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Fleetwood Changing Credit Requirements

Academics

Students of BCTC (Berks Career & Technical Center) over the past few years have had trouble earning the required amount of credits. BCTC students leave for BCTC almost immediately after they arrive at school in the morning.

They get back to the Fleetwood Area High School during 5th period and start their classes 6th. Doing this makes it hard for Fleetwood students to graduate with the required amount of credits. This has brought about a proposition to change the mandatory credits to an amount more feasible.

Presently for BCTC students, English, Social Studies, and Math require four credits while science requires three. Physical

Education requires two credits and Health needs a total of a half credit. Independent living, art, and family relationships each require a quarter of a credit. Design Applications and Computer Applications need a quarter of a credit each; Independent Living and Job Search currently requires a quarter of a credit. The total amount of general elective credits mandatory are five and three-quarter credits.

Assistant superintendent Amaal Awadalla came up with the idea of redistributing the required 25 credits. Around a week later, the Fleetwood Area School Board approved the proposal for graduation requirements. Starting with the Class of 2017, this change in routine will benefit the BCTC stu-

dents coming from FASD.

Although the changing of mandatory credits was to benefit Fleetwood's BCTC students, the amount of credits required will also be changing for students not going to Berks Career & Technology Center.

"It would allow students more choices and flexibility in selecting courses and give them the opportunity to take remediation courses, should they fail to meet the proficiency tests in algebra, biology, and literature," Awadalla told the Reading Eagle.

Students in the Class of 2017 should be appreciative.

By Levi Gieringer

U.S. Brings Home the Gold in Sochi

Sports

The 2014 Olympic Games were held in Sochi, Russia, on 7 February 2014. The United States came home with nine gold medals, seven silver, and twelve bronze. The categories in which America ranked were Freestyle Skiing, Snowboarding, Alpine Skiing, Figure Skating, Bobsled, Skeleton, Ice hockey, Short Track, and Luge.

The U.S. took home gold medals in Freestyle Skiing, Snowboarding, Alpine Skiing and Figure Skating. Joss Christensen, David Wise, and Maddie Bowman all brought home gold medals for USA in Freestyle Skiing. Sage Kotsenburg, Jamie Anderson, and Kaitlyn Farrington won gold for team USA in Snowboarding. Ted Ligety and Mikaela Shiffrin were gold medalists for Alpine Skiing. Meryl Davis and Charlie White performed as a couple for Figure Skating, bringing home gold for team USA.

Devin Logan and Ashley Caldwell won silver for team USA in Freestyle Skiing.

Andrew Weibrecht brought home silver for Alpine Skiing. Elena Meyer ranked silver for Bobsledding. Noelle Pikus-Pace won silver for USA in the Skeleton. USA Men's Ice Hockey team won a silver medal. The USA 5,000m



relay team brought home a silver medal.

Hannah Kearney and Patrick Deneen won bronze for team USA in Free-

style Skiing. Alex Deibold and Trevor Jacob took bronze for USA in Snowboarding. Julia Mancuso and Bode Miller won USA bronze in Alpine Skiing. Team USA Figure Skating won a bronze medal. USA Bobsledding Team brought home three bronze medals. Matthew Antoine ranked bronze for USA in the Skeleton. Erin Hamlin placed bronze for team USA in the Luge.

"The Olympics are fun to watch because of all the different sports I don't get to see every day," junior Wyatt Pennsinger said.

"I watch the Olympics because I love to look up to my favorite snowboarders," junior Logan Silvius said.

Overall, America was fourth place in the medal count, trailing Russia's first-place success.

By Austin Young

Philly Snowfall Still Pales to Alaska

Weather

This year has been record breaking for snowfall. Compared to previous years, this is the coldest winter Pennsylvanians have had in quite a few years. Researchers gathered information stating Philadelphia has had a total of 54.8 inches of snow this year so far. According to Philly.com, it has been snowing over 2 inches per hour.

"Hopefully, all the snowstorms are over with because I don't want to make up any more snow days," junior Kaitlyn Langford said.

The snow storms that have come through Pennsylvania this winter are nothing compared to the snow storms in Valdez, Alaska. Valdez had a total of 326.3 inches of snow last year. Having a lot of snow storms is no surprise to residents in Valdez.

Residents and newscasters were



surprised, though, when storms broke the record for the amount of snow in one day last year. The total amount of snowfall was 24.4 inches, all in a twenty-four hour time period!

Residents of Valdez, Alaska, are

accustomed to having a snowy winter, but last year was record-breaking for all the snow they accumulated. The media referred to Valdez as "Snowmageddon." In previous years, the schools closed down in fear of the roofs collapsing.

"I'm tired of all the snow and just want it to start getting warm," sophomore Taylor Angstadt said.

Valdez, Alaska, usually gets five inches of snow in a day 23 times a year. The reason for the amount of snowfall is to due the surrounding mountains.

Snowfall usually begins in October, and the last is in April. Usually, there is no accumulated snow between June and August in Valdez, Alaska.

"I'm ready for summer!" sophomore Lizzie Geesey said.

By Mia Nowotarski



2,220 US Soldiers Lost in Afghanistan to Date

Military

On 12 February 2014, soldiers were killed in Kapisa Province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan. Specialist John A. Pelham, 22, from Portland, Oregon, and Sergeant First class Roberto C. Skelt, Jr., 41, of York, Florida both died from wounds.

This was the second inside attack against coalition forces this year.

The gunmen were dressed up as Afghan Security Forces. They were killed by return fire.

They were both assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group, at Fort Bragg in North Carolina and were deployed in 2011 for Operation Enduring Freedom Afghanistan.

Fort Bragg is home of Airborne and Special Operation Forces.

Pelham enlisted in 2011 as a signal intelligence analyst. He won the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart.

Skelt enlisted in 1990 as a signal support systems specialist. He also won the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart.

"Even though I am joining, I still feel for the families of the soldiers," Collin Reinert said. "It might be me one day, and while I hope that it never is, I also hope that people will pray for my family. People need to understand exactly what is happening to these soldiers who are now coming home. Some come home in a box, others with PTSD, which can mess with them for life. Most people haven't even heard about these brave soldiers; they are too wrapped up in their own ignorance and selfishness to even thank the brave men and women who help keep the freedom that they take for granted."

At the beginning of 2014, there were about 38,000 troops in Afghanistan with about 27,000 of those in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. As of 7 January, around 2,220 soldiers died in Afghanistan according to cbsnews.com. The President wants to leave at least 10,000 troops in Afghanistan.

By Nathan Mayer

Russell Wilson to be Two-Sport Athlete?

Sports

Russell Wilson is a professional quarterback for the Seattle Seahawks. Wilson played college football for the University of Wisconsin and was picked by the Seahawks with the twelfth pick in the third round of the 2012 NFL draft.

Wilson was never seen to be the starting quarterback of a Super Bowl



championship-winning team, considering he sits at 5 foot, 11 inches, and around 206 pounds. Quarterbacks are known to be tall, so it is impressive to see Wilson, who is short by the NFL's standards, excel. Drew Brees is really the player who showed that short quarterbacks can be good.

"I knew he would be pretty good. He was very impressive in his rookie season, but it is a really great achievement to win it in his sophomore season," junior Tyler Emge said.

Wilson has not only been in the spotlight for football lately. He recently went through workouts with the MLB team the Texas Rangers and made it clear that he is going to hang his Rangers jersey, with "Wilson" on the back of course, up in his house. When asked if he would ever be a two-sport athlete, he replied, "Never say never."

"That would be ridiculous if he ever ended up playing football and baseball," junior Brenden Homan said.

Russell started playing baseball when he was four-years-old. He recently explained how much he misses the game and how he loves to get back to his

baseball roots.

"If he continued to work and get the repetition, he could probably be as good as he is a football player," Rangers manager Ron Washington said.

There are plenty of people out there who would love to see Wilson become a two-sport athlete, but everyone will have to wait and see what he decides to do

with the future of his career.

By Tyler Rapposelli

Bracelets for

Stephanie Steiner

Green and white swirled silicone bracelets to help raise money for local Cancer patient with stage 4 melanoma!

Help me give my family some support <3

-Kelsey Steiner

Olympic Games Not Without Danger

Sports

The 2014 Winter Olympics began on 7 February in Sochi, Russia. While it is entertaining to watch which country can bring home the gold, many do not realize how dangerous these sports could be.

The top three most dangerous winter Olympics sports are the Luge, Bobsled, and Skeleton. These events are the most dangerous because athletes have died while competing in them.

Skeleton consists of going headfirst down an ice chute with speeds reaching 75 miles-per-hour. Matthew Antoine won bronze for the United States, and his speed was 80 miles per hour. The sled has no breaks and starts lower down the mountain because of how dangerous it can be. Only one rider can operate the sled, and medals are awarded in single's men and single's women divisions.

Unlike the Skeleton, the Bobsled has breaks. Two men, four men, or two women can compete in this. The bobsled is very dangerous, as it reaches up to 90 miles-per-hour down an ice hill. This event has steering and breaking.

The bobsled has a moderate death

rate according to sportpickle.com.

"The Skeleton is the most dangerous

because you're not attached to the board at all and you're going face first at like 80 mph," sophomore Gina Esposto grade said.

The luge is the most dangerous sport. On 2 February 2010, during training for the Vancouver Winter Olympics, Nodar Kumaritashvili died from the luge.

According to Factmonster.com, "Luge is one of the fastest Olympic sports, with riders exceeding

90 pmh."

Unlike the Bobsled or the Skeleton, luge riders have to push themselves to start as they are lying on their back looking up because their feet are first. There are men's singles,

women single's, and team relay.

"Luge

[is the most dangerous] because it's the fastest Olympic sliding sport, and, if you don't know what you're doing, death comes very easily," junior Shaq Cobb grade said.

"I would say the luge is the most dangerous because you go really fast down a sheet of ice, and the only thing protecting you from getting injured is a helmet," junior Katelyn Langford said.

By Emily Moyer



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Hunter Tomeo: A Portrait of the Snowboarder as a Young Man

Profile

Hunter Tomeo is a 10th grader at Fleetwood Area High School. He spends most of his time snowboarding at Bear Creek. Hunter has been interested in snowboarding for the past three years. He does not compete as of now but would like to start.

Bear Creek holds competitions for snowboarding and skiing. Hunter saw that people were getting into snowboarding, so he decided to try it himself. His favorite brand for snowboarding clothing and equipment is Burton.

When Hunter is not snowboarding, he rides BMX bikes or skateboards with his friends. He usually hangs out with Justin Madenford or Erik Clemons at skate parks. Erik Clemons has been Hunter’s best friend since 7th grade.

“He is a good friend and cool to hang out with. Also, he is good at snow-

boarding,” Clemons said.

Hunter has also been interested in taking photos for quite some time. He prefers to take photos of nature. Next year, Hunter plans on taking a photography class to further his skills.

He would like to continue photography as an adult as well. Hunter would enjoy being a photographer when he is older or have a job that has something to do with cameras. Recording films also interests Hunter.

Hunter has other siblings but only one full sister. Her name is Avery Tomeo. She is 13-years-old and attends school at Oley Valley School District.

“He is cool and a good friend. I enjoy going to Bear Creek with him on the weekends,” Madenford said.

By Mia Nowotarski

Fleetwood Girls' Basketball Goes to States, Win First Outing

Sports

The Fleetwood girls' basketball team started up their great season with a win against Northern Lehigh. The girls then went on to win three straight before losing to division rivals Berks Catholic.

“I knew from the beginning we were going to be a good team, but I knew there were going to be challenges along the way, and Berks Catholic is one of them,” junior Cyre Virgo said.

The Fleetwood girls would then get back to their winning ways, going on to win twelve straight games. In that span, they had many dominant performances. After this winning streak, the girls went to Conrad Weiser and fell short against the Spartans.

“Every game you must show up, and that game we didn’t,” junior Xio Toledo said.

During their twelve-game winning streak, the girls beat Berks Catholic. Both teams have one win against each other.

“Playing teams like Berks Catholic is always fun because it is like a battle,” senior Kendra Bamberger said.

As they moved on from their sec-

ond loss of the season, the girls went on another winning streak. This time, it was just a five-game winning streak before Wilson handed the Tigers their third loss of the season.

The lady Tigers would take their Division with a Division record of 8-2. They would close out the regular season with 21 wins and 3 losses, advancing to playoffs and playing Elco in the first round.

Fleetwood went on to win 46-41 and advancing to the next round to take on rivals Berks Catholic.

Earlier in the season, they each split with one win and one loss. This time it was different, as the ladies knew their season was on the line. Fleetwood went on to beat Berks Catholic 48-40, advancing to the semifinals.

“This is the greatest feeling in the world, and we don’t want it to stop now,” junior Isabella Mullen said.

The Fleetwood Girls' recently played in the first game of the state competition.

By Austin Young

NFL Reinvents Pro Bowl

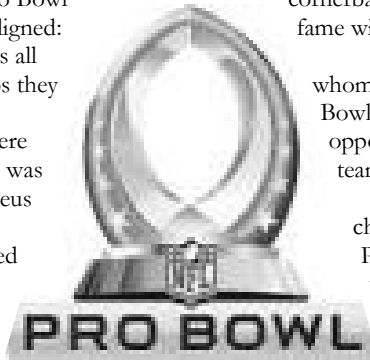
Sports

“This Pro Bowl was exciting to watch this year,” junior Frankie Talarico said.

The Pro Bowl was nothing like it was in past years. This year's Pro Bowl was different. The stars realigned: no more AFC vs. NFC. It is all about giving fans match-ups they have never seen before.

“The uniforms were really strange, but the game was competitive,” junior Thaddeus Cornick said.

Spectators watched the all-stars get drafted, unexpected teams form, and memorable match-ups arise. This was a game like no one has ever seen before. This was the Pro Bowl: UnConferenced.



The NFL picked two captains for each team instead of doing the traditional AFC vs. NFC. The two captains were hall of fame cornerback Deion Sanders and hall of fame wide receiver Jerry Rice.

They were free to pick whomever they wanted from the Pro Bowl roster. This allowed for the opportunity of teammates hitting teammates.

The NFL made these changes because they wanted the Pro Bowl to be competitive, so they had multiple solutions to this. One of them was to add money into the game for the winning team.

By Mike Osenbach

LeBron Looking to Make History

Sports

LeBron James was born on 30 December 1984 in Akron, Ohio. James grew up loving basketball and always showed his passion for the sport. In 1999, St. Vincent- St. Mary high school recruited the young prodigy to play for the team. James was a very talented player in high school, helping his team to win three state titles.

James recently stated that, by the end of his career, he will be on Mt. Rushmore of the NBA all-time greats. The superstar has been compared to the NBA’s greatest, Michael Jordan, many times.

“I think LeBron will end his career as one of the greatest, if not the greatest of all time,” junior Gary Gabriel said.

James was drafted to the Cleveland Cavaliers, where he really began to make a name for himself. He was soon highly regarded as one of the top players in the NBA and huge talent for the future. Unfortunately, James did not win an NBA title during his time in Cleveland.

“LeBron James is definitely the best player in the NBA and has been for a couple years now. I think he will end up as one of the

greatest of all time,” senior Doug Karpuck said.

In 2010, “King James” decided to take his talents to Miami to play alongside all-star friends Dwayne Wade and Chris Bosh. In his first year with the Heat, he led his team into the NBA finals, where they eventually fell to

the Dallas Mavericks. The following year he led his team to win the NBA finals against the Oklahoma City Thunder, and then for a second time the following year against the San Antonio Spurs in a thrilling series.

“The 2013 NBA finals were so entertaining; I couldn’t afford to miss a minute of it,” junior Wyatt Pennsinger said.

If LeBron James wants to ever be considered the best over Michael Jordan, he will have to win a few more championships. The 29-year-old already has two of them but will definitely need to snag a few more, considering MJ won six of them. James is still young and has plenty of time to achieve that status.

By Tyler Rapposelli



This Week in History: 25 March to 31 March

History

March 25

31 - First Easter, according to calendar-maker Dionysius Exiguus.
708 - Constantine begins his reign as Catholic Pope.
1821 - Greece gains independence from Turkey.
1965 - Martin Luther King, Jr., leads 25,000 to state capitol in Montgomery, Alabama.
1970 - Concorde makes its 1st supersonic flight (700 MPH/1,127 KPH).

March 26

1668 - England takes control of Bombay, India.
1804 - Congress orders removal of Indians east of Mississippi to Louisiana.
1982 - Ground-breaking in Washington, DC, for Vietnam Veterans Memorial.
1999 - A jury in Michigan finds Dr. Jack Kevorkian guilty of second-degree murder for administering a lethal injection to a terminally ill man.

March 27

1625 - Charles I, King of England, Scotland, and Ireland, ascends English throne.
1794 - The United States Government establishes a permanent navy and authorizes the building of six frigates.
1945 - Iwo Jima occupied after 22,000 Japanese and 6,000 Americans killed.

1980 - Mount St. Helens becomes active after 123 years.

March 28

37 - Roman Emperor Caligula accepts the titles of the Principate, entitled to him by the Senate.
845 - Paris is sacked by Viking raiders, probably under Ragnar Lodbrok, who collects a huge ransom in exchange for leaving.
1854 - During the Crimean War, Britain and France declare war on Russia.
1939 - Spanish Civil War ends; Madrid falls to Francisco Franco.
1959 - Eleven days after Tibet uprising, China dissolves Tibet's government and installs Panchen Lama.

March 29

1795 - Beethoven (24) debuts as pianist in Vienna.
1867 - Congress approves Lincoln Memorial.
1942 - The Bombing of Lübeck in World War II was the first major success for the RAF Bomber Command against Germany and a German city.
1961 - Twenty-Third Amendment ratified.
1973 - US troops leave Vietnam, nine years after Tonkin Resolution.
1976 - Eight Ohio National Guardsmen indicted for shooting four Kent State students.

March 30

1492 - King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella sign decree expelling Jews from Spain.
1856 - Russia signs Peace of Paris, ending the Crimean War.
1867 - US buys Alaska from Russia for \$7,200,000 (2 cents an acre - Seward's Folly).
1870 - Texas becomes last confederate state readmitted to Union.
1944 - 781 British bombers attack Neurenberg.
1981 - President Reagan shot and wounded by John W Hinckley III.

March 31

1146 - Bernard of Clairvaux preaches his famous sermon in a field at Vézelay, urging the necessity of a Second Crusade. Louis VII is present and joins the Crusade.
1814 - Forces allied against

Napoleon capture Paris.

1933 - German Republic gives power to Hitler.
1965 - US ordered the first combat troops to Vietnam.
1966 - USSR launches Luna 10, first lunar orbiter.
1971 - William Calley sentenced to life for Mi Lai Massacre.

By Kyle Weinhold

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Fleetwood Musicians Selected for Counties, Districts, Regionals

Entertainment/Arts

During the month of December, members of Fleetwood's band had the opportunity to participate in county band and district band.

"It was in Exeter about three weeks ago and I liked it a lot," Rachel Clarke said. "I've been in county band since seventh grade, except my sophomore year. I also know most of the people from over the years. It is nice to get to know everybody, and I enjoy getting out of school. You also get to play more difficult pieces than those played at school, which also makes it interesting."

In order for those band members to be a part of county band and district band, they first had to audition for it.

"Once students are in district band, they can also re-audition for region band, which I believe has fourteen counties. Two students that

are in regions for band are seniors Andrew Schwartz and Nate Reinert. Those will take place on March fourteenth and fifteenth," band director Mr. Charles Ebersole said.

"Another competition the band was in was one for jazz band, which took place on February sixteenth. There were twenty bands, and they made the top six and are going to finals March sixteenth. Senior Ben Rohde is in District 10 jazz band," Ebersole continued.

Some other musical competitions that



already took place were Senior County Chorus, District Chorus, and Regional Chorus.

"I made it to states this year and last year. Also, last year I made it to nationals, but I can't do nationals this year because I am a senior. First, I had to try out for county and district. Once I was in districts, I got to try out for regions, and finally I got to try out for nationals," senior Killian Grider said.

On 21 and 22 February, Junior County Chorus was held.

"To be selected for these various groups," chorus director Mrs. Catherine Williamson said, "students had to prepare a specified piece of music to be performed for a panel of judges. In the case of both Senior and Junior county chorus,

students were competing for spots against other students from within Berks county public schools. Students that made district chorus were competing against kids within a 7- county area; regions are even harder to get into, as it encompasses approximately 17 counties."

Altogether, there were thirteen ninth graders who made Junior County Chorus. Six were able to go to Districts, and thirteen students made Senior County Chorus.

"Four students from Fleetwood were selected for Region Chorus, and they have the opportunity to audition for State Chorus," Williamson said.

The four students to make it to Region Chorus are Killian Grider, Nate Reinert, Matt Masenheimer, and Sarah Rothenberger..

By Renee Gerhart

Fill Your Bucket List with These Vacations

Travel

Many of you may have heard of a bucket list, or maybe you have one of your own. A bucket list is a list of things to do or places to go before you die. There are an abundance of places you might want to check out in your lifetime.

Zhangye Danxia landform in Gansu, China, is a beautiful landscape of rainbow colors formed from sandstone and minerals. This formation has been around for 24 million years.

In Banos, Ecuador, there is a swing with an old tree house overlooking a volcano that you can swing on. Keep in mind, though, that it has no harness, so you swing at your own risk.

Off the coast of Belize, there is a submarine hole called the 'Great Blue Hole'. The water is four hundred and seven feet deep and is one of the top scuba sites in the world.

In Hitachinaka, Japan, many people travel to see 4.5 million flowers bloom in spring. What better way to welcome spring than an abundance of beautiful flowers to see and take pictures of.

In Alaska, there is a cave that lays beneath the Mendenhall Glacier. This glacier actually melts as your warm body walks through it. People go to see icicles, take pictures of the cave and take tours.

Getting a bit warmer is the Tabletop Mountains in Guyana. Considered to be some of the oldest geological formations on Earth, dating back to 2 billion years ago, this mountain serves as a border for Brazil, Guyana, and Venezuela.

The Tabletop Mountains live up to their name as they are flat and look like a mountain cut in half like a table.

If someone enjoys heights, traveling to Turkey might be a good investment. The ancient region of Anatolia has become a popular tourist spot for hot air ballooning. Tons of people go to travel thousands of feet in the air for a relaxing hot air balloon ride--or maybe not so relaxing, if you are terrified of heights.

A more romantic trip might be going to Vaadhoo Island in the Maldives to see a sea of stars. It actually looks like twinkling stars in the water caused from the phytoplankton. A similar spot in New Zealand is the Glowworm cave. This cave actually has glowworms on the ceiling that create a glowing starry effect.

Following the romantic mindset is a place in Ukraine called the Tunnel of Love. The railway is surrounded by a tunnel of leaves and has an active train that runs wood to factories three times a day.

The Grand Canyon in Arizona is a beautiful site of 277 miles long and 18 miles wide and considered one of the seven Natural wonders of the world. Also in Arizona is the Antelope Canyon, referred to as the crack and the corkscrew.

There are many places in the world that are beautiful and filled with culture and historic memories. Do not be afraid to go outside of Fleetwood and add these to your bucket list.

By Kelsey Steiner

Shigo Signs with Penn State

Sports

Morgan Shigo signed his National Letter of Intent with Penn State University on 10 February, 2014. The ceremony was held in the Fleetwood Area High School Library.

He signed the letter at 4:00 p.m. The signing was covered by the Reading Eagle and 69 News.

Shigo is a senior at Fleetwood Area High School. He has played sports his whole life, including football, baseball, and track. Shigo played football for twelve years and was captain of the team last year.

After Shigo stopped playing baseball, he picked up his track and field career. Shigo has been on the track team for four years and will be a captain this upcoming track season. All of his hard work has paid off as he signed his Letter of Intent with Penn State.

"It feels pretty good; it almost feels surreal," Shigo said.

Shigo has been working hard for his track and field career the last couple of years.



He made it to Nationals his junior year and is poised to repeat his success this year.

"I've always dreamed of being a Division 1 athlete. It's been a goal of mine for a long time, and all the hard work I've put in is finally capped off to sign with Penn State," Shigo said.

His friends are excited for him also.

"We've been friends since elementary school, and to see him sign was just awesome," junior Tyler Emge said.

"Shigo's a hard worker, and I'm happy for him," junior Gary Gabriel said.

Signing a letter of intent is a huge accomplishment that many student athletes only dream about doing. For Shigo, it became a reality.

"I'm just so blessed and not taking any of it for granted," Shigo said.

When asked about what was going through his head when he put on the hat and was signing, Shigo said this:

"Just don't mess up."

By Zachary Koenig

Random Cheese



"Do you want to go to Hawaii?" Phys. Ed. Teacher, Mrs. Susann Cammauf



"What would you do with your life if money was a meaningless object?" 12th grader, Rachel Clarke



"Why are you so attractive? [Answer:] Good eyes." 12th grader, Auston Clauss



"I'd like to be asked what my favorite hobbies and interests are." 12 grader, Antonio Goode



"Any random question about my horses or about [my horse] Peanut." History Teacher, Mrs. Susan Nagle



"Have you ever been to a Turkish prison?" 12th grader, Anthony Filippini



"Would you like to scratch my foot?" 12th grader, Patrick Coles



"Do you think candle flames can remove earwax?" 12th grader, Carly Gieringer

By Renee Gerhart

It's your turn to decide...

What Random Cheese Question Should We Ask?

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