

THE BARRACUDA NEWS REPORT

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Sports

Get ready, Barracuda sports fans! With winter sports a few weeks away, all sporting teams are preparing for their first games. Varsity Men's basketball begins their season next Friday, the 18th, against CFA. The boy's JV team begins their season November 28th against Challenger. Women's basketball begins their season on November 28th. They are still looking for additional players if anyone is interested in joining. Men and women's swimming begin their season on the November 28th, with their first meet at Carmel Christian. Be sure to go and support your Barracuda sports teams. For further information on University Christian Athletics, be sure to visit uchsathletics.com.
- Trey W.

The Reef

UCHS #ootd is coming soon. The t-shirt designs submitted look awesome and are in the process of being made. We all owe Meaghan Texer a big thank you for her hard work making this possible. If you see her, give her a shout-out (or a hug). We all complain about UCHS not having a football team. Well, flag football is as close as we're going to get. Grab five friends and sign up to play in the flag football tournament on November 17th. Shoeboxes, shoeboxes, shoeboxes! There's a mountain of them in Newton Hall! National Honor Society needs your help filling them up. Grab one, or six and bring them back as soon as possible!
-Trinity M.

Kim Kardashian and Elections?

Kim Kardashian is doing service work. Zac Efron won't be in High School Musical 4. America just got a new president. The world is changing fast, and I'm trying not to freak. Let's look at our accomplished candidates. Hillary won many a Saturday Night Live debate and is about to make email deleting an Olympic sport. When life gave Trump millions, he made billionade (despite the occasional bankruptcy along the way).

United States politics are changing faster than ever. Ever since Nixon handed in the tapes, Americans have been increasingly distrustful of their government. When Grover Cleveland ran for president in 1884, Joseph Pulitzer's New York World listed three reasons for their readers to vote him into office: 1. He is an honest man. 2. He is an honest man. 3. He is an honest man. The point is, US citizens valued honesty so much that they expected the president to be the epitome of that value. Investigations of Hillary Clinton have cost taxpayers millions of dollars. Donald Trump has denied investigations by the Justice Department about violating the Fair Housing Act of 1968. No wonder distrust of government is at an all-time low. We've let it degenerate.

But not all hope is lost. Saturday Night Live and Twitter will be great for the next four years! Besides that, the founding fathers ensured informed citizens would be the foundation of democracy. To be a government of, for, and by the people, American citizens have to understand its inner-workings and decisions. Let's know what's going on. Read the Skimm. Get emails from the Human Rights Watch. Download the Flipboard app and read articles with liberal and conservative slants to get



Feeding the Fish

Senior Jesse Brown may appear to be an average exhausted senior ready for the end of his high school career; however, he has a unique cultural perspective that has shaped his world in more ways than expected. With his father serving in the Navy, Jesse grew up in countless cities across the U.S. Eventually, his parents decided to expand their horizons and requested to be assigned somewhere overseas. He has since lived in both Venezuela and Chile, with his father serving an ambassador in the former. With unique stories such as tracking down the truck of the man selling eggs to end their month long absence, to living under a dictator's rule, to developing complete proficiency in a second language, Jesse has developed a worldview that shapes his every decision. Thank you Jesse for contributing to our unique UCHS family!

-Carolyn O.

Suha Speaks- Veteran's Day Fiasco

There are 22 million veterans and counting in the United States of America. That is how many people we need to thank, help, and celebrate. Numerous UCHS students have families with veterans in them. Yet, our school does not take the day off so that students can go to those family members, soup kitchens, or hospitals to thank the men and the women who have gone across the world to protect our nation. Our own mission is "...to provide a Christ-centered education that inspires students to achieve excellence in academics, moral character, and servant leadership." In North Carolina, there are about 736,000 veterans alone. Having to go to school on this day means a student cannot go to a family member that has served and say thank you. We hope that in future years this will change. If all the other schools in Hickory are taking time off, including private Christian schools, then perhaps we should consider doing the same. Holidays indicate respect. The community around us is respecting veterans in this way, and our veterans certainly deserve it. But I'll be here at 7 A.M. **-Of the student, by the student, for the student.** - Suha

information closest to the truth. Who is president, what policy is created, and what world we live in depends on our minds. Let's grow them. - Catherine C.

Quirky Quotes - Election Day (From the Students):

Hillary Clinton once said, "What we have to do... is to find a way to celebrate our diversity and debate our differences without fracturing our communities." Well, that one lost. However, diversity is an integral part of UCHS and everywhere else. For example, whether Democrat, Republican, or somewhere in between each student weighed in on the election - very diversely, I might add. However, this diversity is part of the vital process of forming community and culture. Here's what the students have to say in response to the election:

I support an American oligarchy. - anonymous

I feel like Trump had a possibility to be president, but with what he said, it's hard for people to accept it. - anonymous

You can't stump the Trump.- Cody C. & Davis E.

Lock her up. - Sam Wimmer

It's America's Brexit. - Martin S.

I was hoping Hillary could win and the Republicans could maintain control in the legislative branch. - anonymous

To tie it all together, one student even eloquently described the unity we must achieve through diversity, even in our political opinions... "Though I am disappointed in the results of this election and have some fear about the consequences of the choice that Americans have made, I know that doing our best to love and to accept our differences and to be tolerant is more important now than it was before. We now must accept Donald Trump's leadership, and I hope with everything that I have that he will be the best president to ALL Americans."

-Caroline W.