

Music students utilize fundraising program

by senior Abby Gaudian

When the opportunity arose for the Hudson band and choir to go to New York City this spring, many asked, "Where am I going to get \$1,250 to pay for this trip?" The Hudson Music Boosters had an answer.

The boosters have been using the Scrip program since 2011 for students to raise funds. According to Scrip coordinator Jenni Colsch, around 75 students this year alone has taken a hold of this opportunity.

Scrip is used across the country by many organizations. It allows people and students to fundraise using gift cards to over 750 retailers. By using gift cards from one of the over 750 retailers nationwide, 50% of the rebate, which ranges from 1.25%–25% of the dollar amount, goes to the music program and the other 50% goes to an account for the music student.

Junior Jetta Colsch and her family began using this program in 2014. To date, she has earned almost \$700 in her account. One of her most used gift cards is Kwik Star, earning a 4% rebate every time she uses it.

Said Jetta, "When you think about the fact that you will have to buy gas every week anyway, why not get some of that money back to go towards this trip?"



junior Jetta Colsch

photo by junior Emilee Steimel

Cedar Valley's Top Retailers:

- **12% rebate:** Bath & Body Works
- **10% rebate:** Hansen's Dairy
- **10% rebate:** Lost Island
- **8% rebate:** Buffalo Wild Wings
- **7% rebate:** Starbucks
- **2.5% rebate:** Target



photo by junior Emilee Steimel

College entrance exam revised

by sophomore Madison Michael

The ACT test will undergo a big change in September 2020. After completing the three-hour test with its four mandatory sections (English, reading, math, science), at least once and receiving results, students can retake any section in hopes to better scores.

Did you know?

54% of students polled who have not taken the ACT liked the change.

26% of students polled who have taken the ACT also liked the change.

In previous years, to raise scores, students had to retake the entire exam. Often, they would find that one section's score would improve while another would decrease. It resulted in a frustrating, expensive, and time-consuming teeter-totter of results.

ACT plans to add an online test option that comes with strict restrictions regarding things like the type of device and screen size.

According to ACT.org, the material within the test will be the same.

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"I think that people have certain strengths and weaknesses. This gives students another chance at getting the best score they want if they are willing to put in the effort."

- junior Jessica Reganwether, who has not taken the ACT



"My composite ACT score was lowered because I didn't do as well on science. It seems like a waste to redo all sections when you scored well on them the first time."

- senior Alison Peck, who has taken the ACT

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"I don't agree with this because the people who took it earlier years had to take the whole thing again and work hard to study the whole thing again. It's not fair to them."

- junior Cassidy McCormick, who hasn't taken the ACT



"You could have gotten lucky on parts you are bad at and you should retake everything."

- senior Connor Ham, who has taken the ACT

HHS gets a new student group

by sophomore Madison Michael

Sophomore Dakotah Hansen, who identifies as gay, was looking for a safe place where he could express himself. Then, a friend told him about an organization called the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA).

GSA is a national group founded in San Francisco in 1998 for LGBTQ+ middle and high school students, intending to give them a place to be themselves. Hansen thought this was exactly what Hudson High School needed. Junior high/high school principal Jeff Dieken said such a group



Sophomore Dakotah Hansen speaks during a GSA meeting.

photos by sophomore Caroline Mitchell

could be started at HHS if he could find a sponsor. Hansen chose to ask junior high/high school teacher Laura Angove to be the sponsor because she has been one of his biggest supporters. She agreed.

The group meets every Friday in Angove's room at 11:40 a.m. Students bond over snacks and games every week. To date, they have eight members but are hoping to gain more. The organization is open to all people—gay, straight, or questioning. According to Hansen, anyone who wants to know more is invited to attend.



"It's important we have a club like GSA because it serves as a safe place for people who may be bullied because of their beliefs about the LGBTQ community."

- freshman Emy Ringle



Current GSA members: freshmen Emy Ringle, Zaya Gilam, Chris Wehr, sophomore Dakotah Hansen, senior Justina Gilam, and sophomore Jaclyn Murr.