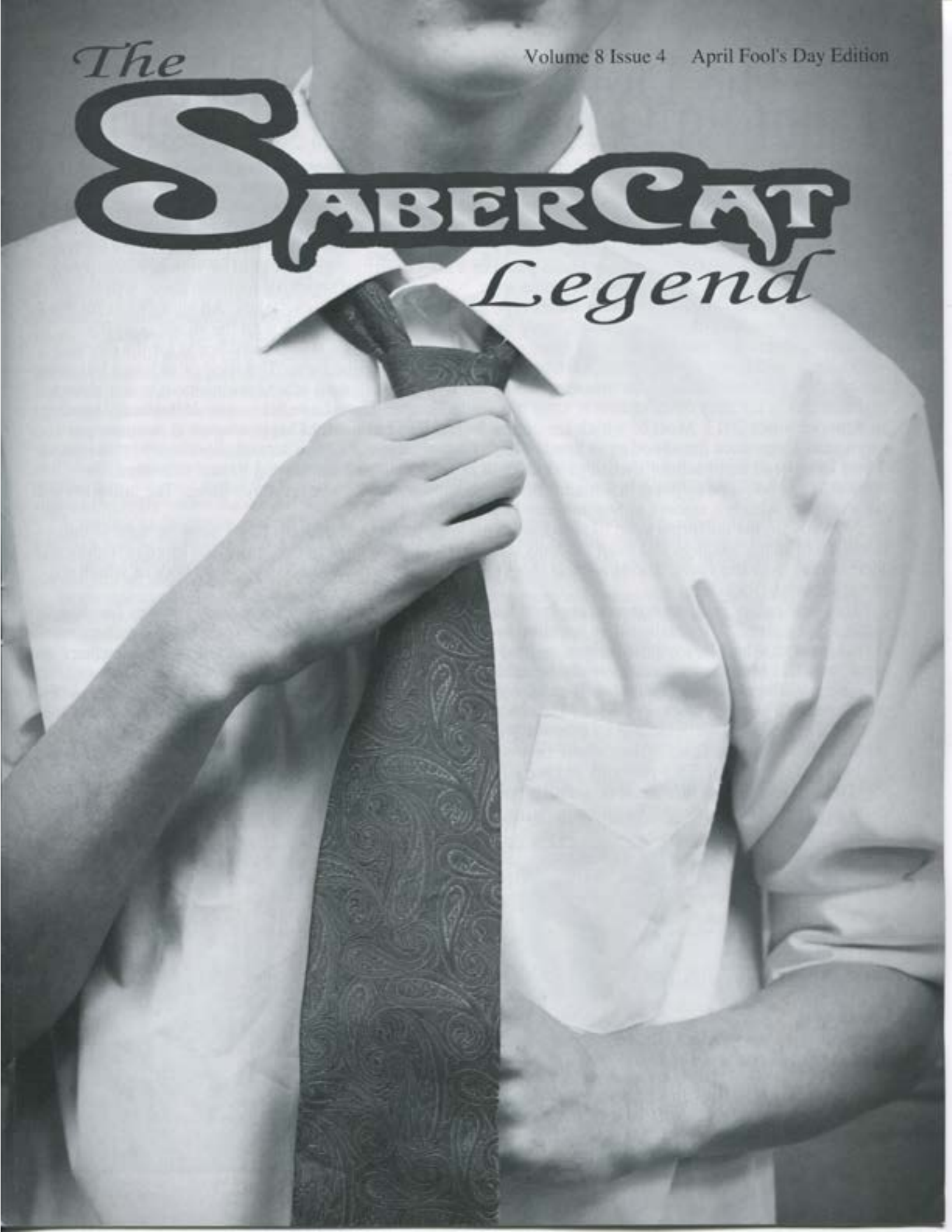


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By Kaylee Deisering

The Dress Code to Success

Our school is taking bigger actions regarding our safety. The rule of wearing our student identification badges will be demolished and from then on we will be required to wear uniforms, teachers will be required to wear IDs or accept a consequence, and rules for anyone entering our school will be made. These actions are being taken because students at our school are still refusing to wear the IDs.

No need to worry if your shirt matches your pants anymore. The uniforms will be colored according to our school colors. It will be required to wear a navy blue polo shirt with khaki pants or shorts for boys, and a navy blue polo shirt and either khaki pants or a khaki skirt for girls. A gold or yellow colored polo can be an alternative option for the navy blue shirt. No opened-toed shoes, or high top shoes will be accepted. Boys are suggested to wear loafer type shoes, and for girls, mary janes. All shoes must be black, and knee high socks either white, black, navy blue, or gold should be worn with the shoes as well.

Any students that fail to follow the rules concerning the uniforms will be sent home for the day and the absence will count against them. Danny Reed, the head principal, says "I'm tired of kids not following the rules, it's time to take drastic measures." Mr. Reed believes that all other options have been exhausted and that this is the only other option to keep our students safe. There have been over 160 school shootings in America since 2013. Most of which are on the west coast, but it could happen again at anytime and anywhere. Ever since the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary, the rate of school shootings has increased. There have been eight school shootings already in 2016 throughout the United States. Intruders can approach a school and target it in a matter of seconds and look like an everyday citizen. The uniforms will help identify who is a student at Southmoore High School.

Not only do the uniforms keep us safe but it will keep us modest as well. It has been brought to the attention of many teachers and even students that girls and boys have gotten more and more revealing with their bodies over the years. Shorts are too short and shirts are becoming too exposing, both of which are not appropriate for school.

This new policy will not however apply to teachers. "Teachers can still dress however they feel like," states Danny Reed. They will still be required to wear the IDs for obvious safety purposes. Teachers who do not wear their IDs will be written up, and will lose a day of pay. It is important that the teachers wear their IDs because they could easily be mistaken as an intruder.

As for visitors, such as parents or guardians that come to check out a student, or visit the school to be a sub, there will security at every door of the school for all school hours, to make sure no danger enters the school. The security will be close by to make sure anyone that enters the school, aside from students, make their way to the front office, where they will receive a tag with their name and what their purpose for being at the school. This prevents anybody from not knowing who anybody is.

To keep our school safe these new uniforms are essential, teachers will be required to wear IDs, and extra safety precautions will be taken regarding anyone that enters the school. The lives of students are

very important and we will do whatever it takes to keep our students safe. Since the IDs are not working, making these extra steps hopefully will.

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By Gina Pham

Drugs, Dropouts, and Diplomas

The graduation requirements for seniors in the Moore Public Schools District are constantly being amended and adjusted. One of the first changes was the art credit in place of the gym credit and the most recent requirement of becoming CPR compression certified. The newest requirement being currently implemented is a drug test for all seniors before they're allowed to graduate.

The drug test will be conducted at random for a small number of students each week until all seniors have been tested. Students who do not pass the randomized drug test will be unable to receive their diploma and will have their parents contacted for a meeting with the local police force and head principal of their respective school.

Senior class sponsor David Hanneman said, "I love the new requirement! A diploma from Southmoore High School (or any other high school) represents the school, its teachers and administrators. We do not want to be graduating and sending out into the world and workforce students who are drug addicts. If a student receives a diploma from Southmoore, we want that diploma to represent a strong education and a clean and healthy person." Drug tests are rumored to begin within the second week of April.

According to drugabuse.gov, 36 percent of incoming college freshmen admitted to using drugs before. This rate has been seen to be rapidly increasing every year. Though many will find the mandatory drug test to be against their rights violating the Fourth Amendment which is the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures; it is not.

According to AP Government teacher Jennifer Blevins, the most recent Supreme Court case on drug testing (Earls v. Tecumseh (Oklahoma) Public School 2002), the Supreme Court ruled that due to the nationwide epidemic of drug use, Tecumseh Public schools was entirely reasonable to enact drug testing policies. "This ruling is based on 4 points," Blevins said. "First, schools have a custodial and tutelary responsibility for all students. Second, participation in extracurricular activities diminishes the expectation of privacy. Third, drug testing through urinalysis is not an invasion of students privacy, given the school policy. Fourth, the drug testing policy serves the school district's interest in protecting its students' safety and health."

Complaints and lawsuits have risen from other schools implementing drug testing on athletes. Knowing this fact, Moore Public Schools will continue to implement random drug tests regardless of complaints as other school districts implementing this policy on athletes have won their respective court cases.

"If a parent does not want their child tested for fear that they will test positive, then they probably have a bigger problem with their child than with the policy," Hanneman said.

"Schools are also taxpayer-funded institutions therefore, taxpayers have the right to know that their money goes to educating future workforce members not drug addicts who may not care as much about school. Senior class sponsor Bill Garner said, "Just as school menus are printed in the papers and teacher's salaries are a matter of public record, student drug use should be published as well. Parents have a right to know what drugs their children are using just as they know what medicines their children are prescribed. How else can we as educators make informed decisions?"

Drugs also affect the body greatly in many terrible ways that young students may not be aware of. In Oklahoma, marijuana is the most commonly cited drug among primary drug treatment admissions, followed closely by stimulants such as methamphetamine. Statistics from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration say that in 2014 Oklahoma has had 209 Meth Lab incidents compared to 13 in the state of Texas. However, many drug users may not consider themselves addicts or dependent on drugs regardless of society's point of view that all drug users are addicts and dependents. Psychologists define addiction or dependence as the compulsive, excessive, and difficult-to-control substance use or other that begins to interfere with ordinary life, work, behavior and relationships. Noting that withdrawals from said dependence may be cause physical or psychological dependence. People with addictions may also not realize they've lost control.

As inconvenient the new requirement may be Moore Public Schools' main goal is to provide a safe and healthy environment for all their students and families. Drug testing will proceed to begin the second and third week of April at random. If students, parents, or faculty have any questions they can direct their questions to www.sabercatlegend.com/HappyAprilFools.



By Jordan Johnson

Healthy Food Ban

Sources have stated that Moore Public Schools will be getting more strict with their food health. Due to First Lady Michelle Obama's newest guidelines, the head principle has noticed that we are not meeting the criteria that is expected. Another source stated that there will not be any more Mazzio's pizza. The snacks in the vending machine will be replaced with healthy nutrition bars as well as the diet sodas substituted with Aquafina water for \$1.50 only at breakfast and during lunch.

"Since I have started my first year as principal at new Southmoore, it has come to my attention that we have not met the guidelines for the health food law introduced by First Lady Michelle Obama. On site school vending machines and the cafeteria offer healthy food choices, not junk food. They must provide only 100% fruit juices, water, or milk; not only high sugar items. Which means no more Mazzios, diet sodas, or candy being sold on school premises." Danny Reed, head principal of Southmoore High School stated.

Any students who are seen bringing outside food into the school will be given a lunch detention the first time, for the second offense student's will be given ISD, third offenses will result in suspension the following day, the fourth offense will require a meeting with the student's parents and head principal Mr. Reed.

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By Erik Eaton

Assigned Parking

Southmoore High School will be implementing a new parking system starting after spring break. Each Student with a parking decal will be assigned a parking spot number. That number will correspond with a number painted on each parking space in the lot. This will make it easier for the administrators to find a certain student's car if need be. It will also prevent fights and petty feelings over parking spots.

"We want our kids to know where they will be parking, instead of trying to find one that is open closest to the school," said sophomore principal Mr. Oliver, "If they have a parking spot not so close to the school, they may need to leave their house a little earlier than usual." Noting this, parking spots will be assigned with convenience in mind and front parking spaces will be assigned before parking spaces further away will be.

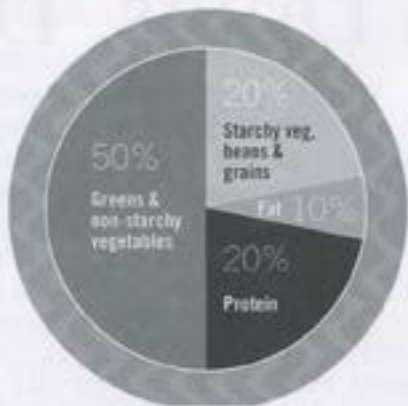
The new assigned parking places will also allow for more fundraising opportunities to help with budget cuts. STUCO will be hosting yearly fundraisers where students can decorate their parking spot with chalk and paint for the year.

The parking spaces will also be organized by senior priority, continuing next with juniors and finishing with sophomores.

Parking spaces will be nonnegotiable. Any violation of parking will be given a warning for the first offense, a suspension for the second, and \$150 fine for the third. This new decision has been made to keep track of students' coming and going as well as for the safety of the school.

Another factor in the assigned parking spot decision is due to the new building being added over the summer that will take away some of the parking in the north parking lot. The equestrian team is getting stables added to house their horses and these stables will be added to the far end of the northern parking lot.

The changes will take some getting used to, but the SHS administrations trusts that their students will handle the adjustments with grace and thanks students for their cooperation. If you have any further questions, please contact your Sabercat Legend staff at www.sabercatlegend.comHappyAprilFools.



By McKenna Lindsay

Prom-nasium

Prom is the elegant affair students look forward to all year. This year, unfortunately, the much anticipated event faces many changes and complications.

The budget cuts and financial difficulties are no secret to the Southmoore student body. It should not come as a surprise then, when the budget for this year's Fly Away With Me prom, did in fact fly away. The Junior Council's budget for prom has been reduced in order to pay for much needed scantrons and copy paper.

So what changes are being made? How many sacrifices will the Southmoore students have to make?

First, instead of prom being held at Westminster Event Center it has been decided that prom will be held in the Southmoore gymnasium. The money saved from not renting an event room will go to school supplies. The good news is with the location change and the money saved, further budget cuts to other programs won't be as detrimental.

Secondly, since there is no longer a budget for a DJ for prom, a volunteer DJ must be found. In the unfortunate case that one cannot be found, don't worry: you won't have a music-less prom. Rather, Mr. Hunter has graciously agreed to loan out the iPod used for assemblies since it already has the censored versions of several songs.

Finally, Southmoore is unable to afford the caterer from last year, so the food vendor also faces a change. There will still be food however, the school made an agreement with Child Nutrition and prom will be provided the familiar cafeteria food.

"We know these changes will be a difficult adjustment for students to make but nonetheless, we appreciate their cooperation," commented junior class sponsor, Michelle Hanneman. "We hope to correct the budget issues by next year so our school's proms can return to their elegant affairs."

Southmoore's prom will still be a formal event, with the required gowns and suit and ties. The bus loop will work fantastically for limos and party buses rented by the student for the night. With a positive outlook, this prom can be just as amazing as in previous years.

If you have any further questions concerning the changes, please contact your newspaper staff at www.sabercatlegend.com/HappyAprilFools.



By Noah Cornell

Moore's New Super Team



Every year the same teams are competing for the state title and it comes as no surprise that those teams are Jenks and Union. Combined, they have won state since 1996 with Jenks winning 14 of the last 20 years. Until now there has been no challenge outside of the occasional "Cinderella" team. This year Moore Public Schools has come up with a solution to this; starting in the 2016 season Southmoore, Westmoore, and Moore are combining into one Moore super team.

Our district plans to take the best players from each team to compete for a State Title. The team will share mascots as well as school colors with uniforms representative of each team: vegas gold from Southmoore, black from Westmoore and red from Moore. The mascot will be a mix of a Jaguar, Sabercat, and Lion. More specifically: the mane of a lion, fangs of a sabercat, and the body and color of a jaguar and its name shall be the Moore "Jaberlion."

To make the team, players will have tryouts and three rounds of cuts. The team will start with nearly 200 members and be narrowed down to 53 by August 14th with cuts happening every other week. Junior Varsity will be the same, comprised of all the students who didn't make the varsity team. Other teams will follow Moore's lead shortly, beginning with Edmond Public Schools and Norman Public Schools.

Moore Public Schools Superintendent Robert Romines said, "I think this idea gives us a great shot at finally winning a state football title for the city of Moore, something that has never been done before." At first Moore and Westmoore were going to be the only teams to join together because they thought that Southmoore was good enough on their own since they can never beat us in football, but after much thought they extended the invitation to Southmoore claiming "there can be only one Moore." When asked, Head Coach Jeremy Stark stated, "I think this is a great opportunity for our city to succeed, do well, and finally bring home that elusive Gold Ball."

Facilities will be interesting to deal with as all players will be bussed to Moore High School since they have the stadium. For workouts, Southmoore will be hosting all players at the fieldhouse. Coaches will also be evaluated and narrowed down to 11 coaches, a few film coordinators and athletic training coaches.

This new super team presents a fantastic opportunity for Moore to finally take home the state champion. The Moore School District hopes the three high schools will come together to create a fantastic student section for our joined teams. Go Jaberlions!

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By Kaylee Deisering

Riding to Neigh-tionals

Southmoore High School's equestrian team is racing it's way to nationals! Our team and their horses have worked very hard for hours every week for the chance to be a part of the Interscholastic Equestrian Association. Schools all around the nation compete to win the national title of Equestrian Champions. Our team of five will compete against five competitors from other opposing schools.

At nationals there are many different parts of the competition that they perform for. Equitation on the flat, which is where the horses will perform a test in an arena measured 20 by 40 meters. Riders must perform a well executed performance while maintaining balance well with their horse. They also will compete in the Equitation over fences where the horses will lead through 8 to 10 fences while maintaining balance and remaining in the correct form.

Horsemanship is the next match where the rider and the horse will present a specific pattern and maneuver in different ways.

Lastly, is reining. This match is similar to horsemanship but includes spins and sliding stops. The competition this year will be held in Lexington, Kentucky. They have two and a half months to fundraise enough money for transportation and a hotel. The competition is on April 20-24.

With the excitement of nationals comes a lot of stress. Not only the cost of over five hundred dollars, but they also have to worry the penalties. For jumping, they need to avoid any refusals or knockdowns. Each refusal or knockdown will result in four faults to the competitor's score. If the height or width changes for the knockdown, then that is the only time it counts as a fault. If a horse's feet touch the water for the open water competition, then that will also result in a penalty. If the rail is set over the middle of the water, then there is no fault. If a horse does not jump over the fence but runs into it, displaces a pole or gates will also result in faults. If the horse falls or the rider falls of the horse, the there will be a result in elimination.

Time is also very vital to competitions. The FEI changed rules in the early 2000's to where each second or each fraction of a second over the time would result in 1 penalty.

The attire for the competitors must include an equestrian helmet to protect the rider from any possible falls that may occur during a competition. Tall boots are required and you have the option to have spurs on the boots. Breeches or short trousers buckled just below the knee should be traditionally colored as black, tan, or beige. You must also have a coat that is usually dark colored. In the summer, or competitions where the temperature is higher, the competitors may wear a polo along with the boots, helmet, and breeches.

The members of the team took private lessons before joining our team, and it all is paying off. Students are invited to attend the event, but must take themselves there. If transportation is an issue, you must pay an additional one hundred dollars to the original price of \$500, since this is an advanced level competition. Equestrian Team is perfect for anyone. Many people who have never ridden a horse before still can join and compete. You do not have to compete in competitions, although it is highly suggested and looks good on a transcript. You do however need to purchase your own horse. In order to be apart of the equestrian team, you must remain a 2.5 GPA or higher.

We are very proud of our school's equestrian team. The best of luck to them that they do not get many faults and are able to get their horses to jump over the fences, and are able to maneuver the horses where they need to go. Come support the team in Lexington, Kentucky. We can't wait to see all the other amazing opportunities that are in store for them.

If you would like to join the equestrian team, please contact them at www.sabercatlegend.com/HappyAprilFools.



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