

Brian McRedmond sees how many spoons he can balance on his face in Mrs. Ford's physics class.

Seniors Andy Sprowl, John Eversole, Matt Dalton, Bill Yusko, Matt Maim, and Ryan Read get psyched to ride The Beast on Physics Day.



## Fun with Physics

It was Friday, May 24, and all of the physics classes went to King's Island for the annual Science Day. This gave students the chance to apply what they learned during the year to practical problems. Only the physics classes from Sycamore participated, but biology and anatomy classes from other schools also took part.

Teacher Dick Pfirman explained the program, "King's Island prints up a packet of problems using physics applications to analyze the various rides in the park. While at the park, the students must work five problems of their choice."

Students found some of the problems easier than others. The most common ones they worked on were those dealing with concessions, the Eiffel Tower, Dodge-em, and Amazon Falls. Various measurements had to be taken for most of the problems, such as the time a certain ride took or how high a hill was.

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Although most of the students had fun, a number of things made it difficult to fully enjoy the day. First of all, it was a humid, near-90 degrees day.

Junior Anne Sherman said, "The reason I decided to do Amazon Falls for one of my problems was so I could cool off!"

Secondly, since it was the first day that the park was open to the public for the regular season, the lines were horribly long. Most of the students only got to ride three or four rides in the three hours they were there. Besides all the students from schools all over Ohio, there were all the tourists who had come for the Memorial Day weekend.

Also, it was obviously not all fun and games for the physics students since they had to do the required problems.

Loberg said, "It really didn't help me get a better grasp on the concepts. It just seemed to me to be busy work, and I really couldn't enjoy the rides while trying to take all those measurements."

Overall, students generally enjoy Physics Day at King's Island, because it gives them a break from the normal grind of school, and this year was no exception. It has been a tradition at

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Mr. Emerson takes some class time and transforms it into a fun-filled science period, starting out with the joke of the day.

Lori Aktan is astonished at the amount of fun she can have carving pumpkins in her chemistry class.

