

# THE HAWKEYE

## Students Who Achieve Greatness

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## Pure Defensive Domination

By Andrew Eastley

Football is taken very seriously at Sunlake High School. With no losses during the regular season, you can say the defense is considered best in the district.

The defense allowed only 83 points last year. That comes to roughly one touchdown and extra point per game

Coach Smith, the defensive coordinator, is very knowledgeable and has been surrounded by football his entire life. Six senior starters on defense played a vital role in each game.

Ben Wood, a junior strong side linebacker, was named the Unsung Hero for Sunlake's season. He averaged around 20 tackles per game,

including at least 2 sacks per game as well. When people bring up the Unsung Hero they often talk about his vision to see the play and predict what will happen. Ben is often considered a brick wall out on the field.

"I've been playing football all my life, it just comes natural to me. If I see the guy with the ball, I simply just don't let him pass me," said Ben.

A player known for their brute force is senior right tackle Travis Manecke. He is an important leader on the football field. As a defensive lineman, he sees everything first.

"Communication is key when on the football field. I can yell to my teammates what I see, because they can't," said Travis.

Manecke averaged at least one sack a game, plowing through the opponents' offensive line. Manecke's teammates talk about the productive things he does on the

football field.

Another key player on the defense would be senior Raymond Busbee. He starts at linebacker but seems to cover the entire field.

Busbee is also known for his versatility and quickness. As muscular as Busbee is, he is considered to be one of the fastest players on the team.

Busbee is also considered a leader on and off the football field.

"If someone misses a tackle or a mistake is made on the field, I know I can catch up and

try to disrupt the play because of how fast I am," said Busbee.

Coach Smith said he is very proud to be a part of his team and coaching staff. The Seahawks will be losing some talent to graduation, but the program is poised for another strong season.

"Most of the boys have been playing together for a little while now, and it really helps with everyone being on the same page," said Smith.



Esteban Lewallen prepares for the play.



Eddie Burgos follows the play aggressively.

## Dramahawks Rewrite Their History

By Matthew Perez

Up on stage, with the bright lights on and the action in full swing, the cast of "Interesting Old Folks" put on a show that you wouldn't have expected a pair of high school students to write. Based around the somewhat rocky relationship of two senior citizens, Harold and Marge, the story follows the two's journey through life as well their hysterical therapy sessions to try and resurrect their past romance.

Two drama students, Brianna Smith, a senior, and Michael San Vicente, a junior, decided to write the play after the previous choice,

not have been able to do it, but we did and it was successful."

When it comes to "Interesting Old Folks," some might question why teenagers decided to lay on the fake wrinkles and grey hairspray.

San Vicente and Smith, both dedicated members of the Drama program, have worked on monologues they wrote based around the two main characters of the play, Harold and Marge.

"When we started the monologues, we thought it'd be fun to have them mesh well together and it's just grown from there," said Smith.

Although Brianna said Marge is the stereotypical, tough old gal, Michael said he modeled Harold after his grandfather.

"My grandpa's always been loving and caring when others weren't," he laughs.

After all of the commotion from deciding to write a play, the Dramahawks had to push the pencil to paper and start writing the script.

"We only had two weeks to write the play," said Smith, "We were rehearsing and writing at the same time."

"As one of the student directors and an actor, it was definitely hard keeping up with all the work we put in two to three weeks before opening night," said Kim Mendes, a senior Drama student.



Actors (from left to right) Michael San Vicente, Kim Mendes and Brianna Smith pose for photos in between shows.

Newcomer Jordan Morrell joined the play crew right as all the changes occurred to help with all the technical aspects of working on stage.

"It was definitely hectic," said Morrell, "especially since everything I was learning was brand new and constantly changing. But in the end, I think it ended rather solidly."

After the students overcame this obstacle, about a week before opening night, San Vicente ran into some issues and couldn't participate for a period of time during rehearsals.

"It was hard not being able to be there, but I constantly ran my lines, FaceTime-d with the crew and prepared for the worst," said Michael. "I'd really like to thank Matt Perez, for taking my place while I was out; he really contributed to the overall success of this year's play."

Through all the adversities the students have faced with their play, they pulled through and put on a show that will remain in Sunlake Drama history as the first student-written play.

Now that the Dramahawks are finished with the first play, where do they go next?

"We're already writing another piece of "Harold And Marge" for the End Of The Year Show," said San Vicente. "It's kind of a prequel to the play."

They aren't the only ones writing, either. Seniors Mendes and Perez are writing pieces for the show as well.

"We're not doing something you'd expect," said Mendes. "It's going to be very out there, fun and energetic."

The show will include the one act shows written by students, musical numbers and other pieces for everyone to perform.



The cast poses after finishing up a showing of Interesting Old Folks.

"Arsenic and Old Lace," fell through.

"The play just had a lack of interest and none of us really felt it was catching on," said Smith.

Mrs. Usry, the Drama teacher here at Sunlake, was ready for a change in plays as well. "None of the actors felt a connection to the characters they played," said Usry.

Michael noticed a change as well when shifting gears towards "Interesting Old Folks." "Everyone's attitude changed; we all had a higher energy because it was something we could all relate to," said San Vicente.

When faced with the challenge of what play to do after Arsenic and Old Lace, the Sunlake Dramahawks knew what they needed to do.

"In the beginning of the school year, I wanted the kids to write a play because I felt it would really build up the Drama program at Sunlake," said Mrs. Usry. "People thought we may



The Dramahawks gather after a successful show.

## Through the Summer Heat

By Amanda Albrecht

Through the summer heat, Sunlake's Sourcing Sound stops at nothing to perfect their art. Even as sweat drips from their heads and the weight of each instrument becomes unbearable, no matter what conditions they face, our Band stays strong.

"Between the time practicing with the band and learning new material on your own, it really takes more out of your schedule that most people realize," said freshman Julia Santos. "We put all our blood, sweat, and tears into this program. The Band works just as hard as any sports team."

Throughout the summer and fall season, the musical Seahawks have to be extremely committed to their team during three hour-a-day practices.

"It's a lot of hard work, but when competitions come up, all of us are very confident that we will do well. Being able to have something you're really good at gives you're a sense of accomplishment," said sophomore Libbi Ponce.

"No one is left behind. We all help each other with school work, learning a new piece of music, or just about anything," said junior Josh Vega.

The band loves to goof off and joke around before their big performances.

"Our inside jokes are the best. It's just great to have a laugh before going up on stage; it makes you feel less nervous," said freshman Nicole Mooradian.

Music isn't the only thing the Sunlake Band has to offer; Color Guard helps make each band performance complete. The color guard can really put on a show with crazy rifle tosses and creative dances that tell a story.

"I put my own style of dance into each performance and girls scream my name when the flag starts spinning. It's an overall exciting sport," said senior Miguel Cobar.

When members were asked about color guard they agreed there is never a dull moment.

Band Director Mrs. O'Malley gives 100 percent every day to guide her students in the right direction. The Sunlake Band and Color Guard continue to soar in all competitions, placing high and leaving with superior rankings and excellent results. All the work finally pays off when the proud musicians can add another award to their trophy case and announce their title as the best band of Pasco County.



Mrs. Garcia works with Mrs. Black to send college transcripts.

## Guidance Office Shows Way

By Autumn Darrigo

Time is ticking to graduation day, phones calls ringing off the hook and questions flood in. The guidance department is a vital, yet stressful addition to the learning community at Sunlake High School.

Looking back at the graduated seniors from past years, the guidance counselors of Sunlake use their knowledge from past success to lead remaining classes into future achievements.

Between the hormones and day-to-day drama, guidance provides a safe and welcoming attitude and is always seeking opportunities to advise to the best of their abilities.

"The success that comes out of the battles faced is worth every second spent," said counselor Mrs. Black.

Dealing with ACT and SAT prep, emails and phone calls constantly, and scholarship applicants, Mrs. Black, the career specialist, is one busy bee. Another major part of her routine duty is meeting with students about whatever their day may bring to the table.

The most credible advice that Black suggests is "while today is very important, high school is like a grain of sand; you still have so much success ahead of you." Black is here to lead students out of the many funks faced, and into the idea of seeing a brighter future within their high school experience.

Panicking thoughts of the future, constant pressure, and time ticking to the day you accept your diploma, but, luckily, there is much help on the way.

Sophomore Brianna German said, "The most efficient part of guidance is having the security of fixing grades and having the ability to express info that will stay secure."

Peeking ahead into the future, Maria Kase, a sophomore, is anticipating much prosperity in her near future. Kase also said, "good advice is always given my way when visiting the offices of the counselors. I am very grateful for having the capability of attaining professional, reliable assistance."

Tenth grade guidance counselor Mr. Dillinger added, "Everyday is full of surprises which definitely keeps my job on the interesting side of things."

The pressure is on in this career. Concerned parents, curious students and the time to fit this all into one school day is a constant struggle. In the end, however, Dillinger declares that seeing the ultimate success that comes out of this day to day combat is worth all the work.



The Sunlake Band marches in position while playing their Edgar Allan Poe themed performance.

# From High School to College: And the Journey In Between

By Jonathan Acosta

As is the case with many things, when you accomplish something that you've looked forward to achieving, it is a wonderful feeling. However, no goals are reached easily. All goals take hard work, and acceptance to an ideal college is no exception.

It's why students work hard to keep their grades up for all four years. It's why they're willing to sacrifice weekends in order to complete projects, knowing that it will all eventually pay off.

"I had to take a lot of hard classes and I had a lot of homework, so I guess I sacrificed sleep," said senior Christine Rodhouse. "Also, sometimes I couldn't hang out with friends because I had to study."



Christine Rodhouse and Courtney Fritz pose at the college fair.

Most college dreams start in high school. For these students, the motivation to do well came from the will to eventually get a well-paying job.

"I figured out I want to be a doctor, so I had to keep my grades up so I could get a good education," said Rodhouse.

Dunleavy agreed that the motivation was his future unknown job. "My motivation was simply wanting to get into college and eventually get a good job," he said.

For senior Deidre Yocum, her motivation was the idea that she could be rewarded for her academic success. "My motivations were to graduate, to get the Summa Cum Laude, and to graduate in the top ten of my class," she said.

The college process isn't easy, and can be quite stressful for some people, especially if they hold off the process until late in their senior year, but it can also be a learning experience.

"It's been stressful because of all the big decisions, but it also taught me that you have to have a plan so you can do what to do," said Rodhouse.

For Yocum, she has seen the benefits of not procrastinating with her application process. "It's been stressful, but it's taught me not to procrastinate because I did my applications in August, and my friends are hurrying up to do their applications, while I've been here pretty much stress free," she said.

Now, they will enjoy the fruit of their hard work. They all plan on going to a big university in Florida.

"I'm probably going to UCF because a lot of my friends are going there and I liked it a lot better than the others," said Dunleavy.

Rodhouse plans to stay a little closer to home. "I'm most likely going to USF because it has more advantages like scholarships," said Rodhouse.



Students fill out forms for colleges at the

Dunleavy advises to focus on many of colleges. "I would advise them to apply to more colleges than they think that they'll get accepted to. Pretty much, just apply to as many places as possible," he said.

As for what they look forward to, they offer different things they're happy about. I'm looking forward to growing up, making my own life, plus new friends and new experiences," said Rodhouse.



Nathalie Ocampo visits the college fair.

Yocum also plans on staying close as she will be attending USF, also. "I'm going to USF because I can go there for free and they gave me the best opportunities for honors and stuff of that nature," she said.

For juniors and sophomores, the most common advice they give is for them to do their homework on scholarships and universities before actually starting the college application process.

"There are a lot of scholarships out there for sophomores and juniors on websites and the money is held until you need it," said Yocum.

# Seahawks Accepted To College



Athena Gembutis  
 Sara French  
 Julia Martinez  
 Sam Gregory  
 Joey Dunleavy  
 Nathalie Ocampo  
 Taylor Jones  
 Jordan Stone  
 Kelley Devoe  
 Brandon Burke  
 Lauren Sprague



Kristen Schade  
 Julia Martinez  
 Nathalie Ocampo  
 Sara French  
 Dede Yocum  
 Garrett Mogab  
 Jennifer Petersen  
 Antonio Casto  
 Winnifer Petersen  
 Sam Gregory  
 Taylor Jones  
 Christine Rodhouse



Joe Krepela  
 Jennifer Petersen  
 Winnifer Petersen  
 Rachel Floyd  
 Sara French



Katelyn Nguyen  
 Nathalie Ocampo  
 Jennifer Petersen  
 Winnifer Petersen  
 Carolsun Rajan  
 Julia Martinez



Dede Yocum  
 Ashelynn Hanold  
 Brandi Travis  
 Alex Hanold  
 Connor Gilboy  
 Robyn Bhairo  
 Lauren Stoneley  
 Rachel Thibeau  
 Reesie Owens  
 Rachel Floyd



Nathalie Ocampo  
 Rachel Floyd  
 Jill Wegner  
 Nick Ona

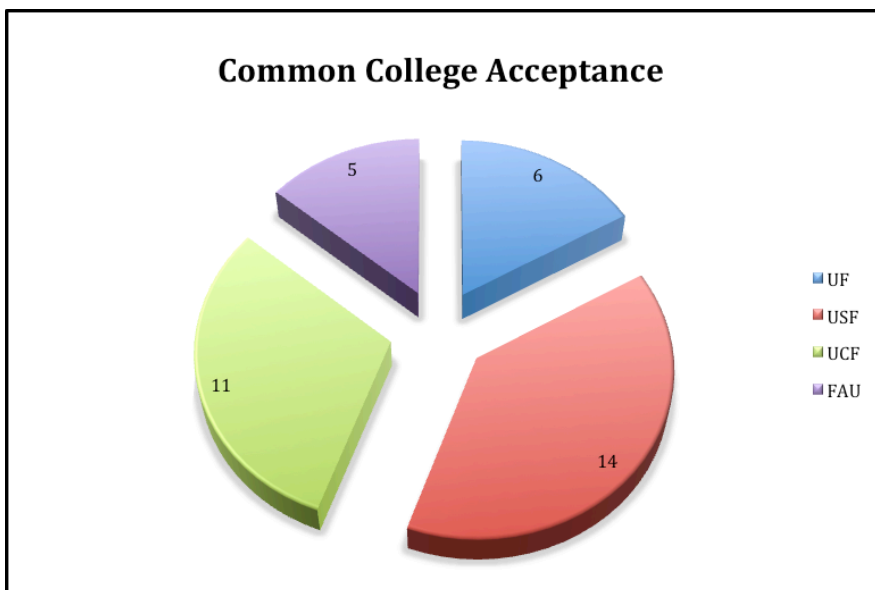
## Other Schools:

Jesse Yarbrough- University of North Florida  
 Shanel Sabino- Florida Atlantic University  
 Absalaam Thomas- Florida International University  
 Joe Krepela- Florida State University  
 Deidre Yocum- Tulane, Ohio State University  
 Alex Pasarello- U.S. Army

Keegan Murray- Florida Gulf Coast University  
 Jennifer Petersen- Florida International University  
 Julia Martinez- University of Alabama  
 Winnifer Petersen- Florida International University, Jacksonville University  
 Austin Sanders- Daytona State  
 Alexis Curinga- University of Jacksonville

Ozzy Lastra- U.S. Marine Corps  
 Rachel Floyd- George Mason, University of Alabama  
 Nicole Harder- University of West Florida  
 Katarina Praise- St. Leo University  
 Lauren Sprague- St. Leo University  
 Sara French- Florida Southern College  
 Eddie Burgos- Central Methodist  
 Briana Demello- Eckerd College

Maricarmen Cruz- Florida International University  
 Brandon Jungbauer- St. Leo University  
 Brianna Ellis- Paul Mitchell  
 Darren Bainbridge- Florida Gulf Coast University  
 Jasmine Parker- University of West Florida, Florida Gulf Coast  
 Stephanie Frances- Jacksonville University  
 Christian Rivera- U.S. Army





Assistant Principal Mr. Brady radios the staff.

## Brady Breaks Free From AP Stereotype

By Taylor Norberg

As an Assistant Principal, Mr. Brady, is in charge of keeping the school up and running. Aside from the dedication and seriousness he applies to the job, he also contributes a sense of humor.

Not only is he known for his skill with analyzing data and his focus on school improvement, but for his memorable charisma as well.

When Mr. Brady came to Sunlake, the staff claims he helped unify the school's administrative team.

Mrs. Ochs said, "He is more than willing to pick up tasks in a timely manner and works well with others."

Mr. Brady's close friend, Mr. Aguiar, said being an AP involves stress caused by juggling students, parents and staff.

Mr. Aguiar explained how Mr. Brady is able to creatively keep the school running smoothly. Aside from the fact that Mr. Brady is a diligent worker, Mr. Aguiar also said, "He's a great source of comedic relief."

Mr. Brady said he has a good relationship with the students. He added that he's worked with teens from other schools and has had some of the best experiences at Sunlake.

He even supports the soccer team regularly; attending home games and cheering the team on all the way to states.

Connor Spencer, a junior soccer player, said, "I saw him do a backflip once."

Mr. Brady often refers to his tattoo which has the first two lines to Dante's Inferno.

"It's about making tough decisions," Brady said. "It relates more universally to his life than about being an assistant principal."

## Speaking With Hands

By Alexandra DeHoyos

As they sign, our students in the American Sign Language program can enjoy becoming an actor for the moment while allowing those who have impaired hearing enjoy a show they may usually not understand.

They embody the personalities of the characters they are signing for at any show so that everyone in the audience can be equally enlightened by the performance put on by Lowry Park Zoo and even the Florida Aquarium, as well as our fellow students.

"This program has inspired me to become an interpreter," said senior Juan Acevedo. "If it wasn't for the ASL program, I probably would have chosen a different career."

Through this program, and Mrs. Leslie's guidance, Sunlake's students have been able to make our society more aware of American Sign Language. They have also helped make our society more aware of those who have impaired hearing.

"A lot of students in this program devote their time to exposing American Sign Language by volunteering for the deaf," said Mrs. Leslie. "We've signed at many shows at Busch Gardens, Lowry Park Zoo, and the Florida Aquarium in Tampa Bay."

The students in this program clearly enjoy volunteering. They enjoy knowing that they are helping those who may be ignored.

"This class is extremely interesting and volunteering is always a good experience,"



Rachel Fusco signs at the Florida Aquarium.

said senior Alyssa Chase. "especially at the aquarium."

Not only do the students in this program sign when volunteering, but they also sign when engaging in everyday activities.

"Because of the ASL program I can communicate with the deaf community," said senior Alex Hanold. "It allows me to make a different group in our society feel welcomed, even while I am at work."

There is no doubt that Sunlake's student-led American Sign Language program has been successful. As a program that also serves as an elective course, it has greatly impacted the lives of many, including Sunlake students.



Reporter Giulia has her temperature taken by the nurse.

## A "Sick" Trip To Clinic

By Giulia Okoniewski

Everyone has those days where they just don't feel like they can make it through. Luckily, we have Mrs. Heule in the Sunlake clinic to help care for the students.

Mr. Brady said, "One year there was a girl who had an allergy and happened to come into contact with that allergen. Luckily Mrs. Heule was ready for it; she had Benadryl in the Clinic and gave it to the girl. That just might have saved her life."

Mrs. Heule, the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) at Sunlake, said she "really enjoys working with the kids and that the most rewarding part is ensuring that the kids are healthy and knowing you can help them."

Although she said that it is very difficult knowing if the kids are faking being sick or if they are actually sick and needing to go home.

Besides being able to help the kids at Sunlake she enjoys having such a lenient schedule, as in being able to have the summers off.

Andre Spain, a senior, said, "She is like a mom, very caring and is easy to talk to." He said that she gives heating pads and lets you take a nap in the clinic if you are feeling sick.

Athena Gembutis, a senior, said "I love when I go to the clinic and Mrs. Heule greets em by name and makes me feel very welcomed."

The nurse is very giving and helpful unless you don't have a med. card filled out which is for your own protection so you don't accidentally take a medicine that you are allergic to.

Athena gave a nice tip, to "Make sure you sign in to the clinic or you will be waiting there forever."

# Sports

*“Next season we’re going to have 15 seniors. 15 seniors who aren’t gonna want to lose.”*

## Boys Soccer Team Dominates The County

By Sarah Rodhouse

The crowd cheered as each name was called. The players ran out one by one, with huge smiles on every face. Sunlake High School history was being made. The Varsity Boy’s Soccer team was the first sport (other than football) to have their own pep rally. This was due to them being the first SLHS team to make it all the way to the state semifinals. After becoming the regional champions with a 30-0 record, they unfortunately suffered their first loss at the semi-finals to Ponte Vedra High.

“We did really swell this season,” Freshman Daniel Hrenko said. “But I wish we could have won that last game.”

Junior stopper Ryan Norberg added, “Besides going 30-0 in the regular season, the pep rally is my favorite memory from this season.”

In some sports, the season can have a rough start. Not for the Seahawks; they started winning right away and didn’t stop. They went undefeated in the regular season and broke many records along the way. Senior Connor Gilboy holds the county record for the most goals, scoring 60 this season. Sophomore Connor Spencer comes in second, with 38 goals. Even a freshman broke records.

“I had twenty-two shutouts,” goalkeeper Hrenko said. “It really helped us to win.”

After such a great season this year, the Seahawks are all eagerly awaiting the next. Although the seniors (including Gilboy) will be missed, the underclassmen on the team are prepared to win.

“I feel like if we work hard we can make it to states. I really hope we do,” said sophomore Cobi Shirmohammad.

Fellow Sophomore Chris Wilkinson said, “We’re going even farther next season. We will continue to get better as we go along.” Norberg added, “Next season we’re going to have 15 seniors. 15 seniors who aren’t gonna want to lose.”



*Connor Gilboy kicks the ball towards the goal.*



*Chris Wilkinson approaches the ball to set up the play.*

## Lady Seahawks Have Best Season Ever

By Kyler Bruce

The Varsity Girls Soccer team made a little history of its won this year. The Lady Seahawks finished with a winning record and earned their first playoff berth.

They definitely earned all of their accomplishments. Hard practices, injuries on and off the field, and sickness plagued the team this year, but our Lady Seahawks still stuck with it and did their best to make this the greatest season yet.

“Our motto was ‘first to the ball and last to give up’, and this season the girls definitely played like that,” said Coach Finan with a grin on her face.

One trial the Lady Seahawks had to overcome was the district semifinal against Pasco. They won 2-0 and put themselves into District Championship.

“The Pasco game was definitely a rough game, with two injured players and our main defender sick, it was definitely one of the harder games,” said junior Katelynn Jackson.

With the many difficult games, the Lady Seahawks had to get through, they certainly showed their skill to the other teams.

“I particularly think that our game against Wiregrass was our best game, even though we lost, because we came together as a team to win. Without that game who knows if we would have played as well as we did,” said freshman Reagan Gorion.

Their experience this year will absolutely motivate them to excel next year.

“I’m going to keep on playing soccer next year because of that little taste of what it is like to be with a team and what it’s like to almost get to the top.” Said Emily Higgins.



*Kim Devoe and Dariana Tirado pass the ball to each other.*



*Jessica Haney and Emily Higgins use teamwork to confuse the competition.*

# Seahawks Go The Distance

By Brandi Patwelek

Cross Country was an enormous success this year as many of the runners drove themselves hard and brought pride to our school as a whole during conference this year. Stephen Brown and Andrew Vasquez ranked in the top fifteen runners in the entire county and serve as an inspiration for runners next year.

Sunlake Cross Country received 6th place out of 11 other schools in attendance at conference this year. All runners broke their own personal records throughout their time in Cross Country this year and met each of their personal goals.

Cross Country has been both a unique and special experience to each of the runners. For many of them, Cross Country has strengthened friendships and created new ones. Cross Country has been a catalyst in bringing people together regardless of their age and social standing.

Ninth grader Chris Shrewsberry commented on how great it was being in Cross Country and spending time with close friends who motivated one another to achieve better times and better themselves.

In many of the runner's opinions Pasco proved to be the most formidable adversary. This rivalry sparks determination in the runners returning next year to continue to improve themselves and push to better their times.

The success of Sunlake's Cross Country team serves as inspiration to upcoming runners and those who wish to join. Newcomers will find the friendly atmosphere both welcoming and refreshing where competition is important but the friendships made are the true prize.



*Stephen Brown races to the finish.*

holds high hopes for the team next year as well as the new and upcoming runners who will try out for the team next year. He added, "As the year went on the team did nothing but improve, they just kept getting better and better."

The coach also encourages new runners and hopes next year's team will be even bigger and through hard work and determination achieve victory at conference. Anyone who shares a passion for running please contact Coach Koleduk to participate in Cross Country.



*Vince Bos runs against different schools.*

As the New Year approaches runners are excited and determined to improve from this year. Many wishing to triumph over personal best set during this year and bring pride to our school at conference.

Coach Koleduk showed great pride in all of the athletes on the team this year. He



*The wrestlers tackles their opponents.*

# JV Wrestlers Look To Bright Future

By Kaylee Browne

Wrestling is the definition of dedication and pure determination. From having

to cut weight to meet certain standards or the challenges of the opponents you face. Sunlake's JV wrestling team is all this in a nutshell, having a successful season. All the wrestlers have an optimistic outlook for next year.

Coach Rapp, a new coach, has really made a difference for the team overall. He has helped them as a team and also individually.

Junior wrestler Blake Jennings said he "disciplines me and gives me constructive criticism when I need it most."

This kind of support guides the wrestlers to try their best and have a new edge. The team also has its fun times and most of those are at the meets themselves.

Corey Won, a sophomore, said, "I'm not a stud at wrestling, but the meets are pretty fun with my friends."

There does come challenges with this sport, but this doesn't slow down the wrestlers. Each individual has his own issue to overcome.

Joe Nino, a sophomore, explains the challenges he faced during the season the most. He said, "I enjoy getting to wrestle. The only down side is having to wake up early on the weekends."

Having family and friends come out to the wrestler's meets really can make a difference for some boys. Won said, "Yeah, the time is tough, but having my big brother there kind of motivates me to wake up and focus on bringing home a win."

Jennings, takes his sport very seriously and puts forth all his focus to get past his troubles. He said, "I have a high metabolism, so cutting weight isn't that hard for me. But overall the competition and who I challenge is an obstacle I have to overcome."



*The team huddles together before the big meet.*

These Seahawks have great talent. All the boys know how to have a little fun when but also know when it's time to crack down and take home a win. With a well-played year, the boys all have a good outlook for next year's season.

# MOVIES

**M**ovies are a large part of the American culture. Whether it's hanging out with friends in your footie pajamas watching Netflix, or going on your first date to the local movie theater, movies are a part of life. There are many varieties of movies from different genres. There is romance, action, comedy, horror, and more. There's a movie for every type of person to enjoy.



## Movie Favorites

When talking to the student body of Sunlake High School, there was a liking for every genre. Many of the girls we talked to leaned towards Romance, with one exception.

"The Notebook is definitely my favorite," says Sunlake Spanish teacher Mr. Ricabal. "I love the story and the actors' chemistry."

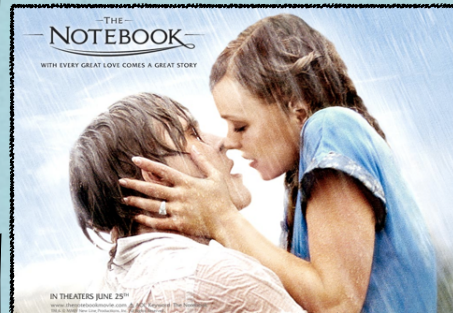
On the other hand, the boys favored the action and horror movies (shocking, right?). Among the favorites were Transformers, Scarface, and the Fast and Furious series. Unlike when we asked the girls, the guy's answers tended to be short and to the point.

"Because I like robots," Will Alvarez said referring to his favorite, Transformers.

Keith Szymanowski enjoys the Fast and Furious films because "they have nice cars."

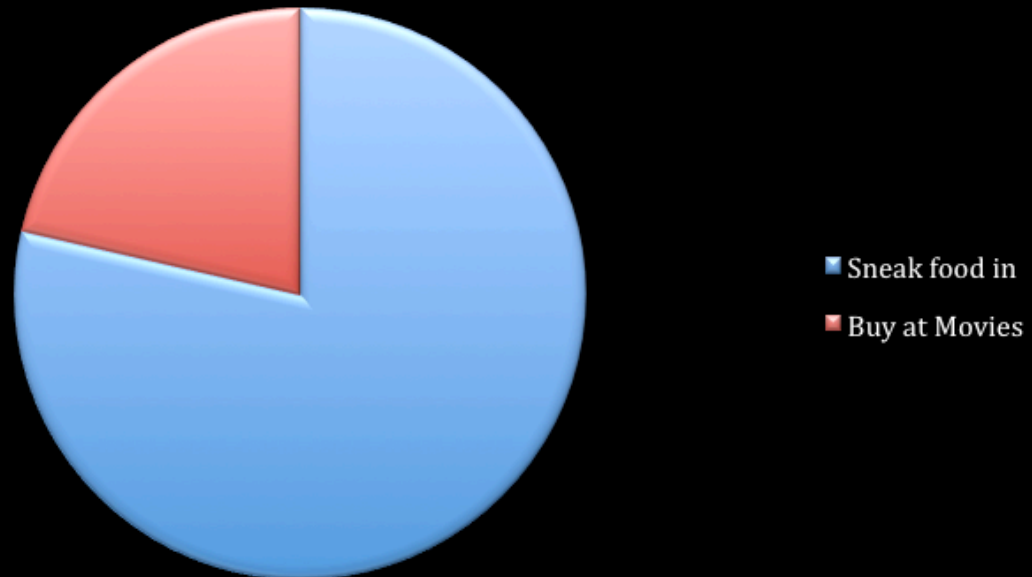
There's always a common ground between boys and girls. In this case, it is the comedy genre. When asking Torrie Pound and Austin Goble, their favorites were Anchorman and Mean Girls. Mean Girls was one of the top contenders, along with the recent release, Pitch Perfect.

Jamie Sturgess and Nicole Sanchez love Pitch Perfect because it is "acca-hilarious."



# Spend or Sneak?

## Buying food at Movies Vs. Sneaking it in



Aside from favorites, the question of whether to buy your snacks at the theater or sneak them in is always important.

The majority of people said that they always sneak their food in.

“I’m 16, I’m not made of money. The movie theater prices are way too expensive,” said Carolsun Rajan.

As the pie chart below shows, 11 people said they sneak their food in, while only 3 said they purchase it there. How do they manage to sneak it in through the strict Movie theater security? Some said they put it in their purse (or their girlfriend’s). Others had different methods.

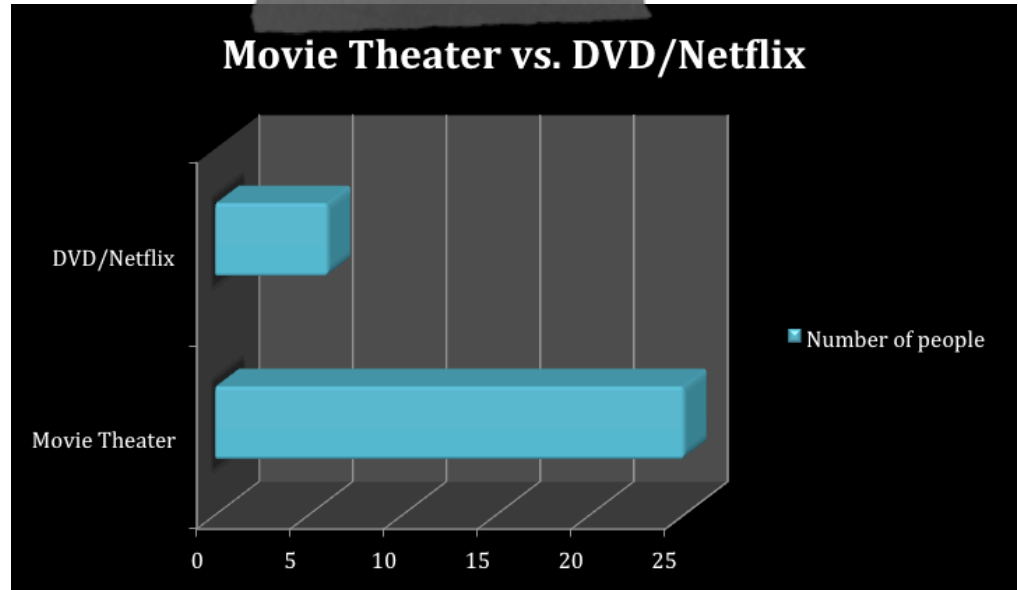
“Instead of sneaking in snacks, I take advantage of free refills. My friends and I buy one popcorn then pour it into plastic bags. We take turns going back and getting free refills,” said Sara Sturgess.

# ABOUT US



**Editors: Jillian Scalise (left), a junior, and Sarah Rodhouse (right), a sophomore both enjoy movies. Sarah tries to catch the latest movies in the theater. Jillian prefers movies at home with her Mom. Both list Pitch Perfect as their current favorite.**

## Home Theater vs. Movie Theater



WITH THE MOVIE THEATERS' OUTRAGEOUS PRICES, SOME PEOPLE DECIDE NOT TO GO AT ALL.

When talking to Sunlake students and teachers, six of them said they wait for it to come out on DVD or Netflix and watch it at home. However, 25 said they enjoy the social aspect of going to the movies with their friends. Of the people that prefer staying in, they feel it is better because you can be as loud as you want without getting kicked out, enjoying the comfort of your home, and you don't even have to wear pants!

"I enjoy being able to pause the movie and do whatever I want without being judged," said Mackenzie Jones.

On the other hand, many teenagers like to go out with their friends to the theater. They like to see other people's reactions and the big screen makes them feel as if they're in the movie.

"The screen is larger and the effect of the movie is better than at home," said Harrison Weeks.