


Paw Prints



October 15 through November 15

By Giuliana Stanko, Hailey Gonzalez, Oscar Franko, Kayla Martin, Mia Parra

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October 14	15	16	17	18
	CHOC Club STEM Club	Cross Country Meet Dungeons and Dragons Club	Jaguar Jog Pep Rally EARLY RELEASE First quarter ends	NO SCHOOL Teacher Planning Day
21	22	23	24	25
Anime Club	2nd quarter starts CHOC Club	D & D Red Ribbon Week: "Too Bright For Drugs"- wear neon	First Priority Speech and Debate Red Ribbon Week: "Team Up Against Drugs"-wear a Jersey	Red Ribbon Week: "Peace Out To Drugs"- wear tie dye or peace sign Hunman Relations
28	29	30	31	November 1
Anime Club Red Ribbon Week: "Proud To Be Drug Free"- wear red	CHOC Red Ribbon Week- "Be A Jeanious, Don't Do Drugs"- wear appropriate jeans	D & D	 First priority Speech and Debate Halloween!	24th Annual Jaguar Jog
4	5	6	7	8
Anime Club	CHOC Club STEM	D & D NJHS	First Priority Speech and Debate	
11	12	13	14	15
NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day	CHOC Club STEM	D & D	First Priority Speech and Debate	

This is an exciting month, with the 24th annual Jaguar Jog on November 1, and Red Ribbon Week leading up to it. Red Ribbon Week is an out of uniform week when students are able to wear themed shirts to help promote being drug free. Uniform bottoms are required every day!

Many club meetings take place this month, as well as volleyball tryouts (see page 11 for details). Have a Happy Halloween!

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Ian Murray, Principal
 Ms. Irene Ortiz, 8th grade AP
 Ms. Karen Birke, 7th grade AP
 Mr. David Greenfield, 6th grade AP

CURIOUS ABOUT CLUBS

By: Abigail Nicolas

Clubs are a unique way for students to express themselves. They can join a club and meet new friends with similar interests, or they can discover an interest in something they would've never participated in. With clubs, anything is possible, and with an array of great choices, it's hard to choose just one.

Anime club is run by Ms. Munoz in room 184 on Mondays. Anime club was started to create a place where students can discuss Japanese culture, trends, and animation. Munoz was inspired to make this club from her own love for anime. Last year, anime started late, but they were still able to watch anime, make a short film for the talent show, and have many celebrations. This year, they are planning to do much more, such as making more short films and doing some art projects. From chilling around to participating in school events, the Anime Club is a good choice.

Student Council is run by Dr. Watson in room 161. Student Council is the link between administration and the student body. It was created to get students more involved in the school, develop leadership skills, and to meet new people. They find ways to improve the school and do community service projects while taking part in things greater than themselves. Leadership training and helping the people around them, that's what Student Council does.

Dungeons and Dragons, or D&D Club, is run by Ms. Carter in room 510 on Wednesdays. D&D Club is a place where students can come and take part in the role playing game, Dungeons and Dragons. It's a warm and welcoming environment for students in all grade levels. Ms. Carter founded this club from her own love for D&D. when she told her own students about it, it was shown that they also have a fondness for D&D and she decided to make a club for them to play. Going on an adventure with your friends and rolling garbage throws, this is what D&D Club is for.

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), is run by Ms. Nortmann in room 194. NJHS is a service club at Indian Ridge Middle School. It's an 8th grade club you are invited to join based off your academic performance. In it, you help the community and help teachers. Ms. Nortmann is sponsoring it at our school as it is a nationally recognized club. They run the Harvest Drive and do Beach Clean-ups; they even collect socks to donate to the homeless. NJHS is a club to help the common good.

There is a wide array of clubs being introduced or re-introduced this year. Whichever choice you choose, it's still a good impact on our school, our community, and your own well-being.

The first meeting of the Dungeons and Dragons Club was a success with the entire room filled
Photo taken by, Andrew Hutchins



This is the Anime club teacher Ms. Munoz in the class room where club.
Photo taken by Kaylin Hadbafnick

GET AHEAD OF YOUR FRIENDS WITH THESE COURSES

By Caroline Walsh

Indian Ridge Middle School offers many high school credit courses to 7th and 8th graders. The courses that are offered are Algebra 1 Honors, Biology, Debate, Geometry, Journalism, Spanish, Speech, and Yearbook. In order to graduate high school, you need to earn 24 high school credits, so taking these courses gives you a headstart!

The Algebra 1 math course is available to 7th and 8th graders. Geometry is the second level math course in high school. Students that took Algebra 1 in 7th grade can take this course in 8th grade. Biology is available to 8th graders. Ms. Green, the biology teacher, said, "The requirements to get into this class are [that] students need to get A's in 7th grade science. Also, they need high reading and math scores." The Debate course is only available to 8th graders. The speech class is only available to students in 7th grade. According to the speech teacher Ms. Kannal, to get into the class 6th graders must audition in the spring. Journalism is a seventh-grade elective. To get in, students must submit an application that includes a newspaper article which they created. Yearbook is a course that is only available to 8th



Students are required to practice public speaking in Speech and Debate, one of Indian Ridge's electives.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE INDIAN RIDGE ELECTIVE CARD?

By Elijah Forst

We have tons of new electives at Indian Ridge this year, ranging from Jazz Band to Entrepreneurship. All the new electives are great, but the focus of this article are Jazz Band and TV Production. Jazz Band is one of the band classes that will play at school events and other shows. TV Production will record film and present it to the school. Ms. Didier, the teacher for TV Production, said that Mr. Murray (our principal) ordered the supplies and resources for a TV Productions class since he had a similar class at his previous school. Currently in TV Productions kids are learning how to manage and use equipment properly. There also figuring out who will be doing what role. The class consists of 7th and 8th graders. Expect to see TV Production morning announcements coming soon! Mr. Williams, the teacher for jazz band, said, "Jazz Band was needed." There was a Jazz Band club that met in the mornings last year but that was not enough. In the Jazz Band class, they play all types of instruments. According to Mr.



The jazz band works hard to perfect their music.

Photo taken by Owen Melville

VSCO or NO GO?

THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT BEING

By Giuliana Brosz

"And I oop, sksksk." That's the sound of a VSCO girl. VSCO girls have been a major topic in the social media industry this year. Abigail Perez says, "VSCO is annoying and that they only use metal straws for attention." 100% of the people that we interviewed are not VSCO and think they're just trying to get attention. Maci Helfan was the only person who said VSCO is a "cool app." A lot of people are saying that VSCO girls are "trying" to save the turtles but in the meantime, they're using non-ecofriendly products.

VSCO girls are hated now because they say they want to save the planet by using Hydro flask's and metal straws. As stated on TheCut.com, "If I had to sum up what a 'VSCO girl' is in one word, it would be 'basic.'" As you may know, vSCO girls put on A LOT of makeup, but new research says they are using non-ecofriendly makeup. But, if you think about it, VSCO girls have decreased the amount of turtle deaths by 16%. Also, most VSCO girls are friendly and caring. And overall, VSCO girls have a major impact on the ocean and according to scientists, the amount of sea life death is decreasing.



Photo taken by Ashley Ottey

HERE COME THE VSCO GIRLS WITH THEIR HYDRO FLASKS, SCRUNCHIES, AND STICKERS!

By Nhu Lee

Recently, VSCO has become a trend in the social media industry. In my opinion, VSCO is just an app, but others see it a lifestyle. I believe that VSCO is just something to keep people busy. VSCO is a waste of money and isn't really helping anything. These teens claim that they are using Hydro flasks and metal straws, but in my defense, they're not. They do it to look cool and to be involved in the trend. When I interviewed Savannah Montag, she said that they were annoying and only did it to look cool, be funny, and be trendy.

I think that VSCO is overrated and the things that are apparently "VSCO " are overpriced. Ever since the app has become a trend, people think that it's necessary to raise the amount of money for the items. VSCO girls are preaching all these things and saying to save the turtles, but why aren't they using eco-friendly makeup? Are they using metal straws just to fit in and keep up with the trend? Yes, they are. I interview a class and when I asked, "Do you think that VSCO girls are actually using these items to help save the turtles?", 7 out of the 42 think that they are. That's 1/6 of the people in the class. In my opinion, that doesn't seem like what they are doing is effective. In all, VSCO is not actually helping anything, except their own popularity.

What Color Are You Based on Your Personality?

By Anastasia Spraker and Maryn Buchsbaum

1. What do you like to do after school?
A. Hang out with my friends
B. Read a book or watch TV
C. Any type of sport

2. What do you do when you hear someone's been talking behind your back?
A. Forgive them
B. Don't talk about it
C. Confront them

3. What's your favorite school subject/activity?
A. Lunch
B. One of my core classes
C. My electives

4. What club are you in or would you like to join?
A. CHOC
B. Book club
C. Student Council

5. If you're given a gift you don't like, how do you react?
A. Pretend you love it
B. Don't say anything
C. Tell them this isn't what you wanted

Mostly A's: You are yellow! - You are fun, bright and friendly. You're the life of the party!

Mostly B's: You are blue! - You are quiet and introverted. You like to keep to yourself.

Mostly C's: You are red! - You are confident, assertive, and straight to the point. You like to speak your

Start

By Daniella Valdiviesoo,, Danielle Glen,
Maya Hnliug

Do you have scrunchies?

YES

NO

Originality is the best formality!

YES

Do you have the app VSCO?

NO

Do you have a wildflower case?

YES

NO

You're VSCO!!
skskksksk

Maybe try again when you have a wildflower case.

Do you have crocs?

YES

NO

Get VSCO app NOW!!!!

It's ok. You are still cool!

ARE YOU VSCO?



Do You Want The New Iphone 11?

By Anastasia Spraker and Maryn Buchsbaum



28%

Say yes

72%

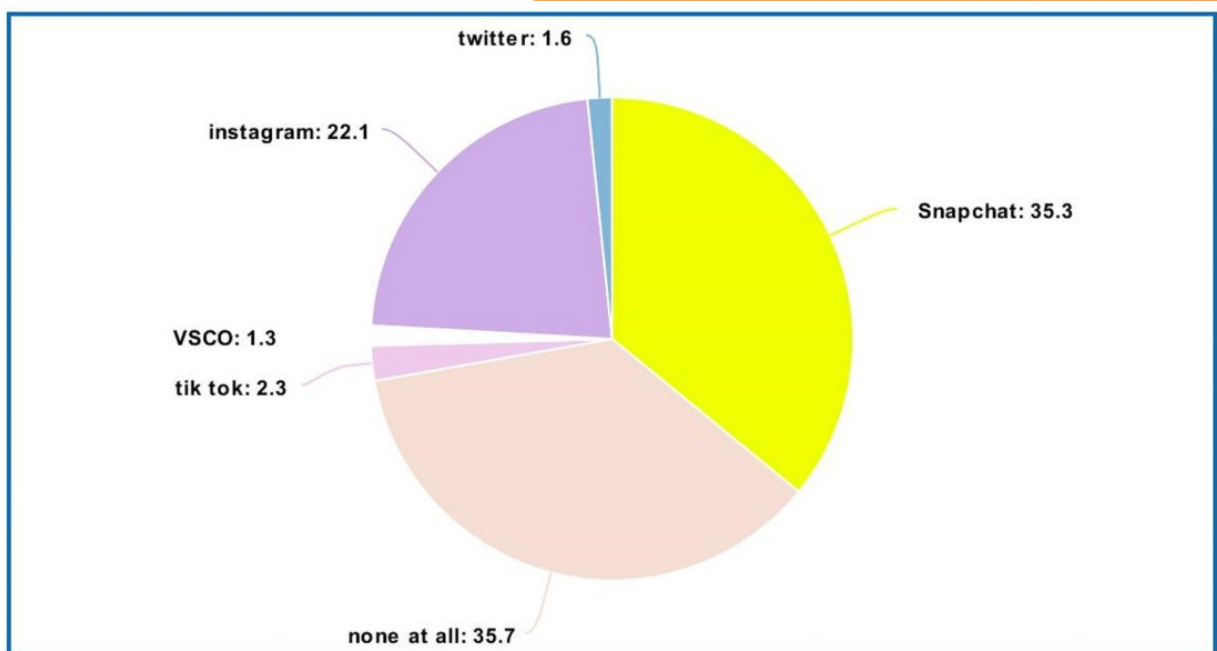
Say no



The new iPhone 11 came out September 20th, but is surrounded by controversy because of the way it looks. Some people think the phone is ugly, and others like it for its new features. We surveyed 140 Indian Ridge students to find out how many of them want the new iPhone 11 and how many don't.

What social media do you use most?

By Daniella Valdivieso, Dnielle Glen and Maya Halcuig



■ Snapchat ■ none at all ■ tik tok ■ VSCO ■ Instagram ■ twitter

The Player That Has No Team

By Jorden Streisfeld

Antonio Brown, a popular NFL wide receiver who grew up in South Florida, is currently without a team. He was previously on the Oakland Raiders, but was released on September 18, 2019. Brown was suspended after missing training camp and later proceeded to argue with the team's general management, resulting in his permanent dismissal. Only a few hours after being cut, Brown was picked up by the New England Patriots on a \$15 million contract for one year, plus a \$9 million signing bonus.

Brown is currently 31 years old. He was born in Liberty City, a Miami neighborhood. Brown attended Miami Norland High School where he competed in both football and track, officially starting his athletic career. He went to Central Michigan University and Louisiana Tech University. Brown has four children: Autonomy Brown, Antanyiah Brown, Antonio Brown Jr., and Ali Brown, who he supports by playing football.

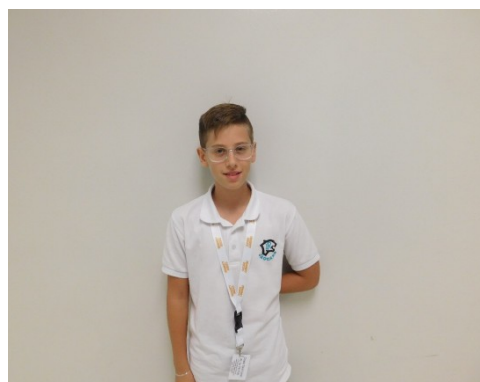
Recent reports explained that the Patriots have now released Brown as well after numerous allegations about his inappropriate conduct. In addition, there are rumors that he will be quitting the NFL as a whole. "[I] will not be playing in the NFL anymore... these owners can cancel deals, do whatever they want at anytime... we will see if the NFLPA [NFL Players Association] hold them accountable," Brown wrote in a Twitter post on Sunday morning. However, the Washington Post suggests that it is unlikely the star player will truly quit, stating that he has already begun discussing a potential return to the game in the upcoming weeks.

Landon Smallman
6th Grader

Alon Reggev
7th Grader



Smallman thinks that Brown should not have been released because Brown is one of the best wide receivers in the league. If Smallman was the general manager, he would keep him and try to help him improve.



Reggev thinks that Brown shouldn't have gotten released because it was simply an argument. If Reggev was the general manager, he would keep Brown because he really helped the team and was an excellent player.



Above is a photo of Antonio Brown on the sideline while he was still playing for the New England Patriots..

Photo Credit: Getty Images

LOOKING INTO HISPANIC HERITAGE

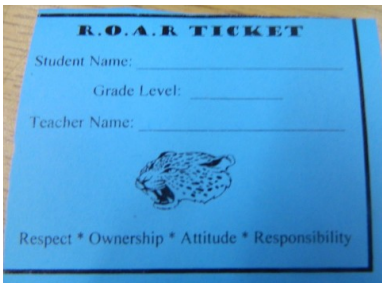
By Anjali Nori

Hispanic Heritage month began September 15th and ends October 15th. This month is used to celebrate and recognize the contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive history of our American Latino communities. This was first celebrated in 1988 and last Saturday, October 12th, Indian Ridge celebrated its 6th Hispanic Heritage Festival. Many teachers and staff members contribute their time and energy to make this festival as enjoyable as possible.

"Hispanic Heritage is celebrated nationwide. The state of Florida sends out information for teachers to use to educate their students about how Hispanics have influenced Florida, not only the culture, but the famous people, and how it's made a difference in society," Mrs. Ortiz said. The school will have food trucks, and a lot of different companies coming out to set up booths. Last year we had one lady that made Quinceanera dresses and she gave out one of her dresses, according to Ms. Ortiz. One of the many reasons this event came about is because of the mass influence these Hispanic countries have. Ms. Iniguez took part in organizing this event and explained why parents should attend. "Cause' not only is it educational, but it's a great time for celebrating these people, I think it's important the students are aware of this, and there are a lot of students in this school that are of Hispanic background, and I am as well," she disclosed. All the different activities at the festival were vibrant and inviting, and the poster board contest turned out delightful. The performances sent a message leaving many with a smile on their face, and our school can't wait for next years' Hispanic Heritage festival.



A student auditions for the Hispanic Heritage Festival.
Photo taken by Owen Melville



This is a student's ROAR ticket.
Photo taken by Catherine Truong

A ROARING COOL PRIZE SYSTEM!

By Dylan DePrimo

The hot topic on everybody's mind: R.O.A.R. tickets! (Said no one ever.) Well, our goal is to show you that R.O.A.R. tickets can make everybody a better person and allow them to earn some cool prizes while doing it. By giving teachers unlimited amounts of R.O.A.R. tickets, teachers can make as many fun ways to give them out as possible. According to Ms. Nortmann, "Teachers can use them in multiple ways, I use them as rewards for good grades, but other teachers might use them for stepping up in group work or other activities of the sort." Kids can even get tickets from faculty in the halls, by helping someone pick up dropped books or even just following the hall rules, kids can obtain tickets.

Now you might be asking, "Why do I even care? The rewards are just going to be pencils and stickers, right?" Wrong. Rewards are slowly going to increase in value. Mr. Brosz said, "PTO will be increasing the lucrateness of the prizes as the year goes on."

That's great and all, but where do we turn in tickets? According to Ms. Birke, "During lunch students can raise their hand to call for a lunch monitoring administrator, they will be holding a bright blue bag where students can deposit their tickets."

Now you have been enlightened on the topic of R.O.A.R. tickets, go spread your knowledge to your fellow students and change our school for the better!

IS TIK TOK A GOOD OR BAD THING?

By: Anna Volpe & Sophia Cadavid

Tik Tok is Positive

Tik Tok is an app that has been around for years, and now it has become a broad social media platform. On Tik Tok, people can dance, lip sync, and even create their own videos. Tik Tok is positive because people can express themselves creatively. Arianna Lancry, a student at IRMS says, "Tik Tok inspires other people to truly be themselves." It is much easier to share things online for certain people because they don't have to interact in person with most people. For some, it is extremely hard to share face-to-face because they're worried they will be judged.

Eighty percent of people say they get inspiration for their videos from other accounts. Jillian Ladue says, "I get a lot of inspiration from Hannah Riley." Hannah Riley is a popular creator. This goes to show that on Tik Tok you will be able to meet new people. One of the trends on the app is to spread positive messages to users across the Tik Tok platform. This can brighten their day and cause them to feel good about themselves. Tik Tok is a great outlet for people to express themselves and boost their social life.

Tik Tok is Negative

Tik Tok, a highly used app by students in America, has been poorly affecting students' well-being. You may have Tik Tok or know a friend that has the app. This app has not only become very popular but also very dangerous. In fact, 100% of Indian Ridge Middle School students interviewed have experienced cyberbullying and rude comments about their videos. The app promotes creativity and positivity but that's not very true for most of its users. For most videos, comments are not restricted. Therefore, mean comments are simple to add. So how can we prevent this? Lily Kasher said, "I have gotten many hate comments before and I think that Tik Tok should restrict rude words from comments." This is a great policy that could help keep users safe.

Tik Tok has also become very addicting. The average number of minutes a kid spends on Tik Tok a day is 52 minutes. This may sound like a small amount, but knowing that they use it daily raises the standards. Kids are obviously getting distracted from schoolwork or essential things they need to do. Unfortunately, social media is becoming a greater thing that most people own but it can have negatives. Like other apps, Tik Tok is eating up time and creating much bigger problems.



The logo for Tik Tok is shaped somewhat like a music symbol to show the apps use of music and creativity. Some people on Tik Tok even make music of their own. You can hear amazing covers as well.

PUZZLES AND GAMES

By Claire Shannon, Madden Edwards,
Lana Tarr, Haylee SantAntonio, and
Madison Mccachron

Word Hunt

C	F	C	R	C	P	I	R	C	U	S	D
O	A	O	A	O	O	O	Q	V	R	F	C
U	M	R	K	B	U	U	S	N	X	L	V
V	I	N	H	W	I	I	A	B	C	A	X
A	L	S	I	B	T	U	D	A	B	N	C
Y	Y	T	G	F	T	M	C	R	L	N	H
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Word Bank

- Family
- Scarecrow
- Cornstalk
- Candy
- Cobweb
- Pumpkin
- Autumn
- Harvest
- Pie
- Halloween
- Thanksgiving
- Stuffing
- Leaves
- Flannel
- Apple Bobbing
- Scarves
- Chapped Lips

Be one of the first 5 students to find two words that are hidden in the Paw Print. You need to do the following to win the prizes:

- Read Paw Prints and find the two mystery words.
- Go to Ms. Didier's room, room 135, and say the mystery words that you found in Paw Prints.
- Once you say the words, you will win candy and a super special mystery su"prize"!

Volleyball Tryout Schedule

10/28 - 6th grade boys and girls

10/29 - 7th grade boys

10/30 - 8th grade boys

11/4 - 7th grade girls

11/5 - 8th grade girls

ALL Tryouts are 4:10-5:10pm in the gym

Please be SURE that ALL of your paperwork has been CLEARED in register my athlete BEFORE tryouts, and that you have a ride IMMEDIATELY following tryouts!

