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## **THE OPINIONS**

# Column of the Issue: Report Cards are OUT

### Waynick recalls marks for those who made the mark

With it being my junior year in high school, I am starting to realize that I do not have that much longer at PHS. I would like to take the time to say thank you to the teachers who have really helped me. The teachers who are helping me be a successful student. The ones that care about me as well as my education.

Out of the 44 teachers I have had, not all of them have really helped me. But in this column I am not going to focus on the bad things about some of the teachers I have had but instead the positive things. So out of the 44 teachers I have had, I give 19 of you A's, 9 of those being elementary teachers.

As a student I know there are going to be subjects that I do not like, but to me it is not about the subject, it is about the way the teacher approaches it. So thank you to the teachers who make class enjoyable and make me want to come to their class every day.

Homework – most students hate it. Something often said is, "Why do we have to do homework when we are already at school for 7 hours."

Homework has never really been a big deal for me; it does not really bother me. I have always tried my best to finish all my work on time. So thank you to all the teachers who did not overbear me with homework but gave me homework so I would know what to do when I get into college.

Studying has never really been high on my priority list, and yes, I know I need to develop better study habits. It is not that I do not know how to study, I just strongly dislike studying.

In fourth grade I had Mrs. Shellenberger (she is simply wonderful and I absolutely loved her class). She taught me how to study and how to take notes.

I still use her lesson today. So when teachers try now to teach me how to take notes, or show me an easier way, there is a good chance that I will not use them.

It is not that I am closeminded, it is just I know that the way she taught me is effective and will help me when I go to study for a test. Others have added to her lesson, but Mrs. Shellenberger's lesson has stayed with me. So thank you to all the teachers who have helped me develop better study habits, and thank you Mrs. Shellenberger for teaching me how to take notes.

Then there are some teachers who are just genuinely nice and understanding; teachers that actually care about you as a student, and want to try to make your day better. So thank you to the teachers who have listened to me when I have had a bad day, and who have taken the time to get to know me as an individual. I have also come to realize that some teachers may just understand their students better than others.

These want their students to have the best futures that they can have. They want better for their students than what they might have had.

One teacher who has helped with everything in my time at PHS and will always be a very big part of my life is Mrs. Nichols. She has become my "school mom" and I know that she will always help me when I need it. She always focuses on the positives when I am having a bad day. She has been there for me through everything. She understands me as an individual and not just one of her students. Out of all the classes I have had in my time here, her class has helped me the most. Even though newspaper is not math or any other class that I may need it has taught me to believe in myself. So, thank you Mrs. Nichols for always being there for me, always.

So to all of my teachers who have taught me life lessons and who have determined me to be something better, thank you. During my 12 years in school I have learned so much and am hoping to take all the knowledge I have gained so far to a higher education.

So overall thank you to all the teachers I have ever had for being teachers.

By Shelby Waynick



Every season brings a new sport to play, and for each sport, students have the opportunity to show up and support our Rams in whatever the competition may be.

From rowdy parents and pumped up students, the crowds at sporting events vary; but the question is, does it help our teams to gain success?

In our opinion, yes. Yes it does.

Having moral support never fails to give a player or coach an extra boost of confidence or motivation. Look at friendship as an example. You are always there for your friends no matter what, correct? Being a Ram Fan is the same thing. It is your school, so you should support it.

Also, when the fans are as into the game as the players are, intense emotions build up and the support is even more felt by not only the players, but a majority of the crowd as well.

Our staff takes part in this regularly, and is always backing the Rams. We recommend you do the same (it will give you some good Karma!).

So if you are bored on a Friday night, or you're tired of doing the same thing every weekend, do something fun – help out your fellow friends and classmates, and cheer on the Rams!



## **YOU SAID...** What do you want for **Christmas?**

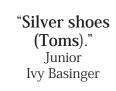


"A puppy." Junior Taylor Wiseman









Footprint gas pedal for my car." Iunior Jack Coleman



Kyle Watkins "Two front teeth." Senior



"High heels and

speedo." Sophomore

'Cocoa butter and a unicorn." Junior Jamal Treywick

"Cowgirl boots." Sophomore Taylor Mullinax



### Good Luck on Finals...



### ...See you January 2!

#### 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



**Paolite Online** Tasha Tedrow says, "It has everything!"

> **Pinterest** We are addicted

#### Stockings (for Christmas)

"Christmas Vacation The Griswold's are Sam

Patton's favorite family.

"Scooby Doo" (The one with the Yeti)

**"The Grinch** 

Even though he creeps Shelby Waynick out.

**Christmas Tree** One that is any

other color but green.



By Chelsea Talmage