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## Scouting

The best spots to collect dead animals tend to be on heavily trafficked country roads. A great spot in Harrisonburg would be Switchboard Road, or Sky Road. Garthy reports having gathered 80% of his daily food from either of those two locations. He reports that only twice ever during his 38 years of carrion scouting has he returned from a scout without some meat. He reports that "Them woods over yon got a lotta good eaten in 'em." It seems that these locations have a plethora of wild animals, while also having enough traffic to guarantee roadkill.

## Collection

Once you've found your roadkill, finding a way to transport it may seem daunting. In reality any vehicle will do. McLarthy says that your grandpappy's truck will probably work best. "YESSir I just load 'em up in that there bed."

If you find any large animals, such as opossums or deer, you may need to fend off turkey vultures and other scavengers to gain the prize, but Garthy ensures that it is all worth it.

## Preparation

In order to prepare the meat to eat, you need to skin your animal and then cut off any piece of meat that is obviously rotting. While the smell of rancid meat is wretched, it's a job that needs to be done. "My wife can't stand the stench of rotten meat, but I got the covid 2 years back so I can't smell nuttin now." Garthy takes his role in stride. After skinning them Garthy boils the meat and then his wife prepares it like she would anything else.

I hope this guide was helpful, and gave any readers a better understanding, and a desire to be a roadkill collector. Next time you see roadkill on the side of the road, think twice before driving past. It could be your next meal.



# FINAL EDITION 2022-23: THE WINDSOCK WARRIOR!

## What electives should I take as a senior?

-Anonymous Student

This right here is a great question. I love seeing the youth prepare for the future. The answer is simple. Take all of the electives that look good on a college application. As. Many. As. Possible. Here's why: Right here in the Nifty Fifty States of America, your value as a human being stems solely from "success." How good your grades are, what college you got into, what degrees you've earned, and how much your yearly salary is. If you want to really make it 'round here, you're gonna have to work yourself into an early grave. I hope this helps!

## What college should I go to?

-Anonymous Student

Another fantastic question from our student body. Do you recall the previous question answered in this paper? I should hope so, you just read it. Anyways, the answer is once again quite simple. The most prestigious and famous college possible. Prime example, Harvard. Score yourself a degree from that there institution and you won't see a single closed door in your life. Why? Well, that stems from one of this country's greatest values. Classism! f you went to a university of such caliber, you must be a product of wealth and pure genetics.

Get in there! Get that degree! Take the world by storm!

\* I feel I should clarify that this answer, as well as the prior, is satire. This is a criticism of such beliefs, not a message of support.

## Hey Windsock Warrior, I've been feeling a sense of looming dread when it comes to summertime and stuff. How do I make the most out of my time outside of EMHS?

-Anonymous Student

Leaving EMHS for any period of time is an incredibly stressful experience, no matter who you are! It's only natural to feel this way. I believe that you need to somehow ground yourself in the school community as best as you can, so that you can let it bleed into your daily life throughout the summertime. Consider hosting retreats or ceremonial bonfires, or, if you're a more classical leaning chap, pok-ta-pok! Best of luck!



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## How to stay on track of things?

-Him

A very good start would be staying on the rails. Things, as you may know, is a very tedious railway to keep your train grounded on. I suggest you find a different career, and maybe consider moving to Mozambique. Best of luck!

## A REVIEW OF THE FOOD AND FAITH E-TERM

BY: EFFIE EADS

From synagogue visits to volunteer work to a heavy-cream-chugging contest, the Food and Faith In The Valley E-Term, hosted by Mr Hershberger, was a lot of fun. It had six members, all freshman and sophomores. The group visited nearby religious events and spoke with local volunteers, business owners, and spiritual leaders about how their faith informs what they eat, and vice versa. We visited 2 places of worship, 2 farms, a community center, restaurants, and other places. I asked the E-Term participants if they wished to say anything for the article. Noelle Rankin, a sophomore, responded with this quote: "The highlight of my week was testing the limits of my gastrointestinal system (being lactose intolerant) in a heavy cream chugging contest, in which an unfortunate case of hubris got the best of me." When asked why she would recommend this E-Term to other students, Rankin responded simply, "Pizza."

When asked what he learned from this E-Term, Noah Loker, a sophomore, said, "Lactose intolerant people don't take {their intolerance} as a sign not to eat lactose. Instead, they take it as a challenge to test their limits." mits."

(Author's Note: I promise we did things other than drinking milk, but those who were interviewed for the article seem to remember nothing else.)



From left: Robert Garber, Liah Phaga, Mr Hershberger, and the father of a student



From left: Emily Compagnari, Liah Phaga, Effie Eads, Noah Loker, Noelle Rankin, Robert Garber, and Stefan Hess

# FLAMES BASEBALL

BY: EMME RITCHIE

2023 Eastern Mennonite School baseball is a motivated and optimistic team. The season had a slow start, but the team is now stronger than ever. They celebrated their first win of the season on April 13 when playing against Shenandoah Valley Academy. The score was 10-0. According to Luke Rogers, a senior and captain on the team, he believes that they can take the confidence gained by their first win and use it to succeed in future games.

There is a lot of talent on the team. Although they will be losing the senior players next year the team will still have the leadership and talent of sophomores, Luke Stoltzfus and Issac Ott. All members of the team have grown in their abilities this season and have so much to offer on and off the field. The baseball team is ready to dominate the rest of the season.

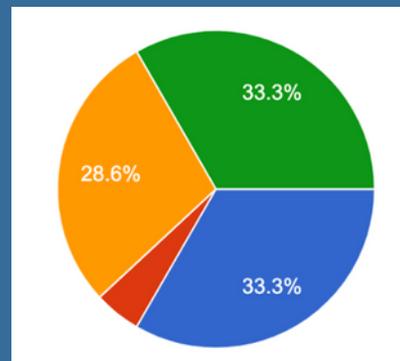


# APRIL REVIEW

BY: EMILY ROGERS

The school year is almost over, with less than two months to go. But we still have a whole lot happening before that last day. First, we have E-term, going from April 17th to the 21st. There's 12 groups of highschoolers going all over, some all the way to New Mexico. Then, just the next week is the Junior-Senior banquet on the 28th. One of the last events before the year ends is Beach Day on May 26th. According to some EMHS students, Beach Day and the Last Day of School are tied for their favorite, but what are you most looking forward to in these next few months?

## WHAT END OF THE YEAR EVENT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO?



- Beach Day
- Junior-Senior Banquet
- E-term
- The Last Day of School

## MSC: THE POWER OF MUSIC TO BUILD COMMUNITY

BY: MACKENZIE MILLER

Getting to sing with the mass choir was an experience that I shall cherish. Of course, connecting with new people comes easier to some than others. But witnessing how we as a collective were able to gather and sing without really knowing each other is astonishing. One of my favorite things about Mennonites is the tradition of choral and acapella singing. It has the power to raise a community.

With our common goal (get to the next meal), we could pull together five songs in two days. Amidst the long rehearsals, I found joy in working with friends, new and old, to create music. No matter how little energy we had left, the audience could appreciate the songs for their inherent value, the composition, and the time we put into them.

Thank you to everyone who helped pull this off. Your investment in MSC and our choral program is well appreciated.



## YOUR MIND IS UNDER ATTACK BY EEL SPIDERS

BY: THOMAS FAIRFIELD

Do you ever feel the hairs on the back of your neck rise, as if something is watching from the shadows? You are not alone. Millions of people worldwide have experienced this sensation, which is the number one symptom of a mind under attack by eel spiders. The vile arachnid anguilliformes are the bane of modern society, spreading headaches and madness wherever they go. Minds enduring psychic bombardment are 45% more likely to forget what they are doing, and being attacked by eel spiders can reduce your Minecraft playing abilities by up to 73%. This horrible fate is coming to you, unless you follow these instructions now.

1. Go find Thomas Fairfield and give him chocolate(giving chocolate to people with the last name Fairfield will reduce your chance of going insane due to eel spider attack by 31.46%. The chocolate must be really good for this to work.
2. Watch funny cat videos for at least an hour a day. This will most certainly harden your brain against external assault and will totally not leave you vulnerable to us.
3. Scan this QR code to access more resources to protect you from eel spiders:



# SUNSET IN PARIS

BY: EMME RITCHIE

Banquet this year was an immersive experience. When walking into the venue you were greeted with a charcuterie board the size of a small room. The ceiling was decorated with colorful lanterns to give off the look of a sunset. Attendants had the opportunity to have their picture taken in front of the Eiffel Tower. A fan favorite of the event was the bathrooms. Both bathrooms were stocked with everything that one might need at an event like this from gum to deodorant. The food served at the event went along with the theme and was rather delicious. The servers added to the experience with their very French faux facial hair. The junior movie was well done and enjoyable. The dinner and movie was followed by a Parisian-themed snack bar and lounge that was put together by senior parents. The night resembled that of one in Paris. The Junior class and senior parents did an amazing job planning this event. It left all the attendees with fond memories and unique experiences. The theme was conveyed through every piece of decoration. Everyone there could see the love put into the event. "There was so much detail that went into the night, and everyone appreciated it," remarked a student that attended the Banquet.



# MARIO BROS MOVIE REVIEW

BY: SAM CASTANEDA

Mario fans rejoice! Nintendo has decided to give us a movie about Mario himself! Do not worry, though, amazing Windsock readers. I will not have many spoilers; they will also be upside down at the bottom of the page, so if you don't care, then you can be spoiled. The amount of references to old games is monumental if you are looking. They reference almost every Mario game since his origins in Donkey Kong for the arcade to the newest games that have come out! The only game that sadly didn't get many references is the Super Mario Galaxy game. Although, do not worry, Mario Galaxy fans! \*(Spoiler number 1)\*. Another great thing that they did was create a story for Mario himself that is new and unseen while still keeping the key aspects. A big thing they've kept is that Mario is the hero and saves everything and everyone. Another big thing that they've kept is the sacredness of Luigi. If you've watched the trailer, you've seen that Luigi lands in Bowser lands, so he has reason to be scared. Another one of the coolest parts of the movie is the actors that they have.

The two that I noticed the two Chris Pratt as Mario and Jack Black as Bowser. Hearing Chris Pratt do the classic Mario "wahoo" is also great. But one of the coolest things is that we get to hear Jack Black sing a love song about princess peach. One of the best parts of the movie by far; if you haven't seen the music video, you should watch it right now. My personal favorite part was all of the references by powerups. In the trailers, we've already seen a big mushroom and a fireflower, the two most classic powerups in Mario. But, there was also super bell in the teaser trailer. There are two more power ups in the actual movie, and if you're a fan of the New Super Mario Bros Wii/Wii U games, then you should be excited. \*(Spoiler number 2)\*. Another great thing is the music choices; in almost every movie scene, you can hear music from almost every Mario game. They also had Thunderstruck, Take on Me, and Mr. Blue Sky. That about wraps up this article, so if you're considering watching the new movie, I recommend it!



Spoiler #1: A big thing is that in the second end cutscene there's a Yoshi egg that hatches and Yoshi's voice playing over it. There is suspicion that there could be a Galaxy 2 approach and using Mario and Yoshi travelling together among the stars as a movie.

Spoiler #2: There were 2 huge powerups that only have appeared in the Mario Bros Wii and Wii U games. Those two are ice flower and mini mushroom. Ice flower is just as good in the movie as it is in game and mini mushroom is shown as pointless. Although, if you've played the games, you know it's not pointless.

# NEW CLASSES TO EMHS

BY: EFFIE EADS

There are some exciting new classes coming to EMHS for the 2023-2024 school year. These classes are AP Environmental Science (Mrs Mitch), Difficulties in the Bible, Philosophy and Theology, (both taught by Mr Hershberger), Case Study Method (Mrs Roth), and Women in The Bible (Mrs Suderman.) Here is a more detailed list of the classes, along with the official course descriptions.

**AP Environmental Science:** this class is designed to be the equivalent of a one-semester, introductory college course in environmental science, through which students engage with the scientific principles, concepts, and methodologies required to understand the interrelationships within the natural world. The course requires that students identify and analyze natural and human-made environmental problems, evaluate the relative risks associated with these problems, and examine alternative solutions for resolving or preventing them. Environmental science is interdisciplinary, embracing topics from geology, biology, environmental studies, environmental science, chemistry, and geography.

- Prerequisite- passing grade in General Biology.
- Open to grades 10-12
- 1.0 Science credit

**Difficulties in the Bible:** The Christian scriptures have inspired loving and faithful communities for two millenia. But the Bible has also been used to justify terrible harms, like slavery and wars of conquest. What does it mean to live the Bible out, practically, when it has been used to harm in this way? This course will combine history and the Bible to explore this question. Students will first learn about different methods of interpretation, then look at a series of case studies, including slavery, war, and the role of women in the church. They will conclude by making a presentation about a person or topic of interest to them.

The goal of the course is to help students learn from both the mistakes and triumphs of the past in order to find hope from scripture for today.

- Open to grades 11-12
- 0.5 Bible credit

**Philosophy and Theology:** What is the meaning of life? Why do bad things happen, if God exists and is good and all powerful? Why is there something rather than nothing? In this class students will explore big questions from a variety of perspectives. The first part of the class will focus on introducing students to different philosophical and theological approaches, as well as a brief overview of world religions. In the second part of the course students explore case studies—which will come from students' interests—and examine them the different perspectives introduced in the first part. In the course's final third, students will articulate their own philosophy and apply it to an issue. Throughout, the course emphasizes careful reading, cooperative group discussion, and writing. While the class will be abstract, its goal is practical: helping students live life more intentionally.

- Open to grades 11-12
- 0.5 Bible credit

**Case Studies Method:** This class will solely use the Harvard Case Study Method (created by Harvard Business School but adapted by History professors to apply to American History) to study select episodes/decision making points in US History. The class will select one Case Study per week (8 in total out of 21 options) about a theme in American History. Early in the week they will read the case study (written at an 11th-12th grade level), annotate the Case, fill in a Case journal, and then late in the week we will discuss the case as a whole class, determining what actions we would individually and collectively have taken. This course requires significant reading, annotation, and discussion.

- Open to grades 10-12
- 0.5 Social Studies credit

**Women In The Bible:** More information about this course will be available in the summer of 2023.

- Open to high school students.
- 0.5 Bible credit

# Community with Strangers: The Eras Tour

**By: Mackenzie Miller**

I don't know what I expected from The Era's Tour. Taylor Swift, arguably the biggest name in pop, was going on tour for the first time since 2018, with the reputation stadium tour. With Lover Fest getting cancelled because of the pandemic, we all knew Taylor's come back would be huge. She had released four brand new albums since her last tour and everyone had their theories on how she would fit them all into a single show. The whole concept of Era's has been a key factor throughout Taylor's career and has given her a lot of staying power and relevance. With this tour Taylor Swift has curated an incredible summary of the past 17 years. She is displaying her growth as a song writer, and an artist, with an incredible run time of three and a half hour.

Taylor Swift has long been known for her incredible show and performances. From the costume changes, to the choreography, to the custom guitars and mics, Taylor really goes all in. The Era's tour was certainly no different. Screens make up the stage, biggest one she's had to date, creating cinematic and creative visuals throughout the whole show. She also brought back the light up bracelets from her Reputation tour, creating wonderful patterns and visuals to complement each song and era. Taylor knows how to take the stage. Even with 70 thousand people in each stadium, ten of thousands of fans can also be spotted outside the venue. For me this was the most magical part. Yes it was absolutely wild to think that I was in the same vicinity as Taylor Swift, but what made the whole experience for me was the crowd. Hearing nearly 90 thousand people inside and around the stadium scream their hearts out to every single song was easily the most magical part of it all.

Without even being able to see most of the people in that stadium, there was community to be found in the way we were all brought together out of a shared enthusiasm for some artist we all liked. And yes, while it was technically Taylor Swift that brought all 90 thousand people to that stadium, I will forever ponder the ability to find yourself and in a room of strangers, and somehow feel at home.



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