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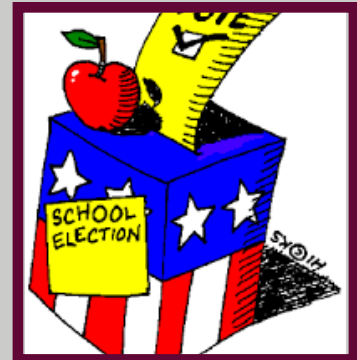
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Bennett Makes His Return

Crystal Lewis
Editor-in-Chief

After a three-year absence, Mr. Matthew Bennett has returned to the high school as an assistant principal.

Bennett was born in Niles, Ohio, and grew up there.

He attended Washington Elementary School where he played baseball and soccer and enjoyed fishing.

He also attended Edison Middle School and was involved in football, baseball, basketball, and track. He continued his love for fishing.

For high school, Bennett attended Niles McKinley High School and enjoyed being involved in football, baseball, basketball, National Honor Society, the Italian Club, and golf.

For his undergraduate degree, he attended Youngstown State University



Mr. Matthew Bennett

where he received a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics.

Bennett also has a Master's degree in Education Administration from Ashland University.

While at Youngstown State, Bennett was involved in baseball, fishing and

golf.

Before coming to Maple Heights, he taught math at Pinecrest High School in North Carolina from 2005-2007, at Youth Build of Columbus from 2007-2008, at Mifflin High School from 2008-2014, and at Warrensville High School from 2014-2016.

Bennett came to Maple Heights High School as an assistant principal in 2016 and spent three years here before leaving to be the principal at Milkovich Middle School.

After spending three years at Milkovich, Bennett decided to return here.

He loves being a father to his three children, fishing and working around the house in his spare time.

What Bennett enjoys most about his job is being around the students.

According to Bennett, "I am glad to be back!"

Harnist Takes Over Community 4

Crystal Lewis
Editor-in-Chief

The new Community 4 assistant principal is Mr. Justin Harnist.

He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and grew up in Harrison, Ohio.

Harnist attended St. John the Baptist Elementary School where he played basketball, baseball and soccer.

He then attended Harrison Junior High School where he played football, soccer, baseball and basketball.

For high school, Harnist attended Harrison High School and was involved in basketball.

Harnist received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education at Bowling Green University and his Masters



Mr. Justin Harnist

in Education Leadership at Concordia University.

In college, he was involved in intramurals.

His work experience includes being an intervention specialist at Northwest High School from 2007-2010, a social

studies teacher from 2011-2017 at Milkovich Middle School, an assistant principal at Barack Obama and John F. Kennedy Elementary from 2017-2021, and a principal at John F. Kennedy from 2021-2022.

In his spare time, he likes to spend time with his family and coach sports for his kids.

What he enjoys most about his job is being able to work with kids, having a positive impact on them and working with the teachers and staff.

The most challenging aspects of his job are balancing all the tasks and not having enough time in the day.

His future plans include continuing to be a school administrator and then retiring and living on the beach.

Security Personnel Changes

Ayana Hedrington
Feature Editor

Maple Heights City Schools has made some changes in the area of security. Mr. Asim Rose was hired as the new director



Mr. Asim Rose

of security.

Rose was born in Garfield Heights, Ohio, and he attended Cranwood Elementary. While there, he participated in basketball and football.

The middle school he attended was Newton D. Baker, and his favorite activities were basketball, football, and soccer.

Rose attended John F. Kennedy for high school. He was still involved in football, and basketball, and he also participated in the 100 Kennedy Men group.

He went to Eastern Arizona Community College and Virginia Union University.

While in college, he still participated in basketball.

Before taking the head of security position, Rose worked for 12 years part time as the supervisor of security at Warrensville Library. He also worked for three years as the director of security at Warrensville City Schools.

Rose came to Maple in 2018 and he was a security guard here at the high school for four years.

When asked what the specific duties are of his job, Rose said, "I supervise nine employees, submit payroll, and disperse district security schedules."

Rose enjoys interacting with people, but the challenging part of his job is working too much.

During his spare time, he travels.

His future plans include owning more property and retiring early.

When asked to comment about taking his new position, Rose said, "I accept my job and responsibilities wholeheartedly! My motivation and determination to be great fuels me."

When Rose left to take his new position, Maple then hired Mr. Cameron Steele to take his place.

Steele was born and grew up in Cleveland, Ohio.

He attended Noble Elementary School and was interested in martial arts.

At Monticello Middle School, he was

involved in boxing, basketball, and football.

Steele attended Cleveland Heights High School and participated in football, basketball and boxing, while also working.

He attended Cleveland State University for Criminal Justice. While in college, he worked, enjoyed politics and participated with the debate team.



Mr. Cameron Steele

Before coming to Maple, he worked for the Boys and Girls Club from 2010-2017 and was a security officer at Beachwood Mall.

Helping and teaching students is what he enjoys most about his job.

In his spare time, he DJs, chills and is starting a website.

His future plans include opening a business.

His message to the students is "Do your best and get to class on time. Don't make mistakes others have made."

Upcoming Important Dates

-October 1:	SAT Testing	-October 22:	ACT Testing	-December 3:	SAT Testing
-October 14:	No School/ NEOE Day	-October 22:	Homecoming Dance	-December 7-8:	Winter Play
-October 17:	No School/ Staff Day	-October 24:	Report Cards Mailed Home	-December 7:	EOC Testing Begins
-October 17:	End of 1st Grading Period	-November 5:	SAT Testing	-December 10:	ACT Testing
-October 18 - 22:	Homecoming	-November 8:	No School/ Staff Day	-December 14:	Band/Choir Concert
-October 20:	Homecoming Parade	-November 9:	NHS Induction	-December 19-20:	Final Exams
		-November 18:	Interims Mailed	-December 21 - January 5:	Christmas Break
		-November 23 - November 27:	Thanksgiving Break	-January 10:	Report Cards Mailed Home
				-January 16:	No School/MLK Day

Welcome Back, Maple Make This Your Best Year Yet!!

Herald Staff

Welcome back, everyone, to a new school year. I'm sure you all missed this place over the summer and couldn't wait to get back!!

Here we are a month into the 2022-2023 school year! And for the first time ever, we are starting the school day after 8:00 a.m.

In an effort to get students to school on time, the administration moved the start of the school day a half hour later. This is supposed to help students get to school on time. Is this working? I guess only time will tell, but there seems to be a long line of students after 8:15 a.m. every morning.

Administrators should not have to move the start time. We should want to get to school on time and do so on a daily basis. This is just one of the many issues that we, as students, need to fix to prepare for our future and have a more positive and productive learning environment. Coming to school late or being tardy to class affects the quality of education you receive to prepare for your future. Believe me, some day you may look back and regret missing certain lessons and class time.

Another area that needs fixing is school spirit. I heard a variety of students say, "why are we voting for the football team to be the Cleveland Browns Game of the Week. It doesn't benefit us. It only benefits the football team." That is simply not true. By being voted the Cleveland Browns Game of the Week, Maple gets positive media exposure so the public can see what our school has to offer.

That is not the only time school spirit is lacking. What about school spirit days. We had an entire week of spirit

days to promote students to get to school on time. This is another ridiculous concept that we need to get to school on time, but I have already discussed the issue. My point is, why do students not participate in dressing for school spirit days? It is a simple concept. We also wear maroon and white every Friday, or at least some of us do.

There is also a lack of school spirit with participation. How many of you support our football team, marching band, cheerleaders and Maroonettes Friday night? How many of you go to volleyball games? Or how about a cross country meet? Some of you may not even know we have a cross country team. It is embarrassing to go to away games where some schools have full student sections and we have hardly anyone there.

Now, let's talk about Homecoming. Homecoming week this year is the third week of October. How many people this year will be on the Homecoming court? How many of you will either participate in the parade or watch it. Typically, there are at least five males and five females from the senior class on the court. This has not been the case the past couple of years, even before Covid.

Participation in clubs and activities is also down. People just want to either do the bare minimum or not do anything any more. This just adds to the sad climate of our school building.

What Maple needs are students who care and want to make a difference. We need students to stop complaining and start stepping up to improve the school. Everyone needs to come together and take pride in our school. Also, take pride in yourselves and put your education first.

Covid is over!! I know we all got a bit lazy during covid, and we didn't really make a comeback yet. But even "mak-

ing a comeback" isn't good enough. We need to strive even higher to become better students and have more spirit.

Seniors, this is your year! You could choose to be the role models for the underclassmen. Some of you have spent your entire 12 years of education here. Take pride in the district that has shaped you to become who you are today.

Seniors, also be aware that you have a busy year ahead of you. Listen to announcements, visit your guidance department and Google classrooms for help with college, and watch out for deadlines.

Juniors, you are next in line. This is traditionally the most difficult year in high school. Those of you wanting to attend college need to keep up the grades and start the college process.

Sophomores and freshmen, you have some years left. Be aware that everything you do or don't do now will affect your future. Maintain your grades, set goals and complete the needed tasks to attain those goals.

You may be the ones who will most benefit from a positive change around here. Would you rather complain for the next two or three years or help be agents of change?

Overall, I guess what I really don't understand is why students don't care about Maple? It would really be great to go to a school where the majority actually liked their school. We have a new building, free food, helpful teachers, and caring administrators. We have people behind us that support us and want to see us do our best. There are students out there in other districts that have it a lot worse than us. It's time we step up and help ourselves and help our school get the respect it deserves. Stop complaining and have pride in the Mustang name. And, above all, Maple, make this your best school year yet!!

Student Profiles

Meet Your Senior Class Officers

Veronica Johnson Entertainment Editor

The Class of 2023 has four hard working class officers to help coordinate the senior events this year.

The first is class President Na'Layia Owens.

She was born in Mississippi but was raised in Maple Heights, Ohio.

Owens went to John F. Kennedy Elementary when she was younger.

She then attended Milkovich Middle School where she participated in choir.

Here at the high school, Owens has been involved in DECA.

Her favorite class is Marketing, and what she likes most about coming to school is Marketing instructor Dr. Griffin's class.

What she dislikes the most about school is getting up early.



Senior Na'Layia Owens

When Owens is not in school, she works at Wendy's.

When asked what her future plans are, Owens said she is unsure about her future.

What she will miss the most when she graduates is Marketing.

Her advice to the Freshmen is "keep your GPA up".

Owens favorite movie era is the 90's.

Her favorite genre of music is R&B.

She dislikes pizza, and her talent is singing.

Owens' one wish is to end all world hunger.

She enjoys the fall, and her favorite month is January.

Her best memories are always with family.

Owens' idol is her mother and her favorite quote is "apples don't fall far from the tree".

The Class of 2023 vice president is senior Danielle Fuller.

She was born in Macon, Georgia, but was



Senior Danielle Fuller

raised in Cleveland, Ohio.

Fuller has attended multiple elementary schools and was involved in track, cheerleading, and wrestling.

When she went to Milkovich Middle School and Monticello Middle School, she continued with track and wrestling.

Here at the high school, she has been involved in cheerleading and Student Council.

Her favorite class is Science with Mrs. Hammer, and her least favorite is math.

She participates with Mycom Cleveland in her spare time, which is a youth development group.

Her future plans are to continue her education in NCAT at Tuskegee University to pursue a career in veterinary medicine.

What Fuller likes the most about school is meeting the new people, but what she dislikes is how strict it is.

Fuller's plans for the future are to be happy and wealthy.

What she said she'll miss the most when she graduates is being young and free.

Her advice to freshmen is "have fun and enjoy it while it lasts. Time moves by extremely fast."

Her favorite movies are **Charlies Angels** and **My Little Pony Equestrian Girl**. TV shows she enjoys include **My Little Pony**, **Barbie**, and **Arrow**.

Her favorite artists are **NBA Youngboy**, **Future**, and **Jherene Akio**.

Fuller's talent is writing poems and her idol is Jesus.

She loves all foods, the colors pink and blue, the fall, October, Thanksgiving and Bora Bora.

The 2023 class secretary is senior Ta'Niya Rogers.

She was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio.

She has spent her entire educational career here at Maple.

At Milkovich Middle School, she was involved in cheerleading and choir, and she has continued those extracurriculars here at the high school.

Her favorite class is Criminology, while her least favorite is any type of math class.

When Rogers isn't at school, she works three jobs at Raising Cane's, Pulp, and Sky Zone.

Her spare time activities are working and listening to music.

Rogers future plan is to go to college for nursing.

What she likes the most about school is the people, but she dislikes the school work.

Rogers said what she will miss the most upon graduation is her classmates.

Her advice for the freshmen is "do your work".



Senior Taniya Rogers

Her favorite movie is **Hercules** and her favorite TV show is **Pretty Little Liars**.

Her favorite song is "Aura" by **Mariah the Scientist**. She also enjoys music by **Drake**.

Rogers enjoys eating steak, but she dislikes beans.

Her favorite color is red, and her talents are doing lashes.

Rogers one wish is to never be stressed.

Her favorite season is spring, her favorite month is December, and her favorite holiday is Halloween.

Rogers loves going to the beach while on vacation.

Rogers lives by the words "You only live once."

The Class of 2023 treasurer is senior Derrick Williams. Look for the November issue of **The Herald** for coverage on him.

Teacher Profiles

Eight New Teachers Start

Jalen Kennedy Sports Editor

There are eight new staff members here at Maple Heights High School this year.

Mr. Taylor Haven is the newest addition to the science department. Haven teaches Biology and Forensics.



Mr. Taylor Haven

He is from North Ridgeville, Ohio, where he attended North Ridgeville High School.

For his undergraduate degree, Haven attended Bowling Green University and received a Bachelor of Arts in Biology.

Haven then attended Washington State University where he received his Masters degree in Education.

Before arriving at Maple, Haven taught in Colton, Washington, teaching sixth through twelfth grade science.

When asked to comment about his first weeks here at Maple, Haven responded, "I have felt so welcomed here and love all of the positive energy from the students and staff."

Mr. Bryan Bursey is the newest band director of the "Marching Mustangs."

Bursey was born in Columbus, Ohio, where he attended Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center for high school.

Bursey then attended Central State University and received his Bachelor of Arts in Music Education.

Before coming to Maple, Bursey was the student arranger at Central State from 2016-2018, the assistant band director at Trotwood Madison in 2019, and the general music teacher for Columbus City Schools in 2021.

When asked to comment on his first few weeks here at Maple, Bursey responded, "I love the atmosphere. I have great colleagues and great students, and I'm looking forward to a great year!"

Mr. Dan Morticelli is the newest addition to the math department.

Morticelli was born in Marlborough, Massachusetts and attended Marlborough High School.

Morticelli then attended Framingham



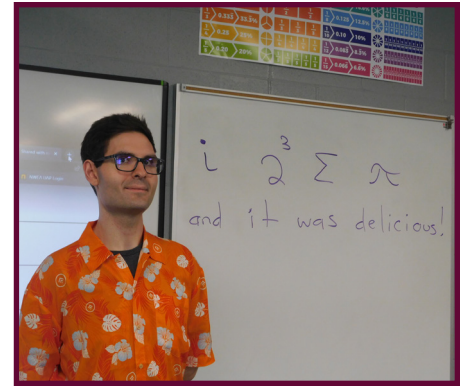
Mr. Bryan Bursey

State University and received a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and minored in Business Administration.

Before coming to Maple, Morticelli taught at The Insightful Minds Community of Learning, teaching seventh through twelfth grade math from 2019-2022.

He currently teaches Algebra Intervention, Algebra 1, Statistics, and MMR.

When asked about his first few weeks at Maple, Morticelli responded, "It was a



Mr. Dan Morticelli

big learning experience, but I have already learned a lot."

Mr. Nick Bayda is also one of the newest additions in the math department.

Bayda was born in Akron, Ohio, and attended Archbishop Hoban High School.

Bayda attended John Carroll University and has a Bachelor of Arts in Math Education. He is currently also studying for his Master's degree.

Before arriving at Maple, Bayda taught for two years at Springfield High School in Springfield, Ohio.

Bayda teaches Geometry, Geometry Intervention, and Intro to STEM.

When asked about his first weeks here at Maple, Bayda responded, "Everyone here has been very welcoming and helpful. It's been awesome to meet and build relationships with the students as well."

Ms. Melanie Duffy is the newest addi-



Mr. Nick Bayda

Teacher Profiles

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Jalen Kennedy Sports Editor

tion to the English department.

Duffy was born in Euclid, Ohio, and attended Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.



Ms. Melanie Duffy

Next, Duffy attended the University of Dayton and has a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature with a minor in Sociology and Entrepreneurship.

Duffy received her Master's degree from Cleveland State University in Secondary Education grades seven through 12 in English.

Before coming to Maple, Duffy was a substitute teacher at Warrensville Heights City Schools in 2021, and she taught English at Cleveland Central Catholic from 2021-2022.

Duffy currently teaches ELA 2 intervention, ELA 2, ELA 3 and ELA 3 Honors.

When asked to comment about her first weeks at Maple, Duffy responded "I have really enjoyed starting to get to know students. I also enjoy chatting with the other staff in my hallway."

Mr. Eric Moenich is the newest addition to the French department.

Moenich was born in Avon Lake, Ohio, and attended Avon Lake High School.

For college, Moenich, attended Uni-

versity of Miami and received a Bachelor of Science in French Education, French Language, and English Education.

Before coming to Maple, Moenich taught English in Paris, France, for seven months to high schoolers via the US and French governments. He also previously taught in Cleveland, Ohio, for three years as a middle school teacher and he most recently taught at Milkovich Middle School or a year as a learning loss teacher.

Moenich currently teaches French I, II, and III.

When asked about his first weeks in Maple, Moenich responded. "I'm loving it here at the high school! I am impressed by my students, and the teachers have been very welcoming."

Ms. Angelic Carter is the new Cosme-



Mr. Eric Moenich

tology teacher.

Carter was born in Bedford Heights, Ohio, and attended Bedford High School.

For college, Carter attended Southern New Hampshire University and received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a minor in Psychology.

Before coming to Maple, Carter, taught at Remington College as a cosmetology instructor for three years.

When asked about her first few weeks here at Maple, Carter responded, "My

first few weeks here have definitely been an adventure, but I'm enjoying the students and getting to know everyone."

Ms. Samantha Ventura is the newest addition to the art department.

Ventura was born in Jamestown, New York, and attended Jamestown High



Ms. Angelic Carter

School.

For college, Ventura attended Jamestown Community College and Kent State University and has a Bachelor of Arts in Art Education with a minor in Fine Arts.

Ventura previously taught art at Milkovich Middle School.

Ventura currently teaches Exploring the Arts, Cartooning and Comics.

She is also the Art Club advisor.

"The high school is like a breath of fresh air! Our kids are mature, fun, and so hard working. I'm so glad to be here," said Ventura.



Ms. Samantha Ventura

TV Preview For Fall 2022

Herald Staff

Are you looking for a new TV show to watch this season? If so, here are some suggestions.

A Sunday night show to consider is **The Walking Dead!**

For all of you **Walking Dead** fans, the final eight episodes are set to air starting on October 2. If you are new to the show, you can stream the first 11 seasons for free on AMC or watch on YouTube TV or Amazon Prime. **The Walking Dead** is a post-apocalyptic horror show about a group of survivors led by a police officer who travel in search of a safe and secure home. The action-packed final episodes will reunite the main characters for a much-anticipated ending! Don't miss it!

Monday suggestions are **The Jennifer Hudson Show** and **The Voice**.

The Jennifer Hudson Show is a new daytime talk show that airs on ABC at 3:00 p.m. daily. **American Idol** alum Jennifer Hudson hosts daytime's newest talk show.

The Voice airs on NBC at 8:00 p.m. Returning judges include Gwen Stefani, Blake Shelton and John Legend. They are joined by newcomer Camilla Cabello. A new twist to Season 22 is the addition of the three-way knockouts where three singers on each team will face off with two being eliminated.

Tuesday night offerings include **The Rookie: Feds**, **La Brea**, and **Monarch**.

The Rookie: Feds stars Niecy Nash-Betts who played the character of Simone Clark, the oldest rookie in the FBI Academy in last season's new show **The Rookie**. In this spinoff, Nash-Betts' character brings her expertise as a former guidance counselor and a mom to twins to her cases. Watch it on ABC at 10:00 p.m.

La Brea, in its sophomore season, centers on a group of people who were sucked into a massive sinkhole in downtown Los Angeles. The group landed in 10,000 B.C. and must figure out a way

to return to their loved ones before the sinkhole permanently closes. If you missed the first season, you can stream it on Peacock and NBC.com. This time traveling thriller is a must watch on NBC at 9:00 p.m.

Monarch stars country singer Trace Adkins and Oscar winner Susan Sarandon. This night time soap opera centers on the "first family of country music". From adultery to murder to terminal illness, this multigenerational family saga is sure to catch your interest. Catch it on FOX at 9:00 p.m.

What to watch on Wednesday? **Andor** and **Big Sky: Deadly Trails**.

Andor is streamed on Disney+. It is the prequel to the Star Wars spinoff **Rogue One**. The TV series follows thief-turned Rebel spy Cassian Andor for the five years before the events of the first film. For all of you **Star Wars** fans, this is a must-see.

Big Sky is a returning show on ABC at 10:00 p.m. Private detective Cassie Dewell (Kylie Bunbury) and cop Jenny Hoyt (Katheryn Winnick) team up to solve crime in a small town in Montana. The series is based off The Highway series of books by C.J. Box. From kidnapping, to sex trafficking, to drug syndicates, this duo can't be beat. Joining this season include Jensen Ackles, Reba McEntire and Rosanna Arquette. Don't turn your back while watching, because you will definitely miss some part of the action. This show will keep you on the edge of your seat. For the first two seasons, stream it on Hulu.

Lord of the Rings: The Ring of Power and **Alaska Daily** are on Thursday night.

For all of you **Lord of the Rings** fans, this is the TV show for you! This TV series (Prime Video at 9:00 p.m.) is set thousands of years before **The Hobbit** and **The Lord of the Rings**. It follows a cast of characters new and old as they face the evil to Middle-earth.

Alaska Daily, starring Oscar winner Hilary Swank, centers on the life of a high-profile New York reporter who

leaves her job to join a newspaper staff in Anchorage, Alaska. This soapy drama can be watched on ABC at 10:00 p.m. starting on October 6.

On Friday night, tune into **Lopez vs. Lopez**.

Lopez vs. Lopez airs on NBC at 8:00 p.m. It stars comedian George Lopez and his real-life daughter playing a father daughter duo from a working class family that is dysfunctional. This is our only suggested comedy this season!

A Sunday night offering includes **Tulsa King**.

Tulsa King stars **Rocky** alum Sylvester Stallone. Stallone plays a Mafia king who spent 25 years in prison. Upon his release he moves his mafia family to Oklahoma to start a new branch of the crime family. Catch it on Paramount on Sunday, November 13.

Other shows to watch out for include **Wednesday** and **Manifest**.

If you like **The Addams Family**, you will like **Wednesday**. The eight-episode TV show produced by Netflix centers on Wednesday Adams as a student at Nevermore Academy. An exact release date has yet to be announced.

Netflix is also producing the final season of **Manifest**. After NBC cancelled the series, viewers flocked in droves to watch the first few seasons. This prompted Netflix to produce a 20-show final season. The first ten episodes will be released on November 4. Set two years after season three ended, the Flight 828 passengers are still trying to figure out their time-traveling lives. Will they live or will they die? The answers viewers have been waiting for are here.

Other TV shows expected to end this year include **A Million Little Things**, **Riverdale**, **A Handmaid's Tale**, **The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel**, **Endeavor**, **New Amsterdam**, **The Good Fight**, **The Blacklist**, **The Connors**, **Euphoria**, **The Flash**, and **Ted Lasso**. If you are fans of these shows, watch them while you can.

'Stangs look For Consistency

Zaire Watkins
Layout Editor

The varsity football team had a 2-2 start at press time.

The Mustangs defeated John F. Kennedy in their opening game, 78-14, and also beat Willoughby South, 30-6.

The 'Stangs lost to Uniontown Lake, 35-0, and Garfield Heights, 20-14.

Coaches this season include Varsity Coach Shaq Washington, Defensive Coordinator Aaron Bubonics, Defensive Line Coach Nick November, Defensive Back Coach Brian Darden, Offensive Line Coach Ben Gauthier, Running Back Coach Deandre Grant, Wide Receiver Coach Dajunn Graham, Junior Varsity Coach Lee Harris, Freshman Coach Arrick Addison, and Freshman Assistant Micah Hills.

Key players this season include seniors Ed Robinson, Dawon King, Ashton Pugh, and David Collins and junior Jordan Hawkins.

Robinson is a running back for the



Quarterback Dawon King throws a pass to the receiver.

Mustangs. At press time, he had 427 yards in 47 carries, averaging 85.4 yards per game and 9.1 yards per carry. Robinson had six rushing touchdowns. He also had two punt returns for 40 yards.

At quarterback, King had 30 completions in 62 attempts. He had 490 passing

yards with 98 yards per game average and three touchdowns. In rushing, King had 166 yards in 29 attempts, averaging 5.7 yards per carry with two touchdowns.

Pugh plays wide receiver. At press time, he had ten catches in 18 attempts with two touchdowns. Pugh averaged 14.1 yards per reception with a total of 141 yards. Pugh also returns kicks for the Mustangs. He had two kick returns for 63 yards, averaging 31.4 yards per return.

At wide receiver and cornerback is Collins. In receiving, he had five catches in 14 attempts with one touchdown, averaging 102 yards per game and 30.4 yards per reception. Defensively, he had 14 tackles.

Also at cornerback is Hawkins. He had three tackles at press time.

According to Washington, Mustang strengths include having dynamic playmakers with a load of depth at the running back position.

A key weakness is the Mustangs are undersized up front.

Washington expects the team to "compete at a high level consistently" throughout the rest of the season.

Robinson Runs Over Opponent

Zaire Watkins
Layout Editor

The football Athlete of the Month is senior Ed Robinson.

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

Robinson attended Lomond Elementary school in Shaker Heights where he started his football career.

Robinson then attended Shaker Heights Middle School where he participated in football, basketball, and track.

He came to Maple his sophomore year and has participated in football at the varsity level since he arrived here.

Robinson started playing football at the age of five and has played on teams like the Ohio Village Wildcats and the Glenville Titan Muni League.

During his time on the Ohio Village Wildcats, Robinson's team won ESPN's Worldwide of Sports Football Championship in Florida.



Senior running back Ed Robinson.

Robinson played for Shaker his seventh and eighth grade years making it to the Shaker Heights High School varsity team during his freshman year of high school.

When asked how he prepares for a game, Robinson stated that he just likes to listen to music.

His main strength in football is that he's versatile.

Robinson loves the feeling it brings when he is playing on the field and the friendships

he builds with his teammates. He also loves the feeling of winning.

The thing that Robinson hates the most about the sport are the serious injuries you can get and the feeling of losing.

During his spare time Robinson likes to play games and go swimming.

His favorite subject in school is math, while his least favorite is science.

When asked who his favorite teams and athletes are, he said he likes the University of Alabama, the Buffalo Bills, Stephon Diggs and Josh Allen.

Robinson's plans after high school are to go to college and hopefully make it to the NFL.

Advice Robinson has for future athletes is "when you're not working, someone else is".

One thing he will miss the most about the sport is how fun it is playing in the games.

The sport of football has taught Robinson that hard work does pay off.

Robinson's plan is playing Division 1 college football next, but he is undecided on his college.

Mustangs Set 4 Goals

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The varsity volleyball team is off to a great start this season. At press time, the lady Mustangs were 8-2 overall and undefeated in league play.

The team defeated Warrensville, Cleveland Heights, Bedford, Lorain, Brush, Valley Forge, St. Martin and Garfield Heights.

The 'Stangs lost to Nordon and Euclid.

Coaches this season include Varsity Coach Rocco Covelli, Junior Varsity Coach Taylor Brown, and Freshman Coach Monique Johnson.

Key players this year include senior Destiny Goss; juniors Brittney Barnes, Markya Moore, and Brandianna Freeman; and sophomores Teliah Golliday and Skylar Aikens.

Goss plays at the middle hitter position; and, at press time, led the team in kills and blocks.

At the setter position, Barnes led the team in points and assists.



Senior Teliah Golliday plays defense.

Freeman plays the libero position and led the team in digs.

Moore, at middle hitter, was second in blocks and third in kills.

Leading the team in aces at press time was

Aikens at the right side hitter position.

Covelli said hitting, blocking and serve receptions are areas of strength for the Mustangs this season.

One key weakness is varsity experience.

According to Covelli, "This team is a very exciting team to watch led by Division 1 commitment Destiny Goss and seniors Malyiah Anderson and Cassidy Clements. They have been with this program for six years. The new varsity players continue to gain confidence and chemistry. I am just super proud of how they have started this season. If we stay healthy, we will be a very dangerous team to beat."

When asked to comment on his expectations for the rest of the season, Covelli replied, "We have four goals this year: Beat Shaker, win the league, win 20 games, and reach Districts in the State Tournament. I have a very close and fun team to coach. We have a lot of depth, and I feel we are really reaching our potential to reach all of these goals."

A key game left this season is Shaker Heights at home on October 13.

Goss Receives Division 1 Offer

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The volleyball Athlete of the Month is senior Destiny Goss.

Goss was born on February 18, 2005, in Cleveland, Ohio.

She attended Raymond Elementary School.

She then attended Milkovich Middle School. She played basketball and volleyball and also ran the 200m and the 400m in track.

At the middle hitter position, she helped her eighth grade team win the LEL Championship and was named MVP for the season.

Here at the high school she has been involved in indoor/outdoor track, volleyball and the culinary program.

She runs the 200m and the 400m in track and is a three-year letter winner.

Goss has continued playing at the middle hitter position at the high school. She is a three-year letter winner and she was All LEL her freshman and sophomore seasons. Last year, she was 2nd Team All LEL.

She also received the Most Improved award her freshman year, the Defensive



Senior Destiny Goss serves the ball.

Player of the Year award her sophomore year, and the Offensive Player of the Year award her junior year.

Besides playing for the Mustangs, Goss has also played for the JO Club team Buckeye Fire in winter 2021.

To prepare for games, she listens to music all day, and she cheers on the freshmen and junior

varsity teams.

Her main strength in volleyball is her competitiveness, and her weakness is she gets down on herself sometimes.

What Goss enjoys the most is playing with her friends and the competition. She does not like losing games.

In her spare time, she works at Hollister in Beachwood Mall.

Her favorite subject in school is Anatomy and her least favorite subject is every other subject.

After high school, Goss plans on going to college for volleyball and to get her Psychology degree. She currently has a full ride offer from Cleveland State.

Advice she would give to future athletes is "make sure that you still love the sport. Don't let anyone take that love away from you and don't ever do anything you don't want to do."

One thing Goss will miss about volleyball is the crowd.

Volleyball has taught her patience and work ethic. "You have to work hard to get where you want to go," said Goss.