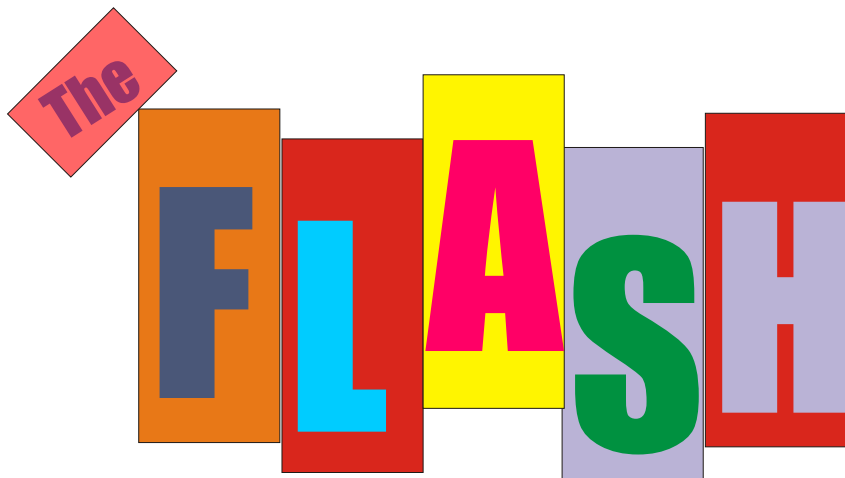




# THE FLASH



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IF YOU  
COULD ADD  
MEAL TO THE  
CAFETERIA...

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What would it be?

BY JIMBOSLICE

**Rachel Schaser:** Crab Rangoon  
**Mark Brown:** Old Country Buffet  
**Rose Schierenbeck:** More and Better Pizza  
**Olivia Albrecht:** Steak  
**Kayla Barthels:** Pizza Rolls  
**Alex Fleischier:** Chicken Pot Pie  
**Zack Sippert:** Schnitzel

**Caleb Oster:** Pork Burritos  
**Zach Thurow:** Rabbit  
**Sam Lisak:** Pretzel Covered Chicken With Cheese Sauce  
**Clay Bobek:** Biscuits and Gravy  
**David Hein:** Homemade Fried Chicken  
**Jack Mielke:** Grilled Asparagus  
**Tyler Kern:** Fajitas

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From your

*Editors*

As this is being written, snow is falling heavily outside, and it seems that Wisconsin holds fast to its cold, northern fame. And while we may not have as cold or unforgiving winter weather as the Dakotas or northern Minnesota, a few things are universal and good to remember whenever you encounter ol' man Winter. Snow is a great privilege. Snow is cool, and can be used in many cool ways. Skiing and ice skating are great diversions, but many may be thinking, Me? Skiing? Snow way! So try sledding, building snowmen, or making snow angels instead. However, winter excursions also require caution. At ILC always be on the lookout for those rogue students with snowballs on the choir walks up the hill. Also, make sure running is only for a very good reason (mostly because someone is always gonna be there to see you veer off the path and biff into a snowbank).

Universally, dress warmly. Also, beware of avalanches off the side of sloped buildings and trees. Avalanches are snow place to be in winter time.

Dr. Claus, a nutrition expert of Yule University, says, "Drink lots of hot chocolate and cider, and make sure to sustain your Christmas needs with a good supplementation of candy canes, toffee, and fudge."

And remember the true meaning of Christmas, as you all should know. Merry Christmas, and have a very ice Christmas Break! (Double pun! Oh yeah!)

# WHAT IS YOUR PHOBIA?

By Becca Krause

**Anthrophobia**- Fear of flowers.

**Lutrphobia**- Fear of otters.

**Pupaphobia**- Fear of puppets.

**Optophobia**- Fear of opening one's eyes.

**Ornithophobia**- Fear of birds.

**Xanthophobia**- Fear of the color yellow or the word yellow.

**Astrophobia**- Fear of stars or celestial space.

**Peladophobia**- Fear of bald people.

**Cyberphobia**- Fear of computers or working on a computer.

**Consecotaleophobia**- Fear of chopsticks.

**Aurophobia**- Fear of gold.

**Coulrophobia**- Fear of clowns.

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# Random Facts

BY EMILY HEIN

- The number four is the only number with the same number of letters as the meaning of its name.
- President John Quincy Adams kept an alligator in the East Room.
- The consistency of your ear wax is genetic.
- A shrimp can swim backwards.
- Giraffes have the highest blood pressure of any mammal.
- Marie Osmond goes by her middle name. Her actual first name is Olive.
- Black-eyed peas are actually beans, and coffee beans are actually seeds.
- Fredric Baur invented the Pringles can. When he died in 2008, his ashes were buried in one.
- The melting temperature of bubble gum is 125 degrees Fahrenheit.
- The winning word at the 1940 National Spelling Bee was "therapy."
- Nine-banded armadillos always give birth to identical quadruplets.
- The word "PEZ" comes from the German word for peppermint: PfeffErminZ
- It is illegal to enter the Houses of Parliament in a suit of armor.
- The white part of an egg is called the "albumen."

## COFFEE...

## NUFF SAID!

By Ben Naumann

Well, here comes another Monday. You'll wake up bright and early, drag yourself out of bed and tromp on down to breakfast. Just look around the cafeteria; you're bound to find a couple of people sleep-eating. Wouldn't it be great if there were some unearthly elixir that could wake you up and help you get your face out of your food? Well, look no further! Grab that coffee pot, warm up some water, and pour in the instant coffee! Take some beans and grind 'em yourself if you want! Just get some coffee!!! That liquid gold will keep you wide awake for your Math test! If you really want some flavor, buy some creamer and pour it all in! If you're an extreme die-hard coffee fan, just ride your bike to Starbucks in the morning. The all-powerful Starbuck dynasty will supply your every need! So grab that coffee mug, and fill it up... It's going to be a loooong week.



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# C Pick up lines... EVER

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By Nichole Brandle

- 1) Are you religious? 'Cause you're the answer to all my prayers.
- 2) I wanna live in your socks so I can be with you every step of the way.
- 3) If I were a stop light, I'd turn red every time you passed by, just so I could stare at you a bit longer.
- 4) You know I'd like to invite you over, but I'm afraid you're so hot that you'll skyrocket my air-conditioning bill.
- 5) I was so enchanted by your beauty that I ran into that wall over there. So I'm going to need your name and number for insurance purposes.
- 6) Do you know what my shirt is made of? Boyfriend material.
- 7) You're so beautiful that you made me forget my pickup line.
- 8) Me without you is like a nerd without braces, a shoe without laces, aSentenceWithoutSpaces.
- 9) Did you invent the airplane? Cause you seem Wright for me.
- 10) Rejection can lead to emotional stress for both parties involved and emotional stress can lead to physical complications such as headaches, ulcers, cancerous tumors, and even death! So for my health and yours, JUST SAY YES!
- 11) Life without you would be like a broken pencil... pointless.
- 12) You are like a candy bar: half sweet and half nuts.
- 13) Is your name "swiffer"? 'Cause you just swept me off my feet.
- 14) Do you have a BandAid? Because I just scraped my knee falling for you.

## Joci's HOME LINES

Home is not a house,  
Nor any sort of place.  
Home is where your memories  
Have a happy face.

I have been to many places.  
I have traveled far and wide.  
But never do I feel more at home,  
Than when looking into my mother's eyes.

So if you're seeking comfort,  
A family, friend, or host,  
Go not to where you once have lived,  
But to whom you love the most.



# Word Association

BY: JADYN MIELKE

## First Word

~Tidings

Joseph - Wise Men  
Jack Mielke - East Asia  
Abi - Asians  
Darin - Po  
Savanna - Teletubbies  
Caleb O - Television  
Bethanie - Screen  
Joci - X-ray  
Nick W - Bones  
Carl R - Calcium  
Andrew - Mineral  
Sierra - PE Class  
Jon - Sports  
Joey - Basketball  
Gabby - Shoes  
Sarah - Feet  
Abby - Shoedazzle.com  
Rachel - Nike socks  
Kayla - Elites



## End Word

(Maggie)

Under Armour

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# Emily Marzofka

## RYAN

By Kevin Schrader

Marzofka is possibly the most interesting senior girl named Emily on campus. She is a leader of Crossroads, Leave It Better, and Robotics. She makes babies for a living and is building a 3D printer. She was a model for Rue 21. She has built engines and hovercrafts, and has an electric car in her garage. She comes from a line of smugglers and grows plants in her basement.

In my two-hour long interview with her, my mind was blown, reassembled, and then blown again. Only a little of the interview survived the mind explosion, and those fragments are as follows. I apologize for any missing or vague memories. According to Emily herself, these are the “best things I never said!”

**KS:** “When and where?”

**Rhiannon Roehl:** “Eau Clair- no, Marionette, Wisconsin on August 6, 1996.”

**KS:** “What do you do in your free time?”

**EM:** “I don’t have free time. EVER.”

**KS:** “What’s your favorite article of clothing.”

**EM:** (says something about “sharfs” and reproductive pajama pants.) “Don’t ask.”

**KS:** “....Okay.... Where have you worked?”

**EM:** “Well, I supervised the Kids’ Club at Gold’s Gym, worked at Cornerstone Christian Counseling Limited Liability Corporation (CCCLLC), and now I make babies at RealityWorks.”

**KS:** “You make babies?”

**EM:** “Yup! And sometimes I get to tear them apart.”

**KS:** “Umm....sounds like.... fun. Favorite Prof?”

**EM:** “Schierenbeck”

**KS:** “Favorite class?”

**EM:** “All classes are beneath me. Too easy... like Schwarzenegger lifting an ankle weight.”

**KS:** “Favorite movies? TV shows?”

**EM:** “TV Shows? Psych, Revenge and White Collar. Movies? Monty Python and the Holy Grail, The Italian Job, and The Dark Knight.

**KS:** “.....Moving on. Favorite color?”

**EM:** “Either a mint blue or a blue violet.” (Guy translation: blue)

**KS:** “What’re your plans after ILHS?”

**EM:** “I’m thinking Stout for mechanical engineering or computer science, dual majoring a degree in psychology. Or I might just model walk around campus with Rhiannon and Josh Beekman.”

**KS:** “Tell me about your childhood...”

**EM:** “Well, my mom knows everything and my father can connect all 9 dots of a square with a single stroke.”

**KS:** “Favorite ILHS memory?”

**EM:** “VOS-ing is the boss thing and hiding behind the gnome house to catch smokers.”

**KS:** “Any wise words for the lovely Flash readers before we go?”

**EM:** “Teamwork makes the dream work!”

**IN TEN YEARS**

Rhiannon: “Dead. In a hole.”

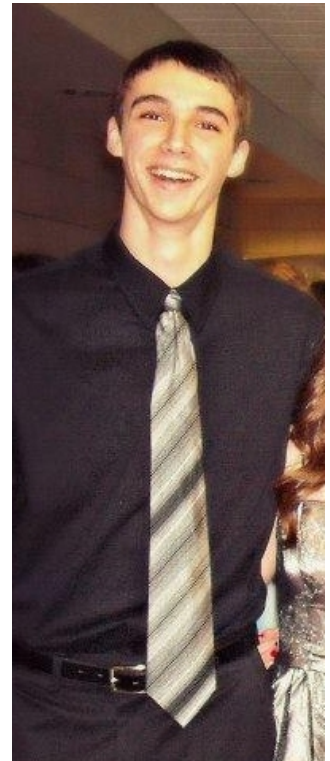
Natalie: “She and her sister Mikel will go into business making hair teasing cream.”

Ryan: “Dead. In a hole.”

# CALEB

matthew

# Oster



**RS:** Where and when were you born?

**CO:** February 15, 1996 in Eau Claire, WI. By Rose Schierenbeck

**RS:** What's your favorite childhood memory?

**CO:** The Piranhas

**RS:** Tell me about your cats.

**CO:** I've got a really fat cat named Mittens because she has white paws. She weighs like 20 pounds. She absolutely hates Danielle, but she loves everyone else. She's annoying and mean but loves to be petted. I also have a gray cat named Gracie who is skinny and shy.

**RS:** Being a freshman, I've only heard rumors about the mullet you had. Any chance

that's coming back?

**CO:** Oh, my mullet! That was great. It was beautiful. But no, sadly it's not coming back.

**RS:** What are your plans after high school?

**CO:** Go to UWEC for computer science.

**RS:** If there was one thing that you wish was accepted in society, what would it be?

**CO:** Oh, I don't know... I really don't have a problem with society. It's pretty messed up as it is, so I don't think it needs anymore. If anything, things need to be taken out of society.

**RS:** If you had the choice to go to dinner with your favorite celebrity or Kevin, who would you pick?

**CO:** Kevin. Definitely Kevin.

**RS:** If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

**CO:** Super speed, because I don't like moving places slowly.

**RS:** How do you feel about footie pajamas?

**CO:** They're a good idea. I wish I had some. They'd be warm. I wonder what happened to my Snuggie...(from there Kevin joined in and talked about Caleb's forest green Snuggie.)

## Favorites!

**Color:** Forest Green

**Prof:** Gullerud

**Disney Movie:** Lion King  
or The Little Mermaid

**Sport:** Soccer

**Food:** Anything Mexican

## WHERE WILL CALEB BE IN 10 YEARS?

**Kevin S:** He'd have a house full of cats which he programmed to play soccer and he'd have little World Cups in his basement.

**Jadyn M:** He'll be in Australia mapping ostrich migration patterns and making a living by filming his cats. Still working at McDonalds, but still not manager.

**Prof G:** I think he'll be in Florida selling sombreros.

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Lauren

FRANCIS

Kottke

By Kirsten Brandle



**When and where were you born?** June 26, 1996, Fond du Lac, WI

**Plans for after ILC?** I would like to become an ultrasound technician.

**Most interesting childhood memory(s)?** "When our neighbors got married in their backyard, our other neighbors and I went into our treehouse and spied on the wedding with our binoculars. Or, when my mom and my aunt went on a walk, our cousin Katchen was put in charge of us. Before they left, we asked if we could dig around in the garden. They said "yes", not really realizing what was gonna happen. When they came back, we had a hole so deep there was water coming out of it!"

**Favorite Dorm MEMORY!!** The time Emily and I had a pool in our room.

**Words of Wisdom?** "Each day is an opportunity to be the best you can be and to reach a new and unknown potential." -Marilyn Monroe

**Favorite Brit Lit memory?** When I stole Sierra's backpack and desk and hid them while she was in the bathroom.

**Favorite song to dance to?** "23" by Miley Cyrus

**Best Vine to watch?** My favorite vines to watch would have to be "Me everyday," "How to take selfies with your pets," "When you get fresh out of the shower and somebody doesn't knock," and "Jesus take the wheel." And I strongly encourage all of you to look these up and watch them.

**How do you feel about T.T.S?** I hate it. It drives me nuts.

**Favorite Prof.?** Prof. Roehl

**Favorite Bible passage?** Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."

### {Where do you see Lauren in 10 years?}

**Sierra:** "In ten years she will be living in Southside Jamaica Queens with only a glock, 2grand, and a Nicki Minaj T-shirt to her name. She will then break out of the thug life and meet a guy at the gym (who happens to be a pharmacist). And he takes her out to Applebee's for half apps every night."

**Maggie:** "She lives in a refrigerator box, and Nicki Minaj discovers her. Nicki realizes what a good songwriter she is, and hires her as her producer."

**Rhiannon:** "Lauren Kottke will end up being a jail mamma at the local juvenile delinquent center where she will be raising a flock of squirrels and making the world a better place for squirrels to live by making squirrel crosswalks on every road in her city. She is also petitioning the government to make National Squirrel Appreciation Day into a recognized holiday. All this while working on her singing/rapping career on her way to being the next Nicki Minaj."

**Colin Hodson:** "I see Lauren as... hmmm. This could go two ways. She becomes successful and makes a lot of money, or she becomes an actor in a comedy film. From what I know of her, that's what I would say. . . Alright, there are three ways I see it. Those two that I said (: or dead. Hahaha."

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# A Fresh (men's) VIEW ON Sports BY SAM BUCK AND GUNNY SIPPERT

## ILHS Basketball

Now that Cross Country and Volleyball are completely over, ILHS Basketball has begun. The season stretches from November to March (for the Varsity teams) and all of the student-athletes here at Immanuel are ready to go. In fact, there have been a couple of games already. Both Boys JV and Varsity are already 2-0. They both have taken down the Ellsworth Panthers and the Gilmanton Panthers. JV beat Ellsworth 46-41 and Gilmanton 41-23. Varsity also beat Ellsworth easily 58-43 in their home opener, but just escaped from the claws of the Panthers of Gilmanton, beating them 45-44 on a free throw by Caleb Noeldner late in the 4th Quarter.

## Varsity Boys

The Varsity Boys team consists of seven seniors, three juniors, one sophomore and one freshman. The team is coached by Tom Williams along with assistant coaches Prof. Joe Lau and John Radichel. The players are Jack Mielke, Brandon Wendland, Caleb Oster, Grant Hulke, Mattias Schaller, Elijah Morris, Caleb Noeldner, Carl Ryan, Ned Sandhoefner, Bryan Sydow, and Jonathan Gamble. The boys' Varsity team also ordered new uniforms this year. With the amount of experience, skill, and athleticism this team has, they're looking to make a deep playoff run by the time March rolls around.

## JV Boys

On JV, there are three juniors, seven sophomores and one freshman. JV is coached by John Radichel, who is assisted by Tom Beekman and Nathan Noeldner. The eleven players are Sam Schierenbeck, Alex Fleischer, Ben Hansen, Riley Sotnyk, Sam Lisak, Jonah Albrecht, Calvin Ryan, Tim Schaller, Matt White, Jesse Noeldner, and David Hein. The way that the JV boys have been playing thus far, the team should have a successful, winning season.



## Boys C-Team

The Boys' C-Team is made up of two sophomores and ten freshmen. C-Team is coached by Matthew Kranz, who is assisted by Ross Kok, Nathan Rodebaugh, and Sam Naumann. The C-Team twelve are Ethan Gurgel, Brent Rutz, Sam Buck, Gunnard Sippert, Zach Thurow, Adam Fiechtner, Ben Naumann, Nick White, James Schaser, Mark Brown-Kempenaar, and Dwight Gantt. We have yet to see C-Team play, but they work hard down in the gym, despite their late practice times. C-Team's first game is on Friday, December 6 in Elk Mound.

## Girls Varsity

Girls' Varsity is made up of mostly juniors and seniors, with the exception of two sophomores. The team is coached by Dr. Sydow who is assisted by Prof. Rodebaugh and Prof. Roehl. The players on Varsity are Rachel Schaser, Rhiannon Roehl, Michaela Naumann, Sierra Lillo, Abi Bernthal, Emily Hein, Johanna Meyer, Abby Naumann, Becca Naumann, Sarah Joos, Kayla Barthels, and Chara Meyer. Coming off of back-to-back conference titles and a regional championship, there are a lot of expectations for this team this upcoming season. The Varsity girls team won their season opener against the Elmwood raiders at home on December 2 and are looking for a lot more wins to come.

## Girls JV

The JV Girls team is made up of one junior, four sophomores, and seven freshmen. The coach of JV is Steve Naumann. The players on Girls JV are Bethanie Gantt, Brooke Wendland, Kayla Barthels, Olivia Albrecht, Rebecca Krause, Lainy Durst, Rose Schierenbeck, Emma Gurgel, Emily Johannes, Emily Zimmerman, Alex Garvens, and Abby Plath. Girls JV lost their season opener to Elmwood, but played a solid game. We look forward to more from these girls as the season progresses.

We're excited for basketball season here at Immanuel, and so is the studentbody. We hope as many fans as possible come out to support all five teams this year.

# THE McGuru

By Mickey “Money” Donaldson

Answers the tough  
Questions about:



Today, dear readers of the Flash, we mourn a lost friend. This friend was a constant companion to thousands of customers. Whether with ketchup or without, this friend helped millions of people through the recession, and continued to help the poor up until its demise on November 4, 2013. You are forever in our hearts. R.I.P. \$1 McDouble!

In all seriousness, the McDouble now costs \$1.19, contrary to what I said in my last article. Sorry, Flash.

However, the Dollar Menu and More (DMM) has become a great advantage for customers. Despite the loss of the McDouble, the \$1 price point has expanded. It now includes the spicy Buffalo Ranch McChicken (McChicken with buffalo, ranch, and lettuce) and the flat-out weird BBQ Ranch burger (one patty, BBQ Ranch sauce, chili-lime tortilla strips, and white cheddar). In my last few shifts at McDonald's, I have seen more dollar sandwiches sold than ever before.

While the McDouble went up in price and a dollar only gets you a single patty, the DMM has lowered the cost on some specialty items. It used to cost \$1.39 to add bacon to a McDouble. Now, you can get a Bacon McDouble for only \$2! Same with the Bacon Cheddar McChicken and the Bacon Buffalo Ranch McChicken. Just be careful how you order. With so many similar sandwiches, it's incredibly easy to get mixed up.

Here's a quick pro-tip for all you super savers. If you like the taste of the Grilled Onion Cheddar (\$1) or the BBQ Ranch Burger (\$1), try ordering a McDouble (\$1.19) made like one instead. It would cost 25 cents for the grilled onions or tortilla chips, but you get an extra patty for only 44 more cents than the original.

The holiday items are now fully in swing. The 2 for \$1 Holiday Pies are back. They are one of the most widely loved pies that McDonald's sells. I highly advise buying a few before they sell out. The Eggnog Shake and the Peppermint Mocha have returned, accompanied by a newcomer: the White Chocolate Mocha.

Finally, I have one interesting idea to try out. McDonald's sells Hotcakes for breakfast. They're called "hotcakes" instead of "pancakes" because we don't cook them in a pan. Instead, we microwave them. However, I've stumbled across an interesting idea. Try ordering a set of 3 Hotcakes and a Fruit N' Yogurt Parfait. Scoop out the parfait across the Hotcakes and cover with syrup and granola. Voilà! McCrêpes!

That about McWraps it up for this article. I hope you all come to terms with the Dollar Menu and More. Don't despise it, view it as a challenge. How can you work McDonald's new menu to your benefit? Experiment, enjoy, repeat!



## Claire Naumann



Claire has been a unique individual from her earliest days. Some adjectives that might apply would be precocious, lively, outspoken, voluble, impetuous and (definitely) mischievous. Once her father was making supper and had chopped some bacon to put on baked potatoes. He left the kitchen for a moment, and when he returned the small pile of bacon was gone. He asked each of his children in turn whether he or she had eaten the bacon, and they all said no. Her father settled on Claire as the chief suspect and said, "Now Claire, tell me the truth. I asked you before whether you took the bacon." Claire replied, "You didn't ask me if I took the bacon, you asked me if I ate the bacon." Confused, her father said, "Well, if you didn't eat it, what did you do with it?" Claire replied promptly, "I fed it to the neighbor's cat!"

Many years have passed since then, but Claire's vivid personality remains. As I'm sure her friends at ILC have found, Claire is the first to laugh with you, and laughs the loudest; she is the first to cry with you, and her sympathy is sincere; she is the first to help you tackle a problem, and works the hardest till it's solved. Claire is definitely...Claire!

Meet  
The

# Freshman

## Nick White



Nick was born at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii on the Army Birthday, June 14, 1999. He moved with his family to Fayetteville, NC in 2000, and then moved to Eau Claire in the summer of 2002. Nick attended 1-4th grade at Messiah Lutheran School in Eau Claire. In 2009, the family moved to Fort Meade, Maryland. Nick attended Fort Meade schools for 5th through 7th grade, and then the family moved to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ where Nick attended 8th grade at Burlington Northern Middle School.

Nick has three brothers. His oldest brother, Josh, graduated from ILHS, and is married to Megan (they live in Milwaukee). His brother, Matt, is a sophomore at ILHS, and his youngest brother Max is in 3rd grade in New Jersey.

Nick likes sports of all kinds, talking and playing computer games, especially Minecraft :-)

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# “Buzz cut OR Buzz Kill?”

By E. Marz

Alright, here it comes, some straight cut facts. The buzz on the buzzes. The cutting edge of the latest and greatest cut of hair. The short ends of the hair puns.

If Buzzcuts were math, the answer would be complex. Like a Prof. Schierenbeck question, while some say “yes” and some say “definitely not,” the real response is actually, “Well... it depends.”

## The Women

The women in general say they take a dim view on buzz cuts. In an open girls poll with grades freshman through senior, the results were a staggering five votes no for every vote yes. 5:1. Think about this tidal-wave-overwhelming no! However, when given the choice to explain, there was a little more going on. Here are some ladies’ answers to, “What do you think about men’s buzzcuts?”

“I hate them. Except when Sam Lisak does his. It’s soooo soft!”

“I like them... but it really depends on the person.”

Simultaneous head shakes from two participants. “Do NOT like them.” (Also said in unison)

“ALRIGHT. Military is a good look on a lot of guys. I mean, you think military and you think - hot!”

## The Men

Expectedly, the men are all about functionality. At least, this is what I expected. True to form, here are some guys’ opinions:

“Oh I like the buzz cut. Hair just gets in the way.”

“Love them. Feels good, looks good, love them. Honestly, looks a little weird, but still love them.”

But then, breaking the mold, there is my favorite:

“Buzzcut or buzzkill?”

## The Results

Now, for the part y’all have been waiting for: The results of the WHO IS ROCKING THE BUZZCUT BEST? poll!

FIRST PLACE goes to - Gunny Sippert!!! Congratulations Gunny, keep up the hard (but more likely easy) work. Honorable mention to second place Sam Lisak (apparently because of super soft hair...??), and a big shout requested to both Joseph A. and Froelich for having generally great hair.

## The Formula

If you are wondering whether or not a **buzzcut** is for you, rate each of the following categories and plug the values into the Buzz-ula.

H: How hot is it outside? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

G: Are you a girl? -1 or 10 (10 is yes)

B: How beautiful do you think you are? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

M: Is your mom making you do it? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

$5 + 2G - B - M - H = ?$

# INSIDE IDIOMS

By Prof Lau

The English language is full of idioms, accepted phrases or expressions having a meaning different from the literal. In this regular column I will introduce several common, and some not-so-common, idioms. I'll include what the idiom means and its origin. Hopefully, readers will gain new insights into idioms and sound intelligent in social settings.

## Heard it through the grapevine

To become aware of something indirectly.

"My uncle heard it through the grapevine that we were engaged."

The wires used in America's first telegraph stations oftentimes swooped and draped in twisted, random patterns. Onlookers believed that the tangled masses resembled grapevines, birthing a common idiom often used today.

## Riding shotgun

Riding in the front passengers seat of a vehicle.

"Riding shotgun required that the boy keep his father awake during the trip."

Back when stagecoaches existed as the best means of transportation, the seat next to the driver was reserved for people carrying a shotgun. Such a strategic spot allowed the protectors to ward off any bandits. When automobiles were invented, the name for this coveted spot stayed the same.

## Up to snuff

Of a high enough quality or standard.

"The coach determined after the blowout defeat that the team's defense was not up to snuff."

Chewing tobacco was once immensely popular, but because of the expense it was only afforded by the wealthy. A man who was "up to snuff" possessed the money, smarts, and sophistication necessary to fully enjoy and appreciate fine tobacco, called snuff.



Have a Blessed  
Christmas!

~The Flash