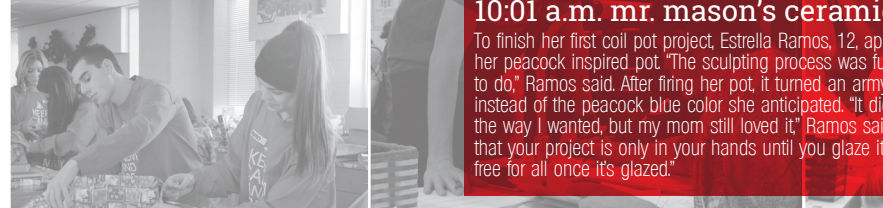
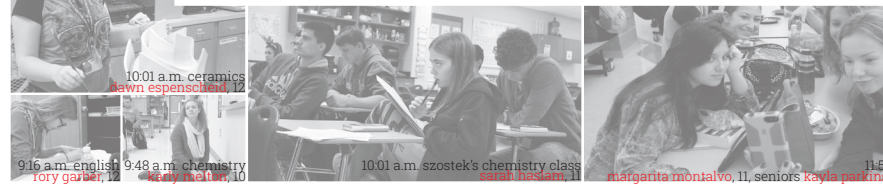
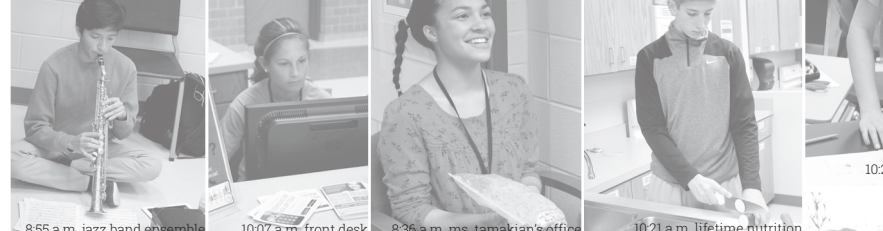




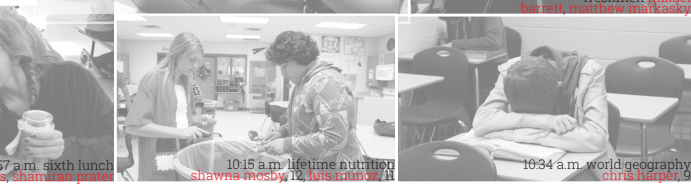
8:18 a.m. mrs. scott's theatre arts class
 To prepare for their Christmas skit, Addyson O'Bar, 9, colors Hailey Rodriguez, 9, nose red to better portray her character, Rudolph. Mrs. Kelsey Scott randomly assigned class members into groups and students wrote their own scripts. Rodriguez's group chose to write a scene about Rudolph running away from Santa's workshop. "It went really well," Rodriguez said. "It was fun doing it with all my friends."



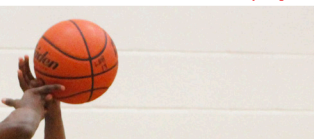
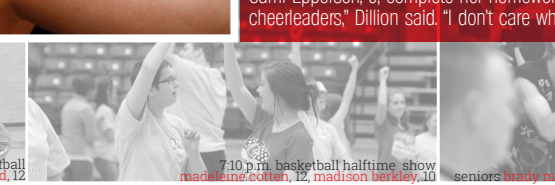
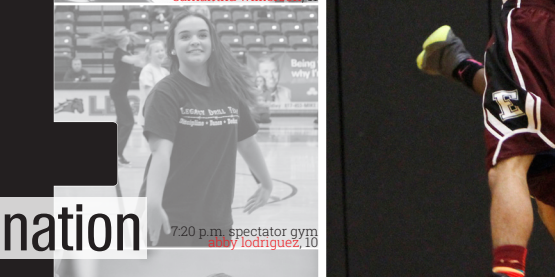
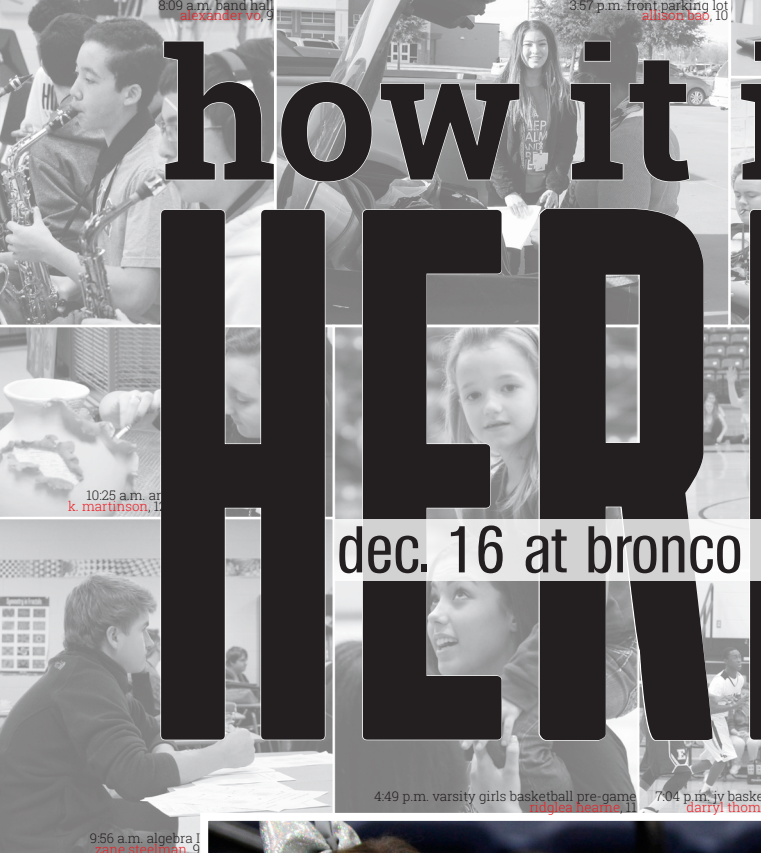
10:01 a.m. mr. mason's ceramics class
 To finish her first coil pot project, Estrella Ramos, 12, applies glaze to her peacock inspired pot. "The sculpting process was fun and easy to do," Ramos said. After firing her pot, it turned an army green color instead of the peacock blue color she anticipated. "It didn't turn out the way I wanted, but my mom still loved it," Ramos said. "You learn that your project is only in your hands until you glaze it. It's kind of a free for all once it's glazed."



11:51 iPad help center
 When Kyle Carmichael, 9, realized his iPad wouldn't download anything, his teacher Mrs. Donna Kercher sent him down to campus support technician Mrs. Jessica Retchless to get the problem fixed. "My iPad is beneficial because it keeps me organized through apps like iTunes you," Carmichael said. "Knowing where to find the information to be able to complete assignments is helpful."



1:01 p.m. seventh lunch hallway
 When Kyleigh Hall, 10, saw other students in an earlier lunch playing hacky sack together, she decided to bring her own to play with her group of friends. After realizing that play could become easier with a larger hacky sack, Jacob Rowland, 10, decided to bring his for the group of soccer players to play with. "The more you play the better your touch gets," Rowland said. "It shows on the field." The group plays the game every day at lunch starting about 1 p.m. unless Rowland was absent from school.



7:02 p.m. jv boys' basketball
 At the game against Ennis, Dominique Jackson, 9, jumps for a layup. Jackson played shooting guard for the team which gave him the goal to get the ball open so other players to score. "To be on JV as a freshman is something special," Jackson said. "If I'm not playing hard, then the people around me won't play hard."



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Alice For the fall production, the theater department performed "Alice in Wonderland: The Manhattan Project," a twisted, darker version of the original classic. **Catie Williams**, 11, played the lead role of Alice. "Alice" was an ensemble-based production and you could see that because everybody was used as characters and set pieces." Williams said of the unorthodox play. "We all had to work together to make scenes. It was really, really different. Everybody had to be part of the set except for Alice [Williams' character]."



Bucky Since the school's opening, Bucky the Bronco has proudly lead athletes at football and basketball games alongside the cheerleaders. The man behind the mask was **Tony Denson**, 11, who first heard of auditions through the school announcements. "I thought that trying something new would be a great opportunity or rite," Denson said of his decision to try out. "My favorite part about being Bucky was being able to bring joy to children and giving the school even more spirit."



Cousins The myth, the man, the legend, the one and only **Mr. Leonard Cousins**. In his two years here, Mr. Cousins has risen to fame amongst the students. "I think I'm famous because I'm very outgoing and I'm a disciplinarian. I don't have a problem with holding people's feet to the fire," Cousins said of his status. "I don't want students to feel intimidated, because sometimes I can get a little loud. I am kind of loud."



Drinking fountain The water-fountain attachments located by the band hall had a humorous story of origin. Band student **Ben Ayers**, 11, recalled what it was like before the arrival of the attachments. "We would twist the heads of the water fountains, so we could fill our water jugs for summer band practice," Ayers said. Eventually the heads broke off, which led to the district installing devices specifically for filling bottles to avoid further incidents. Students like Ayers thought the devices would be helpful next season. "The floors won't get as wet," Ayers said.



Energy shutdown All of MSD started participating in an energy shutdown before long breaks to save money. "It's designed to shut down all electronic appliances teachers use in classrooms," Mr. **John Contreras**, the assistant principal in charge of the shutdown at Legacy, said about the change. "If each person unplugs two or three things, multiplied by every building in the district, the savings are huge. And that money goes back to the students." Teachers embraced the shutdown — Legacy had above the high school average participation during Thanksgiving and winter break.

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THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON AT LEGACY FOR EVERY LETTER OF THE ALPHABET



Hurst Ms. **Michelle Hurst**, science teacher extraordinaire, was known for wearing some pretty wacky outfits (pictured here in her Jesus costume for the day before Christmas). "Often I feel ridiculous, but there is power in looking silly," Hurst said of her often outlandish garb. "I feel like if I can stand in front of my class and look silly, I make them feel a little more comfortable."



IDs The small open space on the edge of the cafeteria has always been home to vending machines until the end of last year. Students were first confused when they saw Snapple machines being carted off to different locations throughout the school, but soon the purpose was revealed: the art department claimed the space as a display gallery, nicknamed the Mason Jar after art teacher Mr. **David Mason**. "We never have enough space to display anything other than flat work and those spaces fill up quickly," Mason said. "No other campus probably within 20 miles has anything like it." Though it may seem like a self-tribute, Mason said it was the art club that came up with the monicker. "I had nothing to do with the naming," Mason said. "It was between that and 'through the looking glass.'"



JROTC Trophy Case The JROTC department did incredibly well over the years — and they had the trophy case to prove it. This case also happens to be backed by a mirror, and no matter what, you couldn't help but find yourself looking in it. When you passed by.



Kahoot If your teacher didn't make you play at least one game of Kahoot for a review, are you sure you even go here?



Lockers Maybe it's the short passing periods. Maybe it was that we were allowed to keep our backpacks in class. Maybe it was the use of athletic and band lockers in substitute, but for whatever reason, hardly anyone used a locker. Rows upon rows of empty metal boxes stood abandoned in the Legacy halls. Our apologies to the district on the wasted money.



Mason Jar

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Notes Since the introduction of student iPads to all MSD high schools in 2012, Legacy students had more options concerning note taking. "Personally, I prefer to take notes on paper, because iPad notes are very rigid, but with paper not only do I have freedom to draw diagrams, I'm also using my mind to remember what I'm writing," **Sam Beibel**, 12, said about the two methods. "Writing paper notes is familiar, it's something I've been doing my entire life."



Olga Last year, a Legacy teacher brought a child-sized mannequin to school that she had procured from her mother's clothing store. Thus began an unending prank battle amongst Legacy teachers using the mannekin, nicknamed "Olga." Olga has been placed in ceilings, under teacher's desks, and even shipped to the superintendent. Through Ms. **Rena Long**, the teacher who purchased Olga no longer taught at Legacy, Olga remained, fueling teacher prank wars across the school.



Pink Out

Although we may not have had Pink Fest students here at Legacy still went all out in rosy hues for Pink Out. Pictured here, **Nicole Gaw**, 11, cheers on the Broncos at the Pink Out football game on Oct. 24.



U2FC

Student Council started a new tradition, instead of the traditional Pink Fest in October for breast cancer awareness, the SuCo sponsored United to Fight Cancer. They students loved the successful fundraising Pink Fest has brought but felt that the Mansfield community could identify with other forms of cancer." Ms. **Sarah Austenmore**, the SuCo sponsor, said. "U2FC was a way for all of Mansfield ISD and Legacy to join together and raise money, and awareness for a cause that affects everyone." The program raised a total of \$1,133 from the pep rally and \$490 from the color run.



Many students praise Quizlet, the flashcard studying app, but students in Ms. **Jeff Bordenio's** AP World History class developed a different opinion. "I gave a project and I started going through them and noticed that everyone's answers were the same," Bordenio said. "So I Googled it and it came up on Quizlet." After discovering that all but two students in her history classes had plagiarized the same source, Bordenio retaliated with a large workload and a lecture on plagiarism. "I think it's a good tool if it's used correctly, and the sources are reputable," Bordenio said. "I think students have a false sense of security in what they find online."

Ritz

From his giant sombrero to his wildly-colored poncho, Mr. **Howard Ritz** made his personality statement amongst students and was named Teacher of the Year. But for Mr. Ritz fame wasn't something that even crossed his mind. "I didn't even know I was famous," Ritz said of his status. "Because I'm crazy? What? I don't know. Because of my sense of humor? I don't know. There are other teachers who are better than I am, so maybe it's because I exaggerate who I am."

the mith

The first year the school opened in 2007, Legacy hired the Smith Security Company to watch the parking lot for students sneaking off campus. The school has used multiple security companies since then, but students still refer to the parking lot security guard as "the Smith."



Trivia Crack This app swept the nation and staked its claim at Legacy Mansfield ISD blocked Trivia Crack on the school WiFi because of its widespread use during class — but that may or may not have stopped students from playing a round or two during school on their phones.



Having a Whataburger right across the street from school might be the greatest thing to ever happen to public education. Students could drive through and grab a delicious honey butter chicken biscuit before first period, or walk across the road to grab a sweet tea with friends before afternoon practice.

Vaping

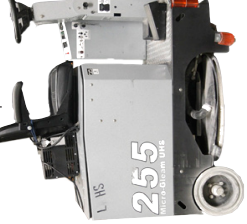
If you're confused, ask your more "with-the-times" friend. Vaping involved using electronic cigarettes. Though it was definitely not allowed at school, vaping rose in popularity; it was even the New York Times' 2014 Word of the Year.

Yoga Pants

Ah, yoga pants, the favorite relaxing wear of girls every where, but tragically, very against school dress code.

Zamboni

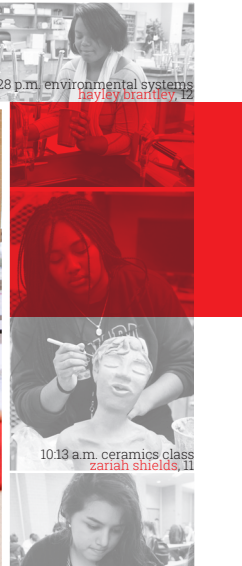
If you're reading this and you're near a custodian, stop and thank them for everything they do for our school. One of their many laborious jobs in keeping Legacy clean was to drive the Zamboni to clean the floors in the cafeteria and other open areas.



9:17 a.m. mrs. bordelon's acadec class
 To prepare for the art history subject test, Garrett Wikoff, 12, studies the 150 page resource guide during class time. Wikoff even created a 14 page color coded packet of material to look over to better his performance at State. "There's no such thing as an unimportant detail," Wikoff said. Wikoff continued studying right up until the moment he took his test. The acadec team departed for lunch at Waffle House without their C team alternate, Jason Irvin, 11. Acadec sponsor Mr. John Davis, went back to the school to pick up Irvin.



10:21 a.m. jrotc drill meet practice
 As part of the presentation of the colors, Bethanny Mota, 10, and Dezirae Rodriguez, 9, uncase the colors while Haley Stames, 11, and Diandra Gonzales, 10, hold the poles parallel with the ground. Commander Stames shouted out commands to the colorguard to follow during practice as well as competition. "I've got a lot more experience than them," Stames said. "I'm taller (and) Sergeant Major likes it to be where the flag holder are about the same height so the flags are even."



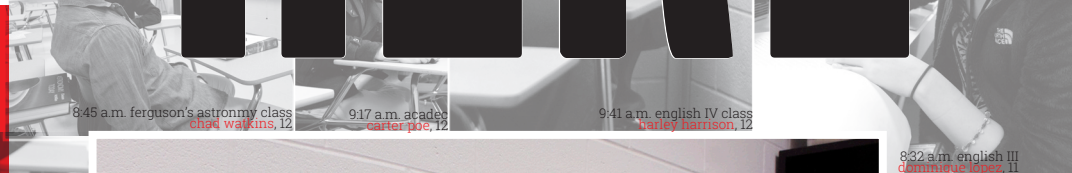
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3:15 p.m. jv drill team practice
 At an after-school practice, Su Mi Kirk 10, works on straightening her arms and being sharp in the team's pom routine to a remix of "Work". JV drill team members practiced without the poms until they mastered the moves. "I feel like it's easier with poms because you don't have to worry about your hands," Kirk said. "Pom is my favorite because you have to bring out a lot of energy and it's fast. I never get bored with it." The team performed two other dances at the competition March 7 which included a jazz routine to "For You" by Mary J. Blige featuring "Disclosure" and a hip-hop dance to a Beyoncé mix. "The double pirouette is the hardest because you have to focus on straightening your core and spotting at the same time," Kirk said. The team started preparing for their one and only competition when they returned from winter break.



9:49 a.m. ausdenmoore's stuco class
 In StuCo class, Heather Brown, 12, paints a sign #luck4brooke to post in the hallways to raise awareness for this year's LUCK week candidate Brooke Hester. "I think it's really cool because as a student council we are showing the students of Legacy how you can do little things to make people happy," Brown said. Brown worked with Mr. Dave Mason to design the shirts that sold for \$15 which helped raise money to cover medical bills for the Hester family.



10:03 a.m. ferman's tech theater class
 As part of the costume design unit, Bailey Griffin, 10, sews a border onto a quilt patch to practice the proper technique. "The hardest part is making sure everything is even because it's really exact so if you got it one way the whole thing would be crooked," Griffin said. Students purchased their own fabric they picked out themselves and then watched a tutorial video to know exactly what to do. Tech theater students learned all about tools, knot tying, sound, costume design and how to apply theatrical makeup throughout the year.



6:34 p.m. winter choir concert
 During the short five minutes in between performing, show choir members Craig Nealey, 11, and Paul Ponce, 10, rush to completely change from their chamber chorale attire into their show choir attire to sing their pop song. "It's a different type of singing," Nealey said. "I had to change my mind set." Choir director yelled two minutes to warn the members they were short on time. Nealey decided to help Ponce with his tie before he even had his own on because he knew Ponce walked out onto the stage before him.





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From 7:25 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. plus the extra hours, Legacy students spent countless hours here. We created shows, music, books and art here. We played and practiced for games here. We laughed and learned with teachers here. We studied, cried and slept here. That's how it was here. Scan the photo above using the aurasma app to see a tour of the school.

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