

# KEEPING UP WITH THE CAT TALK VOL. 2



Welcome to the second volume of Millbrook High School's Cat Talk quarterly round-up! Below you will find a sampling of pieces the newspaper staff has written in the first quarter. Handpicked by Cat Talk's leadership team below are the most relevant articles that we find will interest you. Although the Cat Talk is student led, there are plenty of articles that the staff can enjoy, too. There is always something for everyone, as the Cat Talk has six sections where readers can find information about various topics. These sections include: News, Sports, Around Campus, Features, Entertainment and Editorials.

## WinterFest Festivities

- **Wonderful Winterfest Show:** Last Friday, Millbrook held the annual Winterfest show, which showcases the Millbrook arts department including dance team, theater, and technical theater. Also, the outstanding seniors are recognized for their wonderful efforts while at Millbrook. By Carter Ramey, Co-Editor in Chief
- **Winterbash Fitchek (Video):** Reporter De'Zaria Lucas (Multimedia Director) attends Millbrooks Winter Bash, the semi-formal dance Millbrook puts on every year after Winterfest. This year's theme was enchanted forest and students definitely dressed the part, below is a video of students and staff here at Millbrook during the dance. By De'Zaria Lucas, Multimedia Director
- **Unified Best Buds Winter Dance:** Who doesn't love celebrating the beautiful winter season? Millbrook's Unified Best Buddies certainly enjoys it, throwing an annual winter dance and inviting all club members and people interested in inclusion. By Berkeley Sumners, Managing Editor

## Around Campus

- **The Care Impact Club's Influence:** The CARE organization works around the globe to save lives, defeat poverty, and achieve social justice. This club improves our school community and allows for productive and meaningful conversations to take place. By EvanKate Page, Assistant Social Media Director
- **Getting Ready for the BSU Showcase!** The students in Millbrook's Black Student Union have created this showcase as a powerful reminder that Black History needs to be shown to the world, and especially the struggles African Americans have gone through and the accomplishments that contribute to the story of America. By Sofia Burr Reynolds, Section Editor
- **Teacher Tribute Mr. Andrus:** Mr. Andrus is a teacher who always likes to have fun in class, while he is always pushing students to be their best. He is highlighted in our second quarter Teacher Tribute feature. By Dorsey Ramey, Staff Reporter
- **MHS Controversial Opinions (Video):** Section editor Emsley Jackson tours around Millbrook and asks students and staff about their most controversial opinions. Their answers may shock you! By Emsley Jackson, Section Editor
- **Millbrook's Top 3 Favorite Disney Princesses (Video):** Disney is known for inspiring others with unique characters, like the Disney Princesses. To find out which princesses are the most popular, reporter Sofia Burr Reynolds goes out to speak with students and staff at Millbrook about what their top three favorite Disney princesses are! By Sofia Burr Reynolds, Section Editor

## Year's Ends & New Beginnings

- **Senior Superlatives-** Our senior class voted on most likely to succeed, most friendly, most outgoing, etc... continue reading to find out who won! By Lauren Jones, Co-editor in Chief
- **Year in Review 2022:** A look back at the year and a countdown to bring in the New Year, Managing Editor Berkeley Sumner and Co-Editor in Chief Carter Ramey report on the bittersweet New year, the good, the bad, and the ugly of 2022.
- **Everything Early Graduation:** When you have the green light to graduate high school, some students jump at the chance to graduate early and start their lives. Whether it's to start college or obtain a job, early graduation has several benefits for students but requires a lot of work to get those diplomas early. By Lauren Jones, Co-Editor in Chief
- **The Albums that Millbrook was wild for in 2022:** 2022 was a big year for new music. Teens have been listening to and keeping up with the newest music, including our own Millbrook Wildcats. They have listened, and as the year comes to a close, they have spoken on what they believe to be the best album of the year. By Caroline Garcia, Section Editor.

## Sports

- **Millbrook's First All Women's Wrestling Match:** On Saturday, January 18, Millbrook held Wake County's first all girls wrestling match against Wakefield. This was a historic moment for Millbrook and meant a lot for the wrestling program, as they were able to debut their girls and spread the word about their team. By Kendall Johnson, Section Editor.
- **MHS Football on National Signing Day! (Video):** Vince Barefoot interviews his former teammates Daunte Stokes, David Santiago, Xavier Pugh, and Tyler Heggins-Hill about signing their National Letter of Intent (NLI) and looking back at fond memories of MHS Football. By Vince Barefoot, Staff Reporter
- **Coaches Feature: Coach Davis:** Coach Davis exhibits a commitment not only to winning games but building relationships in the Millbrook community. By Avery Lemelin, Staff Reporter
- **Millbrook Welcomes Brand New Pickleball Club:** The sport of pickleball is growing rapidly around the US. Whether you're a teenager or retired, the fast-paced hybrid of ping pong and tennis will keep you on your toes and having fun with friends. Marshall Buffalo, a junior, along with some of his friends, decided to open up the game for classmates at Millbrook. By Vince Barefoot, Staff Reporter

## Opinions

- **Critical Race Theory: The idea That has Divided the education system:** In recent U.S. news, few topics have been as controversial or fraught with disinformation and misunderstandings as the conversation surrounding "critical race theory." By Sydney Phillips, Section Editor
- **Should More Schools Implement Longer Lunches?:** Some WCPSS Schools have been changing their daily routines to help accommodate students that need extra help or need time for work. Read about the pros and cons of longer lunches and the opportunities they allow for. By EvanKate Page, Assistant Social Media Director
- **Are Reparations Necessary?:** The point of reparations is to make amends for wrongdoings, usually by paying money. Being a person of color in America, reparations is something that is discussed within our own communities but has not been an action that anyone has formally taken. By De'Zaria Lucas, Multimedia Director

## Arts & Entertainment

- **Conspiracy Column: Pete Davidson, Man or Magician?:** The man, the myth, the legend: actor/comedian Pete Davidson. On-screen, he has garnered attention for his humor and natural off-putting vibe that audiences can't seem to get enough of. By Emsley Jackson, Section Editor
- **Upcoming Book Releases That are Making Readers Impatient for 2023:** 2022 was a great year for readers, but it's possible that 2023 may be even better. By Haley DiFruscio, Staff Reporter
- **Creative Cats: Sam Cutler:** If you've taken the time to stop and admire the artwork Millbrook Wildcats create, then you've probably seen at least one of senior Sam Cutler's works. By Emerson Conigliaro, Staff Reporter

