

THE MAVERICK



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"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great. "

- Zig Ziglar

"If you can dream it, you can do it."

-Walt Disney

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

BY: LEXI LEESON

Martin Luther King Jr. was a Baptist Minister, and social activist who led the civil rights movement in the United States from the mid 1950's until he passed away by assassination in 1968. Martin was born on January 15th, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. He had an impact on race relations in the United States beginning in the 1950's. King is remembered as one of the most praised African American leaders in history. Martin had a sister and a brother. His sister's name was Willie Christine, and his brother's name was Alfred Daniel Williams King. Everyone also knew he was the one who

gave the "I Have A Dream" speech. He wrote the speech because he wanted to influence the federal government to take more direct actions to realize racial equality and that everyone is a human regardless of the color of your skin. He changed a lot in this world and that's why there is one special day that is in memory of him.



Mid City Choir Group singing songs in the main lobby!

Drinking And Driving

By: Bailey Troyer

Many people lose their life due to drunk drivers, and even more people are injured because of them. New Years is around the corner, and people tend to drive under the influence more so around this time of year. People don't understand the real consequences of driving while intoxicated, because the punishment for this crime is very lenient. Many people have received multiple tickets for driving under the influence and yet they face no jail time. These people are not only endangering their lives, they're endangering everybody else who's on the road or even walking on the side walk.

There are many safe ways to get home after a long night of drinking, you could also call a taxi or maybe the city bus. Maybe try calling a friend, or relative to come get you. On average, a drunk driver will drive intoxicated more than 80 times before their first arrest. Imagine how many people could be passing by this one person and coming so close to being the next person killed by a drunk driver. Even if you're being safe these holidays and staying sober be careful for those who aren't.



"It's bad to drink and drive and I don't think people are very smart for doing it."

- Haliyah Bateman



Congrats Graduates!

By: Bailey Troyer

Graduation is here, and the graduating seniors at Mid City have been working really hard to make sure all their assignments are turned in and all their work is caught up. It's been a long couple of months for them, but all that hard work has finally paid off. Now its time to let go of the stress and focus on spending the holidays with your families and look forward to starting a new chapter in their lives. Congratulations Mid City Class Of 2014!



Just a few of our graduating seniors!
Melissa Embrey, Elgin Lopez, Kaitlyn Schmidt, & Kashia Myrick



A few more of the graduating seniors!
Calvin Jones, KeKe Elliot, & Nichole Connelly

“Only you have the ability to push yourself to succeed”

- Mrs. Weber



Horoscopes

By: Alaina Otte

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Inspiration can be hard to find. But I've learned if you just look around and truly try to see the world around you, Inspiration is everywhere. In every smile, in the vibrant colors that surround us, even with in yourself.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Do you believe in giving people a second chance? or are you afraid of getting hurt again or looking like a fool? Well I've always found that people can change if they are truly motivated to do so. So you should reconsider not letting that person back into your life.

Gemini (May 21- June 21)

Stop playing it safe Gemini, Don't conform to what others want you to be! Be who you have been dying to be.. Be yourself! Don't hide behind the mask any longer!

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Open your Mind to bigger and brighter concepts. Stop being afraid of what you do

not understand. Come out of the dark and into the light!

Leo (July 23- August 23)

Sometimes people be tripping over nothing. When they are doing that, remain calm and state the facts. Just tell them to tie their shoe lace and take a chill pill.

Virgo (August 23- September 22)

When life gets you down, just make sure to keep a positive outlook and keep looking forward. If you beat yourself up over small things, you take the opportunity to better yourself in any way.

Libra (September 23- October 22)

When you look in the mirror, you might see yourself. You can choose to accept or deny what you see. but the people who succeed are the ones who accept themselves.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21)

In society people crave beauty and perfection but what most forget about is what's on the inside. A beautiful personality is worth ten pretty faces.

Sagittarius (November 22- December 21)

The best and most beautiful things can't be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.

Capricorn (December 22- January 19)

All those who wander are not lost. They are just searching for the perfect destination.

Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

Good vibes are coming your way. keep an optimistic mind and look forward to the good things.

Pisces (February 19- March 20)

You may currently or in the near future come across a conflict. You will feel torn between two sides. It will not be life altering so go with your gut feelings, and trust your instincts.



VIDEO GAME REVIEWS- GTA 5:NEXT GEN

BY: NICHOLAS JONES

I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.

-Jimmy Dean

Most of you are probably thinking, isn't GTA 5 already out? It is out on Ps3 and Xbox 360. But it released on November 18, 2014, for the Ps4 and Xbox One. It is not just a port of the original game. It has next-gen graphics, new cars and guns, and new heists to complete

in the story mission. I had recently purchased the game, and I can say, it is the best game i have ever played. I owned the previous gen copy of the game, and the next-gen remake is in my opinion one of the best remakes of a game ever made. The world of

Los Santos is exaggeratedly beautiful, from the traffic in the rainy streets, to the dirt roads of the multiple mountains in Blaine county. It is an amazingly beautiful game, probably the most beautiful game ever released to date.



ADVICE FROM THE SENIORS AND FUTURE PLANS BY: BAILEY TROYER

Danyell - Advice for Freshmen: go to class, & don't get involved in drama. College: Scott Community College, and St. Ambrose University to be an elementary teacher.

Nick - Advice for Freshmen: Keep to yourself. College: Scott Community College, & he's not sure what he's going for yet.

Melissa - Advice for Freshmen: Don't slack off, & keep to yourself. Decided to start college in August.

EJ- Advice for Freshmen: Suck it up and get it done. College: Georgia Tech, for welding.

Calvin- Advice for Freshmen:

Come everyday, and get your work done. College: Black Hawk for Psychology and Criminal Justice.

Nichole- College: Black Hawk for Business & Accounting.

KeKe- Advice for Freshmen; Get it done. College: Virginia, for Massage Therapy.



"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself"

-Anonymous



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POEMS FOR THE SENIORS BY: KATELYNN ENGLAND

(Haiku)

twelve years, done so far
all the memories and friends
time to build your future.

(Acrostic) Good grades

Open minds
Ambition

Life accomplishments

Stay focused

(free style)

we make goals, to go above and beyond to reach them

we make friends to go above and beyond to make memories with them

we learn new things to go above and beyond to use them.

so follow your dreams to go above and beyond to make your future worthwhile.

"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence."

-Vince Lombardi



Art Corner

By: Victoria Sherrod

The art students are hard at work putting their skills to the test! Painting is working hard creating portraits of celebrities. Anime has been creating fight scene! And if you remember the splatter paint that was created for

the Mid City office, The art foundations class is work on creating their very own splatter paints. You could also be creating various works of art as well! Mid City art club is still going on every Mon-

day after school! Join and show off your creative side. Art club is with Mrs. Smallwood's in room 211. Stop by anytime if you have questions!



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*"It does not matter how
slowly you go as long as
you do not stop."
- Confucius*

*"To know what you
know and what you do
not know, that is true
knowledge."
- Anonymous*

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kalina Westphal - January 3rd

Kashia Myrick - January 4th

Tiffany Warwick - January 9th

Samuel Daxon - January 11th

Kai Heyninck - January 15th

Gary Britcher - January 24th

Marissa Coffman - January 25th

Vincent Oswald - January 25th



New Year's Resolutions By: Melissa Embrey



"To finally do this year
2014, what I planned to
do last year 2013,
which I was supposed
to do in 2012"

Mrs. Kormann

"To stop drinking pop"

Ashley Sherrod

"To have a better year
than last"

Mr. Mason

"To exercise 30 mins, 3
times a week"

Mrs. Campbell

"To be healthier and do
more comedy shows"

Mrs. Smallwood

"To help out younger peo-
ple with life"

Fred Parks

"To try a new hairstyle"

Ms. Jones

"Exercise more and eat
healthier"

Mrs. Mishra

"To like myself more"

Alaina Otte

"To go to college and find
out what I want to do in my
life"

Nick Jones

"I want to be a nicer per-
son"

Lexi Leeson

"I want to get a job"

Kirk Gray