



Wolves' Tale Harris- Lake Park Community School

Senior Spotlight

By Rachel Martin

Johnathan Michael Smith is a senior this year here at Harris-Lake Park. He was born on June 3, 1999, in Worthington, MN. At school, his friends call him John or Johnny. Johnny's mom's name is Amber. He has a younger sister whose name is Aimee. She is currently 15 years old. Johnny has a younger brother named Jayden, who is 8 years old. Johnny's part-time job is at Burger King in Worthington, Minnesota. His favorite song is "Courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue" by Toby Keith.



For his senior year, Johnny is currently taking government, anatomy, personal finance, introduction to computers, reading and writing, computer graphics,

and band.

Johnny also participates in football and golf. Football is Johnny's favorite sport, and his favorite football team is the Minnesota Vikings. He also loves the color red, and his favorite car is the 1969 Chevy Camaro SS. In his spare time, you might find him four-wheeling or fishing.

After Johnny graduates, he plans to go to college and be a fourth generation mechanic. He can't wait to become a volunteer fireman and attend his first day of college. His best memory is all the football games. Football is also the thing he will miss the most from high school. His favorite teacher is Mr. Sohn, who teaches his favorite class principles of technology.



In ten years, Johnny sees himself with a nice house and a good job. His advice for the underclassmen of H-LP is to have fun in school and get good grades.

Johnny's favorite quote is "You know, all that really matters is that the people you love are happy and healthy. Everything else is just sprinkles on the sundae" -Paul Walker. If Johnny had one wish, he would wish to start high school all over again.

Sophomores attended a career day in Emetsburg in September. There were many hands-on areas to go to.



Wolves keep biting

by Ashley Erne

The H-LP football team has had an excellent season. They have won all six of their games so far and are looking to continue their winning streak.

In their Sept. 30 game, the Wolves played West Bend-Mallard in West Bend and won 41-6. During this game, Bryce Perkins passed for 200 yards and 5 touchdowns. Trevor Gunderson had 2 receiving touchdowns and 1 rushing touchdown and scored 2 points on a conversion. Jordan Kyle and Cale Hellinga had 2 and 1 receiving touchdowns, respectively. Cale and Bret Sohn each helped out with an interception, also. Dalton Nicks made 3 out of 4 extra point attempts.

The Wolves also had a great night during their homecoming game on September 23 against Siouxland Christian, Whiting. The Wolves beat the Hawks 75-6. Bryce Perkins threw for 66 yards and 2 touchdowns. Trevor Gunderson had 5 touchdowns, total. Keegan Carpenter had 2 touchdowns; Cale Hellinga and Julian Burdorf each had 1 touchdown. Dalton Nicks made 7 out of 9 extra point attempts, and he had an interception for a touchdown. Brandon Rowe helped out with 2 points, also.

Coach Gunderson said, "I was proud of the guys for being so focused and playing so well in all phases. We've talked about this all year; we aren't staying the same; we're either getting better or we're regressing, and I thought we got better."

The Wolves are continuing to move up in the rankings, and they look forward to their last regular season games! They play Graettinger-Terril/Ruthven-Ayrshire on October 14, and their last game is at home against Kingsley-Pierson on October 21.

How to select the right college for you

by Sadie Breitbach

It doesn't really matter if you are a senior in high school or you are a sophomore in a community college, you can always know how to pick the right college for you. You may be unsure or just need a boost in getting motivated. Picking a good college is important because it helps you understand what you are going to be getting into for the next four years of your life.

When selecting a college, you may want to take into consideration that you may not like big groups of people, so that will help you rule out a big university. You may enjoy scenery when you are going to be walking, biking, or riding to classes, so you may look at what college campuses look like. You also have to know if you want to be close or far from home. These are just some of the things you have to think about when choosing a college.

Things you need to think about when you go on your college searches or visits are that it is not a bad thing to ask questions. If you don't ask any questions, how are you ever going to get any answers that you may be searching for? One of the questions you should ask is, "What is your survey rate?" By asking this question, you are getting to know how many students after six months of graduation are actually being put into the workforce. Knowing this information will let you see how successful your college actually is.

A couple of weeks ago, being in the senior class, some of us went on a college visit to Iowa State University. I, personally, had never considered going there because I had always grown up a fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes. If I would not have had an open mind and gone on the visit, I would not have been able to see the campus, and I would not have been able to add Iowa State to one of my possible colleges for next year.

What I'm trying to get at is that don't just go off of what you read online when you choose a college. Take a visit to them and decide on which one makes you feel most at home. Go with the college that will make you happy because you are going to be spending money on this college for the next four years. Good luck with your searches and don't forget to ask questions with an open mind.

Experiencing a different country

By Tessa Ihnen

Sorya Lagnaux, Soso, is from Geneva, which is a French part of Switzerland. Soso has one brother named Nicolas; he is 24 years old. She is the daughter of Anne and Yuan. She is currently living with Jennifer and Josh Paskert, Braeton Nitzschke and Ashlyn. Soso is taking many classes this year, including biology, U.S. history, English, Algebra II, chemistry, choir, and psychology. She is also participating in cross country; Soso plans on being a part of basketball and track as well.

When Soso first came to the United States, she went to New York for the ten-day EF camp. She left Geneva on July 20th, and she arrived in Iowa on July 30th. Soso has done many fun things since she has been here. She has enjoyed going to football games, camping, visiting a water park, visiting Manhattan, going to the county fair, and going to a pep rally. Soso plans on going to California in March or April with some other foreign exchange students. Her family is also planning some small trips.

Soso said, "The school systems are really not the same so it is hard to explain, but in Geneva we have eleven years of obligatory school, elementary and middle. We have three different levels in middle school. Only the people in the third level are allowed to go to four year high school. Less than half of the teenagers go to high school. If you are in high school, it is because you want to go in a high level college for a long study. Some students do apprenticeships. Others go to business school or a school of general knowledge, which is a shorter study. High school is harder in my country and less fun. We don't have sports, but we have P.E. We do not compete against other schools for sports like it is here."

There are many other differences between Geneva and the United States that Soso has noticed. Americans eat very early. Soso eats between eight and nine thirty at night. Switzerland also doesn't have very much fast food because they eat a lot of vegetables. They do not eat much meat. Soso also explained that teachers here are more like a friend. It is stricter in Geneva. Another difference is that an 18-year-old can buy strong alcohol and a 16-year-old can buy beer and wine in Geneva. They also must be 18 for a driver's license; however, they bike everywhere or take a train or bus. Soso's favorite part about being here is going to all of the sports games.

She has learned a lot already. She feels like she is becoming more fluent in English. Everyone has been very welcoming. Soso said, "Going to another culture teaches you a lot. You need to be responsible and mature and know that your parents can't do anything for you."

Soso plans to be a doctor and go to the University of Medicine of Geneva. She also looks forward to traveling more in her lifetime and experiencing things here like Christmas, Thanksgiving, and prom since they don't have that in Geneva.



Quarter ends

The end of first quarter is Friday, October 21. High school/middle school parent-teacher conferences are October 25 and 26 from 5:00-8:00 P.M. in the high school commons. Elementary conferences are held by appointment.