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## Hallway *Educate*

By Lainey Durst

Walking in the school hallway is always a challenge. With 4 classes and approximately 30 students per class, walking in the small halls of Immanuel can be difficult. So, how can you help things be less clogged in the school halls? Well, you could always install a traffic light, but that's a bit spendy. Let's look at more affordable techniques.

Keep your hallway conversations off to the side. Be considerate of others trying to get to their next class on time. It's hard to walk around people talking in the middle of the hall.

Don't walk slower than everyone else. It can be frustrating when you get stuck behind someone who isn't keeping up with the pace of traffic.

Do not shove freshmen around (or anyone around for that matter). It may seem like a good option at the time, but remember they are trying to get to their class just as soon as you are. Keep your backpacks against the lockers; it's not fun tripping over the little mounds lying across the floor.

Don't get upset with others when they are in your way. Ask them to move for you. But don't be rude about it.

Be Patient. Everyone just wants to get to class (or maybe they don't), but don't make it difficult. Wait for the class before you to leave the classroom before you file in, but don't block their path when they are trying to get to the classroom.

So maybe a traffic light would be easier to follow, but being considerate, patient, and kind to your fellow students in the hallway will make travelling from class to class easier.

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Whoot-Whoot! Yaaaaah! One quarter over and gone in a flash. The underclassmen are no doubt overjoyed, the upperclassmen maybe wish it would have drawn out a little longer. This was a packed first quarter; orientation got out of hand, we observed senior drawing skills, the Frosh moved out of their cliques, and the guys invented a new, dare I say slightly gross, basketball game to play over the lunch hour.

All these things and more have made this quarter already the best of our ILHS experiences, and we're ready for more. But the biggest thing in our minds has been the volleyball games and the utter giddiness shown by the fans.

This is something I've never before seen at ILC. Prof Gullerud and other alumni have remarked that they have never seen such cheering and rowdy fans before, especially not for volleyball games.

And rowdy doesn't even begin to describe the atmosphere up in those chaotic stands. Every second is a fight to remain upright as one moment a rogue senior flails out of control or Paul Schiernbeck cascades onto your shoulders unexpectedly. Where the volleyball players play splendidly every game, the fans give back their support in various unorthodox ways. "Chants for Beaker," "The Brooke Power Gauge," and "Whammy Times" are only some of the fans' vast repertoire of cheers.

But in our opinion, the most captivating, amazingly addictive, and strangely grotesque cheer is the mother of all cheers, the legendary, "Grendel." Most of it you'll have to find out about the fantastic beast your senior year.

Overall, as a fan and as a player, we can both say that the large, no... gigantic fan atmosphere has been an overwhelmingly great addition to our senior year, and so we thank each and every one of you: players, fans, and coaches, who have made not only our team, but also our fans, a force to be reckoned with. See you all at conference!

**BECCA** & **Nate**

Your Flash Editors of 2014-2015

# Random Facts

By Emily Hein

- A group of jellyfish is called a bloom or a smack.
- In Saskatchewan, hoodies are called “bunny hugs.”
- Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia is the fear of long words.
- Barbie’s full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.
- It is illegal to hunt camels in the state of Arizona.
- The hashtag symbol, or pound sign, is actually called an octothorpe.
- It takes 90 minutes to hard-boil an ostrich egg.
- In China, the day a baby is born, the baby is considered one year old.
- The word for “the day before yesterday” is nudistertian.
- The word for “the day after tomorrow” is overmorrow.
- Queen Victoria’s wedding cake was three yards wide and weighed 300 pounds.

## THE FAULT in our STARS

A review  
by Faith Lillo

John Green’s bestselling novel *The Fault In Our Stars*, famous for crushing people’s souls, has recently been released as a movie. If you haven’t heard of it already, wake up. Everyone knows the story: witty, star-crossed lovers Augustus Waters and Hazel Grace find strength in each other as they battle cancer. This story stands out from most teen romance novels because of how real it is; the world is “not a wish-granting factory,” and reality is not as kind as fiction makes it seem. Shailene Woodley and Ansel Elgort bring Gus and Hazel to life, and everyone’s favorite sarcastic blind guy is played by Nat Wolff. The only complaint I’ve heard about the movie is that the last twenty minutes is blurry due to teary eyes. I’ve witnessed the murder of at least seven girls by TFiOS, and surprisingly, my copy is in high demand in the boy’s dorm too. Last I heard, it was locked in Luke Schaser’s room (mock him as much as possible). Overall, I highly recommend this movie to anyone who likes witty characters and being sad.



# SHAZAM!

(The Best Superhero Ever!)

By James Schaser



Shazam is the superhero who could match Superman. He is not a very well-known superhero, for a reason I don't understand. During the 1940's Shazam became more popular than Superman! In 1941 he was the first comic book hero to get a movie. His superhero powers are amazing and are in his name. S is Solomon's wisdom; H, Hercules' strength; A, Achilles' courage; Z, Zeus' lightning power; A, Atlas' stamina; M, Mercury's speed.

Shazam is the smartest man alive; his strength matches that of Superman. Shazam's courage means he will not back down. Zeus' lightning power is really cool; he uses that power to alter his ego, a young boy. Zeus' power also lets Shazam heal himself. Solomon's wisdom also gives him mind control. Atlas' stamina means he doesn't need to eat, sleep, or breathe. His alter ego is a 12-year-old kid. He uses Zeus' magic lightning to turn into the kid.

## COFFEE SHOP

Playlist

By Rose Scheirenbeck  
and Faith Lillo

**Faith-** Always by Panic! At the Disco  
Just Right by Tessa Violet  
Burst Apart by The Lighthouse and The Whaler  
Candlelight by Relient K  
When We First Met by Hellogoodbye  
**Rose-** Better Together by Jack Johnson  
Patched Up Heart by Kel  
Disconnected by 5 Seconds of Summer  
Far Away by Ingrid Michaelson

# Word Association

## First Word

By: Jadyn Mielke

## PUN'KIN

Starbucks  
orange mocha frappuccino  
yum  
food  
cook  
cookies  
cookie monster  
Elmo  
Sesame Street  
Michelle Obama  
man  
Justin Timberlake  
singer  
Barry Manilow  
plastic surgery  
explosives  
TNT  
AC DC  
Angus Young  
beef  
patty  
cake  
pie  
Chocolate

Johanna M  
Rachel G  
Hunter  
Jocelyn  
Leah M  
Jonah  
Joey  
Ethan  
Megan  
Calvin  
Katie Lau  
Gabby  
Clay B  
Prof. Roehl  
Grace S  
Jack McDonald  
Carl R  
Seth L  
Bryan S  
Caleb H  
Trysten  
Sean L  
Dan L  
Troyal



## End Word

Bunny

~Carter

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# JACK Vernon McDO NALD

Jadyn Mielke

It was my honor and privilege this week to learn more about my fellow classmate Jack Vernon McDonald. When I first told him I was to interview him for the Flash I received a slight smile and nod of the head. I could tell he was just as excited as I was.

So Jack, where and when were you born?

**Iron River, Michigan, June 27, 1997**

Name one interesting fact about yourself.

**I can play guitar. I guess that's interesting.**

So who do you admire most?

**Jimmy Page**

Any plans concerning your future?

**Probably CVTC after high school for automotive technologist.**

Do you have any pets?

**Yep. One dog and one cat.**

What are their names?

**The dog's name is Joey and the cat's name is Chloe.**

So if you had a turtle what would its name be?

**Probably Steve. Steve the turtle. But I would never get a turtle.**

Prof. Roehl asks, "Are you anything like your brother Patrick?"

**Well, we both like cars. That's about it.**

**I asked a few people to describe Jack in three words. Here's what they came up with:**

**Carl Ryan**

Guitarist  
Shady  
Quiet

**Alex Fleisher**

Black  
Talented  
Slick

**Austin Mayhew**

Calm  
Random  
Paranoid



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## FAVORITES:

**Color:** Orange

**Movie:** I like a lot of movies. All action movies.

**Band:** Led Zeppelin

**Animal:** Man's best friend, the dog



# JOHANNA MEYER

## Noelle

By Joci Gamble and Kirsten Brandle

Johanna Noelle Meyer was born on January 24, 1997 in Eau Claire, WI. Johanna is the fourth child out of five. She plans to stay in Eau Claire next year and attend UW-Eau Claire for kinesiology.

**Joci:** How many siblings do you have?

**Jo:** Four

**Joci:** Which sibling is your favorite? I won't tell anyone.

**Jo:** Noah, because he's my only brother.

**Joci:** So you've played varsity sports year-round throughout high school.

Do you have a favorite?

**Jo:** Definitely basketball

**Joci:** If you had to choose between puppies and food, which would you choose?

**Jo:** PUPPIES! I like to cuddle with puppies, and I like baby puppies the best.

**Joci:** Got a favorite high school memory?

**Jo:** That's a toughie. Tuna pranks.

**Kirsten:** So, how did you start cheesy-cheesy?

**Jo:** After lunch, Caleb and I were sitting at our normal table, I had just gotten through eating Cheetos. I looked at my hands. And I looked at Caleb. Then I said, "Cheesy-cheesy."

**Kirsten:** Also, when did you decide to become a snake charmer?

**Jo:** It's a long story. It's too extensive.

**Kirsten:** What are you going to miss the most about Immanuel?

**Jo:** Most definitely the people.

**Kirsten:** Do you have any words of wisdom?

**Jo:** High school goes by fast, so make every experience enjoyable.

**Joci:** If you had one day that you could do anything you wanted, what would you do?

**Jo:** I would play with puppies. And there would be baby pumpkins (pronounced "beabee punkins") there. As long as there are baby puppies, I'll be fine.

**Favorite Prof?** Schierenbeck. Easy.





# MEGAN ROSE WILLIAMS

By Tara and Kaitlyn



**K:** Name three adjectives that describe you.

**M:** Fun, creative, loving

**K:** What are some of your favorite things to do in your free time?

**M:** I read, play with my nieces and nephews, and watch TV.

**K:** What's your favorite color?

**M:** Blue

**K:** Where is your favorite place?

**M:** Costa Rica

**K:** What will you miss most about ILC?

**M:** The religion classes.

**K:** Dogs vs. cats?

**M:** Dogs

**K:** What kind of things are you looking forward to when you get out of high school?

**M:** I want to be able to do what I want to do. I want to be free.

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**K:** What's your favorite season and why?

**M:** Fall. I like the changing leaves.

**K:** Do you have anything on your bucket list?

**M:** Vacationing around the world.

## TELL US ABOUT MEGAN!

**Sarah J:** Megan is a very happy person who can make anyone smile

**Becca N:** Megan has a fantastic sense of humor and is always the first to start laughing (especially when there is an awkward silence!)

**Johanna M:** Every time I hear Megan laugh, it makes me smile, and whenever Megan smiles, it can turn the worst days into good ones.



Hannah Marie Fox entered the world (one week later than scheduled) on July 13, 2000 in Houston, Texas. She was baptized three days later on July 16th at Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church in Spring, Texas. She was born the second of three girls to John and Sandra Fox. Hannah has always been quiet, shy, and soft spoken. When she was three years old, the ILC Tour Choir came to Spring, TX for a concert. The children of the congregation were asked to join the choir and sing in front of the congregation. Hannah and her older sister were the only two children in the congregation at the time. Hannah was very uncomfortable being in front of people. She stood there singing with tears in her eyes. She was so nervous she began grabbing the hem of her dress and kept lifting it up trying to cover her face giving the whole congregation a bit of a peep show in the process! Being the middle child, she tends to be the peacemaker when it comes to her two siblings. She loves reading, watching movies, reading, listening to music, reading, watching the fish in her aquarium, reading, and sleeping. Hannah's favorite food is chocolate chip muffins and her favorite color is blue. Her favorite past time activity is (you guessed it) reading! Her favorite Bible verse is 1 Cor. 2:9.

**Meet the**

**FRESHMAN**

Kaitlyn Brandle was born in Brookfield, WI on July 15, 2000. She has two older sisters (Kirsten & Nichole) and one younger brother (Jonathan). We also have a pet dog (Jovi) that is very fond of her. We moved to the Madison area before Kaitlyn was 1, so that is where she has grown up. Kaitlyn plays the flute, and has played softball, basketball, and volleyball pretty much through her childhood and was involved with dance for several years. Kaitlyn is also an avid Badger's fan and splits her NFL loyalty between the Packers (for mom) and the Lions (for dad).

Aside from her activities, Kaitlyn enjoys reading and watching movies. One of her favorite movies is Disney's Monsters, Inc. and has been since she was 2. She had to watch it every day when she was little!! We even nicknamed her "Boo." She still loves Monsters, Inc and now loves Monsters University as well.



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Lauren Olivia Jane Sotnyk was born on April 24, 2000 (she would have shared a birthday with her mother if she was born a day earlier). Lauren is from Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, and attended grade school at Berea Lutheran School.

At the age of 2, Lauren broke her leg playing in Bryan Sydow's backyard. Then she broke her arm at the Sunday School picnic when she was 8 years old. No broken bones lately (whew!), but she is always active playing sports including basketball, softball, and volleyball. She is also a good swimmer.

Lauren is a good cook. She likes to spend time in the kitchen with her father, who teaches her many things about cooking. She likes to eat too... teriyaki chicken wings, steak, nachos, and ice cream to name a few things.

Lauren is creative outside of the kitchen as well. For instance, she enjoys crafts, sewing, drawing, writing, and doing projects and puzzles. She is also musical and can play the piano, flute, and guitar.

Lauren likes to watch TV; one of her favorites would be Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. and almost any movie.



**Meet{ some more}**

**FRESHMAN**

Jesse Wilke was born in Rapid City, South Dakota. He is the youngest of four boys. Before attending Immanuel, Jesse spent all of his schooling years at Gethsemane Lutheran School in Saginaw, Michigan. As a child Jesse loved legos. More recent interests include disc golf, air soft guns, knives of various shapes and sizes, as well as basketball and baseball. He likes the family cats, Tigger and Tyger, whom he probably misses more than his parents. On his mother's side, Jesse is related to the Reims. He great-grandfather was

Professor Edmund Reim, after whom the once beloved Reim Hall was named. Jesse's father serves a CLC congregation as a pastor in Saginaw. His mother serves as a Day School teacher for the lower grades of the congregation.

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# Cheerios

By Prof Lau

On May 1, 1941, CheerioOats were introduced to the public for the first time. This General Mills product was the only of that line until 1976, when Cinnamon Nut Cheerios was born.

I readily admit that I haven't been a plain Cheerios fan over the years, in spite of its reported health benefits in lowering cholesterol. I am "old school," but even I find it boring. In addition, Cheerio breath ranks right up there with Dorito breath. As a parent, however, I did appreciate that my kids liked this non-sugary cereal dispensed in church from a "cute" Cheerio-yellow plastic container. The kids' preoccupation with ingesting copious amounts of them allowed their parents to ingest many a sermon over the years.

Commercials over the years have used animated characters, including a Honeybee and Bullwinkle, to market this product. Gold medalist gymnast Shawn Johnson was the first athlete to have her picture featured on a Cheerios box. A 2013 commercial drew a lot of criticism and support for showcasing an interracial family.

Today there are 14 varieties of Cheerios in addition to the original. They are Honey Nut, Multi-Grain, Honey Nut Medley Crunch, Protein Cinnamon Almond, Protein Oats and Honey, Dark Chocolate Crunch, Peanut Butter, Apple Cinnamon, Frosted, Banana Nut, Chocolate, Cinnamon Burst, Dulce de Leche (Caramel), and Fruity Cheerios.

My personal favorite is Multi-Grain. They are lightly sweetened and make me feel like I'm eating healthy. I also like all dark chocolate and cluster products.

Product lines that didn't last are Cheerios and X's (1993), Team Cheerios (1996), Millenios (had some "2" shaped pieces - 2000), and a variety of Berry Burst Cheerios.

Give 'em a try and let me know which you like best.

Next issue I'll be reviewing Life.



Hey, I'm Nathan Buck. I enjoy talking, discussions, and anything that doesn't involve a lot of math. In this series, I'll be sharing my views on any controversial topic, or just any topic you can think of. Just shoot a topic, any topic, my way (anonymously if wanted) and I'll answer it in the next issue of the Flash.

**Q: "Technology is dumb. Why is our stupid society so obsessed with technology?" -Anonymous**

A: "Okay. This is a huge topic. I have many thoughts on this, but limited space. I apologize if I stray a bit. I have heard people say time and time again that they hate technology and our society. While I believe I understand where they are coming from, this is a terribly uneducated way of expressing dislike of both. So first let's get this straight: technology is not new, it includes everything from the wheel to AC units. Secondly, technology is helpful; we frankly wouldn't exist without it. And thirdly, technology is good, but that doesn't mean that the people that use it are good as well. Now, about society. It is my strong opinion that every society in history has been virtually the same. Society is neither decidedly good or bad; it has its moments. Society is just the general term for the largest majority of a group of people with a majority that shares common interests. That doesn't mean the majority is in the right though. One of the bad things about society is the mob mentality it creates. Someone starts something, the fire spreads, and then things turn ugly, inconsiderate, or just flat-out insane. Riots, unneeded/unlawful protests, the 60's peace movement; lots of hindering stuff. Another bad thing society creates is the rift between those that follow the mob mentality and those that don't. This turns friend on friend, rich on poor, boss on employee, and the vice versas. Society takes technology and feeds off of it like a vulture. Whoever doesn't share in the feast has to find a different way to reach the carcass of acceptance, wealth, fame, and human wants. And truthfully, most people never even get close.

The main point I want to make is that we may think that society has changed because now we have skyscrapers, phones, and Lamborghinis, but in truth, it hasn't. It's that same base desire to have what everyone else has, do what everyone else does, and conform. We're no different from the Ancient Romans or the Imperial British; we're human. However, there is a major change in our society that has happened in just the past 30 or so years, and that's the pace of our society. Where are the "good old days" when we would wear togas to the public baths and just talk all day until volcanoes stopped us? Or social teas and dinners where excusing yourself to use the bathroom takes upwards of three minutes? Today, everything for almost everyone has to be immediate. Click of a button, wave of an order, chop, chop, chop. Society has always been about conformity and fitting in, but it has now evolved into the even bigger monster of monotonous and undeniable stereotypes. And modern technology has helped it on its way. Ironically, people "don't have any free time" or say, "you have way too much time on your hands," and yet spend hours watching youtube videos of cats doing the hula. Frankly, I don't like it. People spend too much time with or on their technology. No time to eat an "old fashioned" dinner, go outside and exercise, or help fellow people. It's really too bad. Technology is so great, but many people who use such new-fangled devices become their technology. It's corrupting.

Like I said before, the problem isn't the technology, it's the people that possess it. That's true with every single thing man has ever created. If there's a mass shooting, we don't arrest the gun and throw it in prison. Same with phones, TV, and social media. It all depends on the person behind it.

Unfortunately for us, and ironically, people are quite ignorant, selfish, vain, and petty. We think everything should revolve around us and the people we admire. Even if we consider ourselves the lowest of the low, we still find someone that's "worse" than us. We all put ourselves above others. As soon as we find people that are lesser than us, we strive to reach the top tiers. Whether it be fitting in with the cool kids, or making Associate at the law firm, we all have to flaunt whatever we can. And that's how many use technology- to be, or appear to be, the best. It happens with facebook posts, inventors with inventions, and having the coolest sports apparel. Take advantage of this technology, but don't lean on it too much. Technology can easily fail or land us places we don't want. And just because the technology is cool doesn't make the user cool. You have to be your own person. You can't let a double life online control who you are and who you are to others. All in all, I hope that you aren't someone who stands in a group texting while others are talking. I hope you actually live life instead of posting 24/7 info about it. I hope you have not become the technology. Technology is great, but don't let it define you. Utilize it, take advantage of it, but strive to keep the emphasis off yourself and your own accomplishments.

# FLASH-ION Statements

By Jon Gamble and Sam Lisak

Every year there is always something new on campus, even the clothing choices by insecure freshmen. Also, every year someone decides to wear gray on gray, the evil cousin to blue on black. Don't be that guy. This year the trend appears to be that anything and everything Marvel related is in season. The hoody, however, has maintained its steady presence for quite a while. A hoody and jeans is probably the absolute safest outfit, fashion-wise, you can wear. For those who do remember, infamous Suit-Up Tuesday pioneered by Derek Durst is a thing of the past until some brave man decides to resurrect it. However, always wear argyle socks on Mondays. Every once in a while a flocking of flannels appears. However, NEVER wear a flannel on Friday, for there is bound to be a whole phalanx of freshmen sporting the alliteration. For further fashion tips, just pay attention to whatever P- Reim is wearing. Ask him about his "semi-dress pants." He always be lookin' fly. Dan steadily rocks the cross-country jacket he washes once a month. "Don't, under any circumstances, wear skinny jeans with tennis shoes," says Abby. Polos are another good look for a semi-casual style of dressing (Saturday night church?). Don't wear a plaid tie with a plaid dress shirt. You might get lost in that mess of stripes and bars. Wear red on Fridays to support the troops like Prof. Roehl does. Do not ever dress like an NBA basketball player. In closing, Emily says, "On Wednesdays we wear pink."

## **Fashion Schedule**

**Monday:** Argyle Socks

**Tuesday:** Don't suit-up (flannel, anyone?)

**Wednesday:** We wear pink

**Thursday:** Nike Elites

**Friday:** Not a flannel, and a red shirt for the troops

**Saturday:** Semi-Casual or pajama pants

**Sunday:** If Church, dress your best. If naw, football apparel.



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TAKE  
on  
SPORTS

By Gunny Sippert and Sam Buck

After stellar seasons last year, Immanuel's boys and girls cross country teams have started up once again. Both teams have three more meets left, including the Dairyland Conference and WIAA Sectional meets, before the state meet in Wisconsin Rapids. The boys team is looking to return to state after making it as a team last year, and running to an impressive third place team finish. The team is led by seniors Zack Sippert and Caleb Noeldner, along with freshman Dan Lau at the front of the pack. Austin Karow, Jesse Noeldner, Nathan Buck, Jordan Rutz, Sam Wittorp and Ben Naumann round out the guys squad. The varsity boys have had some great meets this season. They took 3rd place as a team at the Altoona and Osseo meets, and took 4th place at Cadott and Durand. There is lots of individual success on this team as well. Zack Sippert medaled in all four of the previously mentioned meets, as well as a medal-worthy performance in Neillsville. Zack was the runner-up at the Altoona meet. Caleb Noeldner and Dan Lau have also medaled three times this season.

The girls team is led by senior Abby Naumann, who just barely missed making state last year. She has medaled in all five meets this season, with a couple of fourth-place finishes. The girls team consists of Abby, juniors Rebecca Krause and Deb Bernthal, sophomore Jaqi Gerbitz, and freshmen Tara Gerbitz. They have a best finish of 6th place as a team this year (Osseo).

With three meets left, the X-Country teams are aiming for personal records, stellar team finishes, and to make it to state in Wisconsin Rapids.

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