

driving disasters

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Driving made the biggest impact on most juniors. Although for the majority, the impact was realizing how easily it was to get around, for some that impact was more literal. Many juniors banged, crashed, or totaled their cars. Some accidents could not be prevented.

"I hydroplaned at two miles per hour into my math teacher's car!" said **Michael Kahan, 11**.

He had hit a patch of water, and saw his car in actual slow motion collide into the car ahead. However, other accidents were not actually

accidents, but rather misjudgments.

Many students were very privileged. The majority of juniors drove to school; however, the areas around school can be dangerous with the high numbers of new drivers. Accidents even happened directly after school.

Kelsey Kiley, 11, had begun her daily drive home, but at Snider Road **Kiley** saw the car ahead brake. She could not brake in time and damaged both her car and the car of **Doug Coughlin, 11**.

Driving disasters occurred and the majority of first year drivers in Ohio, and Sycamore, got in an accident in their first year.



He stands gloomily by his totaled car. "I was going to get pizza with a friend and the roads were slippery. Going around a bend on Kemper Road, I fishtailed. The rear end of my car hit a pole. I had four pizzas in the backseat and they were ejected from the car. I was not injured and neither was my passenger but my car was. My parents admitted, 'We knew we shouldn't have gotten you that car.' I still wanted to get a new car because for awhile I drove my sister's Civic," said **Paul Procaro, 11**. The damage was estimated at \$17,000, which classified the car as "totaled," because the repair would have cost almost 70% of the car's worth.



Ka-Boom! "On a rainy day I was going down Weller Rd. in a rush. Right when I got to turn, my car slid right into a telephone pole. Then, I crashed into the guardrail next to the pole. It all happened so fast!" said **Sabah Ahmad, 11**. **Ahmad** remembered her rainy experience and always got a little nervous driving on the wet roads.

Some come away with luck. "I was driving home on Hopewell Road. My right wheel began to go off the road, and I couldn't get it back on, so I jerked my wheel left. There was a car approaching from the other side, so I quickly turned my wheel right. My car started doing 360's and I couldn't stop it. The car spun into a fire hydrant. My car was totaled and I was in my car upside down. I had difficulty getting out, but fortunately I got out safe because I was buckled up," said **Sarah Ganson, 11**. Luckily for her, after her car was destroyed, **Ganson** drove her father's car to school. It had more room to relax but **Ganson** missed her blue Corolla.

