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Radium Girls

By Nora Barnard

This year, Masquers has chosen the riveting play *Radium Girls*. Set in the mid-1920s, this story follows a group of girls who are working in a clock-dial factory with the so-called "miracle cure" of the time, radium. As the girls around them begin to fall ill with a mysterious disease, our leading ladies fight to find out why their fellow workers are getting sick. In addition to this very interesting story, the play is written for about ten to twelve actors with each actor playing multiple parts. About thirty roles are covered by about twelve actors and actresses throughout the entirety of the play.



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November Song of
the Month!



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BLACK FRIDAY

By Halle Sonson

The History of Black Friday

Black Friday was first introduced in the 1950s on the day after Thanksgiving. Black Friday represents the first day of Christmas shopping, with the best deals that stores offer all year long. However, many don't know that Black Friday also is linked to a historical financial crisis. On

September 24, 1869, two financiers, Jay Gould and Jim Fisk, worked together to buy as much of nation's gold as they could in hopes of driving the price high and selling for great profits. As a result, the situation sent the stock market into a free fall and bankrupted everyone.

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MIDNIGHTS

By Claire Wiggernhorn

Waiting up till midnight for a new album is an experience that Swifties know "All Too Well." With the new album comes new rankings, music videos, and so many easter eggs. While we studious listeners finally went to sleep after *Midnights* dropped at -you guessed it- midnight, Ms. Swift decided to be the real "Mastermind" and drop an additional 7 songs. The 7 songs are a part of "3am Edition." Sophomore Swiftie Adria Hebovia says, "Midnights had me crying till midnight." Waking up to that surprise, we were happy and a bit shocked. Therefore, I felt it was only expected for me to give my opinion about each track on the *Midnights* album.

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For seniors Ava Katona and Rachel Neumann, this is a bitter-sweet experience since it is their last fall play here at Olmsted Falls. They both have played important roles in Masquers their entire time at OFHS. Rachel Neumann has such a great connection to theater. When asked about the play, she stated, "*Radium Girls* is absolutely Fantastic! It's so crazy to think that it is my last play with Masquers, and I could not think of a better senior play. It is so emotional and full of twists and turns. You will definitely be on the edge of your seat the entire time."

The young actors and actresses in Masquers make every single play truly come to life on the stage. With the help of the crew, you will surely be transported back in time to the 1920s- a time of great innovation. Junior Carly Oliver is the head of the stage crew as well as the president of Masquers. When asked about how the play is coming along she said,

"Everyone behind the scenes, as well as the actors on stage, have been working on perfecting the show. It's really coming together, and we can't wait to perform it for an audience." The stage crew does things such as moving the set between scenes and pulling the curtain open and closed. Along with this, assistant band director Mr. LaFlamme is in charge of the lighting crew, consisting of about seven students that control the sound and lighting during the entire play.

Coming up soon, the play is scheduled for November 18th and 19th at 7:30pm. Make sure to get tickets to solve the enticing mystery of the *Radium Girls*! Tickets will be sold during lunches the week before the show.

BLACK FRIDAY

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When looked at closely, it holds a distant similarity to how realtors put discounts on their items in hopes of great business. Cyber Monday is nearly identical to Black Friday. Cyber Monday (which takes place the Monday after Thanksgiving) was introduced in the early 2000s and has great deals, but online.

Deals

Stores often start their deals earlier than Black Friday. Here are a few deals this year:

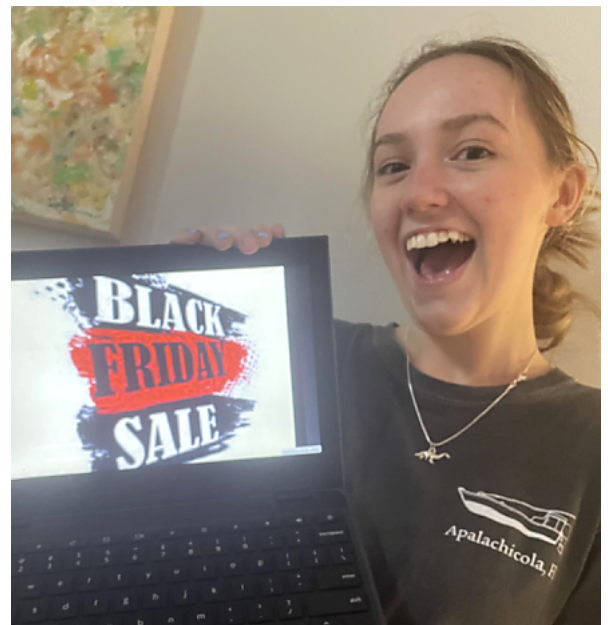
At Target, you could save \$80 on Apple AirPods Pro.

At Pacsun, you could buy one item and get 50% off a second with free shipping if you buy online.

At Princess Polly, there is 70% off on new styles and shoes. Also, free express shipping when you spend over \$50.

At Best Buy, save \$30 on a JBL - Flip 5 Portable Bluetooth Speaker

Happy Shopping!



MIDNIGHTS: AN ALBUM REVIEW

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Lavender Haze- 10/10. My favorite song on the album. I love the beat of the song as well as the vocals.

Maroon- 7/10. The imagery used in this song is incredible. I think it was very effective in showing how Taylor truly felt at that moment.

Anti-Hero - 9/10. I feel like this song can be relatable to lots of people in many different ways. The music video that goes with the song is also incredible. The creativity in this song in particular is great as well.

Snow On The Beach (feat. Lana Del Rey)- 7/10. I liked this song but wish that Lana had more of a part in it rather than just background vocals. I like how Taylor used Snow On The Beach to demonstrate how things can be "weird but ... beautiful."

You're On Your Own, Kid- 7/10. When the track lists were announced, I really thought this song would be very different than how it is. I like it, though, as it reminds me of Lorde.

Midnight Rain- 8/10. Unpopular opinion, but I really like the vocal effects at the beginning of the song. I really love how Taylor demonstrated how she was able to stay herself in a relationship.

Question...?- 7/10. I like the tempo and rhythm of the song. I also like how her vocals are the main focus rather than the background music.

Vigilante S***t- 9/10. I'm really loving how Reputation-est this song is. I'll say it, some of her best songs are about revenge...

Bejeweled- 6/10. I like this song, but it's not my favorite. I really like the line "Best believe I'm still bejeweled. When I walk in the room I can still make the whole place shimmer."

Labyrinth- 8/10. An actual rollercoaster of emotions, from the heartbreak to the falling in love and back to heartbreak once again. It's a rollercoaster between being excited for the new relationship and the fear of falling in love again knowing there could be risk.

Karma- 10/10. We've been waiting for this. I absolutely love this song. It's such a powerful dance song. I can really see everyone screaming these lyrics.

Sweet Nothing- 6/10. This song is so cute. It's SO Lover. I absolutely adore how you can feel her love in this song. It's a happy and romantic love song, which is different from a lot of other songs on this album.

Mastermind- 7/10. She could have called this song Taylor Swift because she's an actual Mastermind. I love how the beat pumps up during the bridge of the song.

The Great War- 6/10. I like this song, but I feel like it's missing something. I also really like how she always uses "crimson" instead of red.

Bigger Than The Whole Sky- 9/10. This song is so sad. I have heard a lot of theories about what this song might be about, and let me tell you now it makes this song have a whole new meaning. The passion in her voice really builds the emotion throughout the entire song.

Paris- 8/10. I really like this song, and it is for sure in my top 3. For some reason I absolutely love how she rhymes Paris and Somewhere Else. I just love her love.

High Fidelity- 6/10. Yes, Taylor, we want to know where you were April 29th! The song really represented how Taylor felt during her breaking point in a previous relationship.

Glitch- 7/10. I love how she uses the background music to really correlate with the mood of the song.

Would've, Could've, Should've- 8/10. I really enjoyed how we are bringing John Mayer back to the cutting block. She refers to him as a ghost from her past, and I think that's very accurate to how the relationship always is haunting her in the media.

Dear Reader- 7/10. "Never take advice from someone who's falling apart." This song is so personal. It reminds me of an advice column in a newspaper.

OFHS FOOTBALL

By Claire Wigenhorn

Football is a key part of many communities, especially Olmsted Falls. With win after win after win... after win, the Bulldogs have made it to the playoffs. A huge triumph over Berea-Midpark has put the Bulldogs in a great position to be successful in the playoffs. The Bulldogs ended the season with an overall 8-2 record and 6-1 in the SWC. The momentum of the team has translated to the spirit of the school. Every Friday, the stands are packed with parents, grandparents, and other members of the community rallying behind our Bulldog football team. Additionally, the student section this year has been insane. With probably at least one hundred students packing the stands each week, the spirit of community has never been higher. The Bulldogs played St. John Jesuit in the first

round of the playoffs with a score of 56-35. Next week, the Bulldogs travel to Whitehouse to take on Anthony Wayne in the second round of the playoffs.



YOUNG INVESTORS SOCIETY

By Hadley Allen

This year, Olmsted Falls High School is welcoming a brand new club. Unlike any extracurriculars currently offered at OFHS, this new club aims to push students to learn about the importance of investments and financial management. Started by senior student Connor Russell, the Young Investor's Society (or YIS) is bringing a new resource to students who are particularly interested in finance. Connor states, "The Young Investor's Society is a student-led organization that meets bi-weekly to discuss investment-related issues and ways that we can make money in financial markets. We compete in national investment competitions like the Wharton Investment Competition and the Young Investor's Competition, where the top team will win \$5000 and a week-long internship at a hedge fund. I started this organization because I saw that a lot of students wanted to learn about ways to grow their money but didn't know where to start."

Young Investors Society is the only business-related club in OFHS

and aims to completely prepare students for a successful financial future. With the opportunity to compete in world-renown competitions, members will have all of the resources they need to build an impressive background in investment management. Finally, meetings are not mandatory, and those who want to participate in YIS are free to join whenever!

To join YIS just join the Google Classroom Code: lepuq44

Or students can reach out to Connor at 23russellcon@ofcs.net.

"The only difference between a rich man and a poor man is a lot of money." -Connor Russell, 2022

NEW MATH CLASS

By Nora Barnard

There is a new math class being tried at Olmsted Falls this year called Math Modeling and Reasoning. The class is taught by Mr. Zrenner and consists of juniors and seniors. The idea of the class is that not every student needs to take algebra two but just needs to

learn the thinking involved in a regular algebra two class. The main units covered are algebra, geometry, algebra two, finance, statistics, and patterns. The concept is to manipulate math in a

way that helps students in the real world. For example, the algebra unit covers buying a car or getting a credit card and the true math behind those things. Another thing learned is how businesses manipulate the math to hurt consumers and customers. When asked about the class, Mr. Zrenner says, "We're trying to create a

new mindset about math." He aims to help students learn more about relating math to the real world and hopes to create a positive environment.

FORGETTING SOMEONE?

By Rachel
Whiteman

November is the season of being grateful. Sure, at some point everyone takes time to be thankful for their family, friends, health, food, et cetera et cetera. But isn't there a certain person- or rather, group of people- you're probably forgetting to be thankful for?

Anyone who's helped with Thanksgiving dinner knows that it involves a lot of prep work and cleanup. But you know what else requires a lot of prep work and cleanup? Keeping our school in good condition. Many students likely overlook our custodians and maintenance crew, and nearly all of us have taken them for granted at one point or another. However, these custodians deserve more. Without them, the cafeteria would be indistinguishable from a landfill, the bathrooms would never have soap or toilet paper, and the hallway floors would be duller than detention. Without maintenance workers, who would keep the school WiFi up? Who would fix the lights in the cafeteria when they randomly fizzle out? Who would make sure that the sinks in every bathroom were in working order? Custodians and maintenance staff are just as important as teachers when it comes to making OFHS a great school. To show you're grateful for what they do, here are a few

simple things custodian Joe Goodwin says YOU can do to make their jobs just a little bit easier.

-Push your chairs in after zero period, lunch, and dismissal.

-Actually throw your trash in trash cans instead of leaving it on tables or the ground.

-Don't leave food, feminine products, toilet paper, etc. on the floor in the bathrooms.

Have a happy Thanksgiving, and remember to thank the custodians in your life!

A big thank you and happy Thanksgiving to our custodial staff from the OFHS publications staff!

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

By Isabella
Johnson

When Thanksgiving comes around at the end of November, it is a time of reflection and thankfulness. People give more appreciation to those who play important roles in their lives and things around them that they may have taken for granted. I decided to send out a survey to the school to see exactly what it is that Olmsted Falls students are thankful for! Here are just a few of the answers that I received:

Freshman Hannah Gndt is grateful for "being able to go to this school because it's a school where everyone helps you learn and get the best grades possible."

Sophomore Danica Marshall says, "I am thankful for the Olmsted Falls band program because it provides a huge amazing community for people with similar interests and makes me look forward to

Friday nights."

Junior Jonathan Zaffiro says, "I am thankful for the opportunity to go to Polaris. I go to Polaris for computer networking, and it is fun."

Senior Hailey Ayala is grateful for "my support system. Friends, family, teachers, my therapist, etc. As well as materialistic examples and hobbies. Reading/books, my car, art, music, my style/personality, and finally ANIMALS! All of these things bring me such joy. Having a good support system is super important, especially when navigating through one's adolescence, and everything else is just part of what can make life so great!"

