senior and Book Club President Eleni Rores said. "I created a place where they could talk with their friends about what they were reading without having to overanalyze everything."

Managing time is one of the most prominent challenges high school students have to face, so over the years clubs have changed to fit students' demanding schedules.

"We will be meeting every other week to discuss the books we read and pick out the book for the next meeting. There is no pressure to read every book we choose. I understand that not everyone will like some of the content we read, and that's OK," Rores said.

Book clubs can be set up in many different ways depending on each student's needs, and the overall goal the club is trying to achieve.

People can share their ideas for books that they personally want to read, or if no one has a specific book idea, we vote on a genre that we are all

interested in and find a book, together, with that genre. We will come to the next meeting and talk through our thoughts and bounce ideas off each other," Rores said.

The school's new Book Club is a great way to connect with new students over shared interests and become more involved in the school's community.

The new Book Club isn't the only addition to extracurriculars offered this year, the newly improved Active Minds club is making an appearance as well.

"The district made the decision before the start of this year to have the Active Minds clubs at each of the Olentangy high schools transfer the leadership to the OSU Mental Health Specialist and the school social worker," Mental Health Specialist and Active Minds Leader Sarah Leonard said.

Active Minds has been around the district for a while, but it has more recently become a more popular club due to the increased popularity in speaking up about mental health.

"We hope that having the Active Minds group sponsor activities around the school will raise awareness in general that there are students involved in advocacy and conversation about mental health. In general, we hope that the more we talk openly, the less stigma there will be around the

subject," Leonard said.

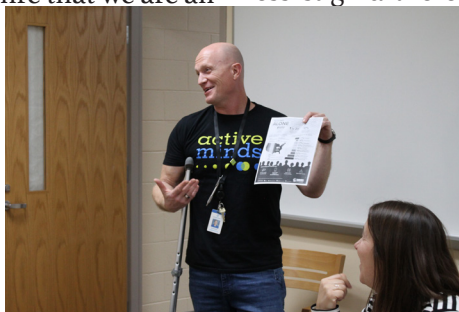
With the club starting from scratch this year, members are prioritizing advertising and outlining future goals for its club members.

"Stress Less Week will be the week before semester exams. We will have five spirit days centered on stress reduction, and we will have activities around the school that week also to engage students in fun, relaxing or wellness-related activities," Leonard said. "We want to partner with other clubs to do some kind of service project centered on mental health. One thing we discussed as a possibility is collecting gifts/donations for local hospitals."

Active Minds is centered on students looking to spread awareness around mental health and connect with others.

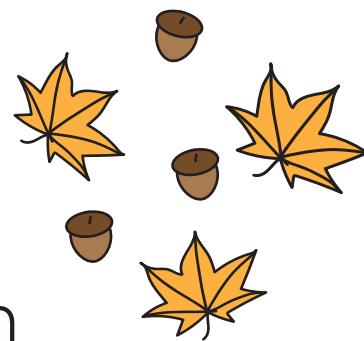
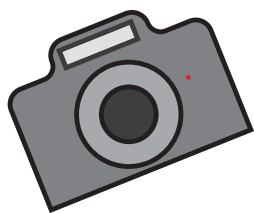
"We hope that having the Active Minds group sponsor activities around the school will raise awareness that there are students involved in advocacy and conversation about mental health. Active Minds has leadership roles for every grade, not just one president, vice president, etc. We meet every other week on Tuesdays," Leonard said.

Book Club and Active Minds are just two of the main clubs offered this year, all with the goal of maximizing students' experiences and creating a unified community around the school.



Active Minds Club senior leaders Rachel L. and Maab K. discuss upcoming activities with OSU Mental Health Specialist Sarah Leonard and School Social Worker Dan Murph at their meeting on Nov. 1.

The Frontier



SAY CHEESE it's se'neer photos season

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Senior pictures are a great way to mark the milestone of graduating from high school. They're not required, but a lot of students hire photographers to take pictures of them professionally.

Senior pictures don't have a sole purpose, but many people post them online and use the photos when sending graduation party invites. Most people hire a photographer, but I asked a friend of mine to take some pictures for me, so here's a review of the two places I went.

Bridge Park

700 Shawan Falls Dr, Dublin, OH 43017

Bridge Park is one of my favorite places to visit, not only because of the great restaurants, but because of how diverse it is. Most people are familiar with the iconic bridge that connects Historic Dublin to Bridge Park, but something that a lot of people don't know is that behind the library on the Historic Dublin side, there is a trail that leads to a beautiful creek and waterfall called Indian Run Falls.

The walk towards the waterfall is full of many beautiful trees and bridges that make great opportunities for pictures especially if someone is wanting a more wooded location. The waterfall itself has some cliffs that create perfect photo opportunities, and the water is shallow enough that people can actually stand it parts of it.

Other than Indian Run Falls, just over the summer they added water features to the Bridge Park side of the bridge which creates a nice, modern background. In fact, a lot of the buildings in Bridge Park are very new so if you're wanting to take pictures in the city but don't want to deal with the hassle of people everywhere or traffic, Bridge Park is a great place to go. They also usually decorate depending on the season. For example, when I went, they had some beautiful fall color flowers and pumpkins on display that created a great background for some pictures. Overall, it's a beautiful place to take pictures or even have a nice walk.

Inniswood Metro Garden

940 S Hempstead Rd, Westerville, OH 43081

Inniswood is a very popular place to take pictures for any occasion, which makes sense because of how beautiful it is. Inniswood, like Bridge Park is very diverse. They have flowers, bridges, gazebos, tunnels and even a treehouse where people can take pictures. The only tricky thing was making sure I was out of people's way and not in the background of my pictures. Some areas are totally exposed to sunlight, but other areas are very shaded because of trees so someone might have to play around with lighting.

Ultimately, it really depends what kind of environment the senior wants to be in and how their outfit choices might fit in. Because I like things that are colorful and being outside, it made sense that I would find places that had plants and bright colors. However, I also like fashion and being in the city so I found a place for that too.

There are plenty of places around Columbus for great photo opportunities; it's just a matter of looking and seeing what is the best place for each senior whether it be personal, a place they visit often or a place they thought was pretty. Again, senior pictures are not required but are a fun way to remember senior year of high school.



Left: Rachel L. in Inniswood

Right: Rachel L. in Bridge Park

Other Places I suggest:

- ☐ Victorian Village
- ☐ Uptowne Westerville
- ☐ Easton
- ☐ The Lakes Golf & Country Club



THANKSGIVING DELIGHTS

students favorite dishes

designer nathan chow

Freshman Ben Whitehead

"Jellied cranberry sauce. I could sit and eat a whole can in one sitting"

Junior Emily Whitehead

"Homemade rolls - They're so soft and so good"

Sophomore Nathan Staten

"I love the green bean casserole because of the warm feeling it gives me"

Senior Wyatt Downey

"Mashed potatoes are the best Thanksgiving side because of the texture and flavor"

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH & PIONEER PRIDE BARS

OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Michael Dorwaldt
Quinn Bordine
Corine Sampsel
Haylie Sucharki
Ava Hall
Sonali Kumar
Eric Tang
Cracelyn Quaye
Bobby Ogles

PRIDE BARS

Jadyn Eldridge
Kamaury Kibby
Drew Adamkosky
Emma Bernard
Blake Westinghouse
Vittoria De Pena
Vitor Nogueira De Soueza
Bobby Ogles
Aiden San Falippo
Jordan Sullivan
Randall Poindexter
Jackson Robbins
Kaanan Holzlander
Joseph David
Grayden Hall
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