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The 90s Returns To Maple

Don Naysia Jones
Entertainment Editor

Maple Heights High School had their annual Homecoming the last week of September.

Students participated in Spirit Week by dressing according to the chosen theme, the 90s. Monday was "Movie Monday" where students were asked to dress as their favorite 90s movie, TV, or cartoon character.

On Tuesday, students dressed in neon colors.

Wednesday was "Kriss Kross Wednesday" where students wore their



Ms. Chelsea Matthews and Ms. Angela McKay dress up for "Movie Monday".



Maple students dress backwards.

clothes backwards.

"R&B Throwback Thursday" was next with students dressing like their favorite 90s R&B singer or group.

The week ended with Friday's spirit day. Seniors wore maroon, juniors wore black, sophomores wore white, and freshmen wore grey.

The annual parade was held on Thursday from Stafford Park to the high school. The event started at 5:00 p.m.

The pep assembly was held virtually this year due to COVID concerns.

Court members for this year included the following underclassmen: Mr. Freshman Jamiere Clark. Miss Freshman Janiya Pollard, Mr. Sophomore Jordan Hawkins, Miss Sophomore Omaia Owens, Mr.

Junior John Gossett, and Miss Junior Tyra Glenn.

Seniors members of the court included DonNaysia Jones, Gabriella Asbury, Aryana Kenner, Laurice Gilbert, and Damon Walker.

Crowned Homecoming king and queen were Jones and Walker.

The Homecoming football game was against Padua.

The Homecoming dance was held Saturday night from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Tickets were sold for \$20 each and were limited to 100 per class. The DJ for the event was DJ Bank Shaq.



Maple students dress up for Friday Spirit Day.

NEWS BRIEFS

Marching Band Wins High Honors

The Mighty Mustang Marching Band competed in the Music through the Streets Battle of the Bands competition in late September at Bedford High School.

The Mustangs were named grand champions of the event and also scored first in several areas.

In the Class A category, the band

took first place in the drumline and drum major categories. They also placed first in Class A for the entire band.

Placing second in Class A was the auxiliary.

Congratulations goes out to all the band members, the Maroonettes and the staff.

Career Technology

The annual Career Technology Recruitment Fair will be held on November 9 at Cleveland Heights High School.

All tenth graders will visit the fair to gain knowledge on all career tech options available throughout the consortium at Cleveland Heights, Bedford, Warrensville Heights, Shaker Heights and Maple.

Students will make decisions on career paths shortly following the fair.

Meyer Hired As Administrator

DeQuan Johnson
News Editor

Mr. Thomas Meyer is the new Community 4 assistant principal this school year.

He was born and grew up in Erie, Pennsylvania.

He attended Elk Valley Elementary School and was involved in baseball and Cub Scouts.

At Rice Avenue Middle School, Meyer played football, basketball and soccer and was involved in Boy Scouts, Yearbook, Marching Band, Concert Band, and Concert Choir.

Meyer then attended Girard High School.

There he was involved in Marching Band, Concert Band, Handbell Choir, Concert Choir, State Choir, Boy Scouts and the school musicals.

Meyer attended Geneva College and received a Bachelor of Science in Music



Mr. Thomas Meyer

Education.

From there, he attended Grand Canyon University for his Masters' in Education Administration.

While in college, he participated in Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, Select Choir, and Barber-shop Choir.

Before coming to Maple, he taught

elementary music at Waverly City School from 2014-2016 and Medford City Schools from 2016-2017.

Meyer also taught elementary music and band in the Maple Heights City School district from 2017-2021 before becoming an administrator.

Besides teaching, he was the assistant marching band director and the elementary band director here.

When asked what he enjoys most about his new position, Meyer responded, "I enjoy building relationships with students."

The most challenging part so far has been learning names.

Meyer also stated, "I am excited about my leadership role here at the high school and I hope to help impact student learning. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family, hiking, running, biking, reading, and music.

Meyer's future plan is to earn a doctoral degree.

Bryant Becomes Assistant Principal

DeQuan Johnson
News Editor

Joining the administrative team this year is Mrs. Regina Bryant.

She was born and grew up in Cleveland, Ohio.

Bryant attended both Denison Elementary and Paul Revere Elementary schools. While there, she participated in Glee Club, Math Club, and Science Club.

At Nathan Hale Middle School, she was a Hi-Stepper, she played volleyball, and she was a member of the Math and Science Clubs.

Bryant attended John F. Kennedy for high school.

She played varsity basketball all four years and was a member of National Honor Society, Math Club and Student Council.

For college, Bryant went to Wil-



Mrs. Regina Bryant

berforce University and The Ohio State University.

She has a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with a minor in Mathematics and a Masters in Secondary Integrated Math Education and in Education Administration.

While in college, Bryant was a member of the Black Engineers Society and the Student Council and she played basketball.

She taught math here at the high school for the past 18 years.

Other work experiences besides teaching include working at Wright/Patterson Air Force Base as a computer technician.

When asked what she enjoys most about her new job, Bryant said, "Everything. It is exciting to be able to lead this building in a new role. I have had the unique experience to learn and grow from current and former colleagues."

In her spare time, Bryant likes to read, play board and card games, and watch sports."

As for the future, Bryant said, "I am excited for what the future holds. I am excited to be a part of the next chapter of this great book."

Welcome Back, Maple!

Herald Staff

Welcome back, Maple Heights students! We are now two months into the school year after a long, stressful year and a half away after the shutdown of March 2020. Hopefully, you are all back into the swing of things and becoming reacquainted with the “normalcy” of a typical school year.

The shutdown should have taught you some valid life lessons. First, do not take anything for granted. You never know when the world is going to end. Seriously, though, just think of the graduating class of 2020. They lost a normal end to their school year, enjoying all of their cherished senior moments with their friends. No prom, no senior class picnic, no normal graduation ceremony. You only get one shot at once-in-a-lifetime moments like this, and they had them torn away from them. You should feel grateful that the 2021-2022 school year is returning to normal as much as possible.

Second, you should have learned the value and importance of in-person education. Some of you may have not stepped in a classroom in 17 months. Others may have returned hybrid last February. Yes, we all learned in a remote fashion. But you can't do science labs remotely. Or work on a car. Or take computer courses. Or style hair. The list goes on. Being back live in person allows you to enjoy more engaging lessons and prepares you better for your future.

Third, hopefully you learned self-care. Many of stayed at home during the pandemic and wore masks out in public. Some of us are vaccinated.

Others are not. The importance of wearing a mask this school year will keep you safe and healthy and will allow you to continue coming to school. If you don't take care of yourself, no one else will.

Fourth, the shutdown should have taught you the importance of family. Many of our family members worked from home during the height of the pandemic. Family members who may not be used to seeing each other due to busy schedules were forced to slow down and live out the shutdown together. You may have gotten sick of your family members during this time. But, we are sure, overall, the pandemic brought you closer together.

Finally, you should have learned that school provides more than education. We get free meals here, and some students continued that by traveling to school daily to receive those meals. You receive help and support from your teachers, not just for schoolwork but maybe for personal problems as well. Schools also give students an outlet with extracurricular activities like clubs and sports. Finally, schools also provide you the opportunity to make and maintain friendships.

In typical fashion, we, at **The Herald**, like to give advice to the students here to be successful during the school year.

Freshmen, we know, you basically left seventh grade at the middle school in March and then showed up back to school as a freshman in high school. This might be quite stressful for you. It is certainly important for the rest of the student body and the teachers to remember this. However, please remember you are in high school now! Every moment counts. Every class counts towards your GPA that

could help or prevent you from going to college. If you have problems, talk to your teachers and guidance counselors. They are here for you.

Sophomores, you are in a similar boat but actually had longer to enjoy the middle school. You were two and a half months away from leaving the middle school and making that transition. Just as we stated above, take your classwork seriously and get back in to the swing of things. You are one step closer to graduating and need to make up for lost time. Your GPAs may already be suffering.

Juniors and seniors, you lost a year and half of high school. Some of you may not care. But high school is usually referred to as the “good old days”. The days where you spend time with friends and enjoy normal high school activities with no worries in the world. You, too, should make up for lost time and do it fast! Graduation is approaching. Become involved in school activities, keep your grades up, be role models for the underclassmen, and enjoy what is left.

Juniors, start thinking about college or your future plans. Visit the colleges of your choice and/or look for jobs that can lead you to your desired career path.

Seniors, if you haven't already done so, get those college applications out. Deadlines are coming up. We know it is hard to get back into the swing of things, but making yourself do so now will only benefit your future.

Maple students, we are back and we need to make the most of our school year! Follow the rules, get back in study mode and make every moment count. You never know when it could end.

Teacher Profiles

10 New Staff Members

Ariya Powell
Feature Editor
Georgia Wilson
Reporter

Maple Heights High School has 10 new teachers/staff members for the 2021-2022 school year.

English

The first new teacher is in the English department, Ms. Ashley Onion. Onion is from Mentor, Ohio, where she attended Mentor High School.



She then attended Tiffin University and majored in Criminal Justice. Onion also has her Masters from Tiffin in Education.

Before coming here to the high school, Onion was a teacher at the middle school.

She currently teaches ELA 1 and ELA 2.

When asked to comment about joining the staff at the high school, Onion responded, "The high school has been very welcoming and it has been great to see familiar faces."

Math

Joining the Math Department is Ms. Emily Sukalac.

She was born in Jefferson, Ohio, and attended Jefferson Area High School.

From there she attended Baldwin Wallace University where she



received a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, a minor in Physics and a Masters in Education for Mathematics.

Sukalac taught Honors Geometry and Foundational Algebra 2 at Olmsted Falls High School for one year before coming here to Maple.

She currently teaches ACT Math Prep and Algebra 2.

According to Sukalac, "I have truly enjoyed my first few weeks here. The students and staff have been great, and I am excited to see where the rest of the year goes! Go Mustangs!"

Also joining the Math department is Ms. Joni Kimmel.

She grew up in Solon and attended Solon High School.

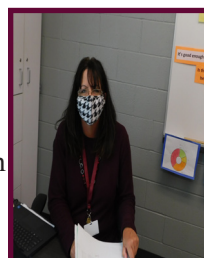
For her undergraduate work, Kimmel attended Notre Dame College for her Bachelor of Arts in Education and the University of Toledo for her Bachelor of Science in Communications.

She also has her Masters degree in Mathematics from Western Governor's University.

Before arriving here at Maple, she worked at Electronic Classrooms of Tomorrow teaching sixth and seventh grade math and science and Cleveland Central Catholic teaching Algebra 1, Statistics, Geometry and Pre-Calculus. Kimmel is also an adjunct professor at Notre Dame College.

She currently teaches Geometry and Pre-Calculus.

"My first few weeks here have



been wonderful. the faculty, staff, and students have been very welcoming. I am quite impressed with my student's effort and perseverance."

Choir

Teaching Choir this year is Ms. Denaye Bouldin.

She is from Cleveland and attended the Cleveland School of the Arts.

Bouldin then attended Alabama State University and has a Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance.

Besides teaching here at the high school, Bouldin also teaches choir at Milkovich Middle School and runs the Gospel Choir.

When asked to comment on her first weeks here, Bouldin responded, "It is growing on me. I genuinely enjoy my students."



Special Education

Three new teachers have joined the Special Education department including Mr. Aaron Shaffer, Ms. Shawndra Maxey and Ms. Johnna Marcino.

Shaffer is from Twinsburg, Ohio, where he attended Twinsburg High School.

At Ohio University, he received a Bachelor of Arts and a Masters in Special Education.



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Before coming here, he taught at Lakewood High School from 2018-2021 and was a football coach.

He currently teaches Geometry.

According to Shaffer, "I have been welcomed with nothing but warmth since arriving at Maple. The administration, special ed team, and math team have all been extremely helpful and kind. The students are fun to work with and talk to. I am excited for my future here as a teacher and potential coach."

Maxey is from East Cleveland, Ohio, where she attended Shaw.

Maxey has a Bachelor of Arts in Family and Child Development from Akron University and a Masters in Special Education and Reading from Notre Dame College.

Her teaching experience includes teaching K-2 at East Cleveland Public for three years, working as an office administrator at Constellation Schools for five years, and special education and Title 1 at ACCEL Schools for seven years. Maxey is currently an ELA resource teacher here.

According to Maxey, "Transitioning from K-8 to high school has been challenging and very unique."

Marcino is from Steubenville, Ohio, and attended Richmond Edison High School.

From Kent State University,

Marcino received a Bachelor of Science in Special Education.

Marcino was a paraprofessional and volleyball, basketball, and softball coach at Richmond Edison High School. She also was an intervention specialist at West Park Community Middle School, a volleyball coach at Green High School, and a softball coach at Rootstown High School.

According to Marcino, "I have enjoyed my first few weeks here at Maple. I'm proud to be part of this school."

Learning Support

Two new learning support teachers for the school year include Ms. Toya Adama Driscal and Ms. Tajei Patel.

Adams-Driscal grew up in Cleveland and attended Beaumont School for Girls.

She attended Ohio University and Cleveland State University for her undergraduate studies and has a Bachelor of Arts in Communication. For her Masters, she attended Cleveland State and has a degree in Urban Secondary Teaching.

Prior to coming here, she taught at Shaw High School from 2004-2008 and 2011-2016, Ginn Academy from 2008-2009, East Technical High School from 2009-2010, Heritage Middle School from 2019-2020, and Randall Park High School from 2020-2021.

Besides teaching, Adams-Driscal is part of the Purpose Leadership



Academy Team.

According to Adams-Driscal, "I absolutely love my new job here. Everyone here has been so nice and helpful to me and made sure I had everything I needed to begin."

Patel was born in India and attended school there. She has degrees in math and science in education.

Before teaching here, she taught in India and Georgia.

Patel also runs the Math Olympiad.

"Teaching here has been awesome," Patel said. "There is so much to learn from all."



JOGS Coordinator

The new Jobs for Ohio

Graduates staff member is Ms. Kimera Dean.

Dean is from Cleveland and attended Cleveland Heights High School.

She has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from University of Akron and a Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from there.

She has worked for City Year as a mentor and coach from 2017-2019, Oriana House as a facilitator in 2020, and Reach Counseling as a facilitator in 2021.

According to Dean, "It has been a great start for me here at Maple. I enjoy working with the students and supporting them with their goals for the future to succeed."

Good luck to all of the new teachers and welcome to Maple!



Student Profiles

Harkins Accomplishes All

Aaliyah Walker
Reporter

The female October student profile is senior Chelsea Harkins.

Harkins was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, but grew up in Cleveland, Ohio.

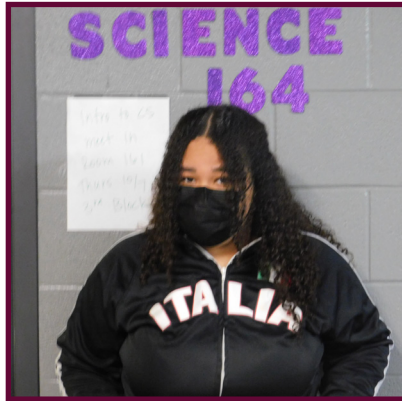
She attended St. Rocco School for her elementary and middle school years.

While in middle school, she was involved in photography.

Before coming to Maple Heights her junior year, Harkins attended Cleveland Central Catholic High School.

While in high school, she has been a student ambassador and has been a member of Student Senate, Art Club, Robotics Club, National Honor Society and Student Council. Harkins is currently the vice-president for the National Honor Society.

Her favorite classes have been Honors Geometry, Honors Biology, and AP Computer



Senior Chelsea Harkins

Science and Principles.

In her spare time, Harkins enjoys photography, reading and learning to drive. She only works during the summer.

Her future plan includes becoming a regis-

tered nurse and having a family.

When asked what she likes the most about high school, Harkins replied, "I like the different clubs you can join and the school spirit that is displayed."

When she graduates, Harkins says she will miss the relationships she is creating.

Her advice to freshmen is "you can accomplish anything you put your mind to."

Harkins favorite movie is *It* and her favorite TV show is *Forensic Files*.

She enjoys music from *Summer Walker*, eating pizza and the color pink.

Her least favorite food is turkey.

According to Harkins, "I can draw, I am smart and I am good with photography".

Her favorite season is fall, and she likes Christmas and the month of February.

Meeting her boyfriend is her favorite memory, and she likes to travel to North Carolina.

Harkins' favorite quote is "God is within her, she will not fall."

McCorvey Creates Non-Profit

Brianna Collins
Reporter

The male student profile this month is senior Zhane McCorvey.

McCorvey was born in Cleveland, Ohio, but grew up in Maple Heights.

He attended Raymond Elementary the last year it was open.

At Milkovich Middle School, he was president of the Student Council in eighth grade. He also played the trumpet for the band and was a member of the group Unleashing Black Minds.

Here, at the high school, McCorvey has stayed busy. He has played trumpet in the band and has been a Student Council member for four years. He also has been a member of Students of Promise for the past two years and is currently the senior class president.

McCorvey is in the Teachers Academy program where he is the Educator's Rising state officer as vice-president of Programs and Regional Representatives.



Zhane McCorvey

He is also the president for the National Educator's Rising group.

His favorite class is Teachers Academy, while he dislikes math.

McCorvey stays busy in his spare time. He created a non-profit called Facing American Inequalities Responsibly (FAIR) that centers on racial and social injustice.

He is also a member of the Metropolitan Cleveland Alliance of Black School Educators.

What he likes most about Maple is "learning from different viewpoints, from

teachers, to students, to custodians. I like to analyze what works and what doesn't work," said McCorvey.

What he dislikes is miscommunication.

In the future, McCorvey plans to attend Morehouse or Tennessee State to major in Education and minor in Political Science.

McCorvey loves pasta and his favorite colors are maroon and blue.

One of McCorvey's talents is public speaking and his one wish is for everyone to accept each other.

McCorvey's best memory is when the Educator's Rising team won Nationals this past summer in Ethical Dilemma.

His favorite quote is from his idol, author and human rights leader James Baldwin. "The paradox of education is precisely this . . . That, as one begins to become conscious, one begins to examine the society in which he is being educated."

As the senior class president, McCorvey hopes to "open up our class to more opportunities like trade schools and to give my classmates a senior experience."

TV For Your Viewing Pleasure

Herald Staff

Are you looking for a good TV show to watch? If so, **The Herald** has some suggestions for your viewing pleasure.

Ordinary Joe

Have you every wondered what if? **Ordinary Joe** focuses on a character named Joe Kimbrea, a man who had three path choices to take after college. His first choice was becoming a nurse and marrying his best friend/college sweetheart. The second? Becoming a rock star and marrying a girl he met on graduation day who had aspirations of becoming a politician. The third was following in his father's footsteps and becoming a cop. Ten years later, what has happened to these variations of the character of Joe? Each life has its challenges and its perks. All three stories are intertwined along with Joe's love interests played by **Elizabeth Lail** from **You** and **Natalie Martinez**. For a creative alternative to your Monday night viewing, tune into **Ordinary Joe** at 10:00 p.m. on NBC.

Highway to Heaven

The TV adaption of **Highway to Heaven** aired from 1984-1989 starring **Michael Landon** as an angel. This movie will air on November 6 on Lifetime at 8:00 p.m. Playing the compassionate angel this time around will be **actress/singer Jill Scott** who is sent to Earth to help mend a fractured relationship between a father and son. While on Earth, she becomes friends with a junior high school principal played by **7th Heaven's Barry Watson**. For a tear jerker, this movie is where it's at.

The Big Leap

For all of you reality TV show fans, this may be the TV show for you. **The Big Leap** is a drama/comedy that follows a cast of amateur dancers who are selected after an audition to rehearse and perform a modern version of **Swan**

Lake. The characters are also filmed in their real lives just as typical reality shows do. The show is filmed in Chicago and is based off a UK reality show from 2014 called **Big Ballet**. The dancers all are desperate for a second chance, while the executive producer, played by **Scott Foley**, only cares about ratings. The ballet, jazz, and hip-hop dances are choreographed by choreographer Christopher Scott from **You Think you can Dance**. Also starring in the show are newcomer **Simone Recasner**, who plays a single mother; **Raymond Cham Jr.**, who plays her gay best friend; **Ser'Darius Blain**, a celebrity pro football player; **Teri Polo**, an estranged wife who fears the aging process; and **Piper Perabo**, a cancer survivor. All in all, **The Big Leap** portrays the drama, the ups and downs, the laughs, the craziness, and the triumphs of reality TV. Watch it on Monday nights at 9:00 p.m. on Fox.

Queens

Queens airs on ABC on Tuesday nights at 10:00 p.m. The story is based on a fictional rap group from the 90s called Nasty B*****. It is a redemption story where 20 years after the group broke up, they reunite to perform on the BET Awards show. **Music Artist Brandy** plays single mother Naomi, a struggling solo artist. **Musician Eve** plays Brianna, a mom of five with an unsatisfactory marriage. **Former 3LW member Naturi Naughton** plays a devout churchgoer with a secret, and newcomer **Nadine Velazquez** plays a morning show host. The show features original music, a flashback of 90s fashion, and four characters in which to emphasize with.

Colin in Black & White

This show is a scripted six-episode series playing on Netflix starting October 29. **Actor Jaden Michael** plays a promising high school student athlete who is adopted by white parents, played by **Mary Louise Parker** and **Nick Offerman**. Watch as Colin (Michael) discovers his voice and identity just as Colin Kaepernick became a social activist of our time.

Our Kind of People

The show is based on Lawrence Otis Graham's bestseller "Our Kind of People: Inside America's Black Upper Class". It stars **Yaya DaCosta** as Angela Vaughn, who moved to Martha's Vineyard where her mom was once a maid. Once there, she faces drama from the upper elite. Also starring in the show is **Morris Chestnut**, **L. Scott Caldwell**, and **Debbi Morgan**. Will Angela be accepted into the upper-class lifestyle? Watch the struggles she faces while earning her acceptance. **Our Kind of People** plays on Tuesday nights at 9:00 p.m. on FOX.

The Wonder Years

The beloved 1988-1993 family dramedy is back. The show is narrated by the character of Dean Williams, played by **Don Cheadle**. Dean narrates the events that shaped his life as a 12-year-old (played by **Elisha Williams**) in 1968. This time around, **The Wonder Years** focuses on a black family in Alabama and the different experiences they faced versus the ones the Arnold family did in the original. Executive producing this reboot is the original narrator, **Actor Fred Savage**. Watch it on Wednesdays on NBC at 8:30 p.m.

La Brea

For all of you sci-fi fans, this is the new show to watch! The show opens with a massive sinkhole opening up the site of the infamous La Brea Tar Pits in Los Angeles. Dozens of people fall into the sink hole and experience a primeval world where they need to learn to survive. The group includes a psychiatrist, a doctor, an ex-Navy SEAL, a college-aged girl, and a Louisiana cop. Leading the group is a character named Eve Harris, played by **Natalie Zea**. Trained with survival skills, she leads the group on their quest to return to Earth. Also depicted in the show, are the lives of the ones left behind. The show is a little like **Lost** and a little like **Manifest** (which, by the way, was moved to Netflix for its final fourth season with 20 episodes). Can the characters who fell in the hole get back to their loved ones? Watch on Tuesday nights at 9:00 p.m. on NBC to find out!

Mustangs Set High Goals For Season

Jayla Tyler
Editor-in-Chief

The Mustang volleyball team is seeking their 14th Lake Erie League Championship this year as they previously were the 2018 and 2019 champions under Coach Rocco Covelli.

Last season, the Mustangs finished second to Shaker Heights, and their off-season goal was to accomplish two tasks: win their 14th championship this season and defeat Shaker.

The team, at press time, was 16-2 but they had yet to play Shaker due to Covid cancellations.

The 'Stangs are led by senior setter Destiny Green, who worked hard during the off-season and has turned out to be one of the best setters in the state. She is also known for her

devastating serve which has made other teams frustrated as she leads the team in service points and aces.

Senior Kayla Martin, who was All League last year, continues to improve; and she, at press time, was second on the team in digs and kills.

According to Covelli, "Kayla is one of the most clutch players in the league as she continues to perform under pressure in crucial situations."

Seniors Antonette Baker and Anyjah Bouldin are two of the most improved players on the team who have battled for three years to earn their varsity starter spots. Baker and Bouldin do a great job for the Mustangs in serving, blocking and hitting.

Senior Dominique Richardson is a four-year letter winner and knows what it takes to win a championship as she played varsity her freshman season during the first championship win. Richardson has been a defensive specialist for the Mustangs and this year earned the position

of libero.

According to Covelli, "Dominique is constantly on the court digging balls, communicating, and being the great defensive captain she is."

Junior Destiny Goss is in the mix for player of the year as she leads in kills and blocks. Goss is a dominating force in the middle and she is capable of taking a game over with her ability to hit and block.

The varsity also consists of juniors Ya Ya Franks, Malyiah Anderson, Cassidy Clements, and Adanna Ward and sophomores Markya Moore, Brandianna Freeman, and Brittany Barnes.

Freshman starter Teliah Golliday has also joined the team this year and has been an instant kill producer on the outside and middle. "She fit right in and the sky is the limit for her potential," said Covelli.

Good luck to the Lady Mustangs on the rest of their season!

Green Gives It Her All On The Court

Jayla Tyler
Editor-in-Chief

The volleyball Athlete of the Month is senior Destiny Green.

Green was born on December 6, 2003, in Cleveland, Ohio.

She started her volleyball career at Milkovich Middle School. She played mostly at the setter position.

She has continued her volleyball career all four years.

As a freshman, she played at the setter and defensive specialist positions. Green continued as a defensive specialist as a sophomore. As a junior and senior, she has been playing mostly at the setter position.

To prepare for a game, Green focuses on her goals, stays humble, tries her hardest, and always gives it her all no matter who the opponent is.

When asked what she views as her key strength in volleyball, Green said, "I think my strengths are leading my team and being able to help out other players.



Senior Destiny Green prepares to serve the ball to her opponents.

Physically, my strength is setting."

As far as her weakness, Green replied, "Staying positive gets hard sometimes. Even through wins, it is still hard for me to stay positive."

What Green enjoys the most about volleyball is being with her team. She also enjoys building

chemistry together and the feelings of winning together after tough games.

Although she likes volleyball, an obvious dislike would be how tiring the sport can be along with the inevitable injuries that can occur.

Green's favorite volleyball teams include both the men and women's Team USA teams and Nebraska's women's team.

Besides volleyball, Green is on the Honor Roll and also throws discus for the track and field team.

Her favorite subject is math and her least favorite is definitely English.

After high school, Green plans to attend The Ohio State University or Case Western University to major in Sports Medicine or Pre-Med.

When asked what she will miss the most about high school volleyball, she responded, "I will miss my teammates. I love the other seniors I play with. I am so proud of how we have grown since middle school. I will miss the underclassmen and hope that they keep growing. Mostly, I look forward to winning championships and beating tough teams."

Her advice for future athletes is to "not let anyone change your passion for your sport. Set goals, stay focused, and never take an opportunity for granted."

Mustangs Continue To Develop

Ray Cogburn
Layout Editor

The Mustang varsity football team had a record of 4-2 at press time.

The team defeated John F. Kennedy, 53-0; Shaw, 48-0; Garfield, 46-6 and Lorain, 36-3.

The Mustangs suffered losses to Willoughby South, 31-14, and Padua, 38-12.

Coaches this season include head coach Shaq Washington, Defensive Coordinator Aaron Bubonics, Linebacker Coach Mike Sheredy, Defensive Line Coach Nick November, Wide Receiver Coach Andre Stubbs, Running Back Coach Deandre Grant, Offensive Lineman Coach Ben Gauthier, JV Coach Lee

Harris, Freshman Coach Dejun Graham and Freshman Assistant Obrea Williams.

Key players this year include seniors Greg Parker, Christian Edge, Bryshaun Haskin, and David Miller and juniors Dawon King and Edward Robinson.

Parker plays at the linebacker position and, at press time, had 25.5 tackles, 23 solo tackles, one sack, and four tackles for a loss.

Also at linebacker is Edge. He had 38 tackles, 34 solo tackles, eight tackles for a loss and one sack.

Wide receiver Haskin had 184 yards in 16 catches out of 29 attempts. He averaged 11.5 yards a catch and had four touchdowns.

Miller, also at wide receiver, had 162 yards in 14 catches out of 25 attempts. He scored two touchdowns and averaged 11.6 yards per catch.

Quarterback King, at press time, passed for

792 yards in 59 out of 98 attempts. He had 12 passing touchdowns and three rushing touchdowns.

At running back, Robinson had 816 rushing yards in 68 attempts. He averaged 12 yards per carry and had ten touchdowns. Robinson also had 167 receiving yards in 11 out of 14 attempts with an average of 15.2 yards and two touchdowns.

According to Washington, "The team lacks experience on the offensive and defensive line and is a little undersized, which is nothing new."

As far as a team strength, the Mustangs are "explosive playmakers all around the field," added Washington.

When asked to comment on this season thus far, Washington said, "The team is continuing to develop their identity each week, and I look forward to then reaching their full potential."

Robinson Adjusts Well On The Field

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The football Athlete of the Month is junior Edward Robinson.

Robinson was born on October 4, 2004, in Cleveland, Ohio.

He attended Lomond Elementary School in Shaker Heights.

Next, he attended Shaker Heights Middle School before coming here in the tenth grade.

Robinson got his start playing football at the age of five. Before entering middle school, he played for the Ohio Village Wildcats as a running back.

He continued playing running back at Shaker Heights Middle School. He was named Most Valuable Player his eighth grade season.

His freshman season, Robinson played running back on varsity. His sophomore season, as a Mustang,



he scored six touchdowns and had over 300 yards rushing on the varsity team.

This season, he became a starting running back. At press time, he had ten touchdowns with 816 yards. He averaged 12 yards in 68 attempts.

Robinson's main strength in the sport is "just being in the backfield and the way I adjust to different defenses. I usually have ideas on how the play will play out before it starts."

As far as his weakness, Robinson tries not to get "too high with the highs and too low with the lows because of how much emotion" he plays with.

To prepare for a game, Robinson practices hard daily.

What he likes most about football is that the sport brings people together.

What he likes the least is how bad the injuries can be.

During his spare time, he plays video games and works out.

Robinson's favorite subject in school is math and he dislikes science.

His favorite college team is the Oregon Ducks and his favorite professional team is the Kansas City Chiefs. His favorite football player is Saquan Barkely.

Robinson's future plans include majoring in Construction Engineering and playing football at Penn State University.

His advice to future athletes is "Go hard no matter what. Don't waste opportunity."