

BAND TRAVELS TO IRELAND

a once in a lifetime opportunity

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St. Patrick's Day was filled with joy and celebration for The Marching Pioneers as they performed in the holiday's annual parade in Dublin, Ireland.

When news broke of an international trip to Ireland from March 11-18, the members of the marching band were ecstatic.

"A man dressed up in a kilt and played the bagpipes before our directors broke the news of our trip, and I was so excited to find out that we were able to go to a foreign country," marching band member and senior Megan Cole said.

The best part of it all was that they were given the opportunity to perform in the iconic St. Patrick's Day Parade with a crowd of around half a million people.

"My predecessor, Dr. Ishbah Cox, applied for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2022," Director of Bands Joshua Boyer said. "The Marching Pioneers were then selected as one of the 12 bands to represent the United States."



The color guard rehearses for their Ireland trip performance.

The marching band practiced one to two days a week in the three weeks before the trip.

"The directors made it easy on us by designing the shows we played in Ireland to be very similar to ones that we already played in the past marching season," Cole said.

Right when they arrived in Ireland, they traveled to various locations to dive into the history of the island.

"We explored The Rock of Cashel, an iconic and historically significant grouping of medieval buildings," Secretary of Bands Heather Lantz said. "We also stopped at Blarney Castle, The Titanic Trail Tour of Cobh and The Irish Emigration Museum."

The marching band was also looking forward to gaining an understanding of Irish activities.

"We were able to watch and play some traditional Irish games, including a game called Gaelic football that I was excited to learn about," Cole said.

The trip included multiple opportunities for the Marching Pioneers to showcase their talents.

"The band had three performances: on the lawn of Kilkenny Castle as part of the town's St. Patrick's Day Festival, a waterside performance at the last stop of the Titanic before it's untimely sinking and lastly in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Dublin," Lantz said.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade in particular was a great moment for the Pioneers to highlight American culture.

"In Ireland, they don't have anything that resembles an American marching band, so I was excited to perform in such a high-end parade so that people could experience

something that is so traditional in America," Cole said.

The trip ultimately was able to open a new door for the band members as they shared their love for music in a completely different setting.

"Our goal was to give the band members a wide variety of music opportunities and experiences, while developing lifelong supporters of the performing arts," Lantz said.

Traveling to Ireland created so many memories for the members that will last them a lifetime.

"This trip was better than anything I could have asked for in my senior year. It was truly a once in a lifetime experience," Cole said.

The Marching Pioneers made history as it was their first international program trip.

"Participating in an international trip was not only an amazing chance to perform, but take in the geography, culture and history of Ireland," Lantz said.



The band travels to Rock of Cashel located in Cashel, County Tipperary, Ireland.

ACT/SAT PREP

a test guide on how to prepare

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This year, juniors have the task of taking the ACT and SAT, and incoming juniors will have to face this soon as well. Both tests have recently been transferred to being online but the tests still have the same setup as the paper version. There are many resources available to study and important information to be aware of for students who are taking it.

To sign up for the ACT, students can visit act.org, create an account and schedule to take a test. Incoming juniors have a required ACT day at the end of February that requires no signing up and no cost. For the SAT,

students can register on collegeboard.org and schedule the test.

“The biggest tips are having a positive attitude and getting a good night’s sleep beforehand. Another piece of advice for test day is to learn how to pace yourself and not spend too much time on one question,” Guidance Counselor James Kloepfer said.

There are plenty of resources to prepare for taking both tests. One option is to go to Schoollinks and click “SAT/ACT Study Prep” under the “College” tab. This will transfer the user to a resource called Methodize. This website provides free lessons, quizzes and practice tests to prepare

for either test.

“I used Methodize to prepare for the ACT that I took in February. I put a lot of effort into studying for it and my scores reflect that,” junior Ben Wisneski said.

Another popular option is purchasing prep books. These can be sometimes costly, but the school’s library may have some available for students to check out.

“After taking the test once, I recommend you focus on the subject that needs most work on and specifically study for that. However, be careful with certain testing places, they can get super expensive,” Kloepfer said.

CCP INFORMATION

the benefits of college credit plus

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One of the things that students first notice about high school is the freedom. No one waits for teachers to dismiss them for lunch; no one walks in the hallway in a single-file line. Some students can arrive late and leave early. But the freedoms of high school are academic, too. Students can pick and choose which classes to take – classes that take them outside the walls of the school and into a new world.

College credit plus, or CCP, are classes at a local university, like Columbus State or Ohio State University, that stand in for regular high school classes, typically AP. Students do CCPs to streamline their learning process, enjoy more rigorous studies and experience college early. They have become quite popular at

the high school.

“CCP was created for students who are planning to go to Ohio universities,” Guidance Counselor Sarah Hanna said. “CCP students have to be motivated to work on their own, keep track of their due dates and work independently without the support that a typical high school teacher provides.”

CCP classes allow students to take classes outside of school to free up time during the school day. AP classes take up chunks of a student’s schedule and taking them at a college instead will give students more chances for electives.

“I prefer CCP classes over high school classes because they aren’t every day of the week which allows me more free time, help me to meet new people and prepare for college,” junior Skylar Dean said. Dean attends one class at the high school and

spends the rest of the day learning at Columbus State.

Students also take CCPs because they may be more rigorous than the average high school class. This increased academic pressure may be important for students to experience before they head to college. Taking CCPs are a great way to catch a glimpse of college life before graduation.

“First step is to fill out the online Intent to Participate form,” Hanna said. “Students will then apply to a college’s CCP program. It is a different process for each school. Once accepted, the school will provide instructions on how to register for classes.”

Differences between AP and CCP

AP classes	CCP
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Offered through the high schoolHave to take an exam and score at least a 3 to receive creditYear long courseGuaranteed credit to transfer to college	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Offered through a college, typically OSU or Columbus StateSemester long courseCan attend class in person, online, or hybridCredit may not transfer to a college depending on where you are going

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MULTICULTURAL FAIR an exploration of many cultures

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The multicultural fair happened on March 1. The auxiliary gym was packed with sights and sounds, colors and music, food and festivities. With every step, the atmosphere changed. Each table was unique. Clothes, flags, customs, culture. Nothing was alike.

The same can be said about OOH's student body. Orange has students from many different backgrounds. The multicultural fair exists for students to explore the cultures of different countries. The gymnasium held the world. By walking just a few feet, one could travel from India to Turkey, from Brazil to Italy. Students could visit the fair during their lunch periods, and some volunteered to run the exhibition itself.

"I participated in the multicultural fair because even though I wasn't from the country whose booth I did, I wanted to be a part of sharing the culture," senior Taanishi Gulati said.

Each booth displayed the customs, foods and traditions of each country. India, for instance, had posters about Diwali and offered Indian snacks.



Senior Evona G. teaches students how to do the German slap dance.



Students created a poster of Turkey so that others can gain more insight of their culture.

Students who ran the booth dressed in traditional Indian clothing, such as the kurta. Each individual country showed their traditions in such a way.

"Students are able to understand traditions and foods of those around them," sophomore Ben Whitehead said.

The fair was an opportunity to learn about things that most students generally won't know about.

"The multicultural fair is a great learning opportunity for everyone," Gulati said. "Especially because the students running the booths are often from the countries they are representing and therefore are able to give firsthand experiences and knowledge about the culture and community."

But students were not limited to running booths that represent their own cultures. Many students ran booths of countries they had no prior ties to and made new memories and connections in the process.

"I learned some traditions like a German dance and how to play cricket," Whitehead said. "I enjoyed learning about the cultures of

classmates."

Whitehead's experience is the main goal of the multicultural fair. The event aimed to help students understand each other's cultures.

"Students are able to gain a better understanding because they learn from students with a culturally diverse background," Gulati said. "Also, many people have different foods and drinks to try, as well as artifacts to make it a more hands-on experience. Students are able to learn about cuisine, arts and language."

For the students touring the multicultural fair, the event was exposure to cultures they may have not known about before. The multicultural fair was an opportunity for students to get to know other cultures. Experiences that usually come from spending hundreds of dollars on a plane ticket came from walking around the gym during lunchtime. The multicultural fair was a fun event and reminded the school of the diversity and unique experiences that make it special.



Junior Hiya P. creates a henna tattoo at the Pakistan station.

LEARNING TO DRIVE

pros and cons of online vs. in-person driving schools

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Drivers must complete a driver education class at a licensed driver training school, which includes 24 hours of classroom or online instruction and eight hours of driving time, according to bmv.ohio.gov, with an additional requirement of 50 hours of driving, 10 of which being nighttime driving.

The problem for students who are in the process of getting their license is the delay to scheduling in-car sessions and scheduling in general. Another might be picking the best places and the fastest to book. Let's take a look at the popular and quickest choices near the area.

"The most important thing when learning how to drive is being patient

and not doing things you aren't comfortable with," junior Hailey Zinn said.

Popular websites for online classes include Top Driver, All Star and First Time Driving. The problem with online classes is the student can work on it whenever so it takes a lot of discipline to complete in a timely manner.

"It was cool being able to complete the course at my own pace and at home. But it was difficult to hold myself accountable and took a long time to complete," Zinn said.

The in-person driver's ed is more structured because students go into the school and get the classes over within a few weeks. The downside

is that students may not know their classmates and tend to think it's boring.

"I would recommend just doing in-class driver's education because you can get it done faster and can start on your in cars sooner," junior Grace Bozic said.

Driving Schools in Columbus:

- First Choice Driving Academy
- TWP Driving Academy
- Queencoco Driving School
- Phase 2 Drivers Ed. Prep LLC
- Sunny's Driving Academy
- Rightway Driving School

NUN THINGS

A peek at rehearsals for the spring

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It's theater season yet again, and students are working through vocals, dance and acting for the spring musical. Every year the theater department puts on a performance to challenge its abilities and dazzle audiences: this year's pick is "Sister Act."

Better known for its 1992 movie counterpart starring Whoopi Goldberg, "Sister Act" follows performer Deloris Van Cartier after having witnessed a murder and entering into witness protection, where she has to fulfill her own sentence in a convent before testifying in court.

It's a heartwarming comedy led

by seniors Caira Fisher-Rogers as Deloris and Hallie Whisler as Mother Superior. Nuns, "thugs" and tech alike are in the midst of rehearsal.

"My favorite part of the show is when we do run-throughs, and we get to see how much progress we've made. It's really motivational and makes me proud of everyone and the hard work they've put in," sophomore nun Lainey Groves said.

The pit orchestra has recently started learning the score and will soon be joined by a group of professional musicians to help. Tech crew maintains its own schedules where props, costumes, set, makeup and hair, lights and sound all meet on varying days.

"We're meeting twice a week,

planning who needs mics and scheduling when and to whom we have to switch them out to for the actual performances," senior sound crew member Divya Saravanakumar said.

Set is focused on building and painting, costumes are getting measurements and designing ideas, makeup and hair are testing certain looks and organizing wigs, lights are brainstorming what patterns look best for the stage and props are tracking down anything extra according to stage managers senior Tess Stamolis and sophomore Preston Bronder.

"It's important that people see the show because not only is it really funny, but it also shows great stories of friendship and romance," Groves said.

BEST SUMMER JOBS overview of the most fitting jobs for teens

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Over the summer, teenagers usually like to get jobs to fill their free time and get some extra money. The best jobs for teens to get over the summer are the fun interactive jobs that have good benefits for them as well.

A good job for teenagers over the summer is babysitting. The average pay for a babysitter is anywhere between \$10 to \$30 an hour according to babysits.com.

Babysitting is a good job for teens because it is not a full-time responsibility, and they are still able to have their own schedule. Babysitting

has important responsibilities though, like handling choking and knowing CPR. A Red Cross Babysitting class can take teenagers through the basics.

Other jobs available to teens are those in food services like McDonalds. An average pay for a job at McDonalds is \$7.25 to \$19.50 per hour, and it requires very little training needed to become a worker at McDonald's according to Indeed. Not only McDonalds but also Chick-fil-a or also Wendy's receive around the same pay and hours.

While working in food service, it would be difficult to get a good amount of outside time if teens are working inside all day.

Finally, the best summer job for a

teenager is being a lifeguard. Being a lifeguard is a big responsibility while keeping others safe, but it is a good way to spend time outside and have some fun over the summer.

The average pay for a lifeguard is between \$11 to \$20 an hour. The requirements to become one are swimming 300 continuous meters and tread water with only legs for two minutes. The student must be over the age of 15 and attend all 26.5 hours of training classes according to columbusrecparcs.com and ymcacolumbus.org.

If teens choose lifeguarding although it is a larger responsibility, they get the outside time and the fun day at the pool.

CREDITS MATTER

the not so new minimum class requirement

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It has only been a recent mumble in the halls that there's talk about a new minimum class requirement. It's shockingly not enough to be here for one class a day, but I didn't realize that a minimum of five classes extended beyond just athletes.

Staff and students were treating this policy like something new and having no access to information about it left them feeling in the dark. Assuming it was just another new policy, I just ran with it and wanted to know why.

Apparently though, under Ohio, this has been the rule for everyone, for years; it just hasn't been enforced. Under Olentangy, students are set up to fulfill 22 credits in order to graduate, but with the amount of people who

double up, take College Credit Plus (CCP) or online classes, many won't have a full schedule by senior year.

“Apparently though, under Ohio, this has been the rule for everyone, for years; it just hasn't been enforced,” Writer **Valentina Urbaez** said.

While I was operating under the assumption that this was a new Asher policy, I questioned what this does for students' academic experience because the reality is that it's all about credit fulfillment. As long as students check off Ohio's 20 credits and Olentangy's extra two, it's all the same.

I was most concerned about how these credits were counted and if people should worry about taking

classes that won't benefit them. So, I found that luckily, DACC, CCP and online counts toward the five minimum.

Surely though, there are students who have been ahead of the game and once their four years are ending, they may only need two more classes; I wondered how that five-class minimum would apply. I was told the only option is graduating early.

I agree. It's not beneficial to take random classes to fill up the day, but I don't see the harm in allowing students to come in for what they need and have the rest of their day open.

Although this requirement feels new, it couldn't be more typical and though students aren't up in arms about it, I just start to wonder at what point school becomes a checklist for graduation, rather than an education.

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STARTING SPRING

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-Spring

-Flower

-Tulip

-Vacation

-Beach

-Sunny

-Color

-Rain

-Roadtrip

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH & PIONEER PRIDE BARS

FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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Megan Cole
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Kamryn McKinnie

Jaiana Burrell
Ashton Earl
Julien Brown
Saran Diane
Trevor Purcell
Rylan Pfaff
Lauren Evans
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Krish Parikh
Jae Chen
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Lacey Carlow
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