

Colby Middle School principal announces honor roll students

The following Colby Middle School students were recognized for academic achievement during the second nine weeks, said Robb Ross, principal.

Top academic students in sixth, seventh and eighth grade
Jordon Krzycki and Gabe Waterman, sixth grade; Lissa Mazanec and Joshua Baden, seventh grade; and Rishonna Martin and Trevor Siebert, eighth grade.

Sixth grade academic honor roll
Breck Arnberger, Kelsie Barnett, Cade Carter, Brandon Harlow, Jeremy Harter, Jordon Hockersmith, Katelyn Houtz, Kiri Kendrick, Jordan Krzycki, Taylor McClure, Kyle Molstad, Cory Sager, Levi Schlick, Emily Terrell, Gabe Waterman and Zach Webb.

Seventh grade academic honor roll
Joshua Baden, Bryan Brewer, Laura Dougherty, Lindsey Frahm, Emily Geschwentner, Joseph Hutfles, Lissa Mazanec, Kahle Phillips, Paige Stephens, Cody Wark and Johnna Wiens.

Eighth grade academic honor roll

Tisha Bieker, Lindsey Bugbee, Brandy Bussen, Kristin Cox, Elizabeth Erickson, Joseph Heier, Michael Juenemann, Bailey Klinger, Rishonna Martin, Amanda Paulsen, Trenton Powell, Nicole Ritter, Trevor Siebert, Rishaun Wilson and Hannah Woofter.

Sixth grade Orange and Black
Kaitlyn Albers, June Anderson, Brent Arnberger, Jared Bixenman, Eric Blanton, James Bomba, James Boyles, Treat Bugbee, Tanner Corder, Stephen Dinkel, Robyn Griffith, Nate Horinek, Matthew Kaus, Kylie Kennedy, Shelby Klinger, Tanner Kriss, Jessica Leiker, Randa Lewis, Tyson Miller, Alex Muirhead, Tara Powell, Whitney Ritter, Case Rundel, Matt Ryan, Laura Schmid, Kayla Scholtz, Adam Schroeder, Luke Schroeder, Brittany Sloan, Cassandra Sprengel, Chanelle Staats, Heath Stephens, Nicole Stones, Kirstie Strutt, Mark Tole, J.J. Valdez, Kendall Wehkamp, Thomas Wieland, Kayla Williams, and Quinnlyn Woofter.

Seventh grade Orange and Black
Mandi Ackerman, Stephanie

Albers, Elizabeth Barnes, Jake Cox, Leah Cox, Jenny Dickman, Jordan Erickson, Curtis Fulwider, Kelly Gerstner, Chris Hansen, Robyn Hull, Grant Jennings, Brena Jones, Nic Kriss, Mikel Ladenburger, Kevin Lang, Brent Luedke, Ryan McCoy, Malory McKee, Jesse Nation, Travis Parker, Paige Pfeifer, Taylor Pool, Courtney Ress, Eli Robert, Brady Rundel, Jason Schroeder, Porscha Selley, Justin Shields, Chelle Shoemaker, Aubrette Stephens, Katie Strange, Austin Taylor, Mitchell Tuma, Chase Vaughn, Amber Wagoner, Logan Wark and Todd Ziegelmeier.

Eighth grade Orange and Black
Amanda Albers, April Anderson, Ashley Barnes, Jaron Cox, Lauren Cox, J.D. Donn, Mitchell Gatz, Brett Harter, Caitie Henry, Callie Henry, Jenna Johnson, Michelle Kaus, Justin Kennedy, Brittany Kersenbrock, David Kinderknecht, Henry Lamm, Rebecca Muirhead, Sam Munderloh, Erik Paulsen, Angela Rasmussen, John Schmidt, Brandi Stupka, Wesston Talsma, John Tole, and Andrew Toth.

Virtual visit to Belgium highlighted

Editor's note: The following article was submitted by two Belgium students who are being taught English by Brian Barnett, a 1998 Colby High School graduate. Barnett said he is encouraging the students to write in English and submit their articles in hopes that people hear might communicate with them.

You might think that nobody knows a city better than those who have been living there for their whole lives. While writing this article, we found out that this is not necessarily true. We have passed by most of the places described below dozens of times, and yet, we have never taken the time to stop and wonder what story was hiding behind those stones. This article gave us the occasion to do so. We selected 6 places that are our personal favorites and which we think you can't miss if you ever come to Brussels. So, sit back, and follow us for a moment of escape to our top six places of Brussels.

The Grand Place

It is the heart of the historical center of Brussels and undoubtedly one of the most beautiful market squares of the world. The Grand-Place is made of a paved rectangle of 120 by 75 yards lined with beautiful guilds' houses.

In the 12th century, Brussels was already an important crossroads at the center of Europe, and products from England, Germany and the Netherlands were sold on the market square, which was originally a dried up marsh.

During the Middle Ages, people started to build wooden houses around the market, but from the 14th century, they were replaced by beautifully decorated stone houses.

By the 15th century, the Grand-Place had become the political and commercial center of the city. In 1695, the square was bombed to ruins and it was rebuilt between 1695 and 1700.

Today, the Grand-Place is the scene of numerous attractions, concerts and musical happenings, the historical procession "Ommegang," the flower carpet, decorations for Christmas, etc.-but you can also simply enjoy its atmosphere by sitting at one of the several terraces and admiring the beautiful buildings while having a Belgian beer.

The Atomium

The Atomium is the Eiffel Tower of Brussels. It was built by André Waterkeyn for the Universal Exhibition of 1958 and represents an elementary iron crystal with its 9 atoms and magnified 150 billion times.

It symbolizes the growth of the metal and iron industry and the belief in the atomic power. This impressive monument weighs 2,400 tons and is 110 yards high. By taking the elevator to the upper sphere, you can enjoy a panoramic view of Brussels.

You can also go into the other spheres, which are linked by escalators.

The Manneken-Pis

This fountain decorated with a urinating bronze boy statue of 24 inches is in one of the streets surrounding the Grand-Place. It is the subject of numerous legends and dates back to the 17th century. Since then, it has witnessed a lot of events that marked the history of



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Vandeputte

Brussels and has become the symbol of the city. Today, you can't enter a souvenir shop without seeing some kind of representation of Manneken-Pis. The statue has been stolen several times but has always been returned. Although the statue is usually naked, it has a whole collection of clothes that you can see in a nearby museum.

The Cinquantenaire (or Park of the 50th Anniversary)

This is the Belgian equivalent, although at a smaller scale, of the Washington Mall. It is made of a large avenue, the J. F. Kennedy avenue, surrounded by different museums, among which the most astonishing are the Royal Museum of Art and History, the Royal Museum of the Army and Military History and the Autoworld, a museum of the car. The park was arranged in 1880.

The triple Triumphal arch was constructed later, in 1904-1905. It measures 45 meters and is surmounted by a quadriga in bronze, symbol of the triumphant Belgium.

The Cathedral Saints Michel and Gudule

This gothic church is the most prestigious and the most important one of Brussels. It was built between 1050 and 1150 in honor of the patron saints of Brussels, Michel

and Gudule. Its tall white facade and its two 73 yards high towers are very impressive.

It contains several works of art, among which huge and very colorful stained-glass windows. This is where all the important religious events involving members of the royal family take place: the funeral of King Baudouin I, the wedding of Prince Philippe etc.

The Rue Neuve and the Louise Avenue

These are two of Brussels' biggest shopping districts. The Rue Neuve is a pedestrian street near Brussels' historical center. It is lined with many stores and with several shopping arcades, among which the City2, a three-story shopping mall.

The Louise Avenue is like the Champs-Élysées in Paris or the Fifth Avenue in New York. All along this famous artery, prestige and tradition co-exist. It is said to be the Avenue where the Royal Couple does its shopping; indeed one can find the most luxurious brand names there.

The authors of the preceding article are Stephanie Planche and Claire Vandeputte who have both been living in Brussels since they were born. They study English and German and after high school, Planche went to the U.S. for a year, during which she studied at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Penn. Vandeputte spent a year in England, where she passed the Cambridge exams.

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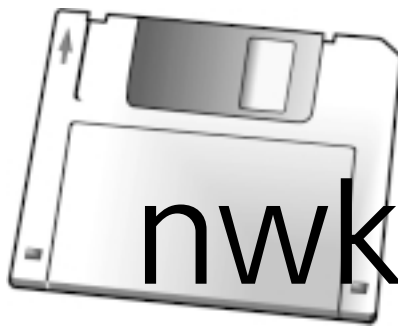
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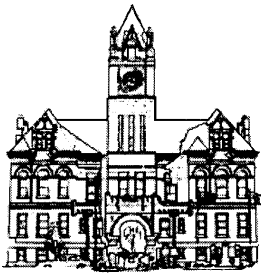
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