

Hola people! I know I missed last month so I'm going to try to do I guess what might be a double edition. I'm hoping you all will forgive me for missing May and it is because I was really busy with my play and final exams and my new swim team schedule I couldn't find time until school got out and that was more than halfway through the month. So May I will gloss over real fast. I had finals in Math, Spanish, Social Studies, and Science all of which I aced (got a B or higher). Definitely a main highlight every May is going to Hershey Park PA with my chorus to sing for several minutes and goof off in the park for as many hours. My dad goes with us every year as accompanist for free. You might know my dad, tall, balding, never off his Blackberry. So Hershey Park was awesome, and Fahrenheit, awesomest rollercoaster EVER!, was open this year! YAY! You go straight up and go down at a 97 degree angle (might have been 102, can't remember...). My play was awesome and I'm really glad so many of you could go! TONS of friends from church and school went and they all said it was awesome and there were only a few mess-ups both nights. The last night when we had to strike the set only a few people, including myself, stayed to help and we were there for several hours until it was all done at eleven at night. Needless to say I was allowed some extra sleep the following morning and went late to school.

With May covered I will move onto JUNE! YAY! So I guess the play performance was the second and third of June but not the point. Swim season has arrived and we have already completed two of the all important A meets. Just in case you don't know I will brief you on what A meets and B meets are. A meets are the ones that matter where they count the points and people win and lose. B meets are just for fun to make sure everyone is involved and to give people a break. A meets are every Saturday morning while B meets are every Wednesday night. I don't know if we won our second A meet because I was away at girls camp (more on that later) but we won our first meet by more than 150 points although this was most definitely almost ensured by the fact that half their team was sick. Practices for the 11-12s are held for an hour every afternoon and once school gets out every morning as well.

Speaking of school I will spend a moment talking of the humbling experience of the end of this wonderful experience we all love so much *sniffle*.....* yawn, check watch* okay..... How about we talk about how awesome the last day always is? Works for me too. So, as he promised, my math teacher gave my whole class donuts right before the chorus went down to the awards ceremony to sing for the graduating 8th graders. After that was over we went up to 6th period block which was to be the last of the day with the switched up half-day schedule. In 6th period, which for me is Spanish, we watched The Incredibles in Spanish and played life and Monopoly. In 7th grade lunch the moment of truth came through when no one started a food fight though I personally know one girl who told me she was going to. When the bell rang in my class we had all been counting down for five minutes. I was the third person out of the school right behind Stewart and Ihtesham.

When I got home, Mom and Sister Eskelsen were making Smith Island Cake, Maryland's state cake, which has become some sort of tradition I guess. It is a ten layer cake and the layers are REALLY thin and fragile. Later that day when pool opened it was a mob and everyone was thrilled. Now we have morning practices! Yay! I'm serious too, they're fun.

Now the last item on my list is to talk about is girls camp. It was really fun and half of the first years were from White Oak Ward so I knew a lot of people already. When we got there and had to set up tents one

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of the tents we picked had half of its poles missing, another had no poles that fit and the last one had no poles at all. The first one we got spare poles and it wasn't perfect but it stood up and we finally got other bigger tents that me and my friends slept in and it was really quite comfortable. Then right after the tents were up my friend stole her older sister's shoes. So she marched over from the other campsite and starts wanting her shoes which start off a whole pranking cycle through out all of camp which resulted in missing firewood and various people's flags. At camp we did a service project where we spread mulch all over a playground and went on a hike to blacksmith shops. We also went to a pool for 2 hours and we did scripture study for a half hour each day. The food was actually really good too. We made pancakes, sausages, hotdogs, hamburgers, omelets, tons of stuff. I could take up a whole page talking about girls camp but I've already gone over the limit and I've got to get ready to go to a fireside tonight. BYE!