

# THE CAVALIER TIMES

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## ADVICE WORTH READING FROM 8TH GRADER, MAYA CONRAD (MC)

INTERVIEWER: EDEN WALKER (EW)

EW: Hello Cavaliers! Today I am here with my friend and fellow eighth grader, Maya Conrad!

MC: Hi everyone!

EW: Today we will be interviewing Maya about her eighth grade year so far! So Maya, you've been at Meigs for 4 years now, counting your fifth grade year. How has it been?

MC: Meigs is amazing! I've loved it from the start. The one thing is you do get more homework every year, but honestly as long as you are proactive and keep up with your work, you'll be okay.

EW: Great! Can you tell us how eighth grade is going, about your language class, favorite class, and some advice you'd give to lower grades?

MC: Eighth grade has been amazing so far. Some advice is to take good notes and study for all your tests, I promise it's worth it in the end. As far as my Spanish class, I love it as well. Taking a language is an amazing opportunity! Doing Duolingo can definitely help get a basis for your language and help you understand it better, regardless of if you take French or Spanish. You will understand your language but must be patient and do all your homework. Take advantage of your navigator time as well instead of just playing games so you won't have as much work to do at home. For my favorite class I would say social studies. I love history and I really love Ms. Verner because she always prepares you correctly for tests and seminars. When you get to her class, make sure you pay attention and "taple" things into your notebook. And remember eighth grade is only hard if you make it hard for yourself!

EW: Wow. Thank you for your time today Maya and for being willing to share some words for our Quarterly.

MC: Yes of course!

## All on Taylor

By Ellie Flint

### Taylor and Travis:

Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce have been spotted in many spots together. They seem to be getting more and more serious. Kelce just bought a \$6 million house, so when Swift visits they will have more privacy. Kelce plays better when Swift is at his game. Let's hope this works out!



### Fast Facts

Grew up on Christmas tree farm

Loves Cheesecake

She is close friends with Selena Gomez

Taylor Swift has glasses, but wears contacts in public

One of Swift's biggest fans was in the music video to shake it off

Her grandma was an opera singer, which inspired her.

At 11 she sang the star spangles banner at the 76er's game

### Continuing the Tour

In 2024, Taylor Swift plans to continue her tour in other countries.

### Fun Activity

Go to centennial park, to find a bench dedicated to Taylor Swift. Find it, post it, and write what the dedication is right here.

### Tiny Trivia

What is Taylor Swift's Fav color?

Purple

What was Taylor's job on her parents Christmas tree farm?

Picking praying mantis pods off the trees

## WACKY TEACHER FACTS

AINSLEY SPELLINGS

Teacher: Mrs. Culp, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher

Shoe Size: 8 women

Hair color: Brown

Eye color: Brown

Habit I had to break: I used to suck my thumb

If I could go back to any grade it would be fifth grade!

Favorite smell: cut grass in the summer

Questions students want to know about Mrs. Culp: Why won't she give us starburst? (Ellie Schwinn, 6<sup>th</sup> grade).

What is her favorite hairstyle? (Ellie Flint, 6<sup>th</sup> grade).

# THE SPORTS COLUMN



## CITY CHAMPIONS

COMPETING AT THE STATE LEVEL!

Congratulations to the the girls and boys cross country teams for placing 1st and 2nd in the MNPS City Tournament!

Emmy E (7), Sophie H (8), Lottie H (6), Mabel H (8), Audrey H (7), Polly K (8) and Seven W (8) completed in the TMSAA Girls State Tournament on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and placed ninth as a team. Mabel H finished her two mile race with a time of 13:46.69, placing her seventh in the state.

Luca H (8) competed in the TMSAA Boys State Tournament and finished with a time of 13:13.50, placing him forty-second in the state.



## VOLLEYBALL MNPS CITY CHAMPS

The Lady Cavaliers defeated Bellevue Middle School in the finals to earn the title of MNPS City Champions! Emma, Delilah, Malena, and Macey were apart of the All Tournament Team and Cassie was awarded tournament MVP. Kathaleeya Srisongkham had a chance to interview All Tournament player, Emma Hughes (8<sup>th</sup> grader) about her volleyball experience.

KS: "To start off, how long have you been playing volleyball?"

EH: "I have been playing volleyball for 3 and a half years."

KS: "What inspired you to start playing volleyball?"

EH: "I have always loved playing sports and I had not tried volleyball yet, but I had always wanted to try so my parents signed me up and I have played ever since."

KS: "What do you love most about volleyball?"

EH: "What I love most about volleyball is being able to play so many positions and be a part of such a talented team."

KS: "Lastly, what advice would you give to someone who is just starting out in volleyball?"

EH: "If I were to give advice to someone who is just starting, I would say to continuing practicing and if you do not get it right away it okay, everyone gets things at separate times. Also, to watch higher level volleyball. You can learn and better your play so much just from watching people with more experience."

## Q & A WITH FALL ATHLETES BY: GRACE WRIGHT

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grader, Frankie Q. Soccer

- Q: What is your favorite practice tool? A: A scrimmage
- Q: Who is your favorite team to play against? A: Wright Middle
- Q: What is your favorite position? A: Mid-Attacker

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grader, Lottie H. Cross Country

- Q: How long are your races? A: usually 2 miles
- Q: Do you like to be fast in Cross Country and if not why? A: No, I like to be fast.
- Q: Who was your inspiration to join? A: My sister Mabel does Cross Country and I like running too.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grader, Marie W. Volleyball

- Q: How long have you played Volleyball? A: About 6 years
- Q: Do you like to spike and is it fun? A: Yes, it is amazing
- Q: Who was your inspiration? A: I had a friend who moved here, but she moved again, and she really was amazing!

# GIRLS' SOCCER

GRACE WRIGHT



## EASTERN DIVISION CHAMPIONS

The girls' soccer team are the Eastern Division Champions and the MNPS city runners-ups!

Meigs beat Donelson in divisional final and came in second place to JT Moore in the city tournament. The soccer team slayed! Next time you see J.T. Moore say well be back and ready again!

Leading the team as captains were 8th graders Hannah, Eden, and Aria, along with 7th graders Mina, Noa, Frankie. With many 6th graders on the team, the Lady Cavaliers never had a goal scored on them until the last game. Our goalie, Hannah, was outstanding and should be recognized.

## JANUARY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

9<sup>th</sup> – Home vs. Stratford  
11<sup>th</sup> – Away vs. Litton  
16<sup>th</sup> – Away vs. Donelson  
18<sup>th</sup> – Home vs. Two Rivers

January 18<sup>th</sup> will be 8<sup>th</sup> grade night. Make plans to come and cheer on the teams and show some love to the eighth graders.

# MEIGS LIBRARY

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Meigs Library is a crucial part of the school community, providing students and staff with a wide range of resources to expand their knowledge, explore their interests, and develop their critical thinking skills. The library boasts a vast collection of books, magazines, and other materials that cover various subjects, including history, science, literature, and the arts. The librarians are knowledgeable and friendly, always willing to help students find the resources they need and offer research assistance and instruction on how to use the library's resources effectively.

The library is not only a repository of books and other resources but also a hub for learning and engagement. It offers a variety of programs and services that promote learning and encourage students to explore their interests. For instance, the book club program is one of the most popular programs offered by the library. It meets regularly to discuss a selected book and share thoughts and opinions. This program not only promotes reading but also encourages critical thinking and discussion.

Another important aspect of the library is its technology resources. It has computer workstations, printers, and other equipment that students can use for research and other academic purposes. The librarians are also available to assist with any technical issues or questions.

The library provides a welcoming and comfortable environment for students to relax and socialize. It has comfortable seating areas, study carrels, and a reading nook for students to enjoy a good book. The library's physical resources and programs are complemented by online resources and databases that can be accessed from anywhere, allowing students to continue their research and learning outside of the school environment.

The library is not only a place for academic research and study but also a space for students to come together, share ideas, and develop their critical thinking skills. It is an essential part of the school community, supporting and enriching the educational experience for all students. The library's resources and programs are designed to help students succeed in their academic pursuits and prepare them for life beyond high school.

The librarians play a vital role in the success of the library. They are knowledgeable and friendly, always willing to help students find the resources they need and offer research assistance and instruction on how to use the library's resources effectively. They also collaborate with teachers to develop lesson plans and provide instruction on research skills and critical thinking.

The library's resources and programs are constantly evolving to meet the changing needs of students and the school community. For instance, the library has recently started offering virtual book clubs and other online programs to engage students who are learning remotely. The library's commitment to innovation and excellence has made it a model for other school libraries in the region.

The library also serves as a community resource, hosting events and programs that bring people together. For instance, it hosts author talks, book signings, and other events that attract people from the community. The library is also a popular venue for local organizations and clubs to hold meetings and events.

In conclusion, Meigs Academy School Library is an essential part of the school community, providing students and staff with a wide range of resources to expand their knowledge, explore their interests, and develop their critical thinking skills. The library is more than just a repository of books and resources; it is a hub for learning and engagement that provides a welcoming and comfortable environment for students to relax and socialize. The librarians play a vital role in the success of the library, and their commitment to innovation and excellence has made Meigs Academy School Library a model for other school libraries in the region.

## 5TH GRADERS ADJUSTING TO MEIGS

ANNIE CRANTEK

The new fifth graders at Meigs have mixed opinions about coming to a new school. Most like it better because they have more freedom, like sitting at different seats at lunch or the dress code. Others like it more because they feel more connected with the teachers or have more friends. Other students don't like it as much because they miss their teachers and friends. Some kids have been at their old school for more than five years, so they are not as comfortable at Meigs. Meigs might be hard to adjust to but it will be great!

## MEIGS 101 ADVICE FROM WILDER GRACE

Every year, there are new fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders coming to Meigs. Most of them will have already had experience at Meigs, but some of them are new fifth graders or people from other schools. This is not a bad thing, but the new folks might need to know how things work at Meigs. At Meigs, we have a lot of things that we are all good at. Our sports teams are great, we take high school math, and our TCAP scores are always above the state average. Over time, Meigs has proven itself to be a great school where anybody can go to learn something.

However, as I once did, coming to Meigs for the first time can be stressful and confusing. The first thing to know is that there is a lot of homework compared to other schools. This is especially true if you are a fifth grader coming from elementary school. My advice, get a good schedule of what to do when you get home to make sure that you have enough time to do your homework. Over time, it will become a natural thing. Unfortunately, this won't change when you go to high school (I assume this is true, as I am only in eighth grade).

The next thing to know about Meigs is that all classes are advanced. The normal classes that you would find in a normal middle school aren't even taught at Meigs. This is a good and bad thing, because the people ready to take these classes can get a good education, but those who can't keep up can expect to see some struggling along the way. Don't worry though, it's not as bad as it sounds. After all, if you got into Meigs, you are probably ready to take these harder classes.

So far, you probably think that Meigs is a harsh school environment, which you're not entirely wrong about, but it is also a great place to learn and make friends. After all, middle school was never going to be a high point in everybody's life, so you might as well try to make the most of it while you can, right?

## INTERVIEW WITH A GENIUS INTERVIEW BY EDEN WALKER (EW)

EW: Hello cavaliers! Today I am here with my Integrated Math 2 friend and shoulder partner, Carter Nelms (CN)!

CN: Hello, Eden. Hi readers!

EW: Today we will be interviewing Carter about his Meigs experience! So, Carter, how do you like Meigs?

CN: Meigs has been great so far, I have really liked all of my classes and have learned a lot. I especially enjoyed math where I think I have learned the most.

EW: How has it been being in Integrated Math 1 and Integrated Math 2 in the sixth and seventh grade?

CN: I enjoyed it. My classmates are really good, and I have been able to learn a lot of new things in both classes. I have been challenged much more in those classes.

EW: That's amazing! What is your favorite thing about Meigs?

CN: My favorite thing about Meigs has been all the different classes, like strings and the other related arts as well as science, social studies, ELA, and math. These classes were much more difficult than at my elementary school, and I learned a lot of new things.

EW: Finally, what motivates you to strive in all your classes?

CN: The main thing that motivates me to do well in my classes are my parents. They always help me if I am struggling and push me to do more with superior quality work. They make sure I am being challenged in school, and I appreciate them for that.

EW: Wow, I am tearing up. Thank you for sitting down with me today to interview, Carter.

CN: You're welcome, Eden.

EW: And thank you readers. We will see you next semester!

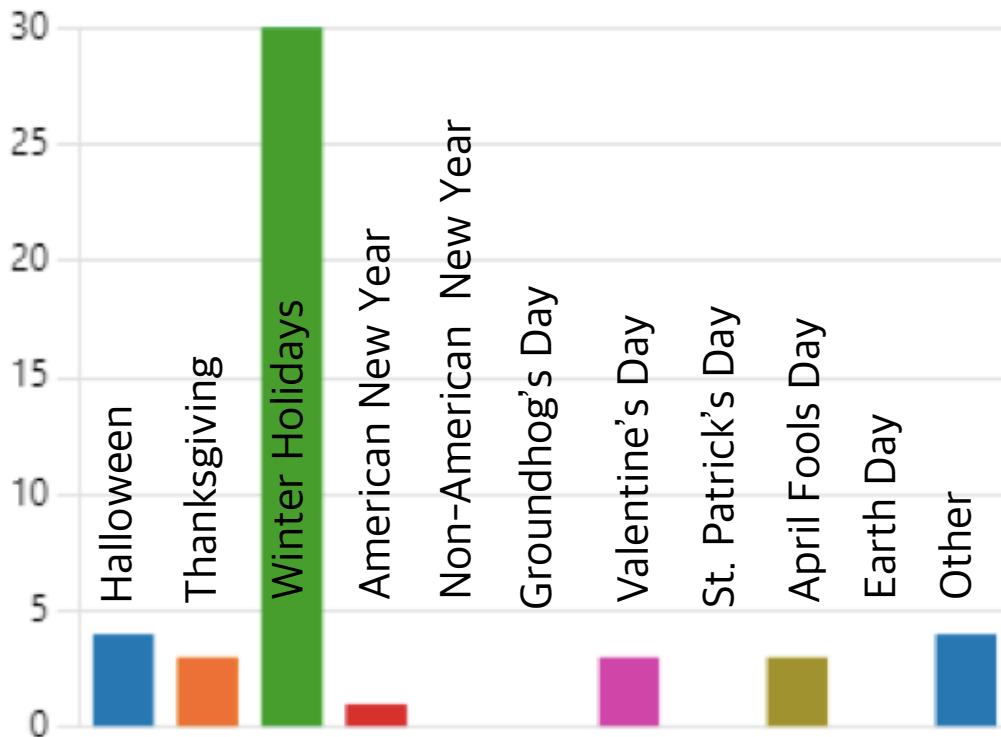


# STUDENT POLLS

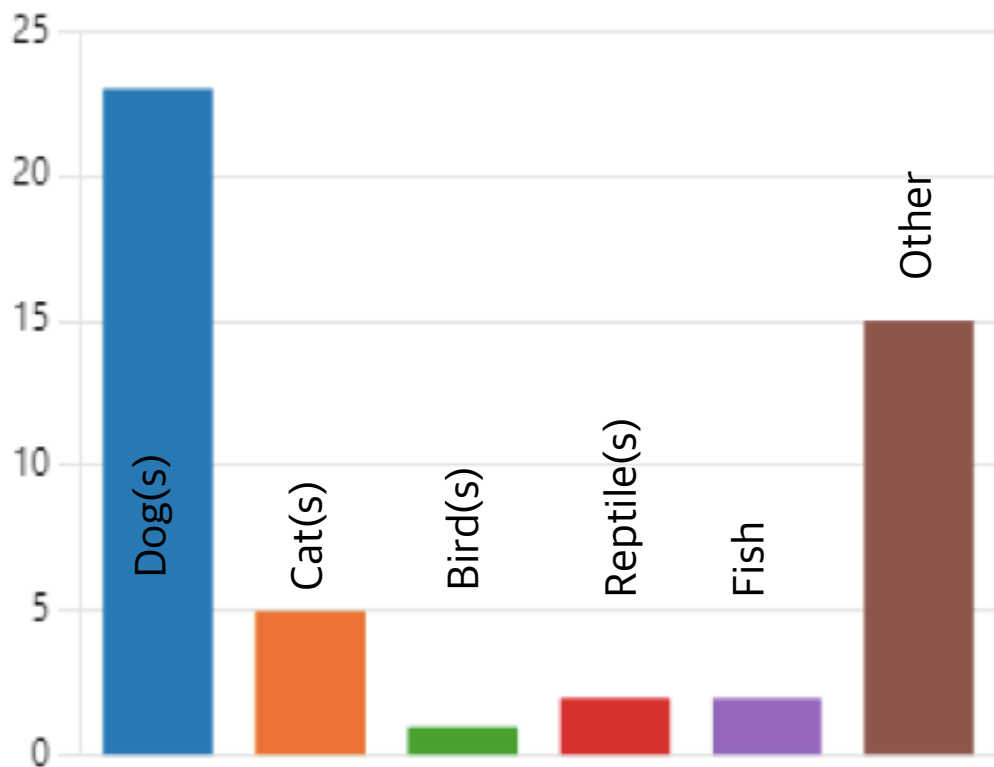
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## FAVORITE HOLIDAY

We asked the school what their favorite holiday is and what pets they have, and their responses are shown below. These are some of the responses from the “Other” section - Three people said “Eid-Al-Fitr”, “Sukkot”, “Mother’s Day and Father’s Day”



## PETS STUDENTS OWN



Here are some of our favorite responses from the “Other” section — “rock”, “worms” and “guinea pig”. If you want your voice to be heard (or you would like to have the chance to get a Meigs Moola) then check Meigs Memos for the next survey!

# MEIGS CAVALIERS ON STAGE

## This Year's Plays

Meigs recently had this year's first program the “One Act Fall Festival” featured three short programs consisting of “Ichabod”, “The Invisible Man”, and “The Mystery at Pineapple Estate” They were very good picks because they were performed in the beginning of October. And they all had kind of a spooky feel to them.

This year's MPAC ( Meigs Performing Arts Corps) performance will be “The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe”. Based on the book by C.S Lewis, it will be about Peter, Susan, Edmond, and Lucy as they travel through the magical land of Narnia. All actors are current 8th graders here at Meigs, who have been working very hard on their performance. You can buy tickets on gofan.

## This Year's Musicals

MPAC presents: Descendants: Do you love the Descendants movies, if so you will love this musical that follows most of the same characters. I feel like you should definitely see this (you should see every play/ musical) because it will be such a fun show, full of likable characters and fun songs.

MPAC will be performing The Little Mermaid as a musical, which seems very on point considering that the live action Little Mermaid came out recently. You should definitely come see it, it will be a super fun musical, filled with mermaids, fish, and royalty. Again all actors are current 8th graders, which makes it so much more impressive.

## TOP 10 BOOKS ACCORDING TO MEIGS

1. Babysitters Club the Graphic Novel
2. Wings of Fire
3. Diary of a Wimpy Kid
4. The Tryout
5. Invisible
6. Big Nate
7. Percy Jackson
8. Keeper of Lost Cities
9. Harry Potter
10. Heartstopper

# REVIEWS & PUZZLES

## HAN'S DELI REVIEWER: BELLA YU

Han's Deli is a restaurant on Bell Road, and it is an excellent restaurant. It has very good sandwiches and very good boba tea. Me and my best friends go there like once a week. It is my favorite restaurant because THEIR BATHROOM IS SO CLEAN. After you are done with your food you could go shopping at the stores close to their store. The staff there are very nice, and they give out free ice cream sometimes.

## CAVALIER WORD SEARCH

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Spanish    Strings    Cross Country

## HEARTSTOPPER

Book Review: Heartstopper by Alice Oseman  
Heartstopper is a queer teen book about Charlie Spring and Nick Nelson, who become friends. Then they slowly start to fall in love. It is a very cute and sweet book. It is mostly just about their ups and downs about finding themselves and balancing school, sports and love. The book really shows how hard it is to be LGBTQIA+ in a world full of hate.

## GUTS

GUTS is Olivia Rodrigo's second album, and you've probably heard some songs from it like, Vampire and Bad Idea Right?. It is a very good album, it has very good vocals, and you can really tell the artist put effort into the album. It is kind of similar to Sour in style and visuals, but at the same time it is different. This time Olivia chose to do some more slow and sad feeling songs, instead of choosing more upbeat and fast songs.

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