



The Trip Of A Lifetime

By Elizabeth McGowan

Timberlane gives many opportunities to students throughout the year. They give opportunities to go to shows, to get scholarships, and even to travel. This past summer one of these trips gave six Timberlane students the opportunity of a lifetime.

On June 26th 2017, six Timberlane High School students and one chaperone boarded the airplane that brought them to Tanzania, Africa for 10 days, and these 10 days were days that they would never forget. However, the students preparation for this trip began long before June 26th.

With a new country comes new diseases. In Tanzania there are many different diseases and viruses that you can contract that are very rare to get in the United States. For example, diseases and viruses such as malaria, hepatitis a, and typhoid are all much more common in Tanzania. Therefore, before going to Africa the students on the trip had to get the hepatitis a, and typhoid vaccine, as well as take a malaria pill when they were on the trip.

Tanzania, Africa is a very different place than the United States is. For example, in the United States you can rarely walk down the street without seeing someone in shorts, or a tight shirt. However, in Tanzania they are required to wear pants and it is looked down upon if you choose to wear tight clothing. Therefore, the students attending this trip packed solely pants, and loose shirts for the trip.



TRHS Students Left to Right: Sam Valorose, Nate Alexander, Ryan Monahan, Julia Ramsdell, Caroline Diamond, and Hannah Sorenson

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An Exchange of Cultures

By Kayla Bowen



Studying abroad is a common dream among many students all around the world, and for one group of German students, that dream is coming true.

On September 13th, 22 German students temporarily joined the Timberlane student body for this year's exchange program.

From language and accents to customs and culture, there are certainly a lot of differences both the Germans and the host families must adjust to. However, everyone has been welcoming to these Germans and the incredible experience the exchange will be.

It's not just the Germans who are getting a new experience, but also the American host families. The host families not only get to help make someone's dream come true, but also experience a new culture themselves. Lindsey Whittaker, a senior hosting a German for the second time in her high school career, especially enjoys the out of school adventures with the Germans.

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A Freshman Adventure

By Maria Heim

This years freshman are off with the sound of a horn! No, not the bells, the class trip to Adventurelore!

Located in Danville, NH, the excursion took place in four waves of students from Monday, September 11th, to Thursday, September 14, 2017. At the camp, students are able to participate in many activities. Adventurelore is based right on a lake, perfect for aquatics. For the first half of the day, participants engage in team building activities. They are working together and having fun while getting to know each other better. After lunchtime, all students took part in a relay. The race included running, biking, swimming, canoeing, and kayaking.

Morgan Lewis, a freshman, participated in the relay and took the victory alongside her team,

"It was a great way to show team effort while having fun at the same time." Every student participated in at least one event.

The day started out by counting off into groups, so you couldn't choose who you wanted to be with. In the eyes of a freshman, this can be quite nerve wracking since you are separated from the people who you are are the most comfortable around. As the day progressed, students adjusted and even built new friendships.

"Adventurelore was a great way of meeting new kids, who you never thought you'd connect with," stated Lewis, who enjoyed the trip quite frankly. Luckily, everyday the weather turned out to be perfect for the trip and its activities.

Ms. Jessica Treanor, a ninth grade English teacher has been on the Adventurelore field trip for two years. "Being an English teacher, I love watching the kids throw around the balls with the symbolism of their stress. I love when they realize they have to focus on the big picture, when the little things bother them," says Treanor.

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Parking Spot Troubles

By Brandon Berube

Nobody likes waking up for school and on top of that, having a long walk in the morning from your spot is even more of a killer. Seniors this year have surely expressed their feelings about having an SAU spot, mostly because of that long, dreadful walk, but also because they see juniors and underclassmen with a better spot.



Seniors Sarah Casey and Kirsty Perry discussed their feelings about the TRHS parking situation.

In regards to being give a SAU Spot, “I feel it’s unfair because some people who don’t play a sport or don’t have an after school activity seem to have a better spot than I do, while I have to rush down to the SAU and make sure I’m back up at the school ready to go for soccer at 2:30,” Casey replied.

Perry added, “I wish that they had more spots available closer to the school.”

“CTE juniors automatically get a spot which can vary throughout the parking lot, I feel as that the CTE juniors should only get a choice of an SAU spot. As a senior, I feel as I should have the privilege to have a closer spot; After school I would like to just walk out the doors and only be a few seconds away from my car especially when I have to travel for an away soccer game right after school,” Casey remarked. Assistant Principal Mr. Scott Strainge, who coordinates the parking spot situations, shared his input about seniors having an SAU spot.

“We have no choice but to put a certain number of seniors in the SAU lot. There are only 164 spots available, there are 114 SAU spots and 316 seniors, the math doesn’t add up, there is no way around it,” explained Mr. Strainge.

“With such limited parking, we try to be as fair and as equal to our students as much as possible. Any and all students, athletes and non-athletes may have the circumstances that would call for a need for any given spot at any given time, but we must try to be as fair as possible,” said Mr. Strainge.

Long walks from the SAU in the morning can be a struggle to some students, especially seniors. Mr. Strainge and his staff try their best to keep it equal across the board and they do as much as they can. All in all, long walks in the morning can be painful, but hey, the exercise is always nice.

Route 125 Up and Coming

By Tori Rothwell and Emma Lannon

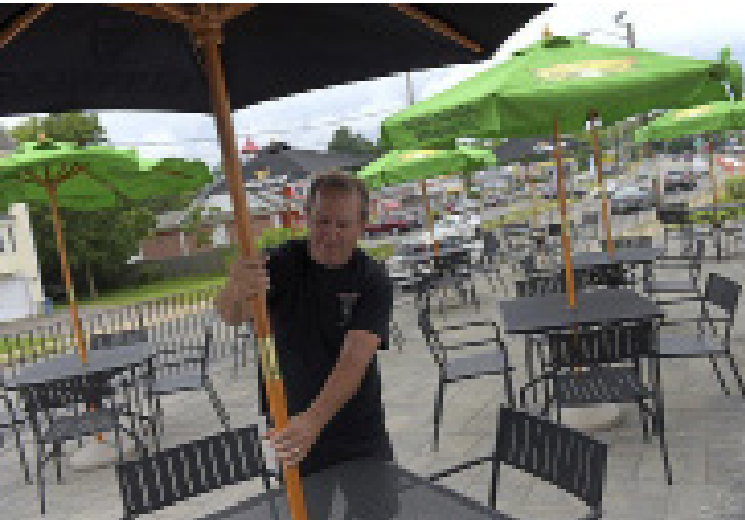
Have you driven down Route 125 recently? You have probably realized a new selection of new restaurants being built to choose to eat at. The 110 Grill seemed to go up in just few weeks. The grill is known for its modern American cuisine in a trendy upscale-casual atmosphere, complete with open kitchens, large horseshoe-shaped bars and outdoor patios with fire pits. This creates the ideal dining environment for any occasion. Their dishe are made from the freshest ingredients and seasonal menus, monthly specials, allergy awareness and extensive gluten free menus.

New renovations to Mr. Mikes has made the quaint restaurant look brand new. The restaurant added a new deck for outdoor seating to enjoy your meal outside. Also making it even more modern, there’s now more flat screen TV’s and the dining room is remodeled. This restaurant is known as a “casual family diner” where they serve fresh local seafood, meats, pizza, sandwiches, or pasta. They offer specialties like “Dinner For Two” every day of the week and also serve Prime Rib for \$11.99 every Tues-day night. The best part is Mr. Mikes has a lounge where you can comfortably enjoy your meal.

Can you believe Five Guys is really coming to Plaistow? If you didn’t know, the building being constructed next to Haffner’s gas station is soon to be a new Five Guys. It’s famous for its ground beef made without ammoniated procedures to treat it and it’s hand cut french fries. “I’m so excited for the new Five Guys coming. I love the Strawberry Oreo milkshake”, says Jessie Mezquita. Milkshakes are \$3.99 and you can customize them any way you want. It starts with simple vanilla base and you can add anything from bacon to strawberries. Other items on their menu are burgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, fries and drinks.

Welcome to Moes! Another new restaurant, “Moe’s Southwest Grill” has a reputation of great burritos. “I love Moe’s, I have gone 4 times in a week” says Lindsay Michaud, “A Burrito Bowl with cilantro, rice, spicy chicken, lettuce, cheese, and sour cream” is Lindsays go to meal at Moes. She also informed us that they give out free chips and salsa with your meal! Also they have queso dip which is extremely good. There is a 6oz cup you can get starting at \$3.50 and there’s a 12oz bowl for \$6.50. Definitely worth the visit if you like Mexican food!

Plaistow’s becoming a hot spot for all your favorite eats- there’s a place for every craving you have!



Get Involved in Spirit Week

By Dan Komenda

Spirit week is just around the corner and it’s time to get ready. Last year the class of 2020 became the first fresh-man class in decades to win Spirit Week. This is proof that when everyone participates any class can win Spirit Week. Spirit week is only fun if you get involved and participate. There are many ways to get involved like: dressing up, participating in events during the carnival, or being in the variety show.

The known things about Spirit Week this year are that it is five days, it is in November, and there will be a color/ toga day. On color day, freshman wear blue, sophomores wear red, juniors wear green, and seniors wear togas. Though it is not decided yet one of the days will most likely be America day so wear red, white, and blue.

Tips: Make sure you go all out. You don’t have to spend a bunch of money, just go to Savers or check your house for old clothes or other things you can use. Spirit week shouldn’t cost you a lot of money, so be creative and use what you have. Meg Oliver, the winner of the Junior class Spirit Lordess last year, says “Go out as soon as you know the days so you can prepare and have maximum creativity.”

Make sure you participate because there are so many events like tug o war, the cooking contest, or a type of sport that is determined the week prior to Spirit Week. Last year was bubble ball, and the year before was volleyball. Get stuff early, don’t get stuck rushing to the store the night before one of the days of Spirit Week.

Lastly, HAVE FUN!!! Don’t stress over Spirit Week because it’s no big deal if you don’t win or if you don’t participate one of the days. Also, to keep Spirit Week fun, encour-age others and refrain from tagging (when a student marks another student from another class with their class color), or throwing things at the pep rally.



Another Successful German Exchange Under New Leadership (Continued)

By Kayla Bowen

“This past weekend we went to Cape Cod,” Whittaker explained. “It was a lot of fun.” They got to show her around a popular tourist spot in New England and share home knowledge.

Another aspect of the exchange is the cultural differences. While the host families are sure to notice many differences, it is the Germans who really get the whole effect.

“The food is a big difference,” said Lena Höerhold, who is staying with the Whittaker family.

The incredible experiences that come with this exchange would not be possible without the host families or the teacher in charge of it, Mr. Steven Rugoletti. Although this is his first time being the sole person in charge of this exchange, Rugoletti has experience from assisting in the previous exchanges, so he was prepared for the difficulties of the job.

“The hardest part is finding families,” he began.

Rugoletti also mentioned that other difficulties included getting everything approved by the school board. Things like “matching likes and dislikes” and “matching personalities” was difficult to do.

“Sometimes things don’t work out and people need to be moved around,” he added.

Any Timberlane student who has spoken to one of the Germans most likely realized that they can hold full English conversations. When asked about the level of foreign language programs in Germany– as well as many other European countries– Mr. Rugoletti had a couple of things to say. He first stated that the proximity of countries in Europe plays a large role in their advancement. They can wake up in one country and drive to another in just a couple of hours. On the other hand, it is likely that our own foreign language program will be nearly as advanced in coming years, due to the fact that the immersion is now starting in elementary school.



Block Scheduling

By Josh Downing

This year, Timberlane is graced with the new idea of block scheduling as a way to boost productivity within the classroom.

Some seniors feel that block scheduling is a better system than periods because the restructured classes make it seem like there is more free time, Aaron Cullen Senior at Timberlane Regional High School states that, “block scheduling is very good, because when you get a block off it’s basically two periods off”. The staff backs up block schedulings, saying it’s more effective for the teachers and students time; the extra 45 minutes makes all of the difference, while it provides the time to cover more material. Mrs. Desisto adds that it is “great time management prep for college” and it “allows students to go more in depth with subject matters”.

Block scheduling has its bugs too. The full hour and a half that students are stuck in class can lead to wandering off during class and being unfocused. Then again, the break only allows classes to meet once every other day, and based on the week only twice or three times a week. This creates problems of being thrown off task and stripping us of the ability to start back up the next day. Plus, the bells being taken out of the school’s routine brings confusion and anxiety to some students, because you always have to be watching the clock. Barret Kappler explains that “no bells is very unappealing because you have to gage when class starts and ends.”



Block scheduling has been very positive for students of Timberlane Regional High School. The system to break our days into 1 hr and a half periods is helping teachers and students to be more productive and to cover more material throughout the week. The adjustment to block scheduling was unanimously disliked by the students as of last year, but already a few weeks into the school year, students seem to feel this was a great choice for the school.

The Milkmen Hurricane Harvey Relief Show

By Shania Robinson

On September 14, 2017 the Milkman improv group performed a show where all proceeds go to the American Red Cross to help victims of hurricane Harvey. The show raised \$300. Pretty impressive since the admission is only \$5. This isn’t the first Milkman show that raised money for a charity. The milkman has raised money for Project Hope, National Honor Society, Ski Team, The Senior Class and Alumni with medical issues and several others.

I wanted to learn more, so I interviewed Mr. Constantineau (AKA Mr. C) who has been advising the Milkman for eleven years now. While interviewing Mr. C I asked what prompted the milkman to do shows to raise money for charities. He said “I think laughter is the best medicine so I thought we could help”. Mr. C sums up what the Milkman is as “We do comedy without a script, for an audience that needs a break from life with a little laughter”.

This answer truly speaks to what the milkman is. If you ever catch a show you’ll see a stage of kids not acting by a script but acting with whatever pops in their head. The group is really funny too. Mr. C’s favorite part of the show was “watching the new kids jump right in”. Every year the milkman has auditions and adds kids into the group. Mr. C enjoyed seeing them come out of their shell and perform a good first show.

So what’s improv? Improv is pretty much just acting without a script. During practices for improv groups like the Milkman, the actors learn how to work with what the other says and how to act on the top of their head. Nothing they do on stage is scripted. On stage they may play “improv games” where you may have to do a scene where what you say has to follow the alphabet, or one where everyone shows up to a party by ringing a doorbell and everyone has a character they have to play.

Support the Band

By Marissa Arnold

What do you do on a Friday night? Sit around bored out of your mind? You should go to the Friday night football games here at Timberlane. Not only do you get to support the football team, but you also get to watch the Timberlane Marching Band. They perform at every football game of the season, and their shows are mind blowing. The football games wouldn’t be as entertaining without them.

This year the marching band’s show consists of four rock and jazz songs. They open their show with Takin’ it to the Streets by the Doobie Brothers. Then they follow with Night Train, composed by James Brown, and then it’s Respect performed by Aretha Franklin. Finally, they close the show with Sergeant Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band by The Beatles. All together, the show takes you back to what is called the jazz fusion era of America. This is when jazz and rock fused to create a new and funky sound, and some of these songs are the results.

The halftime show is about 10 minutes long and you won’t want to look away even for a second fearing that you’ll miss the next move the band makes. When the band isn’t on the field performing you can find them in the bleachers supporting their peers and bringing joy to the public through music. Every Friday night the band is in performance mode for hours at a time and it is an impressive sight. As one of the drum majors of the band all I can say is that I could not be more proud of a group of individuals. They are incredibly hard working and they love what they do. Being a part of the band is like being a part of another family. There really is no better feeling.

Even when football season is over the band is just as amazing on stage. The band has concerts every few months, and they work incredibly hard to produce the best sound they can. This goes for the full size band and also all of the smaller musical groups and the jazz band. So, if you ever want to see an outstanding performance you should definitely consider coming to see the band at one of their performances at the PAC. There is always a Christmas concert, a spring concert and one other concert over the course of the school year.

No matter what the band is doing they always put their best foot forward and give the best performance possible. So, come support the Timberlane band, whether it be at the next football game or at the next on stage concert. Knowing our peers are supporting us will make us nothing less than thrilled.



Adventurelore (Continued)

By Maria Heim

“One of the best aspects about Adventurelore is that they put together fun activities, but behind these games there’s a meaning that connects to your life,” said Lewis.

“Overall, this group (of students) got the idea behind the games a lot faster than previous year,” Treanor expresses.

Adventurelore 2017 was a success with the class of 2021. They had a great time, and are looking forward to what’s to come. It was a great way to socialize, while participating in games and events. It was a great year for Adventurelore and we wish the freshman a fantastic year ahead.



Programming the Future

By Logan Lourette

Due to the rising necessity of programming in the 21st century, THRS offers multiple courses in the field.

But what exactly makes it so important? According to Dr. Jo-Ann Albert, programming teacher at TRHS, “Programming is important because instead of only using a computer, we can tell it what we want it to do. It solves problems. We use programming to improve the world and help people.”

Even if you don’t plan on pursuing a programming related career, having some knowledge in the field can still help you immensely. As explained by Dr. Albert, “Having programming experience can help you understand when things break, what the software in the product is trying to explain to you in the error message.”

In addition, programming knowledge “could make your job easier if you have to do a lot of repetitive work, you could make a program to do it instead of repeating it every day.”

The current courses offered at TRHS are Creating Mobile Apps, Computer Concepts I & II, Intro to C++, Intro to Java, Game Programming I & II, and AP Computer Science.

There are also new classes on the horizon, as Dr. Albert commented, “I hope to develop a virtual reality course, a developer course that would help students design virtual reality programs using the HTC Vive.”

The STEM fields are growing daily, so consider signing up for a programming class.

The Trip of a Lifetime (continued)

By Elizabeth McGowan

Tanzania is also a very different place in terms of the culture. In the streets in Tanzania, “people drive really fast and cut people off all of the time” according to Ryan Monahan, a student on the trip. Also people in Tanzania have a very different home life. In Tanzania it is very common for a man to have more than one wife, and this is something that the students on the trip noticed a lot.

One of the most significant parts of this trip was the service that the students did. All six Timberlane students, and two students from New York joined together to help and build a school for the children of a local village called Orbomba. According to USAID, the Tanzanian education system needs a lot of work as many children drop out, or don’t have what they need to attend school. Therefore, by helping to build the school in Tanzania, the students would be helping immensely with this issue. The students on the trip got to interact with many of the children that the school would be helping, and it was a life changing experience.

According to Ryan Monahan, “[They] didn’t know how lucky [they] were.”

Another student who went on the trip, Sam Valorose, said that, “It was very eye-opening, you got to see how people lived with little to no technology, and no school to go to.”

While in Africa, the students didn’t solely work, but they got to have many cultural experiences as well. On one day, all of the students were able to go on a safari. On the safari, the students got to see many animals in the wild that they would typically just get to see in a zoo, plus some species native to the country. At one point the car they were in was surrounded by many elephants, and they had to stop to car so the elephants would not attack. On another day the students got to go on a ‘water-walk’. This is when the students had to walk two hours with a 50 lb basin of water on their heads. Many people within Tanzania have to make a similar journey often, so the students got to have an experience that many people within Orbomba have often.

These six students were able to have cultural experiences, help others, and have fun at the same time, all while exploring a new country. The Africa trip is a trip that ,according to a student who went on the trip, “[they] will never forget”.

No Bells at Timberlane?

By Jessie Hughes

With the new 2017-2018 school year beginning, administration has made some changes in hope to improve our school year. New to Timberlane this year is the idea of no bells, meaning teachers must dismiss their students on their own at the designated time. Without the bells, students and teachers must focus on the time in order to let the student out on time and start class on time.

Many teachers and students have concerns about this new change but are also interested to see if this will improve the school day. Students and teachers often lose track of time during class which ends in teachers letting their students out late. This could affect the start of classes and making students miss part of the class. On the other hand, not having the bells creates less interruption in classes making the flow of classes better. This helps the students and teachers pace the class without the interruption.

Sophomore Olivia McBride stated, “I have gotten used to having no bells throughout the school day the past few weeks. It hasn’t changed the way my school day flows and how I go about planning my time between classes. I miss having bells in the morning though because now I have to constantly check my phone to get to class on time.”

Another issue many students at Timberlane are facing is not knowing when they have to get to class because there isn’t a bell at the beginning of the day anymore. Many students spend their mornings walking around the halls with their peers before they have to get to class. While the bells were the perfect way to keep track of time and once the second bell went off, the students knew they should head to class, now teachers are in the hallways guiding students along. This leads to an increased teacher presence in the hallways and it mirrors the real world- there’s no bells to start a college class or signify the start and end of most work shifts.

“There was a problem the first few days when students didn’t know what time classes started. It has gotten better now that they are used to it because students now known the exact times they need to be at each class and make an effort to get there,” said Timberlane teacher Mrs. Kristina Carrier.

Change is always an adjustment for all involved, and time will tell if the no bells system is one that will continue at Timberlane.



Have You Found Your College?

By Kayla Bowen

On September 11th and 12th, the school hosted a college fair for all juniors and seniors. Hundreds of students flooded the gym to navigate through the different college booths in search of the right one. The room was overflowing with the energy of students ready for the future.

College fairs are a great way to introduce students to numerous schools and give them a better understanding of what they want for their future. Do they want to go to a small or large school? Do they want to go to a city or be in a rural location? Are athletics important to them? These are all questions students should ask themselves when preparing to choose a college.

For Ryan Monahan, a senior who attended the school’s college fair last year, as well as this year, he found the college fair to be “helpful because it gave an insight to new colleges I’d never thought of before.”

A great thing about college fairs is that you don’t have to do the digging: the colleges are presented to you; all you have to do is walk around and ask questions.

However, it’s not quite so beneficial for everyone. Monahan, as well as other seniors who are further along in their college selection process, agreed that the fair was a lot more helpful as a junior. By now, many seniors already know every school that they are applying to– some have even already applied. However, the fairs are still helpful by giving seniors a chance to ask some last minute questions or take a closer look at schools specializing in their desired major. Another important aspect is allowing students to make face-to-face connections with admissions counselors– who just may be the one’s reviewing their application.



The college fair would not have been possible without the enthusiastic representatives. Shannel Percy and Misky Villalobos, two admissions officers for Gordon College, are especially appreciative of college fairs. They both agreed that the fairs are important because they give “strong introductions” and prepare students for “owning it”-- meaning the college experience. The Gordon representatives, as well as many others, spoke very passionately about their school and really helped students understand life at each school.

Many students struggle with knowing what to consider when looking for colleges, but Percy was able to provide some guidance. “Go for a school that helps [you] pursue your passions, and where you can get involved in different things,” she advised.

Preparing for college is one of the most stressful events teenagers have to go through. Every tool that is given to us can help in the long run, which is why college fairs are definitely worth your while.



Socktober

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Chromebooks For Freshmen

By Elizabeth McGowan

This school year has been filled with many changes. Many of these changes involve the freshmen. The freshmen this year are not only involved in the first year of blocked scheduling, but they are also immersed in change when it comes to the use of chromebooks.

This year, all of the freshmen were assigned a chromebook to use for their four years at Timberlane. The students don’t have to buy their own chromebook, but rather they get to borrow them for four years. At the end of their senior year, they will give the chromebook back to the school, and the school will give those chromebooks to the next year’s freshmen. Next year the freshmen will also get chromebooks, and so on until the whole school has chromebooks.

There are many goals that having all of the freshmen have chromebooks aims to accomplish. First of all, there will be no need for the computers on wheels. This will eliminate the struggling to reserve a COW for a class period. Also the students will be able to work on projects for more time in class, and with more efficiency since they don’t have to reserve five minutes to put away and take out the chromebooks.

Although it might seem like it is annoying to carry around a chromebook, the students seem very enthused about this new system. According to Riley Militello, a freshman, “ They are nice and convenient. They make getting work done a lot easier,” Another freshman, Regan Blomquist, said that “ They make it easier to communicate with teachers and complete homework. Plus, it makes it easier to get everything you need when you are absent,”. The students seem to really enjoy having the chromebooks, as it gives them their own device to complete homework on. They are able to have their own way to do homework, so if their home only has one computer, they won’t have a problem.

An issue that some people might see with having chromebooks is that they are annoying to carry around. However, the students made it seem as though this is not an issue as they said it was ‘not that bad’. The chromebooks are lightweight and thin, so they can fit easily in a backpack, or you can carry them around with your books. In total, the freshmen will definitely get a whole new kind of learning experience with their easy access to chromebooks. They will be able to have many different kinds of advantages when it comes to learning in a more efficient way.



The Science behind the Solar Eclipse

By Mandi Hailson

“The wind died down. Crickets chirped assuming it was night time. It was beautiful; it was amazing.”

Mr. Sean Peters, a science teacher at Timberlane and former meteorologist who has a phenomenal amount of knowl- edge on weather and how the atmosphere works, traveled to South Carolina to witness the full effect of the solar eclipse on August 21st. And he wasn’t disappointed.

On this day, some parts of the United States witnessed a partial solar eclipse, while others, like South Carolina experi- enced a full eclipse. A partial solar eclipse is when the moon comes between the sun and earth, but the moon only partially covers the sun’s disk.

New Hampshire has experienced two solar eclipses over the past 150 years. Once the community found out about the partial solar eclipse, people were outside bright and early because they didn’t want to miss out on the excite- ment. The eclipse peaked in New Hampshire about 2:45pm, where 60 percent of the sun was covered by the moon. This once in lifetime experience had everybody on their toes. “It’s heartening,” said Jeanne Gerulskis, executive direc- tor of the Discovery Center in an interview with WMUR. “It’s great to see how interested people are in science.”

Other states, like South Carolina where Peters viewed the phenomenon, had the experience to see the totality, which marked the first time in almost forty years that a full solar eclipse was visible in the United States. In order to have a full solar eclipse, the moon has to pass directly in front of the disk of the sun. When this happens, the sky gets dark, the stars come out, the temperature drops five to ten degrees in a matter of minutes and the sun’s outer atmosphere, the corona is now visible.

In the future, the next solar eclipse will be in seven years. On April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse will be visible throughout all of New England. The totality will be located in the northern part of New England which is about an hour drive from Plaistow, NH. New England should expect to see the same effects that the United States witnessed in 2017. However, instead of driving to a different state, the experience will be among us. As soon as totality appears, put those glasses on and enjoy the once in a lifetime experience.



Day in the life of Mrs. Sullivan

By Ryan Perrault

When she’s not training for a half marathon or with her secret agent husband, Mrs. Sullivan spends her days here at Timberlane. Now, she’s back for her second year.

Mrs. Sullivan who went by Mrs. Miller last year is an awesome teacher despite the fact that she never taught before. Before coming to Timber- lane, Mrs. Sullivan was an accountant and when she heard about the opening at Timberlane, she saw her opportunity to score a teaching job.

Doing math is one thing, but teaching it is another. However, Mrs. Sullivan didn’t back down and she has returned for round two. When asked “Why math?” she replied, “Why not math? Math is great!”

She comes to school every day looking forward to applying her knowledge to the students. She also hopes every lesson goes as planned. Specu- lations about Mrs. Sullivan’s husband arose when she stated that when he goes on business trips, she has no idea where he is. When confronted about her mysterious husband, she said that he works in government security.

All jobs come with their downsides. The hardest part of her new job is the students who do not cooperate and act disrespectfully. This distracts from her teaching and takes away from other students learning.

When Mrs. Sullivan was asked what bothers her more, “know it all” students or students who don’t participate, she responded “Students who believe they have nothing to learn bother me most.”

As you may know block scheduling is a very controversial topic at Timberlane. Mrs. Sullivan, however, is actually okay with block scheduling. Many people say that they will never use math after high school and here is what she had to say about that, “You use math every day, every time you buy something you do math.” On her free period, Mrs. Sullivan plans future lessons as well as converses with co-workers. Teachers have a life too, Mrs. Sullivan trains for a half marathon when she isn’t at school.

Her piece of advice for all the readers of Timberlane Times is “Be the best version of you!”



Like Father Like Son: Dan and Taylor Donovan

By Connor Schott

There have been many father and son duos throughout Timberlane history, but none as dynamic as the Donovans. Father Dan and Son Taylor, are going strong on their fourth year together. Mr. Donovan is a gym teacher, wrestling coach, and Dad at Timberlane. Taylor is a student, wrestler, and Son. Both have many great talents and many similarities.

Taylor and Dan have many things in common, but one stands out more than all of them, Wrestling. Mr. Donovan made his mark back in ‘85 and ‘86 when he won two state titles his Freshman and Sophomore years. This state title stapled his ballot into the Timberlane Hall of Fame. Taylor commented on what it is like trying to follow in the footsteps of a hall of famer. “It’s a hard task to follow knowing he is better than me in every aspect of life.” Taylor has done a pretty great job in filling the shoes of his father by winning a state title in 2017 at 113 lbs. He doesn’t seem to think so though.

Taylor is currently wrestling here at Timberlane as well as at Smitty’s Wrestling Barn in Kingston. At Timberlane, Dan is one of Taylor’s many wrestling coaches. “Coaching your own son is very challenging. I get very nervous before big matches. I want him to win, but more importantly, I want him to give it everything he has.” Dan stated that coaching his son is “hard at times, but extremely rewarding. “Sharing the experience of Taylor winning a division 1 state champion title is something I will never forget.”

Another thing they have alike that many people might not know is that the Donovans are both very talented dancers. It may come as a surprise, but it is true. Both Donovan’s can break dance. If you ever ask Taylor how he knows how to dance so well, he will tell you his Dad taught him everything he knows. The origins of how Dan became such a great dancer are unknown, but he certainly passed his talented genes down to his second son.

There have been multiple other father son duos throughout the history of Timberlane. One popular father sons duo is Donald Woodworth and his sons Michael and Daniel. Father Donald is the Principal currently at Timberlane, Michael is an English teacher, and Dan is a Guidance counselor. There is also a mother daughter duo currently at timberlane. Mother Christine Fish is part of the special education department and daughter Sarah Mill is part of the english department here at Timberlane. Another father son duo involves father Dan Donovan again. Two years ago, Taylor’s older brother Jacob walked the halls of Timberlane and was the first Donovan son at the school. Jacob and Dan were the original father son Donovan duo at Timberlane, but Jacob graduated so Taylor took over.

The Donovans are a power family at Timberlane due to their wrestling expertise. Taylor stated the relationship between him and his father is strong and it is a “He teach me, I teach him type of relationship.” He also said “It is a very open relationship, if I disappoint him he will let me know.” Dan believes they have a great relationship and said “We are close and get to share similar experiences through wrestling. I enjoy spending time with him.” The Donovan’s are a force to be reckoned with at TRHS. Dan made his mark by making his way into the Timberlane Hall of Fame and I’m sure Taylor would love to join him there some day.



Flow of the Month

By Niko Kakouris and Dylan Monteiro

For some it comes naturally, for others it takes months of perfecting, but in the end, only a select few are given the gift of “flow.” Whether it’s a professional athlete, a music performer, or even a Timberlane Regional High School student, luscious flow is hard to come by.

For freshman Billy Savage, flow comes very easy. Throughout his years on this planet, his hairstyle has been influenced by lacrosse as his hair has grown to the quality it is today. When asked about how long he had been living the “flow life,” his response was simple, “Since August last year.”

Some may be astonished when hearing that, but yes, Savage has only been in the flow game for a fairly short period of time. The real shocking news was when he was asked what product he uses, his response was very unexpected, “I use an unknown small time Italian gel and conditioner.” Savage strays away from the popular companies, displaying his unique taste in Italian products.

As an athlete, Billy’s hair resembles many notable celebrities. We asked him if he could compare his hair to any professional athlete who he would choose. Billy quickly responded with “probably Andrew Benintendi.”

For those who are unaware, Andrew Benintendi is an outfielder for the Boston Red Sox also known as “Benny Biceps.” Benintendi is one of the most prolific baseball players in the major leagues with arguably some of the best flow of his time. Savage’s decision to compare his flow to someone of this caliber shows strong confidence in his personality and furthermore demonstrates his dedication to the flow community.

Not only is flow a hairstyle, it’s a masterpiece that takes time and effort. Only some people in this world are truly dedicated and are willing to devote countless days and nights to perfecting their passion.



The Honorable Life

By Kirstin Perry

Joining an honor society here at Timberlane is a great way to get yourself involved with not only the school but with the community.

In honor societies, students learn how to work together, help other students with their struggles in different subjects and also help out in the community. For example, in National Honor Society, there are many community service activities that the members take part in.

These honor societies are very competitive and you must meet certain requirements to be accepted. If you are willing work hard and get involved, you can be part of any of the honor societies here at Timberlane. There are different honor societies for many different subjects. A few of them are, English, Math, Science, Business and National honor society.

When it comes time to apply for an honor society, there will be announcements during the school day and applications can be found in guidance. Any questions you have will be gladly answered by your counselor.

Senior Sarah Casey speaks about her view on National Honor Society, “The main focus is community service based projects involving the school and community. You get to work with your peers and we try to build a closer school environment.”

Members of honor societies work together to make the school a more comfortable place for all students.

Being part of a group like this also helps with your future goals, college and with jobs you plan to acquire. In many instances, colleges review your transcript to see what extra curricular activities you are a part of.

“Ever since I was younger, I have had an interest in both reading and writing. I truly believe that reading makes you more intelligent and writing is a way to express your ideas,” says senior Delaney Ripley, a member of the English Honor Society.

Any of the honor societies are a great option to consider if you are looking to help your peers and community or if you’re seeking extra curricular activities.



The New Guanci on the Block

By Hannah Magliocchetti

Double blocks aren’t the only new part of Timberlane this year! We are lucky enough to have many new teachers in a variety of departments.

In the science and engineering department there is a new teacher, Mr. Timothy Guanci. Mr. Guanci teaches Physics, along with Chemistry and Intro to Engineering. So far, he has gotten used to how Timberlane runs and is very excited for the year. Guanci found it easy to adapt to Timberlane because of the similarities between his previous school, Pelham High School and Timberlane.

Mr. Guanci revealed his thoughts on his experience at Timberlane so far in some questions I asked. His thoughts on the school were very positive, especially in his department, “I have really liked my experience at TRHS so far. My department has been great and the student body have been extremely respectful. It really seems like there is a great culture that exists within the building.”



Mr. Guanci talked extremely highly about coworkers. The administration seems extremely supportive and very helpful, and the staff also seems very friendly and approachable.” Mr. Guanci seems to be really adapting to our school and is looking forward to the year with a supportive staff and great administration.

Mr. Guanci’s wife, Mrs. Guanci has worked at Timberlane for years . When I asked him how it was working together, he said, “It’s easier to be on the same schedule and see each other more; planning events was tough with attending school events when I worked at a different school.”

“It will also be nice not to have to determine what school’s events we will be attending since we are both in the same building now,” he said .”In previous years, it was tough when the same event was planned on the same day.”

Blocks are new to the students and teachers this year, but Mr. Guanci has had them before in the past, so I asked him whether would he prefer blocks or short classes,“I like block schedules,” he said. “I worked in the block schedule for the past 7 years at Pelham High School. I liked how I always had time to run a complete lab in one class as well as never had to worry about having enough time for a test or quiz. I feel that the alternating block helps prepare students for college type classes where your classes will alternate during the week and are usually longer than 60 minutes.” Mr. Guanci seemed to come at the right time with this being our first year with double blocks.

Lastly, I asked how Timberlane is different from previous schools he has taught at. “TRHS is larger than my previous,” he said. “However, it seems like departments are very close knit and collaborate, allowing for the opportunity in presenting higher caliber activities and projects in class. The student body also seems very respectful and also seems to be held

accountable for their actions and decisions.”

He was expressed by the amount of classes we as student are able to take in each subject. “It also seems like students at TRHS have the opportunity to take a more diverse range of classes within the high school. I have been really impressed by the various courses offered within the school. Such a wide range of classes can really have a positive impact on students starting to identify what they would like to do in the future.”

It was great to hear about what Mr. Guanci thought of the school. He has a positive mindset about his experience at Timberlane.

Castano Returns to Timberlane

By Justin Nimmo

Timberlane welcomes a new member to the English department, but he is a familiar face around the school.

Mr. Mike Castano, who is a former student of Timberlane, has started teaching World Literature and Modern World Literature where he hopes to bring interest to literature, and as he says, “show that literature doesn’t just exist in a vacuum, it shows parallels to modern day life.”



Castano is very excited to be returning to Timberlane as an educator this time and not as a pupil. He is very interested in working in his content area and sharing his passion with his students, “ I want to slowly transition from being a teacher and let the students know that they are in control of their own success and destiny,” Castano says after being asked what the main thing he wants to teach his students.

Castano is also deeply involved in the school’s theater group, the Timberlane Players. Being a former player, he is very passionate about this group. He is currently helping direct the fall drama Macbeth, and will be a co-director in the winter comedy, Arsenic and Old Lace. Along with the Timberlane Players, he runs the school’s improv group, The Milkmen, which he has done for 6 years now.

Castano graduated from Merrimack College with a major in English and a minor

in secondary education. Outside of school, Castano enjoys reading comic books and states that him and his wife are big connoisseur of cheeses, being a part of the Cheeses of the Month Club. Another interest of his is listening to podcasts, mostly of the mystery genre.

Castano is very excited to be apart of Timberlane again. As a former student, he is very approachable and relatable. He is a valuable member of the school’s staff and will thrive in this setting.

A Day in the Life of Mr. Silveira

By Hannah Magliocchetti and Jessie Hughes

“Mr. Silveira is unlike any other teacher I have ever had at Timberlane for many reasons. He truly cares about his students and always tries his best to work with the students to make sure they enjoy class daily,” explained Timberlane senior Delaney Ripley.

Mr. Joshua Silveira is a popular teacher with his students because he cares so much about his students being happy and their educations. He also really enjoys being a history teacher at Timberlane and enjoys teaching all of his classes with all different ages of kids.

“The best part of my day is between 7:20 a.m. and 2:10 p.m. because I enjoy teaching my students and working with the Timberlane staff,” said Silveria.

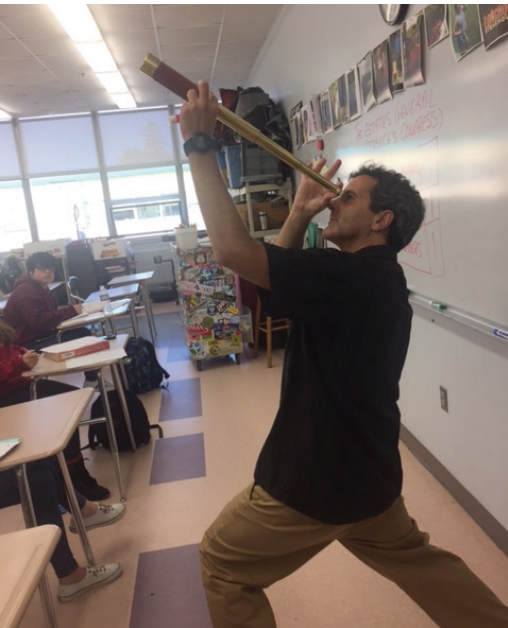
Silveira enjoys the new surprises that every day of teaching brings and even describes it as a box of chocolates in which you never know what you are going to get. Working with so many students a day is one of his favorite things to do because he loves teaching and putting effort into his job.

Often times, you will see Silveira staying late past the end of the school day just to support the Timberlane sports teams. He watches all different types of sports because he enjoys watching his students play and succeed outside of academics. He often goes to school events even if they don’t have to do with sports as well. He loves going to see the plays and shows put on by the school. He also suggests to his students to attend these events as well and support their peers.

Silveira goes out of his way for his students, by going on engaging field trips and offering educational movies to see as a class; he really wants to see all of his students succeed.

With double blocks being new this year, we asked Silveira’s opinion on them. “The biggest change is not seeing the kids every single day is tough.” . Silveira wishes that he could see all his students everyday. All his classes are very important to him, but he is a fan of block scheduling and believes it is a successful system.

It was interesting to see Mr. Silveiras view on a day here at Timberlane because he is a teacher that most students love. He is a teacher who truly loves his job and is enthusiastic about his day.



Owl Pantry

By Ashley Shea

Timberlane Regional High School in Plaistow, New Hampshire runs a food pantry called, “Owl’s Nest Food Pantry.” This pantry is originated by students helping students, making this a unique type of pantry for the school. Owl’s Nest Pantry provides food for those in need here at TRHS. If you’re interested in helping out or even contributing food, please see or email Mrs. Haggerty-Woodward in room 314.

The pantry also doesn’t have any opening hours, this is a backpack program that provides students and staff food for the weekends. Types of food differ each week depending on what’s available in the pantry. The store bought bakery goods are hot/cold cereals while the snacks can be granola bars, crackers, nuts, chips, fruit snacks, and even popcorn. The types of sandwiches the Owl Pantry provides are peanut butter or jelly sandwiches, while the juices are canned fruits/vegetables, tomato sauces, and baked beans.

Owl’s Nest Food pantry provides a food drive during the fall around Halloween and even before Christmas and in the spring. The food pantry also receives donations of food and money from outside clubs, as well as throughout the year from staff. Students in the school are referred by teachers, guidance counselors, and other students to the nurses.

Owl’s Nest Food pantry donates surplus foods to local food pantries and this pantry also helped the Middle School which started their backpack program in 2016. Students here at the school help take inventory, stock the shelves and fill backpacks up with food. The family is contacted for permission to participate and completes a confidential questionnaire to help with their specific needs.

Mrs. Haggerty-Woodward stated “We want to honor the philosophy that started the food pantry of students helping students.” The pantry organization also helps people with their personal needs. In the backpacks, there’s also items such as toothbrushes, paste, soaps, shampoo, deodorants, etc. This organization has provided backpacks for 2-26 students and staff on a weekly basis.

Overall, the Owl’s Nest Food pantry helps out those in need of food, or even personal needs, and could really change somebody’s perspective on food, life, or their personal helping hand by donating to those in need.



Young Woody Is Winning

By Connor Ross

Wake up. Win. Repeat. Daniel Woodworth is constantly winning. “Young Woody” wins the day, no matter what, due to his nonstop positive attitude. That is proven by the role he plays at the high school. He is the newest guidance counselor here at Timberlane and has set a goal for his future here, “To me, it’s the people that make Timberlane what it is. I want to be a part of that positive atmosphere and do all I can to enhance the experience at Timberlane for those around me. I might not be able to do that for everyone, but for all I can, that is my goal”.

Daniel Woodworth came over from close rival Pinkerton, where he had the same job. When asked why he made the switch from Pinkerton to Timberlane, he replied with, “I had no intention to leave Pinkerton going into that summer three years ago, but when the opportunity to apply came around, I did it kind of subconsciously. Now I am glad I’m here and I enjoy Timberlane and its close-knit community”.

He gets to work alongside his brother, Michael Woodworth and his father, Donald Woodworth. All three of them work in different sections of the school. Woodworth was asked about working with his brother and father, “It’s really a special opportunity to work in the same building but I don’t really see them much. We work in different areas of the school, but it is still extremely rare to have the ability to find family at any time during the day at work”. Mr. Woodworth is enjoying his time at Timberlane working with his family.

Not only does he get to work with family and guide students, he is also a coach of two of the most winningest male sports programs right now at Timberlane. In the fall, Woody helps coach the boys’ soccer team. Then in the winter, he is one of the coaches for the unstoppable wrestling team. “They could be the two most losing teams and it would still be a blast. I coach for the same reason that I’m a guidance counselor. I love building relationships with both teams. I love watching the people I’m close with succeed”. Daniel Woodworth is man that loves what he does in school and out of school. They say winning isn’t everything and that is something that he stands by, which is just another reason why he is a winner.



Cops: Timberlane Edition

By Taylor Donovan

Who’s the cop? Well for one thing, he is NOT a cop, but none other than our new SRO Pat Schiavone here at Timberlane Regional High School.

What exactly is an SRO and what is their job? SRO stands for a School Resource Officer and their job is to help support our students and teachers here at the school and help to keep us all safe.

Officer Schiavone attended Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School and graduated in 1984. In 2001, Officer Schiavone then joined the Plaistow Police Department. Officer Schiavone knew from a young age what he wanted to pursue, “I have always had an interest in police work and my whole family is involved in police work.” Officer Schiavone had a passion of becoming an officer as a young man. Previously to becoming a Service Resource Officer here at Timberlane Regional High School, Officer Schiavone has been a part of the Plaistow Police Department for now 16 years. While working with the Plaistow PD, in 2004, Schiavone decided to receive SRO training because he wanted to further his career working within a high school.

After the long school day, Schiavone will, “Return to the station, then go home or to one of my kids sports games. “Outside of police work, Officer Schiavone has many hobbies that he enjoys such as hunting, fishing, woodworking, motorcycle riding and of course, spending time with his family.

As you can tell, Officer Schiavone is just a regular guy who is here to help guide and keep us safe here at the high school.



Pep in Their Step

By Julia Ramsdell

Have you seen the dance team perform at the pep rally? Do you want to know more of the inside scoop of TDT and the standards they have to reach in order to look as good as they do? If so, these sassy ladies are an awesome group to be a part of, whether you're supporting in the stands or dancing on the court, you're guaranteed to be entertained.

There are tryouts that take place in the beginning of the school year in order to be on the TDT. “I'd say we look for a dancer who would fit in with the style of the team and dance well with the team,” said Captain Erin Grady. “We usually dance as a whole team, so it is very important that the dancer auditioning could fit in with the team and not stand out.”

There's a lot to expect from the Timberlane Dance Team as well! Megan Linehan, one of the senior dancers on the team who has been with the team since freshman year, provided some insight from a dancer's point of view. “We have to meet high standards, but it's a friendly and supportive environment, so it makes it less intimidating,” said Linehan.

The dance team is a huge commitment, but there are many upsides to being on the team. “We get opportunities to dance at professional sports games, perform for the school, put on a show at the end of the year and compete against other school dance teams.”

There's a lot in store for the Timberlane Dance Team, nevermind the fact of performing at the pep rally during Spirit Week, as well as the Boston Celtics!

If you're worried about the coaching being strict, then talk to the dancers. I got some of the scoop on the coaching too, “Coach is great and very strict when it comes to cleaning up our routines. Our current coach is the best one we've had,” says Linehan.

Lastly, I asked the captains and the dancers why they think it is important to have a dance team at Timberlane. The captains Isabelle Richards and Erin Grady replied, “I think having a dance team at Timberlane is one of the best things for dancers to get involved in. It gives us a chance to work with different dancers at a lot of different levels and work together to perform at different schools and outside events.”

The girls also gain a great deal outside of improving upon and showcasing their dance skills, “The best part is the friendships that I've made through the team,” added Linehan.

Timberlane dance team is an outstanding group that is bound to leave a lasting impression. They're skillful in what they do and look good doing it.

Mr. Finch Arrives At The PAC

By Justin Nimmo

Music is a thriving part of Timberlane and now the school has added a new member to that greatness.

Mr. Robert Finch has taken over as the choral director for the high school concert choir, along with helping at the middle school. Finch graduated from the University of Maine majoring in music education with a focus on vocal and he is looking to use his talents to make choir the best experience for everyone.

Finch is very excited to be working at Timberlane; he has only nice things to say about it. “Timberlane is a place where not only the students learn, but the teachers do as well,” says Finch. He has been working with students on not only music but life lessons also.

He points how his biggest influences in his life, in order to make the students aware of their fortunes. He references his grandmother as one of the people that has influenced him the most. As well as the person who influenced him to become a music teacher, Rob Westerberg, a choir director whom Finch met at a music festival when he was a sophomore in high school.

When he was at the festival Finch was amazed by Westerberg, saying “I want to do that for a living,” based on Westerberg’s effect on him.

Finch has a very positive outlook on being a teacher, his optimistic view is radiating off of him as he says,“just to make music everyday and constantly strive to be better”.

When not in school, Finch is an avid traveller. He enjoys the aspect of going everywhere around the world. “I love to travel, whether it is in the states or in Europe, I love it,” Finch states.

Finch is very excited for this chapter of his life and Timberlane is very lucky to have a talent like him to go along with the abundance of talent we already have. With a month of learning and teaching already under his belt he is making amazing strides of getting to know the students and teaching them things that they have never learned before. With Finch’s eagerness, there is no doubt that this will continue.



Freshman Spotlight

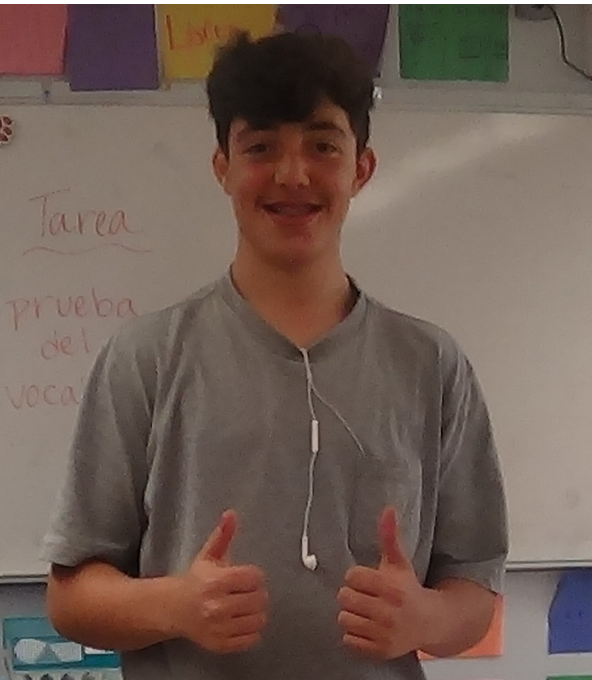
By Emily Noonan

We all remember in middle school, hearing the same words daily, “Make it a great day or not, the choice is yours.” We would mock the words, mouthing them as they concluded the morning announcements following the Pledge of Allegiance, but we also somehow carried those words with us to Freshman year, where we had the choice to make it a good start to the next four years of our lives or to just let them slide by as an obligation to our education.

However, Joshua Noonan, Class of 2021 Freshman, has started off high school and embraced everyone and every opportunity surrounding him, standing out in a crowd of new faces within the school- and it’s not just because he’s a towering 5’ 11”.

So far this year, Noonan has challenged himself with an array of extracurriculars as well as a strong, difficult schedule throughout the school day. As #56 on the freshman football team, Noonan is a lineman with strong hopes for the team’s future. So far 2-3, he believes, “[They’re] off to a rough start, but hopefully [they’ll] get back on track and get [their] minds in the right place,” confident they’ll pull through with some big wins this season.

But what does Noonan do when he’s not on the field under the lights? He still gets his spotlight in front of the crowd through marching band as a baritone at Varsity football games. As a freshman, this is a new experience to him and the upperclassmen have been a big help in making it a welcoming one.



He opened up about the experience and his times with friends senior Anthony Gianelly and junior Jared Knight , stating “... when band camp came, I was scared of the upperclassmen at first but they [Gianelly and Knight] welcomed me and showed me upperclassmen are nice and ever since then, they’ve made high school an awesome experience... [marching band] is dope and anyone who hasn’t joined should,” says Noonan.

Finally, his attitude toward spirit week is an open one. When it comes to dressing up for the week of events as a freshman, many students are

timid to go all out in costume. However, Noonan says he’s, “gonna go for it and it’s gonna be sick.... go hard or go home,” strong words of advice for anyone questioning how far they’ll have the confidence to go.

From football to marching band, to taking sophomore level classes such as Geometry, Noonan is well-rounded in his high school career thus far. All in all, he is enjoying his high school experience and will continue to leave a mark on Timberlane over the next 4 years.

Former Atkinson Bus Driver Shoots Son

By Olivia Marshall

A former Timberlane Regional School District bus driver has been accused of shooting his son. On August 18th in their home in Atkinson, New Hampshire, Albert LaMonica, 71, allegedly shot his son Christopher, 45, in the abdomen following a violent confrontation. The father has described the shooting as an act of self-defense in response to an attack from his oldest son.

The two men were arguing in their home over the lack of food in the house a little after 3 p.m. the day of the shooting. The Eagle Tribune has reported that Christopher accused his father of eating all the food while Albert demanded that his son move out. The situation quickly escalated which prompted Albert LaMonica to reach for the phone to call the police. Christopher allegedly slapped his father to prevent him from making the call, then threw his younger brother, Bradley, across the room when he tried to intervene. Christopher then charged his father and put his hand on his father’s holster. It is believed that he said: "What, are you going to shoot me?" before being shot.

Albert LaMonica himself called the police after the shooting. Police arrived at the scene moments after the shooting as the house, located at 13 Newbury Drive, is in close proximity to the Atkinson Police Station. All three LaMonica men walked out of their house with their hands up; Christopher was visibly bleeding from the stomach.

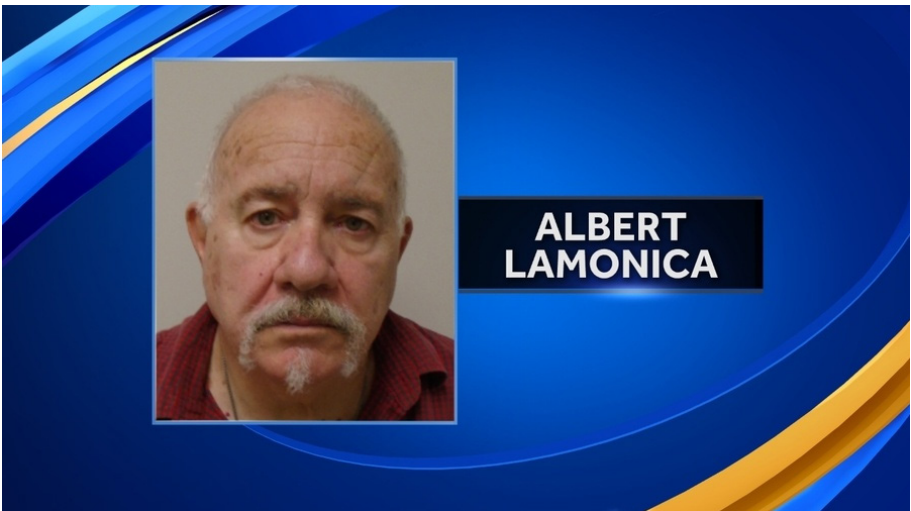
Charges include felony first-degree assault, domestic violence, and reckless conduct for Albert LaMonica; he is currently being held in Rockingham County Jail on \$5,000 bail. Christopher’s injury has been serious but not life threatening, but nothing else is known about his condition other than that he was checked into a hospital.

Albert has claimed that his son is a trained kickboxer with a violent background, and that he feared for his life and the life of his younger son during the altercation. This claim is backed up by the fact that Atkinson police Officer Mark Melia stated during the investigation that the reason Christopher had to move back home in the first place was that he had threatened to kill his previous roommates and been thrown out.

The shooting has also brought renewed attention to Albert LaMonica’s questionable career as a bus driver. He worked for the Timberlane School District for 17 years but was taken off school routes and moved to charter duties in 2011. An investigation by the Eagle Tribune reported that the change was due to a complaint from the parents of a middle schooler Albert LaMonica drove. The parents alleged that LaMonica had harassed their son on his bus ride home, going as far as to call him names at every stop and causing the young boy to burst into tears. The parents of the young rider threatened to file a civil lawsuit against the school district in order to gain access to a video recording of the incident, but never followed through.

The confrontation has been presented as self-defense to Judge Sharon DeVries. Albert LaMonica owned the gun legally, and he has never been in in trouble with the law before. He was arraigned at the 10th Circuit Court in Plaistow but his legal fate is yet to be known.

The shooting put Atkinson, a normally sleepy town, in local headlines. It’s important to remember basic gun safety rules so such shootings are prevented. Keep your guns unloaded, in a secure place like a safe, when not in use; do not allow unauthorized people access to them; avoid using them in the “heat of the moment” when your judgement may be impaired.



Car Thefts in Atkinson NH

By Shania Robinson

Some people’s worst fear is to have their car stolen. Lately in, Atkinson, this has been happening more often than people would like to admit. According to niche.com there are twenty-nine car thefts annually per 100,000 residents. This is compared to the national rate, which is one car theft per 100,000 residents. The Atkinson police department even made a huge bust with the help of the Plaistow police department finding that a Plaistow man stole items from a vehicle and stole a vehicle. Writing on Facebook, “The Plaistow Police Department have recently identified and arrested the main suspect in recent thefts and burglaries in the area. A large amount of suspected stolen items have been recovered which are believed to have been stolen from vehicles in the area including Atkinson. If you have had your car or home broken into and items were stolen but chose not report it, we urge you to contact us in the event your items are those that have been recovered. Please call and ask to speak with either Sergeant Fiset or Sergeant Lundquist at 362-4001 or by email at fiset@atkinson-nh.gov and/or slundquist@atkinson-nh.gov.”

In the end there’s no real known cause to why all of these car thefts are happening. One thing is clear and that is the Atkinson police department is making their best efforts to crack down on car thefts and keep everyone safe. Some of their efforts include, hiring new police officers and warning the public. Other local police departments are helping too.

Some tips for keeping your car safe would be, use your garage if you have one, lock the car doors, don’t leave expensive things in your car, or at least visible and don’t leave your car on the side of the road.



NH State Border Control Checkpoints

By Joe Catino

In the month of August, on the weekend of the 25-27th on interstate 93, the New Hampshire state border patrol set up a checkpoint to try to catch illegal immigrants. During the three-day span, local enforcers detained 25 illegal immigrants including one 7th grader, and two 11th graders. There were 14 illegals from Columbia and others from places like Brazil, Ecuador and Mexico, were all arrested for not having valid visas.

People are not the only thing the patrol officers found, over 2 pounds of marijuana was taken as well as mushrooms, hash oil and cocaine. According to WMUR, Trump had something to say about New Hampshire and why he gave to order put the checkpoints in place, calling New Hampshire a “drug-infested den”.

At one point during the checkpoint, a Concord teen tried to run the checkpoint, hitting 99 mph when passing through the checkpoint. He led police for about 5 miles before he was stopped, Jason Labrie; age 18, was arrested for reckless driving, reckless conduct, falsifying physical evidence, possession a controlled substance-cocaine, and two counts of endangering the welfare of a minor, all felonies. Because of its effectiveness in stopping Drugs and immigrants to state plans to have more checkpoints like it.



Cumberland Farms Robbery

By Anthony Gianelly

On Sunday, September 17th a man and women barged into the Cumberland Farms in Plaistow NH at 6:10 a.m. They walked up to the register with pistols drawn and demanded money. While one of the clerks was opening the cash register, the other thief jumped up on the counter and pistol whipped the second clerk. After the clerk was done handing them the money, the injured cashier pulled the fire alarm which was believed to scare them off. Luckily for the worker, her injuries were non-life-threatening, and she didn’t feel the need to go to the hospital. Her family eventually persuaded her to go and get checked out.

The main concern was “the level of violence that was involved in it” explained Capt. Valquerio Eiro, while being interviewed by CBS. Valquerio explained that he was very upset at the fact that the robbers viciously attacked one of the clerks when it was not necessary. His comment was “they made the decision to strike the clerk, and for us that really brings it to a different level.” There was absolutely no reason to hit the women for just a couple hundred dollars. The police also say if anybody knows anything about the robbery to contact the Plaistow Police Department. The man and women were both wearing dark clothes and were last seen running towards Danville Road.

Plaistow citizen Anne Gianelly explained “It’s just scary to know that anything can happen at any given moment, it’s terrible. Especially when it is so close to home.” She also said “I never thought anything that violent would occur in the small town of Plaistow NH.” Although she is happy that nobody got hurt, she is worried about the future.

Kirsten Hawksley also wanted to voice her opinion. She said “I was very frightened when I first heard the news, all I could think about is how close the school is.” Kirsten also said it was very nerve racking knowing that a lot of Timberlane students go there for various reasons. Kirsten thinks that all gas stations should have some sort of security from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.



The Heroin Crisis in NH

By Anthony Gianelli

Over the past decade, New Hampshire has seen a dramatic rise in overdoses, and it does not seem to be slowing down. Many are not surprised, since heroin is now so easy to obtain because it is very inexpensive. At around \$10-20 per bag, four times cheaper than OxyContin and gives a similar high. It is also a lot easier to obtain because it is so abundant within NH. Ed Daniels, who has been in the Londonderry fire department for 11 years, says, “For most of the time I used to see one to two overdoses per year. He says he now sees at least one every shift.”

Although there has been a rise in OD’s in the past decade, there has not be been much to solve the problem. “According to a 2014 report from the U.S Department of Health and Human Services, the state is second to last in access to treatment.” The worst part being that all of the help that is offered is privately-run, which means that they are all looking to make money. The average amount for drug treatment is about five thousand dollars a year per person. That directly affects the addicts, because in order for them to get help they have to pay with money that they do not have. In the state of NH there is no other way of getting help without having to pay for it.

Unfortunately, there will most likely not be a change in the amount of OD’s that continue to occur until we as a state change our approach. According to NBC news “In 2013 there were 250 patients at St. Onge’s center, but there are currently 540 patients and a two week waiting list.” Which proves that the number of addicts are not fading away, they are doing the exact opposite of that.

The family members are struggling to handle what is happening to their loved ones who continue to have drug problems. One mother explained how she was afraid to leave her house because there was a possibility that she could come home and find her own son on the floor dead. While her son is now not using anymore, he still constantly hears about all of his high school friends dying from OD’s almost every week.

Could you imagine coming home to a dead loved one?



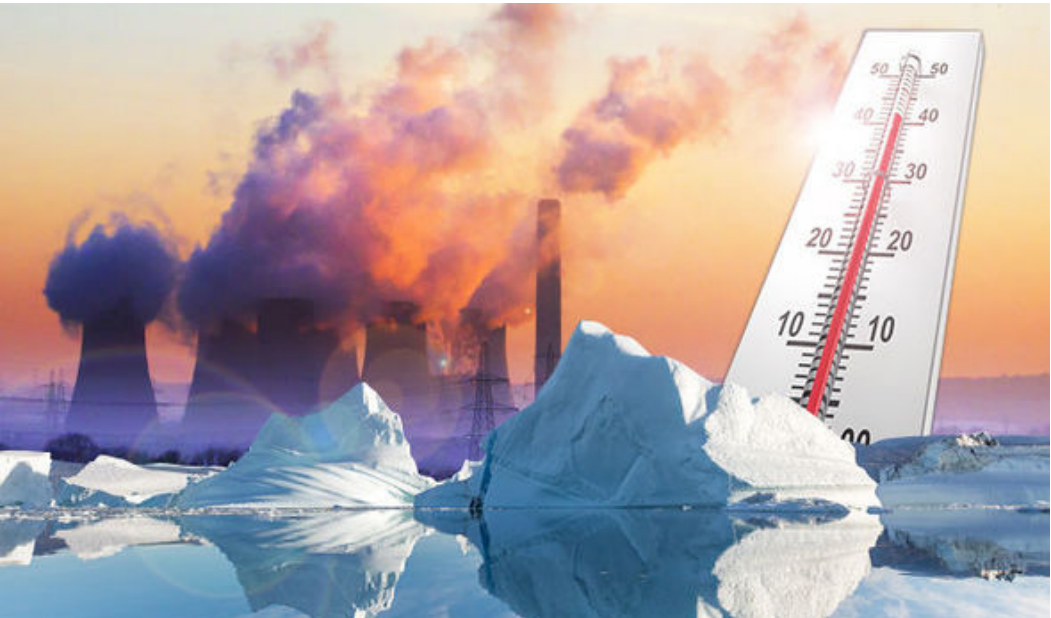
The Effects of Global Warming and How It Affects Us

By Nathan Szpak

Global Warming is a serious problem. Not many people notice it on daily basis unless there is a bad storm or a hurricane. Global warming is a gradual increase in the overall temperature of the earth’s atmosphere caused by increased levels of carbon dioxide. Nrdc.org has stated Global warming has been happening for over the past 100 years, has increased significantly over the past decades, is hurting the polar ice caps and is causing ocean acidification, storms, and hurricanes to happen more frequently.

Global warming is the number one cause of climate change. NASA has described climate change as the change in global or regional climate patterns. A scientist at American Meteorological Society said, “It is clear from extensive scientific evidence that the dominant cause of the rapid change in climate of the past half century is human-induced increases in the amount of atmospheric greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide (CO2), chlorofluorocarbons, methane, and nitrous oxide.” This means scientists believe that humans are the ones to cause the change in climate.

To start fixing the problem, people would need to cut back the amount of CO2 they put out each day. Examples would be to cut back on burning fossil fuels, plant trees, and reduce waste. This would lower the threat level of CO2 that has been emitted into the air and should slow down melting and other threats. On a larger scale to slow global warming by a lot, people would have to stop production in factories because that is where most CO2 is given off.



The Aftermath of the Charlottesville Riots

By Rory Ceplo

On the thirteenth of August, many years of tension and violence between radical white supremacists and masked Antifa (a radical left-wing group) vigilantes culminated in a major clash in the city of Charlottesville, Virginia. The events of this tragic day sent major aftershocks all throughout the nation and truly exposed the major divisions that exist within this country. Since that day, there have been a few more incidents involving violence and more hateful vitriol has been spread through a variety of channels, most notably the internet. Some think that Charlottesville may be the start of a major “culture war” between two groups of extremists.

The incident in Charlottesville has only expanded the deep crevasses that continue to create division within the population of the United States. Over the past month, growing tensions have begun to blur the lines between extremist and moderate, resulting in the injury of some innocent people. One of the most obvious examples of this was the violence that occurred at a Berkeley-based rally in late August. The Washington Post and Washington Times covered this incident in great detail.

On the 27th of August, a relatively small group (the full event had been canceled beforehand for fears of violence) of right-wing activists gathered to participate in an anti-marxist march in the city of Berkeley, California. The day started out fine, although tensions were high between left-wing counter-protesters that hosted their own “Rally Against Hate” gathering and the group that participated in the “No to Marxism in American” rally. These tensions eventually boiled over, resulting in full-on conflict between a few members of the two opposing groups. Once the dust settled, six people, including one police officer, were injured. While four of the injured were able to be treated by paramedics, two needed to be transported to local hospitals for additional treatment.

However, it is important to remember that both of these rallies started out in a peaceful and perfectly-legal manner, and only a small group of individuals felt it was necessary to escalate the tension between the two parties. Violence has continued after Charlottesville in places like Berkeley, but it has only been perpetrated by the minority rather than the massive groups of people on both sides of the aisle that are solely interested in political discussion and debate. While the events that took place in Charlottesville likely won’t boil over into a full on “culture war”, that day and others like it will be remembered as instances where some people took their political ideals to drastic levels.

Thousands of People Left With Nothing

By Alana Miller

If you have watched the news or been on any social media lately, you have seen the devastation in Texas. 40,000 homes were destroyed and billions of dollars have been spent in aid.

The Category 4 hurricane hit on August 25th and it lasted until September 2nd. So far 42 people have been killed. Trucks and equipment loaded with relief supplies have been cut off from Texas. Data has shown that the housing crisis may last years before resolved. Schools are in complete devastation, school delays will last weeks and maybe even months.

Superintendent Richard Carranza of school district hoped to begin classes a week after the storm, but schools are not the main focus right now. One of the most pressing issues to delay openings is the lack of access to roads. Carranza told a reporter with news outlet, “We can’t even get to the rest of the schools because the roads are inaccessible due to water. They’re literally flooded out.”

Hearing this news can be heart-breaking. On the bright side, there is an easy way that you can help the thousands of people that were affected. The 2018 Senior Class has contributed to a fundraiser called “Adopt a Classroom.” Teachers affected by the hurricane register based on their needs. Timberlane is working with a computer and technology school in a low income area and another school. Donations were also made to Feeding America who works had to get food to victims of the hurricanes. Donations were collected from students by teacher in 2nd period B day classes.

Together we have raised \$1,023.03 for the hurricane relief which will help those affected. Thank you to everyone who donated money and helped save lives, every donation was greatly appreciated! A special thank you to the Milkmen show who donated the profit from tickets and all the individuals who took part in this.

Thank you to the Senior Class and advisors, Mrs.Lefevbre and Senora Allen ,for this amazing opportunity to give back!



Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose, and Maria

By Abi DeNault

Over the past month, two horrific storms have destroyed Texas, Florida, and the Caribbean. These two storms, Harvey and Irma have raised gas prices, taken cities off the map and have even taken the lives of many. These disasters have left the United States devastated.

The first storm, Hurricane Harvey, happened on August 31st of 2017. This storm cause floods not only in Texas, but in Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee for two days. Harvey was a level four hurricane and left thousands of Texans homeless. Winds went anywhere from 52 miles per hour to 132 miles per hour, with rainfall reports as high as 51.88 inches.

The second storm, Irma, left the Florida Keys devastated. On September 9th, Hurricane Irma flooded out parts of Florida and most of the Caribbean. This storm left 62.67 billion dollars of damage, increasing America’s debt. With winds of 185 miles per hour, this storm has left people without homes and many without power. Irma not only took money, property and memories, but dissipated with a death toll of 84 people, and the number continues to grow.

Another storm that is expected to touch land is Hurricane Jose. With not as nearly as strong as Harvey or Irma, this level one could possibly hit parts of southern New England. Currently, the storm is about 375 miles from Boston, and is expected to touch down with winds of 75 miles per hour. Now you might be thinking, “will this affect New Hampshire?” Experts say to only watch out for heavy rain and flash flooding, but nothing like the past couple of storms. Hurricanes that harsh don’t seem to come our way very



much because of the northern location, but that doesn’t mean a hurricane Harvey could never happen here.

The Caribbeans have been destroyed by Hurricanes Irma and Jose, but a new storm could possibly be a threat to Puerto Rico and parts of the Dominican. Hurricane Maria. Maria is expected to be a level five storm by Wednesday, September 20th at around 2 AM, with winds of 155 miles per hour. According to CNN, Maria has already “shredded Dominica Prime Minister’s house.” This storm is expected to cause millions of dollars in damage.

Even though terrible disasters happen, good can come out of tragedy. During storm Harvey, the owner of a mattress store, Jim McIngvale opened his store as a shelter to people evacuating their homes. Also, a brewery in Georgia donated 155,000 cans of water to Harvey victims.

Devastations like these make us outsiders feel helpless, and pitiful for the ones who have lost everything. But in fact, we can all do something about these storms. What these people need right now is money. You can donate to organizations such as Red Cross, Global Giving, World Vision and even right here at Timberlane. If you can help, go to the websites of these organizations and give to the victims who lost everything.

The American Red Cross Taking Action in the Face of Disaster

By Jared DeLucia

The American Red Cross consists of willing volunteers who respond in the face of natural disasters or crisis in the United States. Currently, the Red Cross is supplying shelter, food, water, medical supplies, and help to the thousands of victims of Hurricane Harvey in southern Texas and Louisiana. Also, organization is always ready to act in the face of any incoming storms or disasters. For this reason, The Red Cross is always first on the scene to help.



In Florida, the Red Cross and its thousands of volunteers from across the country are putting in the work to set up shelters. These shelters are to the point of containing turf areas to walk dogs and pets all to help to people’s needs. Many of them are public buildings that are taken over and converted into a shelter to house victims of these disasters. The mission in Florida right now is to provide food, water and shelter for the thousands that have been forced to evacuate or stranded from their homes.

ABC News has reported to the public some of the many examples and methods to donate and help victims of these disasters. Walt Disney Co., The American Red Cross, and The Salvation Army are some of the many organizations that are accepting donations towards the cause. This resulting in millions of dollars that is raised, which is all going towards proper supplies, shelters and medical needs to the victims of these disasters.

Flooding in Southern Asia

By Marissa Arnold & Sarah Cronin

Everyone has been talking about the flooding in Texas, but no one has been talking about the flooding in South Asia that has killed 1,200 people. The flooding was caused by heavy monsoon rains that have brought many areas in the South Asian area such as Bangladesh, Nepal, and India to a standstill. The extensive amount of water has caused severe damage to roads, multiple landslides, and thousands of homes to be washed away. According to The Guardian, more than 40 million people have been affected by it, with 1,200 killed and even more casualties expected by officials.

The flooding in South Asia has killed a total of 1,200 people, meanwhile Hurricane Harvey has killed approximately 60 people. Here in the United States, we are more equipped to handle natural disasters mainly because we have better evacuation plans and we have more resources to offer. Places such as India are more at risk for natural disasters such as this because they have less resources and are prone to flooding because of unpaved roads.

Another major problem is that 18,000 schools have been either damaged or destroyed. This means that 1.8 million children cannot attend school. Hundreds of thousands of children could fall permanently out of the school system if education is not prioritized in relief efforts. Without schools, children have no place to learn and if we wait too long to rebuild schools, the older children will be too old to attend by the time the new schools are finished.



Survivors of the flood are in dire need of food and shelter, and there is an ever present need for medical care from organizations that offer help. Aid workers are running health camps to try and prevent disease outbreaks from occurring. Madhav P Dhakal from Care Nepal said that kits of hygiene and sanitary materials for women have been distributed. Many Americans are getting involved through the American Red Cross Association to help get people in South Asia back on their feet.

Irma’s Effect on St.Martin

By Dan Grzybowski and John Battistelli

Early Friday morning, on September 8th, 2017, the category 5 hurricane the infamous category 5 hurricane Irma made contact on the small island of St. Martin. This massive storm left a death toll in the high thirties in the caribbean and it was estimated that roughly 90 percent of all standing structures on the island were heavily damaged or destroyed.

Irma was the strongest ever recorded in the Atlantic with wind speeds reaching a record breaking almost 200 mph. The hurricane was also recorded to have a storm surge of close to 20 feet. Meaning that during the course of the storm the sea level on the coasts of the impacted islands rose by this amount. This major impact on the island of St. Martin caused extreme flooding, destruction, and trauma. The following quote was from JP. Morgan describing the damage to all the properties and facilities they have on St.Martin .“Irma will still be one of the most costly hurricanes, ever”

As far as aid goes for the small Caribbean island, there has been multiple nations and businesses rushing to help. Both the French and the Dutch have sent troops to give aid relief as well as set up local program to help reconnect people with their families. There is still over 100 people missing. local cruise liner companies have also chipped in to help by sending ships to help get travelers who were trapped during the storm back to their homes.

St. Martin was not the only place in the path of this massive hurricane, Florida was also hit extremely hard by Irma causing thousands of dollars in damage Our hearts are out to all victims of this monster of a storm. Our hearts are out to all victims of this monster of a storm.



Homeless Veterans in America

By Rob Pinault

In January 2016, communities across America identified 39,471 homeless veterans. This represents a (56 percent) decrease in the number of homeless veterans counted in 2010. The percentage of homeless veterans still living in the United States is still very high and a lot of the homeless veterans are African American.

Homeless veterans tend to be male (91 percent). Black veterans are much more likely to be homeless among veterans, comprising 39 percent of the total homeless veteran population but only 11 percent of the total veteran population. Veterans are already at a disadvantage coming out of the military. The cultural gap between their military service past and the real

world puts them at a disadvantage against the other parts of the population for job opportunities.

Veterans are more likely than civilians to experience homelessness. Because of veterans’ military service, this population is at higher risk of experiencing traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). TBI and PTSD have both been linked to an increased chance of

homelessness. A 2015 study displayed that veterans that use prescribed opioid drugs for their stress and post war pain are ten times more likely to become homeless.

The VA in some ways takes care of these homeless veterans. The VA provides healthcare to nearly 150,000 of these homeless veterans, additionally over 40,000 homeless veterans receive compensation or pension benefits each month. The VA homeless programs have helped reduce the homeless veteran population by seventy percent from 2005. Many states in the United States are now coming to the conclusion that ending veteran homelessness is entirely possible. There are many donation centers and other options to contribute to helping our homeless veterans.

In 2016 the number of homeless veterans in New Hampshire dropped from 138 to 123. Maureen Ryan, director of the state’s office of human services concludes that even though most of these veterans are homeless they still are under shelter nearly the whole year. Government non-profit agencies have gathered the resources over the past few years to ensure that nearly all veterans are under shelter.

Hurricane Harvey Devastation

By Brendan Frezza

Hurricane Harvey hit the Houston Area in full force between August 31st and September 2nd. According to the associated press, the devastating tropical storm contained high powered winds as fast as 130 mph with pelting rain totaling to as much as 50 inches. Thousands in the area were left homeless, fending for themselves and struggling to support themselves and families as they are stripped of nearly everything. Shelters for those affected are plentiful throughout the Texas area but are difficult to maintain and navigate to. Due to the extreme amount of people affected by this tragedy, finding safe ground is nearly impossible. Homes have been destroyed from extreme flooding, family members have been lost and lives are becoming affected forever. Although the terrible storm has hammered the area and destroyed almost everything in its path the people of Houston are coming together to help on another.

Rising flood waters from the excess amount of rainfall has proven to be the most devastating storm aspect. Strong winds have contributed to the destruction of the area and the rapid spreading of flood water. Rising bodies of water as well as flooded drains and properties have caused destruction in ways never seen before in Texas. The record breaking amount of rain has shocked Texas and the surrounding area as nothing to this magnitude has been experienced by the people of Texas in recent history. Flood waters have destroyed homes, businesses small towns and the city itself. The powerful storm is totaling billions in damages for the area as it attempts to rebuild.

With extreme devastation help is needed in all forms for the people and the state of Texas. Funds and donations are pouring in to help these people and the city. Thousands of affected lives can be helped through donations to various organizations such as the American Red Cross, Global Giving, United Way of greater Houston the Salvation Army etc. Houston Texans football player J.J Watt has pressed hard for the people of his city with his foundation which according to CBS Sports has totaled over thirty-seven million dollars in contributions. These strong organizations help provide clean drinking water, food, shelter and first aid to the people of the devastated area. Large media coverage has brought attention to the events that have taken place over the course of according to CNN one of the most powerful hurricanes to hit the United States. Announcements to the general public for their support images of the area and people help make the United States people aware of the tragedy no matter how far they may be. Help is needed for these people and a donation of any amount to one of the various organizations could help benefit someone’s life.



State of Emergency

By Meagan White

The State of California has had its fair share of forest and brush fires over the years. In October 2003 the cedar fires from October 2003 that ravished 273,246 acres that resulted in 15 deaths. The largest fire in 50 years continues to threaten the city of Los Angeles. Obviously a state of emergency has been declared.

As of October 2nd, the La Tuna Fire has currently burned over 7,194 acres leading to the destruction of 5 homes and the evacuation of more than 300 homes, and this fire is far too close to the city limits. Currently there are more than twenty active fires, many which declared mandatory evacuations. Not to mention, many of the northern fires are preventing access to Yosemite State Park.

As California continues to fight the fire, more than 1,061 firefighters, 206 engines and 9 aerial helicopters try and extinguish them. Weather continues to play a factor. Fortunately, there has been no loss of life. Two firefighters were sent to the hospital due to dehydration, while attempting to contain the fire. The La Tuna fire is now considered the most widespread fire in Los Angeles history. Firemen were hoping that tropical storm Lidia would add moisture to help douse this horrible fire, but Mother Nature has a mind of its own.

It’s ironic to have such a horrible fire. Especially coming off one of the wettest winters in California history. This arid landscape coupled with moisture led to vegetation growth, but as summer approached, the grass and vegetation eventually dried out, creating kindling or fuel that only increase the heat of these fires. In addition, the fires also spread rapidly due to powerful wind gusts that allowed the fires to spread quickly across the state.

To make things even worse, the five year drought led to an increase in the number of dead trees, as well as, the infestation of bark beetles. According to Mayor Eric Garcetti who told NPR, “There is a lot of fuel left to be burned”. Also, it doesn’t help that the state is encountering record setting heat, as wildfires scorch the entire state of California, Temperatures can be getting up to 107 degrees Fahrenheit. According to LA Times “there are more than 20 active wildfires in the state”. The good news is that the weather report looks favorable and moderate temperatures will finally allow firefighters to have the leg up in extinguishing these horrible life threatening fires.



What is Happening in the Syrian Civil War?

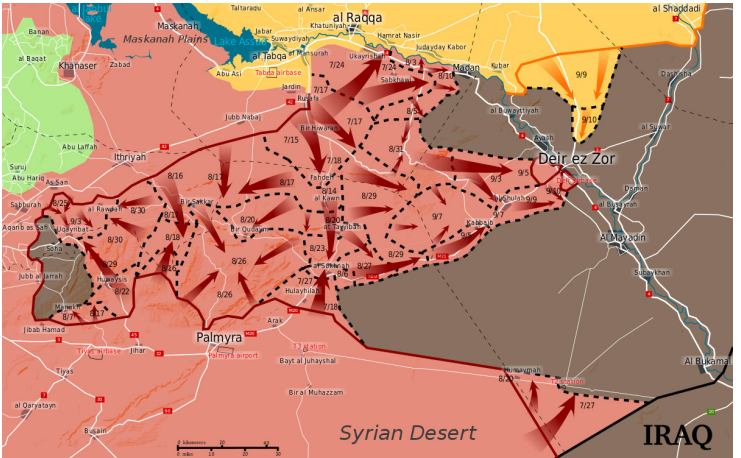
By Noah Clark

The Syrian Civil War kicked off with the Arab Spring protests all across the Middle East in 2011. Protests for government reforms happened in many countries, such as Syria after a brutal crackdown by the Assad government. By July 2011, armed opposition militias such as the Free Syrian Army rose up in protest against the Government kicking off the conflict. Six years of bloody warfare and an invasion of the Islamic State later, in January 2017 the Syrian Government and the Syrian opposition are in a stalemate with one another and ISIS occupies the majority of the land in Syria. They have taken the ancient Roman city of Palmyra recently from the Syrian government and are not too far away from the capital of Damascus.

However in 2017 the conflict is focusing away from the government and opposition forces, and is centering on ISIS. In this year alone ISIS has lost the majority or its Syrian territory. The Syrian government retook the previously lost city of Palmyra and started a massive offensive which pushed ISIS out of Western Syria almost entirely and lifted the siege of Deir ez-Zor. This city was under siege for years by the Islamic State and was relying on sparse airdrops of aid and the will of its defenders to hold off ISIS. And, in the northern part of Syria so far in 2017, the SDF (Syrian Democratic Forces trained, equipped, and backed by the United States) have completely surrounded and have nearly taken the city of Raqqa. Raqqa was previously considered to be the unofficial capital of ISIS in Syria, and is the last major city in Syria that ISIS still controls. And according to the SDF they are in the final stages of retaking the city.

In other regions of Syria, Russia and other powers have established deconfliction zones between the Syrian government and Syrian opposition limiting the fighting between the two groups. This allows the Syrian Government to focus on its offensives against ISIS without having to worry as much about their fronts against the opposition. And as high-ranking General Sergei Rudskoi of the Russian Army puts it: the war has “practically stopped” on these fronts.

However, this may not bode well for the opposition. The Syrian Army (SAA) and SDF are sandwiching ISIS at the Euphrates River at Raqqa and Deir ez-Zor. And when these offensives are done, it frees up a massive amount of the Syrian Army to be redeployed against their enemies within the opposition. And without significant intervention from a foreign power such as the United States or a war between the currently neutral SAA and SDF, the war is much more in favor of the Syrian government under Assad on top.



ISIS leader killed by U.S. drone in July

By Frankie Ramsdell

The Pentagon has recently stated that the leader of the Islamic State’s branch in Afghanistan, Abu Sayed, was killed by an American drone strike this week.

This hinders the strategies ISIS has against combatants because the leader is dead, but the Islamic State has proved itself by replacing its leaders soon after they are killed.

Sayed was chosen to lead the group in Afghanistan after the previous leader, Abdul Hasib, was killed in April during a special forces raid in Nangarhar Province, where the militant group had been active. Two United States Army Rangers were killed in the April operation.

“We have confirmed information from leaders, including one of the first rank, in Isis territory in the eastern country-side of Deir Ezzor,” director of the UK-based group Rami Abdulrahman told Reuters on Tuesday.

The US was planning to pull all the remaining troops in Afghanistan out by the end of 2017, but that has yet to happen. Now it could take decades.



Escalations with North Korea

By Justin McAuliffe

North Korean -U.S. tensions are at an all-time high since the Korean War. Kim Jong Un will stop at nothing to build a nuclear missile that can strike the U.S. mainland. This is Donald Trump’s ultimate test of diplomacy. The recent testing of the north’s assumed hydrogen bomb has prompted U.S. officials to put military options on the table in case of a nuclear strike. Over the summer, the north tested a variety of missiles ranging from intermediate range to intercontinental ballistic missiles.

The Korean peninsula was occupied by Japan until after WWII. When the war ended the north was occupied by the Soviet Union and the south by the United States. The two states became independent and have grown further apart over the years. The north is now a totalitarian dictatorship and the south a capitalist democracy.

Recently the United Nations has put forward sanctions worth over \$1 billion as a punishment for the regimes unlawful missile and nuclear programs. The U.S. has told CNN that “this resolution will result in a 30% decrease in total oil imports by cutting off over 55% of refined petroleum products going to North Korea. The U.S. is hoping that this will cut all oil supplies to the country so they can’t fuel more missiles

Donald trump has insisted that China put more pressure on Kim’s regime but since they are their only trading partner the Chinese have kind of pulled back. North Korea has just been talk over the years with their constant threats and them saying that they would annihilate the U.S. But now they have been accelerating their nuclear and missile program and are getting closer to their goal of a nuclear armed icbm.



In the past month the north has put a massive threat of shooting ballistic missiles on the U.S. territory of Guam. North Korea will be met with “a massive military response” says Secretary of Defense James Mattis. This threat has been met with increased U.S. military presence on the Korean peninsula and increased military exercises with South Korea. A war with North Korea would have massive military casualties on both sides says retired General Gary E. Luck, the former commander of both U.S. and U.N. forces in Korea.

Boys Soccer Team Starts Season Strong

By Sam Hovan

The Timberlane boys soccer team is off to great start after losing in last year’s quarterfinals to Exeter. The Owls are currently 7-0-1 and in second place in Division 1. This success is nothing new for the Owls, who have been top competitors in the state for years, making it to the final four, two out of the last three years. Led by a core group of seniors who have been playing together for years, and an impressive group of underclassmen to round out the roster, making the Owls a tough team to face.

Do not be surprised if the Owls are in the mix again this year come playoff time. The Owls lost a lot of talent due to seniors graduating last year such as Brandon Beane and Matt Salois, but that has not slowed them down. Outscoring their opponents 25-3 throughout their first eight games, this team has an explosive offense with a strong defense.



Contributing to their incredible start has been, “Our desire to compete and to display the elegance of work we have put in” said senior captain Niko Kakouris. When asked to compare this year’s team to last year’s, senior striker and 4 year varsity player Christian Allaire said, “We lost some key seniors from last year, but we are working just as hard if not harder to make a run deep into the playoffs.” October 17th, senior night against Bedford will be a great game and good test for the Owls. There is no shortage of confidence for a team of hard workers, whose eyes are set on the state championship this year.

Timberlane Boys Cross Country Outlook

Andrew Trasatti and Jacob Huberdeau

Cross Country is a very unique sport and it takes a certain type of person to be able to compete in it. The work ethic demonstrated by Timberlane runners goes unrivaled in the eyes of many, putting in miles at informal practice throughout the hot months of summer. Whether it is a scorching day in July, or a sub zero January morning, the athletes of Timberlane’s Cross Country team can be seen working hard all year round.

After a slow start to the season, Timberlane XC has picked up the pace and is on a steep uphill race toward a great season as the competition heats up. Top athlete Jake Huberdeau has finished first place in every dual meet thus far, leaving a sneaker shaped footprint in the state. Jacob is very proud to be training with his sister for his final season of Cross Country. Freshman star Julia Huberdeau is following in her brother’s footsteps by being the first finisher for Timberlane in every race. Although she finds racing very fun, her favorite part is being able to practice with her friends and brother each day who are always positive and optimistic about running.

The boys team had an impressive display at the famous Clipper Relays race. This race was the premier meet for the new kid on the block, Andrew Trasatti. He put on a dazzling show passing people in the final straightaway as he took the state by storm in his first and final season of running. Earning a top spot on Varsity after just one race, Andrew has already become hooked on this sport and finds a way to motivate the team before each race.

Of the many amazing athletes in the school, one Junior demonstrates constant hard work and dedication that is rivaled by few. This is a fact that is agreed upon by many of his peers, including underclassmen and teammate Ben Swaney and senior teammate Ethan Randall.

Richard Arthur Johnston JR “Ricky” is putting in the work to set himself up for an outstanding season. Stride after stride, he is out on the track long after everyone else is gone, training his mind and body to compete. Rick has a promising season ahead of him allowing nobody to take his spot in the top five or as the top Junior.

The Bearded Warrior, Ethan Randall is another top runner who is known for not feeling the pain of running. Fighting strong after a severe nasal injury, he continues to stride hard despite the fact that he cannot breathe out of his nose. Recently, Ethan took a stiff elbow to the chest during a race and the fate of his season now rests in the balance. This strong runner has been through it all; bee attacks, branches to the throat, and many falls through thin ice. These dangers do not scare him and he continues to run towards his bright future.

This team, made up of driven athletes, would be nothing without the brilliant minds of Mark Behan, currently known as Mr. Behan, and Mr. Dev. These two put their lives on pause for the months of Cross Country. Every week, Mark creates individual workouts for every athlete and treats each runner as if they are the only athlete on the team. Despite Dev’s suffering from yet another broken rib, he has pushed through the pain, continuing to run every day and is even spotted doing track workouts on occasion. The dynamic duo is often seen as the greatest coaching partnership in the history of Timberlane. Ever.

Timberlane Field Hockey Looking to Repeat

By Delaney Ripley

The Timberlane Owls, reigning New Hampshire division one field hockey champions are coming out strong this year. They are heading into the 2017 season with a record of 8-1.

Last season, the 12-5-1 girls fought hard and went into playoffs as the sixth seed. They first played Dover, beating them 4-0. Next round was Concord with a 1-0 victory. In the semifinals, the Owls beat Manchester Central in overtime, as Tori Rothwell scored the tiebreaking goal, ending the game 3-2. The championship game was one to watch, as the Owls faced the Winnacunnet Warriors who were ranked the one seed going into playoffs. The game was tied 1-1 as sophomore forward Sarah Padellaro scored the game winning goal, ending the game 2-1.

Head coach Melinda Ryan, who has been coaching for 35 years, 18 of them being with the Owls, had a very positive outlook for the team this year, stating proudly how good the team is looking and the hard work and nice efforts that they have shown through their games thus far.



“I feel we have a solid, experienced core of returning players which should work to our benefit; and the new members of the varsity team are getting acclimated to the level of competition. Some of our key players are Tori Rothwell, Rachel Paradis, Kylie Fitzpatrick, Sarah Padellaro, and Jessie Mezquita. Our goal is to be the best we possibly can be; to keep improving with each practice and game and see where that can take us.”

Captain Tori Rothwell, one of the top offensive players in New Hampshire and named as division one first team, was enthusiastic when talking about this season, as it may be her last year playing because of her indecision as to whether or not she will continue in college.

Rothwell stated, “I am very excited about the upcoming season. I am hopeful that the team will work together and accomplish lots. Some personal goals I have set for myself is to come ready to play at every practice and game, always push and try my best and be a good role model for the younger girls on the team.”

The 18 hardworking Owls field hockey girls are ready for this season and to hopefully hold their state title. A few of their games coming up are October 12th versus Manchester Central and October 13th versus Concord. Make sure to come out to support the ladies at their games this season!

Strong Start to Volleyball Season

By Saige Wolff

The Timberlane girls’ volleyball team has started the new season 6-6. The girls won their first two games against Keene and Nashua North, and won their fifth game against Winnacunnet. In the Nashua North game, the girls were able to smash the ball down and block the middle hitters of the other team. At the Winnacunnet game, the team was able to pick up the scraps the opposing team’s setter threw at them.

Varsity Coach Sean Hogan hopes to see each player work hard as individuals in order to succeed as a team. He sees multiple opportunities to face adversity in his vision of how the season will be, especially when facing more of the local teams such as Salem, Londonderry, and Nashua South. Hogan says he, “has a great group of young people who enjoy working hard at volleyball and sees that they will become better as young people.” Senior Captain Meagan White shared the team’s hopes for the season, “The goals for the season are that we can continue playing the best that we can like the Nashua North game.”

Players that she feels have shined so far this season in the sophomore class are the starting middle, Erin Matthews and the starting outside hitter, Lauren Mezsqita. Another player in the junior class, Samantha Carrigan has also been doing very well as the libero.

The volleyball team played a fan night on September 27th that had the crowd roaring and 100 fan night t-shirts were thrown out to the fans. This game against Londonderry ended in a win for the Timberlane Owls. Masses of positivity was shown by the crowd that increased the chances of the win. The girls hope to see many familiar faces in the crowd at their upcoming senior night on October 19th in order to say our final goodbyes to the seniors that helped the team succeed.



Two Sports, One Season

By Al Barney

Football and soccer have always been rivals when it comes to drawing the best athletes. Both played in the fall, it seems that every football team has lost athletes to soccer and vice versa.

That rule appears not to apply to Timberlane senior Connor Ross, who is breaking the mold by playing both sports for his school. The former sophomore first teamer, and junior All-New England soccer player has decided to try his leg at both sports. Always being a standout on the pitch, being coached by Atkinson local Bill Laycock, who has been “like a second father” to Ross, he decided that being a superstar at one fall sport was not enough.

He began kicking for the Owls during his junior year, after Timberlane superstar Jason Hughes left to play Division 1 football at UNH. Ross, or “Smoke,” as some call him, quickly seized the opportunity to step out onto the gridiron. He rapidly morphed into a star, with booming kickoffs and splashing extra points.

Ross does not seem himself as a star on the football field, “I don’t really do much, I just kick some balls and stand on the sidelines.”

His teammates, however, do not seem to describe him as modestly, “His style of play is similar to that of a Vontaze Burfict,” said Owl’s lineman, and longtime friend of Ross, Robert “Bob” Horgan.



A kicker being compared to an NFL linebacker is not something you hear every day, but Ross may be living up to the hype. Recording three tackles last year, Ross is not just a timid 140-pound kicker. “He is a very strong and physical player on the football field. His presence is always known,” said Kyle Gleason, who is no stranger to handing out earth shattering hits on the field.

For some, the transition to a new sport can be difficult, but Ross appears to have already found his niche on the Owls squad. “They have taken me in very nicely,” Ross shared. “They treat me like a player of their own.”

When asked if he had to make a choice between the two sports, Ross said it would be soccer with no hesitation, and expressed his condolences to his football brethren. It is no shock that he would make the decision to keep his boots laced up on the soccer pitch. A varsity player ever since he stepped foot on the Timberlane Campus, Ross has shined. A starter, and keystone player since freshman year, Ross has thrown the state into a whirlwind. Whizzing by every player brave enough that has tried to defend him, and demolishing those who try to beat him, Ross is always a player to watch for Timberlane.

People often forget that Connor Ross is not just a mere two sport, one season athlete. “Smoke” has excelled at seemingly any athletic competition that he has stumbled upon. Throughout his high school career, Connor has participated in a total of 5 different Varsity sports including both indoor and outdoor track, and volleyball. When asked if he will be playing volleyball for the defending state champs, he jokingly replied that he will be playing baseball instead. There sure is no shortage of quips and humor in this kid.

It appears we will have to wait until the spring to see where the magic feet of Connor Ross will end up, but if it does happen to be on the diamond, there is no doubt that he may be able to give Christian Allaire a run for his money.

Football 2017 Preview

By Jess Mezquita and Meagan White

With a 0-2 start to the football season the team bounced back with a dominant win over Bishop Guertin. After an outstanding 2015 season, Owl fans expected the team to keep winning. In 2015 the Owls were a final four team, so after a disappointing 3 and 7 season in 2016 fans were expecting the Owls to bounce back. But, like the NFL, injuries can really impact the success of any team at any level.

However, with hard work comes better results, therefore one Owl player has an optimistic view towards the rest of this season. “Our goals have changed since the beginning of the season”, according to Robbie Horgan “The goal is to make playoffs every year, but now we just need to take it week by week”. Every year a major goal for any High School team is to make the playoffs, but taking it one game a time is the only way to achieve this goal.

Without their starting running back, Jake Post, the team had to change their game plan dramatically. “This loss of Jake made every other player’s job more important, Jake can turn a 4 yard run into a touchdown” stated Horgan Now that Jake Post is out, sophomore Matt Licata, has done his best to fill the role. Matt is doing an excellent job filling the shoes of Jake Post. Although the school wishes Post could play, Matt is a fantastic option. Especially for the rest of this season and next year too.

On the bright side, the football team did just get new uniforms, “the new jerseys are fresh. We wanted South Carolina under armor jerseys, but no one’s complaining” Horgan responded. Hopefully, the new jerseys will help create a more positive attitude, which will lead to some more wins. Fans remain positive that the season is still very young, and the new look of this 2017 Owls will lead to wins very soon.



Golf Team Success

By Christian Allaire

As the 2017-2018 school year is kicks off, so does the Varsity Golf teams success on the links. The 11-7 Owls team has had some big wins this year including one against powerhouse Keene High School. This team is captained by seniors Connor Schott and Jake Heckman.

As a three-sport varsity athlete Schott is no stranger to what it takes for a team to find success, “We are filled with talent; we have a couple outstanding seniors and key middle classmen on board.”

Preparation before each match is a key part of the owls’ success. “Just getting locked in, you know. Hitting some balls and getting in that groove. Also rolling some putts to get a feel for the greens.” said Schott.



The golf team has all the necessary drive they need to achieve their goals this season, “Our outstanding coach by the name of Mike “Smoobes” Dube and our very talented freshmen give us all the confidence we need.” said Schott.

These Owls also relish competitive matches on the course. In do or die situations Schott said, “I try and get locked in and the main thing I think about is Jake Heckman’s hole in one on the 11th. Just try and make a shot as good as that.”

Hopefully, the leaders of this team can continue to motivate its members, and have continued success on the course throughout the season to make a run for the state championship.

Patriots Suffer Crucial Loss

By Jake Post

During the preseason of the Patriots 2017 season, one of their star playmakers suffered a season ending injury. Wide receiver Julian Edelman was injured in the third preseason game against the Detroit Lions with a non-contact knee injury. After getting an MRI the Saturday after the game, the results came back with a torn right ACL. Edelman said in an Instagram post, “I will approach this rehab process the only way I know, with everything I have, to make sure I come back stronger than ever.”

Edelman, entering his ninth NFL season with the Patriots, just came off a career high 1,106 yard 2016 campaign. Edelman was Brady’s go to guy, therefore he had a team high of 98 receptions “Great player. Great teammate. Great friend. He really plays with a chip on his shoulder, and I thought he brought that attitude to the whole offense, the whole team,” Brady said. “We’re going to have to find another way.” “All the backs and tight ends, we’re going to have to pick up the slack. The production has got to come from a different place,” Brady added.

Pats fans know this is a huge loss for the team and fans, but with a receiving core like the New England Patriots, the team still has a shot of making it back to the Super Bowl for a repeat.

After trading for Brandin Cooks from the New Orleans Saints, Tom Brady may have a new favorite target. “Every day he shows up. He works his butt off. He wants to do extra. He wants to know what I’m thinking. He just wants to do the right thing all of the time” said Brady. In the 2016 season, with the New Orleans Saints, Cooks finished the impressive year with 117 targets, 1,173 yards, and 8 touchdowns. The Patriots hope that Cooks can produce the numbers throughout the 2017-2018 season. After going 14-2 in 2016, losing to the Bills and the Seahawks, the team looks to overcome their opening loss to the Chiefs. Last week the Patriots dominated the Saints with a 36-20 win. It is too early for concern, but the Patriots are feeling the loss of Edelman after recent loss to Carolina.



Alongside Cooks comes more impressive players such as veteran Rob “Gronk” Gronkowski, Danny Amendola, and Penn State lacrosse star Chris Hogan. “Unfortunately, we’ve lost one, and an important one. But as a team, we still have to move forward, and that’s what we’ll do. I guess that process has already started” says Coach Bill Belichick. Without Edelman these handful of receivers will need to step up. The Patriots have faith in them. Coming hot off a Super Bowl win last season the Patriots are ready to start their road back to the Super Bowl once again for a chance to win their sixth National title. I believe that this team does have the chance to repeat with the weapons they have. The team can’t have any more guys go down after the Edelman injury. Key points are to keep Gronk healthy. He is one of their biggest weapons that is crucial to blocking and down field catching.

Are The Patriots The War Machine Everyone Thought They Were?

By Riordan West Geary

Talks of 19-0 were quickly put to rest on the Thursday night home opener when the New England Patriots lost 42-27 to the Kansas City Chiefs.

The last time the New England Patriots allowed that many points was in 1993. Kareem Hunt, a rookie who was not even born in 1993, dominated the Patriots as he ended the night with 246 yards and 3 touchdowns. It’s safe to say, it was one of the worst games the Patriots have played under Coach Belichick. What went wrong for the defending Super Bowl champions?

Just about everything went wrong for the Patriots. As head coach Bill Belichick put it in his post-game conference, “We didn’t really do much of anything well enough tonight to deserve to win. We gave up 42 points, stopped on four short-yardage plays. We’ve got to coach better, got to practice better, got to play better.”

The main factor that truly killed the Patriots, however, was the big plays. The Patriots allowed three plays of 40 yards or more in the final 25 minutes of the game. For reference, they allowed only five plays of 40 yards or more the entire season last year. Some of those plays are credited to the fact that after their defensive leader Dont’a Hightower went down with an injury, they were forced to play Cassius Marsh, who was acquired from the Seattle Seahawks just five days before the season started. Clearly, it was not an ideal situation for the Patriots defense.



The more surprising poor performance of the night was Tom Brady. He was uncharacteristically off target on multiple throws, many of which he had time to throw and didn’t need to rush. When asked about the absence of Julian Edelman, Brady replied, “We definitely have to play better. It’s a long year, so we’ve got 15 games. We’re going to have to do a better job, and he’s not coming back. So, the guys that are in there are going to have to do a good job.”

Were the expectations high? Of course they were, with the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history last year, and winning 2 championships in the last 3 years, the expectations were at an all-time high. Alex Smith, quarterback for the Chiefs, had arguably one of the best games of his career along with the breakout rookie debuts of Kareem Hunt and Tyreek Hill making it too much for the Patriots defense to handle. 7th year defensive end Justin Houston and his defensive unit played a significant role in stopping the many Patriot offensive weapons. Even after the loss of star safety, Eric Berry, to what would turn out as a ruptured achilles, the Patriot’s offense still sputtered.

In weeks 2-4 the Patriots gathered together 2 wins, however a home loss in week 4 proved that they still have a lot of work to do on defense considering they allowed 33 points in consecutive weeks against poor offenses.

Joe Webb

By Bob Horgan and Drew Wilson

Question, who is Joseph Webb Jr? Answer, the future of the National Football League. When the 6 foot 4 230 lbs Webb used to line up on Saturday afternoons, the other team would have their game plan solely focused on him. According to Charlotte Observer writer Tom Sorenson, “Joe Webb can make a Swiss Army Knife look one-dimensional.” Known for not only being a special teams menace, but also a legit NFL quarterback, it makes one wonder, why hasn’t Webb received a full time starting job?

4.43 forty yard dash, 42.5 inch vertical jump, 21 reps of 225 on the bench. Those numbers resemble that of an elite receiver or elite running back, but no, those are the statistics of Joseph Webb Jr at the NFL combine. When asked why he keeps trying to play QB when he easily could find a starting spot on the field elsewhere, Webb responded with, “Playing quarterback is my passion”.

Currently, Webb is the backup QB for the Buffalo Bills, but soon that will change. Webb knows that at all times he is one play away from getting in the game considering Buffalo’s current QB is very injury prone, but regardless of what position he is playing Webb will give 110% because he lives for football and he will do anything to get on the field.

If you happened to scroll through Youtube, there is a great chance you will find a video clip of Webb returning a kickoff for 41 yards. Now you may say, a QB returning kicks? Thats impossible, but for Webb the impossible is always possible.

Update: As of October 1st, 2017, Joe Webb has recorded 4 tackles during the season with all of them coming via special teams.



How to Get Your Fantasy Football team from 0-12 to 12-0

By Matthew Schaejbe

Are you tired of coming in last in your Fantasy Football league? Are you interested in winning money and bragging rights? Let me help you set your lineups by providing the 2017-18 season’s top sleeper picks and busts.

Sleeper picks are a key factor in success, whether they are on your starting roster or your bench. They are defined as players who are not at a high ownage percentage yet have high potential. My #1 sleeper pick for this year is Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford. While he has issues leading his team to a playoff spot, he is a sure held stat-packer. In week one, Stafford put up 292 passing yards, went 29-41 in pass completions, and completed 4 touchdown passes. Stafford has great future potential, which is why you should start the highest paid player in the NFL.

Coming in at #2 is Washington Redskins running back Chris Thompson. Chris Thompson was extremely quiet last season; however, his stats are far from amateur in the 2017-18 season. In week two, Thompson put up 77 rushing yards, 29 receiving yards, and 2 touchdowns. In week three, he did even better with 28 rushing yards, 150 receiving yards, and a touchdown. Despite his role as a second string running back, Thompson sees plenty of action. He gets most of his yards on screen plays. If you are in a PPR (points per reception) league, Thompson is a gem.

Finally, the wide receiver coming in at my #3 rank is Adam Thielen, another Minnesota Vikings player. Adam Thielen was potential going into the 2017-18 season, but was not considered to be a breakout player. However, his performance in week one against the New Orleans Saints was outstanding. Thielen put up 157 yards on nine catches. Even though he scored no touchdowns, he put up a tremendous amount of points in fantasy. Thielen has proven himself, and has become one of Sam Bradford’s favorite targets.

While league ratings may be appealing, here are some bust players that you may not want to start. Bust players are defined as high ranked players that do not play up to their potential. My #1 bust is Cincinnati Bengals quarterback, Andy Dalton. Off the bat, Dalton looked promising. However, as the seasons progressed, Dalton has progressively gotten worse and worse. In week one, he led his team to a total of zero points and threw four interceptions. In week two, his stats remained on the low side, while he has not yet thrown nor produced a touchdown for the hurting Bengals. If Andy Dalton is on your team, I suggest you either bench or drop him.

My second bust is running back Adrian Peterson. While he is a definite future Hall of Famer, Peterson just does not have what it takes anymore. To add onto that, he now plays for a poorly coached team. In week one, he only carried the ball 6 times for just 18 yards. Then in week two, he carried the ball 8 times for only 26 yards. The New Orleans Saints do not appreciate his talent and do not realize what he can do for the team. Also, he is of 3 total running backs, so he will not carry the ball very often. Finally, my last bust is San Francisco 49ers Wide Receiver Pierre Garcon. While Garcon made a big name for himself during the Colin Kaepernick era, his career, alongside the 49ers team have just kept on going downhill. With Kaepernick far out of the picture, the 49ers struggle to find a suitable quarterback has increased drastically. In week one, he only caught 6 passes totaling 81 yards. While that isn't so bad, in week two, he only caught the ball 3 times for a total of 26 yards. Pierre Garcon is better off sitting on your bench.

Fantasy football is a tough game, no doubt about that. Now that you have this information, set your lineup so you can top all of your competitors!



NBA Offseason

By Farai Zhou

This NBA offseason has been one of the most interesting in NBA history. The 2017 offseason was filled with chaos, excitement, and a lot of trade rumors. A lot of the trades we thought would never have happened were actually made.

As teams such as the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Golden State-Warriors continue to pull away from the rest of the league, the rest of the NBA teams continue to try and catch up. This has been one of the best free agency seasons that the NBA has seen in a very long time. Players were ready to join together and teams were ready to make unthinkable trades.

The Rockets pulled of one of the greatest robberies in the 2017 offseason, with the Chris Paul trade. They acquired Chris Paul and added him to their backcourt with James Harden. Bleacher Report ranked both Paul and Harden in the top five guards for the 2016-2017 season. According to Fox Sports, this could turn out to be one of the best backcourts in this 2017-2018 NBA season.

- Many other trades have been made this year. These trades include...
- Markelle Fultz to the 76ers

- Jayson Tatum to the Celtics

- D'Angelo Russell to the Nets

- Jimmy Butler to the Timberwolves

- Kyrie Irving to the Celtics

- Zach Lavine to the Bulls

- Paul George to the Thunder

- Avery Bradley to the Pistons

- Isaiah Thomas to the Cavs



The Biggest and most talked about trade this offseason was the Kyrie Irving and Isaiah Thomas trade. Kyrie Irving asked to be traded so that he could become the star of another team. Rumors were circling about Kyrie Irving going to the Celtics and Isaiah Thomas going to the Cavaliers but fans did not think this would happen. When this trade happened, fans lit up social media. Some fans were disappointed and some fans were excited about this trade.People are excited to see how this NBA season will turn out. Teams have changed and the fans are excited to see how the 2017-2018 season will turn out.

Brissett goes to the Colts

By Juergen Pfau

From playing the greatest game of his football career to being traded to the Colts, Jacoby Brissett says goodbye to the New Patriots. The New England quarterback looked like he had a great future in the game, especially after displaying his skills last year and during the offseason, particularly against the New York Giants. So why the trade? What is Belichick’s reason for letting this good seed go?

During the offseason, wide receiver Julian Edelman of the New England Patriots suffered a torn ACL, which took him out for the season. This put the New England Patriots in a bad spot, prompting Belichick to trade for wide receiver Phillip Dorsett of the Indianapolis Colts.

Fortunately, or unfortunately, the Colts were in dire need of a new quarterback due to Andrew Luck’s (their current starter) status, and the Patriots were in need of a wide receiver due to Julian Edelman’s, so these two situations made for the Jacoby Brissett for Phillip Dorsett trade. Although Belichick made the move, he had very little to say about this transaction, only stating, “To acquire Dorsett” as a response to why the trade was made

Brissett has started two games with the Colts since the trade was made. He completed 20 of 37 passes for a total of 216 Yards on game 2 for a loss in overtime against the Cardinals and completed 17 of 24 passes gaining 259 yards for a 31-28 win against the Browns. Brissett’s abilities on the field are giving a lot of hope for Colts fans. It seems the trade was very worth it for them. But just how worth it was the trade for the Patriots?

It was hoped that Phillip Dorsett would be an answer to the Patriots’ prayers, with Edelman not returning until the next season. But on his first game playing for the Patriots, Dorsett received an injury to the knee that took him out of the game. Luckily, the injury report later showed that the injury is not severe, and that he would most likely be good to play week 4 against the Panthers, where his skills would be much needed.

It is uncertain whether or not the trade was worth it. On one side, the Colts are seeing positive impact from the trade, but on the other, the Patriots have yet to see anything.



McGregor vs. Mayweather

By Aaron Cullen and Seth MacLaughlin

On the date of August 26th 2017 11:00 pm Eastern Time In Los Angeles. Arguably the most hyped up fight of all time occurred between Conor “The Notorious” McGregor and Floyd “Money” Mayweather. Words from Drew Wilson himself on the fight, “McGregor got shafted”. McGregor lasted an unexpected ten rounds with Mayweather before the referee stopped the fight to end it with a TKO by Floyd “money” Mayweather. Many people wished that the outcome would be different. We’ve spoken with many people including Timberlane legend Bob Horgan, he had some very vicious words about this fight.

During an interview with Bob Horgan he said “If McGregor was to stay in that ring for another minute he would’ve literally died.” Spite the very popular rumor about a possible rematch, the odds of one actually happening are slim to none. McGregor thought that the referee should of let him get knocked out, McGregor said, “It was a hell of a fight. I would have liked to see the end of the 10th. With fatigue there is like a patch somewhere in the middle of fights, even with the Diaz II fight, I have this patch where I must overcome.” Through doubt and hate McGregor held his own in someone else’s element against the 50-0 Mayweather for ten rounds...

Mayweather came from a boxing background with his father being welterweight contender, also two of his uncles being very successful in the the boxing career. Mayweather got his start at a very young age boxing. At age seven Mayweather was fitted for his first pair of boxing gloves. He took his father’s last name with the intent of following his dad’s footsteps.

McGregor did not start nearly as young as Mayweather or in boxing for that matter. Although McGregor did follow in his father’s footsteps by becoming a plumber. Not to long after making a career in plumbing Conor met the love of his life, soon after that McGregor quit plumbing completely to make a career in MMA. His father did not agree and was very upset with his son. Through lows and highs his wife supported him through the whole thing.



Watercross

By Spencer Rooney

The biggest watercross event of the year is taking place on October 6-8 at Brookvale Farm in Fremont, NH, bringing in an estimated total of over 40,000 people throughout the weekend. Jason Guy, a top pro racer in the east stated, “Freemont is like no other watercross race in the world, thousands of fans are watching and it makes you feel like a rockstar.”

Watercross is the sport of snowmobiling on water. The snowmobiles are custom built with narrowed front ends to make it easier to ride around the pond, also known as ovaling. These snowmobiles are equipped with highly modified engines to achieve the fastest speed on water. In order to stay on top of the water, your snowmobile needs to be sealed up with silicone so no water gets in your clutches, causing them to slip and make the snowmobile sink.

To ride on the water, you must be going 30 MPH or faster for the sled to remain on the surface. If you sink, there are retrieve boats that have a winch and crane on them that pick the sled up out of the water and bring it back to shore. The sled can be drained out and running again in under 10 minutes.

The competitive aspect of the sport is expensive, time-consuming, and requires extensive modifications to the snowmobile. The sport is illegal unless you are on a closed course, such as Flatrock. Flatrock is the main attraction for watercross, located in Lowville, NY. It is a scenic place that has a restaurant and hotel with a manmade pond built specifically for watercross.

In watercross, there are two different disciplines: drag racing in a straight line and ovals. There are 4-lap heat races and 6-lap finals. Depending on what class you race, there could be more competitors or less. Often, there are fewer riders in the pro class than semi-pro class because the pro racers have much more experience and tend to have better snowmobiles.

According to the International Watercross Association, in the summer of 1977 the first watercross race was held in Grantsburg, WI and the goal was simply to make it across a 300-foot stretch of water.

Today, watercross is an action-packed sport that is growing in popularity. The Brookvale Farm event will feature many vendors and is a great event for families and children, so if you are interested in learning more about watercross, be sure to go to check out the big race this October.



Why MLB Players Are Hitting the Ball Like They’re in Little League

By Cole Harnois

Everyone likes homeruns, and whether you’re a fan of baseball or not, you know that watching someone crush a ball into the stands is a sight unlike any other. This year in particular, there has been a massive outbreak in the number of homeruns throughout the entire MLB. This season, on September 19th, the record for total home runs in a season (previously 5,693 set in 2000) was broken when the 5,694th longball was sent into the stands. The previous record was set during the ‘steroid era,’ so many see this accomplishment as a great one, as players are (mostly) PED (performance enhancing drugs) free and no longer pumping up. The question is, how did the players go from a total of 4,186 HR in 2014, to 5,694 (and counting) in only three years?

In a new day and age, players have been forced to adapt to a new style of play. For example, this year in the MLB the average speed of a four-seam fastball is just over 93 mph. For comparison, the average fastball during the 2000-2001 season was roughly 87 mph. Due to the increase in power pitching, batters have been more willing to swing for it all, and it’s been working out. Players have been coming to the plate with a different mindset than they may have held in previous years, in that they are okay with increasing their strikeout count if the result is more homeruns.

This can be proven by showing the rise in strikeouts per game over the last few years. In 2006, the average strikeouts per team, per game was about 6.5, in 2017 that number has reached 8.3. A perfect example of this new batting approach is Yankee’s stud rookie, Aaron Judge. Judge is a beast, and with his 44 HR and 98 RBIs this season, he is a heavy favorite to win American League Rookie of the Year and possibly even MVP. However, at the same time, Judge has struck out 198 times so far, and has an opportunity to break the single season strikeout record, standing at 223 currently. In addition to that, in his first year, Judge has already broken a record most wouldn’t want to have their name attached to, striking out in a whopping 37 straight games.

In the end, there could be many reasons due to the spike in homeruns this year, including superior athleticism, adjusting batting stances/approaches or even new PEDS.

In an interview with CBS, Commissioner of the MLB Rob Manfred spoke about the topic, “There is a dramatically increased tolerance for strikeouts by offensive players. There’s much, much more emphasis on the home run as the principal offensive tool in the game.”

Overall, a new era of baseball has been created, and it will be interesting to see where this topic goes from here in future years.



Indians winning streak

By Riordan West Geary

When the Cleveland Indians defeated Cy Young candidate Chris Sale on August 24th by scoring seven runs off of the Boston Red Sox ace in three innings, it was a pretty impressive feat by any team’s standards, seeing as no team had scored that many runs off him the entire season. However, what the Cleveland Indians accomplished over the following three weeks is the most impressive feat any team has accomplished on the baseball field.

Following the win over the Boston Red Sox, the Cleveland Indians would go on to win the next 21 games, thus setting their 22 wins as the American League record. The Indians were four wins shy of tying the Major League Baseball record which is held by the 1916 New York Giants. However, every single game during New York’s streak occurred at their home stadium whereas the Indians played eleven of the games during their streak away from Cleveland. New York’s streak also included a tie after the 12th consecutive win, which means they didn’t actually record a win in 26 straight games.

Even though the New York Giant’s winning streak was longer, it was not more impressive. Having to go on the road was not the only aspect that made this winning streak incredible, it was also how they won the games. During the streak, the Indians actually had as many wins decided by five or more runs than they did three or fewer runs, and they only trailed for eight of the 198 innings played during the streak. They also outscored their opponents by 105 runs during the streak, which means they didn’t just win, they dominated. To make the streak even more impressive, the Indians essentially pulled off the entire streak without their star bullpen pitcher Andrew Miller, who only appeared in one game due to injury.

The Cleveland Indians are usually at the bottom of the attendance in the league year after year. However, during this streak, the crowd was an electric factory and manager Terry Francona said “The atmosphere around here has been incredible. I think our players wanted to show their appreciation.”

During last year’s run to the World Series, it was widely considered that Andrew Miller was a huge piece in getting the Indians to the World Series. So for the Indians to pull off that long of streak without him proves they are a force to be reckoned with come the playoffs. Sure, winning the World Series is impressive, but one team does that every single year. The Indians are only the second team to pull off this long of a winning streak in baseball history, so in reality, the Cleveland Indian’s 22 game winning streak is the most impressive record any team in history has achieved on a baseball field.



Gas Tank Half Empty or Half Full?

By Kyle Gleason

After clinching the division in a win against the Houston Astros, for the first time in team history, the Red Sox have won back to back AL East division titles. The Red Sox have shown they can win in tough situations as they tied a franchise record with 15 wins in extra innings this season with a 15-3 record and lead all of baseball in that category. They also lead the league in comeback wins after losing past the 5th inning.

Although the Red Sox won the division, it was a lot closer than it could’ve been with the Red Sox losing 5 of their last 7 regular season games. The fight of the Red Sox is there, however the question remains if there will be enough left in the tank for the month of October.

The Red Sox late-inning wins were crucial to staying atop the AL East with the Yankees right on their coattails. The bullpen has stood strong and ranks second in the league in ERA with a 3.09, however, averages over 3 innings per game at 486.2 innings pitched this season. With the extensive use of the bullpen down the stretch, the Red Sox starters will need to step up if they look to make a deep playoff run as they average less than 6 innings per start

As many worry about the Red Sox pitchers getting worn out, people also need to be worrying about the nearly non-existent Red Sox offense. They were tied for 10th in the league in batting average during the regular at .259, and ranked 27th in home runs in the MLB, good for last in the American League. This is in the year that the MLB set a new record on September the 20th for most home runs hit in a single season... with 11 days left in the regular season.



After an extra inning win in Baltimore on Sept. 20, Manager John Farrell stated, “Hopefully, in due time, the guys that have been big offensive contributors for us, Nunez being one, Pedey getting back in the lineup a little more regularly, Hanley hopefully getting back on track somewhat ... we’ve got some guys coming to us.”

As much as there are some very scary statistics, the Red Sox continued to win games. Without a time traveler, nothing but time will tell whether the Sox will heat up, or cool down heading towards the final goal of the fall classic.

Lil Wayne Hospitalized

By Dominick DelGavio

Rapper Lil Wayne was hospitalized in Chicago after suffering an epileptic seizure. According to TMZ, on Sunday afternoon (Sep 3) Lil Wayne was found unconscious in his hotel room, and was then taken to Northwestern Hospital where he had another seizure. After suffering from the seizures over the weekend, Lil Wayne has been released from the hospital and has been ordered to rest for two weeks. As reported by TMZ, Weezy battles with epilepsy, and the seizures were a result of a super busy schedule, lack of sleep, and forgetting to use his medication.

XXL Mag sources say that Weezy was reportedly healthy before the seizures ocured, but would hang out after shows and then go straight to the recording studio with no sleep. Apparently the incident has nothing to do with his past history of sipping a dangerous drug cocktail called lean. However, just last month TMZ reports show Weezy downing massive amounts of lean, but Weezy insists that his past attacks are due to his epilepsy.

Lil Wayne also has a history of seizures, according to Huffpost. In 2016, his private jet had to make an emergency landing during a cross-country flight after he suffered multiple seizures in the air. In 2013, he was admitted to an intensive care unit in Los Angeles after enduring life-threatening seizures. Following the 2013 health scare in an interview with LA radio station Power 106, Weezy revealed he had epilepsy and was“prone to seizures.”

Following the incident, Lil Wayne’s daughter, Reginae Carter, tweeted an update about the condition of her father. “My dad is doing fine everyone! Thanks for the concerns you guys are amazing, Oh yeah...& don’t believe everything you hear.”



Gucci Free

By Dom Delgavio and Rob Pinault

Gucci Mane is having one of the best years of his life. Gucci has been a steady name on the charts since his release from prison. Having released multiple projects, ranging from solo projects to collab mixtapes, and even albums. Gucci was also featured on some of this year’s biggest hits, like Black Beetles, Both, Good Drank, and more. Not only is he killing it in the music game, but he’s also bettering himself as a person.

According to The Fader, new court documents filed by Gucci Mane’s lawyer illustrate that Gucci’s probation sentence will end two years early. The documents were signed by Judge Steve C Jones in Atlanta on August 23. Gucci Mane will officially be a free man on September 19, due to his new lifestyle and his continuous good behavior.

TMZ sources say that after serving a three year prison sentence for a gun charge conviction, Gucci Mane was released from prison in 2016 and has since been on a three year probation sentence. Last month, Gucci’s legal team filed documents requesting early termination of his supervised release, and Gucci will officially be free.

Gucci Mane has been on the right path to success. His new book, The Autobiography of Gucci Mane, is finally out, telling the story of Gucci’s life and progression as an artist. Next month, Gucci is expected to officially marry his fiancé, Key-shia Ka’oir, and his latest album that he has been working on, called Mr. Davis, is dropping October 17.

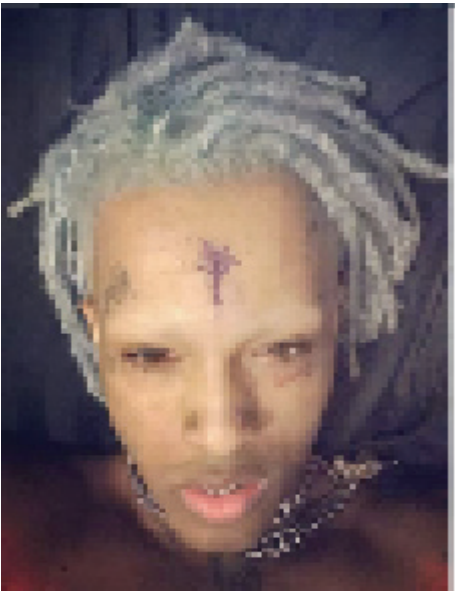


XXXTENTACION

By Barret Kappler

Controversial rapper out of the Broward County, Florida area, Jahseh Onfroy know by his stage name, XXXtentacion, has had quite an eventful upbringing in the music world. X is known for his individuality and his raw lyrics and production. XXXtentacion has an individual style and it is something he takes seriously.

Jahseh Onfroy is a problem individual. Since a young age he would fight, and get in trouble with the law. Xs’ charges range from assault to aggravated battery to possession of a firearm when he was 17. Onfroy has been victim of an assault while performing in San Diego, where X claims his security was paid off to let the assailants on stage.



For a long time X rocked an individual yet fly look, being dreads half bleached and half black. He also sports various face tattoos that describe his complex life. XXXtentacion being an exploritive artist brought his art into his look. X changed his look to grey dreads and shaved his eyebrows, putting out a generally abnormal look.

A common theory around Jahseh’s new look is that it is just a publicity stunt. X says confidently that this is a form of self-expression. Either way, this move has got him new attention. Given by the instant hundreds of comments asking why he would do something like this, it is safe to say most of his fans are weirded out. X says it’s a onetime deal.

Shortly before this experiment, on August 25th XXXtentacion dropped a beautiful project as his debut album,17. Hopefully X fixes the look and continues to change the game with his art.

The New Call of Duty

By Justin McAuliffe

It’s that time of year again; a new Call of Duty is coming out. But this time Sledgehammer games is bringing the franchise back to World War 2. Call of Duty has been in the near- future genre for some time, so this is definitely a turning point for the franchise. WWII hasn’t been in a Call of Duty game since 2008’s World at War so this will give Sledgehammer games a chance to give a fresh new look at the conflict



WWII comes with an abundance of new and improved features. Prepare for fast-paced, grounded action with an arsenal of iconic weapons such as the well-known mp40 machine gun and the semi auto m1 garand in the fight to liberate a continent in the throes of tyranny. The game features something new called the headquarters social space where players can show off their new weapons, challenge players on the firing range etc.

The game is set in the European theatre of the war. The campaign is centered around a squad in the 1st Infantry Division, and follows their battles in the Western Front. A popular mode in previous Call of Duty’s is returning called Zombies mode. Zombies mode takes place in a small Bavarian village just before the end of the war. The point of Zombies mode is to try to kill as many zombies and to survive as many rounds as possible. Sledgehammer co-studio head Glen Schofield previously described Call of Duty: WWII’s vision of Nazi Zombies as “the Third Reich’s desperate attempt to create an army in the final stages of the war.”

I liked the game and I think it’s worth buying if you are into the WWII genre. The game releases worldwide on November 3rd for PS4, Xbox One and PC. I recommend that you make sure you’re into the Genre before you buy it because otherwise it will be boring. You can buy the game at your local GameStop or any video game store.

Timberlane Bandanas

By Justin Berube

In the last couple years, students at Timberlane have brought back bandanas, but are they actually back in style?



According to BandanaShop.com the world’s first bandana was used for political struggle in America 1776, with a picture of George Washington riding a horse during the times of The Revolutionary War. The goal of the bandana was to rally up citizens to help fight the British, and wave them all around town to frighten the british. Some bandanas have a deeper meaning, and some are just for style points. Bandanas have been wrapped around necks, heads, wrists, knees, thighs and even ankles. From cowboys to rock stars and everything in between; bandanas have been through it all.

Students at Timberlane agreed to give their input on this trend. State champ Noah Beaulieu loves bandanas, and he believes that they are a great element to an outfit. “Bandanas never left, you just gotta rock em right, ” said Noah. Noah has a variety of bandanas, and likes to pick and choose on a given day. “It’s more of a vibe. If I’m feeling the bandana and it goes with the fit I will wear it.” Noah’s favorites out of his collection is either the American flag or purple bandana.

There are some who are against the bandana. Student athlete Barret Kappler has mixed emotions about the bandana. “I would still rock them, but the style is dead”. He believes that every style eventually dies out, and the bandana is near or close to it.

Barret has some do’s and dont’s about wearing bandanas. “I think people with short hair should not wear bandanas, but if you have flow go for it”. Barret likes the idea of the bandana helping your flow, but bandanas often with short hair is a buzzkill.

It is interesting to see what the bandana has been used for from sweat rags to fashion statements. The bandana is an intricate piece of history, and has definitely changed and evolved throughout time.

Beard of the Month

By Taylor Donovan & Sam Hovan

Do you have what it takes to grow a full beard? Growing a beard is not the easiest task for high schoolers here at Timberlane Regional High School. Many male students would like to be able to grow a beard in high school but unfortunately, not every-one can grow one. On the other hand, male teachers are able to grow beards a lot easier because they have matured into their fullest capability.

Beard of the month is a competition between the students and staff here at Timberlane to see who has the nicest beard, but we wanted to focus on a specific student who showed up everyone else. One student has risen above all and grown a magnificent display of facial hair. Senior Ethan Randall is October’s Beard of the Month winner. Randall has been growing a beard for about a month now and will continue to grow it until the year 2018. Ethan lost a bet to his friend Jacob Huberdeau and therefore he cannot shave his beard until 2018.

Randall has embraced life with a beard, “It’s truly amazing, itchy once a day but not too bad” Having a beard might be a hassle but Randall says, “[It] keeps sweat out of my mouth when running.” Surprisingly, Ethan’s beard does not take much grooming in the morning. Growing a beard as a student takes skill, experience and dedication and Ethan was able to show those skills with his wonderful display of facial hair.



The Madden Breakdown

By Dylan Monteiro

August 25, 2017: Madden NFL 18 is released, and the fans are excited to see what the game has enstore.

Madden ultimate team is one of the most popular game modes on madden and it includes buying packs to pull players to improve your team, and collecting many coins as possible. My initial thoughts of this years ultimate team was that there were a lot of fun challenges that you could play to improve your team.

The people were trying to pull as many elite players as they could, they dropped massive amounts of money di-rectly into EA's pockets. The key to the first day of MUT is to grind solos to increase your chances of acquiring important players to fit your squad.

If you were not on ultimate team, you were probably on the main menu checking out the ratings for exciting new rookies like, Mitch Trubisky(77 ovr), Leonard Fournette(82 ovr), and John Ross(75 ovr).

The highest ratings by skill position include:

QB: Tom Brady(99 ovr), Aaron Rodgers(99 ovr), Drew Brees(96 ovr)
RB: Le’veon Bell(99 ovr), David Johnson(97 ovr), Lesean Mccoy(95 ovr)
WR: Julio Jones(99 ovr), Odell Beckham JR(99 ovr), AJ Green(95 ovr)
TE: Rob Gronkowski(99 ovr), Jimmy Graham(95 ovr), Travis Kelce(95 ovr)

This year’s Madden also the debuted an all new story mode called “journey.” It features Devin Wade, a longshot quarterback destined for the NFL, along with his best friend, Colt Cruise, a wide receiver who is also an NFL hopeful. The mode follows these two’s journey through life and how football is connected to it. The journey mode ends when either Devin or Colt gets selected in the NFL draft. The gamemode feels more like a movie rather than something you could interact with. It also has a cliffhanger ending to the mode which wasn’t liked by the fans. EA might have created too much hype around the game mode.

All together it looks like this will be a successful year for Madden, because of an improved Ultimate team from last year, and a brand new game mode. People are excited to use the new rookies in the game and see who can become the best madden player.



Lil Pump

By Dylan Musgrave

You might’ve heard the name, “Lil Pump” thrown around, but do you know who or what it is?

Today’s big artist goes by the name of Gazzy Garcia who makes music with his best friend, Lil Purpp. Lil Pump is known for having quite the personality and is constantly in everyday social media and conversations. Lil Pump would not be described as the most lyrical artist out there, but he does know how to flow and hype up his music. Lil Pump likes to wear designer clothes such as Bape, Gucci, Versace, Supreme, and Martellers. Crazy thing is, Lil Pump should still be in high school and is only 17 years old. His age was discovered fairly recently, since he doesn’t want people to look down on him just because of a number.

Gazzy is from Miami, Florida and was born on August 17, 2000. In ninth grade, Gazzy was kicked out of his school after fighting too much and being in trouble. The final straw was when Lil Pump started a riot in his school that resulted in people being stabbed and SWAT teams via helicopters having to come break it up. With nowhere to go and no money to support his 15-year-old self, Garcia then took part in crimes in order to afford his own living situation.

Lil Pump always liked music, but never took it seriously, until his friend who was a professional artist encouraged him to finally record. Lil Pump recorded and performed his first song ironically called, “Lil Pump” live and the rest is history. Lil Pump blew up for using distorted sounds, catchy lyrics, and creative beats that would leave any listener bobbing their head.

Garcia is completely self-made and therefore deserves a lot of respect, especially for a teenager. Gazzy has been making very popular singles and is currently on the brink of releasing his debut album. No one knows how it will sound, or what Gazzy is incorporating into the album but one thing for sure is Lil Pump is not going away anytime soon.



Timberlane Trends

By Lily Collins and Saige Wolff

As we all know, there are many styles and trends that seem to change throughout our high school careers. Many of which we all take part in, whether we start the trend or just follow it. It doesn’t matter if you’re on the bandwagon or completely off, if you want to wear something that you like, then do it.

If you don’t have a style of your own yet and you want to try something new, follow these trends.

Natural Fall Looks for Girls:

Everybody has either seen or been a part of the usual fall look. This look contains a knitted sweater, usually maroon or black with some denim jeans and old school leg warmers. To finish off the look, pair the outfit with some riding boots. This look is for when you want to have a nice, laidback kind of cozy day. One can’t go wrong with this look.

Snazzy look for Guys:

There is no way a guy can go wrong with this look. This outfit consists of a nice pair of khaki pants with any color t-shirt. Add in some sort of sports sock like Nike and finish the look with a pair of Vans. This is an easy look that is very popular but never gets old.

Don’t feel obligated to go out and join in on all of these trends. Just because everyone else is doing it, doesn’t mean you have to. Wear what makes you feel comfortable and confident, not what everyone else wants you to wear. The clothing that people wear tend to express who they really are, and if these trends don’t apply to you, then don’t wear them. Be who you want to be, and express that through your wardrobe.



Is Taylor Swifts career doomed?

By Ryan Monahan & Caitlynn Wilkins

Will Taylor swift’s fans embrace her new attitude, or will it make her career go down the drain?

After the release of Taylor Swift’s singles, “Look what you made me do” and “...Ready for it?” her fans and several critics went crazy with their position on whether or not Taylor’s new attitude connects her well enough with her fans. Many of her fans have connected with her through her music. Does this push her fans further away?

According to USA Today, Taylor Swift has “never been more exhausting.” Although USA Today felt as though the song did not show the real Taylor, her new single, “Look what you made me do,” soared to number one on iTunes in less than an hour of the its release. On YouTube, the song received over 730,000 thumbs up compared to less than 100,000 thumbs down. Clearly, there is some very mixed opinions about her newest edgy I don’t care attitude.

Martin Monahan, age 43, provided a perspective from an older generation on her single “Ready for it?” , “If her album is anything like the song I heard yesterday, then her career is washed up,” referring to the single. “This father’s opinion is based off of a generation that grew up on an entirely different genre.

However, another source, Junior Josmary Cruz praised Swift, “Taylor Swift is blossoming because she is experimenting and she is using new style and it’s getting new people’s attention to see her true potential and writing songs true to herself and growing up.”

Taylor has evolved from an all-American country singer to a pop singer and now appears to becoming a singer driven by her desire for revenge. Many of her fans have witnessed these transformations develop and have stuck by her side. Charts have shown that though there are fans that have chosen to walk away, true Taylor fans have an accepting attitude into her several transformations.



Fall Hikes in New Hampshire

By Jacob Huberdeau

The vast wilderness of New Hampshire offers excellent sights throughout the entire state. Especially from late September to mid-November, it is a must to get outside and see the leaves turn color as it is a New England tradition that many enjoy. Tourists and locals alike flock to the White Mountains this time each year, but there is plenty of exploring that can be done across the entire state. From the hills of Pawtuckaway State Park to the exposed summits of the Presidential Range, these are some of the top rated hikes in the Granite State.

In no more than a forty-minute drive from Plaistow, Pawtuckaway State Park has three small peaks perfect for people of all ages and ability level. The best is the South Peak due to its firetower that shows the 5000-acre wilderness area and the seacoast region of New Hampshire. On a clear fall day, the skyline of Boston is visible to the Southeast. A few miles from this summit, the boulder fields can be found where many rock climbers enjoy spending their time, as autumn is the prime time for climbing. There are many climbing routes to be free climbed and larger ones where ropes are necessary. The NH State Park website will provide hikers with maps of the area and it is recommended to get one due to the many miles of winding trails.

At the heart of the White Mountains lies the Beast of the East. Mount Washington is a very popular hike in the Presidential Range. However, if you are looking to avoid the crowded parking lot, tourists and trains on top of this peak, look no further than a few miles South. Mount Eisenhower is a 4780-foot peak in the Southern Presidentials with stunning views of Ammonoosuc Ravine. Some hikers prefer the views here rather than Mount Washington itself because of this unique sight of the West side of Washington, according to the Appalachian Mountain Club. The hike is rated as moderate and ascends to above tree line without much difficulty and is perfect for fit people who enjoy nature.



A famous loop for its wonderful views of fall foliage in the Southern Whites is the Welch Dickey loop, just West of the Sandwich Range. This is only a 90-minute drive from Plaistow and is relatively close to the highway. It is recommended to get an early start as the small parking lot quickly fills up. The loop is 4.3 miles and can be hiked in either direction. Once on top of the mountain, hikers walk along the tops of rock faces where a fall will result in death. With that said, this is not an easy walk through the woods for the faint of heart, but as long as one stays on the trail it is relatively safe in good weather.

If you are not a fan of walking up large hills, the southernmost part of New Hampshire hides the hidden Beaver Brook Trails in the small town of Hollis. This privately owned land is available for public use as its users are very respectful towards the land. There are thirty-five miles of trails to explore and are best in crisp fall air. Unlike mountainous hikes, these narrow pathways take walkers past endless fields of wild flowers and scenic natural ponds where if quiet, much of New Hampshire's elusive wildlife can be spotted. This is an easy hike that is as long or as shorts as one prefers. This is a good place for people of all skill levels who wish to see few if any other outdoor enthusiasts.

For more avid hikers, Mt Morgan-Percival loop offers many challenges not seen on other hikes. This is a 4.9-mile hike in the Town of Sandwich in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. It is recommended to ascend Mt Morgan because there are steel rung ladders to get up cliffs and it is safer to go up than down. Once at the top, hikers get a close view of the lakes region of New Hampshire that can only be seen from a select few peaks. On the way down, people taking the Percival route will find themselves squeezing through a series of natural caves for half a mile until they reach the open trail. Due to its far distance from the highway, this is not a popular mountain and this makes it a hidden gem tucked away waiting to be explored.

All in all, anywhere outdoors in the New Hampshire fall is a great place to be. This is a list of some of the top rated hikes in the area, according to New Hampshire Magazine, but do not let it limit creativity as most hikes offers their own separate views and challenges that have their own uniqueness. Get outside to make an adventure this Autumn and connect with family and friends in the great outdoors.

Freshman Year Advice

By Emily Drislane

Starting high school can be intimidating. There are new teachers, a new building, and more challenging classes. You can make the best of your freshman year and it doesn't have to be difficult. Follow these tips to succeed your freshman year.

Be organized

All of your classes in high school will require their own class supplies. If you throw all of your hand outs into one folder, it is easy to lose track of where your papers are. Having a folder for each class will help you stay organized and always know where your papers are. You can download the google classroom app and Powerschool apps on your phone. There is an option to set notifications from the app to remind you of assignments and due dates. Senior Olivia Marshall recommends, "buy a planner and decorate it with stickers." Also, keeping your locker neat and organized will minimize the time you use it between classes. That will help make sure that you get to class on time.

Don't cause hallway traffic

Freshmen in the past have tended to stand around by their lockers or classrooms in big groups. This causes hallway traffic due to the fact that this blockage doesn't allow as many students to pass by at the same time. In the morning and in between classes, walk around the school with a few friends. That way there is more space for other students. Senior Liz McGowan says, "just make sure if you have a giant group of friends, stand in one of the inlets, so that there is a path for other students." Walking instead of standing in a cluster allows you to branch out and walk with new people.

Be involved

High school is often said to be some of the best years of your life, and you shouldn't just be stressing about assignments and presentations. Socializing and making new friends is healthy for you. Our school has lots of fun extracurriculars to offer, such as sports, theater, and music. Make time to go to a football game or a dance. Timberlane has many fun events to attend and you might miss out on a good experience if you don't participate. If you need the event schedule, or contact information to join a club, reference the school website at <http://www.timberlane.net/hs/>.

Don't procrastinate on assignments

In high school, more is expected of you. Assignments are more complex and they require more time. Senior Lily Collins advises, "your workload increases each year, so it is best to learn not to procrastinate sooner than later." You will also have more homework in each of your classes. In order to balance all of this work, don't put off starting your assignments. The earlier you start, the more time you will have to finish it before the deadline. Pulling an all-nighter to finish an essay rarely produces quality work. Study halls are a great time to utilize for assignments. If you have a study hall, make the most of it.

Freshman year is just as important as all the other years of high school. It is an opportunity to start your high school career off on the right path. Make the most of it and create some fun memories to look back on.

Life Without BOC

By Connor Schott and Connor Ross

As many of you know, Brian "BOC" O'Connell has not returned to our beloved school. Although BOC would have loved to stay, he said, "I thought it was the right time for me to take the next step in my professional career and become a principal." He has gotten a new job as the Principal at Bow High School, where students make sure to refer to him as Mr. O'Connell. Brian seems to believe the name "BOC" has officially been retired at Bow.

There is no question that there is a huge hole in everyone's heart due to the absence of BOC, but the person who was affected the most by his parting is Ms. Roy. "I'm sad without him. He was my partner in crime. We used to play pranks on each other and we were always laughing. I feel like I'm missing something without him here." I think it's safe to say that all us Timberlane students can relate to that feeling.



Mr. O'Connell was one of the greatest to walk this campus, and some may say he was the Greatest of All Time. He didn't just discipline kids as the AP, he connected with the students and formed bonds that makes his absence hurt even more.

It has been said that BOC could be the Tom Brady of Assistant Principals. Brian O'Connell ran the class of 2018 similarly to how Tom Brady runs his offense: efficient and sharp.

Mr. O'Connell commented on being called the Tom Brady of assistant principals, "It's quite an honor to be considered the TB12 of assistant principals. I can see why it's an easy comparison to make; we both have cannons for right arms, laser like focus, supermodel wives, and look great in uggs."

Even from his office at Bow, BOC is dropping HOT takes.

Mr. O'Connell is a hands down legend at Timberlane. He truly is missed by everyone who he came into contact with and will be missed for many years to come. The Timberlane community can't wait for a future visit from the hall of fame assistant principal.



Life is Good: Happy Stories to Brighten Your Day

By Maggie McCormick

In a world full of negativity, it helps to remember that there is power in remaining positive. These three stories should inspire you to think about the good in the world instead of the bad.

Every dog has its day: At a soccer game in Buenos Aires on September 20, San Lorenzo played Arsenal de Sarandi. According to the Good News Network, a small dog charged onto the field mid-game, and was thought to have helped San Lorenzo win. Although they don’t know where the dog came from, they gave it a job as field dog and took him into care.

Fast food, fast service: On September 1, the Spencers, an elderly couple from Houston Texas, were struggling with the hurricane. When their house began to flood, they called a local Chick-fil-A for help. The manager’s husband came to the rescue with jet-skis and saved the Spencers, along with their valuable belongings.

The icing on the top: Bride and groom Matt and Milly Maltby got married on September 19th but, they ran into an issue the day before their wedding. After spending a lot of time making her own wedding cake, the bride showed up to the hotel to find the cake ruined in the trunk. Stranger Clare Vaz had been making a cupcake delivery to the same hotel and decided to fix it for their special day. Clare took some of the pieces of the cake and pieced them back together, adding other pieces as well.

Whether it be a funny story or an act of kindness, a little positive news always goes a long way.



There’s no Picking Between Academics and Sports

By Alana Miller and Kristen Noonan

Are you an athlete in high school with a dream of going to a college with stellar athletics? If so, this article will guide you in the direction to the best colleges for sports. As of 2017, these are the top colleges to go with the best sports teams.

The University of Florida is ranked number one for their athletics. The sports they excel in include baseball, basketball, golf, swimming and diving, volleyball and so much more. Like many schools, they are known for their football team, The Gators! This school is rated A+ by www.niche.com for not only athletics but academics as well. If you’re looking for a school with equally great athletics and academics, the University of Florida is for you. Even if you aren’t an athlete and just enjoy watching, you will not be disappointed at their entertaining football games.

The University of Alabama is located in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. This four year school has an A+ rating by www.niche.com under athletics, and is named the second best school for athletics in America. They are very famous for their football records. Alabama has a current record of 114-18, which includes four national championships and five Southeastern Conference titles. With the help from coach Nick Saban, who has spent nine years in Tuscaloosa have worked very hard to push the athletes to become better and better.

Florida State University is located in Tallahassee, FL. They are ranked as number 3 for their athletics. The Seminoles, represented with a Native American mascot, have won 14 national championships in nine sports. Since joining the ACC in 1992, Florida State has won 78 ACC team championships in 14 different sports. Nineteen of those titles have come in the past four seasons. Florida State has a useful feature free to the students, an award-winning student recreational facility, called the Bobby E. Leach Center. The center has extensive strength and cardiovascular training areas, aerobic classes, basketball courts and racquetball courts, a 16-lane indoor pool, and an indoor track.

University of Oklahoma is located in Norman, Oklahoma. This highly athletic university is ranked number four for having the best athletic programs. Their most famous sport seems to be football, which is not rare. The four B’s, head coaches Buddie Owen, Bud Wilkinson, Barry Switzer and Bob Stoops, have each totaled more than 100 wins, something no other school can account for. Oklahoma also excels in many other sports such as tennis, wrestling, soccer, basketball, volleyball and many more!



Whether you are looking for a school with great athleticism of your interest or a place to sit back and enjoy a fun game, these are the top schools for athletics. If you are to attend one, you’re bound to have a good time.

Spotlight SAT Student Tips

By Caitlynn Wilkins

It is April just before it is time to take your SAT’s. You’re panicking, ready to pull your hair out because you do not have enough time in between homework, work and after school activities to study for a test that determines the rest of your future.

These star students achieved high SAT scores. What were the actions they took to receive their above average scores? Will they help you?

There are ways to achieve that high score while continuing your daily life with just a small amount of time dedicated to SAT practice. Senior Elizabeth McGowan, who scored a 1490 on the 2017 SAT, benefitted from having two teachers in math and English that made SAT practice part of the course.

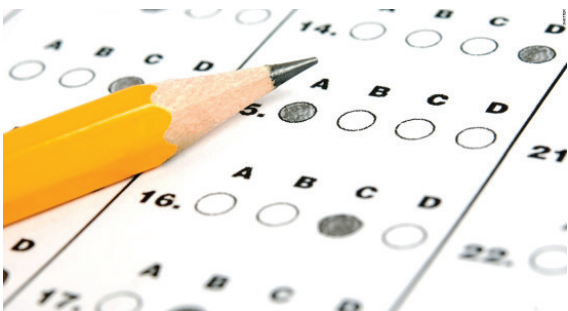
Mcgowan also added, “But, my at home studies consisted of an English SAT book for 30 minutes twice a week”.

This student leaned on her teachers to help aid her and her “can do” attitude to achieve her successful attitude. Her technique involved doing the work that is assigned to her by teachers and working at home on some other essential skills. You could try it and see if it works for you.

In another interview with senior Ryan Monahan, who scored a 1530 on his SAT’s, he explained his way of achieving high scores. “When I was practicing, I used the SAT worksheet from my teachers, but I also spent 20 minutes every day on Kahn Academy. Also, the last week before the test I formed a study group with a couple of friends and did at least five SAT practice tests.”

His way of studying was more self-reliant and benefitted a larger group of people. Both of his tips took up less than 45 minutes a day, except for the last week, where he spent about 2 hours every other day with a study group.

Regardless of if you are working or doing sports, if you take just about 30 minutes out of your day a few times a week to sit down and truly study, high scores can be in your hands.



Polar Ice Caps Melting Faster and Faster

By Ryan Monahan

In the past 20 years alone, the polar ice caps have melted faster than in the past 10,000 years.

Many people want to know why this is happening; well, the answer is climate change. Climate change is caused by a high increase of greenhouse gases in the earth’s atmosphere. This increase is due to human activities including agriculture, transportation, electricity, and many more. According to Nasa, 97% of scientists agree that climate change is due to human activities. These various factors are the reasons for the earth heating up, and further melting the ice caps.

A major problem that follows the melting of these huge sheets of ice, is a rise in sea levels. According to DW.com, “...the melting ice caps are raising sea levels at an accelerating rate.”

However, most people don’t understand the problem, and therefore, don’t do anything to try and solve it. In an interview with senior Elizabeth McGowan, she explained how she felt, “It is sad people don’t recognize how much of a problem it is because they don’t see it directly, but it will eventually affect us heavily.”

What most people don’t know is that more than two-thirds of the melting ice is in fact coming from Greenland. Scientists predict that due to this melting ice, sea levels could rise more than three feet by the year 2100. This increase in sea levels



could potentially reach 23 feet according to National Geographic if more drastic events occur in the future.

Now what could be the outcome of this? The answer is the submer-sion of major coastal cities such as New York City, London, Boston and more.

But not all people are in agreement with such beliefs. Martin Monahan, a welder and parent, he shared his beliefs that, “This is all just part of nature and the Earth’s cycle.” There are all kinds of opinions on the idea of melting ice caps and climate change. It seems to depend on the generation that individual belongs to.

Will the polar ice caps melt and cause the ocean to rise and change everything on the planet? Is this a natural event that will be okay and blow by? One will have to wait and see if action is taken to prevent such a problem, or if the people of the world are to just let it play out and see what happens.

The Best Trick or Treating Spots

By Jess Amorelli

With Halloween right around the corner, many people are wondering the best spots to go and get the most amount of candy.

The best places to go trick-or-treating are the towns with big neighborhoods, so there are a lot of houses on one street. Having all those houses on one street makes it easy to fill your bag with candy, and in a short amount of time, you can go to different streets that are close to each other. The best place to go trick or treating is in Salem, NH. All of the neighborhoods are packed with houses and they’re all pretty close to each other.

Some towns have Halloween on different nights and at different times, so if you’re trying to get as much candy as you can, going to the towns that have Halloween on a different night would be a good idea. To find a list of Halloween locations and times go on the town’s website to see when they’re having it.

There are also a few towns in New Hampshire that have haunted house trick or treating. Most of the time, these haunted houses are on a different date than Halloween and they’re usually on the weekend before which makes it easier to attend if these places are a far drive from your house. In Deerfield, NH there is a tailgate trick or treating where people go in costume and can get candy at the cars.

If you’re looking for local places in the Timberlane community, Atkinson is the best bet for getting a lot of candy. Atkinson has many neighborhoods with houses that are close together which makes it easy to hit house after house. A close second would be Plaistow because it is a big town with a lot of neighborhoods. The neighborhoods in Plaistow are also pretty big, but the houses aren’t as close together, which makes going from house to house a little difficult. Another place that has trick or treating is the Loop in Methuen MA. The Loop usually does trick-or-treating the Sunday before Halloween and it’s 3 hours long. Although it isn’t at night, trick or treating during the day can also be fun, especially with all of your friends.

Halloween is a fun holiday and knowing the best spots to get the most candy makes it even more fun as a teenager.

Lakes vs. Oceans

By Jake Heckman

Oceans and Lakes both have their own perks that appeal to different kinds of people. The satisfaction of swimming in clean freshwater allows for many people to feel a better sense of comfort than swimming in the ocean. However, the ocean allows for better fishing and also allows for easier shipping of goods through freightliners. Although the ocean sounds like it’s more of a profit territory, people also love to cruise around and have a good time.

On the ocean, yachting and cruising is very popular. When looking for a good time with friends, going out for a cruise on the ocean is something very special. Breathing in the seaside air is refreshing and can only be smelt by a select few people who are lucky enough to live close to the ocean. People like Mark Cuban, Steve Jobs’ Family, Steven Spielberg, Eric Clapton and Tiger Woods all enjoy spending time on the ocean in their super yachts. If you aren’t quite wealthy enough to afford a super yacht, then you can still enjoy time on a smaller more affordable boat. Another option is going on a charter boat. A charter boat is a privately owned boat that takes people out onto the ocean for a flat rate.



Although the ocean can be a great time, lakes also offer a variety of different activities. Fishing on lakes is also very popular. People enjoy fishing for bass, trout and many more different kinds of fish. Lakes are also very popular for water sports like tubing, water skiing, wakeboarding and kneeboarding. Smaller but faster boats are often found on lakes due to the size of lakes. Also, bowriders can pull people around on tubes, skis, wakeboards, and kneeboards.

All in all, both lakes and oceans serve their respective purposes. If you’re big into fishing, then you might find the ocean to be more up your alley. If you’re into watersports, than lakes would definitely be a better choice. Therefore, lakes are much safer than the ocean because they don’t have tides, and the fish in lakes aren’t as dangerous as ones in the oceans. In the end, you can decide either oceans or lakes; they both have many perks.

Fall Finds

By Mandi Hailson

It’s that time of year when families and friends gather to enjoy fall activities. Many people are thrilled about what fall has to offer even if it’s the weather, apple picking, or going to fairs, everyone becomes excited. Fairs are all about happy memories and making sure we are satisfied with their experience.

One of the most known local fairs is the Deerfield Fair, located in Deerfield, NH. The Deerfield Fair welcomes families on September 28th - October 1st. This an all day event going from 9:00am until 10:00 with the admission of \$10 for those 13 years of age or older and free of admission for twelve and younger. This fair has been around for 141 years and is family oriented. At every hour of the day, they hold events for all ages. The Deerfield fair offers horse shows, scavenger hunts, shows and lots of snacks! Many people say the Deerfield Fair is punctual and a fun country styled event to attend.

For anyone that loves a country styled fair, the Sandwich Fair seems like a great choice. The Sandwich Fair is October 7th - October 9th and located in Center Sandwich, NH. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$3 for youth; each day gates open at 8am. Every fair is based off of a family friendly environment and bringing everyone together to celebrate the new season. Some of the events the Sandwich Fair has to offer is pumpkin carving, horse shows, bands and auctions. Fairs are not just for kids, they are also for adults to engage in their fall experience.



Lastly, the Amesbury Harvest Fair and Country Music festival located in Amesbury, MA is going from September 22nd - September 24th. The admission cost is \$49 and the gates are open at noon. This fair is ran by country station 101.7 FM The Bull. This fair is perfect for the country styled family or anyone that has a passion for country music. The Sandwich Fair offers family fun activities, music and a pie baking contest that everyone can participate in. If you would like to visit other parts of Amesbury, a shuttle bus will transport you to Downtown Amesbury and then bring families back to the fair.

Fall is an incredible time for families to enjoy the beautiful weather and to participate in family fun events. Fairs are the spotlight during the fall season and many families enjoy what these events have to offer.

Kanye: Insane or Genius?

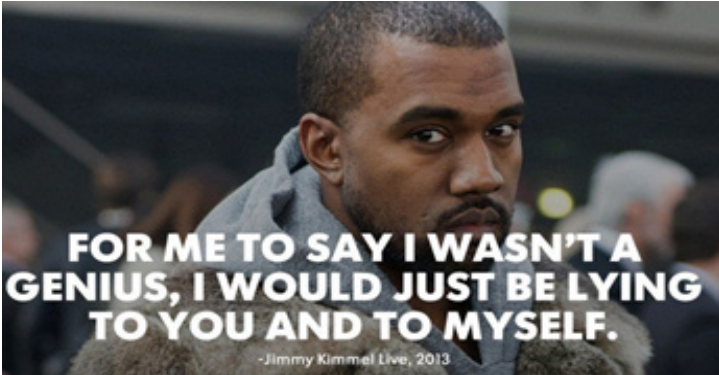
By Robert Horgan

“Name one genius that ain’t crazy.” These words were rapped by Kanye, in his song Feedback. And it makes one ask, is Kanye a genius or is he insane? Throughout his musical career, Kanye has been portrayed as an artist who has changed music for the better with some of his projects. In the last two years, it seems some of his fellow music companions have started to believe West is crazy.

When fellow rapper, and once good friend of Kanye’s, Jay Z dropped his new album 4:44 there were lyrics that seemed to take shots as West. The first album Kanye dropped was called The College Dropout. Jay Z has a song called “Kill Jay Z” and in this he raps, “You dropped outta school, you lost your principles.” Jay Z then proceeds to rap “But you ain’t a saint, this ain’t kumbaye, but you got hurt because you did cool by Ye. You gave him 20 million without thinking/ He gave you 20 minutes on stage, what was he thinking’? / “What’s wrong with everybody?’ is what you sayin’/ But if everybody’s crazy, you’re the one that’s insane.” Jay Z is clearly telling the world about some of Kanye’s problems, some of the effects it has had on him, and what it’s turning him into.

With a former friend calling West crazy, does it show he’s changed and is no longer the genius he once? It’s became a hot take in the musical world and lately more and more people believe West is actually insane. In 2016 this theory came more into view when during the summer, West was rushed to the hospital because he needed a “psychiatric evaluation”. This took place after it was believed West was up for two straight days working on music and his clothing line.

All these incidents seem to make it look like West is indeed insane, but his work seems to say otherwise. With all his albums and projects (The Life of Pablo, Graduation, Yeezus and a personal favorite My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy) the world hears a true genius. West has time and time again delivered masterpieces and work that has wowed the world (21 million album sales, and 66 million digital downloads worldwide). It’s easy to see why he is a genius, just listen to the radio, music apps, or student’s headphones and more likely than not you’ll hear the music that is Kanye West’s.



Timberlane student Jacob Post chipped in on the topic, stating, “what if Kanye isn’t insane or a genius, but is instead insanely genius. That’s what I think, insanely genius.” Sophomore Makayla Sarbanis also argued in favor of West saying, “Kanye is a genius, not insane.”

Is Kanye a genius or insane? Those who have interacted with West seem to say he is insane, but the students of TRHS seem to put these actions and facts aside and instead appreciate his musical prowess thus leading them to consider Kanye West a genius.

Operation Blood Orchid Review

By Rory Ceplo

Release Date: 9/12/17 Genre: Tactical
First-Person Shooter Score: Worth Playing
Price: Free

After seven months of a content drought that has left many within the Rainbow Six Siege community incredibly disappointed, the new free update, Operation Blood Orchid, has finally hit the live servers and is available for all to play. This massive new update contains three new operators (player characters), one new map, a variety of balance changes, and over one thousand bug fixes. Ubisoft has claimed that Blood Orchid will be the largest update to Siege that has been released in the past two years, but does it truly live up to the hype that has been following it ever since the delay back in May?



While the new characters included in the update won’t shake up the game as much as previous DLC (downloadable content) operators such as Valkyrie (who is able to deploy hidden cameras) or Hibana (who is able to breach through walls reinforced by the defending team) did, I believe that they will result in some changes to how rounds will play out from now on. Ever since the release of Operation Red Crow back in December of last year, high-speed operators such as Ash and Bandit have taken center stage in many team compositions due to the fact that they are very difficult to pin down. The combination of the new operators, and the plethora of balance updates made to the game with the release of Blood Orchid will likely deter players from sticking to these playstyles that have been so prevalent over this past year, making the game fairer and more fun for all players.

After a few hours of playing, I have determined that the changes made to the defending team (who must prevent the attacking team from entering a building and completing a specific objective) will shake up the metagame the most. Starting with the minor changes, Ubisoft has decided to remove the high-magnification optics (ACOGs) from both Bandit and Jäger’s (two popular high speed operators) loadouts. On top of that, ACOGs will not be added to any future high-speed defending operators. This change will drastically reduce the “must-pick” mentality that has followed Bandit and Jäger for the past few seasons. While both of these defenders will still be powerful roamers due to their great speed statistics and powerful weaponry, they will no longer be able to watch specific angles as well as they used to be able to. In addition, this change greatly reduces their long-distance accuracy, preventing them from spawn-peeking as effectively as they could during Operation Health (the previous version of the game).



The addition of two new defending operators with unique abilities will make it necessary for the attacking team to be much more cautious while making any rapid plays. Lesion, who hails from Hong Kong’s Special Duties Unit, and Ela, who serves in Poland’s GROM unit are both able to deploy traps to keeps attackers on their toes. Lesion’s traps, known as Gu mines, are small invisible needles that inject a debilitating poison into anyone that steps on them. Poisoned individuals will be forced to endure a greatly reduced movement speed for the rest of the round, or take a few seconds to remove the needle from their foot. Ela’s mines aren’t as powerful as Lesion’s, but they will still be very useful. Her traps, which are known as Grzmot (Thunder) mines, disorient anyone that steps within 6 meters of them for about 10 seconds. They are best used as hunting tools, as it is easy to get the jump on anyone that is affected by the blast from the mine. In addition, the two weapons that Ela can choose between are quite powerful. Both

Lesion and Ela offer the defending team many opportunities to surprise the other team with hidden traps.

Finally, one new attacking operator was added through the Blood Orchid update. Ying is an operator who hails from the same counter-terrorism unit as Lesion. In my opinion Ying is the weakest operator introduced in the update, but she is by no means a poor addition to the game. Both of the options that Ying has for her primary weapon are fairly average, mostly suffering from a lack of damage over long ranges. On top of that, her special gadget, known as the Candela device, is not as interesting as the some of the other two gadgets released with the update. These small-ball shaped devices run on a timer set by Ying and release six powerful flashbangs once the timer expires. If a defender views the detonation of one of these explosives, they will be blinded for about five seconds. Her device is very powerful for launching a surprise assault on any room that defenders are holed up in, but they do not serve much utility elsewhere. Overall, Ying is a unique, if somewhat underwhelming, addition to the roster.

Overall, I feel that the update is worth checking out if you enjoy Rainbow Six Siege, as it does offer many changes to the metagame. However, if you either don’t enjoy the game, or have never heard of it, I would not recommend going out of your way to experience it, as the game is fairly impenetrable for new players at this point due to the lack of proper explanation that is provided for beginners.



Top Rap Albums of 2K17

By Jacob Post and Justin Berube

In the summer 2K17 rap fans had a lot of high hopes for new music. There were a lot of anticipated album releases. Some of the best albums of the year were released in the summer. The beats and lyrics in today’s Rap culture are beginning to evolve.

According to Forbes Magazine, Hip-Hop/R&B is the most dominant genre in the U.S. for the first time. In Nielsen Music’s mid-year report, R&B and hip-hop is the most consumed music among the U.S. It was also listed as the most streamed on Spotify and Apple Music. The Rap Industry is only growing from here with new sounds, artists and audiences. The list we created was a collection of what we thought were the most creative and most fun to listen to.

Nav and Metro Boomin’s album “Perfect Timing” was a mix of complex beats and new sounds. Nav’s attitude in Perfect Timing is a reflection of his fame, money, and uprising. In January 2016, his track “Take Me Simple” was featured on fellow Canadian Drake’s OVO Sound Radio on Beats 1. According to Apple Music he later signed to XO, the Canadian record label founded by the Weeknd. Metro Boomin only being 23 years old is working with some of the best hip-hop artists of this era. Being from Atlanta Metro has got to work with and know some of the best with features like Playboi Carti, Offset, Gucci Mane, and 21 Savage all being from Atlanta. Metro Boomin continues to make hits with any rapper he collaborates with.

Staying in the Atlanta roots, things just got more savage. 21! 21! 21! XXL Freshman from 2016 is making a name for himself with his album “Issa”. Everybody knows there is a time to be savage whether it is in the classroom getting work done, on the field, or before a workout. Whatever it may be 21 Savage can you put you in “let’s get it” attitude. Metro Boomin, the best producer in the game, came to 21’s aid. Producers Zaytoven, Jake One and Southside also helped with the album. In an interview by the website Genius, 21 Savage talks about Issa. “I’m just speaking about my life what I see, what I go through”. He opens up about his past of a gangster, and how rap changed his life. The RIAA certified 21 Savage’s self produced song “Bank Account” platinum on September 8, 2017. 21 Savage is definitely on the rise for new rappers, and continues to have hits on Billboard.

“Cozy Tapes Vol 2” was produced and recorded by some of Harlem’s finest the A\$AP MOB. Members of the MOB A\$AP ROCKY, A\$AP FERG, A\$AP TWELVY, A\$AP NAST, and A\$AP ANT were a part of making this album. The A\$AP MOB was founded by a close friend “A\$AP YAMS” who died in January 2015. Alongside the rest of the A\$AP MOB, Quavo, Playboi Carti, Lil Uzi Vert, and more helped make this album land number 3 on Billboard’s Top Rap Albums. “No limits going into 2018” says A\$AP ROCKY. The MOB’S New York roots really stood out in the lyricism and beats. If you like an old school feel of hip hop with a new twist, this album does the trick.

Two months after getting released from jail, Kodak Black dropped Project Baby Two. The Florida native is known for his flaunting of his grill and unique hair. Kodak still continues to keep it new with fresh beats and different styles. His different styles go from soft beats about a girl to talking about the hard times in the streets. Hit songs on the album are Roll in Peace, Transportin’, and Built my legacy. His creative sound and lyrics have put him on the radar. Project Baby Two is the 9th hottest album according to the Billboard 200.

Lil Uzi Vert is one of the big faces in hip hop culture today. He is known for his own personal style of music. Recently he came out with his highly anticipated album Luv is Rage 2. According to XXL magazine, Uzi’s tracks are a blend of Rock, Hip-Hop, and R&B sounds that really describe his unique sounds. “XO Tour Life” one of Uzi’s hit songs appeared on the US Billboard 100 coming in at number 7 in July 2017. Songs like “Sauce it up” and “X” are only a couple favorites that will be sure to hype you up at any time.

These albums are among our favorites we heard this summer, but there is always new music coming out and new artists to be found. We are excited to hear what this year has to offer for music and we are anticipating good songs and albums.

New Iphone 8 and Iphone X

By Tori Rothwell

The iPhone 8 and 8 plus came out Tuesday, September 12th. There are many new features to the iPhone. The shell is designed entirely out of glass, front and back. Apple says it is the most durable glass ever in a smart phone. The glass design also allows the iPhone to have Wireless charging. One of the biggest components of the iPhone 8, is the newest ability to charge devices wirelessly. iPhone 8 works with Qi wireless chargers that can be commonly found. Ultrathin new AirPower mat lets you charge multiple devices wirelessly according to Apple, although they have not yet released, so therefore it would be an additional charge for your new iPhone.

Another new factor is True Tone; True Tone technology automatically adjusts white balance to match the light around you, for better viewing. It also features Wide Viewing Angles by having new dual-domain pixels that give a great view of the screen from almost any angle. The world’s most popular camera has been improved even more by creating an all new sensor. It features an advanced 12MP camera. The camera has a new color filter, deeper pixels, and optical image stabilization for photos and videos. Portrait mode on iPhone 8 Plus got even better, with sharper detail, and access to flash when needed. The new A11 Bionic is the most powerful and smartest chip ever in a smartphone that is up to 70 percent faster than the A10 fusion that is used in the iPhone 7 says Apple. So the things you do often, like texting and browsing the web, happen faster while using less energy.



About 10 minutes after releasing the iPhone 8 Apple decided to release yet another iPhone, calling it iPhone X. Having a 5.8-inch Super Retina Screen, it is the first iPhone to be entirely screen. There is no longer a home button on the X, instead a single swipe takes you to the home screen. A

new detail is facial recognition; your face is now your password. Face ID is a secure new way to unlock, and pay. The TrueDepth camera analyzes more than 50 different muscle movements to mirror your expressions, so now your emojis can come alive. The iPhone X comes with a large price tag. It can be up to \$1,149 for the 256 gigabytes and \$999 for the 64 gigabytes. It also only comes in two colors, while the 8 comes in three different colors. The iPhone X is a big step into the future for Apple.

FIFA 18

By Al Barney

The next generation of FIFA is coming, and people are excited. With millions of rumors circulating for months about what the new game will have, the details are finally out. The game will be released on September 29th, with multiple editions offered.

Last year, FIFA 17 sold about 1.1 million copies within the first week alone, and it is not unreasonable to think that FIFA 18 will put up similar numbers.

The main gameplay update in this game will be the characteristics of players and teams based on personal nuances and skill level. For example, Cristiano Ronaldo, the cover boy, has a very specific running style. The team at EA Sports has made it their focus to best represent player’s specific quirks or styles that set them apart from other players. Also, because FIFA has teams and players of different abilities, they have made sure to make the differences as realistic as possible. Teams with lower star levels will have different, less advanced tactics available then teams with a higher level of play.

With every great sports video games comes a career mode. New to FIFA 17 last year was the introduction of the Journey, a type of career mode. On FIFA 18, Journey will be a great way for new players to develop their FIFA skills by teaching them the basics needed for every good FIFA-er. EA Sports hope that through Journey, players will able to learn the game before jumping into online matches and getting killed.

Maybe the most intriguing promise of FIFA 18 will be the live updating of player’s skill levels. EA Sports has put an emphasis this year on recording as much information on players as possible in able to best represent them in the game. They will be constantly watching how players are performing in real life and relaying that information to the game. This will allow for a more realistic gaming experience from what you watch on TV will be nearly identical to what you then play on your console

Overall, there does not seem to be any major differences with the new FIFA. That being said, every version of FIFA always seems to improve on its last. It can be safely assumed that several minute advancements have been made to better clean up game play along with making it more realistic and enjoyable. It is tough to say how much, if at all, FIFA 18 will be better than other FIFAs yet. It looks like we will have to wait and find out.



Annabelle 2

By Johnathan Battistelli, Daniel Grzyboski

The web site Birthmoviesdeath stated Annabelle all started when devil worshipers came into the home of a married couple and tried to summon a demon and the blood of the demon was dripped onto this Annabelle doll. The end of the first movie Annabelle was placed into a closet and was sealed by a priest twice. Then a new family of toy makers moved into the house. The toy maker’s daughter was killed in a tragic car accident. The family welcomed a nun and six orphaned girls. Then when one child goes into the forbidden room and unlocks Annabelle from



her chest, then horror happens.

According to IMDb Annabelle tormented her first family, running around the house and making the brakes and other parts of the car no longer function. She even scratched the husband’s chest, but she didn’t kill anyone, she tried killing one of the priests by taking out

the brakes and he got into a car accident and survived. Then the last priest put her in the closet and sealed it. Then the new family moves into the house, but they lost their child. They wanted to help other kids so they let a nun and six girls in. The couple soon realize that was a bad decision.

Annabelle 2 was a very good movie. It had the right amount of horror and I would recommend seeing it to all my friends. The cast includes Brian Howe and Kerry O’Malley as Mr. and Mrs. Higgins. 83% of people who went and saw the movie five starred the movie. The giant cast enjoyed making this movie and enjoying how much success came from it. Overall this movie was a five star for me if you like horror and being scared this movie is perfect for you.



When the parents realized what was happening they tried to call another priest but then they soon were dead as well. Annabelle wasn’t happy this time around when the nun tried getting all the girls to leave she was killed too Annabelle’s studio earned 101,267,030 dollars from August 11th, 2017 in the first month

Best Apple Picking Spots

By Abi DeNault and Gavin Gallagher

Beyond sightseeing and bringing loved ones together, getting the freshest apples is what makes fall the most exciting time of the year! The only obstacle of getting the most delicious apples is finding the perfect spot in New England. There are many options when it comes to finding the right apples and pumpkins. Cider Hill Farms is one of the top apple and pumpkin picking farms in Massachusetts. It is located at 45 Fern Ave, Amesbury MA. With a 4.7 star review on Google Reviews, this farm offers Paula Red, Red Free, Zestar, Ginger Gold, Burgundy, Macs and Cortland apples, all ripe for the fall season. Besides the apples and beautiful view, there are more experiences to have here. Cider Hill also makes their own honey, and has a beekeeping cage inside. This homemade honey is sold in their farm stand along with all sorts of baked goods like their famous apple cider donuts!

Mack’s Apples is a 400 acre apple farm, located at 230 Mammoth Rd, Londonderry, NH. From Tydeman, to Jonamac, Mack’s has a huge selection of apples, peaches and even vegetables. This farm also has a stand that holds local milk, honey, eggs, jams, jellies, pies and pickles. Mack’s has a variety of trails you can take to find the type of apples for you. With a People’s Choice award in the New Hampshire Magazine, this is a great spot for families, friends, children and even dogs! Mack’s has been around since 1732, and their family continues to serve the community with the tradition of apple and pumpkin picking. Mack’s Apples is great for some history and fall adventures.



Applecrest Farm Orchard sits at 133 Exeter Rd in Hampton Falls New Hampshire. Their selection of fresh fruits such as raspberries, peaches and apple is one of the great things that make this year round farm an accessible and wholesome spot to go picking. Applecrest offers fun events and treats for families and friends. The fall festivals include a petting zoo, face painting for more creative minds, and amazing fresh bake food such as hot apple cider donuts if you have a sweet tooth. This farm is perfect fun for the little ones. One of the newest additions to Applecrest is the ice creamery. What makes the ice cream so tasty is that it is freshly made at the farm. The food is what Applecrest is all about which is why even their ice cream is highly demanded. Applecrest is a great local farm for the family, all year round!

These farms all offer a variety of apples, pumpkins, farm stands and fun, all in New England. Take a pick at Cider Hill Farms, Mack’s Apples, or Applecrest Farm Orchard, and you’ll have the fall experience of a lifetime. Which orchard will you choose for your fall adventure this year?

It Movie Review

By Travis Paradise and Steven Portillo



We are not fans of scary movies. It is actually the first one we’ve seen in a theater. It was one of the most stressful movies we’ve ever seen. It has made us want to see more of this genre.

The movie’s scares were mostly all jump scares. The movie was a step up from the previous It mini-series which aired on November 18 and November 20, 1990 on ABC. The CGI was a huge improvement, and was something the 1990 mini-series was really lacking. It was incredible and gave the movie a lot of amazing effects, for example, the teeth they gave Pennywise the dancing clown. We never knew when the movie would make us jump. We were at the edge of our seats the whole time!

The plot revolved around the town of Derry, Maine having an evil force haunt the town every 27 years for as long as anyone could remember. It was super intriguing and had us thinking, trying to figure out why the town was being haunted from the beginning. The film was beautifully balanced with 1980’s humor sprinkled here and there.

This film wasn’t just a horror movie, in fact, scary wasn’t even the main point of the movie. The film gives more voice to Stephen King’s ideas of childhood anxieties and the power of fear rather than then the aspect of horror, which is exactly like the book. People who have read the book probably understand that they had to change the things they did because some of it isn’t socially acceptable in today’s world. For example, the book took place in the 1950, when segregation was still a common thing. Homophobia had a key part in the beginning of the book and they chose to leave that out too. Things like this the director really had no choice but to take out because of how the public

would have reacted if it was in. Jason Paradise says: “The movie did a great job capturing the essences of the book “

The acting from the cast, which was mostly children, was fantastic. The actor who played Pennywise the clown, Bill Skarsgård, also did a phenomenal job. Justin McAuliffe agrees saying; “I liked the clown, he was really creepy”. The only complaint we have is that one scene is really too dark and fast, it’s really hard to see what’s happening. The story ends leaving a clue that there is going to be a second part which will most likely follow the children 27 years later as adults. This isn’t really a spoiler because the book itself jumps back and forth between the characters’ lives in the 50s and 80s. We are very excited for the second movie because it was an amazing adaptation of the novel.

We give this movie a solid 9/10. Mathew Hubbach, student at Trinity High school, gave us his review: “It’s a very scary film but what impressed me was how true the film sticks to the original’s tricks; it isn’t filled with loud in-your-face jump scares, in fact, a lot of what makes this film scary is the slick cinematography and intricate shadow play. The use of lighting and creation of atmosphere is what makes this film so tense, which is why it’s perfectly suited for those who like Horror movies but without the obnoxious gore”. We couldn’t agree more.

Project Baby 2

By Noah Beaulieu

Kodak Black released his latest album, “Project Baby 2” on August 18, 2017, and is a follow up album to his first major release mix-tape, Project Baby, which was released in 2013. This project features big name guests such as fellow Florida rapper XXXTentacion and Offset. The project features slow, melodic tracks such as “Don’t Wanna Breathe” and “First Love”, and bangers such as “Roll In Peace” featuring XXXTentacion and “Pride”.

Project Baby 2 features a variety of beats ranging in every mood. The album features a variety of producers such as Murda Beatz, London on Da Track, Ben Billion, Frank Dukes, and many more. The album also features verses from big name rappers such as Offset of Migos and XXXTentacion, as well as rappers from Kodak’s fellow 1800 Block rappers John Wicks and Jackboy, who were recently signed to Kodak’s label “Sniper Gang”.



Kodak Black, is an enigmatic rapper from Pompano Beach, Florida. He is best known in the mainstream for his songs Tunnel Vision and No Flockin, but is a staple of the new under-ground Florida sound. Kodak Black is one of the most popular rappers out of Florida since the likes of Rick Ross and Plies. Born in the projects, Kodak started robbing and stealing cars in order to provide for his family and started rapping at the age of 12. He released a song at 14 years old over the beat of Wale’s hit song “Ambition” which was a grim look into life in the Florida projects. The video gained 7.8 million views and was an early sign of what was to come with Kodak.

Throughout his career, Kodak has been burdened by legal troubles, such as various assault charges and violating his probation. Now, after serving four4 months in prison for misdemeanor possession charges and paying \$100,000 bond, he is seeing success



Smart Watches

By Jess Mezquita

On April 24th, 2015 the first smartwatch was released by Apple. On September, 12th 2017 the 3rd Apple watch, series 3, was released. The Apple watch has come a long way since 2015. Series 1 has all the basics, texting, heart rate, etc. However, this year’s Series is a lot more advanced.

The first year smart watches came out,2015, they were undesirable, only 4 million people bought the Series 1 Apple watch. On the other hand, last year, the Series 2 sold 10.5 million. That is a 6 million difference. Now other companies like SAmsung and others are starting to produce smartwatches. They are an innovative way to stop looking at your phone , for an exam-ple instead of checking the time on your phone you can just check your watch, or when using the GPS on your phone it vibrates when you have to make a turn, or you can text from your watch and not have to use your phone.



The new apple watch has several health benefits too. It is waterproof, so swimmers are able to time their laps and not worry about breaking or damaging their watch. Also, it gives you relaxation techniques with your breathing, and tells you how much water to drink during the day! Lastly you can talk to siri from your watch, and send texts and receive calls!

Technology gets more advanced every year, allowing Apple to implement these features on the new iWatch. You can buy a smart watch at your local, Apple , Walmart, or Target stores. They range from \$249 to \$399.



Soundcloud

By Nick Braga

There is a plethora of music streaming platforms out there to choose from. Apple Music and Spotify are the top choice for many. However, that hasn’t been the case for millennials. Soundcloud has become the preferred streaming platform for over 75 million people. From the underground music to the lifestyle that comes along with it, Soundcloud has people hooked. Soundcloud has launched the careers of many artists. Post Malone, Lil Uzi, Playboi Carti, and even Lil Yachty got their start on Sound-cloud.

Soundcloud has provided a platform for young artists to get their visions out. Artists use Soundcloud in hopes to attract enough attention to make it big one day. This formula for success has been very prosperous lately for young rappers like Lil Pump, Trippie Redd, Lil Peep, XXXTentacion, and Smokepurpp. Fame comes instantly when a song goes viral. The media gets wind of a hit and they blow it up even more. XXXTentacion went viral for “Look at me” and a couple months later sold over 85k units of his debut album. Going viral instantly rockets the artist into internet stardom. Which often then leads to a record deal.

Currently Soundcloud is the preferred method for many young artists trying to make it big. Lil Pump, a 17-year-old rapper out of South Florida, has developed a unique style. Like many other Soundcloud rappers, his songs feature a heavy trap beat and lyrics about jewelry and money. Most of these songs sound the same. However, each song gets millions of streams. On the opposite end of the spectrum, emotional melodic artists such as Trippie Redd have also been blowing up. In the past months, rap-pers that have been blowing up have been around the age of 19. This is due to the fact that most Soundcloud users are young. Nowadays the youth determines what is in style and what is out.

If you go to a rap concert, then you will notice a majority of the people there are pretty young. Social media and music influence each other heavily. The youth of the world have taken over social media. Therefore, artists these days are aiming to capture the youth demographic. That is in most cases their biggest audience. If an artist can control and influence the media, then they are destined for success.

iPhone 8

By Steven Portillo

The new iPhone 8 is here!! The iPhone 8 was released September 22, 2017 and is the best iPhone out so far. The iPhone 8 comes in two sizes with a 4.7 inch display and a 5.5 inch display. With a new Retina HD Display which is a “True Tone adjust the white balance of the display to match the surrounding light for a more natural, paper-like viewing experience. The vibrant wide color gamut Retina HD display offers the best color accuracy in the industry.” As Apple Stated. But The phone 8 is different from the iPhone 7 in any ways. For example, like the back of the iPhone 8 is now fully made out of glass.

The Phone is now made from the most durable glass ever made for a smartphone as Apple said “The front and back feature custom glass with a 50 percent deeper strengthening layer. A new steel substructure and a stronger, aerospace grade 7000 Series aluminum band provide additional reinforcement”.

The phone has also upgraded its cpu since the iPhone 7. The iPhone 8 will bring the new A11 Bionic Cpu Making it 70% faster than the iPhone 7 Cpu “A10 Fusion” mak-ing the iPhone 8 One of the strongest smartphones out there. The New Phone also got new and louder stereo speakers as Apple Said “iPhone 8 features redesigned stereo speakers that are up to 25 percent louder and deliver deeper bass. Crank up the volume and enjoy richer-sounding music, videos, and speakerphone calls.”

The phone also got Wireless Charging thanks to the whole back of iPhone being glass. The camera from the phone has also been upgraded since the 7. The iPhone 8 cam-era comes with a more advanced 12 MP camera with larger, faster sensors and Deeper Pixels allowing to take amazing pictures Such as Portrait mode. Portrait mode was upgraded and now includes features such as, being able to pick the lighting and filters you want. Finally, the iPhone 8 is now Water and Dust resistant unlike the 7 That was only splash resistant. The iPhone 8 was released with IOS11.

IOS11 is a new system software update that brings many features. Here are some of the most exciting features. Being able to customize the control center, includes a wider range of settings allowing the phone do more with less work. Another feature that is big is the Do Not Disturb Driving Mode, which is a good way to make people stop texting and driving and keeping the environment safe. IOS 11 also lets you now send money to friends and family with Person to Person Apple Pay allowing you to send money through messages. These are just some of the few great features of IOS11. With a new amazing iPhone 8 and IOS11 I can’t wait to see what apple hold for the future with an amazing phone like this.

Apple Cider Donuts

By Niko Kakouris

One of the simplest, but so elegant creations. When it reaches your lips, your taste buds are gifted with an extreme sensation of cinnamon and sugar. People truly take apple cider donuts for granted.

Apple cider donuts are a fan favorite treat after a long evening of apple picking or maybe even just a tasty treat to satisfy an empty stomach. A fresh apple cider donut from a local farm is arguably the number one way to ensure that you’ve had the true fall experience.

People that say “apple cider donuts are overrated” are simply one word. Wrong. Apple cider donuts have been a part of the fall tradition longer than most of us have been alive. Something that is overrated is an over advertised product that is around way too often. With apple cider donuts, you have a few months to capitalize on them, but if you don't they disappear, leaving your watery mouth with nothing to soak up the moisture.

Freshness and the quality of each donut are the key to great flavor. Going to your local supermarket and expecting a great tasting donut is unlikely and could potentially be problematic. Supermarket donuts are packaged and left to sit for hours, sometimes even days before they are purchased. It is absolutely outrageous the way they treat a true gift from our lord’s above.

New Hampshire is notorious for their solid, fresh apple cider donuts. During the Fall season it is very common to find an apple farm who sells apple cider donuts. No one has ever gone wrong with a nice, warm, fresh apple cider donut.



Welcome to Moe’s

By Ryleigh Lukas

Walking into Moe’s is positively overwhelming with the vibrant room, savory scents of Mexican greatness and the look of smiling faces all around.

For starters, you receive a friendly welcome from the workers as they greet you with a big “Welcome to Moe’s!” You walk over to the menu and get to choose between a junior burrito, a regular sized burrito or a bowl. You can choose between chicken and steak, two different kinds of rice, lettuce, tomato, cheese and beans on a soft tortilla. You’re allowed the option of salsa, guac, and queso to have with the crunchy chips served on the side.

The food is prepared right in front of you, which gives you the opportunity to make changes so that you can get the perfect meal you’re looking for. Moe’s is very clean and has a very friendly staff. My food was made exactly how I wanted it with no mistakes and I got to have a cherry coke out of the Coca-Cola freestyle machine. This has endless amounts and flavors of fountain drinks. Every time I go to Moe’s, they never fail to impress me.

Senior Dylan Tremblay talked about his favorite part of the Moe’s experience, “ I like the amount of chips they give you, and the fountain machine they have for drinks is sick.”

Overall, Moe’s is an excellent choice as a place to get some food; it’s not too pricey and it’s a big change from any other type of food that we have in Plaistow.



The Thrill of 110 Grill

By Matthew Schaejbe and Emily Noonan

Who doesn’t love good, quality food? If you live in the Plaistow/Haverhill area, a new restaurant chain by the name of 110 Grill just dropped in Haverhill, and it has been all everyone has been taking about.

Our community is prosperous. We have good shops, good people, and a good atmosphere. The only thing that our community has been lacking is a nice restaurant, a restaurant that not only has good food, but good class. 110 Grill provides all of that with a side of salad.

The first item on the menu up for review is the Blue Cheese Wedge Salad which also offers an optional choice between chicken, salmon, shrimp, seared yellowfin tuna, or steak tips. This plate comes with a sizeable chunk of iceberg lettuce, blue cheese dressing, blue cheese chunks, balsamic vinegar, and bacon. We opted for the chicken.

The size of the salad was enormous! It was so grand that you would not even know where to begin. Upon the first bite, a melody played on your taste buds. The sourness of the blue cheese worked perfectly with the sweetness of the bacon, along with the subtleness of the lettuce and the bitterness of the balsamic. Each bite was a bite straight from heaven. Then added in was the juicy, tender piece of grilled chicken. It is as if every little ingredient was singing a song to your taste buds. If you’re a salad guru, I suggest you march straight on down to 110 Grill!

Another item up for review is the 110 Classic Cheeseburger.This 8 oz piece of Certified Angus Beef® comes with many toppings of your choice including cheese, lettuce, tomato, red onion, and pickle.You can also add mushrooms, onions, or bacon for one dollar each, or all three for one low price of \$2.50! 110 Grill’s cheeseburger is certainly a classic that could make any mouth water. From the juicy burger to the crisp lettuce to the gooey cheese, all the pieces put together create a meal promised to please. Next time you’re in the area, be sure to try 110 Grill’s praised classic cheeseburger, with your choice of a side.

Many people have expressed issues concerning the costliness of 110 Grill’s plates. However, you are paying for what you want to eat and at 110 Grill, they are all about high quality meals that could make any mouth drool. When it comes to scanning their menu, take a look at the many delicious ingredients within each course and remember, it’s all about quality, not quantity.

All in all, 110 Grill provides a high class experience in an area where high quality is hard to come by. Surrounded by places such as McDonald’s, Wendy’s, and Burger King, 110 Grill has become the new shining star of the Plaistow/Haverhill area (and not only because of their shimmering sign). Rated a strong 4.5/5 by locals on Facebook, everyone should give their dishes a try as they certainly have a wide variety sure to suit your whole family’s needs. 110 Grill does anything but displease.



Best Runs for the Fall

By: Jared DeLucia

The fall season is considered by many one of the best times of the year to run. Due to the cooler weather, slight breezes, sunny days and falling leaves, the beautiful scenery and comfortable temperatures.

According to The Sentinal Sources, there are many places throughout New England to enjoy the scenery while getting the exercise you need. In Vermont, the town of Woodstock has a big loop that surrounds downtown with multiple side streets that add a beautiful view of the Ottauquechee River Valley. New Hampshire has many places across the state: Jackson, Sugar Hill, Bethlehem, Gorham, Pittsburg and much more throughout northern NH exploring the great White Mountains. In North Conway and towns surrounding it, there are many destinations with covered bridges and nice scenery.



In Massachusetts, one of the most talked about runs is the Charles River in Boston. You will be joined by many others, but still have a lot of scenery of the city and port to take in. Also, in Windham, NH the Windham Rail Trail is a flat paved/gravel two-way path that goes for miles with a peaceful setting through the forest and over bridges. It is suitable for cycling or running and is good for beginners. Another local place to run is the trails that go around the area of Winnekenni Castle and trails around Kenoza Lake in Haverhill, Mass right

outside of Plaistow. There are many different trails some being mostly flat gravel and others being steep and narrow with a lot of roots and challenging terrain. On a day with good weather, this location is very enjoyable for running.

According to Women’s Running, the Cape Cod Rail Trail stretches along a section of coast and is a great place to run on a sunny day along the sandy beaches. Martha's Vineyard has 17 miles of beautiful scenery and trails to explore also. Another popular destination is Portland, Maine. This town is similar to others such as Portsmouth and Providence Rhode Island. They all have peaceful coastline along the ocean and different opportunities for all levels of running. Hampstead, NH has an area of conservation land that many locals enjoy running on. The trails are similar to Winnekenni and Suitable for any level of running.

Study Tips 101

By Sarah Cronin

You have a test tomorrow and you have not studied! You gather all of your notes and try to cram a whole months studying into one single night. You show up to class the next day and the test is being passed out and you start to panic: Did I study enough? Did I study the right materials? Will I be able to finish the test before the period ends? There is a simple solution to all of these negative thoughts that tend to creep into our minds before we take a test.

Maybe your daily routine is not as effective as it could be? Are you one of those students looking to build good study habits? Here are some general studying tips to help you create an organized, effective study schedule, whether it be at home or at school.



- Create a study schedule for yourself: Write down a well thought out schedule with times so you can not only have a good study schedule, but also good time management skills. Have a few studying goals that have a deadline so that you will be motivated to complete your task.

- Create a study area that will help you focus: Whether it be a quiet room or a place with a bit of background noise, establish a place that will help you stay focused and spread out your ideas and supplies.



- Never procrastinate: Procrastination is among the most common struggles that teenagers face in when it comes to schoolwork.

- Clear any distractions that may be disruptive to your studying: Phones are one of the biggest distractions when it comes to studying. Because people always say to put your phone away when you study, I say set a timer on your phone and only study in that time frame, nothing else. This will help you focus on one thing for a good chunk of time, and try not to pick up your phone till the timer ends.

- Review your weeks notes over the weekend: Going back and looking back at what you learned that week will really help you to get overwhelmed and over loaded with too much information. This method will also help you not to cram all of your studying into one single night.

The key to good study habits is always consistency. Even if you look over one thing you learned in school that day, it will greatly help you retain information from that day. What I have found really helpful, is writing things down, whether it be on flashcards or just on a scrap piece of paper, writing things down always helps to improve my memory.

Power Saving Tips

By Matthew Piccolo

In society, many people rely on electricity for a countless amount of simple luxuries and necessities. There have been breakthroughs with ways to be efficient, but with new concepts like electric cars and trucks, more energy is being used.

Here are a couple of ways to save energy that everyone can do fairly easily.

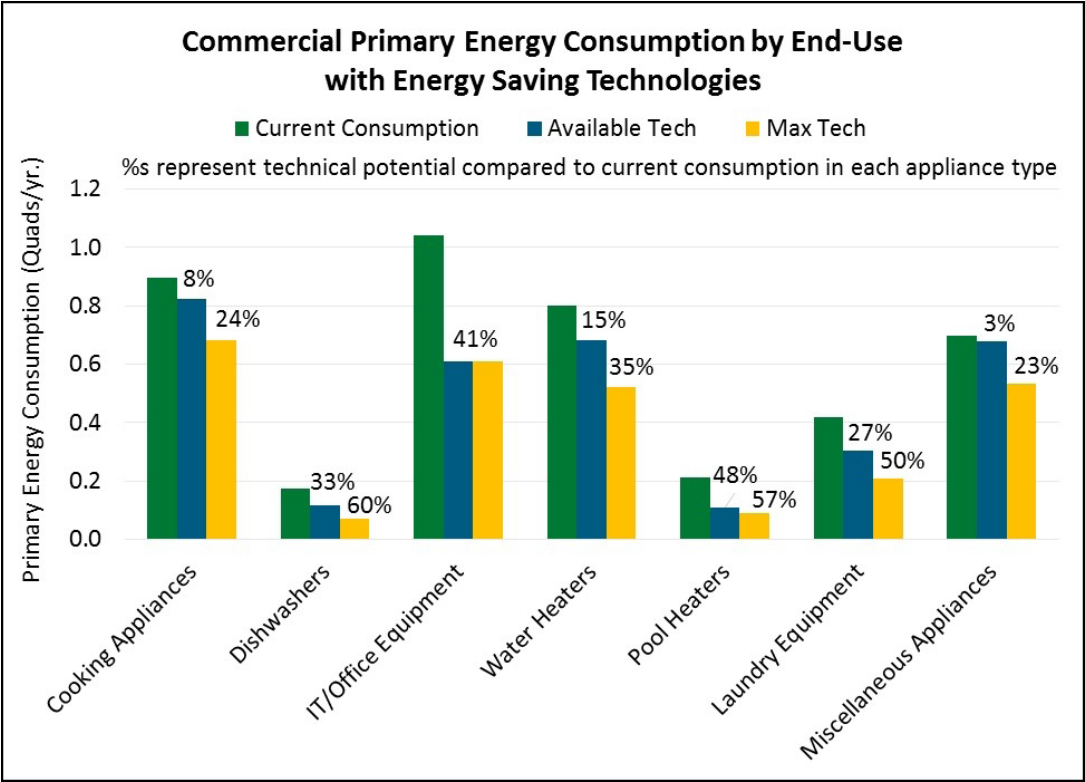
- Use energy efficient light bulbs and turn lights off when not in use.
- Insulate your house to save on heating or cooling.
- During the extreme seasons, dress appropriately to use less heating or cooling.
- Unplug appliances when not using them.

Following these tips can make a noticeable difference.

However, there are a couple of more advanced techniques, for a slightly higher cost, that are much more efficient.

- Change the method of heating water. Use a hot water tank that has a hot water reserve rather than burning oil.
- Purchase solar panels. They turn sunlight to focused light or heating.
- Insulating and air sealing your house further improves keeping heating or cooling.
- Use an automatic thermostat that keeps the house a neutral temperature.
- Add more windows or skylights for better lighting during the day.
- Changing larger appliances, like washers, dryers and dishwashers, to modern efficient versions.

If everyone follows these tips, it can improve our electricity habits, keeping the earth clean by using less fossil fuels overall. Look at the chart to see the difference of energy use when using the most efficient technology.



Rad Lockers

By Dan Komenda and Brendan Frezza

The personal void known as the locker is a blank space to express something you can become proud of. Lockers start out empty but can become personalized to satisfy your needs. Timberlane has many aspects that students do not take advantage of, the locker being at the top of the list. We will be looking into the three most common locker types at Timberlane: the Food Guy, the Sticker Bomb and the Study Buddy. Although these are the three main types of lockers, they can also be combined with each other. There are many possibilities for your space. Locker decor is an endless concept for the owner in high school. These unique lockers will help inspire the next generation of rad locker owners in any grade.



The “Food Guy” is your go to throughout the day for snack cravings. Their lockers are stacked with food, most likely containing Swedish Fish, Goldfish or Pop Tarts. Not only do these lockers have an absurd amount of eats, they also have drinks such as Hugs, Capri Sun and Arnold Palmer. According to Timberlane student, Connor Schott, taking care of one of the lockers is “ a tough lifestyle, but it’s worth it”. For Connor’s snack essentials “ Chex Mix and Swedish Fish are a must and you can never go wrong with Goldfish”. Connor also has iced tea in his locker and explains how he will restock about once a month.

People who have an absurd amount of stickers covering the inside of their lockers have “Sticker Bombs”. The inside of the locker is covered in various stickers such as Skiing , sports, quotes and animals to decorate the inside. Most owners of these lockers seek out sticker snagging opportunities just to plaster the inside of their locker. The name “Sticker Bomb,” is given in the sense that the inside of each person’s locker looks like an explosion of sticker art. Stickers are used to either express interests or feed an addictive goal to cover the insides of the locker walls.

The last type of locker is for the invested student and is called the “Study Buddy”. This type of locker is very organized and loaded with all of the essentials for a day of learning. These lockers are typically filled with assorted notebooks, folders, binders, and text-books for every class necessary. There is never a shortage of pencils or pens in the “Study Buddy” so the student is always prepared to take notes. Other things in these lockers are whiteboards, to write down any important information that needs to be remembered, and a shelf that offers more room for extra books and snacks in between classes.

Lockers can be as rad as you make them so make sure you put yours to use. The vacant space has so many possibilities. The ideas are endless and aren’t limited to just the “Food Guy,” the “Sticker Bomb,” and the “Study Buddy.” Your own locker can be made into whatever you want. It can be used to describe yourself, store food, or you can use it as is. Your locker can be however you want it to be.

Why Fall is a Season to Love

By Travis Paradise

While you can’t go take long walks on the beach, there are still a plethora of awesome dates you could go on with that special someone this fall season. Autumn is the best time to Fall in love.

One reason fall is a great dating season is because the weather is getting colder. You know what that means; it’s cuddle time! Sure, you can try to cuddle in the summer, but unless you blast your A.C it can get uncomfortable. In Autumn, things are cooling down, making it easy to steal your significant other’s body heat.

Halloween is always an awesome excuse to dress up and be creative, but that gets so much easier with a partner. You can create cool couple costumes based on whatever you want! These costumes are always super fun and sure to draw attention. Not to mention, putting the costume together is a date itself. Another Halloween tradition that is so much fun to do together is pumpkin decorating. This tradition is making the Jack-o’-lantern. Whether you’re carving or painting them, Jack-o’-lanterns are a fun creative activity that is sure to put you in the Halloween spirit. You can also go pumpkin picking to get the pumpkins too, spending even more time together! A great place to go pumpkin picking is Kimball Farms in Haverhill Massachusetts.



One of the simplest and fun things to do that is exclusive to fall is to go apple picking. Nicole Branham says, “It’s easy to have time to talk and get to know each other. It’s laid-back and casual. It’s fun, it’s outside and there is no pressure. It’s just kind of something cute and fun to do. It’s something you might’ve done as a kid. It’s just refreshing.” Apple picking is a relaxing way to have some quality time with your special someone and it doesn’t do too much damage on your wallet.

Fall is also when Horror movies take over the theaters and make people cower in fear. Why not bring along your date and hold their hand when you’re scared! There’s nothing like a good horror film to bring you, literally, closer together. Some great horror films that are out or that will be coming out are: It, Mother!, Annabelle: Creation, Better Watch Out, Flatliners and Friend Request.

There is something to be said about fall that makes the season so special. The beauty of the leaves and their ever changing colors, the love of pumpkin spice, the crispness in the air, all make fall such a wonderful time. Kristin Salaky, writer at MSN, says: “Fall is a comforting time, with memories of new schools and holidays and brisk, comfortable weather. There is something to be said for this peaceful aesthetic creeping into your own feelings. When you’re happy, your relationship is better, so ultimately, it’s a great time to be in love with someone.” So go grab your crush, your boyfriend, or your girlfriend and go see why fall is the ideal time to go on a date.

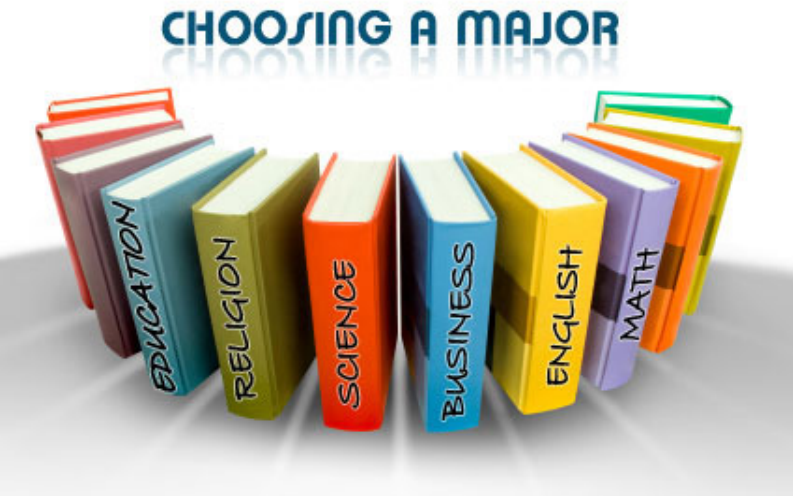
How to decide your major?

By Aaron Augusta

Attention Juniors and seniors! Are you stressing about the fact that you have no idea what you want to do when you get older?

Don’t be- there are many young adults that have no idea what they want to do. If you need some guidance about your future, make an appointment with your school counselor and talk about your career aspirations. Talk about things you are interested in, and what makes your happy. For example, I enjoy helping people emotionally. When my older brother passed away, there was a counselor who helped me threw my grief. Knowing what she did for me, I knew I wanted to do that going forward. Think about what affected your life the most. If you enjoy sports and being active, some potential career options may include being a physical trainer.

School counselor Lisa Petry says a lot of students come up to her and ask about what to do after high school. Mrs. Petry advises students to think about what their interests are, what they enjoy doing, and what are some of their favorite subjects in school. If you are undecided about what you want to do, look at schools that have a wide variety of majors. Such as community school or universities that have more of a variety of major choices. This will give you more of an option of majors and careers to pursue as you find your path.



Don't worry, you are not the only student struggling to decide upon your future career. In the meantime, just remember to work hard in school and continue being a kid. You will eventually find out what you want to do.

Ask Kyle

By Matt Perry

Hi everyone, my name is Kyle. My job is to answer and enlighten all of you on the many questions this world has to offer. This will be a regular article here in the Timberlane Times, so if you asked a question, and for some reason, I neglected to answer it, don't you worry, you'll have many more chances to learn a thing or two by my incredible intellect. Now without further ado, let's get into these questions.

"How many licks does it take to get to the center of a tootsie pop?" This is an age old debate, dating all the way back to prehistoric times. So naturally, I decided the only way to find out exactly how many licks it took, was to test it out for myself. After many rigorous tests, my team and I have come to the conclusion that it will always take three hundred and thirty-seven licks to get to the center of a tootsie pop.



"Hey Kyle, any fantasy football sleeper picks?" This should really be a no brainer. Especially when you completely ignore the mediocre numbers that Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald has put up thus far into the season. Owners should not be discouraged just yet; with the injury of David Johnson, the Cardinals will need to rely heavily on their strong passing game if they plan on having a winning record this season. Now let's use our common sense here; do we really think that Carson Palmer is going to want to continue to throw footballs to JJ "Stinks out Loud" Nelson or John "Bad at Football" Brown? Answer: Obviously not. Ipso facto, he's going to want to sling the ball all over the field to his best option,

Larry Fitzgerald. *Not so hot take* Larry Fitzgerald will go for four hundred yards receiving with six touchdowns this week. Don't be the person regretting having Larry Fitz on their bench this season when he absolutely shatters the NFL record for most receiving yards and receiving touchdowns in a single season.

This will conclude this month's edition of "Ask Kyle." You will have another shot at getting lucky and having your question answered by Kyle in the next Timberlane Times, all you will need to do is keep our eyes peeled for the official Ask Kyle box to put a question in. Till next time.

Job Interviewing

By Kristen Noonan

Job interviewing is not always perceived as an easy experience, even when you have gone to more interviews than you can count. When interviewing you are always meeting new people, having to sell yourself and your skills, and often getting unfamiliar questions thrown at you.

Staying upbeat and enthusiastic throughout an interview is important, yet can be difficult when the job you applied for is on the line. However, there are ways to make job interviews less stressful. Invest a little time before the interview for getting ready to make it easier to handle.

The key to effective interviewing is to project confidence, stay positive, and be able to share examples of your workplace skills and qualifications for the job. Brush up your communication skills, so you can speak clearly and briefly about the benefits you have to offer the employer and company. Take the time to work on your interview skills, this will help your chances of getting hired.



Not everyone has the best idea when it comes to dressing for job interviews. Some people over dress, and some dress too casual. Your appearance isn't everything, but how you look will impact the employer's opinion on you. For a male, it's a good idea to wear a suit for an interview. Go with something simple, a neutral color is a safe option. For a female, a blouse and dress up pants would be best, or a nice dress would be acceptable. The more

conservative your field is, the more conservative your attire should be.

An interview is a two-way street. It is very critical to ask questions during the interview, instead of the interviewer doing all the work. More often than not, when questions are not asked, the employer may find you to be uninterested in the career you are applying for. Questions offer full clarification for topics or aspects about the job that you're unsure about.

Overall, make sure you're prepared to answer questions about previous experiences and the way you handled them. Do not leave the employer to all the questioning, but make sure research is done on the company so you have a little idea about what they are about. Lastly, dress appropriately, and try not to work yourself up about the interview. Remember, have confidence and you'll do great.

How to Keep Organized During the School Year

By Sarah Casey and Kirsty Perry

A good way to ease into the new school year is to always stay organized. With senioritis already set in for the seniors, it's difficult to keep yourself organized. Homework, handouts, notes, projects and more gets to be a lot to keep track of. There are many different ways to stay organized and have a successful year.

Utilize color coded class folders: By having a separate folder for each class, you will always know where your papers are located. Also, if you color coordinate the different class folders, you will have an easy time knowing what goes where and where certain papers are for each class.

Using a planner: Writing down what you need to do and when, will also help cut down on the stress you may have from being unorganized. With a planner, you can write down your homework, test dates, work schedule, sports games, meetings and any important dates.

Avoid procrastination: Getting all your work done on time will also keep your work from piling up and causing you to get overwhelmed. Start projects and homework assignments when they are assigned and not the day before. This will keep you from cramming last minute and it will give you time to revise your work.



Preparing the night before: Lastly, by packing your backpack and laying out your outfit the night before, you will have more time in the morning to avoid rushing. This tip works really well when you are rushing to get ready for school at 6 in the morning.

When it comes to a big test that you are dreading, you will you be more than prepared to do well if you take these organizational tips. Keeping your school work constantly organized may be a pain to do initially, but it will be worth it in the end. It keeps you from getting too stressed and it is an easy way to have a successful school year.

Picking your future college

By Jess Amorelli

Junior and Senior year are the two most stressful years of our teenage lives because of applying to college and keeping grades up. For many of us, we've already started looking at colleges and decided on our top college. But for others, they may still not know where to look.

The most important part in finding what college to go to is feeling at home when you step onto the campus. Going on college tours are a good way to figure out what college you're looking for because the campus will give you a feel of wanting to go to a big school or a small school. It will also help you decide if this is the right school for you. Ms. Maher, one of our guidance counselors suggested "For a 2 or 4-year college most students will spend most of their time on the campus, you want to make sure it's a place you feel comfortable at. Being able to get on campus and see what the dorms and other facilities feel like is an important part of the college search process."

Some ideas to take into consideration while narrowing down your list of prospective colleges. is size, cost, dorms and activities available. If the college is pretty costly, it may not be the right idea to attend that school. However, scholarships and grants are available, so don't cross a college off solely due to cost. There are so many scholarship opportunities that people don't even know exist, so it just takes some time searching for them. Many colleges will have a separate website after applying and there are hundreds of scholarships available. Naviance also has many scholarships that are available too Timberlane students.



It's also a good idea to figure out the requirements to get accepted into the school. A student's GPA, SAT/ACT scores and the rigor of the classes you take are what colleges look at for acceptance. They also look at extracurricular and any volunteer work or job you have. Location is a big factor in figuring out what school to attend. If you're looking to go far, cost of out of state tuition and the plane rides back and forth are also big things too put into consideration.

Although most college dorms are small, some colleges have pretty nice dorms. Many colleges will have opportunities for living off campus in apartments as well. Students have the choice of either living in a single, a double, or a triple. Some even have the option of living in a quad, but it all depends on personal preference.

College is a pretty stressful event in our lives, but planning ahead and starting early eases the stress so your senior year will go by smoothly.

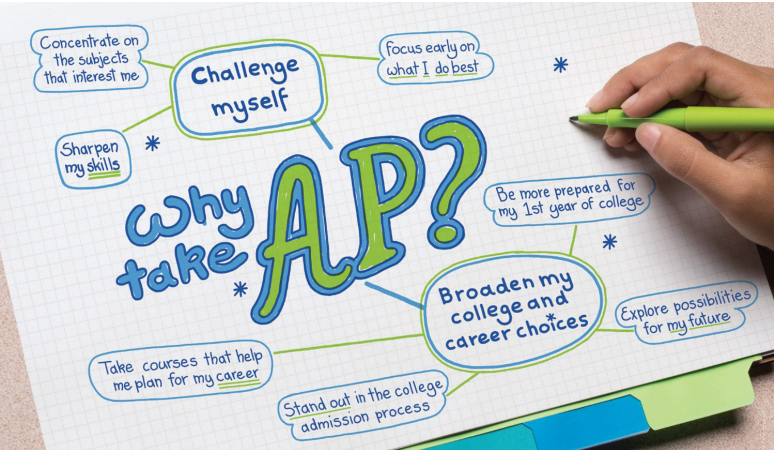
How to: AP Classes

By Ryleigh Lukas and Delaney Ripley

Timberlane Regional High School offers a variety of classes varying from college and career prep (CCP), accelerated (ACC), or advanced placement (AP). AP is a college level course which can prepare you for what you will encounter during your years in college.

Many students take these classes solely just to learn at a faster, more difficult level and prepare themselves for their future, and some strive to do well on the AP exam which takes place in May. This exam takes all of the material you have learned throughout the year and puts it into one test. If you place well enough on it, you can earn college credit, so the course is not needed if you go into college and need that class.

Advanced placement classes are a handful for many students, as the pace of learning increases greatly from CCP or ACC. You must learn and understand difficult concepts at a much faster rate.



Senior Al Barney is a part of AP calculus, spanish, and biology. As much as he enjoys the challenge of advanced placement, he also has some difficulties within them.

“My least favorite part is that the expectations are higher, everything you do has to be a little better than average.”

“Homework is taken much more seriously in AP than in other courses. There’s no room for forgetting or not finishing because whether you’re ready or not, the class will continue to move.”

Barney’s advice to people considering taking an AP class is to learn to budget your time, think past just the plain facts you learn, and make sure you can learn out of a textbook.

Most AP teachers hold higher expectations of students. Reading chapters and comprehending information through text on your own is part of these expectations.

Barney adds, “the main difference between AP and ACC is that it’s at a faster pace, so be ready for lots of information coming in short amounts of time.” While ACC moves pretty fast, AP moves a bit more swiftly in order to be ready for the exam in May. There is more information set into an AP class than the others, which makes the work-load heavier.

An AP calculus and physics student, senior Connor Ross added in a few more tips and strategies to tackling these classes, “Some difficulties that come with AP classes is that they tend to throw a lot of work at you at once, since there are blocks this year, which makes it a bit harder. Time management becomes more relevant in order to succeed. If you manage your time well with all the work and studying, then you will do well.”

Ross provides some tips for keeping up with your organizational skills.

“In order to stay organized, do homework as you are given it. Don’t wait until the last minute to start everything because then you will start to fall behind in everything, including sleep. A study method I use most frequently is taking notes. Writing stuff down helps secure it in your mind so the more you write the content down, the more you’ll know.”

Although AP classes are considered to be a bit more challenging compared to CCP and ACC, there are many beneficial aspects to them. Yes, it’s correct that there’s more work and studying, but using your resources and focusing can help you succeed through the ups and downs of AP. Along with helping you prepare for your future, it can be proven that hard work pays off very well in the end.

How to Prepare for College

By Brandon Berube and Spencer Rooney

With college around the corner, there are many things you need to do to prepare for as an incoming freshman.

If you are living at school, you will need to bring a lot of clothing, bathroom supplies, bedding, and a whole lot of food.

Colleges are filled with students and one of the biggest factors of finding success is to make new friends that welcome you and make your college experience an exciting one. Making new friends and experiencing the college lifestyle starts with meeting new people and creating new memories. Joining extracurricular clubs, intramural sports etc. will allow you to meet new people and learn new activities that you have never heard of.

There is a fine line between doing school work and having fun. A good work ethic during college will allow you to have fun inside and out of the classroom. Forming good work habits in high school like finishing your work on time and balancing out your studies will greatly improve your college habits.



“One of the biggest things is form good study habits/skills before college, and learn how to manage your time- not just with school work but learn how to be successful while also spending time doing stuff that you like,” advised Mike Murphy, junior at UNH and former Timberlane student. “I’d say the biggest thing is having a good balance.”

Another large part of preparation is making the most out of your high school classes. Getting good grades and paying attention is essential to getting into a good college and having success throughout your college experience.

Overall, the college life is coming up quicker than you think and the preparation process can be a struggle, the correct balance of school work and fun is essential to having the best college experience.

How to Survive a Hurricane

By Josh Banks

In recent news, the United States has been struck by two major hurricanes that have been thrashing throughout the southern region of the country. Hurricane Harvey and Irma have produced massive amounts of destruction, mainly throughout Texas and Florida as well as their neighboring states. The hurricanes provided extreme winds with speeds up to 200 mph and massive flooding throughout major cities and suburbs.

Hurricanes can be very dangerous and devastating to those affected by them. These disasters have caused people to create tips on how to prepare and survive a hurricane.

The first thing to do when an individual is aware of a hurricane coming is to, if possible, evacuate their location. The American Red Cross suggests preparing an emergency preparedness kit. This includes the essentials such as water (at least one gallon per person), food (non-perishable), money, IDs, medication, flashlights with batteries, first aid kit, cellular phones, personal documents (photo album, bank cards, passports), and anything else an individual feels that it is essential to them. For those who are daring enough to stay through a storm, it is suggested that these individuals prepare at least three days worth of food and water inside their homes.



A suggestion to avoid danger would be to have a strategic and realistic escape plan to exit from your damaged house, that has the potential to collapse on you. If you cannot escape your house, the best suggestion would be to find a secure location/room in your home.

An article by Travelers suggests, “Stay inside and keep away from all windows, skylights and glass doors. Go to a safe area, such as an interior room, closet or downstairs bathroom.”

By following this suggestion an individual should remain safe from shattering glass as well as being in a safer location in the circumstance that their home would collapse/cave inwards.

If any individual is to find themselves in the path of a monstrous hurricane, they should follow the provided steps to ensure not only their survival but the survival of their loved ones.

Dunkin Donuts Menu Changes

By: Andrew Trasatti

Could your favorite Dunkin Donuts item be eliminated forever? At a few select Dunkin Donuts locations, the menus are being chopped. Many favorites such as bagel twists, turkey and chicken sandwiches, chicken salad, some muffins, some bagels including blueberry, two flavors of cream cheese and the beloved caramel flavor shot are being removed for a seemingly odd reason.

Dunkin Donuts spokesperson Michelle King told the Boston Globe that the reason for the large change is “to enhance speed of service and in store operations.” This is not necessarily a bad thing, but Michelle King said the menu is supposedly “too complex and confusing,” which is forcing a change. Although this change is only at a few locations it could soon be a scary reality for New Hampshire Dunks. Also, according to Michelle King, Dunkin Donuts wants to implement this simplified menu on 1,000 New England locations by the end of October.

Although you may never get to enjoy your favorite Dunks sandwich again, there may be some upsides to this abrupt change. Hopefully waiting in the drive through behind the goof who ordered 100 big and toasteds will become a thing of the past. Also, everything will be quicker, so you will never be late again to first period.

Two Dunkin Donuts enthusiasts had serious opinions on this surprising change. Customer Jake Post is extremely disappointed with Dunkin Donuts. He was “pissed off” when he ordered a butter pecan coffee and they denied his request giving him a “horrible caramel swirl instead”. When asked if this was acceptable he promptly answered “No I may have to take my business elsewhere.”

Valued Dunkin Donuts employee Olivia Marshall expressed her thoughts and opinions with me. When asked if she agrees with what is happening she responded “sometimes they (Dunkin) make wrong decisions and take off items that are very popular.” She also added “I believe Nigel (Referring to Nigel Travis, the CEO of Dunkin Brands) is making irrational decisions that will affect his company.” I asked Marshall if she is worried that these changes will force customers like Mr. Post to order coffee elsewhere, and cause her to lose her job. She answered “I don’t believe it will affect my pay, but I fear that it will cause fewer and fewer customer to come to the store and that means I will get less tips and that is bad.”

Customers and employees both fear this change that Dunkin Donuts is planning to implement. It is unclear as to how this will affect Dunkin’s sales, but it has caused many people to fear the hard reality of possibly never enjoying their favorite items again.

The Rising and Falling Star Tay K

By Isaac Haseltine

By now most people who pay any attention to the rap community have heard of the arrest of the young up and coming rapper Tay K for capital murder and aggravated robbery. Taymor “Tay K” McIntyre was only sixteen years old, living on the outskirts of Dallas, when he was arrested for murder of Ethan Walker and home invasion in Mansfield, Texas, and another murder that took place in San Antonio after fleeing house arrest. But these charges have a large possibility of being dropped as no verdict has been made yet on his behalf.

Before the rapper was arrested for these charges he was locked up for putting an elderly man in the hospital with brain injuries. On May 25, in Arlington, Texas, Taymor raised his snub nose revolver to the back of Skip Pepes head and demanded him to give his wallet over. When Pepe refused Taymor pistol whipped him and was arrested later that day. Since then Pepe has posted a video of his reaction to the whole situation, and the local new station has interviewed him. Skip easily pointed out the face of Taymor, and stated he had done this for the police as well.

Taymor was found in New Jersey after cutting his ankle monitor off, starting “The Race”. The rapper and his story went viral when he released his hit track, “The Race”, while on the run from the police. Since his arrest, his court case has had its up and downs. On August 30th the judge ruled that Taymor will be tried as an adult. This was viewed to be very negative for the sixteen year old, and gave him the appearance as a heartless criminal. Taymor’s lawyer stated that contrary to popular belief this ruling won’t affect if he is found innocent or guilty.

Social media gave Tay K a lot of love by making his music much more popular, and some people gave their opinion on the case and started the hashtag “#FreeTayk”. There was also a lot of people spreading the idea that he was in fact the murderer. Through popular accounts on Twitter and Instagram there were jokes posted about his situation. Later evidence has shown that he was one of seven people involved with the home invasion. And the legal team working with McIntyre is confident that he will come out of this situation innocent. This is big news for him, and since then there has been videos put out of him behind the visitation glass wall of him seeming very optimistic of the whole thing. If Taymor is able to make it out of all this every rap fan will be excited since Taymor is expecting record labels to want to sign him immediately opening the door to his professional music career. Tay K will have to keep his goals in mind and stay out of trouble if he wants to be successful in life.



HOW TO DRESS: TIMBERLANE EDITION

By Isaac Haseltine and Nick Braga

Have you ever woken up and not known what to wear? Do you want to update your style? Or do you just have no style? With years of experience in the streetwear scene, we are here to help. Let’s explore the halls and talk menswear.

We ran into local influencer Stephen Espinola and had a quick talk about menswear and trends. Stephen is very passionate about his unique style, and had a lot to talk about. He was very adamant that music and the media has shaped his style over the years. Being an avid skater also adds a cool aspect to his wardrobe. Stephen claims to have a closet estimated at about 4-5 grand; so he can attest to variety being key. Stephen is up on a lot of the trends, and he is very opinionated on some of them. For instance, as a skater, he believes that the Thrasher trend needs to end soon. Thrasher is a very popular skateboarding magazine who sells merchandise at mall across the country. This merchandise is very popular amongst teenage girls. Stephen gave us some great insight for our advice portion as well.

Deion Sanders once said “Look good, feel good...” Just wear what you feel comfortable in. Stay true to yourself. However, if you’re looking to revive your closet we can help. Here are 3 tips to get yourself looking right. First things first; variety is key. It is very important to have clothes that look good in a number of outfits. Also having basic items to build off of is essential.

Just because something looks good, doesn’t mean it looks good on you. Don’t be a poser: Meaning don’t copy other people’s styles. Try to develop your own style. If you don’t skate, it’s time to retire the Thrasher. Wear what looks good on you.

You don’t need money to look good. Savers is awesome if you know what you’re looking for. Before you go in think of something that you would love to find. That way you’ll be more open to other alternatives. If you’re not into Savers then H&M is another great alternative. H&M is a fast fashion store has good quality basic clothing at an affordable price point.



Looking for advice and help with your outfits is completely underrated. You want your outfit to look good in your own eyes. Sometimes it seems as though most people at Timberlane don’t take pride in how they look., it seems like you’re not taking a close enough look at what you’re wearing. Ask a friend, a kid in class, or even one of us in person if you want another opinion other than your own on your outfit.

Dangers of SnapMap

By Sarah Casey

The popular app Snapchat has been targeting the interests of high schoolers since 2011. With new updates and features, Snapchat consistently draws in subscribers.

Snapchat, being a well-known social media app, knows how to catch high schooler’s interests. For starters, we all know Snapchat as sending your friends pictures or funny videos, posting snap stories, streaks, saving snap memories and much more. Over the years, Snapchat has updated their app with new features; some of these better than others, with the most recent update being SnapMap.

Teens are loving this new update. But do they really know the dangerous side of things? High schoolers love that it’s an easy tool to check up on your friends. But not everyone uses this to just “check up” on you friends. People are finding out that this app is starting to become an invasion of personal privacy.

Here are the logistics of SnapMap. A map in the Snapchat app that allows your Snapchat friends to see your location once they open the map. With just one click of a button, you are totally invading someone’s privacy! Why do so many people like this feature? Today in this generation, teenagers are engaged in knowing what their friends are doing and where they are at all times. But, they are unaware of the dangers this can cause.

SnapMap is very similar to “Find my Friends” for Iphones. On Find my Friends, you are able to connect your number with another number and share locations. You have full control of who sees your location. On the other hand, SnapMap doesn’t give you as much control. Although “Ghost Mode” is a feature in the app that hides your location from your Snapchat friends to see. This can be viewed as a good thing for most people. Putting yourself on Ghost Mode gives people that safe feeling. But if most people are putting themselves on Ghost Mode right away, why have this feature anyways?

The problem is that not all our Snapchat friends may be your closest best friend that you trust with seeing your location. People will take advantage of this tool and could stalk your location. This is dangerous for everyone who uses this Snapmap tool. High schoolers, adults and even young kids with a Snapchat account are taking the risk of someone taking advantage of your location.

We all need to be taking caution of this app. It can be a fun way to interact with your friends, but we need to know the dangers this app can pose also.

Apple vs. Android, which is the Better Platform?

By Cole Harnois

With new technology on the rise, and companies are always competing to create the latest and greatest devices. Two of the most notable technology platforms in the last five years have been Apple and Android. Both platforms are creating smart phones, both of which have their ups and downs.

To find which company makes the better phone, four students were interviewed, two with iphones and two with androids. Kyle Gleason and Sam Hovan (iphones) both said that their favorite features of their iPhones were iMessage and group chats. This is important to note because Androids can’t be in group chats (with iPhones). On the other hand, Sam and Kyle both thought the iPhone’s battery was not very reliable and



the phone itself breaks easily. Kyle rated the phone 7/10 and for Sam 8.72/10. For reference, the average iPhone 7 battery lasts around 12 hours when fully charged, but the Moto X is more than double that at close to 30 hours. The Moto Z also charges at a faster rate, and can be charged wirelessly, unlike the iPhone.

Farai Zhou and Taylor Donovan, both said the worst part of their Androids (Taylor has a Motto Z and Farai has a ZTE) was the low quality camera on certain apps such as snapchat. The main cameras are pretty even, the iPhone 7 having a 12mp camera

and Moto Z with a 13mp. Taylor also noted he prefers the display on his phone more than iPhones. One area the Moto lacks is storage, having a max capacity of 64gb, to the iPhone’s 256gb (however the Moto Z does have an SD slot for additional storage). Both phones are the same size, at 5.5 inches, however the Moto Z has a much greater screen resolution. In the end, both Taylor and Farai love their phones, giving them ratings of 8/10 and “A solid 8/10”.

With two people for each platform, Riordan West Geary was asked about his phone sort of as a tiebreaker.Riordan has a Samsung Galaxy S4 and was quoted saying “Getting an Android is probably the worst decision a person could make in their entire life”.

In conclusion, whichever phone a person thinks is better solely depends on their preference. Androids are known for better batteries compared to iPhones, but also have the downside of lacking the ability to be with iPhones in groups. Some features are more important to people than others, which is what drives them to choose the phone they want. From firsthand interviews, it can be seen that both phones are great in their own ways, but not perfect.

Fighting for Spirit Week

By Lily Collins

As we all know, Spirit Week this year was supposed to be only three days long. Everyone was heated, upset, or felt betrayed. This is one of the only weeks during the school year that students actually enjoy coming in, and shortening it doesn’t benefit any of us. We all feel genuine about this beloved week, and we would hate for it to be shortened. Many students spoke out about a three-day Spirit Week.

Olivia “Pusheen” Marshall says “I feel disappointed, sad and betrayed. This is the best week of the year, and now we can’t even enjoy all of it.”

Elizabeth McGowan, of the Players, also commented on Spirit Week being three days. “I’m aggravated because it lessens our time to have fun, and it’s only one week a year. One week is short enough, but now it’s even shorter.”

“It’s a bummer” says Senior and Cross-Country star Jake Huberdeau. “We look forward to this week all year, and now it won’t be the same.”

Luckily, the three day week was changed. Spirit Week is now November 13th-18th, with the Spirit Week Dance being on that Saturday.

This conclusion was a pleasant one for all of the student body. Having a full week to celebrate this very special event makes everything feel less rushed, resulting in everyone having a fun time. Spirit Week should be something that is enjoyed by everyone, nobody should feel that the events or days are cramped.

“I’m glad that they changed it, especially since now it’s after fall sports. Now the ones that participate in them can attend all the after school festivities.” Says Pusheen. Spirit Week is a time where we all come together to support our class and overall, our school. Limiting our time to do so kills the joy of this experience, especially since we only do it once a year. Having Spirit Week back to normal is a relief to most, now that it can properly be celebrated like the past 50 years.



Divine Dorms & Awesome Amenities

By Austin Townsend

It’s common for a college with great educational programs to be lacking in adequate living quarters. Although, some colleges prove otherwise, having adequate academics and PHAT cribs. The following is a non-ranked list of 6 colleges with super groovy dorms (room and board prices provided):

Loyola University, Maryland- Loyola dorms are all spacious, modern, and described by the Princeton Review as being comparable to palaces. This may be a big claim, seeing as it is an apartment style dorm and is lacking in the space needed to be considered a palace. Nonetheless, these dorms are pretty bangin’, 10/10 would recommend. (\$12,888)

Warren Wilson, North Carolina- Eco dorms located in the Asheville, NC mountain area with free laundry, a full kitchen, and full furnishing. Despite the environmental sustainability of the dorms themselves, you may find the price fails to be sustainable for your wallet. Despite this, for a dorm that has both comfortability and environmentally friendly qualities this is the perfect choice. (\$10,660)

Santa Clara University, California- Apart from its ballin’ San Jose suburb location, this dorm has private bathrooms, extra long beds, and lounges on every floor. But don’t be fooled, these benefits come with a price (which makes sense for a school located in the Silicon Valley). Although, if these are adequate incentives for you, the price would be well worth it. (\$12,546)



Washington University, Missouri- Dorms that have a variety of specifications regarding layout, furnishings, and independent preference. All share in being spacious and comfortable, except maybe the pricing. A dorm named after Washington in Missouri may be as out of place as a college with great dorms in a state as obscure as Missouri. That being said, if you see yourself as a diamond in the rough and want to live as such, this is the perfect choice for you! (\$13,502)

Harvard University, Massachusetts- Is there anything less to be expected of this prestigious school than having sweet suite dorms? Each has two to four independent bedrooms and a common area, additionally offering parking for first year students. That’s right, first year students can pahk the cah at Hahvahd. (\$14,115)

Vanderbilt University, Tennessee- This university has dorms that vary in size, each having a twin sized bed, a closet with two chests, and campus Wifi for every student. Being named after Cornelius Vanderbilt, this college sure knows how to capitalize, having a comfortable dorm with arguably uncomfortable pricing! (\$14,670)

These are among the unanimously top ranked dorms for comfortability in the country, as listed by Business Insider. That being said, if you do not see yourself spending much time in your dorm, these may not be the best options for you. Although all are high in pricing, they are all worth the price if dorms that are actually livable are a top priority for you.

The Power of Electric Cars

By Jake Heckman

Brands like Tesla, Toyota, Chevy, BMW and Ford all have their versions of electric cars. Tesla, notorious for the fastest 0-60 time in the world, is the most well known all electric car. The Tesla Model S P100D holds the record for the fastest 0-60 time at a stunning 2.28 seconds, beating out super car brands like Bugatti, Lamborghini and Porsche. Bugatti’s quickest car is the new Bugatti Chiron, with a close time of 2.3 seconds. This proves that just because a car is electric and gets good gas mileage, it doesn’t mean it can’t blow your socks off.

One topic that people are concerned about when buying electric cars are where and when they can recharge their vehicle. The good news is that there are many different charging stations available to charge up in every state. Parking garages are a very common spot to have special parking for electric vehicles equipped with a charger. There are also charging stations, which are basically the same concept as a modern day gas station. Most owners charge their cars overnight at their house, so the vehicle is ready for another 280 miles for the next few days to come.



Electric cars are also very good for the environment due to the lack of emissions produced. Since electric cars don’t burn gas in order to run a engine, there is no exhaust to put out harmful emissions. Electric cars don’t put out nearly as many greenhouses gasses as the average gasoline vehicle. Gasoline vehicles are the largest culprit for ozone pollution. In cities like Tokyo, Japan, haze covers the entire city due to the output of exhaust released by gasoline vehicles.

Electric cars are not only good for the environment, but they can also be very quick. Cars like the Tesla Model S P100D and the Rimac one are amongst the fastest 0-60 times in the world.

When it comes to luxury, they won’t disappoint either. Electric cars offer a very smooth ride due to the lack of engine vibrations. They also don’t produce any engine noise. One could cruise down the road and nothing can be heard except for the wind it is disturbing.

All in all, electric cars seem to be the best option for people who are looking for luxury, speed and keeping the environment clean. Electric cars beat out some of the quickest cars in the world surprising many as they boost off the line in silence and luxury.

Internet Browsing: Free Or Controlled?

By Josh Banks

It is no secret that the internet has become an extremely popular and useful tool for everyday life. However, recently internet service providers have begun to control an individual’s right to surf the web freely. This problem is known as net neutrality.

Net neutrality has become a heavily controversial topic in recent years. The problem stems from internet service providers or ISPs (Comcast, Verizon Fios, etc.) deliberately reducing bandwidth or completely blocking websites because the provider has determined the website “highly controversial” or “unsavory.” These actions have upset numerous people because they feel as though ISPs are now controlling their web access.

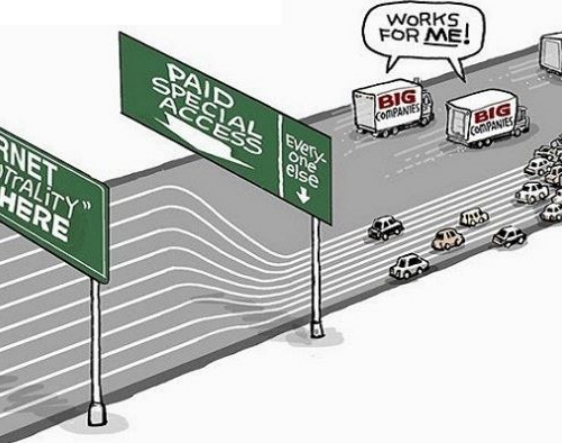
“If we lose net neutrality, we lose the internet as we know it.” The founder of the World Wide Web, Tim Berners-Lee, shared his opinion of the topic.

As of July 12, 2017, the “Day of Action to Save Net Neutrality” was created by various organizations and many advocates such as Patreon, Spotify, Dropbox, and Netflix among others, who support net neutrality in the United States. This topic has been debated between civilians, ISPs, and has even reached Congress’ doorstep. In an article by Forbes magazine, journalist Nelson Granados states that the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) issued the Open Internet Order in 2015, demanding ISPs and broadband providers to understand that internet access is to be treated as a basic telecommunication service, thus supporting net neutrality.

ISPs, in addition to controlling the speed in which consumers can load certain websites, can also increase the speeds of other wealthier websites of their choice, which can cause serious disadvantages to start-up companies. These actions followed by ISPs have created tension between consumers and their companies because the consumers feel as if their freedom to choose which websites they view has been revoked.

An article by Public Knowledge states, “In the absence of net neutrality, companies can buy priority access to ISP customers. Larger, wealthier companies like Google or Facebook can pay ISPs to provide faster, more reliable access to their websites than to potential competitors.” These actions have caused a series of protesters to rally in favor of free internet access.

The controversy over net neutrality has not been solved yet. The issue remains because ISPs will continue trying to do what they find most beneficial for their business. However, the FCC has generated new laws with regulations on how internet is to be treated and distributed. Only time will tell whether this debate of net neutrality ends in favor of ISPs or consumers.



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