

# Trojan Trumpet Newsletter

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## The silent killer

by: Armani Darby

Heart conditions in both teens and adults are serious. What is even more serious are heart conditions that are unknown. Many teens have died as a result of unknown heart problems, especially athletes. Most recently, Ronald Rouse, a football player from Hartsville High School in South Carolina, died because of an unknown heart defect. As a result of this and other similar cases of teen

deaths, many schools have begun to give free heart screenings for students, preferably student athletes. The warning symptoms of a possible heart problem are dizziness, fainting, and shortness of breath. Doctors recommend that teens perform physical activity and eat a healthy diet to lower their chances of having any heart condition.

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## iPad a dream

by: Nicole Lenard

Recently, our school district has introduced the iRock initiative to all schools in the area. With this initiative, it is now our goal to incorporate iPads within our school's curriculum. "iPads are a good idea if they are utilized by the student body and faculty properly," commented Mr. Blake, the principal of Northwestern High School. Northwestern's dream is that every student, in grades 9-12, will be able to have an iPad that they can use at school. However, in order to make this dream a reality, first the staff needs to determine how many they would need to supplement instruction of every

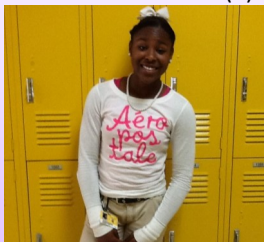
student. According to Mr. Blake, they have already determined that should this vision become a possibility, the iPads wouldn't be allowed to leave the campus unless they became an instructional necessity; then and only then could they be checked out for the year. Similar to textbooks, students would have to pay for any damage. In the students' senior year, if they chose to, they could pay \$100 to keep their iPad. In the months and years to come, Northwestern will continue to work towards meeting the goals of iRock and reaching towards their new goals and dreams.



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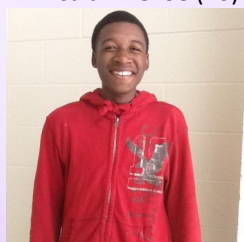
## STUDENT POLL: My favorite Thanksgiving dish is.....

Le'Derrica Jones (9)



"... mac & cheese"

Isaiah Devoe (10)



"...chitlins"

Justin Cunningham (11)



"...ham."

Anthony Ruhff (12)



"...sweet potatoes."

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## Trojan spotlight

by: **Cameron Locklear & Kyona Perry**

NHS student Tony Williams has his own unique way of making people at his school smile. He creates his own music and likes to play songs on his ukulele. He plays in the mornings at school and also during first lunch. He's only been playing for 5-6 weeks, but he loves the instrument and plays out of joy. He likes to



make not only him, but also the people around him happy, by playing his ukulele. He plans to continue the instrument in the future to establish a love and passion for it. He will gladly teach those who are willing to learn. He believes that it's a very easy instrument to learn and one that can truly make everyone happy.

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## King of the hill

by: **Trojan Trumpet Staff**

In Rock Hill, there exists a rivalry between the area high schools: Northwestern, Rock Hill, and South Pointe. Our staff looked closely at the data in order to determine which

school really can claim superiority (GO Trojans!). So, take a look and see for yourself!

	Northwestern HS	Rock Hill HS	South Pointe HS
End of Course Tests – Average of all tests (2012)	70.2%	69.2%	61.8%
HSAP Passage Rate (2012)	93.3%	93.7%	93.8%
Graduation Rate (2012)	82.3%	73.7%	76.4%
Building (year built)	1971	n/a	2005
State Championships (Football)	3 (89', 93', 10')	2 (02', 04')	2 (08', 12')

**"Ukulele Dream" - Cartoon by: E. Taylor**

