

# The Lion's Tale



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## Drama members prepare for 'Sound of Music'

By Stephan Simpson

*In-depth issue editor*

Another semester in our school brings another musical; featuring in April, The Sound of Music will be the newest production brought to you by the Leo Drama Department. It is being shown on the 11th, 12th, 13th of April for \$8 if pre-paid or for \$10 if paid at the door.

The show will star Maria Isaacson as Maria, a wily Austrian woman who, after her failed attempt to become a nun, is hired by a Captain Georg von Trapp to become the governess to seven children.

With the Captain gone and governesses coming in and out of the children's lives, they are very much resentful. But Maria's passion for song and dance soon brighten up not only the children's lives, but also that of Georg von Trapp.

With a spark of romance between the two, Maria and von Trapp now question their previously-held convictions.

However, with the Nazis' wave of war on their heels, von Trapp is threatened with the possibility of being drafted into the German navy and of fighting against his own country.

Though short-lived and expected turbulence has been experienced with the sudden switch of directors, new Drama Department Director Mr. Aaron Mann is now in position to work with the students to complete the musical by April.

This is done by the relentless effort of all members of cast and crew almost every day of the week. For three hours after school five days a week do the cast members rehearse their parts

to ensure the utmost best musical the Department can muster is brought to its audience.

As a recent measure, work nights after rehearsals have been extended late into the evening with efforts being concentrated on the construction of the physical set, with walls, stairs, and windows being erected with the guidance of Erik Mills.

People like Keegan Conners too have been searching

and designing the costumes to be worn on the night of the big show.

The musical also features Hunter Diamond and a selection of children from the Elementary School to star as the seven children saved by Maria.

With the angelic voice of Arielle Kinsey to the behind-the-scenes work of Mekaih Bowers, all hands are on deck with The Sound of Music.



Junior Adam Jarjour cuts wood for the set of "Sound of Music"

## Just Ask Jaide :

What to do if you're staying in Fort Wayne for spring break

By Jaide Castillon

*Chief photographer*

Around this time of year, people are getting ready to leave for their annual trips during Spring Break.

But unfortunately, some people are stuck spending Spring Break in their hometowns.

The people that are staying in their hometowns tend to never know what to do for a week.

For everyone in Leo, Fort Wayne is the place to be.

There's a lot to do in this city that some people call boring!

An idea on what to do for those of you who are staying in Fort Wayne is going out with friends that are in town.

Places like Jefferson Pointe, the Glenbrook Mall, and shopping outlets would create a fun time to shop.

Jefferson Pointe is filled with a variety of different places like Von Maur and places to eat like Flat Top Grill and Cold Stone Creamery.

Another way to

spend your Spring Break here in Fort Wayne would be going to a Tincaps or Komets game.

There are several Komets games throughout the week of Spring Break, such as, on March 30th and also, April 3rd; 6th; and 7th.

Even the first week of April, the Tincaps have games that would be fun to watch and spend with friends.

Going to see new movies would be another fun thing to do with friends or even family.

A favorite childhood movie, Dumbo, is coming out to theaters in April.

Also, more movies that will be in theaters during Spring Break are The Best of Enemies, Pet Sematary, Shazam!, and Teen Spirit.

Never knowing what to do in a "boring" hometown with a lot of people gone on vacation can be frustrating, but there are lots of ways to make do with what's in the city of Fort Wayne.

Whether it's watching movies at home or hanging out at home and even going out to see a movie or out to eat and shop, there's several ways to spend your Spring Break.

## NHS welcomes new members

By Nina Kern

*News editor*

At this time of the year, National Honor Society is inviting students to join.

National Honor Society is a nationwide organization for high school students which requires some sort of service to the community, school, or other organizations.

Selection is based on four criteria: academic achievement, leadership, service, and character.

It seems the students that have been selected are excited to join.

Many of the students do plan to join, due to the benefits they believe they will receive.

Sophomore, Isabella Paglione, says she thinks it will help make the finding scholarships easier.

Parker Bonin claims, "I think it would benefit me because I could help others and make a difference".

Another sophomore, Avere Yoder, says "I will be open to new opportunities and volunteer options, making a difference in the community. It will also look good on my transcript".

The students that received invitations were pleased overall. Yoder even claimed she was "very ecstatic and so honored".

Parker Bonin said he felt

"honored and happy".

As for what has been heard and said about NHS, Isabella says she "hasn't heard much, other than it helps with scholarships".

Avere says she has heard "it can be pointless, but that you can get good experiences out of it".

A current member of National Honor Society, Grace Hertsel, told the Lion's Tale her view on it.

When asked her reason for joining, she said "At the time, I believed it would look good on my transcript. I also had no reason not to

*"I think it would benefit me because I could help others and make a difference".*

join".

She says NHS has given her the opportunity to get involved in the community.

Some things she has done in NHS include: recycling, study tables, volunteer work.

She recommends NHS to incoming members if they are looking for something to do with their free time.

National Honor Society seems to be a great way for students to get involved in the community. The Induction Ceremony is March 21st.



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# TikTok becomes global sensation

By Tyler Reisgies

*Managing editor*

In Nov. 2017, TikTok was introduced to the world. TikTok, once called “Musical.ly”, is an app where people of any age can express their creativity through dancing, singing, and overall comedic videos. Many students from Leo Jr/Sr High School joined the million others on TikTok. Freshmen Brook Dager, Katelyn Fry, and Katie Busch are few of the many students from Leo creating TikToks. After seeing their friends create TikToks, Dager and Busch were inspired to join them. “All of my friends make them, and I decided to join in,” Busch said. Dager was specifically inspired by her fellow classmate, freshman Evan Wertman. “Evan Wertman was a big TikTok person, so I wanted to follow in his footsteps,” she told The Lion’s Tale. For Fry, the inspiration came from an effort to find “a new way to procrastinate.” With a 4.7 out of 5 rating, TikTok is an app most people enjoy greatly. Some might say that it has even impacted their life for the better. Dager, Busch, and Fry all say that TikTok has impacted their life positively. Dager explains that it has made her life so much better, and has her working hard to make her TikToks the best. “I stay up late grinding on TikTok, just to wake up and check how many views I’ve received,” She said. Busch has been brought closer to friends in TikTok experiences, which she says impacted her life beneficially. Fry says that TikTok has both negatively and positively affected her life. “TikTok has negatively impacted my life because I spend all my time on it. It has positively impacted my life because I am now way better at dancing,” Fry said. Some users of TikTok have received many attention for their videos, and consider themselves “TikTok famous”. Dager would consider herself “TikTok famous” with the amount of attention and views she gets on her videos. “I was on the ‘for you’ page, [a page where recommended videos appear on a user’s timeline] and have over 5k views,” she said. Although the attention might sound

great, some think it’s overwhelming and is a very difficult task. “This isn’t an easy process, it takes hours of hard work and determination. The fame that comes with isn’t easy,” said Dager. Busch and Fry both agree they are not “TikTok famous”, but give great advice on gaining attention. “You have to make quality content, and put #foryoupage on every post,” Fry told The Lion’s Tale. TikTok means different things for everybody. Dager thinks TikTok is very important. She describes it as a very welcoming place. “Some people say TikTok is a hobby, but I consider it a lifestyle. It’s a place people can come together and show their true given talents,” she said. Busch describes TikTok as an amusing social network. “It’s a platform of social media, where people come to make goofy dancing videos and other type of random things,” she said. Fry also agrees that it’s amusing, and describes TikTok as a community. “It’s a community of people who make dancing videos, duet chains with other TikTok users, and e-girl/boy lip-syncs, and funny videos,” she said. Dager, Busch, and Fry, all enjoy creating dancing TikToks the most, and cherish making them with friends. They all recommend TikTok to others. Dager recommends it to people who enjoy fun. “It’s a very fun app that you can play around on. It could also make you become successful,” she said. Busch recommends TikTok to people who like to joke and be comical. “I only make them as a joke, so I recommend it if you like to mess around,” she said. Fry recommends TikTok to the dancers wanting to sharpen their skills. “I would totally recommend TikTok if you’re looking to improve your dance moves,” she said. TikTok is a very popular and very interesting app that most love. It’s a safe environment to be creative and share your ideas to a possibly large audience. It’s a perfect place to come together and get closer with your friends. Join TikTok today to have a laugh, dance, sing, or just watch. Follow Katie Busch (@Katiebuschh), Brook Dager (@Brook.dager), and Katelyn Fry (@Katelynfry555) on TikTok.





# WHO DO YOU THINK WILL WIN MARCH MADNESS?



**SOPHOMORE  
ALLI DAVIS**

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**Kansas**



**JUNIOR  
BRIANNA  
SHOWMAN**

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**Kentucky**



**SOPHOMORE  
CORBIN  
SCHIEBEL**

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**Duke**



**JUNIOR ELICIA  
FRANKLIN**

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**North  
Carolina**

## Spring athletes train for 2019 season

By Haley Boyce

*Editor-in-chief*

The start of the spring season brings the start of spring athletics. Track, boy's golf, rugby, girl's tennis, softball, and baseball are six sports that will begin their 2019 season this spring.

Senior Jeffrey Marshall is a long distance runner for the track team. Marshall began preparing for the 2019 season in January.

"We waited for the season to start and went to conditioning twice a week in January," Marshall said.

As far as team strengths, Marshall thinks the relay teams are the most important assets to the track team.

Marshall's personal goal this season is to do well in the two mile race.

Boy's golf is another sport that will begin this spring. Senior Dylan Stewart is a part of the team and looks forward to team bonding.

"[I'm excited to] grow as a team and to win matches," Stewart said.

Dylan took private lessons in order to prepare for this golf season and hopes to lower his number of strokes as well as build relationships with younger kids on the team.

Senior Jayden Elwood plays rugby, another spring sport that is quickly approaching.

Elwood played in some off-season games and looks forward to playing with his team again, and showcasing their strengths.

"Our strengths are that we are very fast, we tackle well,

and we work as a team," Elwood told The Lion's Tale.

Elwood looks forward to working toward a state championship, something the team has achieved in the past.

Girl's tennis will also be beginning this spring. Senior Cassidy Zurbuch has been taking tennis lessons since August to prepare for the upcoming season.

"It keeps me from becoming rusty," Zurbuch said.

Zurbuch is excited to be back with her teammates.

"Our team is really fun and works hardest during matches and practices," Cassidy said. "I'm excited to just have fun and have a good last year."

Zurbuch's goals for this season are to have fun, get better, and to do her best.

Softball season will also be starting quickly. Junior and shortstop Kennedy Shade is ready to kick-off her third season.

"I'm excited to finally play with all the girls again," Shade said. "Last year we only lost three seniors so I think we are going to be a solid team this year."

Shade, an Indiana State University softball commit, went to open gyms and open fields in the winter to get ready for the season.

Shade hopes to advance to state, which the softball team won in 2014 and became state-runner ups in 2015.

Baseball will start their season soon as well. Senior Ryan Hackworth looks forward to his final season.

"I've been in the weight room and hitting on my own," Hackworth said.

Hackworth has many goals this season including to move past sectionals, have a winning pitching record, bat at least a .350, and to win at least 20 games.

Sport fans can catch these athletes and their team's playing this spring at LHS.

## 2019 Spring sports schedule

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL	
Mar. 26	Wayne Home 5:30
Mar. 27	Northrop Home 5:30
Apr. 8	Eastside Home 5:00
Apr. 10	Carroll Home 5:30
Apr. 13	Lakewood Park(DH) There 10:00
Apr. 15	Heritage There @ Parkview Field 4:30
Apr. 18	Blackhawk Christian There 5:30
Apr. 20	Canterbury (DH) There 10:00
Apr. 23	Norwell There 5:30
Apr. 25	New Haven There 5:30
Apr. 29	Angola There 5:30
Apr. 30	East Noble Home 5:30
May 2	Bellmont There 5:30
May 4	Garrett (DH) Home 10:00
May 6	North Side Home 5:30
May 7	Huntington North Home 5:30
May 9	Columbia City There 5:30
May 11	Woodlan (DH) 10:00
May 13	Lakeland Home 5:20
May 14	DeKalb Home 5:30
May 15	Bishop Dwenger Home 5:30
May 18	Bishop Luers (DH) Home 10:00

BOYS GOLF	
Apr. 11	New Haven There 4:00
Apr. 13	Carroll Invitational There 11:00
Apr. 16	Norwell There 4:00
Apr. 18	Carroll There 4:00
Apr. 20	Concordia Invitational There 9:00
May 1	East Noble Home 4:30
May 7	Huntington North Home 4:30
May 8	Bellmont There 4:30
May 11	Leo Invitational Home TBA
May 15	Bishop Dwenger There 4:30
May 18	NE8 Conference TBA
May 22	Angola & DeKalb @ Angola 4:30
May 28	Leo's Hawk Invite @ Noble Hawk TBA

BOYS TRACK	
Mar. 23	Indoor State Meet @TBD TBA
Apr. 9	DeKalb There 5:00
Apr. 13	North Side Relays There TBA
Apr. 16	East Noble Home 5:00
Apr. 20	Goshen Relays There 9:00
Apr. 23	Huntington North Home 5:00
Apr. 26	New Haven Relays There TBA
Apr. 30	Columbia City There 5:00
May 3	NE8 Conference Meet TBA
May 16	Sectionals TBA

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL	
Mar. 22	Bishop Luers There 5:30
Mar. 23	Manchester Home 11:00
Mar. 25	Concordia Home 5:30
Mar. 27	Homesetad Home 5:30
Apr. 8	Bishop Dwenger Home 5:00
Apr. 11	Snider Home 5:30
Apr. 12	Leo Invite Home TBA
Apr. 16	North Side There 5:30
Apr. 18	Heritage Home 5:30
Apr. 22	Norwell Home 5:30
Apr. 24	New Haven Home 5:30\ Apr. Apr. 26 Ashland, OH Tounrey TBA
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Apr. 29	East Noble There 5:30
May 1	Bellmont Home 5:30
May 2	Woodlan There 5:30
May 6	Huntington North There 5:30
May 8	Columbia City Home 5:30
May 10	Eastside Home 5:30
May 13	DeKalb There 5:30
May 14	Carroll Home 5:30
May 16	Angola Home 5:30
May 17	Lakewood Park There 5:30

GIRLS TENNIS	
Apr. 8	Angola Home 5:00
Apr. 9	Snider There 5:00
Apr. 10	Adams Central There 5:00
Apr. 16	Homestead Home 4:30
Apr. 17	Canterbury Home 5:00
Apr. 18	Northrop There 4:30
Apr. 23	Norwell There 4:30
Apr. 24	DeKalb Home 4:30
Apr. 25	New Haven There 4:30
Apr. 27	Homesetad Invite TBA
Apr. 30	East Noble Home 4:30
May 2	Bellmont There 4:30
May 6	Carroll There 4:30
May 7	Huntington North Home 5:00
May 8	Concordia Home 4:30
May 9	Columbia City There 4:30
May 13	Blackhawk Christian Home 5:00

GIRLS TRACK	
Mar. 23	Indoor State Meet @Purdue FW TBA
Apr. 9	DeKalb There 5:00
Apr. 13	New Haven Bulldog Relays There 9:00
Apr. 16	East Noble Home 5:00
Apr. 20	Churubusco Invitational There TBA
Apr. 23	Huntington North Home 5:00
Apr. 26	New Haven Relays There TBA
Apr. 30	Columbia City There 5:00
May 3	NE8 Conference Meet TBA
May 14	Sectionals TBA

# JUNIORS BECOME 2019 CLASS TOURNEY CHAMPIONS!

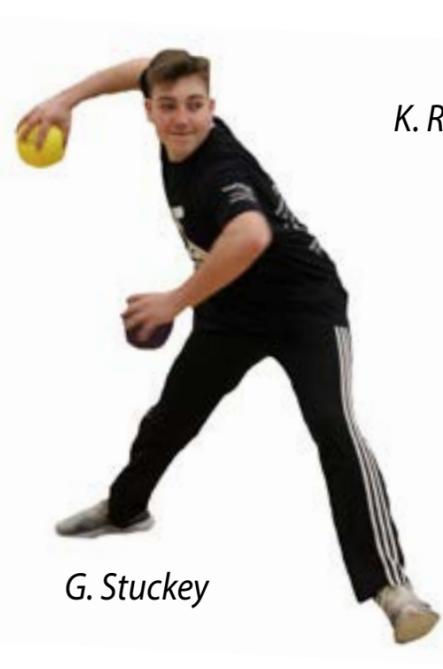
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