



LaBrae High School — "Home of the Vikings"

IMPORTANT DATES:

FEBRUARY

- Jan. 30 - Feb. 10 - Scheduling classes for next year
- Band Concert - February 9
- Parent/Teacher Conf. - February 16
- No School - February 17 - 20
- Interims - February 22

MARCH

- YSU CCP Application Day - March 3
- OGT Make-Up Testing - March 13-17
- Band Concert/Spaghetti Dinner - March 17
- End of 9 weeks/Early Release - March 17
- ACT (ALL Juniors) - March 21
- Report Cards - March 24

APRIL

- Drama Play - April 7-8
- End of Course Exams - ELA - April 10-11
- US History/Biology - April 24-25
- Algebra/Geometry - May 1-2
- Easter Break - April 14-18
- Spring Band Concert - April 26
- Interims - April 26

GUIDANCE NOTE:

Please look on school website for updates on Academic & CCP handbook.

MRS. HARPER (SCHOOL NURSE):

Parents, if your student is carrying his/her own asthma inhaler or Epi-Pen, please check the date to make sure it has not expired. If you student keeps either of those in the clinic I will email you, or mail you a notice if the medication I have is about to expire. Thank you.

**Dream big,
work hard,
stay focused &
surround yourself
with good people.**

#vikingcharacter

**Good luck to our
Viking Spring Sports Teams!**

Baseball & Softball

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College Credit Plus

By Morgan Meyer, Alexis & Alyssa Huscroft

College Credit Plus is a program that allows high school students to take college courses through their school. College Credit Plus (CCP) has been in place at LaBrae for many years, in several different forms. It has recently become popular and is being used by more and more students. We have found through our experience a few pros about the program, such as: classes are free, most credits will transfer to your college, the courses prepare you for how your future classes will work, and you receive more access to college resources. A few of the cons are that the classes require more responsibility, and that it is a long process to get information about and sign up for the classes. But nonetheless, it is a great opportunity to jump ahead on your education.

Two LaBrae Athletes Commit to Playing at the Next Level

By Morgan Meyer & Tyler Morris

Senior Tariq Drake and J.T. Wolke made commitments to play sports at the next level. Tariq will be playing football for Ohio University in the fall. J.T. chose to play baseball next spring for Slippery Rock University.

Tariq gave us his input on his college decision: "I committed to play at Ohio University because of how comfortable I felt with the University environment. It felt like home." The Bobcats are part of the Mid-American Conference (MAC). He will not be expected to play his freshman year and most likely will be red-shirted. He will work harder everyday to fulfill the position of cornerback. Besides playing football Tariq also plans on majoring in sports management. His father/coach, Chris Drake, was a big influence on Tariq's decision. He pushed Tariq to do his best ever since the young age of 5.

Slippery Rock, as well, made J.T. feel at home and made his decision to attend there very easy. He hopes to play right away and help in any capacity needed. J.T. plans on majoring in sports management with a minor in business.

J.T. is looking forward to his senior season and helping the baseball team win another league championship.

SADD Members create Bullying Video

By Olivia McConnell & Stephanie Smith

SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) members Olivia McConnell and Stephanie Smith along with Amber Deel, Aubrey Weber, Alexis DeCost, and Ashlee Kocher filmed a short bullying video called, "One Bad Choice" for Mrs. Gilbert's teen topics class. They entered it in the No Bull Challenge. This is an organization which focuses on having teens develop powerful videos about critical issues that they are involved in everyday. It encourages them to use their creativity and try to put a stop to these issues.

The public voting for the video will begin on February 27, 2017 and end on March 6, 2017. The voting will be held on the No Bull website (nobull.org) and the video with the most votes will receive prizes such as scholarships, laptops, video cameras and/or attendance to a video awards show. Make sure you like, comment, and share to spread the word and don't forget to VOTE.

Found Poem Class Winner

Mrs. Helmick's 3rd period class was the winning class for their Found Poem based on *Fahrenheit 451*. The class earned 72 of the 213 votes cast by the high school and middle school. The name of the poem was, "Inner Deception". GOOD JOB, 3rd period.

GRAD MAS Won Ambassadors of the Week

Our students helped promote college and career readiness by entering a national contest. With the student body's help, they placed 8th in the nation. CONGRATS!



Winter 2017 Issue

English - Star Students for January

Mrs. Helmick

9th - Heidi Reppart

"...farewell to my dearest grandmother I lost to cancer...farewell to Pat Summitt, a great coach for powerful women...Hail to Trump...not the way I wanted politics to come out, but it has..."

10th - Chelsea Glaspell

"The mind, a nomadic traveler, stepped into the shadows of a paradox, provoking and insightful, trapped in the walls of fate."

"...I will grow to accept whatever comes and breathe."

10th - Emma Winkleman

"The surrealness of being in space is overwhelming...the idea of making history...is no longer enough to make me believe sitting around in an endless void...is worth the hassle...the same internal struggle."

Family Support for Prevention

By Morgan Meyer

Here are just a few ideas on how you can take action to strengthen your family support:

- Give them your undivided attention.
- Give them words of affirmation.
- Give them space.
- Hug your child.
- Spend time each week with your children individually.
- Start family traditions and rituals.
- Preserve those precious moments.

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