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## A Look Into the Woods

By Maria Heim and Maggie McCormick

"I wish... more than anything!" to go see Into the Woods just one more time put on by Timberlane's very own Timberlane Players. On May 3-5, the Players lit up the PAC stage in their 31st season. They have done it again, putting on a lovely show till the curtain closed.

Into the Woods revolves around several of Perrault, Anderson, and Grimm fairytale characters. The play includes many favorite classics including "Cinderella", "Jack and the Beanstalk", "Little Red Riding Hood", "Rapunzel", and many more. Throughout the plot, their backgrounds are explained and eventually all of them connect as their stories cross in "the woods." Their purpose to venture into the woods surrounds their original fairy tales, except for the baker and his wife, both of whom are told to go "Into the Woods" to reverse a spell put on by a witch. In order to reverse the curse, they must fetch several items from each character.

If you have not watched Into the Woods, the summary may have been a bit confusing. In contrast, it is explained and more apparent as the play continues. For example, Act I and Act II are completely different moods and storylines. Act I follows a more received interpretation of the fairy tales, as in a "happily ever after." In Act II, the happy ending for all is non-existent. The fairytales become twisted with turns you never see coming.

***"It's one thing to sing a song by itself, but it's another to be a different person while singing at the same time."***

*~ Ellie McCormick*

Typically, the musical is the largest and most exciting theatrical event of the year. Senior Brian Desjardins had played both Rapunzel's Prince and the Wolf (of Red Riding Hood) on off nights. Desjardins said, "For certain, Into the Woods was one of my favorite shows to act in. Granted, that isn't quite the extensive list! I only joined the Players this year, much to my regret, and the only other show I had done was Arsenic and Old Lace. I loved the acting part of Arsenic, but I loved the musical aspect of Into the Woods."

The performance off of Into the Woods was passionate. The actors and actresses have a true talent. When sitting in the audience, you believe the students that play their characters. They are not just saying lines in costumes on a stage. They have a true presence and love for performing.



Photo Courtesy of Ellie McCormick

With great performance, comes challenges. Amber Malkin, a senior had played the witch. "My biggest challenge was memorizing everything in a short amount of time."

Senior Bryan Lavoie, who played the Baker, also experienced some of what Amber and many other cast members experienced. Lavoie says he, "spent many hours preparing lines. Probably close to an hour a day for two weeks." You would never know it was such a challenge because the show truly was amazing.

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## STEAM Camp

By Hannah Magliocchetti

Over April break, our school held a STEAM camp for 4th graders throughout our district. STEAM represents Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. It brought awareness to these subjects that leads kids to a future in these fields. The camp took place Monday, April 23rd to Wednesday, April 26th from 9 am to 12 pm. It was a very successful camp run by one of our Academic Deans, Mr. Mark Pedersen. The program was created to engage young minds with important subjects they will use and to prepare the kids.

Students from our high school helped run the camp and introduce the children to the design process using a laser cutter and a 3D printer. The mission was to create a pancake company. They designed a logo, apron, and spatula for their company.

Senior Justin Berube, who took part in running the camp, said "The kids were really interested and worked hard but also had a great time."

On the final day, the students from the high school made the kids pancakes to go along with their new pancake companies they had created. More and more high school students also are participating with the program corresponding with honor societies such as Math, Science, Art, and National Honor Societies. It was a successful and educational camp where children have fun while learning.



Photo Courtesy of Dean Zanello

It was a new experience for the students helping out to see what the children can build on their own. Another senior who contributed was Taylor Donovan. Donovan expressed many thoughts about this eye-opening opportunity, "STEAM camp was a great experience for the 4th graders to get introduced into different types of engineering. It was also a great excuse for older students to be role models for younger kids and to show them all the possibilities of taking classes in the STEAM department here at the high school."

Lastly Mr. Pedersen, who ran the camp, expressed how the camp went, "The camp was more difficult to put together this year, but the elementary schools kids stepped up and so did the high schoolers to bring the camp together and make it as successful as it was."

This marked the fourth year of the STEAM camp and it will continue in the future because of its success and the progress seen in younger children taking more and more interest in the STEAM courses.



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## An "A" for Mrs. A

By Al Barney

Anna Tantaro, or Ms. A as her students call her is a cornerstone in the Timberlane community. In the halls, it is impossible to miss that curly hair and smile. This year was her 8th year teaching at our school. Before working in the special education department here at Timberlane, Ms. A was a physical education teacher over in Kansas City, Missouri for 34 years.

Explaining her decision to switch to special education, Ms. A told us "I was Tired of being in the gym and I had to come back here to Massachusetts to take care of my mom. I thought I'd better get another degree... I taught adaptive P.E when I was a physical education teacher so I wanted to try intensive special needs which is my joy and my passion."

There is no question Ms. A would have been a great addition to our PE Staff, but certainly everyone that knows her is positive that she is fantastic at her relatively new position. All of her students love her. Everytime one of her students walks into room 309 their day is made is when they see Ms. Anna Tantaro pop up from behind her desk.

It is not only special education students who love Ms. A. Meghan Oliver, Class of 2018 president and member of Best Buddies, said that Ms. A is "awesome and caring for all her students. She makes feel like they are just like every other kid in our school".

The advisor for Best Buddies, she has helped the entire school. Being a huge piece in this year's dodgeball tournament and many other events, Timberlane is better because Ms. A came into these walls. One of her most redeeming qualities has been her ability to talk to anyone she comes across. If you run into Ms. A during the day you are bound to have a quality conversation about anything, even if that was your first time meeting her.

We will all miss Ms. Tantaro. She plans to move to Florida and continue her teaching there. "I want to teach for about 5 more years.". When asked her favorite memory, she could not narrow it down to just one. "There's so many, my cherished memories would be everything we did in this room, best buddies, the staff, and the outings."

It is hard to pinpoint an exact moment that makes Ms. A, Ms. A. Her constantly cheery mood no matter what is going on for her personally, her dedication to helping others, or just her overall personality, it is impossible to not love Ms. A. It will be hard to let her go but one thing is for certain, wherever she ends up, they will be lucky to have her.

Letter from the author: Ms. A, Thank you for everything. Your support, your smile, and everything you did for me and every other student is something I will never forget or stop being grateful for. We will all miss you so much. Good luck in Florida!!



Photo Courtesy of Anna Tantaro

## Hasta La Vasta!

By Sarah Casey and Hannah Magliocchetti

While she may be petite, with her loud voice and even larger heart, Mrs. Doreen Vasta has made an impact upon staff and students alike here at Timberlane for the last 23 years. According to Mrs. Lisa Cerne, Mrs. Vasta is "the mother hen of TRHS and oversees every daily aspect of life at TRHS."

Mrs. Vasta graduated from Salem State with a degree in accounting. She currently serves as the school's bookkeeper in the AP's office, but she has worked in various positions, such as working in the front office and also being in charge of discipline. Mrs. Vasta is the go to person for anything involving money-she's in charge of ordering everything from desks and chairs to materials as small as a paint brush. In addition, she organizes scholaships, oversees all club and group accounts, helps with financing field trips, managing fundraisers, and overseeing the school's Sunshine Fund.

"Even though she is extremely busy with all of the work it takes to keep Timberlane up and running, she always takes the time to ask you how you are doing and never hesitates to give you some advice, whether you ask for it or not! She genuinely cares about everyone in this school and has made a personal connection with most of the staff that works here," said Cerne.

Because Mrs. Vasta has worked here for over 20 years, she has gotten to know a lot of the students and staff that have come through this school, "My favorite thing is getting to have interaction with the students and working with some great people who became good friends."

Just talking to Mrs. Vasta will brighten up anyone's day. Mrs. Vasta is someone who has a great impact on staff and students attitude because she is always positive, happy and kind to everyone.

"Mrs. Vasta has impacted the TRHS community with her wit, charm, and unbelievably awesome personality! She's been a pleasure to work with," said one of Mrs. Vasta's partners in crime, Mrs. Brenda Laycock.

For Mrs. Laycock, Mrs. Vasta is her "work BFF." The two eat lunch together every day, "We buy lottery tickets and go to Stillwell's for ice cream! I call it our 'lunchcapdes.' I will miss our lunches together most of all."

Mrs. Vasta will be missed by everyone at Timberlane for her bright personality. Mrs. Vasta having a small desk in the AP's office, still had to chance in her 23 years here to have made an impact on everyone she had met.



# Thank you, Mr. Wayne Smith for 13 years of service!

We will miss your smiling face out and about  
the school grounds.

Best wishes from your Owl Family!

## A Tribute to Coach Mim Ryan

By Saige Wolff and Alana Miller

From winning championships to making a difference in the lives of hundreds of students each year, the time has come for Coach Ryan to retire and start a new chapter in her life.



Courtesy of Timberlane Yearbook

Coach Ryan taught competitive gym, also coined a competitive gym, and introduction to physical education. She was the varsity coach of the Timberlane field hockey team. She is a very loving teacher who has stolen the hearts of many students. Coach Ryan has affected the lives of students around her and will be very missed.

Mr. Pasquini believes that Coach Ryan is an inspiration to those who meet her and believes she gives others the motivation to try their best and always strive for the next level of accomplishment. He commented on the fact that her "expectations don't change for anyone, no matter who you are". Pasquini also said that he could always count on her for a smile and a laugh when he needed it. "She doesn't sugar coat anything she says, she is very straightforward and will tell you exactly how she feels". Pasquini wants to wish Coach Ryan many sunny days in Florida; he also "hopes her husband doesn't drive her too crazy".

Coach Ryan has been a teacher working in the athletic department at Timberlane for 18 years. Throughout her long career here, she has earned many amazing accolades and accomplishments, including winning Timberlane's first Girls Field Hockey tournament in 2009. "This was really special to me because it was Timberlane's first win and I was a part of it."

This was one of Mrs. Ryan's favorite memories here at Timberlane, and it will be one that sticks with her throughout her life.

When Mrs. Nye was asked about what she would miss most about working with us here at Timberlane she said without hesitation that she, "would miss the teachers she worked alongside with and especially the students she had the chance to work with."

Mrs. Nye talked to us about her interactions with Coach Ryan and said they always had laughs together. Mrs. Nye talked very nicely about Coach Ryan and said that she has made an impact upon Timberlane by being one of the strongest female leaders in our community. She said she will "miss seeing her every single day and miss their friendship in general". Her well wishes for Coach Ryan's retirement include only one thing; she "Hopes it rains every day while they're in Florida".

Many love Coach Ryan, including the many seasons of field hockey teams she was a part of coaching. She led the girls field hockey teams to two back to back wins in the 2016 year and this year, 2017. The Timberlane community will miss Coach Ryan greatly, especially her girls on the field hockey team.

Timberlane has affected Coach Ryan in the most positive ways over the past 18 years of working, "I am appreciative of the colleagues I have been working with over the past years".

Mrs. Ryan, our school appreciates everything you have done for us throughout your years at Timberlane. YOU have made an enormous impact on this school and we will forever be thankful for your dedication and commitment. We, as a school, wish you the best of luck and many fun and relaxed days during your retirement. You will be greatly missed, thank you for all that you do, warm wishes.

## Thank you, Mrs. Mimi Trisdale

By Mandi Hailson, Aaron Augusta and Jess Amorelli

After twenty-one years of devotion and passion of teaching, one of the most respected teachers in special education, Mimi Trisdale made the decision of retiring this year. Since the school year is ending, students and some teachers may be going their own ways. Mimi Trisdale, a speech pathology teacher, has devoted her life to Timberlane and she is now retiring after twenty-one years of dedication. Timberlane has given her a comfortable environment and the ability to inspire her students.



Photo Courtesy of Valerie Zdrada

Mrs. Trisdale's education first started at Suffolk University in Boston, MA where she earned her bachelor's degree. After her bachelor's degree, she continued her education at Northeastern University and received her master's degree in speech pathology. She did not want to be a teacher who taught the everyday curriculum, so she decided to go into speech pathology where she could teach in smaller groups, "I like the diversity of what I do," said Mrs. Trisdale. She likes being able to connect with her students in a variety of ways.

Some of the things she will miss most when she retires are all of her colleagues, Spirit Week events and the students. Working at Timberlane for so long gave her a family that she'll never forget.

Ms. Beaudet states "Trisdale has been an intricate part of the TRHS community. As a speech pathologist, Mrs. Trisdale has positively influenced many students by providing effective strategies, which supports and encourage students towards their independent skills."

Mrs. Trisdale has had an effective influence on each of her students and the TRHS district. Mrs. Trisdale devoted her time to many students that needed her help and even her colleagues. Timberlane has become a home for her and that environment was exactly what she was looking for.

Even though she is leaving Timberlane, we will all remember everything she has done for the community. From her beautifully crafted handpainted Christmas gifts that she would make for EVERY staff member to her sweet, caring disposition, she has made an impact on us all.

The Timberlane community hopes that she will come and visit but also be able to enjoy her retirement. Thank you, Mrs. Trisdale for everything you have done to make the Timberlane environment welcoming to students.

## Congratulations, Mrs. Lee!

By Anthony Gianelly

Timberlane school nurse Candace Lee has been working at Timberlane Regional High School since 2001. Lee earned her Nursing degree from Salem State College and before landing the job at Timberlane, she was an ICU nurse, and an educational coordinator for Hale Hospital.

When she was hired, she was the first nurse to work in tandem with Linda Morse. Up until that point, Timberlane only had one nurse working each day. Due to Lee's previous achievements and experiences, she was able to be a huge influence on the Timberlane Health Office and the school as a whole. Lee played a large role in putting the current disaster plan in place. Lee is also responsible for all of the red first aid backpacks in every classroom. She also had the first AEDs installed in the school.



Courtesy of TRHS Yearbook

From organizing a Hepatitis B clinic to putting a new CPR program into effect for the whole district, Lee was able to help countless people. Throughout her years of work, Lee influenced countless younger nurses throughout the district. She also instructed, and helped other nurses instruct, First Aid and CPR classes. In 2006, she received a Merit Award for her district wide CPR and AED initiative.

Mrs. Anne Marie Mezquita fondly recounts her time spent with Lee in the nurse's office, "She was a wonderful coworker and she welcomed all who came to visit the health office. She helped very many students."

Mrs. Bonnie Christian, who worked alongside Lee for her last year, shared her sentiments, "Candace was a great mentor to school nursing. Her years of experience and clinical strength benefited me tremendously. She was very committed to the students and faculty here at Timberlane."

Lee will be remembered and missed due to the leadership and kindness that she constantly displayed.

## AP Testing

By Meagan White

Imagine sitting in a classroom for four hours taking a test that you have been studying for all year. Students around the country spend September to May preparing for one test. The AP Exam.

The AP exam is not a normal exam. All AP exams are graded on a scale of 1-5. Depending on the college, a four or five might allow you to bypass the class in college. The tests have a multiple-choice section, and then free response/essays. The multiple-choice is answered on a scantron, but an actual person will grade the free response/essay section.

After studying for month's students to question whether or not AP classes are worth it. According to sophomore, Lexy Howard, "I think that taking AP classes helps you with time management since you have a lot of work to do on top of learning all the content, and you have to know how to juggle it all." The workload in AP classes is much greater than the average accelerated and CCP class. Due to the limited amount of time before the AP exam, teachers have to cover all the content to ensure students are well prepared.

Many students believe that there are many benefits to taking AP courses in high school. Some reasons include that it there is an opportunity to earn college credit, and if someone does not pass the exam it will make the class easier in college. Jake Morrier, current junior at Timberlane believes that AP classes "look good for colleges and challenges students more than ACC or CCP classes do."

Taking an AP exam has a whole different vibe than taking normal exams in school. On test day walking into the mods is stressful. In your testing room an adult, also known as a proctor, is monitoring you. College Board must certify the proctor, and it cannot be the teacher that teaches the course. Your proctor collects all cell phones, and hands out the shrink-wrapped booklets. They go over directions and then they say "you my began" and that is when you have to start bringing back knowledge from the beginning of the year that your teacher thought might be on the test.

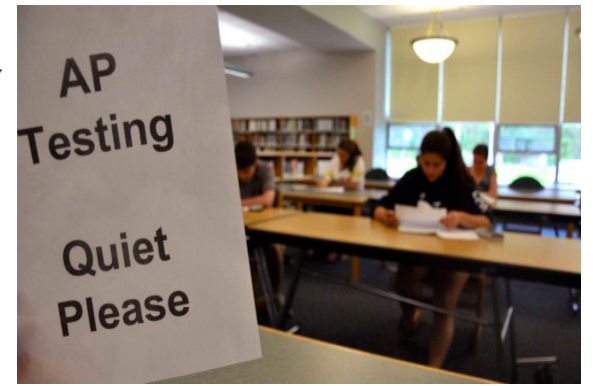


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## Student Thoughts About Block Scheduling

By Emily Drislane

This year the transition to block scheduling had a profound change on students and their classes. There are many differences from our old schedule. We went from having eight classes a day to four, which is a substantial difference. Classes are now an hour and a half long. Many students and staff have opinions on how block scheduling has changed their school year, both negative and positive.

Students have very varied opinions on block scheduling. Some of them are very positive about block scheduling. Some of the benefits of block scheduling are having more time to accomplish projects and having more variety in your schedule rather than having the same classes every day. Also, the length of block schedule classes are similar to college classes and can help prepare students for college. Senior Abi Denault says, "I liked it this year, probably just because of having classes every other day. Also, you get more time to get your work done and it's convenient if you have an art class or a class with a lot of writing involved so you can get everything done in one period."



Photo Courtesy of Faculty Focus

However, some students have pointed out some valid criticisms of block scheduling. Many students were concerned about being able to focus in class and forgetting information in between classes. Senior Lily Collins is very passionate about her hatred of block scheduling. She said, "I hate it. I think it makes classes way too long and boring. Teachers are unprepared and it makes me less motivated to go to class. Good luck to all the underclassmen that have to deal with this tomfoolery." Another important negative about block scheduling is that while seniors and juniors may enjoy their extended free periods, many freshmen and sophomores don't have that privilege. Senior Josh Banks says, "I believe block scheduling is a great thing for seniors and juniors. However, I can see block scheduling being overwhelming for freshmen and sophomores. Overall, I like block scheduling and the only problem I see is students having a class on Thursday and then not having it again until Monday."

The students perspective is very important, but what do the teachers think? English teacher Mr. Woodworth feels positive about block scheduling. He wrote, "I find block scheduling to be very comfortable compared to previous years. I enjoy the pace of classes, and I like that students aren't rushed and are able to complete assignments within one class period." Having more time to prepare lessons for their classes benefits teachers at well.

Overall block scheduling has made a big impact on students at Timberlane. There are benefits to our schedule, such as having more time to complete projects, but this first year of block scheduling has proven to be a difficult adjustment for students and staff alike. Hopefully the negatives will be addressed and improved for the next school year.

## Race to Valedictorian

By Drew Wilson

The position of valedictorian is one that is conveyed in nearly every high school nationwide. Many of our school's smartest students have had the title on their mind since the day they walked into high school. Being the valedictorian is much bigger than having the best grades in your class; it is a way to show colleges your superior drive and motivation to be the best.

The race to get to valedictorian is one that is very difficult for those involved, especially considering that "senioritis" is rampant and slowly but surely infecting even the most determined students. Many of the seniors here at Timberlane are quite eager to find out who their chosen Valedictorian is and expectations are very high after last year's powerful but controversial speech by Joy Steenson that upset many but inspired others.

Regardless of who ultimately gets the valedictorian role for this year's senior class, they will be taking on the very tall task of summing up the classes' four years of high school experience all in one small speech. Timberlane senior Bob Horgan said, "Whoever gets the position, I'm sure will give an amazing speech. All the candidates are wicked smart." That quote shows how much faith this senior class has in each other.

This year's senior class is exceptional in many ways but one of the most profound in the eyes of many is the fact that everyone is friends with everyone. Cliques which are found in nearly every high school are nowhere to be found. All in all the class of 2018 was one that will be spoken of here for years, and they made a huge impact athletically, academically, and in the community.



Photo Courtesy of The Eagle Tribune

## Big Buddy, Little Buddy Day

By Sarah Casey

The Timberlane School District has seven schools in the community. Since we have a big school district, it is very rare that us high schoolers can interact with other students in those schools. Being a community, we should be able to share a bond other than just being in the same district.

To improve this, at the high school, we give the students a way to interact with the other students in our district. Every year, Student Council puts together a Big Buddy, Little Buddy Day. This year on May 24, 3rd graders from Pollard Elementary will come to the high school and spend the day with some high school students. Students who are interested apply to be a big buddy and then, if selected, are randomly paired up with a 3rd grade little buddy. Each buddy writes letters back and forth to get to know each other before they meet. It's truly a fun way to get involved with the other students in our community.

Mrs. Libby, a teacher and our Student Council advisor has been putting on this program for 17 years. Mrs. Libby's goal for this program was to give the younger kids an older mentor to look up to. Mrs. Libby hopes that the younger kids and high school kids can build a connection so well that the younger kids can see what they could potentially be as a high school student. On Big Buddy, Little Buddy



Photo courtesy of Jillian Grew and Dean Zanello

Day, Student Council has planned to play outside, play in the gym, show the little buddies around the school, including classrooms and eat lunch together. In the past, big buddies have brought little gifts for their little buddies which they have seemed to enjoy. This could mean getting them candy, a sports ball, a coloring book, bubbles or any other age appropriate gift. "This big buddy, little buddy day is also a way for the high school students to give back to their community." There's no doubt this day will be a lot of fun for the little buddies and a great experience for the big buddies as well.

## Thank You Teachers

By Mandi Hailson

Everyone has a role model like their parents or a close friend, but for some, their teachers may be their biggest role model.

During the week of May 7th, students and families are brought together to appreciate what each teacher has done for their students and the community. Teachers are the ones that shape us into who we are today and prepare us for our futures. Teachers provide direction, a sense of security and the ability to succeed in academics.

Teacher appreciation week is a week-long celebration to recognize teachers and their contributions they make to education and the community. On this day, students and parents show their appreciation by gifting cards, presents and even providing them a special lunch or breakfast. With these special events that are happening throughout the week will provide teachers a break and a thank you for all they have done to make the school environment safe and welcoming.

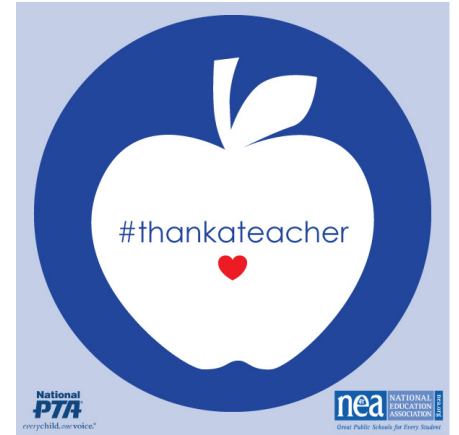


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Throughout the week, many community groups contributed some type of treat for the staff. The PTSA, led by Caroline Longchamp, planned both a breakfast and an ice cream social for the staff. In addition, raffles were drawn throughout the week ranging from gift cards to gift baskets.

Administrative Assistant Mrs. Mangini has taken part in the festivities by setting up materials to prepare for the breakfast on May 8th. The Wellness Committee also took part in this event by leaving fruit bowls in all of the department offices and the teacher's lounge. It is comforting knowing that each teacher is getting treated with a breakfast and being appreciated for all that they have done.

Teachers in our community do everything they can to provide us with an education and the confidence to continue our education.. Each student should take a couple minutes of their day and think of a teacher that has been there through tough times and should show their compassion to all staff throughout the school. Showing compassion towards teachers during this week- and even after- will brighten up their

day. Thank you, teachers.

## Stem Night

By Ryan Monahan

As the year is starting to come to an end, students taking an AP Science course here at Timberlane, as well as senior students in Science Honor Society, are getting ready to present their STEM projects on June 6th to the community.

The goal is for students to have been working on these projects for the duration of the year, but many times they are conducted after the AP exams in early May. Students typically propose an idea for their project to be approved by their teacher. For the project, students work hard in a particular experiment to collect data and try to come to a conclusion, though this isn't always possible in science due to time constraints. At the end of the experiment, the students make scientific posters showing all of their detailed findings. This year, for the first time, the posters are being made online and then being printed out much larger to resemble what an actual scientific research poster would look like. The purpose of these projects is to give the students a chance to really see what it's like to be a scientist doing research. However, this big night isn't only to present these projects. As well as the presentations, students that applied and were accepted into Science Honor Society will be inducted into the group.

Emily Dolan is a current senior taking AP Environmental Science, "For AP Environmental Science, I'm doing a scientific poster on the effects of deforestation on soil erosion. I'm doing it because I want to show the importance of forest ecosystems in our country."

Another AP Science class offered at Timberlane is AP Biology. Current senior Michael Markarian is enrolled in this class and is working on his STEM project. For his project, he will be experimenting with transpiration in plants. The lab he is doing is one that was going to be done in the AP Biology class, but due to particular constraints, the lab was unable to be done.

"I chose my project on transpiration in plants. I think it's really interesting how plants release water, just like animals do. We learned about transpiration in class, but I want to learn more about why and how it occurs."

There are several AP Science teachers that play a role in helping students find a topic to focus on. In an interview with current AP Biology teacher, Mrs. Helie, who is also the advisor of Science Honor Society, she was asked why Timberlane puts on STEM night and what its purpose is, "STEM night is an opportunity for AP Science students to showcase what they've learned throughout the year. It allows students to choose an experiment of their own that they can collect data from giving them that feeling of being in a research lab."

The student presentations will be set up in the cafeteria for anyone in the community to come and see. Come support all these students on June 6th at 4:00 p.m. and be sure to ask them questions about their experiments. You may also watch as the new inductees of Science Honor Society be inducted into the group at 6:00 p.m. It will be a fun night full of students that have truly worked hard on their projects.

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Many actors had a very personal connection with this musical. Junior Justin Nimmo, found a connection with his character. He played both the Narrator and Mysterious Man and says that, "Both characters are polar opposites but turn out to be the same person. The character arch was the most relatable in the show."

Putting the singing and acting together is a huge step in making a musical successful. Junior Ellie McCormick who played the role of Cinderella shared, "It's one thing to sing a song by itself, but it's another to be a different person while singing at the same time."

Of course, this whole show couldn't have happened without the amazing director, Mr C. He is genuinely proud of the way the Players pulled off this challenging show, "Being able to do well in shows that are tough like this show gives us all a real sense of accomplishment."

All of the actors and everyone who helped in the production of Into the Woods should be proud. Every aspect of the show was truly amazing, and we recommend that everyone should see more productions by the Timberlane Players.

## The Experience of a Lifetime

By Kayla Bowen

Not everyone gets the incredible opportunity to travel to another country in high school. It's certainly not something I ever thought I would have the chance to do.

On April 19th, I took part in the school's eleven day trip to Spain. The trip started in Barcelona, then we headed south and around Spain until we got to Madrid, stopping in multiple cities along the way. Fifteen students joined the trip, and we were accompanied by two of our incredible teachers, Señora Prescott and Señorita Hazelton. From trying new foods to speaking the language and truly experiencing the culture of Spain, I have been greatly impacted from this trip, as has everyone involved.

One of the many things I learned from this trip is the importance of experiencing new things and to get out of my comfort zone. Going into the trip not knowing most of the people was a bit uncomfortable at first, but there is something about going to another country that brings people together. Just one day into the trip, I felt like I had known the other travelers for much longer, and I formed great friendships. It was also important for me to get out of my comfort zone when it came to talking to natives in Spain in order for me to get the full experience. Obviously, there was the issue of my limited Spanish vocabulary, but speaking the language in a non-school setting definitely helped improve my skills.

Another incredible aspect of the trip was getting to see things that we just don't have in the U.S. When we were on the bus between Barcelona and Valencia, we pulled off the highway somewhere in Tarragona. Right off the highway was an incredible ancient aqueduct. The view was astonishing and it was something that simply cannot be seen here. Seeing this was one of the highlights of the trip for me.

I'm sure the other fourteen students on the trip would agree with me when I say that we were all impacted greatly by this trip. I strongly encourage other students to take the opportunity to go on this trip the next time it is offered, because it is the experience of a lifetime. Looking back, I can say that the best moments of the trip weren't the huge, long anticipated moments, which is what I had expected. Rather, it was the small but incredibly joyful and relaxing moments that were the best. Whether it be peeling oranges on the side of the street in Valencia, singing Waka-Waka, making homemade orange juice, or eating gelato at least twice a day, this once in a lifetime trip was a life-changing opportunity.



Photo Courtesy of Kayla Bowen

## How Hawaii Affected Me

By Aaron Augusta

When I first heard about the school going to Hawaii in April, I really wanted go. It was the ultimate field trip. Thankfully, my parents were also on board. I was going to Hawaii.

When we all arrived in Honolulu, you can instantly feel the temperature change. It was 80 degrees with a little bit of wind, so it felt nice. The whole class stayed in a high school called Kamehameha. Initially, we were not very thrilled about this prospect, but when we found out we had our own rooms, our perspectives changed completely. The rooms were so nice.

The first day we went snorkeling and saw many beautiful fish. The water was so clear and very salty. The second day we went to see Pearl Harbor, which was incredible. Just seeing the sunken Arizona ship underneath the water was incredibly powerful.

One of the more exciting aspects of the trip was going to the luau. It was both fun and educational. You can tell the dancing and music meant so much to them. You can really tell by the way they were dancing.

Seeing all of this really affected me in so many ways. Seeing the different culture really made me happy. The students respected their home so much. They always wanted it to stay clean. I wanted to bring some of this goodness back to New Hampshire.

This trip really did affect me in such a positive way. The cleanliness and how happy the people were really made me want to be there a lot longer. If there are any underclassman reading this I would really recommend you go on this amazing trip! It will truly change your way of thinking.



Photo Courtesy of Aaron Augusta

## Hawaii Recap

By Jess Mezquitia

This year the school went on a trip to Honolulu Hawaii with 18 student's. The Hawaiian Culture Exchange. Mr. Strange is an administrator here at TRHS who created this trip, and has been doing it since 2000. Over the years the program has become very popular in the school. This trip isn't just vacationing in Hawaii; you do two full days of community service to help out. Therefore you're giving back to Hawaii, and getting a tan!

Mr. Strange has been to Hawaii 32 times so far, so he knows the island very well. Everyday students attended at least three activities, staying busy and full of knowledge. Us students went to 3 beaches in one day, and another beach a different day. Waikiki, Punalu'u, a private beach, and Hanuama Bay. Not only did we go to beaches, we went to three museums to learn more about the hawaiian culture. The Bishop Museum which included a science building, dinosaur expedition, and the main building which held hawaii's history. In the main building it showed Bernice Bishop who was the founder of the school we stayed at. Kamehameha High School. We went to school for a day and shadowed our pen pals, to see how they learn differently than we do.

The community service involved a whole day of weeding gardens and painting curbs. The other day was the Lo'i fields, where they planted Taro plants that give back to homeless shelters, elementary schools, and assisted living homes once they are harvested. Our pen pals from the high school also joined us on the Lo'i fields trip to show us how its done. The group had to learn a chant in order to welcome themselves into sacred places, such as the waimea valley, and the Lo'i fields. The chant was called Oli Mahalo, which means great thanks. Once we chanted ourselves in, the leader of the sacred place would chant at us back, to welcome us.

During the trip our school met up with three kids from Concord, NH. They were there with former Timberlane teacher, Mr.Mealey. We got to know the kids well and created a bond like no other. Every morning and night all the kids, including the teachers, would hold hands in a circle and say what we were looking forward to for the day, and what we liked best from the day we just had.



Photo Courtesy of Mr. Strange

The last circle meeting we had was night of our flight, and almost everyone person cried. The students learned so much more than the hawaiian culture on this trip, we learned how to create such strong bonds with people we have never met, and to care more about the environment. This was a trip we will never forget.

## Flow of the Month

By Niko Kakouris

If flow was easy, we would all have it. However, in this day and age, to have flow, you need to be different. You need to be a part of a certain breed of humanity. A breed that requires tenacity, grit, and determination. A breed that strives for perfection day in and day out. I know that we all wish to have “flow” even though most of us don’t have the needed willpower to do so.

Meet Cole Babson. He is a resident of Atkinson and plays soccer and volleyball at the Timberlane Regional High School. Babson is a pretty quiet kid, and most days, regardless of where he is, he tends to let his hair do the talking.

Listening to the song, “Symphony No. 9” by Beethoven has the same effect as looking at Babson’s flow masterpiece. The song takes you on an emotional roller-coaster, making you feel the music. Similar to looking at the flow, you really feel inspired and full of joy.



Photo courtesy of Niko Kakouris

I asked Babson what his flow means to him. His response was short and to the point, “My flow is everything to me and I think of it as my best friend.”

To Babson, flow is more than just strands of hair, it’s a lifestyle.

What you have to understand about flow is that it doesn’t happen overnight. Babson began his journey back in the seventh grade. He was young, but he knew he had what it took to excel where many others couldn’t. The flow lifestyle has changed him in many ways for the better.

Many have thought: By destiny or by choice? In the words of Babson, “I think my hair was destiny because the relationship I have with my hair is like no other.” He is a true visionary with the confidence and luscious locks of a

graceful lion.

Inspiration is always a popular question when thinking about an individual with such grace. Some are inspired by their peers, some by professional athletes or even popular celebrities. But when I asked Babson he responded with, “I’d like to think I got my idea from Thor.”

For those who do not know, Thor is a Marvel superhero who appears in various movies. Being inspired by such an influential head of hair is truly motivational.

Every great song has an end. And unfortunately for Babson he claims, “I think the flow is at the end of the line, probably ending at the beginning of summer.” You hate to hear such devastating news but while it’s still there, we should all enjoy the song for which has an ending in the near future.

To all of you dreamers out there, if you have a dream, chase it. If you chase it and you never catch it, then it was never meant to be. But if you do catch it, prepare for a life-changing experience. From me to you, dream big and run fast.

## Best Buddies Friendship Walk

By Shania Robinson

Best Buddies is a national club that raises awareness, money and does community service for people with mental disabilities. Members are paired up with a “buddy” that they do fun activities with. The best buddies’ treasurer Juergen Pfau says, “The inclusive environment of best buddies is amazing, it’s the best thing I’ve ever been a part of.” One event they hold is the “Best Buddies Friendship Walk”. Here’s some information gathered about the walk from talking to Miss Tantaró and Meghan Oliver.

The “Best Buddies Friendship Walk” happened on Saturday 5/12 in Concord. The event was a carnival setting with a half-mile walk. The purpose of the event was to raise money and awareness for people with mental disabilities. According to Miss Tantaró, “The main people organizing the event were Al Barney the best buddies president and Matt Wilson.” Anyone could have gone to the walk, you just had to go online and register.



Part of the event is members of best buddies raising money. According to Meghan Oliver, she raised \$245, Matt Wilson raised \$525, Eli Duffy raised \$300, Holly Flynn raised \$125, Ian O’Brien raised \$195, and Meagan White raised \$100. For a total of \$1,490. This is not including the \$100 donation made by our Timberlane Best Buddies chapter.

## What I’ve Learned

By Emma Lannon

All I ever heard as I was going into my freshman year of high school was, “It goes by quick” and “high school years are the best four years of your life”. This may not be true for everyone, but the majority of people seem to think that it is. I have learned a lot of school based stuff like formulas, but I mostly learned a lot of life lessons from my peers, my teachers, and on my own.

As you become closer to being a senior, you really do grow up and realize a lot, like what matters and what doesn’t in life. First of all, a bad grade on a test isn’t the end of the world. Second, people are mean and you will lose friends, but you’ll make them too. As you get older you realize who your real friends are.



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Last, a huge thing I realized, is that you can get ready in 10 minutes or less when sleep becomes much more important than looking good for school. This still might be true for some underclassmen, but a lot seem to dress up a lot for school.

The biggest lesson I learned was you have to work for your goals and what you want in school and in life. Nothing will be handed to you and a lot of times things are not going to come easy. You are going to be stressed out at times, but it’s a part of life. You can do anything you set your mind to and that can involve anything, like

academics, sports, art, music, etc. It is okay to fail a few times too because you can learn from your mistakes and later be successful.

Another important lesson I learned in high school is that it is okay to speak up and ask teachers or even students for help. No questions are too stupid to ask if it is for your success. Having the curiosity and courage to ask questions are essential for learning because if you don’t, the less certain you will be. The ability to deal with uncertainty is part of learning and growing up.

## Alum Update

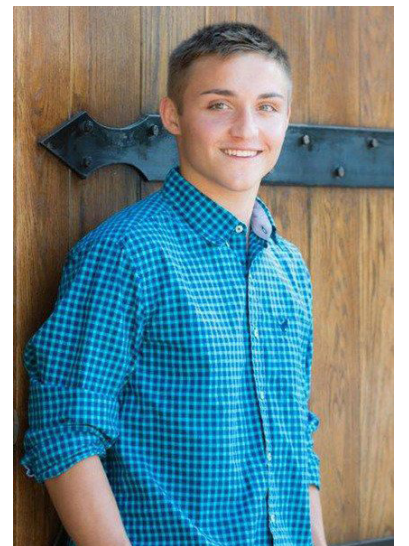
By Dylan Monteiro

For some, the transition from high school to college does not come easy.

For TRHS Class of 2017 alum, Troy Blackadar, life after Timberlane has included both challenges and highlights. When asked what he misses most about high school, Blackadar responded with, “Being with my friends all the time.”

Blackadar is now a student at the University of New Hampshire and is roommates with TRHS alum, Brandon Nemr. Blackadar does not know his major yet, but he plans on doing something with architecture. Troy’s twin brother, Seth, is also a student at the University of New Hampshire which helps make life for Troy easier on the campus.

Troy had many highlights throughout his high school career like being lucky enough to have Josh Silveira as an American Studies teacher, recovering a fumble and returning it for a touchdown in a football game, and getting lei’d on the Hawaii trip that he said was “the best time of his life.” So you can easily see why the transition to college was difficult for him.



As his freshman year at UNH has just come to an end, Troy gave the advice of, “Enjoy the time you have left in high school because you will miss it.”

His roommate, Brandon Nemr, on the other hand, enjoys college a little bit more than high school, “I loved high school with the boys, but college allows you to have more freedom.”

Both of these students have bright futures in business and architecture. Blackadar’s grades have transitioned seamlessly from high school to college as he was always a good student. The only challenge he has faced so far is meeting new people that have the same interests as him. There is no doubt that as the years go on, he will make more connections and meet more people.

## Timberlane Threat

By Elizabeth McGowan

The Friday before April break is always a day that many students tend to skip for family vacations, or simply because they can. However, on Friday, April 20th, the class sizes in Timberlane were majorly decreased following the eerie call from the superintendent the previous night.

On the evening of Thursday, April 19th. High school students and staff received a voice message from the superintendent, Dr. Metzler, in which he released the information that the school had received a threat and that Timberlane was working with the police department to determine the validity of said threat. Dr. Metzler went on to assure students and parents alike that they would take the necessary precautions to ensure safety for all students and teachers.

According to Cindy McGowan, a parent of two Timberlane students, “I felt safe because typically when someone wants to do harm, they don’t give you a warning.”

However, despite the reassurance of the phone call, many parents made the decision to keep their children home from school to protect them from this unknown threat. On Friday rumors made their way around the school about what this threat was and who had made it. However, the true information of who made the threat and what the threat was was never confirmed or explained further than Dr. Metzler’s message.

Although the content of the threat was never explained, many feared the worst. In wake of the rise of school shootings, such as the recent shooting in Florida, which sparked much controversy nationwide, people are more on edge than ever. However, Timberlane is a very safe place, and was a safe place even on the Friday after the threat had been received.

As senior Lily Collins stated, “I felt safe knowing that the teachers and the students were aware of what was going on. Also, on top of that they increased the police staff, so I’d knew we would be safe.”

Threats to schools are becoming more common in today’s society, but the school does not take threats lightly, and they do whatever is necessary to protect their students.



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## Gas Prices

By Steven Portillo

Gas Prices all over the US have been cheaper for the past two years, But recently prices are going up and aren’t coming down any time soon. Over the past week, gas prices gone up 6 cents only in one week. According to AAA (American Automobile Association) “At \$2.87, the national gas price average jumped six cents on the week in part due to the White House’s decision to re-impose sanctions on Iran. As a result, 36 states are seeing gas prices that are a nickel or more expensive than last Monday.”

Gas prices are rising, with the charts shown by AAA average (May 15) is at \$2.879. The prices are going up by hundredths a day leading it to climb. Even though every summer it is normal that gas prices go up due to everyone traveling more, but this year it’s going to raise so much more due to, “the end of the Iran Nuclear Deal. Suppliers, particularly in the Middle East, are squeezing productions lower in order to get price higher.” as Wral.com says. Prices are being affected all over The US with South Carolina being the cheapest at \$2.60. That’s still pretty high prices for gas. California is the most expensive at \$3.69.

Luckily for New Hampshire we’ve stayed in the middle of it all with an average of \$2.81, making us one of the few states that are in the middle of the averages. With all the gas prices going up everyone should learn how to change their driving habits for the better to waste less gas.

Here are a few ways to waste less gas One: Slow down and drive steady. Driving slow and steady uses gas efficiently unlike people speeding wasting more gas and causing to consume more. Two: Eliminating Wind resistance. Closing a open window or removing unneeded racks like a ski rack will decrease wind resistance making your car spend less gas. These are just a few ways to conserve gas with the prices going up.



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## It's Wicked good

By Ryleigh Lukas

Aroma Joe’s is coming to Haverhill! Dunkin Donuts, Heavenly’s, Honey Dew Donuts, and other local coffee shops have an increasing amount of competition considering Aroma Joe’s is one of the most popular coffee shops in the New England area. The menu has an incredibly wide variety which will fit the needs of coffee lovers, energy drink lovers, and anyone who enjoys sweets and treats.

The new location is exciting for the people of this area mostly because all of the closest Aroma’s are a half hour or more away. Aroma Joe’s differs from other coffee shops because of the different flavors they have to offer. Irish cream, toasted marshmallow, and maple are some of the many popular coffee flavors. In addition, they have flavored drinks with monster energy and fruity flavors for people who aren’t a fan of coffee.

Have you ever wanted a fresh breakfast on the go? Aroma Joes offers a variety of bagels, muffins, and pumpkin bread. Their food is made daily instead of being stored overnight. The prices are relatively cheap and the quality is worth every penny. Getting excited to drink a nice coffee in the morning and having it taste gross is an issue you won’t need to worry about. At Aromas, this will never happen. The coffee is always so flavorful whether it be hot or iced.

The new Aroma Joe’s will be the new popular place, although there isn’t an opening date it’s making people excited. In conclusion, the best is yet to come for coffee lovers!

**Aroma Joe's**

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## Kanye West Supports Trump

By Abi DeNault

On April 25th, Kanye West posted multiple tweets about his support for President Donald Trump. Kanye West posted “You don’t have to agree with trump but the mob can’t make me not love him. We are both dragon energy. He is my brother. I love everyone. I don’t agree with everything anyone does. That’s what makes us individuals. And we have the right to independent thought.”, on Twitter, starting controversy. This whole fiasco began on April 21st, when Kanye posted a tweet supporting a conservative activist, Candace Owens. He tweeted “I like the way Candace Owens thinks”. This then led to the tweets about supporting Trump. West has received tons of backlash for his political views.



Photo Courtesy of NY Times

The internet went crazy over this incident. Some people loved the idea Kanye being a Trump supporter with right leaning views, but others had opposing thoughts. Many other celebrities liked John Legend, and his wife Chrissy Teigen, were offended by Kanye’s love for Trump. Though West stated in multiple tweets that he “doesn’t agree with everything Trump says”, this didn’t stop his closest celebrity friends from butting in. Kanye West posted screenshots of a conversation he had with John Legend about supporting Trump, in which Legend texted West saying “I hope you’ll reconsider aligning yourself with Trump... So many people who love you feel so betrayed right now because they know the harm that Trump’s policies cause, especially people of color.” Kanye wrote back with “I love you John and I appreciate your thoughts. You bringing up my fans or my legacy is a tactic based on fear to manipulate my free thought.”

About a week after these claims were made by Kanye, TMZ got involved. The company set up an interview with West, in which he spoke out about many things going on like his past with opioids and even slavery. Some of claims Kanye made were extremely controversial and many took offense to them. During the interview Kanye brought up the topic of slavery, saying “When you hear about slavery for 400 years ... For 400 years? That sounds like a choice.” This comment started an immense amount of drama with Kanye, TMZ, and the people who support West and what he stands for. According to CNN, many believe that this was over the line, including one of TMZ’s employees. In the video of interview, employee at TMZ, Van Lathan confronted West about the claims, “Frankly, I’m disappointed, I’m appalled, and brother, I am unbelievably hurt by the fact that you have morphed into something to me, that’s not real.” Lathan said.

Due to the recent drama and harsh claims, companies have decided to boycott Kanye by not playing his music on their radio stations. According to the Hill “A hip-hop and R&B radio station in Detroit has decided to stop playing Kanye West’s music after the rapper’s controversial remarks about slavery.” A petition is currently circling the internet for Adidas to break ties with Kanye West because of his remarks. Kanye West is known

for not backing down, whether it comes to interrupting an acceptance speech or showing his

support for Trump. It doesn’t seem that Kanye will back down from his views. “We’re being starved and anyone who starts asking unpopular questions gets demonized.

## Trump’s Lawyer’s Office Raided by F.B.I

By Josh Banks

On April 9th, the office of President Trump’s personal lawyer, Michael D. Cohen, in Rockefeller Center was raided by the F.B.I. searching for personal records such as business records, emails, documents, along with payments to a pornographic actress.

President Trump appeared to be very disappointed and furious with this raid, even going so far as commenting that this raid was a “witch hunt.” Furthermore, Trump commented “[the raid is a] disgraceful situation,” and an “attack on our country in a true sense.”

The prosecutors are said to have received a search warrant to search for documents involving Trump with Russia. The warrant was said to be issued out by Robert Mueller, who is serving as the special counsel in the Russia investigation. However, there was no confirmation that any such document or file was found leading to President Trump to state, “That is really a whole new level of unfairness.”

This incident has suggested that President Trump will soon fire Mueller and potentially start a federal court case around the matter. This is suggested further by the fact Trump considered firing Mueller in June 2017, however, he was persuaded against the idea.



Photo Courtesy of NY Magazine

According to Trump, the raid was nothing but encroachment by the prosecutors. There remains the issue of the search warrants being issued, the prosecutors were required to have prior discussion with senior members of Trump’s justice department however, the prosecutors failed to follow that procedure.

## Bill Cosby is Guilty

By Tori Rothwell

Bill Cosby is a well-known actor, comedian and musician. Cosby came upon his fame in 1965 when he appeared as the first black actor to co-star in a leading dramatic role on network television. The series called I Spy, a show about two intelligent agents who pretend to be a pro tennis player and his trainer. He later came out with his own show, The Cosby Show which appeared on NBC in 1984. His show went on for 8 years. During that time The Cosby Show was the highest-rated sitcom for several consecutive years.

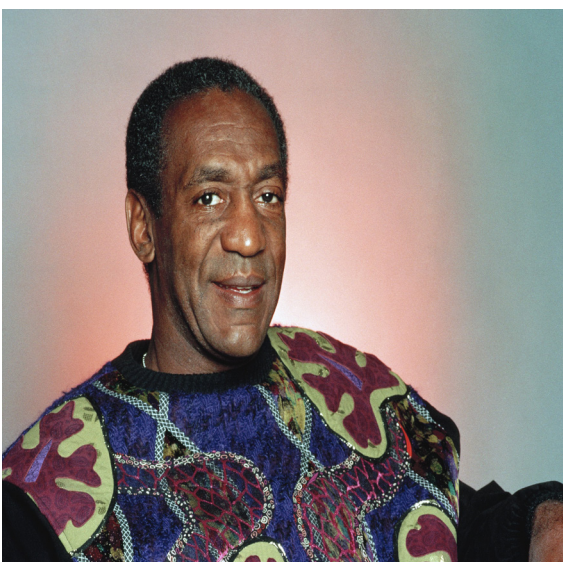


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In this time he was also the first black actor to receive an Emmy Award. He went on to win two more and be nominated for three others. Cosby appeared in many movies and live shows. Cosby performed in a variety of standup comedy acts and shows. He was one of the top names in comedy for quite some time. All of his success in the 60’s helped break down racial barriers on televisions with his two hit shows I Spy, and The Cosby Show. There were many young Americans that looked up to Cosby as a role model according to BBC News.

Over the past couple years, Cosby has been accused of numerous accounts of sexual misconduct. Andrea Constand accused Cosby of drugging and sexually assaulting her at his home in Philadelphia in 2014. After the first accusation five other women had also come out about their stories with Cosby, while only three cases were taken to court. He was found guilty for all three accounts and could face up to 10 years of prison for each case.

Once Cosby was proven guilty on all three cases things drastically changed for Cosby and his fame. Cosby had won many different awards in his years, but most have them have recently been taken away from him. Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA revoked the honorary degree they had awarded to Cosby in 2007.

“Carnegie Mellon University has long had a clear and unwavering commitment: The University will not tolerate sexual violence, intimate partner violence, stalking or sexual harassment. These acts are against the law and violate our core values.” Stated the University. The University of Notre Dame in Indiana had also their honorary degree given to Cosby in 1990 revoked. Cosby’s bail is being held at 1 million dollars, his prison date is still undecided according to CNN News.

## Kilauea Erupts

By Juergen Pfau

On May 3rd 2018, over 1,800 people near the Kilauea volcano were urged to leave the area due to pending volcanic eruption. Soon after, an eruption took place leaving a fiery trail of lava all throughout the Pahoehoe region, which is located on the eastern side of the big island Hawaii. The Volcanic eruption was a direct result from the 6.9 magnitude earthquake which took place just before the eruption. So far, the eruption has claimed the lives of two and has injured 28 more, and a day later doesn't look like it is slowing down.

A day later, according to CNN, nearly 30 houses were destroyed and that number is only going to increase, because the volcano does not seem to be slowing down. Fissures are appearing at an alarming rate, blasting noxious gases and hot steam into the air, and while many people nationwide are alarmed. The citizens of Hawaii are responding more casually, "Being in Hawaii and being around lava, you get used to the way it behaves and so you kind of become comfortable around it," Citizen and volcanist, Wendy Stovall, stated.

Being one of the most active Volcanoes in the world, people from the area are fully prepared for any situation like this. According to Hawaii.edu Kilauea has been active for 35 consecutive years, and has erupted many times over the last several decades. By the year 2000, it had surfaced over 25 km of lava and destroyed 181 houses.

With this being said, this current eruption cycle essentially began in 1983, according to livescience.com, this was the same year the Kilauea destroyed 16 homes. The people of Hawaii are well aware of the fact that they live so close to a volcano, and follow a set of instructions incase a volcano near their homes were to erupt.

Nationalgeographic.com advises, you must first, evacuate only as instructed. Follow direction of authorities by staying out of the way of lava and mud, rivers or low areas, for this could result in injury or death. Second, try to change into long sleeved clothing, and wear goggles or glasses to protect your face from ash. Avoid wearing contact lenses. Wear an emergency mask over your face to avoid inhaling dust. If you're not evacuating, be sure to block off any entrances to your house, including windows, fireplaces and any sort of vent. Ash can damage meta parts, so if you're driving away, be sure to maintain a speed under 35 mph.



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## Maine Police Officer Killed

By Frankie Ramsdell

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 Corporal Eugene Cole was shot and killed in Norridgewock Maine.

Corporal Cole was patrolling a neighborhood when he saw a man outside by his car, the man by the name John Williams then shot and killed Corporal Eugene Cole and stole his patrol car according to the affidavit. At around 1:30am Williams fled to a nearby Cumberland farms, stole a pack of cigarettes and ditched the patrol car and got picked up by a friend. Williams started to smoke and that is when his friend told him to get out. His friend Chris Williams flagged down an officer at around 2:15am and told them what had happened.

A manhunt was activated to find John Williams as he fled from cops in central Maine. 4 days and 200 officers later, Williams was found by police in the woods and Corporal Eugene Coles handcuffs were used to put him in custody. Williams was then taken out of the woods by police, 4 miles from the cumberland farms Williams robbed and ditched Eugene Coles police cruiser several days before he was found by police.

As 2018 goes on, 55 police officers have been killed. This number is down two percent from last year and the number one cause is gunfire fifty six percent of the time. Recently, police killings have increasingly more common but 2017 had the least amount of deaths since 1960 at 129.



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## French President Emmanuel Macron Visits United States

By Liv Marshall

From the twenty third to the twenty fifth of April, French President Emmanuel Macron, along with his wife, Brigitte, visited the United States on a diplomatic trip. The visit was highly publicized as it showcased the friendship between both Presidents Trump and Macron as they attend a series of events including a State Dinner and Macron's address of a joint session of Congress.

This was an important visit for Macron, as it was an opportunity to negotiate with President Trump in areas of importance to France, and the entire world, such as the Iran Nuclear Deal and the Paris Climate Accords. The Accords, which the U.S. pulled out of, are a global compact of nations dedicated to reducing carbon emissions to combat global climate change. Trump, a noted climate change denier, has opposed the agreement, while Macron is a strong supporter. In one section of his address to Congress, Macron called to "Make our planet great again": a reference to Trump's presidential campaign slogan with an environmentalist twist.

According to CNN, in addition to the joint session of Congress, the Macrons also attended a state dinner planned by First Lady Melania Trump. The event was a formal occasion featuring top French and American officials. A fusion cuisine menu that sought to combine the two cultures was served to guests.

U.S. News reported that the wives of both presidents also spent time together by visiting the National Gallery of Art on the second day of the visit. The two seemed to get along well, with Brigitte complimenting the First Lady's sense of humor and character, while also observing that Melania lives a much more constrained life. "She can't even open a window at the White House. She can't stick her nose outside. She's much more constrained than I am. Me, every day, I'm out in Paris." Brigitte told the French newspaper, Le Monde.

Trump and Macron's personal relationship also drew national attention. America was quick to catch onto the seeming "bromance" between the two. Both men shared embraces and even planted a tree together: a gift from the Macrons. Whether the trip will result in political cooperation is not yet known, but the two couples certainly appeared to get along swingingly.



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## The Legacy of Barbara Bush

By Jessie Hughes

"If human beings are perceived as potentials rather than problems, as possessing strengths instead of weaknesses, as unlimited rather than dull and unresponsive, then they thrive and grow to their capabilities." explained former first lady Barbara Bush.

Barbara Pierce, later to be known as Barbara Bush, was born in New York City on June 8, 1925. Barbara grew up as an extremely normal kid, but something that made her stand out among her peers was her love of reading. At the age of 16, she met her future husband George Bush, and the two got married quickly after their first encounter due to Bush serving in World War II.

Once the war ended, the couple became interested in politics and started their journey in the world of politics in 1966 when George was nominated as a US Representative of Congress. During this time, Barbara spent most of her time being interested in charities and helping with women's rights groups.

Throughout her whole time in the political world, she was determined to help others who were in need. This became prominent when she became the second lady (wife of the vice president). During her time as the second lady, she took on a project near and dear to her heart, dealing with learning disorders like dyslexia, which her son, Neil, had, and how the effect the illiteracy of the country. Not only did she want to educate the United States about this issue, but also the entire world.

After serving as the Second Lady for eight years, her husband George Bush became the 41st President of the United States. Now moving to first lady, Barbara had even bigger dreams on helping the public. Something she did that was extremely different from many of the first ladies was she kept all her political views separate which helped her focus on her literacy campaign more.

While living as the first lady, Barbara developed the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy which raised money to help uneducated families get the chance to be educated. Even while suffering with thyroid disease, her main focus was the foundation and giving back to others, especially those in need. She was frequently donating money to charities so she could give back to the country.

After her long span in the White House, her drive to help illiteracy in America did not stop and this was not gone unrecognized. Multiple schools were named in her honor to recognize all she has done to help improve education in America.

Sadly, Barbara Bush passed away on April 17th, 2018 at the age of 92. Bush was diagnosed with both compulsive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease which eventually led to the cause of her death. The legacy of Barbara will live on through her kids where they will keep her foundation running and continue to give back to the country like their mother once did.



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## E. coli Outbreak Reaches the U.S.

By Kristen Noonan

Escherichia coli is one of the most frequent causes of many common bacterial infections, and it's here in the U.S, affecting people negatively all around us.

When diagnosed with a serious E. coli infection, it can cause Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome. It's so serious that hospitalization, supportive care, IV fluids, blood transfusions and kidney dialysis is very necessary. As talked about, there has been a nationwide outbreak of E.coli, the culprit being romaine lettuce. Yuma, Arizona, is the contaminated location that holds the highest source of romaine lettuce for grocery stores and restaurants around the U.S.

One death and approximately twenty three people have been sickened by this outbreak. Up until May 17th, the Centers for Disease Control and the U.S Food and Drug Administration believed it likely that the contaminated romaine had sit on store shelves around the U.S. and cautioned citizens, "Do not buy or eat romaine lettuce at a grocery store or restaurant unless you can confirm it is not from the Yuma, Arizona, growing region," says the CDC.

STEC, which is Shiga-Toxin producing E.Coli, can cause severe illness, including bloody diarrhea and, in some cases, hemolytic uremic syndrome, a form of kidney failure that can be fatal. It has been reported that fourteen people out of the twenty three affected, have developed hemolytic uremic syndrome, a rare but life-threatening illness. Consumers make the assumption that simply washing the lettuce before consuming is going to solve

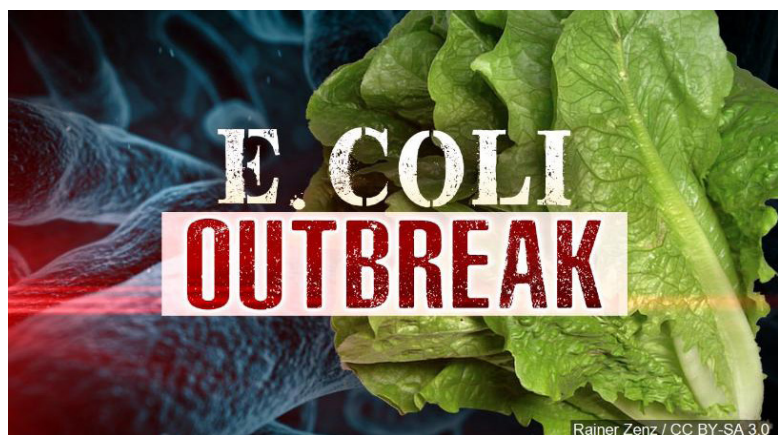


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the problem, however, that is not the case. Rinsing the lettuce beforehand has been found ineffective to get rid of the bacteria. For the time being, it is recommended to stay away from all forms of romaine, even if it's organic. Certain restaurants, like Panera Bread, have put on social media that they are no longer getting their romaine from the Yuma region, making the Romaine safe and E.Coli free.

In Conclusion, the CDC has released new news on this Romaine Lettuce epidemic. The CDC has officially cleared all Romaine Lettuce from E.Coli, it is now safe to buy from the shelves and purchase at restaurants. To the people with fear of contracting E.Coli, you can now be stress free! The illness has been declared cleared to consume!

## Teachers Strike Again

By Dan Komenda

Teacher strikes have been a large occurrence so far in 2018. The first set of teacher strikes were in February in West Virginia. According to The New York Times, teachers in West Virginia went on strike for just under two weeks in hopes of the state's government raising their salary. In West Virginia the average teacher salary is the third lowest in the nation. To put it in perspective the average teacher salary in New Hampshire is \$58,000 and the average teacher salary in West Virginia is around \$47,000. After their efforts, the teachers achieved their goal, and they were granted a 5% raise. This demonstration of defiance inspired teachers in other states to demand changes in their schools,

The next state to go on strike was Oklahoma, in April. Being fueled by the success in West Virginia, these teachers set out on their own strike. Lasting about ten days, the teachers protested in the capitol. This time they were looking for a raise in salary as well as more funding for the schools. Their initial requests for a \$10,000 raise for teachers were denied but the governor compromised. The governor agreed to raise teachers' salaries by \$6,000 which was still a win for the Oklahoma teachers, according to New York Times.

The strikes didn't stop there. The most recent strikes hap-

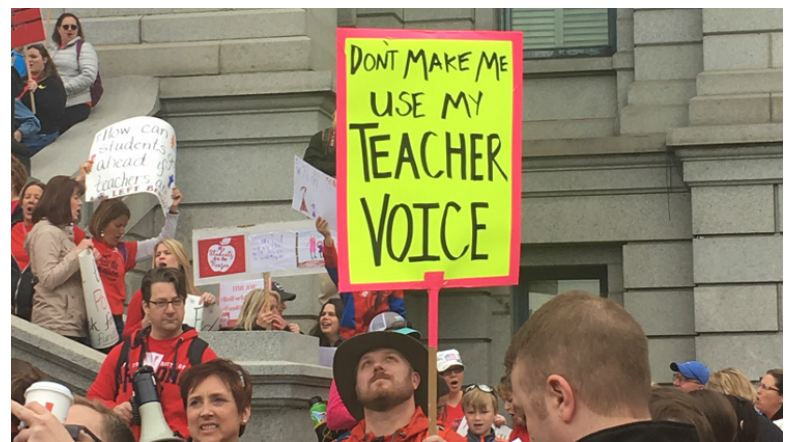


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pened across Arizona. With the same goal in mind the Arizona teachers walked out of school for six days and went to the capitol. Along with West Virginia and Oklahoma, Arizona teachers' salaries are well under the national average. The teachers requested a raise in salary as well as more funding for the school. The schools underfunding affected the students as well as the teachers "We have classrooms where students sit on counter tops because there aren't enough desks or seats in the room". According to ABC News, by the end of the walkout the governor caved in and increased the Arizona teachers' salaries by 20%.

These three strikes led by teachers have all been successful and many other states have been debating whether to start their own strike. Teachers in North Carolina are starting to request personal leave in order to protest. Another strike is inevitable in many states and will most likely continue throughout 2018.

## Over 100 Dead in Indian Dust Storm

By Sam Donnelly

Severe winds and rapid-fire lightning strikes from a violent dust storm demolished homes and displaced trees across India on Wednesday, May 2.

The storm killed at least 125 people and injured more than 200 others. Officials say there is more deadly weather to come. At least 111 people were killed in the northern states of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Punjab, with many of them in Agra, the city that houses the Taj Mahal, according to BBC News. Another 14 people were killed in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, "which was hammered by more than 41,000 lightning strikes on Wednesday," AFP reported.

Homes and businesses are now destroyed, along with downed trees and electrical lines. Livestock is dead and schools are closed, meaning a huge set back for the northern part of India. The worst part is the residents are already preparing for another storm that will hit in the next few days, according to Indian Meteorological Department scientist Himanshu Sharma.

"There is a high probability that winds will intensify in the next 48 hours in Rajasthan, which may lead to another dust storm," he told the Press Trust of India. "It will affect areas of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan border, especially Karauli and Dholpur."

The worst damage was in the Bharatpur district, according to the newspaper, "Most of the deaths occurred after walls and roofs of houses collapsed in the middle of the night," T. Ravikanth, the district divisional commissioner in the state capital, Jaipur, told CNN.

Dust storms have hit India in the past, one happening on April 11th killing 19 people, but officials say what made this storm so bad was the fallen debris. After all of this destruction, the northern part of India is hoping to recover from all of the damage. However, they are still preparing for another storm to hit in just a few days. If the sec-



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## Deadly Fire in Brazilian City

By Kyle Gleason

On May 2, 2018 a deadly fire broke out in the Brazilian city of Sao Paulo.

The former federal police station was 20 stories tall, and collapsed early Tuesday due to the damages of the fire. The building was inhabited by an estimated 50 families illegally, and has brought light to the shortage of affordable housing as illegal habitation is very prevalent in vacant buildings throughout the city. These buildings are substandard when it comes to living conditions, but these families are desperate.

Maria Aparaceda de Souza, a 58 year old inhabitant of the fourth floor, told the newspaper Folha de S. Paulo, "The building came down like a tsunami. There wasn't time to get anything."

The fire was said to have started around 1:30 AM, and spread to a nearby building and a church, however, at the moment, the two nearby buildings have been said to be structurally okay. Jose Antonio da Silva, who's currently occupied as a street cleaner, told Globo TV, "I lost my TV, my bicycle, clothes, I lost a lot of things. But thank God I didn't lose my children, for me the most important thing."

The President of Brazil, Michel Temer, did make an appearance at the site of the tragedy, however, left after nearby residents became upset with him due to his poor effort to fix the lack of affordable housing in the area. His office did release a statement saying that the families affected by the fire will receive federal assistance.

One person has been declared dead, and there was also one firefighter injured in the blaze. At this time, there still has not been an identified cause for the fire, and no other people have been found in the wreckage of the building.



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## Massacre Sites Found In Sweden

By Joe Catino

In 2010, archaeologists discovered what they believe to be a large massacre sight in a fifth-century fortress on a Swedish island. The whole excavation of the island started because of a pair of skeleton feet found peeking out of a doorway; this led to the finding of another body not even two feet away. After the excavation of the body, they did some investigating and found out that the person had been murdered. The archaeologist searched other houses on the island and found more bodies, they started putting together all of the evidence and it suggested a massacre. According to the New York Times magazine, people were slaughtered with axes, clubs, and swords and then left to die without any type of burial.

A team of archaeologist was formed, and they believe that a neighboring village was responsible for the attack, not an outside group of pirates. Any type of outside attack was ruled out due to the islands great security system. The island is surrounded completely by a 13 foot wall to deter and outside enemy attack. At the excavated sight, only bodies of small children and men were found because the women from the village were taken prisoner and brought back to the neighboring village.

Only three of the 50 homes on the island have been excavated and 1 of the homes had 9 people, 3 confirmed males 2 unidentified adults, a young child and an adult. It's suspected that the attack could be revenge for something like a prior attack or a long rivalry between the two villages. Best said by Dr. Pappmehl-Dufay, "It's easy to feel sorry for the deceased and the killed people, but we have no idea what they had been doing, this could be revenge for something." It's easy to judge people from hundreds of years ago without hearing both sides of the story, this other village could have had a feud with the other village for years and we just would have never known about it.



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## Two Koreas Unite

By Justin McAuliffe

Can two countries that have technically been at war for 65 years come to a decision about their futures? Recently, North and South Korean leaders met and talked for the first time in ten years. According to an article released by The Washington Post, North Korean Supreme leader Kim Jong Un and South Korean president Moon Jae In met in the peace village of Panmunjom in the demilitarized zone to discuss denuclearization.

North and South Korean relations have been improving lately. According to a New York Times article, on April 28th the North and South signed a treaty to formally end the Korean war by the end of 2018 and to commit to the complete denuclearization of the Korean peninsula. U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted "Good things are happening, but only time will tell!" according to CNN fifteen minutes later the two Koreas signed a treaty to commit to denuclearization. U.S president Donald Trump said, "Americans should be very proud of what was taking place on the Korean Peninsula". Kim invited Moon to cross into North Korean Territory and vice versa. "As I walked over here, I thought 'why was it so difficult to get here?' The separating line was not even that high to cross. It was too easy to walk over that line and it took us 11 years to get here," Kim told Moon.



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This meeting will be a start to a meeting between Kim and U.S president Donald Trump. According to CBS news, on Wednesday May 9th, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo travelled to North Korea and talked with Kim about the release of 3 American detainees. They were released the same day and arrived back in the United States on May 10th. Recently, the U.S announced that the meeting between Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump will take place in Singapore on June 12th.

Hopefully this meeting will be a peaceful approach to world peace.

## Jeff Bezos Becomes Richest Man in the World

By Jake Heckman

Over the past four years, Bill Gates, owner of Microsoft, was the richest man in the world. In 2013, Gates had a net worth of \$76 billion. In 2017, Gates had a net worth of \$90 billion. It seemed as though no one was going to catch this entrepreneur's top rank, that is until the internet business, Amazon, blew up.

Amazon is a website designed for online shopping and offers quick delivery to the consumer's door. On July 5, 1994, Amazon was founded in Seattle, Washington by thirty year old, Jeff Bezos. Just before Bezos founded Amazon, he graduated from the prestigious Princeton University. At Princeton, he majored in electrical engineering and computer science. Before life in college, Bezos graduated as the valedictorian from his high school in Miami, FL. With that being said, it is not a shock that he is very successful.

As of right now, Jeff Bezos has a net worth of \$130.7 billion. With that amount of money, he could pretty much buy everything and own whatever he wants. He recently bought a house in Washington D.C. for \$23 million. This mansion is on the same road as former president, Barack Obama, and daughter of current president, Ivanka Trump. The house has 25 bathrooms, 11 bedrooms, 5 living rooms, and 2 elevators. To put it in perspective, in order to have the same amount of wealth that Jeff Bezos has, you would have to hit the powerball 561 times, that type of winning streak, not very common.

All in all, it is not very surprising that Bezos is as successful as he is. Even though most rich people are snobby, Bezos is not. He gives a lot of his money away to charities and hospitals like the Hutchinson Center. The Bezos family donated \$55 million dollars to help better the environment of the area. He has had success in high school being the valedictorian of his class, and being successful in college by graduating at Princeton University. This proves that working hard in high school and college really does "pay off."



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## Benefits of Reading

By Riordan West Geary

People have been reading books for hundreds of years, and for good reason, since there are so many benefits of reading. Whether it's reading books aloud to a group of people, or someone reading individually, reading is truly an important activity in today's society.

Reading can be a relaxing way for someone to escape their stressful life. If someone needs to settle down for a while, reading is a good way for someone to take their mind off real life and avoid all of the stress.

Another benefit of reading is that it makes you smarter and can expand your vocabulary. Reading can help a person learn new words or sayings that they may use in real life. It can also cause someone to learn life lessons, help someone understand the deeper meaning to life and become a more analytical thinker.

Writing is also improved when you read because it allows you to see many different forms of writing. Many stories also demonstrate the basic plots that a lot of stories follow, so it makes it easier to write when you have a better understanding of what goes into a story.

Senior Damian Lee weighed in on the topic saying, "Reading allows our brains to travel and dream things we never could fathom, we gain knowledge and wisdom through reading."

Since there are so many books out in the world, reading also allows anyone to become an expert on any topic they choose, since there are books about everything, reading has no limits. Another positive aspect associated with reading is that anyone can do it, no matter what social class or background, anyone can read a book.

In the United States, many people already see the benefits of reading. According to the Pew Research Center, roughly 72% of American adults have read a book in the past year. That percentage has declined over the past few years, but still, the majority of people in the United States are aware of all the benefits that reading can bring.

So next time you are bored and are looking to do something, maybe consider reading a book because of all the benefits that come along with it.

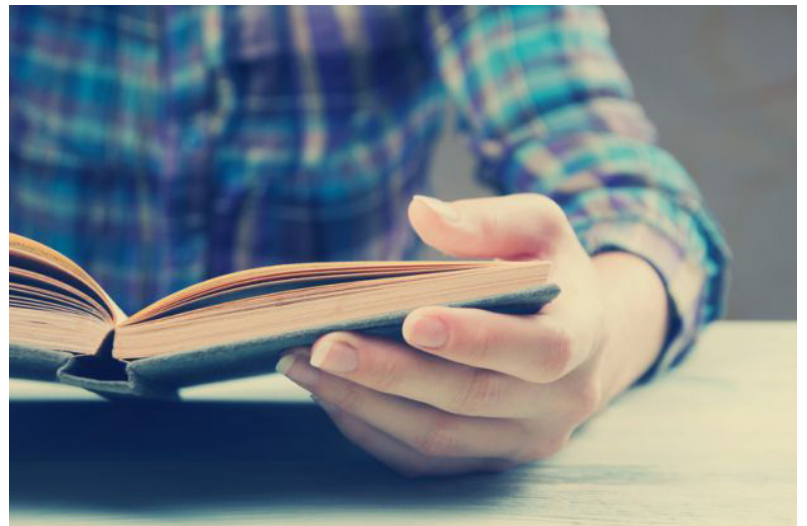


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## Living Like Laing

By Dylan Musgrave

Today's story is on one of this school's most profound teachers, Mr. Laing. Mr. Laing is the sole ruler of the writing lab and a very cool cat.

As a teacher, Mr. Laing frequently reminds students to stay on-task, reviews students' course work, and attempts to make sure every student understands whatever subject they're working on.

As a person, he'll ask you how your day/weekend has been, provides advice in a professional manner, and can talk about any subject.

Mr. Laing is an underrated teacher and his name needs to reach some recognition. By accomplishing this, we must first find what keeps Mr. Laing going.

When Mr. Laing wakes up in the morning, he first reaches for his cup of Matcha green tea from Japan. Matcha tea is grown under shade where it produces theanine and caffeine. This combination is what supposedly gives the consumer its "calm energy." While drinking this Japanese home brew, he enjoys a quick bowl of oatmeal, and indulges in a bottle of some fine Kefir. Kefir is a fermented milk that is described as a drinkable yogurt. Kefir is known for its beneficial properties such as increased bone strength, cancer fighting bacteria, and contains protein and a lot of vitamins. The best vitamin b12, because that is your main energy vitamin. After this trio for breakfast, he gets to Timberlane and is ready for the day.

After school he hits the gym, and if he can, checks some emails and watches the news just to stay in the loop. After this, he either breaks out the PS4, the computer, or his new Nintendo Switch to get a quick gaming sesh in. After that he enjoys preparing a simple dinner, usually including chicken and one side of either potatoes, rice, or vegetables. Next, he cleans the dishes and cracks open a book to read until bed.

Besides his daily routine, Mr. Laing also enjoys partaking in some of his hobbies. He enjoys playing the guitar along with a few other instruments, plays in the Timberlane Community Guitar ensemble, and enjoys going hiking during warmer weather. One of his biggest passions is music. Mr. Laing is a music enthusiast and enjoys listening to multiple genres and artists. He can even share some feedback on today's music.

Most impressive is the fact that he engineers his own music. Mr. Laing has actually been creating music for a while now but has had to switch to using an updated program instead. The program is called Fruity Loops and is arguably the most notorious platform and is used often in today's music. This program costs from \$200-800, depending on which version you purchase. This program is very complex and as Mr. Laing agrees, he needs to put more time into getting more familiar with the program.

In the future, Mr. Laing is hoping to produce some very good quality music that he may be able to showcase one day. He also aspires to keep helping kids in school and to keep providing a room that students enjoy, get work done, and feel comfortable in.

## Timberlane Ultimate Frisbee

By Taylor Donovan

Ultimate Frisbee can be argued as one of the most entertaining, upbeat sports throughout the world with its high-flying catches and incredibly athletic plays. Ultimate Frisbee was first invented in 1968 by Joel Silver. Silver introduced the idea of Ultimate Frisbee to the Columbia High School student council in Maplewood, New Jersey. The next year, the first game was played between two groups of students.

The Timberlane Ultimate Frisbee team has been around for 16 years and is still going strong. The Timberlane Ultimate Frisbee team, also known as Timberlane Ultimate, was founded by Mr. Brian Deveney back in 2001.

"It was very exciting starting the Ultimate Frisbee team. At one point, we even had 54 people on the team," said Mr. Deveney.

Even though many people might not be aware of the team, it is still a big part of Timberlane in its own way. Timberlane Ultimate is a club sport at the high school, therefore, anyone can join. It is a sport about teamwork and sportsmanship, and of course, having fun.

This year, the team is stronger than ever with Evan MacDonald and Jordan Smithurst leading the way. MacDonald and Smithurst are juniors here at Timberlane and have been around the game longer than any of us. Even though Jordan and Evan are leading the Ultimate team, they are missing their fearless leader of the past 4 years, Liam Desmond. Desmond graduated with the Class of 2017 and was an invested Ultimate Frisbee player here at the high school. With Desmond gone, MacDonald and Smithurst stepped in as the next capable leaders ready to take his place for the next two years.

Evan MacDonald started playing for the Timberlane Ultimate Frisbee team freshman year and has already been a part of many different club teams around New England. MacDonald has played for state teams and clubs around New Hampshire and has even traveled around the country to compete in Ultimate Frisbee tournaments.

"Ultimate is a very spirit and player oriented sport that relies on the students. It is very respectable and everyone is there to have fun and compete hard."

MacDonald also believes that the team this year will have a good chance of winning the state tournament as they are "one of the most prepared teams in the state."

The Timberlane Ultimate season is already on its way with a 2-0 start from the owls. Timberlane Ultimate beat the Bedford Bulldogs 14-12 and the Oyster River Bobcats 12-0 in a dominant fashion. There are a few more games to be played as well, so don't forget to show your support and cheer on your favorite Ultimate Frisbee team.

The Ultimate Frisbee State Tournament will be held May 26th & May 27th and Timberlane is hungry for that State title. The team has a lot of talent this year and has the determination to win and prove a lot of people wrong. Make sure to wish them luck on their season and continue to support the team through their incredible season as they have a home game against Portsmouth on May 22nd at the lower middle school field.



Photo courtesy of Evan MacDonald

## Volleyball

By Nick Braga

The Timberlane Boys Volleyball is dominating the NHIAA Boys Volleyball Division I circuit. The Owls are still rolling from last season's championship win. So far, this season seems to be a continuation of last year's impressive season. Currently the Owls, coached by Sean Hogan, are sitting at 11-1, only losing one game to Hollis-Brookline. Coach Hogan is in his first year as the Boys' Varsity Coach, and it seems as if it is a perfect fit for the team. He is no stranger to the sport though. Hogan was a volleyball star and served as a girls' volleyball coach for many years. So far his team has been nothing short of amazing. How do they do it? It could be the coaching, the superstars they have, or even the support of friends and fans. However, the desire to be the best comes from within.

Sam Hovan and Niko Kakouris are in their fourth years of playing volleyball. Both guys are starters, superstars, and returning members from last year's historic team. Sam believes that "We play so well due to how much work we put in," and, "We work hard and we work well together." It really shows; this group is as tough as it gets. Niko believes they will have a deep run in the playoffs. "We not only have the tools to win, we believe we can win." He also said, "I think we are ready for whatever comes at us."

The Owls have four games left to prove if they are the real deal or not. They will have some real tests when they play Windham and Pinkerton. Pinkerton and Timberlane have a long history when it comes to volleyball. The Pinkerton Astros have always had a good volleyball program. Last year the Owls beat Pinkerton to become D1 champions.

They are the perfect storm. They have skilled players, a great coach, and they work well as a team. They are one fluid group who work well under pressure. Luckily, they aren't under too much pressure because they make easy work of whoever they face. This is a result of hard work at practice and working well as a team.



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## Seniors Last Season

By Julia Ramsdell

As we all know, high school is coming to an end for all of us graduating seniors. It's the final days of high school. Most of us may not be ready to complete but at the same time we are. With graduation comes college, future plans, and leaving hometowns and high school sports and activities behind. It's hard to leave something you love and may have been involved in for years, whether it's music, art or athletics, it's emotional for all of us.

Leaving your last season as a high school athlete. Not going to practice every day after school, being with your teammates and loving the game. Even if you're not playing for your college's team, there are also some great choices to go for a sport such as club sports teams. This way you can still play the sport you love. Although it may not be the same, you can still get the same fix for your love of the game.

As a senior athlete myself, I know I'm definitely going to miss playing my favorite sports with all my teammates. Senior athlete Samantha Hamilton, a member of the Timberlane Field Hockey program stated, "Field hockey was the best part of my time in high school and I'm thankful to have met my best friends and win championships twice."

Sports are a great support system to be a part of, especially when everyone is going through the same pain. Seniors in general have a lot of stressors such as prom, graduation and other senior events, as well as moving into college. During a stressful school year, you can always look forward to your favorite season. Your last season as an athlete should be one of pure enjoyment. Competitiveness should be included as well, but remember to always have fun. Enjoying your senior year, spending time with your friends, and experiencing team bonding because you won't get to experience it again.

Save the good wins, disregard the bad losses and live up the home stretch of high school.



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## Mookie Betts, Huge Part to Sox Success

By Christian Allaire

Through the first 30 games of the 2018 Major League Baseball season, the Boston Red Sox have had lots of success. They were winners of 22 games that included 9 and 8 game winning streaks along the way.

A man that has had a huge impact for the American League leaders is, no surprise, Mookie Betts. Betts takes pride in being one of the best leadoff hitters in all of Major League Baseball and just has a natural ability to frustrate opposing pitchers.

Before the 2018 season started, new skipper and former Red Sox player, Alex Cora went out to eat with Betts to talk strategy and his overall approach at the plate. In previous seasons, Betts had taken many pitches early in counts and Cora's whole message was to attack those pitches and do damage early. This new mindset may have been a little challenging at first for Betts, where he was striking out more often and didn't have the results he was looking for in spring training.

However, this new process may be paying off for the 25 year old, for the fact that he is tearing up Major League pitching. Through the first 30 games, Betts has a .365 batting average that includes 21 RBIs. To go along with that, the right fielder has a league leading 11 home runs out of the leadoff spot, and two three-homer games so far this season. Those two 3-HR games have put him ahead of Hall of Famer, Ted Williams, for most in Red Sox history with four in his career. Keep in mind, Betts is only in his fifth MLB season and has played in 1,754 less games than Williams.

The two-time gold glove winner is a rare talent and one that Red Sox fans hope will stay around for a long time. Betts will be under the Red Sox front office control until 2020 and should get a long term contract offer for the success he has had for the city of Boston. Many are saying it will be up in the air this year between him and LA Angels Phenom, Mike Trout, for American League MVP. Trout is a 2-time MVP winning back in 2014 and 2016. Betts finished second in the voting in 2016.

The future of the Boston Red Sox and Mookie Betts is very bright. "I don't think it's a hot stretch. I think this is the guy. Obviously his OPS is not going to be 1.400. He'll be over .900 and that's a good leadoff hitter. I mean, that's elite. That's what we wanted from the get-go and he's done an outstanding job."

Alex Cora on Betts' success. The Sox are looking for back to back American League Championships and are more than capable of doing so. We'll see if Mookie Betts can lead his Sox team deep in the postseason for years to come.



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## New Look, Same Goal

By Sam Hovan

The 2017-18 was a successful season for the Patriots but they did not reach their main goal of winning a Super Bowl, the lost in the championship game to the Philadelphia Eagles. The Patriots have made some off season moves that makes a championship still a very realistic goal for the 2018-19 season.

Regardless of all the off season changes, there is one piece to the team that is crucial for the Patriots, Tom Brady. The Brady era has been a successful time for the Patriots leading his team to 8 Super Bowls and winning five of them. With Brady at the helm, the Patriots chance to win is increased but with the off-season moves, they are in even better position now.

A big move for the Pats was getting rid of Brandon Cooks, a short, speedy wide receiver for them. This may be a loss for the Pats, but they have brought in two receivers that should be able to make up for what they lost in Cooks. Cordarrelle Patterson and Jordan Matthews, Matthews is a big athletic receiver who can be a deep threat. Patterson is not an offensive weapon as much as he is in the special teams area of the game as a kick/punt returner. The Pats also brought in defensive tackle Danny Shelton and defensive back Jason McCourty (brother of Devin McCourty) from the Browns.

With these off-season moves and many rookies joining the team with the biggest draft choice being Sony Michel, a speedy running back from Georgia who should fit the team nicely. According to The Patriots Official website Sony Michel should make the biggest impact as a rookie this season. The Patriots should be exciting to watch and have their eyes set on the Lombardi trophy.



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## Baku Formula 1 Crash

By Noah Clark

Recently, in the capital city of Azerbaijan, the Baku Formula One Grand Prix took place with racers from all across the globe. However, before the 1st Turn on the 40th lap the Red Bull sponsored teammates Max Verstappen and Daniel Ricciardo in 4th and 5th place respectively collided bringing them both out of the race because of damage. And since just before the end of the race the first placed Valtteri Bottas had a punctured tire, this crash prevented the pair from pulling a respectable 3rd or 4th place finish or higher. Furthermore, the Red Bull team is not too happy about it either.

The pair are in a bit of hot water over the crash and have shown remorse for their actions "For sure it was a chaotic race and I guess we caused most of that. I have watched a few replays and the only thing we can both say is sorry to the team. This is the last thing we wanted" said Ricciardo to Autosport. The FIA (the racing authority for Formula 1) reprimanded the two and found that both were to blame for the crash. Their official statement concluded, "Both drivers contributed to the collision... It was obvious to the stewards that although the incident had its origins in the moves by car 33, the driver of car 3 also contributed to the incident."



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However, they are not trying to shift the blame for the crash. "I don't think we need to speak about whose fault [it is] because at the end of the day we are racing for a team, we are representing a lot of people and when this happens it's not good for both of us" said Verstappen to Motorsport. No matter who claims to be to blame or not, Red Bull is likely to make sure this cannot happen again for the sake of their image and some very expensive vehicles. In addition, they may not be allowed to race in some upcoming races because of it if Red Bull wants to maintain a sterling reputation.

## Off to a great start

By Justin Berube

The farewell tour for our Owl seniors on the baseball team is underway. The Owls have embraced the start of the season by knocking off some of the best teams in the state. Pinkerton (6-3) and Concord (7-3) both lost to us in the Owls Nest. Early in the season Concord beat Exeter 6-5, Exeter(9-1) is sitting at the top of the D1 standings. Big wins are showing why the Owls should not be counted out. The Owls are off to an impressive start and hope to make a postseason run.

The team is lead by Captains Connor Schott, Christian Allaire, Kyle Gleason, and Bob Horgan. Other seniors include Brandon Berube, Max Morasse, Rob Pinault, and Brett Bouchard. One of the strong points of the team is their defense. Senior Captain Connor Schott believes "Our hitting is good. We get our hits when we need them but our team is based around our fielding and pitching". "We have great all around pitching lead by Max Morasse". The seniors hope to end their High School baseball careers going down with a fight.

The Owls have promising underclassmen. Players like Donovan Kelly, Lucas Harmon, Zach Gleason and Cam Lovett are playing very well, and show a bright future for the Owls.



## Bruins Round One Win

By Brandon Berube

En route to another Stanley Cup Championship, the Boston Bruins had an impressive battle against rival, Toronto Maple Leafs ending in a seven game series.

The Bruins had a lot of rookies step up this season; each of them played a very strong role in the round one victory. With David Pastrnak, score 5 goals in the seven game series, and the veterans showing off their playoff experience, the Bruins looked in control of every game. Tuukka Rask has been a very tough goalie for getting the puck past him; Rask has 29 goals out of 290 attempts in the round one win. It is going to be hard for opponents to score points on the dominant Tuukka Rask in the net.

As the captain, Chara has been through many playoff situations in the past, which has really showed why he is a key player of the team. Having one of the fastest slap shots in the league, and being a wall on the defensive side, Chara is the whole package. As the Bruins make their way into the Eastern Conference Semifinals, they look to bring the same momentum from series one to the Tampa Bay Lightning. This season, the Boston Bruins have won four out of the five matchups, with all games winning by 2 or more goals. Veterans Patrice Bergeron and Brad Marchand made it clear that they are some of the best in the league scoring goals left and right between the two of them. Both Bergeron and Marchand have created an explosive duo in the city of Boston with their hockey experience

In a heartbreaking loss in game 5 gave the Boston Bruins championship run down the drain, The Bruins losing 3-1 in a win or go home situation. Captain Patrice Bergeron had a few words to say after the game, "It's sad to see us go out like that, we have a very talented team and it's disappointing to not reach the finals."

The Bruins finished with an overall record of 82-50, ending what was an exciting season to watch, as the Bruins will train the next season to take home the championship

It is going to be interesting to see as to how the rest of the teams will continue throughout the Stanley Cup Playoffs. Will the Tampa Bay Lightning end up making their run to the championship a success? The next couple of weeks will determine the ending of an incredible hockey season.

## NFL Draft

By Brendan Frezza

On April, 26th 2018 football fans locked in to see where the top players in college football would land with NFL franchises. The NFL draft is one of the most anticipated events in all of sports as fans look to see the next stars on their football team. Leading up to the draft many mock drafts are created to predict where certain teams may draft based on positional needs. This years draft was all about the quarterbacks, and one of the best running back prospects to come out of college in recent memory, Saquon Barkley.

According to ESPN the first of seven rounds started off with the Cleveland Browns at the first overall pick in the draft. There was question if the Browns would take a quarterback with the number one pick or take the freakish prospect of running back Saquon Barkley. The Browns also held the fourth overall pick causing for even more draft curiosity in terms of players they may pick. The Browns took a gamble on Baker Mayfield with the first selection in the draft. The team did not use their 4th overall pick on Saquon Barkley as he was selected by the New York Giants. Baker led the Oklahoma Sooners to a Rose Bowl appearance where they lost a shootout with the Georgia bulldogs who advanced to the championship game.

Baker was the winningest quarterback in the draft with the most experience but some compared him to hot head Johnny Manziel who had a fiery personality, playing style, and similar body type. Both had outstanding college careers with Heisman trophies to their name as well. The Cleveland Browns are taking the chance that Baker will be a much more successful selection at quarterback. Browns head coach Hue Jackson had high praise for his new quarterback stating he's a "Tough leader of men, a guy who has the ability to inspire a whole football team".



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The remainder of the first round was a streak of quarterback selections all within the top ten picks for the first time in the common draft era. Sam Darnold, Josh Allen, Josh Rosen all went in the first ten selections following Baker Mayfield at number one. The last pick in the first round was Heisman winning quarterback Lamar Jackson at pick thirty two by the Baltimore Ravens, Lamar had won the Heisman the year before Baker Mayfield.

The New England Patriots had two first round selections with the 23rd and 31st selections. The pick added a running back and Offensive Guard with Isaiah Wynn OG from Georgia and his teammate Sony Michel, an outstanding running back who provides a mixture of power and speed to New England's backfield.

The second round followed where depth of talent showed for this year's draft class. Many top prospects were selected such as LSU's running back Derrius Guice with the Washington Redskins and DB Josh Jackson from Iowa with the Green Bay Packers. According to NFL analysts from NFL.com both players have first round talent. Guice proved to be a punishing runner with LSU helping to solidify the backfield for the Redskins. Jackson also fills a need at defensive back for the Packers which will help bolster one of the largest weaknesses on their team.

The 2018 NFL Draft was a solidifying night for numerous teams around the league. Top stars were selected early on as well as later in the draft with some sleeper picks. Many of the NFL's top stars in today's league went late in their draft and some were even undrafted all together.

## Where did Terry Rozier Come From?

By Matt Perry

Terry Rozier is taking the NBA by storm. For those that follow the Boston Celtics, this really should not come as much of a surprise, after all, he was a first round draft pick out of Louisville in the 2015 NBA draft. However, until this point in time, he has been buried on the depth chart behind all-star point guards, Isaiah Thomas (2015-2016) and Kyrie Irving (2017-2018). Now with Thomas being traded and Irving's injury, Rozier has used the 2018 playoffs as a coming out party for his career. Rozier is stealing headline after headline and having impressive performances, but the one thing left in every NBA fan's mind is "Where did this guy come from?"

Rozier was born in Youngstown, Ohio, where he spent a large majority of his childhood playing basketball. He eventually attended Shaker Heights high school, in Shaker Heights Ohio. His senior year he put up an impressive average of 25.6 points, 6.5 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 4.7 steals per game; single handedly carrying his high school team to a 21-3 record and a trip to the regional semifinal in 2012 for the first time since 2002. But unfortunately, due to grades, Rozier was forced to attend Hargrave Military Academy for a year before he could be NCAA eligible. At Hargrave, he averaged 29.3 points, 7.8 rebounds and 5.6 assists per game; and once again, led his team to an impressive record of 38-8 and earning the Derby Classic MVP in 2012.

After he spent a year at Hargrave Military Academy, Rozier was able to commit to the University of Louisville on a full boat scholarship. As a freshman, Rozier averaged 7.0 points and 3.1 rebounds and made the AAC All-Rookie Team. He followed that up with an even better season his sophomore year, leading the Cardinals in scoring with 17.1 points per game, and being named to the second-team All-ACC. Then on March 30, 2015, only days after the NCAA March Madness Tournament, Terry Rozier declared his eligibility for the 2015 NBA draft.



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The Boston Celtics selected him with the 16th overall pick in the 2015 NBA draft, and the rest has been history. Rozier has really come onto the scene this season, and a lot of that has to do with the fact that this is the first year that Rozier has gotten the opportunity to shine, and he hasn't disappointed. Since Kyrie Irving went out with injury, Rozier slid into the starting point guard position where he has averaged 16 points, five assists, six rebounds per game, and has been a key player for the Celtics whenever need be. Not to mention the fact that throughout his rise to fame he has remained incredibly down to earth and very humble, "I am blessed, and I'm just trying to get better every day" With quotes like these, and his actions on and off the basketball court, I think that I speak for every Boston Celtics fan when I say I look forward to following the rest of Rozier's break out season, and long and productive NBA career.



## Celtics Take Down Milwaukee and Philadelphia in Round One

By Connor Schott

With a balanced attack, the Boston Celtics took down Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Bucks in the first round of the playoffs and Joel Embiid and the 76ers in the second round. The Celtics took down the bucks in game 7 to win the series 4-3 and recently beat the 76ers in game 5 to win the series 4-1. Everyone contributed to Boston's series victories, from the young stars to the big men. The first two rounds were also highlighted by the trash talking between teams. Two great series had many highlights, but the Celtics pulled away and advanced to the Eastern Conference Finals.

A huge part of the Celtics' success in their first round victory was due to their young stars. They got great production from Terry Rozier (age 24), Jaylen Brown (age 21), and Jayson Tatum (age 20), who were three of the top four scorers on the roster. According to basketball-reference.com, the young guys were led offensively by Jaylen Brown who averaged 17.9 points per game (PPG), almost 5 rebounds per game (RPG), and about 1 assist per game (APG). He was followed by Terry Rozier who averaged 17.6 PPG, 4.3 RPG, and 6.7 APG. The rookie Jayson Tatum produced 15.4 PPG, 5.3 RPG, and 3.1 APG. Not only did the Celtics' young stars provide great sparks offensively, but defensively as well. Each of the three averaged at least one steal per game. Another young player that produced, but didn't get a lot of credit was Semi Ojeleye. Semi had the challenge of covering MVP candidate Giannis Antetokounmpo toward the end of the series. Semi didn't get much playing time in the regular season, but when asked to start and cover Giannis, Semi was up for the challenge. Before Semi started covering him, Antetokounmpo scored at will. Ojeleye held him under 23 points in two games after Antetokounmpo averaged almost 28 PPG in the first four games of the series all according to ESPN.com.



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In the second round the Celtics proved many people wrong and took down a solid Philadelphia 76ers team. Before the series started 21 ESPN.com experts made predictions and only 3 chose the Celtics to win the series. Not only did the Celtics just win the series, but they won in 5 games. The success in the second round of the series was due to three main players; Al Horford, Jayson Tatum, and Terry Rozier. In the four games the Celtics won, Al Horford had total +/- of +51, according to ESPN.com. This means when Al Horford was in the game, the Celtics outscored the 76ers by 51 points. Al also had some scoring help with Jayson Tatum and Terry Rozier. According to basketball-reference.com Tatum averaged 23.6 PPG to go along with 3.4 RPG and 3.2 APG. Rozier was also a huge help offensively averaging 19.0 PPG, 7.2 RPG, and 4.4 APG. The Celtics had a balanced attack, while the 76ers were led by big man Joel Embiid who averaged 23.0 PPG and 14.0 RBG.

The standard for Celtics held by experts throughout the playoffs have been very low and yet they keep excelling. Despite season ending injuries to two of their star players and multiple other injuries throughout the year, the Celtics continue to succeed. They have been proving experts and analysts wrong all season and will look to do the same in the Eastern Conference finals against the LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

## Red Sox in April

By Bob Horgan

With a new manager and many new players, the 2018 Boston Red Sox campaign has reason to be filled with great optimism and high hopes. Sitting with a 29-14 record in the middle of May, the Red Sox are fulfilling these hopes. The most impressive part about the Red Sox was their 15-2 start. Losing the first game of the season after being up 4 runs in the 8th inning would be very demoralizing to most teams, but not to the Red Sox. In fact, the Red Sox were so good in the month of April; they actually broke the franchise record for number of wins in the month of April with their 19 wins.

According to MLB.com, three guys who have been sparking the Red Sox this year are Right Fielder, Mookie Betts (13 HR, 28 RBI, .353 BA) Outfielder/DH J.D. Martinez (14 HR, 36 RBI, .344 BA) and Starting Pitcher, Chris Sale (4-1, 87 K, 2.29 ERA). Betts recently broke a long-standing leadoff batting home run record held by Red Sox great, Dom DiMaggio this year.

When asked about the team has been playing as of late, star outfielder Mookie Betts summed it up pretty simply when he said, "We've been playing well, doing everything well, swinging it well and putting innings together and we've been doing a great job."

The Red Sox recently lost two out of three to their archrival, New York Yankees but bounced back with a sweep of the Toronto Blue Jays. A huge test is coming up when they have a four game series with reigning World Series champions and the team who eliminated them from the playoffs last year, in the Houston Astros.

Classmate Drew Wilson, who avidly watches the Sox told me, "I love the way the boys are playing. Mookie is Mookie. J.D. is J.D. and the pitchers have been pitchers. The boys are taking the series this year, and I am talking about the world one."

Manager Alex Cora was given a roster is extremely talented but seemed to underperform during the regular season and postseason. This year, Cora has turned this team into a World Series contender and there is no reason to not believe the Sox will make it back.



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## Boston Marathon

By Jake Huberdeau

The Boston Marathon is an annual 26.2 mile road race that has occurred on the third Monday of every April since 1897. This year, the conditions were some of the worst that anyone has ever seen, with heavy rain, a strong headwind, and temperatures in the high thirties. This caused many elite runners with low body fat to drop out due to near hypothermia.

Despite the always changing conditions, each year the running field is refreshed with new elite competitors and many returning athletes. As shown by the Boston Marathon website, both the men and women's race is often dominated by foreign athletes. During the 2018 Boston Marathon, this was not the case, particularly for American women. Four of the five top spots were Americans, with Desiree Linden placing first with a time of 2:39:54 and the others rounding off the podium were Sarah Sellers (USA) and Krista Duchene (CAN). Desiree won unexpectedly, crushing all her opponents by over five minutes. Although this victory was major, she remained very humble to reporters for the Boston Globe, talking about "the camaraderie between the American women as they attempted to end the 33-year drought"

On the men's side, the winner was considered a major underdog. His name is Yuki Kawauchi, a 34 year old man from Japan. According to CBS Sports, the heavy rain and cold wind were the perfect conditions for Yuki to win and not the other elite athletes. As a veteran marathoner, Yuki Kawauchi runs twelve marathons a year but nobody expected him to take it out as fast as he could. As other runners saw Yuki take an early lead, they expected him to fade out. Although he slightly faded to a slower pace and lost the lead during the middle miles, he saved some for the end and ended up making a big move at mile 25. He established a lead of more than two minutes and secured himself the win. Second place was held by Geoffrey Kirui of Kenya, then the next four finishers were, Shadrack Biwott, Tyler Pennel, Andrew Bumbalough, Scott Smith, all of which are American runners.



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All in all, the 2018 Boston Marathon had many dedicated runners who competed in the worst weather in the recent history of the race as stated by marathon officials and runners alike. Many unexpected people placed at the top because of this. In the eyes of marathoner Abby Huberdeau "Boston is a big goal for a lot of runners, especially people in New England". Once again, the success of this marathon remains unrivaled as over thirty-thousand runners from all around the world admit that the crowd was the best and most encouraging that they have seen according to Boston's official website, boston.com. The conditions of the Boston Marathon made it an interesting race that shook up the field of competitors for something new.

## Class of 2018's Best Memories

By Caitlynn Wilkins

As the Class of 2018 approaches the end of their journey here at Timberlane, they look back upon their past 12 years and reminisce about the times they've laughed and the times they've cried.

However, it's really about the people they have met along the way that are now parting separate ways and the memories they take with them. It's strange to think that over 15,000 hours of their lives from k-12 were spent within a room with four walls surrounded by the very classmates that they grew up with will all end as of June 9, 2018. As seniors get ready for the events that they have been anticipating since the moment they walked into the high school, they reflect upon their lives here at Timberlane. Here is a few special moments expressed by the class of 2018.

, "My favorite memory was when I was in my junior year of high school playing field hockey at states and we won. Prior to this experience, the field hockey team was considered the underdogs of that season. So, to be able to win a state title as an underdog was a thrilling and unforgettable feeling." -Jessica Mezquita

, "Even though I do not do Ski Team anymore, the bus rides and the people were my favorite memories here at Timberlane. I remember pasta parties and laughing so hard." - Elizabeth McGowan



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"Senior night for cheer was fun because it was nice to have a majority of the school come to support us all in something we are passionate about." - Haley Donovan

"Hawaii because it was unique and I got to bond with a lot of people I haven't had the chance to and allowed me to experience a different culture." -Denisse Gonzalez

"Dance team because the friendships I made and the memories they created are unforgettable" - Erin Grady

"Sweeney Todd because it was fun experience and it was a good introduction to the theatre department" Bryan Lavoie

"Freshman year pep rally because it was fun and it created healthy competition between the classes." - Jaimie Bissonette

While the high school experience may never be perfect, you can always find at least one memory that makes you smile. So, as you get ready to leave the owl's nest, reflect back upon your years here and cherish them because they can never relive their memories,

## Seniors, Who Influenced You?

By Delaney Ripley

As the school year winds down, the time has come where seniors are beginning to look back on their four years in high school and remembering the people they have been with and the memories they have made. Being in the same school for four years allows people to create bonds with both staff and students. Whether it is a coach, teacher, administrator, family member, or a lunch lady, the people around you always assure that you will have the best high school experience imaginable.



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Senior Alyssa Rollins has many people to thank for her years in high school, but her dad is the one she owes the most thanks to, "My dad never finished high school or college, so he wanted me to have the best experience possible. I wanted to make him proud, so I have always worked hard. He, hands down, has the biggest influence on me not only throughout high school, but my whole life."

Many students say that their fellow peers have the greatest influence on them, like senior Haley Bredbenner, "My classmates and friends inspired me the most throughout high school because I would see how good other people are doing in school and it would push me to study more and work harder."

Two-year senior class president Meg Oliver is a part of many organizations in the school. Being involved in these clubs allows her to meet new students and faculty and create relationships that she will carry with her forever.

"Out of all the people I have worked with in the last four years, I would say that Mrs. LeFebvre impacted me the most. She is what I like to call my school mom because she is always here for everyone if they need something. She has helped me continuously and getting to work with her and having her as a teacher is something I'll always keep close to my heart."

It is sad to see this year ending, but the memories made at Timberlane will be carried with students forever. From the warm welcome to incoming freshmen on move up day to the saddening goodbyes on June 9th for graduation, memories are always being made and the atmosphere at Timberlane will be something to never forget.

## Life After TRHS

By Josh Downing



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Seniors at Timberlane Regional High School are being pressed with the question of what is the next step in their life. Most feel college is the route for them, with the idea that there is much more to learn before becoming an adult. While others feel starting, work early may be the best path for them. Not all of us are inclined to start another 4-year period of schooling or any further education and others aspire to learn far more.

If college is something that your interests you than an associates or bachelor's degree is your ideal goal before thinking about further schooling. Community college like NECCO is a good example of a commuter school where you can start an education that does not involve large amounts of money that a 4-year college requires. However, some kids like the idea of being far away from home including all the privileges of being on your own. Some good in state schools are University of New Hampshire, Keene State, and Plymouth State. Plus it is good preparation for being responsible for yourself.

College is not for everyone though; some students are comfortable with starting their career after getting their diploma. Blue-collar jobs are very common for students coming right out of high school; some are involved with companies that have a job lined up for them when they graduate. Jobs that are most common for after high school would be landscaping or some kind of trade, more labor driven.

## Dorm Decor

By Alana Miller

For some, decorating your dorm room is a very exciting part of college, but it can be challenging. Knowing how to spice up a rather plain room can be difficult, but today I am here to give you a few tips.

The first thing to consider is talking to your roommate; it is very important to do this so you can be respectful of your shared space. Some roommates want to have a matching room, whereas others may want it to look different so things don't get mixed. Whatever decision is made between you two, decorating can be an enjoyable thing, especially when planned out ahead. Communication is important when you and your roommate about who is bringing what bigger items you may need, such as, TV, microwave, fridge, etc.

Moving into college can be a stressful time and the adjustment from living at home to living in a completely different place can be hard for some people. To ease the adjustment, I would recommend making sure that you're comfortable in your bed/ bedroom. This is important so that you can find comfort somewhere at this new place. It may help to bring some comforting items from your room at home with you such as a pillow you use normally, a fuzzy blanket that you sleep with, or maybe even a family photo.

You also have to keep in mind the things that are not allowed to be brought into dorm rooms at your college. To find what you can and can't bring to college, take a moment to check your college's handbook. Although you're limited in what to bring to college, there is more than likely an alternative to what you can bring. Most colleges don't allow candles because of the fire risk that comes with them, instead of bringing candles you can bring string lights. String lights can add the cozy yet cute feeling to your room. If you are looking for something to make your room smell nice, find out if your college allows essential oil diffusers.

Another thing you can't bring is a space heater and an air conditioner which is a bummer on the cold winter days. Although your dorm room has heat and air, it can still be pretty chilly at times and dripping hot on warmer days. Instead, pack up your fuzzy blankets and maybe even invest in a warm thermal blanket! For the warmer days, you can invest in a fan. If the fan isn't enough to keep you cool you can also look for Nestl Bedding Microfiber Linen 4-Piece Bed Sheets which you can find on Amazon for \$19.00!

Do you want to make your room stand out compared to the basic dorm room? Add a little jazz to your door by bringing tapestries, posters, and pictures of friends and family! While you can't put tacks in the walls you can use Command Strips. After decorating your walls, you may feel that your room still doesn't look good. Add a rug to the room or maybe a few decorative pillows and blankets.

No matter how you decorate your room or where you go to college, remember that everything will fall into place. While moving is nerve-racking, don't let it take over and don't forget to have fun!



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## Summer Fun

By Saige Wolff

Summer, the time where school is finally out and it's time to kick back and breathe in the summer air. Finding fun ways to spend your precious summer days can be pretty difficult at times. Here are some ideas that you may want to try.

One of the most common places to go during the summer is the beach. On a beautiful day, sticking your feet into the hot sand and inhale the salty air seems like the perfect way to sit back and relax. There are beaches nearby like Salisbury Beach in Salisbury, MA. Salisbury Beach is a nice beach close by where you can sit out on the sand and take a dip in the water and when you're all done, you can walk up to the arcade and play some games or buy some beach pizza. It's a great place to spend time with friends and family. You might even meet new people!

Spending large amounts of money isn't always a necessity when trying to find something to do. Planning a picnic on a sunny day with a friend or significant other is a perfect way to spend a hot summer day. The only costs for the picnic is the food and you're all set. Some places nearby that are good for picnics are Winnekenni Castle in Haverhill, MA or any park such as Riverside Park in Haverhill, MA. Food isn't the only thing that can be brought. Why end the fun there when you can also bring along a football or a frisbee to throw around?

A chill laid back day with friends is the way to go. Sitting back in the cold air of your house reading a book or watching TV isn't anything complicated, but it is a way to spend the day. Also, if your friend has a pool, swimming can be refreshing and fun.

Finally, what's a better way to spend the day than mini golfing? Mini golfing with friends on a beautiful sunny day full of laughter is the day you feel that your summer is complete. Having time to just chill with your friends and playing a noncompetitive game of golf is a win win! Some mini golf places nearby are Captain's Cove Adventure Golf in Hampton NH or Cedar land in Haverhill, MA.

There's so many ok ways to spend a day but why spend your day being just ok when it can be fantastic?

When summer comes, you want to spend your days wisely because summer doesn't last forever. These summer ideas should spark something in your brain to help you have fun in the summer!

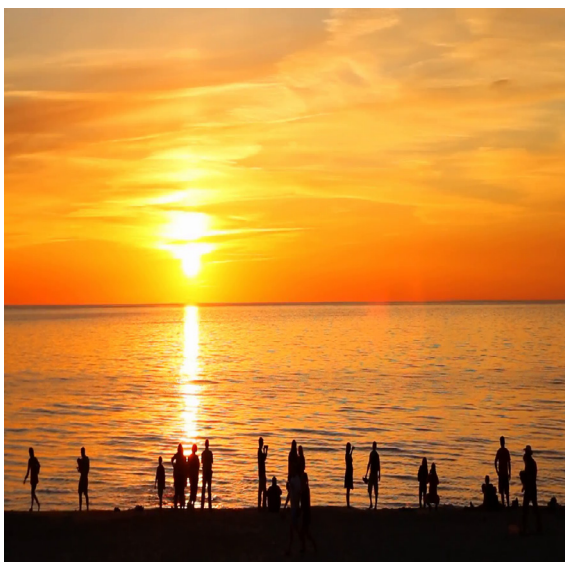


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## Puppy Training

By Matthew Schaejbe

A rush of happiness takes over your body because you have just been surprised with a new puppy. Images of frolicking through a flower field with him appear, and life is just perfect. Hold up because that puppy needs training. Here are some basic tips on how to raise a well-behaved dog.

With all puppies, potty training comes first no matter what. Your puppy needs to understand the difference between outside and indoors, so that no accidents can happen. How you do this is frequently taking him/her outside. Always have a little treat in your pocket. If you notice that they do their business, give them the treat right away so that they feel the reward. Soon enough, your puppy will start going right away, and it will be expecting that treat.



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This next step may seem mean, but it is very necessary. If you let your puppy run around the house for too long, it will eventually have an accident. If your puppy starts having frequent accidents in the house, it is essential that you put him/her in its crate. It is natural that a puppy will not do its business in the same place where it sleeps. If your puppy cannot learn to not go in the house, then he/she will spend its time in a confined pace until there are no accidents. It should also be noted that puppies have small bladders, so you really need to take them out frequently. Taking them for walks is good too, because it allows them to get some exercise, fresh air, and to socialize.

Puppies are very playful; however, they can be too playful sometimes. By that, I mean they can bite. Whether or not it is just a playful gnaw, they need to know not to bite humans. Once they reach the age of around 6 months, it needs stop. How to do this is to simply play with them. If they don't bite you, then they have probably already figured it out for themselves. If they continue to bite you, then he/she needs to spend time in the crate. It is essential to put them away immediately after it bites you for the first time. That way, the puppy will gain an understanding of what causes them to go in the crate.

The final step in raising a healthy, well-behaved puppy is to develop a healthy diet. This diet starts off right when you get your puppy. It is up to you, the owner, if you want to feed it wet food, dry food, or a mix of both. You can choose this based on how responsive the dog is to the food and whether or not he/she likes it. It is also essential to not let the laziness of yourself affect the health and well-being of your dog. By this, I mean feeding it food that we eat, and dinner scraps. Dogs have a very sensitive stomach and deal with new food badly. In addition, dinner scraps tend to be very unhealthy for the dog. So, keep your dog's healthy diet consistent, and they will live a happy and healthy life.

This process seems very time-consuming, because it is. However, it is all worth it to be able to have a furry, little friend to come home to every day. It is essential to treat our dogs with care, just as we do to ourselves.

## Summer Travel

By Jared DeLucia

Every public school in the United States has about two months for a summer vacation. Every student in the US looks forward to their summer vacation, ever since the start of 1st grade. Many enjoy getting the freedom of sleep in, spend time with friends, travel and do whatever he or she wants. Many students enjoy traveling with their families if they have the funds to do so. But also, traveling over the summer is much healthier than sitting home doing nothing for almost three months.

For those who live in the Northeast, there are many destinations that are very affordable. Many don't cost anything, except the gas burned while traveling. New Hampshire has many destinations for those who enjoy the outdoors. The White Mountains are home to many outdoor excursions from hiking, waterfalls to view, great places to eat, and it's fun for all ages. "Ever since I was little, I have always enjoyed heading up into the White Mountains to enjoy a great hike." says one of Timberlane's students, Jake Huberdeau. This mountain range is home to the tallest mountain in the Northeast, Mount Washington. Mount Washington valley contains resorts, and many different excursions from the auto road to shopping. New Hampshire's Route 16 goes into North Conway, which has many different shops, restaurants and outlets to visit.



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The Northeast has many other places to offer, New York has miles of countryside, along with the historic New York City, that is just a few hours drive from southern New Hampshire. Massachusetts contains mountains and lakes to visit out in the western half of the state. Those who like to see history can go tour around Boston. Also, you could try eating something new, as Boston offers quality food of all types. The North End of Boston offers some of the highest quality Italian food on the East Coast. Along with the wide variety

of quality food, Boston offers many other excursions such as the Freedom Trail for those who would like to see history. Also, there are many different boating tours and excursions in the harbor.

For those who want to head to a northern coastline, Maine is the place to be. According to Discover New England, "From majestic mountains and a breathtaking coastline accented by dozens of lighthouses, visitors can enjoy fresh and plentiful seafood and scenic windjammer cruises, or find peace and quiet in the Maine woods." Many enjoy traveling to Portland, or Bar Harbor Maine because the coast line has a lot to offer, with many beaches and shops. Lighthouses, and rocky shores are a huge attraction for many who travel up to these parts of Maine.

The NorthEastern U.S. has many options for those on a budget, and for those with a little extra money to spend. Due to the location, the Northeast gets to experience all four seasons, and offers everything from sandy beaches to enormous mountain ranges.

## Keeping Healthy

By Sarah Cronin

Do you ever feel frustrated by some of the choices you make? Your mind is telling you to go exercise or eat a salad but your body is making you eat cake and laze on the couch all day. You can change all that right now. It is never too late to make some adjustments in your life, even if they are small. Sometimes the small changes are the most impactful.

Changing your diet can be one of the most beneficial choices you can make for your body. It might be as simple as cutting out certain sugars found in junk food. When a sugar craving arises, reach for an apple instead of a cookie and your body will thank you! It is also important to focus on more varied foods that will keep your energy up and nourish your body. Eating healthy will decrease your risk for diseases such as heart attacks and obesity. Being healthy will allow you to have more energy, and will make you feel happy with yourself.

A daily exercise routine is a very important way to stay healthy. Exercising improves cardiovascular fitness, muscle tone/ definition, and keeps joints and bones strong. Not only is exercise good for your physical body, it is also good for your mental state. Exercise is one of the best ways to relieve stress and helps you to relax. Maintaining some kind of exercise, even if it is just walking, is great for your body and should be carried out at least three days a week. Try going with a friend to help you get motivated.

Getting a good night's sleep does wonders for your body. The amount of sleep are very important to your health and well-being. According to sleepfoundation.org, adults should get about 6-8 hours of good quality sleep each night. Teens should be getting 7-9 hours of sleep each night to feel well rested and ready for school. Try making a schedule to meet all your goals for the day so you can get to bed on time. Exercise will definitely help you get a good night's sleep.

Staying hydrated does wonders for your body. Staying hydrated promotes healthy skin, organs, and helps in preventing sickness. Drinking a glass of water first thing in the morning will help get everything going and will make you feel refreshed. Senior Juergen Pfau drinks about a gallon of water a day and says that it makes his body feel good and that he will start to get migraines if he does not drink enough water.

These are just a few things to get started with when trying to stay healthy. Making small, simple changes can make a world of difference.

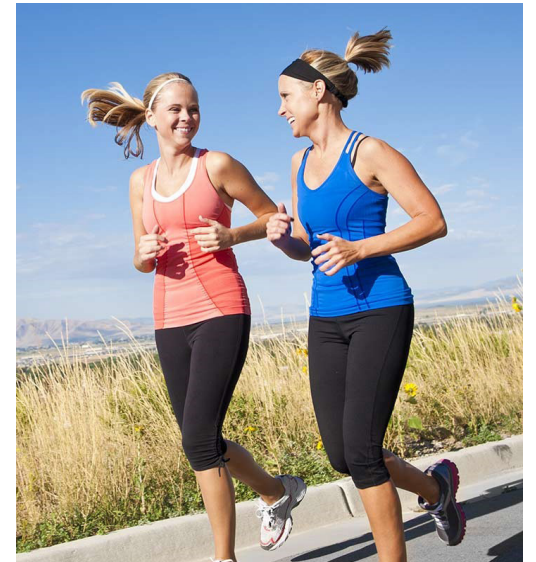


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## What Are You Doing After School?

By Nathan Szpak

Most people believe college is the best choice right after high school, but if you want to end up with debt to be paid off or end up dropping out and wasting your parents money on a four year college plan, then don't go. There are other alternatives that are a lot cheaper and can actually help with a profession in the world. According to CareerBuilder as of 2016 about 46 percent of high school graduates enroll into a four year college and 24 percent enroll in a two year college. If you are looking for the cheapest solution for college try a community or technical college.



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Community college cost a lot less and bring more benefits to you. Community college is emerging as not only a good value, but also a promising way to land a job. The programs offered are often a direct response to the needs of the current job market. There are four types of degrees that college has to offer, associate, bachelor's, doctoral, and master's degree. If your going to college full time, you can complete your associate's degree in two years and you would need a high school diploma or equivalent. A bachelor's degree takes four years to earn and you would need a high school diploma or equivalent. If you want to gain your master's degree than you would need to complete an extra one to two years after you earn your bachelors. Getting a doctoral degree takes up to two years or more, depending on what you want major in.

Other alternatives other than college consists of an apprenticeship or fellowship. These programs offer on job training, hands-on experience and you get paid. If you can't figure out what you really want to do, then join the military. There are many benefits to joining a branch of the military. With a competitive salary, free health care and little-to-no living costs, the military will pay your tuition while in service. If you can't figure what you really want to do then just take a gap year. This allows you to take your time and travel to figure out what you have a passion for.

## Changes and Global Warming

By Matthew Piccolo

Climate change is a big topic that has a lot of discussion around it. Some people don't believe it's caused by humans and some people believe it to be a hoax altogether.

However, there are some scientific facts that show what's been affected, and how things will be for the future. According to the NASA website, there's a 95% chance that climate change is being caused by humans and the emissions that we create.

The reason that scientists believe it's caused by humans is because the carbon dioxide level didn't start to increase until about the 1950's. The temperature of the earth's surface has increased by 2 degrees Fahrenheit, caused by human-made emissions. Records keep being broken for the hottest a month has ever been in history, and 2016 was the warmest year on record. In the last century, the sea level raised about 8 inches, but the rate in the last 2 decades is nearly double that. Since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, the acidity of the ocean surface has increased 30 percent. The changes in water temperature and acidity causes the polar ice caps to melt, causing the sea level to rise.

The planet isn't too far gone yet and it's still possible to stop the progression of climate change. "We need to recognize that it makes sense to discuss slowing emissions growth before trying to stop and eventually reverse it." – US White House Council of Economic Advisers. The best ways to help are to use more efficient cars, eating plant based diets, using renewable energy and overall using less energy for everything. If everyone comes together, it's possible to slow global warming down to a halt and allow scientific efforts to go somewhere else.



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## Best Beaches

By Anthony Gianelly

Unlike many, the people of Massachusetts and New Hampshire have access to unbelievably beautiful beaches. From the Breathtaking beaches of Cape Cod to the Family filled beaches of Boston, there are plenty to visit. With a plethora of beaches to choose from choosing the perfect one to visit can be very stressful. Luckily for you, I will be listing a few of the most well-known beaches along with the best activities to do while there.

If you ask anyone what there is to do in Cape Cod almost everyone will tell you to visit the beach. One of the most well-known beaches in Cape Cod is Sandy Neck Beach. Stretching 6-miles Sandy Neck beach is known for its walking trails. The trails are not open early in the season due to the endangered Piping Plovers that hatch, but as soon as the eggs hatch you are allowed on the trails. The Beach itself is rocky and the water is known to be a little chilly. The sunsets are beautiful and there are 4700 acres of dunes to explore. It will take you about 2 hours to drive there from TRHS but it will be well worth the trip!

Crane Beach in Ipswich Massachusetts is also a great vacation spot. This beach is a great place for ocean lovers because the ocean is very clean and lifeguards are always on duty. If swimming is not what you are looking for, there is a 5.5 mile hiking trail of traverse dunes. The beach is only 1 hour away from TRHS which makes it a perfect day trip.

Plum Island may possibly be the most renowned beach in the Boston area. Plum Island has an abundance of things to do, including: fishing, boating, kayaking, and bird watching! A great place to stay while visiting is the Blue Hotel. From the hotel you are able to see the sunrise from your room, while you enjoy a homemade breakfast that will be served to you. Don't forget to bring your bikes, because there are also plenty of trails to explore!

Wrap this up by saying something about how it is good to explore beyond Hampton and Rye beaches. Within the other paragraphs share how far away the beaches are. Maybe share that some have camping.



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## Spring Fashion

By Gavin Gallagher

It's finally time to put those worn winter clothes to rest and pull out your spring wear! You have those same old outfits you wear every year. Some you love and some hold memories but then there's some you ask yourself "why did I ever wear this"? Clothes give a boost of confidence to both men and women. We all have that favorite outfit, or pair of shoes and even accessories that makes us feel our best. But those days when you're ready to switch it up and are sick of the same old, what do you wear? Being on top of trends means to be up to date with everything and being a part of the culture around you. Fashion is a great way to express this. A lot of people however have their doubts about what they feel they can and cannot wear. The best thing you can wear and always looks good with everything is self-confidence. Spring is the time of year to let go and be yourself.

Everyone during this season are best seen in flashy accessories. One big and almost forgotten accessories that is coming back is the fanny pack. Its nostalgic vibe and convenient purpose is what makes it a comeback. Today's fanny packs compared to the preconceived notion of them have become two big differences. They are now made in different shapes, sizes, colors and fashionable styles. Even big names in fashion such as Fenty, Skinnydip, PSWL and so many more are embracing the trend.

Fashion bloggers at glamour.com say that floral prints are in now more than ever this spring. It seems floral prints are becoming more gender neutral men and women are feeling most confident in these prints and looking great while wearing them. According to Startupfashion.com floral prints "lend a touch of loveliness to a garment". Culture and meaning behind the flowers that represent gentleness and femininity throughout different cultures and ages are what is most appealing to those who sport the print.

Yet another throwback for fashion in the women's department are the infamous mom jeans. The high waist and relaxed thigh that the jeans provide are what makes them so trendy. Though they are easy to wear it is a fine line between fashionable and frumpy. What competes this look is simple yet classic. Basic T-shirt tucked in with a pair of bold heels. Instyle.com explains that the way the pants are made is to flatter a woman's body, cinching at the waist with its high rise and giving freedom to any size due to its roomy thigh space.

Women have always and still do express their love for flashy sunglasses but over the recent years it's become a bigger deal for men. As said on GQ.com "Even if you live in T-shirts and blue jeans, the right pair of sunglasses the kind that flatter your face and have an of-the-moment quality to them will make you look like a man of great style, character, and charisma." Even with the most simple of outfits a great pair of sunglasses can trigger double takes from those around you. Not only is it the just the glasses that say it all, it's the brand behind the sunglasses that adds to the equation. Famous designer brands such as Jimmy Choo, Rag and Bone, and others are making stylish shades just for men's fashion.



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Fashion means something different to everyone, whether it be to bring a vibe from an era, to share an idea or make a statement to keep up with what's happening now. Fashion's most important role is empowering oneself, to feel a part of something bigger because everyone expresses fashion in their own way and there no exception to that. Whatever it is you chose to indulge in, feel good in what you wear.

## How not to waste your summer

By Andrew Trasatti

Is there such thing as a wasted summer? Summer is an opportunity for everyone to be worry free and do the activities they enjoy most. If you're bored this summer there are many ways to have a good time.

**Get a Job:** If you're worried about wasting your summer away on the couch when you know you could be doing so much more with your time, get a job. A new job is a great way to pass some time and make extra money. A new job is also an excellent way to make new friends and get experience. Many places are always looking for extra help during the summer. Many popular summer jobs are Market Basket, Town Rec Summer Camps, Ice cream shop, or a landscaper.

**Spend time with friends:** Everything is more enjoyable with the company of another person. If you're bored this summer call or text a friend and see what they're up too. Going out or stay in, either way being with a friend is more enjoyable and memorable. Something to do with a friend is visit someplace new. Research online and find places you would like to visit and plan a day trip or even overnight.

**Go for a hike:** Take advantage of the warm weather and spend some time outside. There are many beautiful hikes around the state of New Hampshire.

- Pawtuckaway State Park in Nottingham is a close destination with many miles of hiking trails.
- One of the most popular hikes is Mount Major in Alton, New Hampshire. Mount Major is popular for its shorter length and beautiful views of Lake Winnepesaukee.
- The White Mountains has hundreds of mountains and hiking trails. Although it is a longer trip the views are worth it.

**Popular Locations**

- Hampton Beach - Swimming, Hanging on beach
- Portsmouth - Lots of good food, stores, waterfront
- Lake Winnepesaukee - Weirs beach, Hiking, boating
- White Mountains - Hiking, Shops in North Conway,
- Boston - Museums, restaurants, stores

There are hundreds of things to do to have fun and stay occupied this summer. Don't waste your summer on the couch, take advantage of the weather and freedom and have a fun and memorable summer.



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## Choosing a college roommate

By Lily Collins

College, in itself, can be quite stressful. Having to pick a roommate can either add more pressure on you, or can make you more excited. Picking a roommate is very important in the college process. It determines who your first college friend is, which can be a pretty big deal.

There are a couple of ways to go about finding a roommate. One of the options can be letting the college decide for you. Most colleges will have a survey for you to take that will help them match you with someone similar to your preferences. This way is somewhat risky, considering you will not be talking to your roommate beforehand, just on the move in day. Many people go this route, and it can be a hit or a miss. It mostly depends on how much you care about your roommate in general. Some people care more about being close with their roommate than others. Liv Marshall, a senior at Timberlane, has chosen to go this route. "I'm going to go random and take the UVM survey, unless I meet someone at orientation that I'd like to room with. I'm doing it this way because it's the least stressful method, and it was the way everyone did it before the Facebook pages came around."

The next way you can try to find a roommate is by joining the University's Facebook page. Most colleges have a page on Facebook that allows students to introduce themselves and try to find a roommate. The page is open for anyone to join; you just have to be added in. By requesting to be on the page, one of the creators of the page will accept your request. Others can comment on their post or message them saying they are interested. Alternatively, you yourself could make a post and consider the people who come to you. This gives you the chance to learn a little bit more about your roommate, and maybe even become friends before the fall rolls around. Emily Drislane chose to use this method. "I chose this way and my roommate because she reached out to me on Facebook. We are studying the same major, and we have a lot in common. I think this method is better because you should know your roommate before you choose them because you don't know if you're going to get along with a stranger before you meet and talk to them."



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The last way is knowing exactly whom you want to room with! Say you and a good friend, or maybe just an acquaintance are going to the same college, you both can request to room with each other! There are pros and cons to this strategy though. Rooming with someone from high school can easily be a great experience, but it does not give you the chance to meet new people at a time that is most important. In terms of making new friends as roommates, you could always get a triple or a quad, and share with two other people, as well as your high school friend. Kellie Lowes, Class of 2017, went a little ways before choosing this method. "Originally, I went through the Facebook page, but the girl I chose ended up being crazy, so I moved out before school even started. Then I went the random method, but this girl would steal my stuff. Finally, I met these girls in my nursing class who I loved, and decided I'd room with them." Kellie had a lot to say about this topic, but her number one advice was this: "NEVER room with your best friend from high school. It never goes well; it's basically the cardinal rule."

It all depends on what you prefer. Do you want your roommate to be your best friend throughout college? Or would you just think of them as someone you live with during your time at school? It all really comes down to those two questions. Your roommate can either make or break your college experience, so it is important to think about how you would like to go about it.

## Studying for finals

By Kirsty Perry

Many people are stressing out because finals are coming up quickly. For seniors, there are only two more weeks until finals begin and the rest of the students have about one month to prepare. It is always important to stay organized and prepare yourself to succeed on your finals.

For starters, it is very important to stay organized. If you keep all the paperwork for each class in a different folder, it is easier to find papers when it comes time to study. Also, it is critical that you know what you are supposed to be studying. Don't be afraid to talk to your teachers and ask questions; you want to feel confident in passing your finals. If teachers offer extra help sessions, take advantage of that opportunity because it will help you really prepare for your final. Taking advantage is a really important thing to remember because in the long run, it will be worth it.

Trying to stay stress free during finals is another important tip for your success. This includes preparing properly, getting a good night sleep, staying hydrated and most importantly, eating a healthy breakfast. You want to reach your full potential when taking your finals so it is important to keep all of this in mind. Also a tip that helps is being early for your finals so that you have time to settle down before taking the exam and do any last minute studying.



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Finals are an important part of being successful in each semester of the year. Try not to let it overwhelm you because it isn't supposed to be all stress. It certainly can be stressful, but as long as you put the time and effort into preparing you will succeed!

## Summer Job Ideas

By Spencer Rooney

Finding a job for the summer can be tough due to the amount of people who are also trying to find a job. Think about applying for jobs in the spring so you can beat all the people coming home for school that are looking for jobs.

Begin by asking yourself, do I want to work inside or outside? Jobs that are indoors are much different from outdoor jobs. Finding a summer job also depends on if you want to work part-time or full-time. Once you narrow that down, you can start searching for local jobs.

A good start to finding a job is asking your friend where they work and possibly getting a job through them or go around to local retailers within your town. Stores such as Market Basket and Home Depot are hiring right now because the summer is a much busier season. Most local retailers pay higher than minimum wage at a starting salary of \$10 per hour and often pay time and a half on Sundays. Stores are often looking for part-time workers because they don't want to give you benefits as you are only able to work full-time in the summer. These jobs have a set schedule and usually consistent work because you are inside unlike a job such as landscaping, where you really cannot work in the rain. The work in these types of stores tend to be less physically demanding compared to landscaping and various other outside jobs. As a produce employee at Market Basket, I have learned that the harder you work, the more hours you will get. Overall, retail stores are not too difficult and are usually flexible when it comes to your work schedule.



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On the other spectrum of jobs is outdoor work. Outdoor work suitable for high schoolers are usually jobs within landscaping and construction. You can usually find these jobs through a friend, local newspaper, or even online. These jobs vary from minimum wage up and can get up to \$15 or \$16 per hour depending on how good of a worker you are and what company you work for. Unlike retail stores that are looking for part-time employees, these jobs want full-time workers because the bulk of their busy season begins and ends when students have their summer break. They tend to work Monday-Saturday 7 am-5 pm depending on the weather conditions.

Landscaping jobs are more physical labor, but you often are paid more because of the different types of working conditions. A good place to find a local landscaping job is to look in the newspaper or on craigslist; typically, you have to look a little harder for these jobs because there aren't as many landscaping jobs compared to retail stores. I have also worked construction and landscaping in the previous summers and have found that while outdoor jobs are more work, they pay better and are much more suited for me as I like to be outside on the nice summer days.

Dylan Hughes, a student at Timberlane, stated, "I do landscaping in the summer because I like to work outside and have a physically demanding job to keep me in shape throughout the summer."

Overall, these are some of the best jobs for high school students. There are pros and cons to both of these types of jobs you just have to find the right work for you.

## Surviving Senior Year

By Jess Amorelli

Imagine this, it's August 30th the first day of school. But more importantly, the first day of your senior year. The beginning of senior year will be exciting, but nerve-racking at the same time. Your first last day of school will bring back all kinds of memories from elementary and middle school days.

High school goes by extremely fast. I know everyone says that, but it's true. It feels like just last week I was a freshman, and now graduation is in less than a month. As stressful as senior year can be, don't wish it over before it even begins.

My biggest tip of advice for making senior year less stressful is to get college stuff out of the way. Spend the summer looking at colleges when you have the time, so once senior year begins, you'll already know where to apply. After you know where to apply, you can get all of your applications out and wait for the responses. Not having to worry about where you want to send applications to makes the beginning of the year go by smoothly.

Senioritis is real and will 100% hit you. Skipping a few homeworks and papers in classes every now and then is normal, but try and refrain from just completely giving up. Some of the classes you take your senior year may seem pointless, but you need to do the work because colleges still look at the final transcripts and can revoke your admissions to their school if your grades are bad- and this isn't just a myth, it has happened.



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The final and most important piece of advice for starting senior year is to never take your family for granted. College is a whole different world once you move in, and your parents aren't there for you. Senior year is really the last full year you'll be spending at home with your parents. It'll seem like the best thing in the world not having to live with your parents once you go to college, Siblings can be some of the best friends a person could ever have. Also, take advantage of having your parents by your side while you can. Nobody else will have your back in life like your parents do.

Enjoy senior year, and do everything you possibly can in high school while you have the chance. Before you know it, you'll be sitting in class a month away from graduation not knowing where the time went.

## Advice to Incoming Freshmen

By Ashley Shea

Starting high school can be very intimidating for some, while for others it is a breeze. High school is the last years you are in school for, the last years you get to spend time with your friends in classes, and the last years before you move onto the next step in life. Four years may seem like a long time, but it really isn't. Time just flies like the wind in the sky. High school may seem hard, but in reality, if you try and pay attention in class, it's really simple.

While some students may need to study often based upon their course loads and content, studying isn't something I personally do, since I have so many things going on in life. All I did was pay attention in class, take notes, and ask a bunch of questions. Never be afraid to ask questions because if you don't ask, you'll never know the answer.

Making sure you have all your items you need for the day is very important. Whether it's specific notebooks, binders, or folders, forgetting any of these items may really hurt your grade in the long run.



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Being focused is a major part of becoming successful in high school. How I stay focused in school is by listening to music while I do my work or chewing gum. Music really blocks out everybody who's talking or distracting you, while playing a catchy song is enjoyable. Chewing gum basically allows you to "fidget" with something and expel some energy.

Stressing out will not help you become a successful student either. Staying organized and making sure you know where all your papers are is a major part of independence in high school. Coming into high school, you will learn to become more independent. Independence is extremely important in life because as you become older, you begin to do things on your own. Knowing how to do tasks on your own makes everything easier because you don't have to ask anybody how to do it.

From my personal perspective, I believe that high school is more laid back than middle school. High school is where you get to know your teachers more, understand life better, and learn how to adapt to a new life-style. High school is where teachers treat you more like an adult. Part of becoming an adult is knowing when to leave for your first class, getting to your destination on time or finishing an assignment early so you don't have to do it later on.

Freshmen should not be nervous about coming into high school. The school may seem large at first, but it really isn't after a week or two. Timberlane Regional High School is a very easy school to get to know and to adapt to. So make sure you bring everything you need for the first day of freshman year!

## Post Malone Drops a New Album

By Connor Ross

One of the most diverse and creative artists has done it again with his newest album he dropped on April 27th, called 'Beerbongs and Bentleys'. Malone's sophomore album is made up of 18 tracks with featured guests including Swae Lee, Nicki Minaj, and Ty Dolla \$ign. This well awaited album by the popular rapper/singer has already broken two streaming records on the streaming service Spotify. On the first day of availability, the 18 songs were played just under 48 million times in the United States, shattering the previous record of 36.6 million plays on J Cole's new album that was released just a week ago. It isn't very often that the streaming records are broken but when two artists of their caliber drop projects within a week of each other, it's very possible to break them twice.

Globally, the already-gone-platinum album received 78.7 million plays, which is also the new global record for most streams in the first day following a release of an album. In order to go platinum, one million albums must be sold. In this music era, actually albums being bought is decreasing at a large rate because of the rise of streaming services.

1,500 plays of a song on a streaming service, such as Spotify or Apple Music, counts as one album being sold. So in this case he has sold one million albums combining between actual purchases and streams. After all that is said and done, it goes unsaid that Post Malone's new album is very different from the hip-hop norm, but it has still struck many people's hearts within the first week of listening.



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Austin Post kicks off the album with a track titled "Paranoia". This track goes into depth on how he feels as though people are taking advantage of him and using his fame and fortune for their own hidden purpose and that has him feeling paranoid as an artist and an individual. He followed that up with an upbeat song called "Spoil My Night" featuring Swae Lee, where many think that he is shown up by Swae Lee when considering lyrics. This is a common theme throughout the album with the songs containing a featured artist. The featured artists almost overpower what Post was able to do and that has put some criticism on his name from a lyricist's standpoint. "Rockstar" featuring 21 Savage, was released back in September of 2017 and was put on the album. This song went five times platinum and was a big reason this album went gold before it even dropped. One of the final stand-out songs on this album is titled "Better Now", where he goes on about how he and his ex are trying to "win the breakup" by masking the feelings they both still have for each other.

This album has thrown us all for a loop because of how it was organized and made. There are certainly hits on the album but they're hidden in all the monotonous tunes that are also apparent. Listening to the album through and through is a tough listen and hard to differentiate some songs from each other because of the repetitiveness. Nevertheless, people love what Post Malone is putting out and are giving it the attention that they think it deserves. This album has already broken records and according to Billboard, it will stay at the top of the charts for quite some time. Overall, the music on this album is very good and highly praised, even if it can get tedious at points. Beerbongs and Bentleys has gone platinum already and do not be surprised if it goes double platinum before the month mark hits.

## K.O.D. Album Review

by Farai Zhou and Austin Townsend

Kids On Drugs, King Overdosed, Kill Our Demons- all abbreviations and moral messages from rapper J Cole's new concept album, KOD.

Being known for his more traditional style of rapping, the album still has a very old school vibe. However, in this project, we saw Cole incorporate more modern techniques like triplatt flows and beats with intense bass and rhythmic changes. Despite this more modern feel, every song obviously has great and meaningful lyricism, which is just what we have come to expect of J Cole.

J Cole isn't new to dropping great projects, having went double platinum with no features on his trademark album 2014 Forest Hills Drive, and also having great successes in his albums, The Sideline Story, 4 Your Eyez Only, and Born Sinner. J Cole's KOD, being a concept album, fits in very well with his older projects, which are for the most part all conceptual. Despite J Cole being a blockbuster artist, fans didn't have much time for hype over this record, due to the fact he only announced it a week before dropping it.

J Cole dropped KOD on the day of 4/20 this year. He did this directly as a reference to the overall message of the songs on the album, having to do with addiction and making wise and informed decisions.

Throughout the songs, we hear J Cole telling us to choose wisely, which is basically him telling those who listen to make decisions with the goal of not hurting yourself or others.

Songs that stood out include: "Once an Addict", "ATM", "Kevin's Heart", "1985 (Intro to 'The Fall Off')", and "KOD". These songs stood out because of their incredible meaning and boldness in rapping about not being an addict in an era of hip-hop where addiction is being praised and glorified.

Based on the impactful sound, meaning, and overall production of this record, KOD easily comes in at a strong 9/10 rating. Despite the major concepts and serious tone, it still has such an enjoyable sound, and, furthermore, we would recommend this album to any fan of rap music.

## SR3MM Album Review

By Cole Harnois

On Friday, May 4th, Rae Sremmurd finally dropped their highly anticipated third studio album titled SR3MM, as a follow up to their albums Sremmlife and Sremmlife 2.

Fans have been looking forward to this one for quite some time, as Sremmlife 2 released back in August of 2016, leaving fans with little to no new music for close to two years. Both Swae Lee and Slim Jxmmi had been hyping up their new project through social media for the last few months, talking about how artists like Future, Travis Scott and The Weeknd would be featured on their album. About a month prior to the album's release, Swae Lee announced that the project would actually be split into three separate parts, one part Swae Lee, one part Slim Jxmmi and the third part Rae Sremmurd (both artists).

This is a very unique idea and caught the attention of a lot of lingering fans. "I have been waiting for this for like 50 years," said Farai Zhou, an avid fan.

Each section of the album consisted of nine songs, with the first third of the album by Rae Sremmurd, titled SR3MM. This part of the album will most likely draw in most of the attention, and contains six solid to really good songs, with a couple I didn't really enjoy that much. Four of the nine songs were actually released as singles prior to the album, those being "CLOSE", "Perplexing Pegasus", "Powerglide", and "T'd Up". all really great songs and some of my favorites from the entire project.



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"Powerglide is an insane track for sure," Senior Rob Pinault said after being asked about his thoughts so far on the album.

Although those are all great songs, they don't add too much to the album as a majority of fans knew about the songs already. For the other five songs on this part, "Up in My Cocina", "Bedtime Stories", "Buckets", "42", and "Rock N Roll Hall of Fame", I thought a couple were good, and the others weren't bad, it's just that they didn't really keep my interest. "Buckets" is a pretty solid song with a decent feature by Future, and "Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame" is probably my favorite song on the project that wasn't released as a single. The other three songs were not that great, and sounded dull to me.

The next portion of the album is titled Swae Lee's solo part. Swae Lee is the much better singer of the duo, and doesn't tend to rap as much, so I expected this part of the album to be very chill music. All nine songs were exactly that, chill and good vibe music to listen to. I thought some of the tracks were really good, but in all, they started to sound very similar to one another and the sound of the songs really got repetitive for me. The standout songs from this part for me were: "Touchscreen Navigation", "Red Wine", "Hurt to Look" and "Guatemala" (which was a single before the album).

The final part of the project was Slim Jxmmi's Jxmtro. Slim Jxmmi brought the best music to this project, not only on his solo part, but also having great verses on songs like "CLOSE" and "Buckets". Slim Jxmmi is a hard rapper who has more intense beats and flows when compared to Swae Lee. His solo portion of the album had really unique flows and great verses everywhere. My favorite songs from this piece are "Brxns Truck" (single) "Channel", "Cap", "Keep God", and "Growned Up". Slim Jxmmi definitely surprised me on this album along with a lot of other fans most likely.

Overall, the project was really unique, but a little too long at the same time. There were way too many songs for them all to be great or even good. At the same time, I will definitely be listening to a few of these songs for a while.

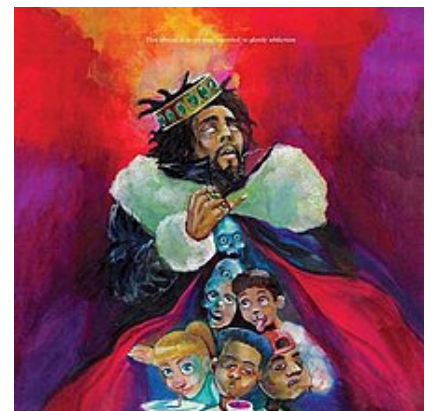


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## Infinity War Review

By Rory Ceplo

Prior to its release, *Avengers: Infinity War* was one of the most hyped movies of the past few years. In the weeks leading up to opening night it seemed impossible to go anywhere without seeing an advertisement or overhearing someone share their excitement for the film. Even after its debut, the excitement surrounding the latest Avengers sequel has not died down. Jokes about the film have taken social media by storm over the past week, and it made an estimated \$640.9 million worldwide in its opening weekend (CNN). While the movie has proven to be incredibly popular, some are still wondering if it is worth a watch. In my opinion, *Infinity War*'s interesting narrative, hilarious character interactions, and exciting action make it well worth seeing, but my recommendation comes with one major caveat.

If you have not seen at least a few of the eighteen films that lead up to the events of *Infinity War* then there is a good chance that you won't enjoy it. The Marvel Cinematic Universe (or MCU) is currently comprised of ten years' worth of movies, Netflix series, and network television shows. It is essential that you have viewed some of this content before watching *Infinity War* in order to get the most out of the film. If you have not already, I would highly recommend at least watching the first *Avengers*, *Captain America: Civil War*, and *Guardians of the Galaxy* first. These movies will provide a good introduction to many of the protagonists of the series.

The movie picks up where last year's *Thor: Ragnarok* left off and focuses on Thanos' quest to collect all six Infinity Stones in order to fully power an artifact known as the Infinity Gauntlet. It is up to the Avengers and their many allies to stop the mad titan and save the world from the destruction that his plans will inevitably bring. The overall plot is pretty standard for a Marvel movie, but a few twists later in the movie really add to it.

The main draws of the movie are definitely the interactions that all of these beloved characters have with each other, and the over-the-top action. The action scenes are as good as they have been in any other Marvel movie, but the incredibly dynamic final fight scene really stands out. However, the dialogue in the film is some of the best the franchise has ever seen. It is great to see all these characters that many can instantly recognize meet each other for the first time. The disagreements between the by-the-books Tony Stark and the zany Starlord are some of the best moments in the movie. The action and comedy in this movie really elevate it above many of its competitors. If you are invested in the MCU, *Infinity War* is one of the strongest films in its extensive lineup and I would highly recommend seeing it.



Courtesy of Forbes

## Fortnite Season Four

By Johnathan Battistelli

Fortnite has two modes: save the world and battle royal. Everyone knows the game Fortnite, because everyone is either playing it or getting annoyed by people who play it. Season three in Fortnite just ended and now season four is here with dramatic changes. Fortnite experienced multiple meteor strikes that hit everywhere on the map. These strikes left craters and places destroyed. With all these strikes, new areas and additives have been added to the map.

Dusty Depot, which is a location on the map, was hit with the main meteor, which left one of the three hangars intact, one was cut in half, and the third one is gone. Dusty Depot got destroyed and came out as Dusty Divot. With this meteor hitting Dusty Depot, the divot is the aftereffect of the biggest meteor. Dusty Divot has the meteor that hit the spot in the middle, surrounded by two towers that watch over it because it glows and it came from outer space. In the craters that these meteors hit, there are crystals and lots of loot nearby.

James Davenport from PCGamer talked about all the new skins, locations, and items released in season 4, mainly the crystals. These crystals, that are inside the craters left by the meteors, give you super jumps. They make you jump higher and faster. These crystals come in handy when getting in a fight or trying to run away from the storm. The crystal gives you extra hops, but if you use an impulse and crystal, you can fly super far.

There also had been additives all around the map. There is the new villain house, which is west of Snobby Shore. The Hero Mansion near Lonely Lodge. There are also many different studios around the map with production cameras and stools. With this update, a lot of new outfits came out, and they are super nice. This season definitely had some shockers and had a lot of big moves by Epic Games, but it definitely paid off.



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## Smokepurpp Review

By Jake Post

2018 is becoming one of the top years for rap music. R&B/hip-hop has surpassed rock to become the biggest music genre in the U.S. in terms of total consumption, according to Nielsen Music's 2017 year-end report. An up-and-coming rapper by the name of Smokepurpp is beginning to gain exposure in the rap industry. Smokepurpp started his rap career on a music streaming service called SoundCloud. This music platform helps young artists get noticed by other popular artists and record companies. Smokepurpp is 20 years old and from Miami, Florida. Smokepurpp dropped his hit song "Ski Mask" on SoundCloud that now has 21.5 million plays on SoundCloud in less than a year. The music video for Ski Mask has over 7 million views on YouTube as well. As Smokepurpp made more music, he signed to Interscope/Alamo Records for a long-term deal, according to All Music Record Reviews. Smokepurpp has been working with well-known artists such as Travis Scott, Murda Beatz, Lil Yachty, Migos, and Kanye West.

Smokepurpp released his second mixtape "Bless Yo Trap" on April 13th. Following his other mixtape "Deadstar", fans were really looking forward to this new project. The features on this album include A\$AP Ferg, Lil Yachty, and Offset. This album was produced by Murda Beatz, one of the top producers in the rap industry. This album contains a lot of "pump up" songs and the type of music that makes you want to sing along. Murda Beatz, one of Smokepurpp's best friends, on how he met Smokepurpp: "We met a year ago, and I made him some beats in the studio and we just went from there," according to Mass Appeal. Murda Beatz also produced hit songs like "Motorsport" that has 257 million views on YouTube. He also produced "Butterfly Effect" by Travis Scott that has over 100 million views. "Bless Yo Trap" has a variety of songs with complex beats and lyrics. His new song "123" has over 9.4 million views on YouTube. "For mindless turn-up times though, Bless Yo Trap delivers the goods," says HipHopDX. This album was highly anticipated, and the music showed the work they put into it. These songs are one of a kind and they are very catchy. I look forward to many more projects from Smokepurpp.



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## Where is the Best Ice Cream?

By Marissa Arnold

Summer is quickly approaching and that means no school, hot days, and boatloads of ice cream! The question is, where is the best place to get ice cream? There are many different places to consider, and everyone has their own favorite place for one reason or another. I'm here to let you know where the best ice cream hot spot is!

One popular and local spot is Stillwells Ice cream in Plaistow. It is at a convenient location when you are running some errands in the Plaistow area, on your way home from Walmart, or maybe after school, and it's right on 125 for easy access. Stillwells has 60 plus flavors of Richardson's ice cream. They also sell frappes, ice cream pies, take home pints and many other items. They have affordable prices and many different sizes ranging from 1 scoop to 5. Stillwells has limited outdoor seating, but they have more indoor seating to accommodate for more customers. Summer hours are 12-9 Sunday to Thursday and 12-10 on Friday and Saturday. If you're looking for a cheap place to cool down on a hot summer day, Stillwells is a good option for you.



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Another popular ice cream establishment is Memories Ice Cream in Kingston. It is a bit out of the way for many people, but it is worth the drive considering they make their own ice cream. The prices are a bit steeper than Stillwells, but you get what you pay for. Memories also sells custom ice cream cakes and sundaes for dogs! So, you and your furry friend can both enjoy an ice cream. Another plus side about Memories is that there are goats there! So while you're enjoying your favorite frozen treat you can visit the animals. Memories has plenty of outdoor seating so you can watch the sunset as you cool off with an ice cream cone. Senior Juergen Pfau says "Memories is an amazing place, not only is the ice cream phenomenal, but the environment is equally amazing. You can go out back and pet some goats while enjoying an ice cream, or you can just take in the scenery while enjoying a frozen treat." According to the Memories website, their summer hours are 11-9 Thursday to Sunday and 11-8 Monday to Wednesday. When looking for homemade ice cream and farm animals all in the same place, Memories is the ice cream hot spot for you.

There are many other local ice cream shops near Timberlane, another one you may be familiar with is Leavitt's Ice Cream in Atkinson. Leavitt's offers a large selection of flavors from Richardson's and they also have a special treat for our doggy friends! Leavitt's offers very large sizes for affordable prices. They are located on a main road which allows for easy access, but it can also lead to long lines. Another thing Leavitt's has to offer is a selection of soft serve flavors aside from chocolate, vanilla, and twist. Their hours are 12-9 everyday of the week. Leavitt's is a good place for a quick stop if you're out and about!

Also close to Timberlane is Biggart's Ice Cream just over the border in Haverhill. Their prices are affordable and they offer a variety of flavors and other food options, such as burgers and fries. Biggart's is located on Amesbury Rd and isn't too far from Timberlane. Their hours according to the Biggart's website are 11-9 everyday. If you're looking for a cold cone and a hot plate of food Biggart's is the place for you!

In the end, Memories is the best option for ice cream this summer, for their affordable prices, homemade sweets, their inclusion of our dogs, and all the furry friends that you can visit. Memories has a real family feeling and they make you feel like you're apart of the Memories family. So, when looking for a place for a frozen treat, Memories is the number one spot!

## Budget Friendly Senior Year Trips

By Ryan Perrault

The end of senior year is an expensive time of year. With prom, senior cruise, and senior dues the budget for a weekend getaway may seem out the picture. With some good planning, you can have a fun vacation for cheap!

Camping is a great way to end the school year after all your hard work this year it may be just what you need. The best part is there is very cheap camping throughout New Hampshire. Calef Lake in Chester has rates as low as 25 dollars per night. Camp supplies can be found at dollar tree for very cheap making the trip even less expensive. Just remember to be safe and bring bug spray!

A weekend in Montreal, Canada is another great option. Montreal is a bit more expensive than camping but still a reasonable choice. The alternative hostel in Montreal has rooms available for as low as \$15 dollars per night. Greyhound buses have round trips for 76 dollars a person from Manchester to Montreal. Summers in Montreal are home to hundreds of festivals and events. The best part is the amazing food, everything is so diverse and there is something for everyone. One of Montreal's famous restaurants is called Schwartz and is definitely a must if you visit Montreal. I went to Montreal for a weekend and it was the most fun times I've had in high school.

A road trip is also another great choice if you would like to visit more than one area. There is some very scenic highways such as the Kancamagus Highway that will blow your mind. A road trip can get costly with gas, food and shelter. With some good meal planning and a set budget it can definitely be done. Trying new foods and exploring new areas is one of the most fun things you can do as a young adult. You also can learn a lot from people you meet on the way and gain life experiences.

There is something to do no matter what your budget is. Vacation is a great way to relax and unwind. According to Psychology today, Stress takes a toll on your physical and mental state. Vacations can break the stress cycle and people often come back from vacation feeling fresh and relieved. Do yourself a favor and go, you deserve it!



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## MSI

By Travis Paradise

On May 3rd, the fourth annual Mid Season Invitational begins in Berlin Germany, and Paris France. The Mid Season Invitational, or MSI, is a professional esports tournament for the game League of Legends. It signifies the halfway point of the League of Legends season, and the halfway point of the professional play year. The game will be played on the normal map, Summoners Rift, and on version 8.8.



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League of Legends is one of the most successful PC games of all time. League of Legends came out in 2009. Today, the game supports 27 million players daily.

Each one of the fourteen regions gets to send the team who won the 2018 Spring-Split. Some of the teams consist of China's Royal Never Give Up, Europe's Fnatic, Korea's Kingzone DragonX, North America's Team Liquid, South Asia's Flash Wolves, and Vietnam's EVOS Esports. The teams aren't just playing for fun. According to lolesports.com, there is a prize pool projected to be around one million dollars, with each team getting a percent of the prize.

Fellow League of Legends player, and Esports fan John Matthews said this when asked if he was excited about the event: "Yeah I'm kind of excited. It should be fun. I just like watching competitive league, watching the macro is always impressive to me, so I'm looking forward to that. Plus, I like the unconventional picks that no one thinks of, they are fun." When asked what North America's chances of winning are, he responded with " Well there are good teams going there, so it's going to be rough. Go team liquid!"

If you're interested in watching the event, you can watch it live on YouTube or Twitch at around 7 a.m, Thursdays through Tuesdays, or you can watch the recordings on Youtube at LOL Esports. The event ends on May twenty second.

# What Grinds My Gears

By Al Barney

Stop saying facts. Nothing grinds my gears more than when I hear someone in the hallways say “Yo facts bro,” or “bet.” These are nonsensical remarks that hold no weight in actual conversation. Usually these foolish phrases have a couple profane words sprinkled in there, but I have decided to leave those terms out, in respect for my younger readership.

When a person says facts, he or she typically means the following phrases

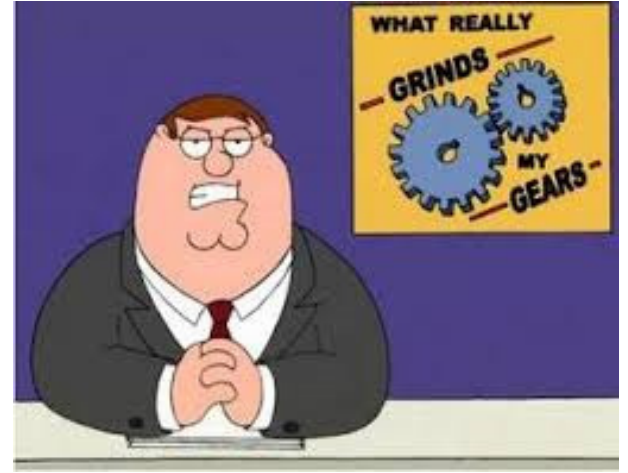
- “Thats is true”
- “I agree”
- “For sure”
- “Indubitably”
- “Definitely”

These are all great filler words to use instead of facts. According the Merriam-Webster dictionary, the word facts is a noun that means, “something that actually exists; reality; truth.” A noun, a person, place, or thing, can not be used to describe something. You do not respond to someone telling you how fun a party was by saying, “Yo correctamundo bro” or “Straight information”. Why do you not respond in this way, you ask? Because that would be stupid, that is why. If someone said any of that to me, I think I may never talk to a person again, I would just decide to never go outside and just play fortnight with the TV turned up all the way to block out the outside world. Use adjectives as your descriptive responses. Words such as nice, happy, and fun can go a long way in getting your point across.

“Bet” is facts’s evil cousin. Those who say “bet” are the type of people that go vegan just for the attention. This sarcastic retort is used to mock the other person for saying something that you think is silly, or unintelligent. “Bet” is often said with a facetious tone, to show the person that his or her remark was super lame.

Fun Fact: The Supreme Court struck down the federal law that prohibits state sanctioned sports betting. That is the correct usage of the word, “bet.”

In short, just stop saying it guys. There are around one million words in the English language. Do not be the guy who uses facts or “bet,” that guy grinds everyone’s gears.



# How Does WiFi Work?

By Logan E. Lourette

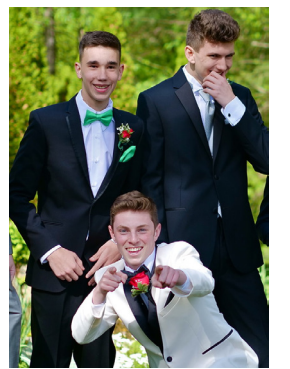
WiFi. It’s a technology that’s in use all around us, all the time. But how does it actually work, and perhaps more importantly, what does it stand for?

While the answer to the second question may not be very clear (the most commonly accepted definition is “Wireless Fidelity”), the first one isn’t too hard to explain. WiFi uses radio waves to transfer data between devices. In a computer (or other WiFi capable device) will be a wireless adapter that translates the data, which is then sent to a router that turns the radio waves back into data and sends it to the internet through an Ethernet connection. This process happens in reverse when data is being received, with the router coding and the wireless adapter decoding.

The frequency that the radio waves are transmitted at depend on the 802.11 standard the router is configured for, however, it will always be either 2.4GHz or 5GHz. The various standards in use are 802.11a, 802.11b, 802.11g, and 802.11n, of which 802.11a and 802.11n transmit at 5GHz, while the other two transmit at 2.4GHz. Two of the standards, a and g, also use OFDM coding in order to enhance reception and increase the amount of data that can be transmitted per second. The maximum speed of each of the four standards is 54 mbps, 11 mbps, 54 mbps, and 140 mbps, respectively.

Overall, WiFi has changed the way we do anything since it was introduced to the world in 1991 by AT&T and NCR. Hopefully, with this basic knowledge, you may be able to get the best possible experience out of it.

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