

Column of the Issue:

# Holy Moley: Tedrow takes on the dress code

(Don't hate me Mr. Hitchcock)

This column was born from a debate that Mr. Hitchcock and I have had about the dress code.

(Mr. Hitchcock, I know you are reading this, and I mean you no disrespect, I just hope you consider my ideas as not just my own but representing the ideas of many students.)

First off, I agree with our school dress code in many aspects.

The strong points of our dress code are that students are not allowed to wear shirts that do not cover their stomach and are revealing, shirts that refer, to or promote the use of drugs or alcohol and not being able to wear hats.

Although I like those, I believe that some of the other rules are unclear and lack clear ways of verifying them.

One rule that needs work is the rule about holes and tears in pants.

Jeans with holes are against the school rules. Large or small, you are not allowed to have holes in your pants. Anywhere.

I can understand why we are not allowed to have holes or tears above the knee. Some people like to be "rebels" and push the rules as far as they can, wearing holes in inappropriate places.

But to state that you cannot have holes in pants below the knee is a contradiction of something we are allowed to do. We are allowed to have shorts that go to our knees, leaving the

lower part of the leg exposed, yet we are not allowed to have holes in our jeans that are below our knees.

Consider this scenario: A student has a hole in their jeans below the knee. A faculty member tells them they cannot wear those jeans, and to change. The student then takes scissors and cuts his or her jeans off at the knees. Suddenly that pair of shorts are acceptable according to the dress code. Is this the correct solution? Or would a more clearly defined rule be better? Perhaps the administration should consider making holes in pants below the knees acceptable.

Another rule that isn't fair to me is the issue with pants that appear similar to leggings (but are clearly not).

First off, to clarify, yoga pants and leggings are two different things.

Yoga pants are virtually sold everywhere. They are made of cotton or synthetic knits. They are stretchy, and worn as a more fashionable alternative to the common sweat pant. They can be made full-length pant or a capri length, stopping below the knee.

Leggings are made out of a blend of Lycra, Spandex, nylon, cotton or polyester. They are also sold in a variety of places. They are usually worn by girls underneath dresses or long shirts.

There is a large difference

between the two. Yoga pants are made of a thicker material than leggings, even more thick than a regular shirt. Leggings on the other hand are more of a panty-hose material.

Recently I was told that I could not wear my capri-length yoga pants. I was told that they appear to be leggings. I don't think that this is fair because aside from containing Spandex in the fabric (not just Spandex, but also cotton and synthetic knits) these pants are just like many other pairs of pants other students wear without question. Many jeans we wear today are just as tight-fitting as a yoga pant.

What administration may not know is that Jeggings exist. Jeggings are leggings that have the appearance of jeans. They are just as tight fitting as leggings and yoga pants. To my knowledge, no one has gotten told to change their clothes because of their Jeggings.

The solution to this issue is to drop the yoga pants issue. They are not leggings, they are simply a nicer form of sweat pants that are stretchy.

Overall, I am happy with our dress code because it keeps many people who would not make good choices on their own wearing appropriate clothing. But for me I would like the administration to reconsider some of the issues outlined here and come up with a more fair system for all of us.

## STAFF ED

# Is it a Sport?

Is it a sport? According to the Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, a sport is a physical activity engaged in for pleasure.

So at PHS, what is considered a sport?

There are many different activities at our school, like band, that want to be considered a sport.

The Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) considers baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track, wrestling, gymnastics, softball and volleyball to all be sports.

So why do some individuals or activities not listed above insist that they are a sport?

We believe the main reason is that they want to be respected, recognized and accepted for what they enjoy doing. If they are considered "sports," then perhaps people will respect them more.

We think many people believe if they are not considered sports, they have to worry about being made fun of and being called names.

To some people who do not know how to ignore others, being called names such as "Band Geek," can be very offensive. The staff does not believe that activities like marching band are technically sports, BUT we also think that for all the hard work the marching band and other activities do, they deserve your respect.

Although we do not consider some things sports, they are still activities that most students put a lot of time and effort into.

Just because it is not an IHSAA recognized sport does not mean that you should not respect those involved.

By Tasha Tedrow

# YOU SAID...

## What are you thankful for?



**"I'm thankful for life."**

Freshman  
Zachery Lemmer

**"I am thankful for America."**

Sophomore  
Tyler Line



**"I'm thankful for my family and my friends."**

Junior  
Karson Stands

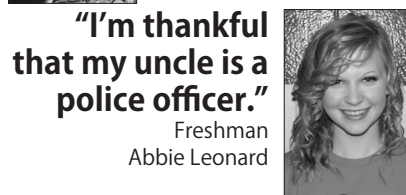
**"I'm thankful for time off of school."**

Senior  
Xavier Harkness



**"I'm thankful for food and family."**

Junior  
Jonathon Cook



**"I'm thankful that my uncle is a police officer."**

Freshman  
Abbie Leonard



**"I'm thankful for my family."**

Sophomore  
Alyson Graham

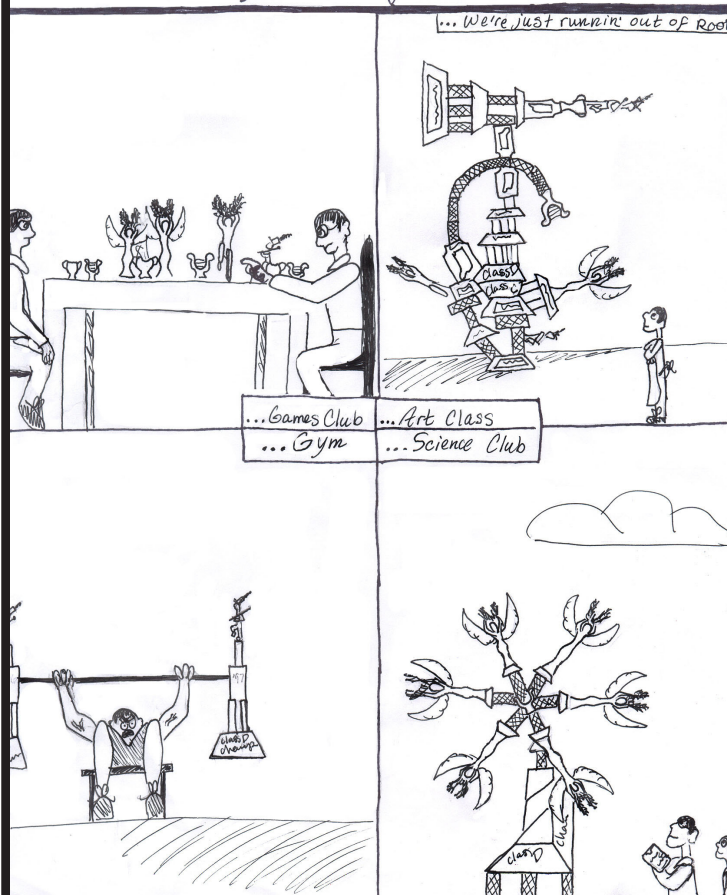
**"I'm thankful for family, friends and God."**

Sophomore  
Jessica Buchanan



By Sean Fulton

## Alternate Uses for Marching Band State Trophies



Art by Gracen Dunn

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# HITS & MISSES

The Paolite Staff takes a look at PHS culture and world events to rate the hits and misses.

## HITS

**Thanksgiving Food**

**The song "I'm Sexy and I Know It"**

Tasha Tedrow likes this music video especially.

**Sperry's**

They're comfortable and stylish.

**Christmas-related Commercials**

We are ready for the holidays!

**Dancing with the Stars**

**Yams**

**Too frequent Facebook Statuses**

We do not care about your latest bowel movements.

**Wes Phelps' Afro**

## MISSES

By Gracen Dunn & Paolite Staff