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Seniors consider their next move during Homecoming float decorating.

Covid Attacks Sheridan Public Schools

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Brooke Grow- Senior

On the evening of September 4th, the final word of school closure struck Sheridan Public Schools. After several days of contact tracing throughout Sheridan High School and elementary school, Mr. Wetherbee, with the help of Madison County Public Health Department member Emilie Sayler, made the final decision to shut down the school for the week of September 7-10. "We had exposures at the senior level, we had exposures at the freshmen level, which would bleed into the middle school. The best strategy was to say 'you know what, let's take a week off, regroup, and see how we do,'" stated Mr. Wetherbee.

According to Wetherbee, the plan was not entirely directed at a scientific standpoint, but to some degree it was: "We looked at the exponential spread of the school, which means for every person who has COVID they are likely to get x number of people sick. Then we looked at the r-not which identifies how many people get sick from the infected individuals," stated Emily Sayler. With this information, it was concluded that nearly the entire school was exposed.

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It's More Than Just Sound

Jenna Nate- Senior

Before the 2021-2022 school year, the Sheridan school board voted to pass a new policy in the student handbook regarding cell phones. The new policy prohibits the use of cell phones on school grounds from 8:00-3:45. Not only does this policy prohibit the use of cell phones on school grounds without exceptions, but it also prohibits the use of headphones and listening to music during that time. While this rule may seem to make sense at first with respect to a classroom, it actually may do more harm than good. Music isn't only a sound to entertain listeners, it also helps ease stress and anxiety, helps students focus, and is a valuable classroom management tool.

Studies have shown that listening to music can help reduce stress and anxiety in day-to-day life. The University of Maryland Medical Center has revealed that "Music is an effective stress reducer in both healthy individuals and people with health problems. Research finds that listening to soothing music can decrease blood pressure, heart rate, and anxiety levels in heart patients." Music is such a powerful tool that it can have a large effect on our bodies. By reducing heart rate and blood pressure, music can help reduce your stress. Music can be a helpful resource for students to help destress during a test or while doing homework. Faith Larsen, a senior, said that "the (history) tests always stress me out, no matter how much I study. It really helps me being able to listen to music while we are taking those tests because I wasn't thinking about just the test." This is just one example of music helping destress. High School is such a stressful point in every person's life, with tests, homework, peer judgment, and busy schedules that if there is a tool to ease some of this



stress and anxiety, students and teachers should take advantage of it to help make each student's life a little easier. Listening to music can also help students focus. People are very social creatures that students can get distracted in class by other students, noise in the halls, and side conversations. Listening to music eliminates this noise and reduces distractions. Shawn Regnerus, the science teacher, said that while it varies from person to person, "if you are doing homework or a chore a lot of times having music in the background can help people focus." A lot of school is doing homework, so if we can listen to music while doing homework, we can focus better and get more done while in school. This would make school easier while also reducing the amount of homework done outside of school. Additionally, music is a useful classroom management tool. As

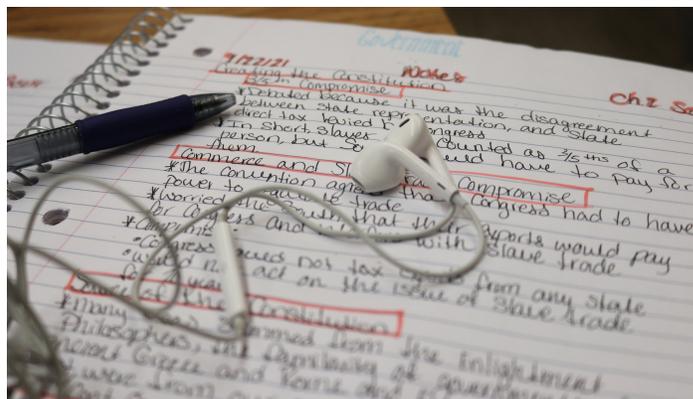
Music is one of the great things in life, it is a beautiful thing. It's part of what makes us fully human.

-Shawn Regnerus

teachers, it can be difficult to find what works for different students as classroom management. You can have incentives or discipline students, or you can use a tool readily accessible by most students and teachers. Janelle Schmit, the English teacher, said "Even the kids who are more social and have a harder time finding their groove are able to avoid causing disruptions by listening to music. The more social kids definitely distract others, so when they are able to listen to music and go into their own little world, it definitely helps the classroom be a more peaceful place to work." When the classroom is peaceful and has fewer distractions, students are able to focus more on schoolwork and learn more. Junior Jake Dvorak contributed by saying "I am so much less of an issue when I have music." It has been offered that the teacher can play music for the whole class, but each student has a different interest in music. By playing music one student likes can become a distraction for another student who doesn't like that type of music. Another argument I've encountered is that music can become a distraction in itself in the classroom. When a teacher is trying to gain the attention of a classroom and students have music in, it becomes a hassle to gather the attention of the class. This is why music should be available at teachers' discretion. What doesn't work for one class may work for another. For example, while it may not make sense to allow music in math class where a teacher is teaching the whole hour, it makes sense in an art class. In art, students are working by themselves, at their own pace on a project. When these students can put music in and get "in the zone," they can get more done in an hour and not be distracted by the rest of the class. It all depends on the teacher and what is going on in the class.

In short, music should be available at the teacher's discretion. High school is a very tricky time for students who are trying to find their place, keep good grades, and juggle homework and extracurricular activities. Music is a great tool that can help make life easier for students, so Sheridan should take advantage of it. Shawn Regnerus said it best "Music is one of the great

things in life, it is a beautiful thing. It's part of what makes us fully human."



Information Source: <https://www.fnu.edu/benefits-studying-music/>

SHS Introduces Hope Squad

Lane Wuelfing- Senior

There has been a new program that has been introduced to Sheridan Middle School and High School. With this new program, a lot of people think it will be a good thing for the school. I went around and got an interview with the School counselor who is also the head person of this new Hope Squad program. Mr. Regnerus, Ms. Lacey, and Mrs. Wuelfing along with Mrs. Bartoletti are the staff team for the Hope Squad. A few people in the school thought that these were the right teachers to be a part of running the Program in the School. The Hope Squad is a national suicide prevention program for all grades. In this program, it is to help those who need help but are nervous to go to people, and they need someone they can go to whom they can trust. One of the members, Lane, had this to say "everyone who is in the hope squad is there, because someone or multiple people thought that they would feel comfortable talking to that person about very personal things, and I think that us having people in the school who are trusted like that are good to have around." The Hope Squad is held at Sheridan High School where they meet once a month to make plans on how they are going to get people to reach out and talk to someone. Sheridan School was awarded a grant for a junior high program and high school program last spring and was announced to students right before summer break, so they could come back and be ready for the first year of the Hope Squad. The students that are in the Hope Squad were selected by other students last spring when it was announced. Laurie Bartoletti had this to say about the new program: "Our focus this year is inviting students to different activities where they can have a sense of fun and belonging." She added, "We want to help students be aware of different resources to support them during difficult times."

FCCLA Seizes the Day

Madeline Lindroth- Senior

On the night of Wednesday, September 22, 2021, the FCCLA group of Sheridan High School held its very first meeting of the year. To start things off right, group advisor, Mrs. Minert prepared a taco dinner for the kids participating. The meeting was held after volleyball and football practices, so the kids that attended very much appreciated the meal prepared for them. After having three delicious tacos, Madeline said, "I was super excited to come into the classroom and see food. My eyes opened like a little kid's would in a candy store." After eating, the group went over an outline of events and meetings they have planned for this year. In the fall, they are planning to visit the Hay Maze in Dillon, carve pumpkins, and make Thanksgiving

pies. Along with all of the fun activities, FCCLA is also thinking about ways to involve itself in community service projects. For example, the chapter plans to participate in caroling for Cans during Christmas time and other service projects are to be announced. That night, FCCLA members also began planning their District Meeting, which is planned to be held the first week of November. This year, enrollment numbers in the district have increased significantly. In response to that, the members are brainstorming ideas for a set gathering place that will accommodate all. On the 26th and 27th, members Rachel Zielinski and Madeline Lindroth traveled to Fairmont Hot Springs for the annual Leadership Rally. In preparation for the rally, Rachel Zielinski said, "I am looking forward to starting off this year's FCCLA experience with a bang. After these last few years of uncertainty due to Covid, it is nice to finally have solid plans for the rallies and it lets us focus on the importance of what we are doing, instead of worrying about what may or may not actually take place." Looking more into the future, FCCLA members are already planning for bigger events such as State Leadership Conference and National Leadership Conference.

All FCCLA members are planning to attend the State Leadership Conference with a prepared presentation finished. Members who perform well at the State Conference and qualify to go to Nationals will have the opportunity to visit the sunny city of San Diego, California. Advisor, Rachel Minert, is arguably the most excited about where the National Conference is being held this summer. In order to provide funding, FCCLA will be doing multiple fundraisers throughout the year. Most of these fundraisers will be ones that have been heavily requested in the past such as Little Caesars Pizza, and the selling of frozen cookie dough. Make sure to show your support by expressing your



Madeline and Rachel at Fairmont for the leadership rally.
*Photo courtesy of Rachel Minert

excitement for these fundraisers as well as thanking those FCCLA members who have made them possible.

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At this point we have “burned all of our quarantine days in one shot,” states Mr. Wetherbee, “so we have to be pretty careful about how we close in the future.” To prevent future school closures students, staff, parents, and any other individual involved in the school system are advised to stay home when feeling sick. “A lot of people think quarantine is against constitutional rights, but it is individual liberty for the greater good of everyone,” is something everyone should take into consideration according to Ms. Sayler.

Junior High Students Build Community on Annual Trip

Kaymbreigh Schwartz- Senior

On September 1st the 7th and 8th graders went on a camping trip to first camp, with Mrs. Bartoletti. Bartoletti went on to say “Junior High first camp day was created to have fun.” It was a day to kick off the school year to a great start. Covid has changed many things we have done in the past including first camp. “We used to do overnight, but we haven't had a chance to due to covid” Bartoletti says. Covid has made a lot of things difficult, especially sports and going into stores. It has been 2 years since they have been able to stay overnight, everything has been too hectic for it. The 7th and 8th graders haven't really had a lot of learning experience so this is a great way to work together and learn people skills like respect. “It was a beautiful day, but we still have lots to learn about respect and living that every day” Bartoletti went on to say. They had a perfect day for it and everyone behaved decently. The 7th and 8th graders seemed to have a great time as well. Great job everyone.



Jace Allhands and Brayt Wood participate in a trust walk activity. *Photo courtesy of Laurie Bartoletti



The boat championships: teams had to make a boat out of straws and tape. *Photo courtesy of Laurie Bartoletti



The boat championship team: Aden, Briggs, Titus, Quinn, and Cooper *Photo courtesy of Laurie Bartoletti



The 7th and 8th graders who attended first camp. *Photo courtesy of Laurie Bartoletti

Capture the Flag

Joe Gilman- Senior

Throughout the school's homecoming week, the student body had many afterschool events. These events included: capture the flag, men's volleyball, powder-puff football, and a homecoming dance on Saturday. One of the most attended events was Monday's Capture the Flag. The four classes were split up into two teams. This meant that the Juniors and Freshmen were against the Seniors and Sophomores. The Senior team had their flag located at the football field, while the Juniors had theirs located at the baseball park. The game began soon after 7 and lasted only an hour. Kole said, "The game went way too quick." Near the end of the game, both teams had captured each other's flags. Kam recalled, " So Sawyer had the flag, so then I see another person chasing Sawyer towards me. I thought I was totally ready for him, but then he jukeed me and I gave up." It was soon after this that the game was over.

While both of the teams tried their best to win the game, the Juniors and Freshmen were the final winners. Lane had commented, "I was out of breath by the end." While they did win, some Freshmen were spotted riding bikes during the game. This is against the rules of the game, so while their team won, it may have been by illegitimate means. Perhaps because of the events that transpired, another game may have to be scheduled to once again find out who the true winners are.



Kole and Cade contend a call from the ref.



Zach argues with the ref about a missed call.



Caitlyn refs the game.



Matt serves.

Panther Boys Make Hits on the Court

Zak McCormack- Senior

Sheridan High School was full of pride during their Homecoming week. On Tuesday night of homecoming week, the main event was men's volleyball, and in the bright lights of the elementary school gym were the high school's boys and the girls' dads. The event had yielded a small tourney with three "star-studded" teams. The junior class was paired with the freshmen, and the seniors were with the sophomores. The third team, who stumbled off the bleachers with their walkers, was the dad's volleyball team. Their team was composed of high schoolers' dads, athletes or not. The head coach of the Senior-Sophomore team, Faith Larsen, commented on her own skills and confidence. "I was the best coach out there and had my winning tactics." The head coach of the opposing team, Myckena Clark, had a similar comment with her reflection of coaching the Junior-Sophomore team. "I was the best coach out there. I was better than Faith [Larsen] because I just was" At the end of the High School competition, the score had returned in the Senior-Sophomore team's favor. The Senior-Sophomore team won the game and continued on to play the dads. All of the high school players now united on one team to take down the older, more "experienced" team. Again, the score had returned in the high schoolers' favor and was an enjoyable activity for everyone in the gym. After asking one of the Junior-Sophomores players how he felt about the game and his team's performance, Caden Theis had this to comment, "First off, we destroyed everyone. I feel that men's volleyball is one of the more 'alive' activities during homecoming because the girls are quiet but the boys are more loud and involved."

Caden was one of the main Junior players and rallied his team during each game. Panther Pride was everywhere during homecoming, clearly shown by this event.

Winning the Final Game

Faith Larsen- Senior

This year's homecoming powderpuff football, held at the Sheridan Football field at 7:00 on Wednesday night, might have been the most exciting it has been in years. It was filled with tackling, 8 vs.6, and the refs favoring the moms. While the high schoolers took on the mom's team, it started out as 6 on 6 until Coach Pierson decided the moms needed more help and allowed them 2 more players on the field. The moms took lead at the last minute and won. "The moms won, which is always a good thing. It keeps the children humble," stated Coach Pierson who acted as a referee for powderpuff. When asked if he would like to see any changes next year, he simply replied with "No injuries." After the moms game was over, the teams were switched to Seniors vs. Juniors, Sophomores, and freshmen. Seniors held onto the lead the whole game and won the game for homecoming. The Senior team was excited after they completed the game without help from their own coaches. "There were hot dogs and we were hungry," stated Kole Hill, who was supposed to coach the Senior team. "You guys did fine on your own since you won." While it was the last homecoming seniors got to participate in, I went around and asked some senior girls how they personally felt about it. "It was fun and I was glad I got to play. There were a lot of girls who came to play, which always makes it better," said Jorien VerHow. Caitlyn Galiger also commented "I will miss it but I am glad we got to play. Flag football is always fun, especially when you get to play with your friends." Recalling last year's powderpuff football incident, when one girl came unprepared with no shoes after she was convinced to play, she was asked how this year differed from last. Jenna Nate said "I am just glad I at least came with shoes this year. It made it a lot easier to run and play. I had a lot of fun." In the end, everyone had fun and a majority of the girls in high school participated. It was a good turn out and we can only hope that we have enough girls to continue to play in the upcoming years. "Seniors have to uphold their legacy with winning homecoming against the younger grades. Hopefully one year we will defeat the moms," said Faith Larsen.



Noah helps coach the girls.



The boys encourage the girls from the sidelines.



Kaymbreigh avoids Joy's efforts.



Emily sneaks by the moms for an impressive gain.



Simah works her way down the field.



Faith refuses to let Joy take her flags.



The juniors prepare their Panther Mascot.



Junior Homecoming Royalty: Caden "Kicker" and Ryllie



Caitlyn speaks on behalf of the volleyball team.



Brixie shows her panther pride for "purple and white" day.



Abby dresses up for the homecoming parade.



Trey, Koy, Gunnor, and Brayt dress up for "western hillbilly" day.



The seniors' float.



Mr. Stout ensures the parade runs smoothly.



Booster club parents throw candy to parade watchers.



2021 Homecoming King and Queen:
Brooke and Caden "Kicker"



The volleyball team rides on firetrucks for the parade.

A Drive to Succeed

Clair Haag- Junior

Jenna Nate had lived in many places before ending up in Sheridan, but not many parts of the other states and towns stood out to her. In Wyoming, she enjoyed going to the snow cone stand, and Idaho was special because of all the extended family she had there, but Montana was special because she and all of her family liked it here.

Jenna was born in Idaho but moved to Ennis, Montana when she was young. Her move to Montana was quickly followed by three more moves to Wyoming to Idaho, then back to Montana. By the time she moved back to Montana for the second time she was around 6, and in school here in Sheridan. Growing up in Sheridan Jenna has loved spending time outdoors, being with friends, hunting, reading, and doing anything artistic. She has always had the drive to succeed which can be seen in a business startup competition she won last year, and all her time on the court in volleyball. She said, "I've always known that if I put my mind to something I could do it."

Jenna plans on taking this drive with her next to Montana State University. At MSU Jenna plans to major in accounting, but she has also considered journalism or graphic design. Jenna is not completely set on going to MSU for four years. She has considered transferring to Idaho State University in Pocatello after two years of college to get a change of atmosphere, and a new experience, but MSU is close, and an easy drive home.

After college, Jenna could see herself living in Washington. She loves the idea of living the best of the country and city life, and the mountain surrounding is what draws Jenna in. Eventually, Jenna would like the opportunity to drive across the country and experience all that the United States has to offer. Jenna does wish she would've done some things differently, but she leaves her advice for us all. To the middle schoolers and freshmen, she says,

"Don't slack off your freshman year because it actually has an impact." But Jenna also tells everyone to make the best of every moment, and be grateful for the good stuff. Jenna will be missed in the coming years, but her advice will always ring true.



*Photo courtesy of Missy Wood.



The Most Valuable Player

Glynn Wood- Junior

"Focus on yourself and don't get tangled up in all the drama that comes with high school. That doesn't mean turtle up and don't talk to anybody, but have a good balance between having fun and concentrating on school." A word of advice to high school students from Kaiden Batzler, a senior at Sheridan High School. Kaiden has been going to Sheridan school since kindergarten and has been a favorite amongst everyone for years. He is very talented when it comes to football and basketball. "My biggest accomplishment is getting all state in basketball, but I think this football season is already more of an accomplishment even though we aren't even done with it." After he graduates high school, he plans on either continuing to play football for college, going to college to get an engineering degree, or not going to college at all and entering the workforce. "In ten years, I see myself most likely working a career or owning my own business and trying to expand that business. AKA, trying to make a lot of money." When asked who he looks up to, he replied, "my parents, because they have taught me many things that I know now and stuff like my work ethic." The best advice he has ever received in high school is, "Don't care what others say and think about you. People try to spread rumors and make your life worse, but if you don't care, it doesn't matter."



Panthers Win Against The Bears

Jorien Verhow and Caitlyn Galiger- Seniors

On Friday, September 17, the Sheridan Lady Panthers took on the Lima Bears for their homecoming game. The Lady Panthers started with a strong mindset and a great attitude before the game: "My mindset before the game was to just have fun and fight until the end" said a senior hitter, Caitlyn Galiger. The ladies started the game on top with high intensity and confidence. They started the first set with a long volley and lost the first point but then got the next point from a kill by Faith Larsen, a senior outside hitter. "At this point, our team was talking really well and actually playing as a whole team instead of individually," said Jorien VerHow, the senior libero. The Panthers took the first set 25-21. The Lima Bears came out with a bang during the second set and beat the Panthers by two, but the Panthers were not going to let them take anymore. In the last two sets, The Lady Panthers won 25-23 and 25-12. "We did really well hitting, setting it up, talking, saving the ball, and focusing on the game," said Larsen. For the next games, "We need to work on focusing just on volleyball, not the surroundings," said head coach, Sara Decker. "My goals are to compete with the other teams, to block their hitters, make their hitters nervous, and just do our job," she continued. The next day, the Lady Panthers hosted a tournament with six other teams in attendance. The ladies played three games against Twin Bridges, Lima, and Shields Valley. They beat Lima once again and competed well against the other teams. "I am very proud of my team and excited to see what we will do next," said Galiger.

Game	W - L
@ Twin	L
Lone Peak Tourney	4th
@Ennis	L
vs. Ennis	L
vs. Lima	W
vs. MC	L
vs. WSS	L



The girls track the ball.



Lily executes a backset.



Brooke and Lily jump for the block.



The girls cheer after a successful block.



Caitlyn cheers after the Panthers score a point.

Panthers Battle for a Playoff Spot

Kaiden Batzler and Kole Hill- Seniors

The Sheridan Panther varsity football team is off to an excellent start to their season. They are currently 3-0 and second in their conference behind Joliet. The varsity team this year consists of 24 players, including 5 experienced seniors along with many other assets. Head coach, Clay Pierson, and assistant coach Tyler Lott, returned to coach the Panthers along with volunteer assistant coaches, Mike Weatherbee and Troy Batzler.

In the season opener, the Panthers played the Choteau Bulldogs that ended up in an overtime shootout. Despite the Panthers many turnovers and small mistakes throughout the game, they came out on top with a final score of 27-25: "lots of simple mistakes that could have cost us the game, including some from myself, but we kept it together as a team and finished strong. I'm super excited to see what the rest of the season brings for us," said senior Kaiden Batzler.

Following the first game victory, the Panthers got right to work to prepare for their rivals, the Twin Bridges Falcons. The Panthers were seeking redemption after last year's loss against the Falcons at home. Sheridan came out swinging and got the first score. In return, the Falcons marched down the field and got a score of their own. That was the last time the Falcon's would see the endzone that game, getting stopped by a tough Panthers defense. On the other hand, the Panthers went on to score 4 more touchdowns and several extra points to close out the game with a final score of 35-8. "We played good as a team, and that's how you win games," stated Freshman quarterback, Trey Shrank, after the game. The Panthers were then sent home the next week due to Covid issues, consequently canceling the Lone Peak game.

Upon return, the Panthers and Sheridan School were overtaken with homecoming decorations and events. Despite the distraction of homecoming week, the Panthers readied themselves for the next home game against the Absarokee Huskies. Under the Friday night lights, Sheridan football players ran out from the corner of the field yielding flags to give special honor and appreciation for our veterans. The game started off quick with Cade Cathey returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown. The Panthers then took the game over from there scoring several more times and leaving the Huskies scoreless until the second half.

The Panthers pulled many of their starters out after the first quarter and let the younger players take over: "We have depth this year so if anyone needs a break or throws a fit, we can get them out," Pierson said. The young players finished out the game, ending it with a final score of 49-8.

The Panthers are set to face the Lone Peak Big Horns at home this weekend. They plan to keep the momentum and contend for a playoff spot later on in the season. "Winning makes everything better," Pierson said, and most people can agree on that.



Kaiden runs for the touchdown.



Joe blocks.



Cade Cathey goes for the catch.



Henry escapes defenders for a touchdown.

Game	Score
vs. Choteau	29-27 (W)
@ Twin	35-8 (W)
vs. Absorakee	21 - 16 (W)
vs. Lone Peak	52-20 (W)

Prevention is Possible

Rachel Zielinski- Senior

In 2020, statistics show that 2.2 million kids (9.2%) cope with major depression (Mental Health America). Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in America, and there was an estimated 1.38 million suicide attempts in 2019 (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention). In Montana alone, the age adjusted suicide rate is 26.17 per 100,000. In honor of National Suicide Prevention Month, below includes a list of things to keep yourself happy, healthy, and ways to find help.



Don't be afraid to ask for help. For quite a few people, asking for help could make them feel ashamed. However, it is important to find resources for guidance. It is not a thing you ever have to deal with alone. Whether it is a friend, family member, counselor, or even a doctor, there are people that want to help.

Keep in touch with the people that make you feel the best about yourself. It can be easiest to isolate yourself in difficult times, but you are most likely to beat loneliness alongside the people that make you feel most like you.



Know the signs. Look for the signs in yourself and the people around you. Some signs include: hopelessness, loss of enjoyment in activities, and dangerous or self-harmful behavior. Although those are just a few signs, there are many more to look for. Do the research and be self aware of yourself and the people around you.

Today isn't indicative of tomorrow. Today's emotions, thoughts, or mood don't belong to tomorrow. Even if today you were unsuccessful with accomplishing your goals, doesn't mean tomorrow will be the same.



Set easily attainable goals. Having a lengthy to-do list may discourage you and make you just want to do nothing at all. Remember that little victories are still victories. For example: instead of cleaning the whole house, do the dishes. After finishing one small task, try to continue completing other tasks.

Check and track what you're eating. I don't mean it as a dieting way. I mean that what you eat and drink can have an effect on how you feel. Eat foods such as: meats, vegetables, and grains. Try to avoid stimulants such as: coffee, soda, and other caffeinated beverages. You may also feel better if you avoid foods that are processed or have sugars or preservatives.



Get enough sleep (but don't stay in bed for too long). Sleep can have a tremendous effect on the way you feel. However, don't stay in bed after sleeping. If you're up to it, try exercising. Even small, light exercises such as walking could be helpful. However, if you're not up for it, try getting out of bed in the morning for a shower or for breakfast.

Consider clinical treatment. If you feel like your symptoms are making it hard to continue your everyday life, think about seeing a doctor or seeking some other sort of professional help. Doctors or therapists can assess your symptoms and create a treatment plan personalized to you and your needs. They may suggest more traditional treatment options such as medications or therapy, but there are other alternatives to these such as daily exercise or even adding herbs and supplements to your diet like: vitamin D, Omega-3, zinc, saffron, or rhodiola.



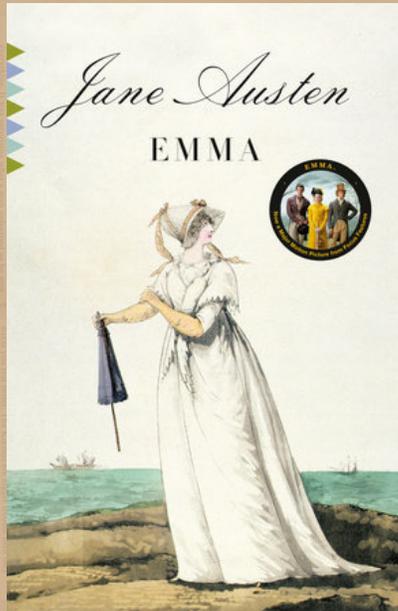
Sheridan High School also has a Hope Squad, a peer-to-peer prevention program. If you would like to contact any of them, see Laurie Bartoletti for more information.

Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

Text "MT" to: 741 741

Book Review

Katherine Tucker- Senior



Emma

Jane Austen

Comedy, Coming of Age, Romance

Me- 5.0

Amazon- 4.5

Emma, by Jane Austen, has been on my “to-read” list for quite some time. Having grown up with the movie version, starring Romola Garai, the story was already very familiar to me, but reading the book solidified my affection for the story. If you enjoy classics or stories based in the regency era, or even simply books where the protagonist has a beautiful arc, you are sure to like this story.

“I am going to take a heroine whom no one but myself will much like.” Austen said when she wrote the novel. When first presented with this quote, it is easy to assume that the protagonist of the novel, Emma, is not likeable to most people. However, Emma has turned out to be a character beloved by many. In the novel, Emma is a 21 year old who has spent her whole life having her own way. She is the doted on second daughter of a hypochondriac father, the belle of the entire town, and the darling of her former governess, who has been the mother figure in her life. In the eyes of most, she can do no wrong. However, this dotting on her has led to her being sufficiently spoiled, and her pride and self confidence run wild. Though she has good intentions, she always thinks that she knows best, which simply isn’t true. The book follows her growth and maturing into a kinder, more understanding person. Though Austen’s work is generally labeled as romance”, the

main body of the book is not about that, but instead is more focused on Emma’s personal growth. I really enjoyed this aspect of the book. Emma is an inherently flawed character, and while for some people this makes her hard to like, for me it made her into an incredibly realistic person and made her character arc shine through even brighter.

All of the characters are written in such a way as makes them seem like real people, every character has flaws, but are still lovable. Austen has a habit in her books of making even the worst of characters into real human beings. They are simply flawed people who have done bad things, not sneering villains without an ounce of humanity in them.

I loved reading this book, it was highly enjoyable and entertaining. Austen is an incredible writer, her knowledge of people and the way she uses satire while still ultimately writing a story that is classified in the romance genre is compelling to watch as you read. The craft and artistry of the writing, along with the psychology and social commentary woven into the fabric of the story contribute to making it a wonderful novel. In short, I have nothing bad to say about this novel, I loved it. Very rarely will I ever have anything negative to say about Austen.

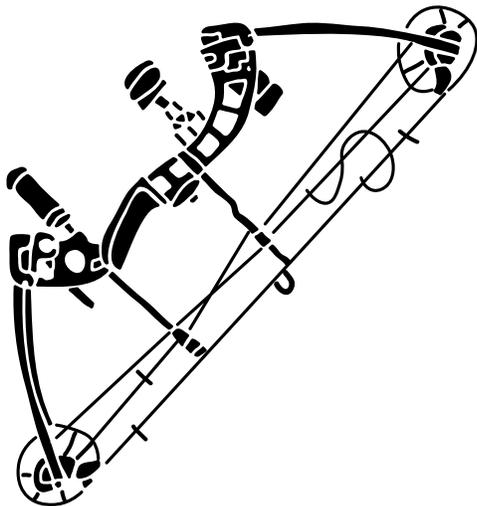
This book is one of Austen’s longer stories, so I would not recommend it to be the first thing you read if you aren’t familiar with period romance and/or classics, but I would recommend it as perhaps the second or third book you read.

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The Deer You Have to Draw to Kill

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It is September and fall is here. Some of you might be ready for general rifle season or maybe even for shooting ducks or geese but some might not know that there is currently other hunting to be done. As of September 4th, the general bow season is open for deer and elk, and there is a plethora of hunting to be done. To be able to participate in archery season, you first must take a safety course called Bowhunter Education. Bowhunter education is similar to hunters' safety, but not quite; bow hunters do not have to wear 400 square inches of orange above the waist like regular hunter safety requires. Bowhunting is very quiet, and you will need to think three steps ahead of your prey, as deer and elk are easily spooked by any trace of humans or predators. Because of this, you must be diligent in erasing your tracks as you make them. Many bowhunters use a scent or scent eliminator to cover their tracks. Even though the scent is very important in regard to bowhunting, it is not the only detail that could lead to the success of your hunt. Typically, bowhunters will use a decoy, a treestand, or both. A decoy shows the buck a female deer, and could lure in an absolute monster buck, but not always. A tree stand will give hunters the advantage of height. Bowhunters are also given a minimum draw, which is the pounds of force the string will snap back with. The minimum draw to kill a deer efficiently is about 40 pounds for a whitetail and 50 pounds for elk, moose, or bear. Another technique to get a big kill is to call them in. Elk are in the rut during hunting season, meaning they are searching for a lady elk to produce offspring. Elk commonly make a bugling noise to call for mates. Bowhunting can be really fun, but it is also a game of patients, but why not try your luck. Get out there and get some great kills, and most importantly, be safe, and don't forget to send a picture of your kill to me, Noah Caldwell and you might just make the news. Have a safe bow hunting season Panthers.



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