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THE KING HAS BEEN CROWNED

Godwin names Michael Whitty 13th Mr. MG winner



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Emma Ford
Online Editor-in-Chief

The Mr. Mills E. Godwin pageant is a staple tradition within the Godwin community, bringing students together for a night of fun, laughter, and entertainment to raise money for the Make-A-Wish foundation. The pageant consists of an opening dance, a character round, a talent round, and a question round.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, the 13th annual Mr. MG pageant took place, crowning senior Michael Whitty as Mr. MG. Whitty has participated in the pageant for three years.

Other participants included seniors Mitchell Ashe, Kevin Crockett, Barrett Goode, Sam Lukanuski, John Magee, James Malaugh, Luca Mastromano, and Mitchell Wein, junior Charles Shelton, and sophomores Lachlan McLennan, Andrew Seccia, and Davis West.

After each round, four participants were eliminated until a final five was selected. This year's judges consisted of Godwin attendance secretary Nancy Winston, the "Real Mr. MG" and longtime custodian Thomas Threatt, and the Make-A-Wish representative Abby Quinn.

All proceeds went to the Make-A-Wish foundation, an organization that helps grant wishes to kids with life-threatening diseases.

The Mr. MG pageant was hosted by P.E teacher Mark Brandenburger and SCA officers Jessica Besnier, Madison Bradley, Isabelle Clyde, and Wesley Dugger.

Character Round

For this round, the boys dressed up as different characters and were judged on both their execution and creativity.

First, Ashe, or Ms. Kim Kardashian West, showed up for the pageant with clear platform heels and a diamond necklace. A video was played where Ashe imitated each of the different characters in the show *Keeping up with the Kardashians*.

Crockett followed, performing with Ashe as actor Justin Timberlake and *Tonight Show* Host Jimmy Fallon in one of their well-known *Saturday Night Live* segments, "Camp Winnepesaukee".

Goode took the audience back to their childhoods and told the true story of The Three Little Pigs. (Disclaimer: The Big Bad Wolf may not have been so bad after all).

Lukanuski showed Godwin that Jolene will never take his man with his impersonation of busty singer Dolly Parton.

Next, Magee portrayed Rick Harrison from the History Channel series *Pawn Stars*. Magee bought everything from the Godwin spirit stick to a dollar. However, he refused to purchase the Deep Run "spirit stick" and a Deep Run sweatshirt that he claimed wasn't worth cleaning up after his dog with.

"Being a seasoned veteran, I wasn't nervous at all about the show. I was excited and sad that it was my last show," said Magee, who has participated in Mr. MG for three years.

Malaugh followed Magee and played OxiClean salesman Billy Mays, proving that OxiClean

not only gets rid of stains, but can also get rid of Dolly Parton (Lukanuski) and Ms. Kim Kardashian West (Ashe).

Then, Mastromano played the iconic video game character and Italian plumber Mario, and raced to the finish line in his live-action version of Mario Kart.

McLennan reenacted the movie *Step Brothers*, starring as Brennan Huff, and was accompanied by sophomore Ethan Joynt who played Dale Dobak.

Next, Seccia revealed the curse of the "Forever Freshman" in a video displaying a PSA asking students to no longer confuse him with a freshman.

Shelton showed off his dance moves to help students land a date to prom through his reenactment of the Evolution of Hip Hop.

Following Shelton, Wein revealed the struggle of Richmond weather through his portrayal of a Southern mom of three facing "the blizzard of the century". Watch out for black ice!

Then, West played local celebrity and Henrico County Public Schools Director of Communications and Relations Andy Jenks. West read Jenks' most popular tweets, including the tweet announcing exam cancellations for high school students.

Whitty finished up the round with his performance of Mariah Carey's New Year's Eve lip-synching disaster, complete with the silken robe and luscious locks.

After a long deliberation, judges put Ashe, Crockett, Magee, Goode, Lukanuski, Malaugh, McLennan, West, and

Whitty through to the next round.

Talent Round

In this round, the remaining contestants were required to showcase their best talents.

Ashe, with the help of last year's Mr. MG Adam Miller, sang a song from *Step Brothers* with a video lamenting the loss of beloved restaurant Captain D's to Cookout.

Crockett proved that he does not have two left feet with a swing dance starring dance team member senior Christine Johnson.

Next, Goode sang Frank Sinatra's "Just the Way You Look Tonight" with a little tap dancing thrown in.

Lukanuski showed off his dance moves in his "Turnt Up" dance, which was cut short when dance team captain senior Logan Brocklehurst and pageant host Besnier stopped to criticize him.

Then, Magee performed an original rap titled "Straight Outta Godwin". The crowd definitely witnessed the power of West-End knowledge.

Malaugh slowed things down with a tribute to departed teacher and head of the Center for Medical Sciences Todd Allen Phillips "TPhilly" with a guitar rendition of Leonard Cohen's song "Hallelujah" and an accompanying slide show in remembrance.

McLennan, next, rapped the entire alphabet with the song "Alphabet Aerobics" by Black-alicious.

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Mind over matter

McKenna Gillard
Opinion Editor

This year, Godwin introduced a new way for students to relieve and manage stress.

Librarian Brooke Davis started the mindfulness workshop that helps students understand the meaning of "mind over matter".

Davis organized these seminars after realizing the amount of stress many students were under.

Godwin has received media attention over drug and alcohol abuse within the student body, and Davis wanted to offer a safer option for students to deal with stress.

Once a month, a county employee comes to the library during 4th period to teach students mindfulness. During these 23-minute workshops, yoga instructor Marjorie Buchanan leads participating students in stress management activities.

Buchanan has included activities like coloring mandalas in adult coloring books, learning about relaxation from scents, deep breathing and guided meditation sessions, and using music to relax.

Senior Karl Hardrick said, "It was a serene experience that made me feel inner peace and sanctity."

Anyone is welcome to participate in the monthly sessions, as

long as they get a pass for their lunch study.

According to Davis, she has received specific referrals from counselors and teachers.

The workshop also invites students in the mentoring program to participate.

Teaching relaxation techniques to students has spread all over Henrico County.

Fairfield Middle School starts each morning with a ten-minute mindful session, and Holman Middle School holds mindfulness workshops each week.

Davis said, "I think [the students] get some tools to help with stress management and focus and, hopefully, some relaxation in the middle of the

school day."

The mindfulness workshop at Godwin is partnering with guidance counselor Juliana Schatz and Family and Consumer Science teacher Sharon Womble

to bring the program to more students.

The next mindfulness workshops will be held Feb. 13 and Feb. 27.



photo courtesy Godwin Library

The workshops include making crafts as a stress reliever.

MR. MG (from pg. 1)

West embraced the night's Harry Potter theme with his magic routine to the tune of "Lazy Day" by Bruno Mars.

To finish off the round, Whitty sang two original songs titled "Shadows" and "Walking Out the Door" from his soon to be released album, *Shadows*. Whitty received a standing ovation from the crowd.

After another long deliberation, Ashe, Whitty, Magee, McLennan, and Crockett moved on to the final question round.

Question Round

For the final round, the contestants were asked a question

and had to answer to the best of their ability while portraying wit and compassion.

Ashe was asked why becoming Mr. MG was important to him, answering that he believed the show created a sense of unity.

Crockett was asked what his greatest fear was, and he explained that he feared any harm coming to his sister and Godwin alum Jessie Crockett.

McLennan joked that he was most like Brandenburger due to them both having "luscious locks of hair".

Magee, as well, answered why Mr. MG was so important

to him.

"I was so emotional and started tearing up," said Magee.

Last to answer, Whitty described himself in three words, stating that he is enthusiastic, passionate, and most of all, hopeful.

Final Round

As the judges deliberated for the final time, the audience watched the making of Mr. MG.

This year's theme was Harry Potter, and the audience watched as the contestants took on the classic book characters and story. Ashe and Whitty traipsed around under what they

thought was an invisibility cloak while Crockett showed his disappointment at the Sorting Hat casting him into Hufflepuff.

After the final decision was in, the five remaining contestants lined up along the stage. McLennan was fourth runner-up, Ashe was third runner-up, and Crockett was second runner-up.

It came down to Whitty and Magee. In the end, Whitty was crowned the 2017 Mr. MG winner, and Magee became first runner-up.

"Becoming Mr. MG is a lot more than the title and the crown. I have always told my

friends and family that I am here for them, but becoming Mr. MG is me telling the school that I am here for anyone in the eagle family," said Whitty.

Over \$5,000 was raised for the Make-A-Wish foundation.

"I am proud to wear the crown with pride and determination to help Godwin become a more loving and inclusive environment. Just seeing the crowd fill the seats for the performance warms my heart, not only because they came to support a group of wonderful guys but also an amazing foundation, Make-A-Wish," said Whitty.

Model students take on Model UN

Olivia Carey
Editor-in-Chief

Godwin students are known for working hard and taking the initiative, but Model United Nations participants went above and beyond by organizing their own conference on Dec. 9 and 10, 2016 at Embassy Suites by Hilton.

Model United Nations offers students the opportunity to "learn about world issues, meet like-minded individuals, gain public speaking skills, and engage in great debate," according to senior Divya Atluri, who organized the conference and is Secretary General.

Students meet, each representing different countries, people, or roles and their inter-

actions in the United Nations.

While spearheaded by Atluri, seniors Dharani Atluri and Julianne Carroll, and juniors Apurv Shah, McKenna Gillard, Yara Ibrahim, Aala Nasir, Anjali Jain, and Amruta Pongupati helped organize the conference with help from sponsor Atluri's mother, and a few Freeman and Henrico students.

The Student Invitational Model UN Conference, dubbed "SIMUNC", was created by students because the school club wasn't interested in orchestrating a conference at the time.

"Having a conference has been a dream of mine since my sophomore year, and I was not planning on giving up so easily," said Divya Atluri.

Atluri contacted a network of

people that she had met at different conferences and set about assembling one of her own.

It wasn't as simple as just deciding to organize a conference. The planning alone took a year, even with tips from Maggie L. Walker Governor's School and the University of Virginia.

Participation was garnered from Freeman, Deep Run, Maggie Walker, and Henrico via Twitter, SIMUNC's website (simunc.org) and emails.

Students who attended, otherwise known as "delegates", arrived armed with a position paper that they had submitted previously. The paper introduced the delegate's role, stated their position on certain issues, solutions to those issues, and answered pertinent questions.

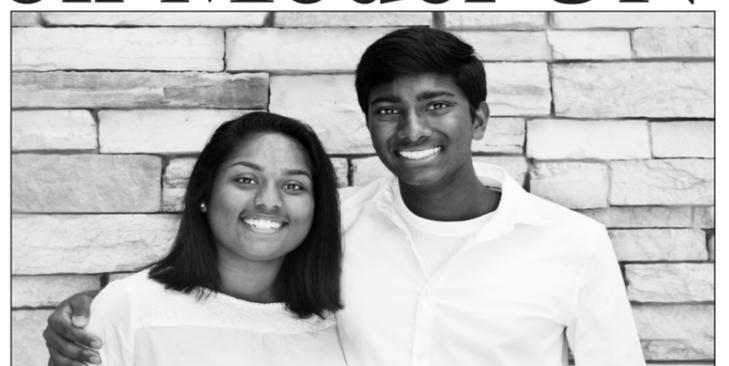


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Atluri with the Executive Director, Allen Baiju, at SIMUNC.

While the benefits of Model United Nations outshine the awards, the conference judged delegates based on preparedness, participation, and diplomacy.

"Model UN allowed me to feel

challenged, confident and intelligent all at once. I was able to find a voice and argue on issues that I am passionate about like human trafficking and women's rights," said Atluri.

sNOw mid-terms... for good?

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Speculation about the placement of midterm exams has risen in recent weeks due to the Henrico County School Board's release of a proposed calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.

A main change noted in this calendar is winter break, beginning on Friday, Dec. 22 for students, while that Friday remains a teacher work day. During previous years, this work day has taken place at the end

of the exam week.

Although this change may be due to the placement of New Year's Day, which would land on Monday, there is an idea amongst both teachers and students that exams could possibly be moved to before winter break.

Another theory is that mid-term exams will not be held at all, due to the fact that they are not present on the proposed calendar.

This school year, mid-term exams were cancelled for "inclement weather". The purpose

of this cancellation was said to be for teachers to have additional class time.

Exams were given optionally, and if taken, they could only help students' grades.

According to @HenricoSchools on Twitter, "Henrico County Public Schools has decided to CANCEL the Jan. 24-27, 2017, mid-term exams for high school credit courses."

Due to this last minute cancellation, there is even more speculation of exams being cancelled for the next year.

Chesterfield County Public School's schedule began administering exams before break in recent years, a move which has many pros and cons.

For example, some may argue moving exams to before break would allow students to fully immerse themselves in their subjects before having a holiday, rather than returning and having to relearn material.

However, there is concern about the week before break being a distracting time for students.

Other schools seem to be changing their minds on mid-terms as well. Hanover County Public Schools has announced they will not administer mid-term exams in 2017-2018.

Although there is no final decision about mid-term cancellations for the next school year, the school board along with a benchmark and exam committee is planning to meet throughout the second semester to finalize next year's calendar.

Standing in the hall of fame

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Sports Editor

The Godwin Athletic Hall of Fame was organized in 2012, making this year's inductees a part of the fifth class.

Among the inductees were sports alumni Brian Whitley, Ashton Payne, Brittany Thompson, Ryan Heathcock, Chris Herndon, and the 1984 football team.

Also among the inductees are current tennis coach and AP Psychology teacher Mark Seidenberg, Health and Physical Education teacher Penny Stevens, and athletic trainer Chris Brill.

Usually those inducted into the Hall of Fame have either graduated from or no longer work at Godwin, but exceptions include Seidenberg, Stevens, and Brill.

Also common achievements of inductees include tangible accomplishments that warrant their position in the Hall of Fame.

Although Seidenberg has many championships under his belt, neither Stevens nor Brill have participated in or coached any sports. Their achievements lie with their service to others throughout the years.

In his years as a coach, Seidenberg has guided both boys and girls basketball, and girls tennis. While coaching basketball, he led the teams to two district championships.

Seidenberg's most well-known accomplishments have occurred as the girls tennis coach, during which he led the team to 16 district champion-

ships, 16 regional championships, 11 state championships, and four runner ups.

"Coach Seidenberg is an amazingly dedicated coach who not only challenges us to perform our best, but also fosters strong camaraderie within the team and genuinely cares about each player," said senior and tennis player Jessica Marks.

Seidenberg feels very honored to have been inducted this year.

"I've been a part of this school for 27 years, and I feel very blessed to have support from the players and staff members. The teamwork aspect of the Hall of Fame is important. The athletes that I've seen inducted have had many personal accomplishments, but they have always been team players. What they did was not for themselves but for the team," said Seidenberg.

Most students who participate in athletics have probably seen Brill at least once and have been on the receiving end of his help and advice.

Brill joined the athletic staff as the athletic trainer in 1998 and has since worked at the school providing medical assistance and insight to everyone who comes to his office.

"He has unselfishly [given] his time and energy to serve our student-athletes and has also been a great mentor and teacher to many student-trainers. Brill has been more than just a trainer. He is a vital part of the Eagle Family," said former football coach Ron Axselle.

Brill has also had a positive influence on those he meets



photo courtesy Tom Veazey

Left to right: Mark Seidenberg, Brittany Thompson, Ryan Heathcock, Brian Whitley, Penny Stevens, and Chris Brill were inducted into the GHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

while helping athletes.

"Brill really cares about all athletes that come see him. I know that I can always rely on him to help me properly recover when injured. It means a lot to me when he follows up with me later in the season and asks how my injury is, and how my races have been going," said junior and track athlete Arielle Cottrell.

Brill enjoys his job and thinks it a privilege to work at the school.

"I feel truly blessed for the opportunity to work with the entire Godwin family. Getting an athlete back on to the field or court after an injury is what gives me satisfaction.

"I also love teaching sports medicine to the students at Godwin who have an interest in possibly pursuing a career in

the medical field. I am humbled to be a part of Godwin's fifth Hall of Fame Class, and look forward to many more years at Godwin High School," said Brill.

Stevens began teaching Health and Physical Education in 1998 and often works athletic events. She is known for being kind-hearted and dedicated to the school, according to her coworkers and students.

"I personally love Ms. Stevens because she is always so upbeat and happy for everyone. She encourages all the athletes with great life advice and she is just a sweetheart. The Godwin family is so lucky to have her," said junior and golfer Diana Domenech.

Sophomore and varsity baseball player Sam Landess is especially fond of Stevens.

"She's the sweetest, most warm-hearted person I know. I've never seen a teacher who truly loves what she does as much as she does. She can always bring a smile to your face even if you're having a really bad day," said Landess.

The reason for her induction into the Hall of Fame is her many years of service to those around her, and her commitment to making sure all students move forward with confidence and plenty of hugs.

"I am exceptionally honored and incredibly blessed that my name will go down with some of the most kindhearted people who have dedicated their time to the betterment of Godwin. To be inducted with them is the highest honor I have ever received," said Stevens.

Coach changes for soccer and football

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Opinion Editor

Godwin boys varsity soccer coach Skip Stevens and varsity football head coach Logan McPherson have resigned at Godwin their coaching positions at Godwin.

Stevens has been head coach of the boys varsity soccer team for five years and assistant coach for three years. He officially resigned from his coaching position effective last November.

As a Godwin alum and former soccer team member, Stevens' passion for the school and its athletic program led him to the coaching position in 2009.

He has since worked with coaching staff Bucky Stevens, Buddy George, Shane Schlesman, Matt Charnes, Alison Toole, and Chris Brill. Last year, the team had a 136-24-6 record.

During his time as assistant coach, the team placed as State Runner-Up in 2009 and State Quarterfinalist in 2011. They were undefeated in Godwin Axselle Stadium in 2009 and 2011.

The team won State Champions in 2015, State Semi-Finalists in 2014 and 2016, and

the State Sportsmanship Award in 2015.

For each of his five seasons as head coach, the team ranked Top 25 in the nation, ranking first during both 2012 and 2013. The team currently has a 58 game unbeaten streak at Axselle Stadium.

"As a former student and player, having the opportunity to come back and win the state championship as a coach, with my brother on the sidelines as my assistant, is definitely a feeling that I will never forget and will always cherish," said Stevens.

The decision to leave Godwin was difficult and emotional for Stevens.

"Unfortunately, it simply was a necessary decision for me to make at this time in my life. I am presently not in a position where I can devote the amount of time that I believe is necessary to be head coach," said Stevens.

According to Director of Student Activities Tom Nadeau, Godwin is still in the process of finding a new coach for the boys soccer team because of a delay requiring clarification on new hiring practices for head coaches.

Stevens has confidence in the program under new leadership. He hopes that they will play with the same passion, determination, and teamwork as prior seasons.

Godwin also lost McPherson, who resigned after coaching the team from 2014 to 2016. A new coach will be found for the 2017 season.

McPherson resigned because he did not have enough time to commit to coaching while working at Capital One for his day job.

He wrapped up his three-season coaching career at Godwin with a 15-15 record. The team had a 5-5 record in 2016, 4-6 record in 2015, and a 6-4 record in 2014.

Ron Axselle was Godwin's first varsity football head coach, serving 24 years from 1980 to 2004. Since Axselle's retirement, Godwin football has had three coaches- Will Kitchen, John Phillips, and McPherson.

The new football coach will be Godwin's fourth in seven years.

The coaching positions for football and soccer have been posted but not yet filled.



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Skip Stevens (l) with mother, Penny, at the GHS Hall of Fame ceremony. Stevens has resigned as soccer coach.



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Logan McPherson has resigned as varsity football coach.

Tape jobs and hugs: teamwork beyond the field

Sara Puglisi
Student Correspondent



Sara Puglisi is a senior at Godwin and plays for the soccer and basketball teams.

Being a part of Godwin athletics, I have come to appreciate everything that this school is made of.

Also being accident prone, I realized that more than just an athlete's ability goes into game days to help it run smoothly.

Two names stand out to me the most when I think about the people who put so much effort into creating the perfect game day: Coach Brill and Ms. Stevens. Both of these amazing people have been an integral part of the Godwin family and are deservedly being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Coach Brill has meant a lot to me over my past four years at Godwin. From all of the ankle tapes to broken ribs and back problems, he has always been

there for me.

You will always see him first off the bench to help people, and after all of the games, you can find him at Glory Days celebrating.

Personally, he has been helping me ever since my freshman year when I sprained my ankle, and has continued to help me all the way up to my senior year when I fractured a rib. Coach Brill has always calmed me down, and I can always trust him.

If you know me, you know how superstitious I am. In fact, whenever Brill is not there to tape ankles, I never get mine taped. He is the only one I allow to tape my ankles because I am afraid other trainers will do something wrong, and I will get hurt.

I know that even past my years at Godwin, I will call Coach Brill for advice on what exercises I should do or how to treat my injury.

He does a lot of behind-the-scenes work, including communicating with all of the coaches on the status of their players, making sure the concussion protocol is up to date, and communicating with the Athletic Director about the schedule.

I have been fortunate enough to have such a close relationship with him, and I have appreciated everything he has done for me



photo courtesy Tom Veazey

Health and PE teacher Penny Stevens joined the GHS Hall of Fame in January.

as many other athletes have been throughout the years.

Now for a lady who will forever be the person I look up to most for her selflessness and kindheartedness, Ms. Stevens.

Ms. Stevens has been such an important part of my life. I know that whenever I am down, or I need someone just to listen to me, I can go to her.

She always welcomes everyone with open arms and especially hugs. I was blessed to have her as a teacher and as a friend.

There are not enough words to describe her. The best representation I tell people when they ask me about her is that she is the face of Godwin High School.

In my mind, being a genu-

ine person and being inducted into the Hall of Fame simply for her service to others speaks volumes to Ms. Stevens' heart and spirit.

Every event at Godwin means something to her, and she does her best to be at everything she can make. However, she makes it clear that family comes first, which is something I admire about her.

But she also makes it clear that Godwin is her family. Even if she doesn't know you, she will still show love and care towards you.

She is inviting, and there is always a line to hug her whenever you come to games. Penny Stevens will always be a name that will be cherished at Godwin High



photo courtesy Tom Veazey

Honoree Christopher Brill and sons at the Godwin Athletic Hall of Fame induction.

School for her ability to brighten someone's mood in an instant.

These two individuals are a huge part of the reason why Godwin is Godwin. They help it run, and if it wasn't for Coach Brill and Ms. Stevens, I really couldn't imagine what Godwin would be like.

These people are not getting inducted for their statistics in athletics, but are being inducted for their service and dedication to the community.

I know that I will not be able to forget all of the hugs and tape jobs that I got from these two spectacular individuals. Even though they do not get all of the credit they deserve, they will continue to be in all of our hearts once we leave Godwin.



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Winter Weather: The Decision Is In...

Weather Man and Weather Boy take on the white-out of 2017

Teachers for Tomorrow raises money for education with HCPS icon, Twitter-famous Andy Jenks

Olivia Carey
Editor-in-Chief

Hollywood can keep Kim and Kanye, Drake, and even Beyoncé, because Henrico has its own celebrity. Director of Communications and Public Relations Andy Jenks is known for his Twitter interactions with students, breaking news of the "lamentable" loss of mid-term exams, and most recently, for the stickers and shirts decorated with a vector image of that characteristic Jenks eyebrow-raise.

The project originated last year in Teachers for Tomorrow I.

"Last year some of the juniors were discussing how mid-term exams were cancelled, and we praised Andy Jenks for his help [with midterms], and realized how much students loved him. Why not make a project with him?" said senior Sabrina Duarte.

The class reached out to Jenks last October, and once he agreed to "play along" with the idea, it was a go.

Duarte conceptualized the #closehcps shirts, which evolved into the small industry seen today with the additions of Jenks' face and the fundraising and stickers suggested by senior Michael Whitty. Whitty noticed how many students decorate everything from notebooks to laptops with stickers, and realized there could be

even more to #closehcps than shirts.

The sticker reads "The decision is in, please stand by..." with an image of Jenks and the hashtag "closehcps".

"To get a nice kick start to the fundraising and create awareness, I thought it would be smart to do a sticker to foster interest," said Whitty.

Sales began before winter break. The 20s hall had been decked out as the Polar Express with snowflakes and golden tickets, complete with its own shining hot cocoa station in the Family and Consumer Science kitchen.

Stickers were sold for \$1 and could be used to redeem a cup of Ghirardelli hot cocoa. According to Family and Consumer Science teacher Sharon Womble, students can expect another sticker day if snow appears in the forecast again, perhaps next time with hot apple cider.

Soon after, Teachers for Tomorrow members could be seen wearing #closehcps shirts with Jenks' face on them, which come in both a short-sleeved and a long-sleeved option for \$10 and \$15 respectively. The class began selling shirts at lunches, and while they went quickly, they're still available via print and online order forms. Order forms can be picked up in Room 22.

The real uproar came when it was announced that Jenks

would be visiting Godwin on Jan. 21 during fourth period lunches. Teachers for Tomorrow sold shirts and stickers while he signed countless shirts, shoes, notebooks, and took pictures with students.

Sporting #closehcps gear, drinking hot cocoa, and snapping selfies with Jenks may be fun for Godwin, but the #closehcps campaign is more than just fun.

The sticker and shirt sales benefit Educators Rising, a group that seeks to improve the classroom experience for future generations by guiding passionate, young aspiring teachers into the profession, starting in high school. Their tagline reads: "There's power in teaching."

Teachers for Tomorrow is also close with the "I Have a Dream" Foundation, which helps children in under-resourced schools or housing projects achieve and provides them with guaranteed college tuition assistance.

The final fundraising total has yet to be announced, but it will be tabulated within a month.

"It's one thing to have a t-shirt and sticker with your face on it, but it's so much better when there's a good cause behind it... I'm really impressed with everything they've done to make it successful," said Jenks.

While, according to Womble, it hasn't yet been decided whether or not #closehcps will

persist next year, students hope to see it continue.

Jenks enjoys the relationship with Henrico that Virginia's winter weather has afforded him.

"My parents are very proud when they see their son become an Internet meme every winter! But seriously, I think it's a lot of fun. It's great to see students get interested in their school divi-

sion, and as one of the 'faces' of HCPS, I'm happy to oblige," said Jenks. "One of my main responsibilities is to be a positive representative of the school system at all times, so I think being able to connect with students and their families through our 'snow day' interactions only enhances the positive reputation that HCPS is fortunate to have."



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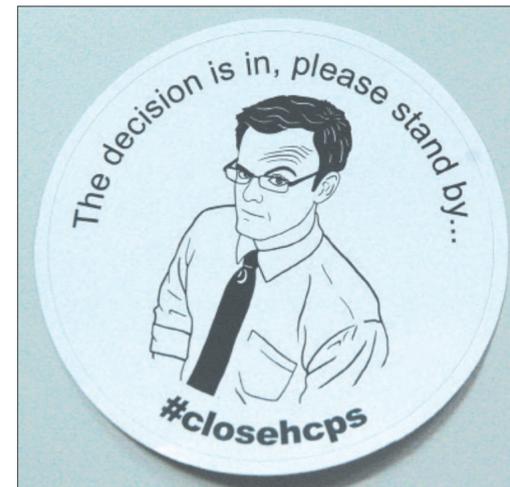


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Left: The sticker designed by Teachers for Tomorrow. Right: Jenks with Schaefer in the midst of signing Teachers for Tomorrow's "#closehcps" shirts.

GHS Weather: "If you know the weather, the world just gets better!"

Yara Ibrahim
News Editor

Checking weather apps and websites in the morning to prepare for the day is routine among many people, but for sophomore Ethan Schaefer, keeping up with the weather is about more than dressing accordingly.

Schaefer has gained a reputation in the Godwin community for his weather predictions and manages a website (ghsweather.weebly.com) which he updates daily with detailed information about upcoming weather conditions.

The reports on the website are produced after carefully studying a variety of sources.

"I look at anything I can get my hands on," said Schaefer.

In addition to examining hourly forecasts and weather maps, Schaefer studies past experiences and current weather models, such as the American GFS model, to provide an accu-

rate forecast.

Schaefer's interest in meteorology began long before he launched the website.

"I remember back in elementary school I was somehow always fascinated with nature and the weather, whether it was blue skies, torrential downpours, blizzards, or anything else," said Schaefer.

At a young age, he began watching the Weather Channel every morning.

"I really enjoyed listening to all the different meteorologists give their forecasts and watching the big weather maps with the fancy symbols," said Schaefer.

After that, he received permission to give weather announcements at his elementary school when he was in fourth grade, and he continues to give weather announcements for Godwin now as a sophomore.

Meteorology is more than just a hobby for Schaefer, so he appreciates the support he

has received from the school as he strives to pursue a career in the field.

"I aspire to be like the people on the Weather Channel who are out in severe storms giving the latest updates on the situation," said Schaefer.

Expectedly, many people go to Schaefer to ask for his predictions regarding snow and school cancellations. He accurately predicted a snowstorm in the middle of January.

Schaefer said that it is difficult to make predictions for the rest of the season, but it seems likely that warmer temperatures will occur at the end of January and possibly into February.

However, he believes it is likely we could see a snowstorm in the beginning or middle of February.

"I think we'll have a couple more snowstorms, so if they fall at the right time, we could definitely have some more snow days."



photo Julia Grossman

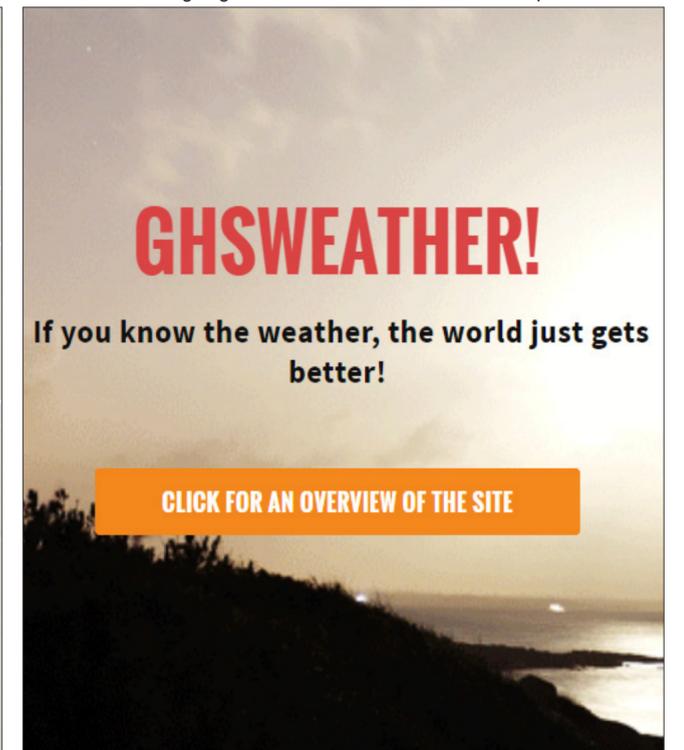


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Left: Sophomore member of the Center for Medical Sciences and creator of GHS Weather Ethan Schaefer. Right: Schaefer's website (ghsweather.weebly.com) serves the Godwin community with regular weather updates. Viewers can expect two days of forecasts in addition to brief five-day outlooks.

Traveler captures reality with his lens

Right: Aum takes a photograph of the Thailand city landscape from above.



photo courtesy Aum

Right: Women engaged in combat sport "Muay Thai", also known as the "art of eight limbs" because of the flurry of everything from fists, to knees, to elbows.



photo courtesy Aum



photo courtesy Aum

Aum was traveling in Thailand at the time and could not keep from photographing these two girls. He found inspiration in their eyes.

Carter Straub Rearview Editor

Sophomore Yotsapong Khamruang, more familiarly known as Aum, is a well-known and highly acclaimed photographer at Godwin.

He started taking photos about three years ago when he lived in Thailand. This stemmed from his desire to show the world through his eyes.

About five months ago, Aum moved to the United States and

has been taking pictures locally since. He wanted to capture and share unforgettable moments within his life.

He started traveling quite frequently when he dropped out of school and was waiting for approval on his green card to come to the United States. He traveled to Dubai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Korea, and New York, taking pictures as he went.

"New York is my favorite place because it has a lot of tall

buildings around the city. The subway and all of the architecture is my favorite," he said.

Aum takes pictures of Godwin students on the regular. His work offers professional opportunities through companies requesting pictures for their brands.

He has been asked to take pictures for Daniel Wellington watches, Young and Hungry clothing, Prettyboygear clothing, Adidas Thailand for their shoes, Samsung Thailand for

the Galaxy S7 edge, and other noteworthy brands.

"My inspiration comes from music, movies, cultures, fashion, and the people I encounter. Everything I see and do in my life inspires me each and every day and those ideas can make some great pictures," said Aum.

After high school, Aum plans to attend college in New York City to perfect his craft and further his career in photography.

Companies and students contact Aum through various

social media platforms including Instagram and Facebook to set up shoots with him, and he sometimes contacts other photographers to collaborate.

He also has an Instagram, @vibesvisual, with almost 200 thousand followers where he posts his art daily. He posts many types of photography on his account and has contact information written in his bio to allow companies and anyone interested in working with him a chance to set up a shoot.

And they're off! Giddy-up, Godwin!

Brittany Bell Features Editor

While some students spend their weekends watching movies and sitting around the house, other students will spend hours waiting in anticipation until they can mount their horses and compete in equestrian riding tournaments.

Several students at Godwin belong to barns within the Richmond area and dedicate their free time to training and competing in horseback riding competitions.

Senior Julianne Carroll has been riding for 11 years at her barn, Level Green, in Powhatan. During the competition season, she will compete with fellow Level Green teammates at the American Interscholar Riding Competition. 12 barns compete at the competition with three teams for each barn.

There are roughly 20 people per team, and Carroll is the captain for one of her barn's teams. At meets, competitors draw horses' names out of a hat to select the horse they will ride in order to keep the playing field even. To prepare for these competitions, Carroll has a specific strategy.

"I ride a different horse every

week while training because it gives me practice adjusting to individual horses' styles and personalities," said Carroll.

Godwin chemistry teacher Jessica Boppe is an instructor at Haverhill Farm in Manakin-Sabot and says that one of the most important lessons is learning how to interact with the horses.

"A lot of it is mental game, but ultimately, it's teaching the communication between horse and rider, so when we get to the competition it's easygoing," said Boppe.

Most of her lessons are for pleasure riding. However, she does teach students how to ride in competition.

One student who has had success in equestrian competitions is junior Sydney Spevak. Spevak has been riding for 10 years at the James River Equestrian Center in Midlothian. Her recent accomplishments include placing second out of 25 and third out of 50 at state finals this past November.

Success in horseback riding takes time and commitment. According to Boppe, the people who are dedicated to the sport will practice rain or shine for hours on end.

"I typically ride five to seven days a week and practically live

at the barn during the summer," said Spevak.

The commitment required for horseback riding is just like any other high school sport, and lately there has been talk of bringing the sport to Godwin.

According to Boppe, the liability required to make horseback riding a varsity sport would be too prohibitive, but it is still possible to start a student-run club.

A club could help organize and give out United States Equestrian Federation lettering, which is how horseback riders rank up in competition. Students could also use the club to get better recognition for college.

"I would be willing to sponsor the club and help with lettering if there was student interest in starting it," said Boppe.

Whether or not horseback riding will become a club at Godwin is up to the interest of the students and whether they are willing to work for it.

"Making riding a club sport at Godwin is definitely something I would like to pursue. I would love to build a little equestrian community with those who are passionate about riding," said Spevak.



photo courtesy Julianne Carroll

Carroll switches horses to prepare for competition; here she is "flatting", combination walk-trotting, with Mokie.



photo courtesy Sydney Spevak

Spevak jumping obstacles at the Deep Run Spring Show.

Studio P creates a “whole new world” for sick kids Choral members deck themselves out as characters

Sarah York
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

The magic of Disney is a “tale as old as time” and an inspiration to children of all generations. Through a local theater company, Godwin students are helping to spread Disney magic by making story book and action heroes come to life for children in the Richmond area.

Senior Emilee Papa and sophomores Davis West, Riley Harper, Andrew Seccia, and Michael Buncher dress up as classic Disney characters through Studio Performance Academy, otherwise known as Studio P, located in the West End.

The academy offers after school classes, camps, and workshops throughout the year. They have many services, such as helping students prepare to audition for commercials and film and their most popular, dressing up as princesses and action

heroes.

Wanting to create the illusion of real Disney characters, Studio P offers realistic costumes for the actors.

“We pride ourselves in being the most realistic characters in town,” said Papa.

The characters go to birthday parties and private events. As community service, they have been to The Grand Illumination in Downtown Richmond, a run for Down syndrome, a run for pediatric diabetes, and they have visited sick children in the hospital.

“Getting to interact with the kids is something I always look forward to, and is always lots of fun,” said Harper.

The characters include Disney classics like the cast of Frozen, Disney princesses, superheroes, and many more.

The characters normally take pictures, hug, or high five the children.

“It almost makes me want to be a little kid again. They truly believe that Kristoff, Anna and Elsa came just to see them,” said West.

Private parties consist of games and one-on-one time with the child.

Not only kids will come up to the characters during events. Sometimes parents or grandparents will come up and ask for pictures as well.

“You can’t understand the true magic of being a character until you put on the costume and see that first child. It’s one thing to put on a costume and be yourself pretending to be someone else, but being looked at, treated [as], and believed to be this amazing character that kids adore is a life-changing experience,” said Papa.

Left to right: Davis West, Emilee Papa, and Riley Harper.

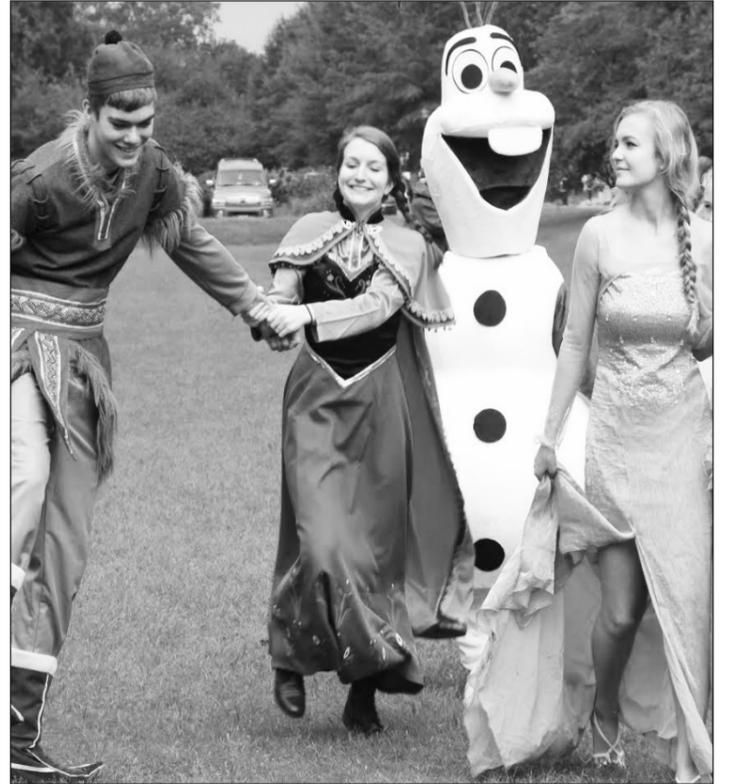


photo courtesy Emilee Papa

Bring on the bling: One student’s small business

Ceara Nolan
Front Editor

Many high school students are eager to become employed. Whether they want to help their family, save for college, or simply make extra spending money, jobs can seem like a necessity for a teenager.

However, Godwin junior Sarah Malloy has found a way to make money in high school without the hassle of a job.

Last summer, Malloy’s lack of time for employment led to the creation of her company, Strung by Sarah, a jewelry business now quickly rising in popularity.

“I decided that the best way to make money would be to incorporate something I love, which is fashion, into a small business.

“I had always seen and fol-

lowed accounts on Instagram that made jewelry and I thought, ‘What if I created my own company?’” said Malloy.

Since last summer, Malloy has sold over 100 pieces of jewelry through her Instagram account @strungbysarah to not only Godwin students, but to women all over the country.

Malloy’s sister, who attends Texas Christian University, has been helping Malloy sell necklaces and bracelets through her sorority. These sales have spurred popularity for Malloy’s accessories throughout college campuses.

Recently, her designs have even reached buyers out of the country.

“When I was in Mexico over winter break, a lady approached me and bought a necklace I was

wearing off of me, which was very exciting,” said Malloy.

Malloy’s designs consist of wrap bracelets and necklaces with pendants, prices ranging from \$10 to \$40.

Over the past few months, Malloy’s necklaces in particular have attracted the eyes of many girls at Godwin and have become a common sight in the hallways.

“I am a huge fan of Sarah’s jewelry,” said junior Julia Grossman. “Whenever I wear her pieces I always get asked where I bought them from and have seen them being worn frequently by Godwin girls.”

Malloy plans to continue her business when she goes to college.

“It is very surreal to see my fellow classmates wearing my



photo courtesy Sarah Malloy

Malloy displaying jewelry at winter break trunk show. The show was held in her home and featured the geode bracelets and necklaces she is known for creating.

designs at school and being able to look at their outfits and know that I created the necklaces they’re wearing,” said Malloy.



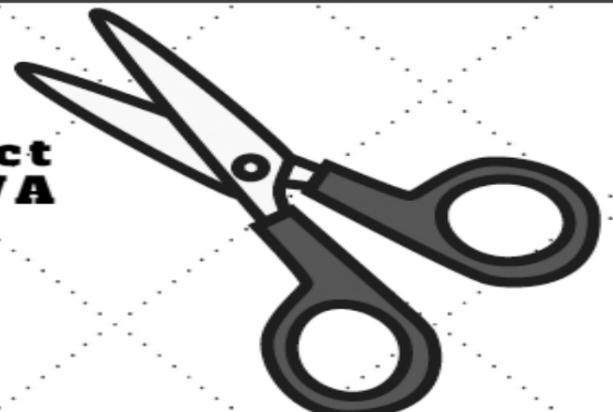
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New to this whole “relationship” thing?

Here are some suggestions on how to give your date the perfect Valentine’s Day:

Want to go all out for your special someone and have the money to do it? Here’s how to give your date an epic Valentine’s Day!

Restaurants:

Melting Pot
Cheese and chocolate for two: around \$40

Cheesecake Factory
Average price for two: \$40



Gifts:

A dozen red roses from Strange’s: \$43.95

Assorted Chocolate gift box from Godiva:
\$9.75 for a 4 pc
\$16.00 for a 8 pc
\$29.00 for a 19 pc



Activities:

Watch the latest movie at Regal Cinemas for \$11.50

Coming out: *The Space Between Us*, *The LEGO Batman Movie*, *Rings*



page compiled by Brittany Bell

Trying to impress your date but on a budget? Here are some cheap but fun Valentine suggestions.

Restaurants:

Baker’s Crust
Average price for two: \$25

Panera
Average price for two: \$20-\$25

Gifts:

Kroger signature dozen roses: \$10

Russel Stover chocolate boxes:
\$4-10 depending on the size and type



Activities:

Criterion Cinemas at Movieland
Valentine’s Day falls on Super Tuesday, where tickets are \$6

Bake cookies together
Pillsbury cookie dough is only \$2.59



Are you alone but still want to “treat yo’self” because you’re worth it?

Restaurants:

Panda Express
You can dine in, or if you’re not that brave go through the drive-through and take it home

Pizza Hut
They deliver



Gifts:

Wait until the day after for chocolate:
If you’re going to gorge yourself with chocolate it might as well be half off so you don’t break the bank.

Get yourself a single rose:
They’re much cheaper than a bundle, and it is enough to show how important you are.

Activities:

Watch Netflix
If you’re feeling up for it then watch rom-coms, but if it’s too much, a good action or thriller will do just as well

Have a good cry
There’s no shame in letting a few tears loose, it will help let out a little emotion if you need a release. The tears will also cleanse your face and clear out your pores, so crying will ultimately help you feel beautiful

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Dr. Reagan, Finder of Love

Introducing: Dr. Reagan

Are you tired of spending your Valentine’s Day at home, alone with your mom? Do you find yourself eating chocolate all night and crying? Are you giving up on online dating and sketchy sites like Tinder? Is eating noodles “Lady-and-the-Tramp” style with your dog getting old?

Then it’s time to hit me up: Dr. Reagan, Finder of Love.

I have been a relationship expert for 17 years now. After emerging from the womb, the world realized that I had the talent to connect people with their one and only “hunny”. I have set up thousands of people with their soulmates. Recruited by even the most elite of celebrities, I have flown all over the country to bring Love.

Kim Kardashian was one of my favorite clients. She sure did make it a difficult task to find her the perfect match with her rocky history online and ridiculous expectations. I was lucky to find a distressed and lonely rapper, who I knew would be perfect. Of course that would be Kanye. Kim called me a love master and literally a lifesaver.

Recently, I have been contacted by the one and only Taylor Swift to help her find a man. That girl needs all the help she can get after almost half of her songs being about horrific break ups.

Before I come to her rescue, I am so excited to be placed here at Godwin High School to help you find your ultimate bae. Aside

from matchmaking services, I am also great with relationship advice and makeovers that will make you look so fab that even the cute guy in the hall notices you. In all stages from single, to talking, to dating, to even married, I can bring the love.

Here at Godwin I see so much potential, and I truly be-

lieve if you are lonely I can help connect you with the boo of your dreams.

I can feel the love in the air, and I’m willing to take on even the toughest cases, from awkward freshman to center kids. Take the stress off cuffing season, put it in my hands, and let me find you the one.



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Got cabin fever this winter?

It's easy to just stay inside all day and watch Netflix when it's cold, but sometimes it feels better to get up and moving. If you have a day where you are tired of sitting inside, grab a few friends and head to the city or stay local.

A day in Richmond city?

Morning

Start off your day with a trip to Galaxy Diner! It's always warm and busy, so the atmosphere is perfect to get out on a chilly day. Also, if you bundle up, Carytown has tons of nice shops to pop in to. It's great for a cold day because the streets are lined with shops, so if you ever feel cold you can run in to the heat.



Afternoon

When you start to get tired in the afternoon, stop by Lamplighter Roasting Co. There is a location near Carytown, so that makes it the perfect post-shopping coffee stop. They also serve pastries and sandwiches if you're hungry.

After a nice coffee, head to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. The VMFA is a great place to go when it's cold because you can spend hours inside looking at art. There is usually a special exhibit taking place as well as permanent galleries, so take your time!



Evening

For dinner, there is nothing like a warm piece of pizza when it's winter! Mary Angela's is a Richmond classic, and it has a great pizza place atmosphere. Also located in Carytown, it's only a couple blocks from the VMFA.

A day around Short Pump?

Morning

Begin the day with a stop at Sugar Shack! Sugar Shack serves a variety of specialty doughnuts and they are always fresh with wacky flavors as well. They also serve great tea and coffee, as well as good music to start your day off right.

On a cold day, it is best to stay indoors and avoid the mall. Go thrift shopping! There are many different local Goodwill stores, and they all hold unique treasures waiting to be found.



Afternoon

After thrifting, there is nothing better than stopping for a burger. Burger Bach has a nice atmosphere and their burgers are huge-enough to keep you full until dinner and keep you warm throughout the day.



Evening

To get some activity in, bowling is a fun break on a cold day. Grab a lane for you and some friends, and bowl for a couple of hours. Not only is it warm, but you also get some exercise.



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