

# MARCH TO GRADUATION

## important dates for seniors

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With it already being February, the end of the year is quickly approaching. With that in mind, seniors should've received a paper at the beginning of the year titled "March Toward Graduation" listing important dates and deadlines for the whole year.

Don't worry if students lost or didn't pick up this paper because staff regularly remind students of upcoming deadlines and events throughout the year. The most notable event of the first semester was senior Thanksgiving in November.

"My favorite event so far this year was senior Thanksgiving. It was fun missing the day at school to celebrate the seniors all together for the first time," senior Haylie Sucharski said.

Other notable things that occurred the first semester were homecoming and senior portraits. However, most events and deadlines are in the second semester. The senior advisers Kelly Cable, Laura Calland, Kari Phillips and Elizabeth Stringer help facilitate all of the senior activities.

"The dates are spaced out nicely, and our roles are balanced where we



Seniors Madeline M., Kaitlyn C., Haylee P. and Rachel P. celebrate their Senior Thanksgiving together.

## CALENDAR FOR SENIORS

MARCH 2	Senior Yearbook Ads - last day for submission
MARCH 9	Senior Pledge & Special Guest form due
APRIL 4 & 5	Cap & Gown orders distributed during lunch
APRIL 15	Prom at Express Live!
MAY 18	Senior Clap Out and Class Photo
MAY 18	Senior Picnic
MAY 21	Graduation at Schottenstein Center

can all take on a different event that we oversee," Phillips said. "The beginning of the year we work on T-shirts and then October rolls around and it's senior Thanksgiving. Then, there's a break, and after the break we begin to gear up for the rest of the year."

The most recent deadlines were senior superlative voting and special guests forms opening which occurred on Feb. 9; senior slideshow photo submissions were due on Feb. 14. Upcoming in March, senior pledge and special guest forms are due March 9+, and the last day for senior yearbook ads is March 2.

"We had a couple deadlines such as senior photos due on Feb. 14, seniors voting for superlatives. The week leading up to graduation is the most special one because there's several events in a row such as senior picnic, graduation rehearsal, clapout, then graduation," Phillips said.

The most anticipated end-of-the-year events are prom, senior breakfast, senior picnic and of course graduation.

"The events I am looking forward to the most this year are prom and the

last day of school. It will definitely be sad attending my last high school dance, but I am looking toward dancing the night away with my friends one last time," Sucharski said.

May has the most events and deadlines, and it takes a lot of work scheduling and planning for both senior advisers and Senior Class Cabinet members.

"Planning involves talking with vendors for senior breakfast and senior picnic and working a lot with administration with reserving the turf. With graduation, Senior Class Cabinet members choose speaking parts so we help them write and revise their speeches which must be approved by central office," Phillips said.

Overall, seniors can look forward to a very exciting end of the year.

"It all just feels weird now going to school every day knowing that we are just one day closer towards it all going away. I'm excited to see all my friends go off to college and have graduation day to celebrate everything we have achieved throughout school so far," Sucharski said.



## BRINGING IT HOME



### model un summit at orange

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Model United Nations or Model UN is a district wide club that is available to grades 6-12. Just as the name suggests, it's a mock of the United Nations where groups of students pick a country, find a problem within their country and then eventually draft a solution that is presented at the summit.

In previous years, the summit was held at Bridgewater Banquet Center in Powell, but because of the massive influx of students this year, the summit will take place right here at the high school from Feb. 18-19, making it more accessible for students.

"Being in Model UN is quite an easy process and can be very self-paced. It

is an awesome club especially if you love working with a group of friends and debating global-political topics," senior Model UN member Josh Layne said.

While creating and presenting solutions to problems within one's country is a large part of the summit, it's not the only event that occurs.

"During the summit, students present their resolutions and debate on others. We also have a talent show, a cultural dress competition, a dance and several other fun activities we change from year to year," junior Model UN member Janhavi Kavedia said.

In Model UN, there are different

roles.

"Delegates are the students who participate in the club, then there are school ambassadors, who represent each school and run meetings at their respective schools," Kavedia said. "The council staff, are a big part of council sessions at the summit, which are like the preliminary round of presenting resolutions. Finally, the highest rank is general assembly staff, who organize finances, the summit, and practically anything else that needs to be done."

Information about Model UN and photos from past summits can be found on their Instagram @olentangymodelun.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### students present black history assembly

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Club students are in constant collaboration with one another discussing how to involve the school community in their plans to not only bring light to what they're working on but also to the students themselves. The Black History Month Assembly is an example of this expression, and this Feb. 3 allowed students to show their work for the first time in two years in person.

Library Media Specialist Austin Nunn also works as the diversity liaison and was involved in the planning process.

"My role in this event was advising the students in Black Empowerment Club. This is a student-led club, but I helped with organizing the students and the logistics of putting on the

show," Nunn said.

This assembly is essential for continuing to highlight the importance of Black History Month and to keep the school community involved with one another's stories.

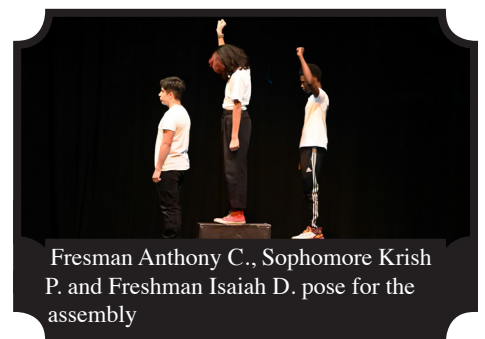
"We mostly just tried making sure that this year's presentation moved people in a way we hadn't before and connected with all the students watching," junior Samyra Smith said.

From set design, to moving performers wherever necessary to get the story of black resistance across, bringing the students together while working on this assembly was equally as important to assure it resonated with the rest of the student body.

"Their contributions should not be forgotten and should continue to be

something we think about because their efforts have become the fabric that holds our country together and makes us special," Nunn said.

After two years of virtual performances, four live showcases happened in the theater on Feb. 3 during second, third, 11th and 12th periods for each grade.



Fresman Anthony C., Sophomore Krish P. and Freshman Isaiah D. pose for the assembly



# AI WRITING

## how it works and when it should be used

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In the past, cheating strategies have been very complicated. Common cheating was students writing on their hands, passing notes and paper and sending photos of their work to classmates.

Now, there are artificial writing websites that will write essays for students. The websites are right at students' fingertips and bring a whole new way of cheating to students.

Artificial writing is writing done by a computer. The computer is given a prompt and will write an entire essay about it. The essay can be written in seconds. With that short of a writing time, students can use this when they are in a time crunch.

Some AI writing websites include Writesonic, Rytr and the most common, ChatGPT. These applications are free and can be used by anybody with a device.

"ChatGPT is new — it was released in late November — but it has already sent many educators into a panic," New York Times reporter Kevin Roose said. "Students are using it to write their assignments, passing off A.I.-generated essays and problem sets as their own," according to the New York Times.

AI writing could create problems in classrooms including taking away learning from students and letting them do things the easy way. However, AI writing isn't perfect.

"Currently, AI writing cannot conduct research or cite sources properly," English Teacher Christine Dutrow said. "But it is hard to know if that will change in the future."

Artificial writing is not perfect but can still be used. Even without research being able to be conducted, AI writing is still very efficient.

Students can find ways around these problems, but the big question is how noticeable is AI writing?

If reviewing a paper that was generated from an AI writing website, they are usually pretty good, but sometimes there are unnatural sections of the piece that seem choppy or it lacks robust vocabulary. But of course, AI writing is looked at as cheating. It's unclear whether teachers can tell that AI writing is different from normal writing.

"I haven't noticed any AI writing so far in formal researched essays," Dutrow said. Dutrow has been keeping up with the evolution of AI writing.

Even if teachers have not noticed AI writing, there will be consequences when they do find it. It is plagiarism and not the students' original work. AI writing will count as cheating.

Students know there will be consequences and that drives them away from using AI writing. If the consequence is the same as the consequence of the paper being late or plagiarized, then students should consider taking their time and completing the assignment as their original work.

"I don't believe the risk is worth the reward," a sophomore student said. "It is looked at as plagiarism and enforced the same way too."

With the knowledge of the consequences and risk of using ChatGPT, most students tend to steer away. Nevertheless, some students still use it, seeing the positives.

NBC news reporter Lester Holt reports that in a recent college survey, 53 percent of students have used ChatGPT to write a school essay.

With how many people get caught

and how many people say they have used AI writing, it is believed that these tools' use often times goes undetected. Students seem to get away with it, depending on what type of writing they are turning in or the severity of the writing.

With that being said, there are ways to find out if writing is AI writing. There have been many different types of software released in order to detect AI writing such as ChatGPT. A quick google search will find many users.

The detector, DetectGPT, lets users paste their writing into the box at the bottom of the page. It will then analyze it and give a score based on how likely the writing is to be from GPT.

That's just one of the many AI writing detectors out there, and most of the detectors will give the same answer. With all of this knowledge on AI writing, students need to ask themselves, is it worth it to use AI writing.

### The Pros and Cons of ChatGPT

#### Pros:

- Free to use
- Fast, detailed responses
- Efficient
- Saves time and management

#### Cons:

- Doesn't include citations
- Is detectable
- May fabricate fact based on topic of choice
- Limited data

#### How to use:

- Go to [openai.com](https://openai.com)
- Click "Try ChatGPT"
- Sign up for an account
- Verify your account
- Ask a question in the search bar

# STUDENTS VS STAFF

## seniors, staff face off at pep rally

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Pep rallies are one of the many ways that the high school community comes together to have fun.

The most recent pep rally was on Feb. 10 with the main event of students facing off the staff in a basketball game.

“I was excited about this basketball game knowing that the rivalry between the students and staff would be huge,” senior Kenny Thompson said.

Thompson has continuously played a large part in the organization of pep rallies.

“For months now, I have been helping plan pep rallies and getting

everything on the same page,” Thompson said.

He has taken pride in being a leader when it comes to these events.

“By knowing that if the event is well planned, pep rallies can be fun and I have taken that and embraced it,” Thompson said.

This basketball game event has been done before and was such a hit that it had to be brought back.

“This event has happened in the past, and there were students and staff members who requested for it to happen once again,” Assistant Principal Ellie Ellis said.

As well as the basketball game, the pep rally had an introduction for the school’s winter sport athletes.

“It was an opportunity to recognize our winter athletes and a chance to have a break in the quarter for students and staff to come together for a fun event,” Ellis said.

Overall, the event was a success ending in lots of excitement around the school.

“Our main goal was to spread a little cheer and come together as a school in a positive atmosphere,” Ellis said.

And they certainly did just that.



Several seniors and staff members participate in a basketball game on Feb. 10. They tied the game 19-19.

# VALENTINE'S DAY

## the school should host inclusive events

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Valentine's Day took the hearts of both staff and students this year, with the student body passing out carnations and spending the day with people they love.

Valentine's Day has been heavily celebrated in the school environment, but there is an active debate on how heavy it should be pushed on students around the school.

According to studies done over the last few years by Casa Pacifica, teenagers feel Valentine's Day is overrated or irrelevant with over 53 percent saying they don't participate at all.

Valentine's Day is primarily focused on students who are in relationships, which does not include the entire student population. Many students who are not part of the romantic percentage can easily feel inferior to other couples on Valentine's Day, so the school community shouldn't make every student feel like they need to celebrate.

In the past, school clubs have passed out carnations, sent anonymous roses to students in class,



Freshman Ojas G, a member of the Freshman Class Cabinet sells carnations to students during lunch.



Junior Katy M. and sophomore Claire J. buy carnations for friends.

and even provided the lunch periods with singing telegrams to serenade them with love songs.

While this may be a great way for some students to celebrate, not all students want to take part.

I don't believe that Valentine's Day should be as recognized within the school community as it is now because it could lead students who are not in the romantic spirit to feel left out or inferior during the holiday season.

Instead of activities that are only designed for students who are in relationships, the school should participate in activities that benefit

everyone, whether they are in a relationship or not.

These activities could include a walk-a-thon to raise awareness around heart disease or donating to those in need who may not be able to celebrate Valentine's Day at all.

While Valentine's Day is a great holiday for people to spend the day with their loved ones, whether that's family, friends or their significant other, it's not a holiday that should be heavily pushed on students within the school community.

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# VALENTINE'S DAY PLANS

students share their special plans

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We are going to have a Galentine's Day party and watch movies.  
Freshmen Alexa Langhans and Devyn Hance

I'm getting dressed up and going out to dinner with one of my close friends.  
Junior Katy Martin

We're going to my house to make heart-shaped pizzas together. Then, we're going to go watch movies together.  
Sophomore Emily Campbell

We're making heart-shaped cookies and watching rom-coms together  
Senior Haylie Sucharski

# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH & PIONEER PRIDE BARS

## JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Natalie Reich  
Ella Halsey  
Sanvi Potluri  
Mason Poulter  
Diego Canizalez Sanchez  
Grace Chung  
Mason Hays  
Braden Edwards  
Vitor Nogueira de Souza

## PRIDE BARS

Bruce Pachko     Addison Smith  
Avery Doyle     Jay Lung  
Kasper Condon     Kyla Oswald  
Jermaine Dukes     Claire Jenkins  
Zach Ludwig     Sri Bathula  
Austin Replogie  
Evan Simpson  
Keeratpal Sandhu  
Ellie Eichel  
Izzy Wilson  
Jace Kendall  
Audrey Selsor  
Jameson Robbins  
Rohan Madiposu