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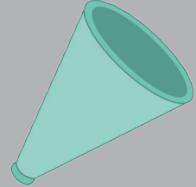
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Coral Glades High School

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## Dominating Districts



**WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS:**  
 Senior Nicole Rogers wins All Florida at FSPA Districts for her short story submission.  
 photo by Mariel Pardo

Mariel Pardo  
 ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Florida Scholastic Press Association's district seven group held their annual district convention on Nov. 10. Student journalists from all over the district gathered together to receive awards for their hard work and to excel in journalism through the immense number of seminars provided at the convention. To start off the convention, Marjory Stoneman Douglas yearbook and newspaper teacher and district seven representatives, Sarah Lerner and Melissa Falkowski, gave a

small inspirational speech about the past year. Recognizing the challenges and adversities faced throughout South Florida, Lerner and Falkowski reminded these emerging journalists that they serve the community and help those affected by hardships overcome and conquer. This year's keynote speaker and the March For Our Lives official photographer, Emilee McGovern spoke about the climb a photojournalist must take to make a change through their photographs. While McGovern spoke about

her journey of becoming the photographer for the March For Our Lives movement, a presentation of all her past photographs stood proudly on display beside her. Whether interested in photography or not, students received the opportunity to witness professional photos and the skill required to take them firsthand. Once the opening ceremony concluded, Fall awards were dispersed to students who participated in competition events.

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## Concerning Curriculums

Kailey Norusis  
 NEWS EDITOR

On the night of Dec. 7, parents of children attending Coral Glades High School received a strange call from the school, stating that an assignment involving "insensitive content concerning Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School that was from a subscription-based publication, used as a curriculum resource," was revoked from the curriculum, according to The Sun-Sentinel.

While many parents and students responded with confusion to the message, a few students knew exactly what content the call referred to.

An assignment, from The New York Times Upfront, was assigned to a class of students. In this assignment, a reading naming Nikolas Cruz, who is allegedly responsible for the Stoneman Douglas shooting that occurred on Feb. 14, included a ten question comprehension quiz to determine if he deserved the death penalty. The title of the assignment: "Does Nikolas Cruz Deserve to Die?" The quiz asked about different amendments and other information quiz takers should draw from the text. The students were then asked to give a statement as to whether or not Nikolas Cruz deserves the death penalty and then to determine if this decision proved based on emotions or facts.

Coral Glades website was also updated to bare the alert reading: "Important Message: Coral Glades High School Pulls Assignment with Insensitive Content. Coral Glades High School administration was unaware that an assignment, which included insensitive content concerning Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, had been distributed to students that day. The material was from a subscription-based publication, used as a curriculum resource. The school's leadership pulled the assignment, is instituting an approved review process of all such materials and regrets that this incident occurred. Broward County Public Schools is working with the publisher to make them aware of our concerns."

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**2018-19 SATs:**  
 October 6  
 October 10 PSAT  
 November 3  
 December 1  
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 May 4  
 June 1

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 October 27  
 December 8  
 February 9  
 April 13  
 June 8

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# NEWS

## Getting Connected *Preparing Early*

Chloe Dumas  
FEATURES EDITOR

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Naviance gives students the opportunity to discover what the future looks like. Students build confidence by trying new things, pursuing interests, and learning from past mistakes. Naviance proves a safe place by helping students reflect on their interests and strengths, and explore a wide-variety of career options. To learn more, see Library and Media Specialist, Melissa Moore.



Felipe Gonzalez  
junior

"Naviance really helped me figure out what my options are for my future."



Brianna Sylvain  
senior

"Using Naviance gave me a lot of options for what colleges I looked at."



Lisa Samuel  
senior

"Putting together my resume was difficult, but this site actually helped me out."



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## Desperate times desperate measures



**STUDYING HARD:** Enforcing stricter security measures, students can no longer hang out in the hallways before school, leaving them with only the courtyard, cafeteria and media center to reside in while waiting for the 7:30 am bell to ring. Taking advantage of this limiting situation, students gather in the media center every morning to utilize the computers and participate in a range of activities, from finishing homework, preparing for college, working on online classes, or even just playing a few computer games before starting their long day of school. *photo by Mariel Pardo*

# Spreading cheer in the holiday season

## Key Club members donate gifts to those less fortunate this Christmas

Lindsay McNeil  
STAFF WRITER

With the holidays approaching, families and children prepare for the joys of giving and receiving presents. The holidays also represent a time to help others and those less fortunate. Key Club devoted their services to help donate gifts to children in need in South Florida. This year they partnered up with an organization in Florida known as ChildNet.

ChildNet, a non-profit organization, devotes their resources to helping every neglected and abandoned child in South Florida that they can reach. As an adoption and fostering agency, they take in children from newborns to eighteen years old who lack a family of their own in hopes of granting them a more stable life.

Every year, they have many different drives to ensure their children feel recognized and to try and give the children an opportunity to be adopted. The organization began to focus on the communities of Broward and Palm Beach in the year of 2003, with the transition to community based care for children. The Holiday Gift Drive arguably remains the most important drive they hold during the school year.

"Many of these young children do not have a family to be celebrating the holidays with, and a simple act of donating a gift to them, brightens up their world," an employee of Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center, Jill Gelman said.

Key Club's involvement with this organization at the school has proved a success for several years now. The ChildNet Christmas Drive was brought to the school as a whole, for everyone to participate in. Key Club advisor, Roxanne Brissett, continues to keep the ChildNet drive open to the entire school. Students bring in a present to donate to the organization, in an attempt to rack up as many gifts as they can for those in need.

The members also benefit from the various donations; they receive one service hour, which goes towards the

required hours for the club and the hours that they need to graduate, for bringing in a gift.

"This holiday season between all the administrators, teachers, and clubs we are fulfilling the wishes of 30 foster children," Brissett said.

Key Club proved highly committed to how many children they wanted to help and received a wish list from each of the 30 children. On the wishlist, it includes the child's name, age and the gift they would like to receive, such as dolls, cars, skateboards and cosmetics that the devoted members of the club selflessly donated and or raised.

"By being involved in this, teens at our school are given to opportunity give an act of selflessness this holiday season," Brissett said.

Donators do their best in insuring that children receive the gifts they wished for, or at least presents similar to them. After all, Christmas proves about making wishes come true.

"The children that participate in this club are more aware of what goes on around them and there are children who are less fortunate. In return they become better human beings," Brissett said.

Key Club's main focus remains to get involved in the community and other service projects. "We are going to help children get presents this Christmas," Key Club officer sophomore Murtaza Hussain said.

"We're getting individual toys for kids," Hussain said. The members also benefit while helping a child in need.

Key Club's partnership with ChildNet shows kindness on their part and hope for the children. "Holidays are an important time. Everyone should definitely feel loved," Jill Gelman said.

Thanks to Key Club, many kids in South Florida won't be without a present come Christmas. In this way, Key Club takes a step forward and focuses on giving to others, showcasing their holiday spirit.

**"We are going to help children get presents this Christmas. We're getting individual toys for kids."**

*Murtaza Hussain  
sophomore*



**HAVE A HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS:** Junior Haaniya Wahid, sophomore Murtaza Hussain and freshman Najah Wahid proudly present the hefty pile of toys they collected and plan to donate to kids in need this holiday season. *photo courtesy of Roxanne Brissett*





# Concerning curriculums

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Kailey Norusis  
NEWS EDITOR

Administration found out about the assignment due to a picture of the quiz posted on twitter, with the comment: "Does Nikolas Cruz Deserve to Die? Today 9th graders at a school just 10 minutes from the Stoneman Douglas shooting were given this assignment. Crazy idea, don't give kids assignments on the shooter that killed their friends?"

A man named Kenneth Preston posted this tweet in response to finding out about the assignment, sparking a flurry of follow up tweets citing criticism towards the Broward County School Board and its handling of educational content.

After the tragic event that took place last year, some Douglas students transferred to Coral Glades High School, due to the memories of that day proving too traumatic for them to continue comfortably attending their old school.

It remains unmentioned if any former Douglas students were in

**“Broward County Public Schools is working with the publisher to make them aware of our concerns.”**

Coral Glades High School  
*Website*

the class and asked to do the assignment or the emotional toll that this potentially took on students.

The school district claimed unaware of the assignment given, according to Kathy Koch, the school district spokeswoman. Coral Glades Administrators pulled the assignment and the district plans to work with the publisher of the magazine to let them know of the problem. Unfortunately, it proves exceptionally easy for assignments and learning material from subscription-based publications to prove controversial without necessarily intending to.

It remains to be determined how many students already completed the assignment and took the reading comprehension quiz by the time the school became aware. However, in swift response, Coral Glades leadership team instituted a review policy for all subscription-based assignments.

# Dominating districts

from **DOMINATING**, page 1

Mariel Pardo  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

This included senior Nicole Rogers winning the All Florida Short Story award. Other accolades included: Kailey Norusis, Julia Bennett, Diamond Warren-Tucker: Excellent, Short Story; and Honorable Mentions: Opinions Page: Sebastian Paula; Mariel Pardo and Cesar Delgado: Photo; and Kylee Weener: Sidebar.

After the opening ceremony, students were directed to head towards the first session out of three to attend any seminar of their liking. Receiving a first look into the school itself, students enjoyed the opportunity to explore FSPA host, Nova Southeastern University's campus.

Unfortunately, the diverse array of On-the-Spot competitions typically provided at districts proved absent this year, leaving many newspaper and yearbook students disappointed. These contests provide students with a chance to test their abilities against other journalists and gain insight on the stress and work that goes into meeting demanding deadlines.

However, representatives did manage to come up with a selection of contests for Television Production students to partake in, from broadcast and coverage events, to photography and videography

contests. Working under the pressure of limited time and a swarm of other competitors gathering footage, proved a challenge.

There remained a large selection of informative and interactive seminars for attendees to attend, including Lerner's yearbook and newspaper publicity seminar, the famous Chicken Salad, where students tear apart multiple newspaper and create a flawless finalized product.

These seminars serve as opportunities for journalists to learn how to improve their own publications and programs, as well as interact with students from other schools and expand their list of contacts in their career field.

Although hastily put together and with far less attendees than previous years, FSPA Districts still proved a relative success for those fortunate enough to attend. Providing essential learning opportunities and allowing an open, positive space for journalists of all backgrounds to interact proves no easy feat.

However, in a time where the press holds a constantly increasing prominence in society, it remains essential for these future journalists to continue to learn from the experts who came before them.



**SO MANY OPTIONS (left):** Senior Jeremy Sousa looks over choices of seminars to attend to learn new secrets and tips for his television production trade. Photo by: Mariel Pardo



**LEADERS OF THE FUTURE (right):** Sarah Lerner and Melissa Falkowski, District 7 representatives, organized Districts and announced the winners. Photo by: Mariel Pardo

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**12/11**  
BSU  
Chipotle Social  
Chipotle  
4-8 PM

**12/14**  
SGA  
Holiday Pride Day

**12/15**  
Football  
End of Season  
Banquet

**12/18**  
Midterm Exams  
Begin

**12/19**  
Sunshine  
Staff Holiday  
Luncheon  
12:00-1:00

**12/20**  
PTSO  
Staff Holiday Cheer  
Media Center  
11:45 AM

**12/22**  
Winter Break  
Starts

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Boogie wonderland

As the crowd filed into Signature Grand on Nov. 3, nothing but eager and joyful high school students filled the venue. The students came dressed to impress Saturday evening with hair done and makeup finished. Entering the ballroom with upbeat music coming from the speakers surrounding the room, students showed excitement to create memories with their friends. The week leading up to the night of Homecoming, students expressed their school pride by coming to school dressed up for Spirit Week. Starting at \$60 on Sep. 4, the price then raised to \$65 for two weeks and then finally \$70 for the last few students to join the party. Student Government staff worked from day one on making Homecoming the best experience and the students and faculty of Glades experienced their handwork firsthand at a wonderland of a dance.

-Payton Post

## Gobbling up donations

Around Thanksgiving, schools start to collect for Harvest Drive. Not only does the Harvest Drive collect food, they also collect household necessities including clothing, shoes, kitchen items and more throughout the school year. Harvest Drive was founded at a Broward County elementary school in August of 1992, making this year the 26th year of its running. According to the Harvest Drive Florida website, "The Harvest Drive strives to educate students on the issue of hunger in our community and empower them to take leadership roles in lessening hunger's devastating impact." Not only does Harvest Drive include students helping out, but many others as well, such as community businesses, civic organizations, parent teacher associations, and individual donors help as well. Harvest Drive remains a fun yearly tradition.

-Emma Brazee

## Pouring in the change

On Nov. 15, third period classes donated money for the Strive 4 Water fundraiser. The water fundraiser serves as a program to help poor families get clean water. The winning class received a pizza party. The highest class donated over eighty dollars to the fundraiser. The donation idea came from the DECA team. The small, competitive event helped a lot of people around the world, primarily third world countries where many inhabitants live outside. Children in these places obtain a limited education and premature death proves common due to lack of nutrition and water. Some develop poisoning due to drinking dirty water, contaminated with bacteria and parasites found in the polluted water. With this donation the youth can help these less fortunate families obtain such a simple necessity as water, that many people take for granted.

-Ludney Gustave



# Tricking and threatening

Panic arises amongst false shooting threats on Halloween day

Irene Smith  
STAFF WRITER

On Oct. 31, Halloween day, a student reported that they found a shooting threat written on the desk in a classroom. The student immediately went to the teacher of the class to inform them of the threat and precautions were taken to ensure the students' safety. Many students sensed that something was wrong due to the increased security guards with vests and guns, as well as an announcement for limited movement. When everyone started to realize what might be going on, tensions began to rise.

Students remained unaware of the situation for quite some time, administration intentionally keeping details under wraps so as not to create a panic. However, parents received a phone call alerting them of the unfolding events. Rumors began to circulate and confusion and tension began to rise amongst the student body.

Finally, during seventh period, Principal Steven Carruth made the announcement about the threat. Students felt that teachers and faculty should have notified students right away, rather than an hour later; however it proves understandable why this proved not feasible in the situation, between attempting to keep students (as well as parents) calm and trying to find who was responsible for the threat.

Principal Carruth informed students of the details and urged students and staff to remain calm. He insisted the school remained safe and that administration, along with the police, had the situation under control. Unfortunately, even after the principal tried to comfort the students, people still remained terrified. Of course, this proves understandable, due to the residing memories and panic brought back from the Marjory Stoneman Douglas shooting that occurred last year.

Students began to call their parents and filled them in on the situation. Initially, the parent line to check students out started out unimpressive; however, it did not remain this way for long. Parents started piling up, stretching all the way out to the front of the school. Students were not allowed to leave classrooms until a security escort came and retrieved them. This proved a precaution in the event the threat proved to be

substantiated.

As tensions continued to rise, students started walking out of their classes, as escorts took longer and longer to retrieve them. Parents claimed administration and security guards blocked the freshman building and the front doors of the school, so students had no ability to leave. They threatened to suspend any students that left without permission or without getting signed out first.

Naturally, students still left, as their parents wanted them home and safe, and instructed them to find a way out of the school by any means necessary. Ultimately, students' parents began instructing them to attempt hopping the fence behind the freshman building.

Following the orders of their panicked and desperate parents, students began clearing the fence to avoid the long pick up line and a potential crisis situation. Mayhem and panic spread throughout the school, with students attempting to find any exit possible and swarming the guidance and student services office. Security and administration performed their best in keeping the massive flocks of anxious students at bay, but it proved no easy feat.

The day after the chaotic event, the campus seemed to function as normal, despite students still feeling apprehensive. Some students stayed home, either from fear the threat remained, or from exhaustion from the roller coaster of emotions they faced the previous day. Those who returned remained wary of their surroundings and expressed concern about how the school and student body may respond to potential future threats.

This event goes to prove that no matter how much preparation goes into training students and staff on what to do during an emergency, there remains no way of telling how students may handle these situations. Fear and panic make the mind work in strange ways, and it proves extremely difficult for a small group of adults to keep such a large population of students calm and under control. It remains unclear how situations such as the one that took place on Halloween will be handled in the future.

“...students' parents began instructing them to attempt hopping the fence behind the freshman building,”  
Irene Smith  
sophomore

## Coral Glades High School First Semester Midterm Exam Schedule 2018-2019

<b>Tues., December 18</b> am)	8th Period EXAM	(7:40 am-9:35
	7th Period EXAM	(9:45 am-11:40
<b>Wed., December 19</b>	6th Period EXAM	(7:40 am-9:35 am)
	5th Period EXAM	(9:45 am-11:40 am)
<b>Thurs., December 20</b>	4th Period EXAM	(7:40 am-9:35 am)
	3rd Period EXAM	(9:45 am-11:40 am)
<b>Fri., December 21</b> 10:05 am)	2nd Period EXAM	(7:40 am-
	1st Period EXAM	(10:15 am-
12:40pm)		

*There will be a "Grab and Go" lunch served on these days.*

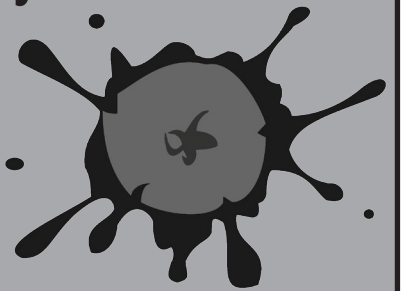


# FOOD fighters



## Alternative radio station 104.3 The Shark starts campaign to pay off school lunch debt throughout Broward County

Sebastian Paula  
OPINION EDITOR



**U**nderprivileged students constantly face obstacles regarding the affordability, expenses, and management of their educational lives. Whether it branches out to school supplies or extracurricular activities, the struggles that these kids face proves harsh and difficult to overcome. However, with the assistance of people willing to help give them the push they need, these underprivileged students can survive and surpass the barriers that surround them.

Arguably one of the most difficult challenges that students meet stems from school lunch debt. With many children incapable of affording school lunch, they get sent home without food, and consequently go to sleep hungry. Yet, organizations that specialize in solving this issue gathered together in order to solve the looming lunch debt in schools. The 104.3 The Shark radio show "The Big Mistake with Ashley O and Spanish" teamed up with Neighbors 4 Neighbors to pay off the lunch debt across all Broward County schools. The charity, named "The Big Mistake's Food Fight," paid off 10 schools so far. As they go in batches of five, they were able to send their donations to two of their lists consisting of the "neediest schools." Next, they intend on giving the current donations to five other schools: Bright Horizons Center, North Lauderdale Elementary, Lyons Creek Middle, Coral Glades High, and HD Perry Center. Neighbors 4 Neighbors will split the money among each school equally.

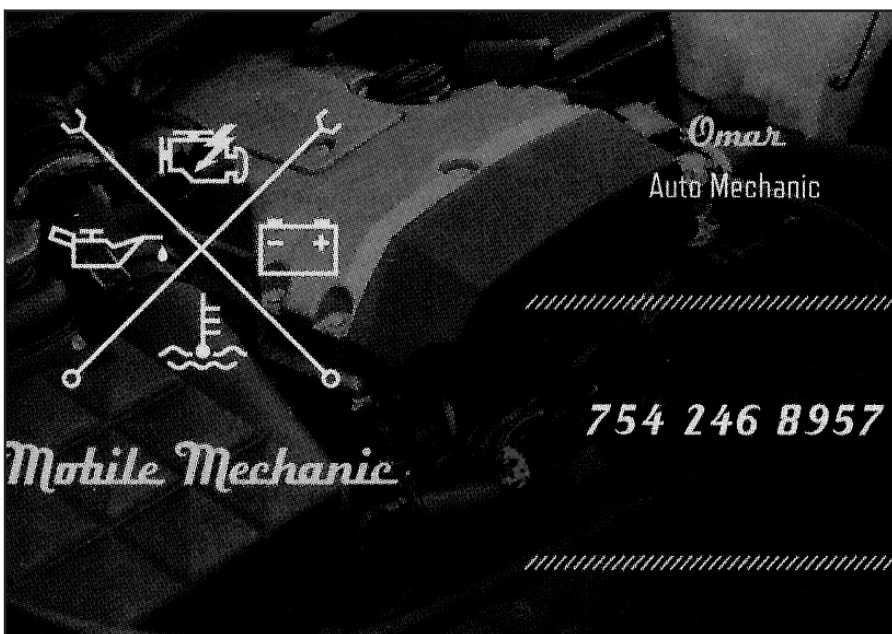
Divided among four categories, the amount that people can donate varies. The set prices range from \$10, \$25, \$50, and "other." The titles associated with each price gives the donator a sense of how much they contribute to the cause. Appropriately, a donator giving \$10 considers themselves a "lunch buddy," a "snack trader" for \$25, and a "pizza day pal" for \$50. Yet, anyone can donate however much they please with the "other" option. Donators can pay online, and either contribute 100% of the donation (including the

transaction fee) to Neighbors 4 Neighbors or 97% (without the transaction fee).

Neighbors 4 Neighbors' mission simply reflects their desire to help those in need. This nonprofit organization managed to help their "neighbors" by raising \$884,000 to those in need, as well as to their nonprofit partners. So, their additional support with 104.3 The Shark to try and end school lunch debt makes the goal seem like a likely future. In addition to their newly found collaboration with The Shark, who formed rallies and campaigns for fundraising organizations in the past, Neighbors 4 Neighbors gained the ability to raise donations for this cause quickly and efficiently.

The Shark 104.3, a popular radio channel in Miami, constantly holds several occasions where they attempt to raise awareness and money to organizations in need. For example, their most famous form of donations exist in the form of free money to listeners. Yet, their truly life-changing accomplishments lie in their donations to efforts like "The Big Mistake's Food Fight." As they announce the purpose of the fundraiser to their listeners, it proves to remain an effective method to gathering supporters and money.

Given that the collaboration between the radio show and Neighbors 4 Neighbors resulted in the obliteration of school lunch debt in 10 schools, the likelihood of completing their purposeful goal may become a reality sooner than later. As the donations keep coming, the freedom that underprivileged kids will feel once the burden of lunch payments become nonexistent allows them to enjoy their childhoods much longer. The goals that "The Big Mistake" and Neighbors 4 Neighbors reached allowed many underprivileged children to obtain free lunch. Though this results in one step towards the right direction, the dream that these organizations and movements want to reach is still out of reach. Though still faced with many hardships ahead, "Big Mistake's Food Fight" enabled to unshackle them from this unnecessary burden.



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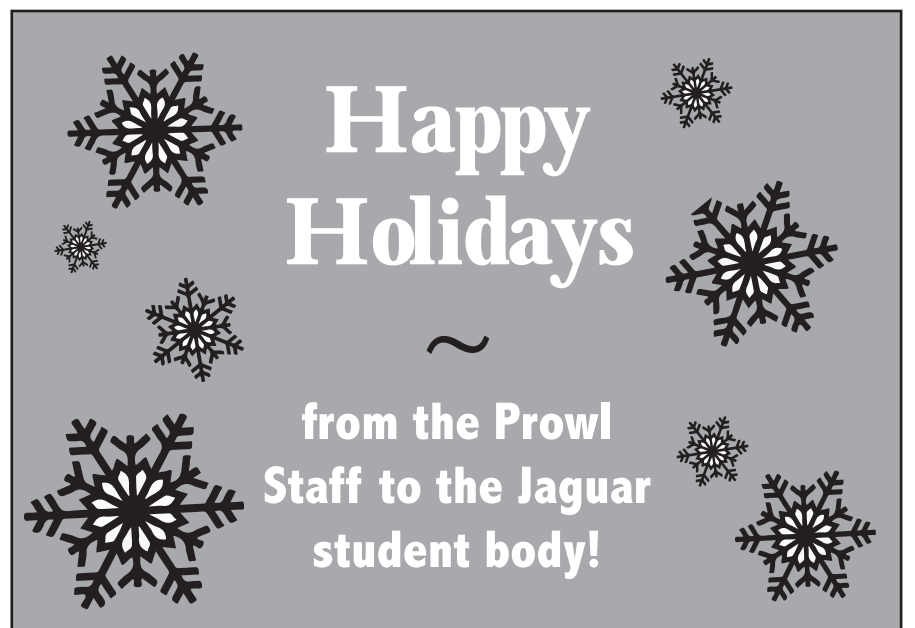


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*Committins to the art Committees!*

Lindsay McNeil  
STAFF WRITER

*The Coral Springs Art Committee receives art grant*

Following the Marjory Stoneman Douglas tragedy, that took place at the beginning of the year, the community has found new ways to deal with the healing process, some ways even that many individuals never before imagined. Engaged and knowledge-filled individuals together created a solution to help with this sensitive topic, and came up with several ideas of the use of art as a coping mechanism and a way to help those in the healing process.

The Coral Springs Art Committee, on City Counsel, received a million dollar grant from a nonprofit, Bloomberg Philanthropies, who's founder also funds a gun control non-profit organization.

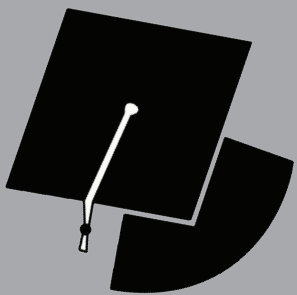
The Art Center hopes to display sculptures and extraordinary pieces of art across the community, in parks, schools, and public areas. "The first of the public artworks could be unveiled as soon as Feb.14, the first anniversary of

the massacre that claimed 17 lives," Julia Andrews told SouthFlorida.com.

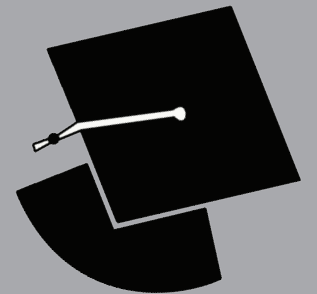
Julia Andrews was the head force of this idea to impact the community positively. She arose the idea of having five works throughout the city of Coral Springs, and our city won the grant out of 199 other competing cities. Andrews named the current project "Inspiring community healing after gun violence: the power of art."

The city has high hopes of putting up newly designed sculptures in 2019. The sculptures will resemble to the community members images a developing peace and harmony.

This incredibly generous grant benefits the city of Coral Springs and helps the residents move forward from the horrific event that took place almost a year ago. Art proves as a helpful way for people to come together and make peace with a horrific event that has occurred.



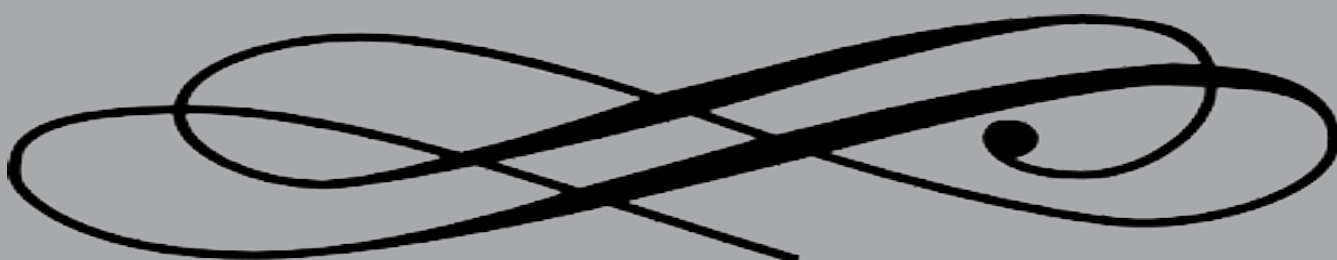
# Important Graduation Information



*Date:* **Sunday, June 2nd**

*Location:* **Nova Southeastern University, Don Taft Center**

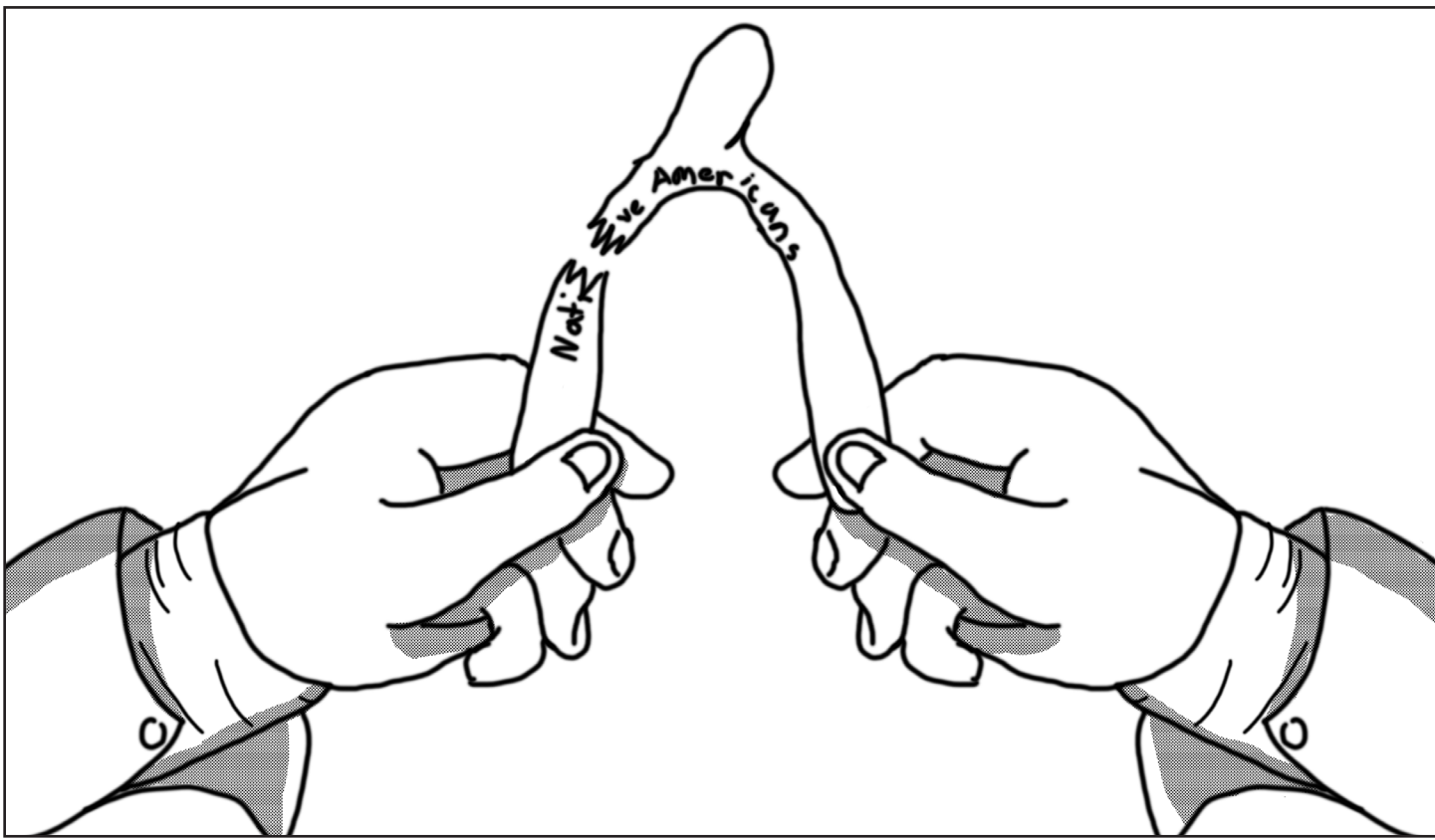
*Time:* **7:00 p.m.**





# OPINION

cartoon | Kylee Weener



## Celebrating a feast of fiction

**T**hanksgiving: a holiday that draws on the obsessive corpulent and emaciated nature of the American people. The holiday has formerly been known for the Hallmark Greeting card version of events that took place in the mid to early seventeenth century where English settlers and Native American tribes gathered together for an allegedly peaceful feast. This all too common misconception goes far beyond what is taught to elementary school students the week before Thanksgiving (sometimes even performed as a play for the parents and a learning experience for the young children), but more concerningly included in high school textbooks around the country.

Textbooks include the horrible wars that Native Americans and colonists embarked upon when the colonies were forming, even waged through the beginning of the young nation's new life. But if all of this proves true, then a major event must have led the first Thanksgiving to bloodshed and war. A look at the unvarnished truth our dark history holds, which has much too often been neglected from common knowledge, will serve as the last nail in the coffin (a luxury that the men, women, and children who paved the way to our great holiday could not be graced with).

While Thanksgiving serves as a wonderful excuse for families to be forced to get together, engage in incredibly awkward dinner conversations that were previously agreed upon to be avoided (such as politics), and gorge on a seemingly endless feast that will eventually become void of flavor after two weeks of leftovers, it has strayed much too far from the origins of the holiday. The idea of family that has previously been associated with the holiday, is now completely lost, as preparations for their arrival and their behavior once they arrive completely overshadows the morality of the holiday.

This fallacy emanates with the idea of Native Americans sitting down with the Pilgrims for a feast after teaching the

English how to sow the "New Land." To be blatant, this is false. While Native Americans were present at the feast, in fact there were about ninety (more than double the amount of pilgrims that were there) that were there for purely diplomatic purposes. Squanto was one of the Native Americans said to be present at this time. He was abducted and sold as a slave to Spain in 1614. He was eventually able to return to America in 1619, but by that time his tribe was dead. He met the pilgrims in 1621 when the ostensible feast took place. The Wampanoag tribe, to which he led, served as translators and ambassadors of trade and peace for the pilgrims.

Thanksgiving was deemed a holiday in 1863 by President Abraham Lincoln, after some of the major victories for the Union in the Civil War, including Vicksburg and Gettysburg. The purpose proved to thank the soldiers for their gallant fight and uplift the hopes of their families at home.

Only later did a connection to the "first" Thanksgiving appear, which remained incorrect because there are records of large feasts around the fall time in most countries dating back far before the seventeenth century.

The story of Thanksgiving proves a mere fallacy to add to the American facade. Thanksgiving is a military holiday to celebrate the Union Victory in the Civil War, not a celebration of the merging of the old with the new in the country. But once the Confederacy reemerged to become part of the United States once again, the country could not continue with a national holiday that fed off of the mortification of half of the country. This obviously became problematic. So to avoid this awkward predicament the holiday became associated with a romantic story of the Native Americans and Pilgrims, eating one last meal together before they would fledge a full forced war against each other... much like the family gathering that the holiday has now emerged into. Well, at least until next fall when Thanksgiving comes again.

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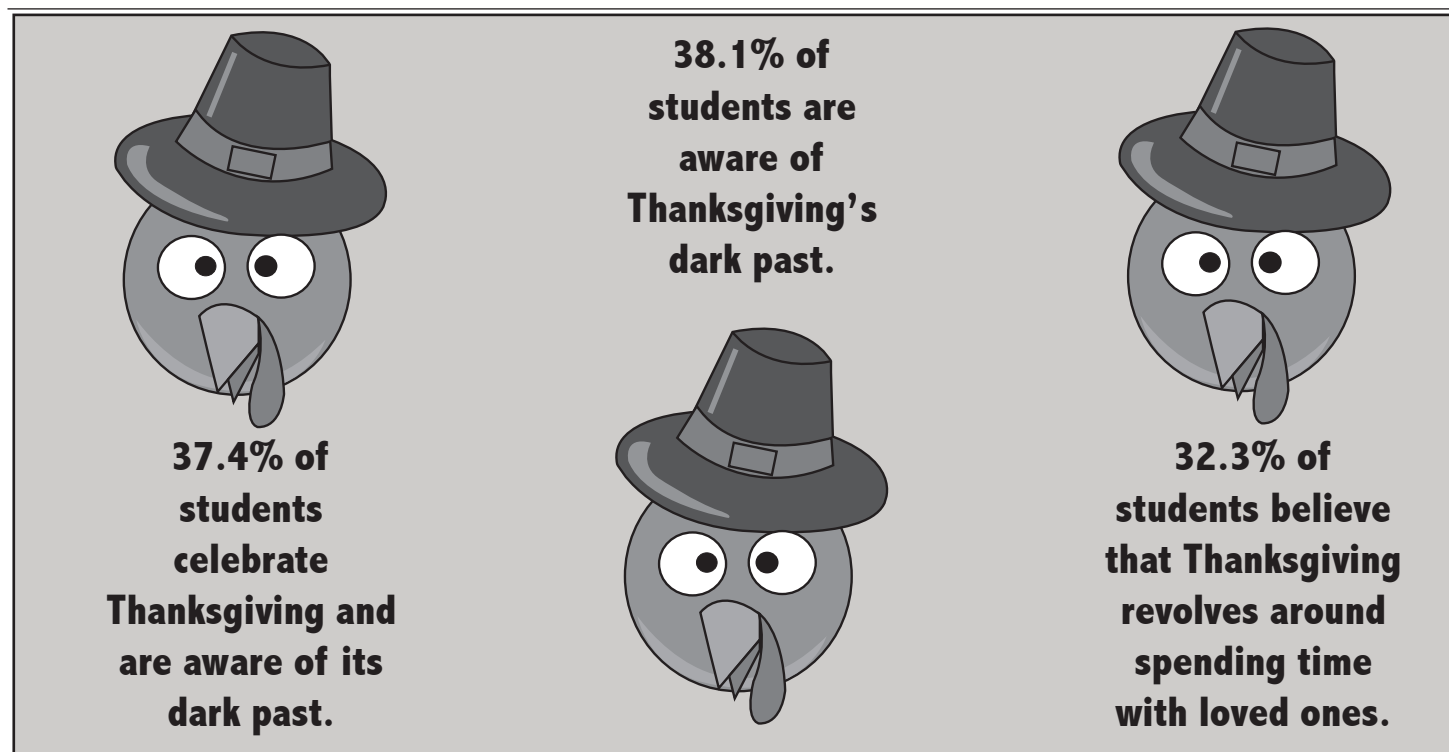
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# Sticks and stones and words still hurt

## Use of hateful rhetoric increases at alarming rates

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Children do not come out of the womb good or evil, nice or mean. Instead, people accumulate a mere cultivation of every experience they ever had. When children grow up mean and hateful adults, the safest assumption points to the behavior most likely resulting from their parents. Children mimic what they see. So in the age where violence and hate are considered heartbreaking, but expected social norm, a horrid trend becomes expected.



*Kailey Norusis is News Editor for The Prowl. Norusis believes that hateful rhetoric is a major issue occurring in our society.*

While prejudice decreases in some ways, its downgrade does not move quick enough. Everyday a new horror takes place in our society and the number increases exponentially.

There are shootings at schools, places of religion, clubs, music festivals, and the list goes on. People adopt tendencies to not accept anyone or anything different from them. This is the root of what is detrimentally wrong with today's society. Even with the seemingly never-ending list of differences people have from each other, many more similarities connect us to each other than keep us apart.

Realistically, this issue can never gain a lasting solution. If that were the case, then a utopian society would take form. A society of impossibility could never manage to exist. But, society must manage cutting this behavior out by focusing on the root

of the problem: hateful rhetoric. Instead of telling children what not to do, teachers (especially elementary school teachers) should tell children what they should do.

A lot of behavior that goes on when a person ages stems from traumatic events that happened to them when they were younger. For example, a bullied student may reach a breaking point and lash out. This by no means makes what that person does acceptable, but it shows that the core of the problem runs much deeper than just increasing security at schools (though a necessary precaution to keep students and faculty safe). The problem originates from people's inability to show compassion towards one another. Even if this were to happen, the world would not remain perfect. However, every individual may experience a better future if that were the case.

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The holiday season is marked by festive decorations, cold weather, Christmas movies, lots of cookies, gingerbread houses, and maybe one of the most popular: holiday music. Played in stores the second that Thanksgiving ends, people can officially begin shopping for Christmas gifts while listening to festive holiday tunes. At this point, radio stations gain the devotion to spread the holiday cheer through the college of music that took its form over the last century.

Known for its time for peace, joy, and happiness, the Christmas season took a downturn due to a major controversy. The dilemma took place when a Cleveland, Ohio radio station pulled the timeless song: "Baby It's Cold Outside." When listening to the song, the majority of people merely imagine the iconic scene from "Elf" where Jovie sang the song in the shower and Buddy walked in. Yet, such a wholesome song and scenario transformed into a storm of arguments. Multiple feminist groups argued that the song sanctions rape and increases the rape culture that remains increasing prevalent in our country as well as others. Urban dictionary even refers to the song as the "Christmas Date Rape Song."

The flirtatious banter taking place within the song morphed into a discourse between a young woman who plays hard to get by thinking of excuses as to why she should leave and a man who attempts to talk her into staying. A few lines from the song read, "Say what's in this drink? (no cabs to be had out there)/I wish I knew how (your eyes are like starlight now)/To break this spell (i'll take your hat, your hair looks swell)". These lyrics seemingly allude to references to a date rape drug. Due to this, many radio stations around the country followed suit after hearing many complaints about the song.

Taking into account the time period in which the song was written proves a deciding factor to the implications that the piece provides. Written and primarily performed in 1944, society deemed it unacceptable for women to remain alone with men. A woman would and must not put herself in this specific situation without knowing the man she accompanied herself with. Furthermore, the lyrics that question the material in the drink can easily mean that the woman may try to blame her behavior on the alcohol she drank by stating that she cannot remember how much she drank or what exactly the beverage contained.

At any rate, the woman in the song could leave at any time. It did not appear that the man kept her against her will. Instead, she continues to formulate reasons as to why she should leave, but instead she does not want to leave and continues to come up with excuses as to why she should stay. The woman merely desired that the man believe she wished to leave.

People need to take things for their worth. During the 1940s, the Me Too movement, along with, other feminist movements did not contain the compelling influence it produces today. Many young girls may relate to the song of a woman who knew that she should go home, but wanted to stay with her boyfriend a little while longer, something that if given the chance that majority of people would jump at.

The past should not be judged by the standards that we live by today. Society has built itself on such a high pedestal, dishonouring the decisions of the past. People turn into harsh critics that constantly spew harangues at past events and people. The ridiculous rebuttals that make it so this song gets banned prove outrageous. The hypocrisy of our time culminated to a peak.

# Taking over a technological era

## Technology maintains a strong hold over younger generations

Makayla Joyce  
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As improvements in technology rise, many aspects of life become easier and more efficient. Some of the most remarkable advances remain in extremely important areas such as medicine, education, and communication.

Without technology, the privileges we experience would prove impossible. However, as seen over the years, technology can also hinder aspects of life.

Technology holds different effects on a generational basis, but it seems like the younger generations suffer the most from this impact. People born from 1995 to 2014, or Generation Z, and the younger spectrum of millennials never experienced life without technology.

This caused them to take these advantages for granted. The older

generations often question if they could survive without their inherent benefits. Undoubtedly, technology holds a large influence over society.

A prime example of the excessive use of technology takes the form of cell phones. For example, according to the National Safety Council, about 1.6 million car crashes occur each year due to texting or cell phone use in general. In addition, phones continue to become a distraction among the younger generations, most presently known in the educational setting.



*Makayla Joyce is a staff writer for The Prowl. Joyce believes technology is a very addictive and negative influence on students' lives.*

Teachers must constantly tell students to put away their phones in order to avoid distractions.

As a result, children tend to become distracted and lost in their digital world.

Adding on to these distractions, many social media users stay attached

to their technology and feel as if they must post nearly every aspect of their lives. This unhealthy need to post and interact with others digitally obliterates people's views of living in the moment.

Despite this, social media has brought benefits by connecting us, building relationships with new people, sharing expertise, and expanding on marketing strategies. Yet, the abundance of negatives remains one of the biggest concerns lately, such as cyberbullying and the threat of sexual predators.

In the digital world, people can access other's information with relative ease. Those who maintain public accounts risk the possibility of falling prey to harmful people attempting to contact them, track them, or result in dangerous consequences.

Without a doubt, technology allows us to complete tasks easier and more efficiently. Despite this, letting technology dominate our lives and keep us from personally interacting with others proves detrimental to society's current state.

# Helpful or harmful, that is the question

## Anti-bullying week sparks concerns over how helpful students find it

Gloria Greenfield  
PUBLICITY MANAGER

One of the most significant cases in school remains bullying.

Anywhere at anytime, an individual gets ridiculed, taunted, and teased for how they look. Regardless of its intentionality, everyone falls victim to some form of bullying.

Anti-Bullying Week may shed some light onto the harsh engagements one may experience. People run the risk of getting bullied regardless of what they do.

A bully's sole purpose lies in their motivation to feel superior to others, most likely resulting from their own incapability of surmounting their peers in the past. Yet, bullies still obtain the power they gained from the individual or group they preyed upon.

An entity without fear of the repercussions they may potentially receive if exposed, bullies cannot cease

their actions if exposed to the short speeches about how improper and morally wrong bullying inevitably leads to.

These monsters continue the path of violence they created for themselves and their victims.

Often times, bullies feast on the people they are truly afraid of, so they think putting down others will ultimately bring themselves and their self-esteem up. The truly saddening outcome involves the amount of individuals ending up harassed and injured, yet no one points out the importance of getting the situation in order until the designated week to try and solve or prevent the situation.



*Gloria Greenfield is Business Manager for The Prowl. Greenfield believes that Anti-Bullying Week should not be designated to only one week.*

Instead, when a change in behavior and attitude develops, the problem consequently gets tackled before it potentially escalates into something much more serious or detrimental.

Anti-Bullying Week consists of no

main takeaways. People still perform the actions they believe in. It merely shines light onto what should and should not occur. Ultimately, if people long to make change, they should seek out the bully, make sure they feel highly convicted of their wrong doings and their commitments to these foul actions.

However, there should not be a single week specifically promoting the movement to stop these harassers. Instead, followers must come together and formulate consistent and effective methods to cease the horror.

Forexample, stricter punishments must be made to students that choose to record a bully in the process of attacking another.

In the end, Anti-Bullying Week, although its intentions bring wholehearted and warm feelings, its true purpose serves only to promote the wrong message.

Stopping bullying should not remain in the spotlight for one week, but every week instead. By facing the issue constantly, schools can better ensure they find a permanent end to it.



# BREAKING UNDER THE PRESSURE

Anxiety and depression in teens increasing at alarming rates

Julia Bennett  
COPY EDITOR



Depression and bipolar disorder affect 14.3% of youth age 13-17.



Adolescent girls are more than twice as likely to experience depression than boys, 15.9% vs 7.7%.



Nearly 31.9% of adolescents will meet criteria for an anxiety disorder by the age of 18.



11.7% of the adolescents met criteria for major depressive disorder.

Data provided by Childdata.org



Unfortunately, in today's world, when a student hears the words "anxiety" and "depression" they immediately associate those terms with a friend or even with themselves. Over the past few years, levels of depression and anxiety amongst teenagers, especially high school students, has risen. As the overwhelming pressure to perform better in classes and to take advanced level courses increases, so does this sense of competitiveness and personal resolve to meet the requirements start to overtake the student's sense of well-being.

School becomes a priority over everything else in a student's mind. The student's efforts as they strive to meet these demands ends up negatively affecting their mental strength. Anxiety rises over homework and projects and students become increasingly depressed based on their own personal requirements and disappointments shaped from the world around them surrounding their performance in school. As a result, students shut themselves out from the rest of the world, and school becomes all consuming while they work harder, thus not recognizing that their condition progressively gets worse. In addition to the highly probable and detrimental life events that may occur, students face this illness looming over them constantly.

According to the Fall/Winter 2017 Johns Hopkins Health Review, "the National Institute of Mental Health estimates that 3 million adolescents ages 12 to 17 have had at least one major depressive episode in the past year." Students continue to suffer through these episodes as the cycle of school and depression shapes their life. A majority of students treat school as a full-time job and they place certain expectations on themselves that they have to meet in their mind or else they think themselves failures.

In Time's article, "Teen Depression and Anxiety: Why the Kids Are Not Alright," an interview with seventeen year old Brooklyn high school student Nora Carden revealed that she felt pressure not from her parents but that she became "the one putting pressure on [her]self." Nora further explained that her anxiety and depression from failing in her classes increased exponentially as the college application process approached. Many students today feel just the same and instead of consulting an adult for help, they often internalize everything and convince themselves that taking care of everything to do with school remains their responsibility and theirs alone.

Despite this, many parents and counselors do not recognize this as a valid reason to result in the individual's depressed or anxious nature because they did not face the same competitiveness that students do today. The problem proves very real and it continues to grow as the school world inevitably gets increasingly competitive with pressure to take higher courses, do well in them, and to apply to prestigious colleges. Students bear this burden alone and without reaching out for help they continue to see this stress affect their mental capacity. Facing problems with school as an aspiring student proves no easy task, and teens continue to suffer silently. Reaching out for help whether from a parent, friend, or trusted authoritative member can help a student significantly, whether to create a plan for school, which can relieve stress, or just someone to talk to about it who can understand. Anxiety and depression does not need to evolve into our new normal expectations. If one suffers from any mental disorders, they must take actions that will result in beneficial outcomes, and come to the realization that their current situation does not fall on themselves alone.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Prowl,

So often we are tempted to look at the negative side of our lives. So, as we wrap up the first semester and close out 2018, I thought I would focus more on the positive.

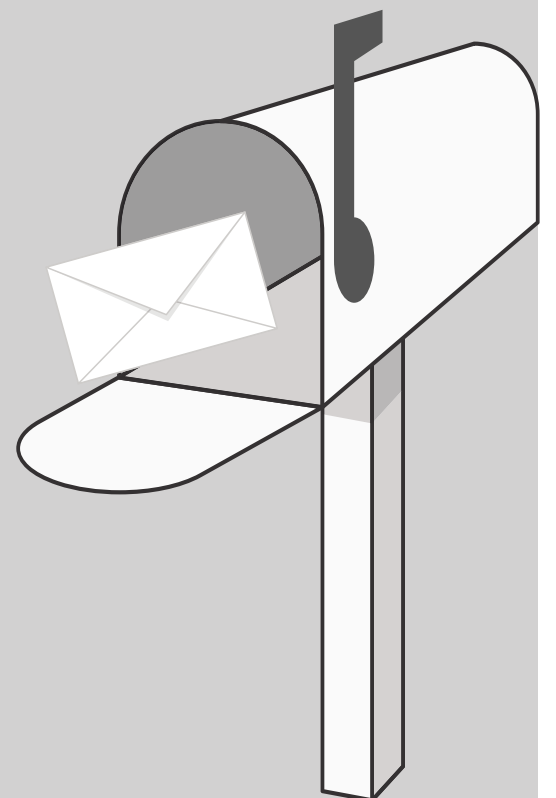
A quick check of my Outlook e-mail found plenty of evidence that our students are accomplishing great things. Two students won Questbridge scholarships which will give them full rides to two top universities. Our drama program went to districts and came back with six Superior ratings in individual events, a Superior rating for their one act play and a Superior rating in tech. All of this was accomplished despite the fact the students do not have a theater in which to practice their tech skills or rehearse their plays. Students continued to push themselves further by signing up for expanded offerings in our Cambridge and Advanced Placement programs. Band students sent two students to the All County band and five to All County orchestra.

At a time when the President of the United States is calling the media the "enemy of the people," student journalists at Coral Glades continued to excel and serve as role models for their professional brethren. Students in the TV production program expanded their social media presence by opening an Instagram account and expanding coverage on the WJAGTV.com website.

The students' podcast investigating changes in school security won an Honorable Mention at Districts. The Prowl also had excellent coverage of topics such as teacher certification, Florida's algae bloom problem and the expanded club offerings at school.

This year offered many moments that none of us ever want to see again. But in this season, it is only appropriate that we focus on all that our students have done to make their world a better place.

Dan Alonso  
Teacher





# CROSSING THE BORDER

## Migrant caravan prompts debate over birthright citizenship in US

Nicole Rogers  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



**Expected to finish in Tijuana, Mexico.**

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From his campaign for presidency to recent controversy sparked over the U.S.-Mexican Border, Donald Trump continues to hold firm on his anti-immigration beliefs as the Honduras Migrant caravan finally reaches the border.

Calling for a border wall and stronger immigration reforms, Trump proves determined to keep immigrants out of the country. He even proves willing to go so far as to use inhumane tactics to "fight back" against those seeking residency and protection. Troops were ordered to monitor the border and immigrants even now face dehumanization and abuse, simply for seeking a better life than the crime-ridden streets of Honduras.

A fan of using fear in his campaign, Trump immediately took advantage of the rising controversy over the approaching migrant caravan and used it as a means to garner Republican support for his desire to build a wall. Manipulating the public and weaponizing his words to dehumanize the public prove an all too common theme in this new wave of anti-immigration stances for our president. Trump referred to these migrants as "criminals" and blamed the mass movement on "open border Democrats," once again making empty vows to "close our borders."

While many people left Honduras to find better opportunities, and escape overwhelmingly high crime and murder rates, as well as poor living conditions, it remains the unfortunate reality that they face abuse and horrible treatment upon entering U.S. territory. Trump's original tactic of separating mothers from their babies immediately caught fire for its controversial and inhumane enforcement. Concentration camps for these immigrants were quickly built to hold and restrain immigrants, as they were being processed and let in.

For many of the migrants who took part in the caravan, they found themselves left with no other options but to leave their home. In Honduras, they face the possibility of violence, rape, robbery, and even murder at any given moment. Many prove willing to risk life and limb just to gain a chance in making it to the U.S.. However, this new wave of migrants prompted President Trump's newest threat on human rights: the removal of birthright citizenship.

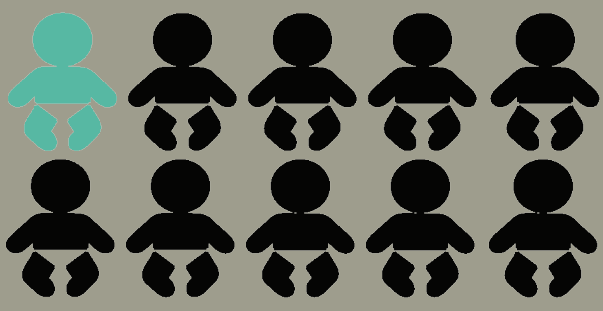
Birthright citizenship—the principle that every child born on US soil is automatically a native-born citizen, regardless of the immigration status of the

parent—protects a large amount of children in the US. The Pew Hispanic Center estimates that approximately 7.5% of all births in the U.S. are to unauthorized immigrants. This totals to about 300,000 births per year.

The removal of this birthright proves unconstitutional, and has been met with severe backlash from many citizens, including those affected by this decision and those opposed to it.

Of course, the chances of Trump actually gaining the authority to revoke this right prove slim to none. However, the increase in hateful rhetoric against immigrants and the continuous assault on their rights as human beings only reinforces the hateful and fear-promoting agenda the Trump administration seems to favor so dearly.

*Information gathered from NBC news*

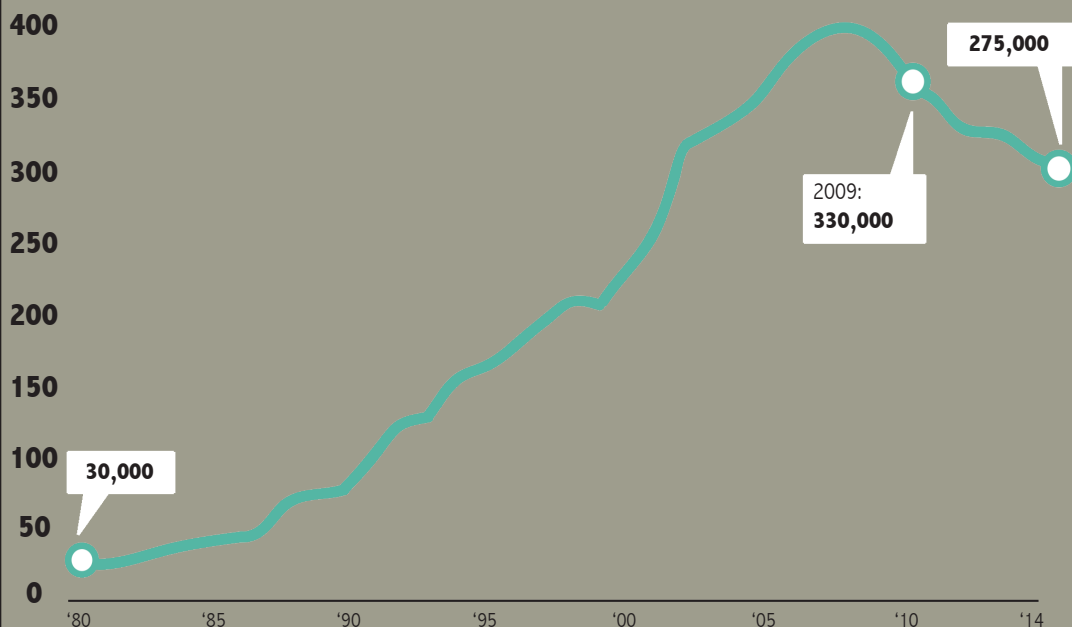


**1 in 10 babies in the United States are born to illegal parents every year.**

**“ALL PERSONS BORN OR NATURALIZED IN THE UNITED STATES, AND SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION THEREOF, ARE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE STATE WHEREIN THEY RESIDE.”**  
-14th Amendment

### Birth to U.S. Unauthorized Immigrants

By the thousands from 1980-2014



**Honduras has some of the highest rates of violence in the world, with a homicide rate of 43 in 100,000 people.**

**The migrant caravan was last recorded to include over 5,000 women, men and children.**

**The caravan is designed to protect migrants from the risk of rape, violence, and extortion on their journey.**



# ★DOWN★FOR★ ★DESANTIS★

## Student expresses support for Republican candidate Ron DeSantis

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FEATURES EDITOR

For many voters in this recent election, education served as a huge factor to where the vote would likely surrender. Although Andrew Gillum, democratic opponent, had several exceptional ideas for the educational system, Ron DeSantis overall swept the floor with his ideas to better the educational system in Florida.

DeSantis's biggest regard to education remains where the finances for classrooms fall to use in. In order to avoid conflict with taxpayers in Florida, DeSantis ensures that 80% of that money will go to where it matters most: with students and teachers. This also assists in reducing bureaucratic waste and administrative inefficiency. To ensure transparency in school district spending and support public accountability in school districts, DeSantis discusses his plans to work with the legislature to pass legislation requiring local school boards to offer an online database where the public can see exactly how the district is spending taxpayer funds.

DeSantis supports efforts to expand higher education programs that ensure Florida's state colleges and universities offer students a world-class education at an affordable rate. To encourage the ongoing performance of Florida's universities and support the continuous climb of Florida public universities in major rankings, DeSantis hopes to work with the legislature to increase performance funding and enhance other programs.

Most of these prove effective at improving 4-year graduation rates, increasing student retention rates, lowering student costs, and reducing student debt. To minimize students' costs and reduce student debt, DeSantis plans to work with the legislature to maintain tuition as low as possible by looking for administrative spending reduction opportunities.

He also discussed looking for ways to halt additional costs for students, such as textbooks. DeSantis also supports Bright Futures Scholarships and other programs that reduce the financial burden on Florida's students to ensure Floridians continue educational paths and have an opportunity for a successful future.

Scholarships play a vital role for students applying and attending a known university out-of-state or local. DeSantis's approach to this topic lit the fire of

young voters across the state. Giving students the opportunity to continue education at an affordable cost, he navigated his way to the top of the totem pole.

The economy proves a hot topic for any election and candidate willing to brush upon it. DeSantis spoke very highly about his aspirations for Florida's economy during campaigning and debates. One of the leading conversations DeSantis discussed during his campaign was taxes. DeSantis opposed tax increases, and many Republican voters praised this idea.

Based on this, DeSantis wanted Florida to remain one of the lowest tax states in the nation. DeSantis also discussed the issue of unemployment in Florida. Throughout his campaign, he pushed for the acceleration of growth of small businesses in efforts to expand opportunity for Floridians.

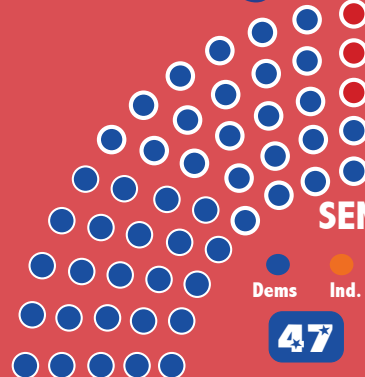
Florida's natural resources remain the backbone of our economy and are integral to the health and quality of life for every resident and visitor. Although Republican candidates rarely show much interest in the environment because Democrats usually take a stand in this area, DeSantis plans on serving as a champion for protecting our environment by his environmental policies and ideas. DeSantis plans to focus on Florida's water quality and quantity including the beautiful springs, diverse wetland systems and winding tributaries. DeSantis intends to lead with an approach that keeps our state beautiful for generations to come.

Although Florida's midterm election posed many conflicts and raised many suspicions, DeSantis overall came out of top after a recount occurred throughout Florida.

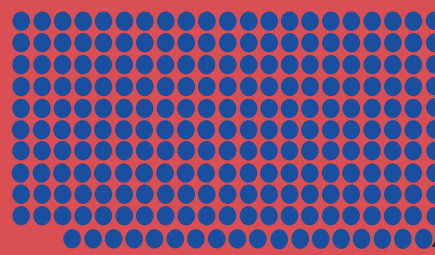
Republican voters remained loyal in efforts to maintain the reputation of Florida's House as Republican. DeSantis' ideas and policies concerning Florida shows to serve the people, without any selfish hidden agendas. This gave him the upper-hand and support from those who encouraged the growth of Florida.

With DeSantis, Florida proves able to pave the way in abundance of aspects economically, socially, and academically not only for today, but for the generations to come as well. With this new election, Florida's future looks bright for people of all ideas and ages.

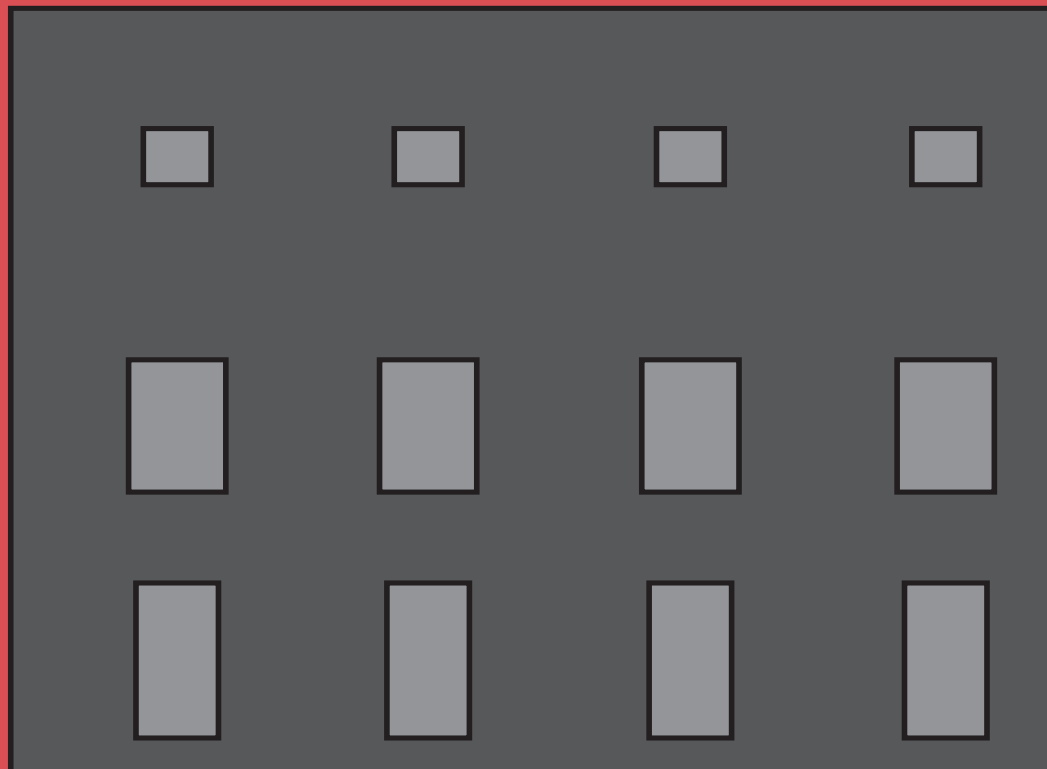
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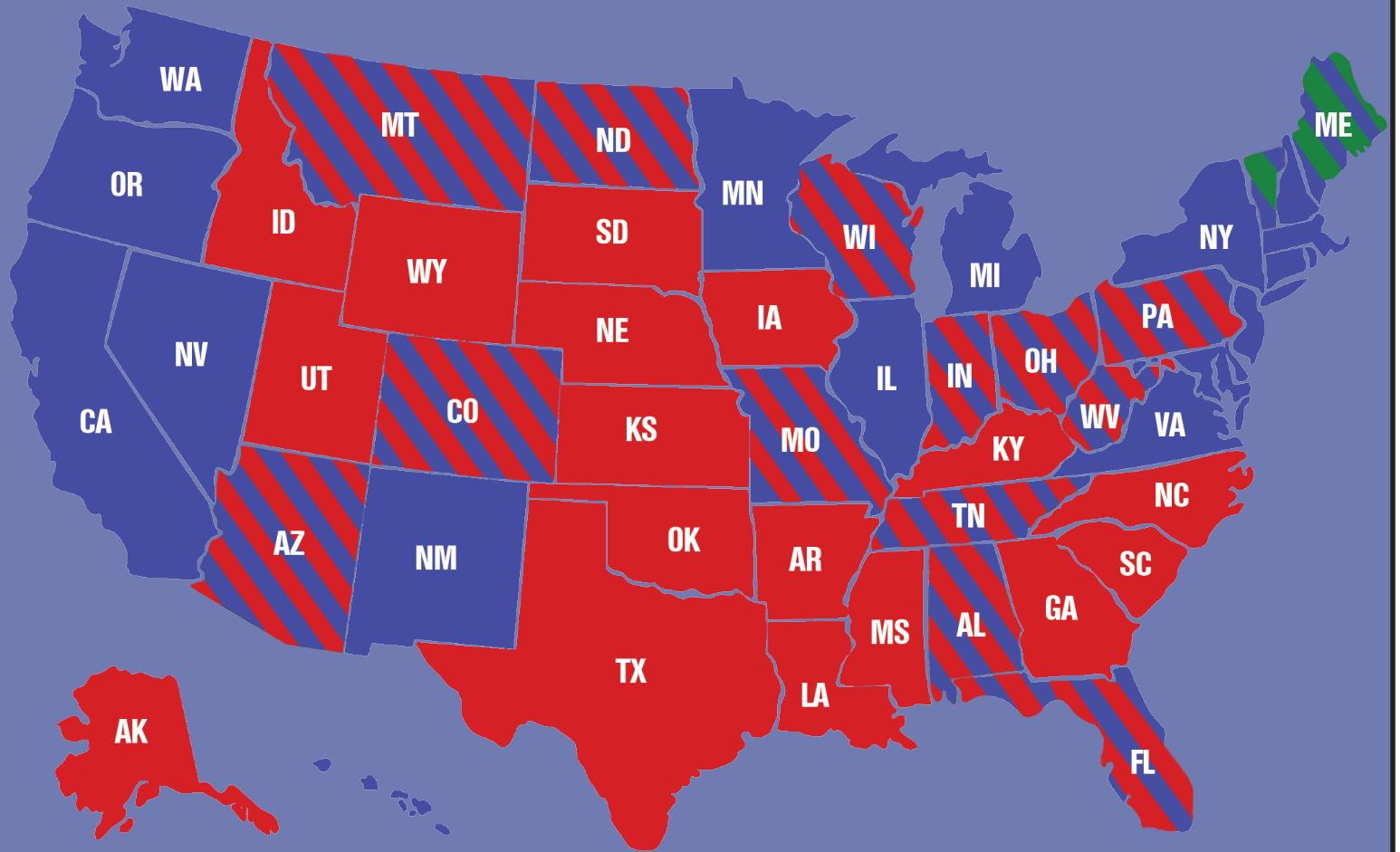
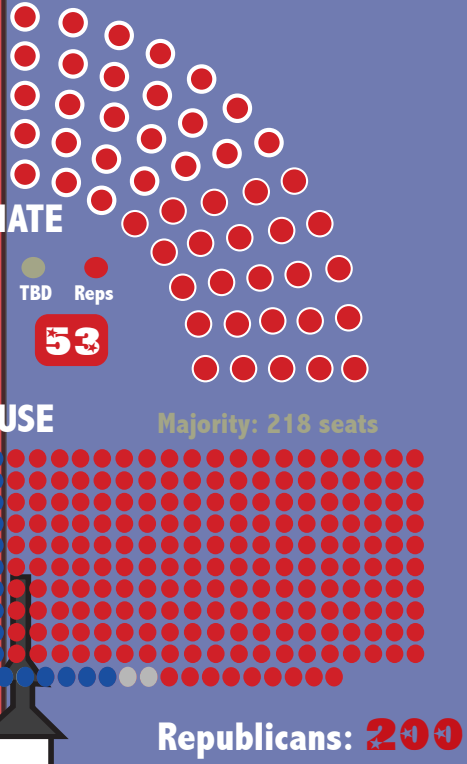


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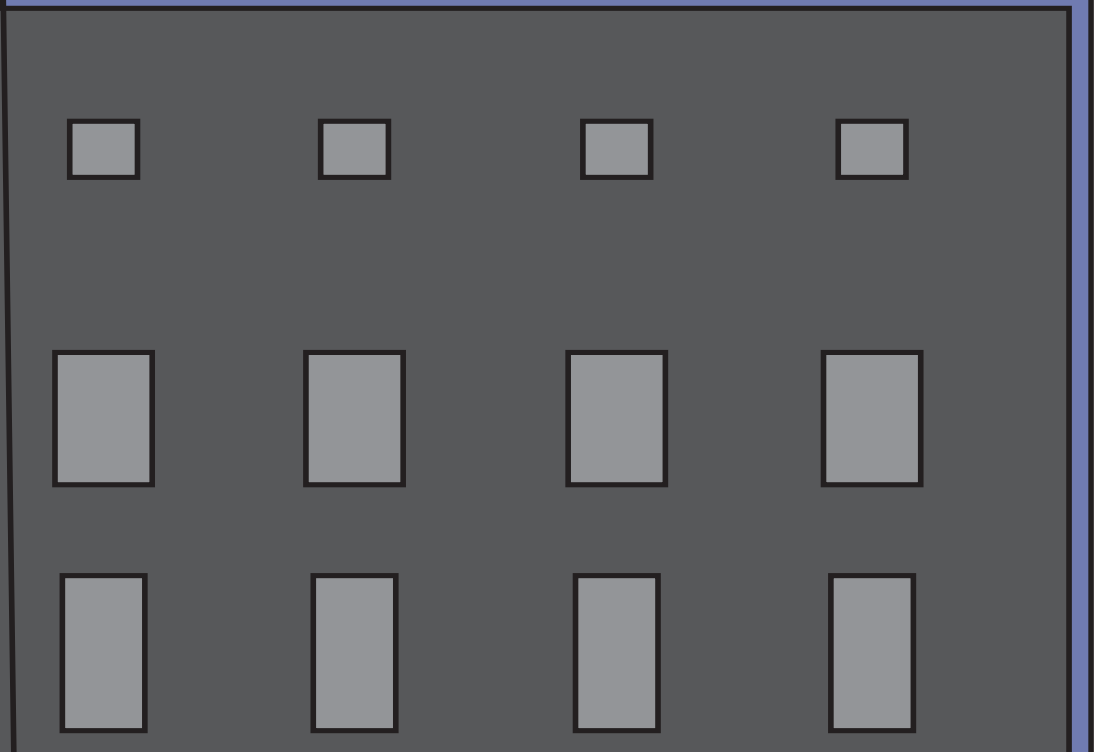
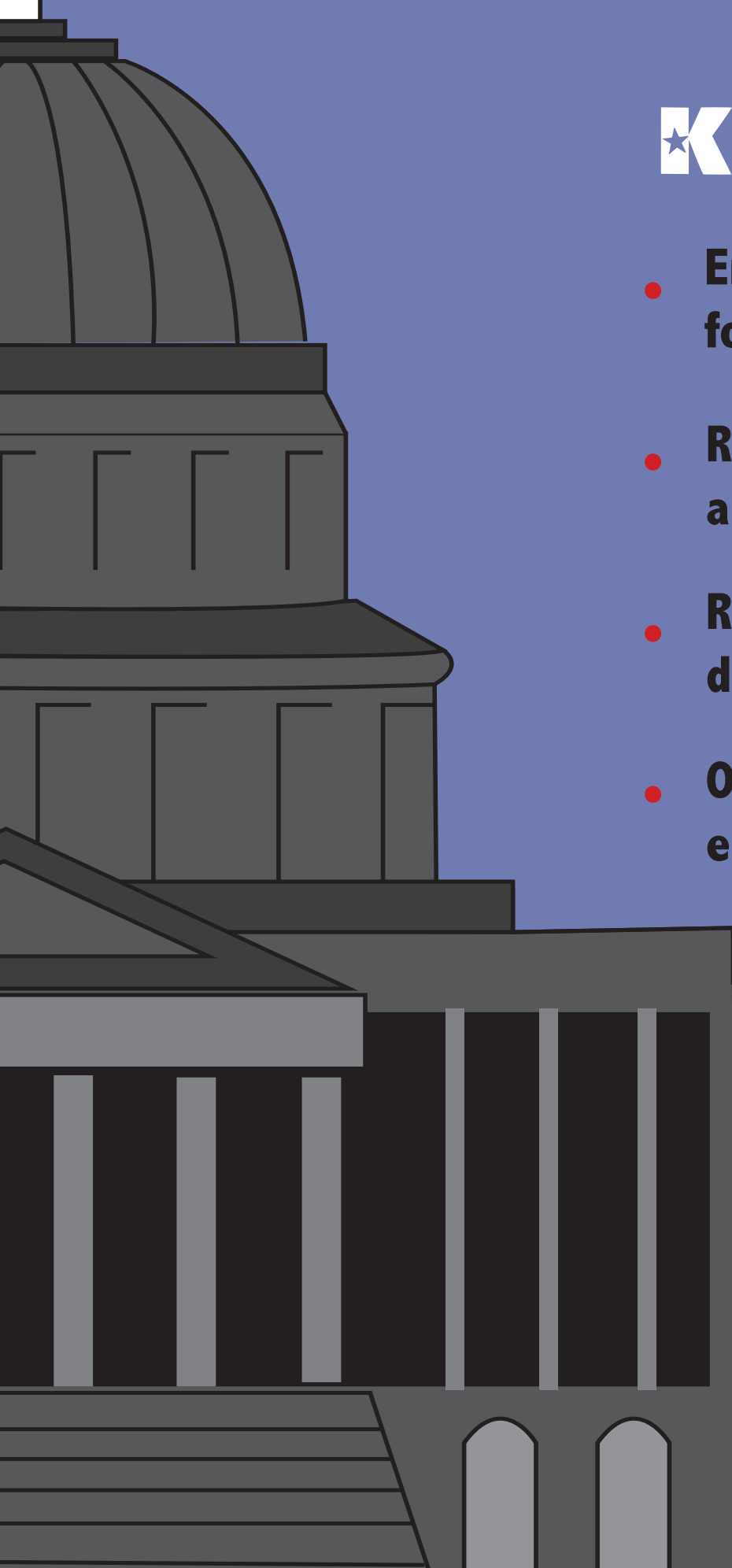


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## ★ KEY ★ POLICIES ★

- Endorsed by the Club for Growth, for pro-growth stances.
- Rated 46% by the NAPO, indicating a police-the-police stance.
- Rated B by NORML, indicating a pro-drug-reform stance.
- Opposes federal grants for education reforms.





# FEATURES

## SPREADING 知识

**Administrator Wendy Bernstein travels to China to take part in an educational conference**

Kailey Norusis  
NEWS EDITOR

In the second week of October, the senior class administrator, Wendy Bernstein received a message from a former colleague asking if she would replace him on a panel concerning the AP Capstone program, in China. After much consideration, she accepted. She then had to answer a series of questions to ensure that she was fully educated concerning the program.

Bernstein left for China on Nov. 1, giving her about two weeks to plan and prepare accordingly for her trip. In those two weeks, Bernstein made sure to speak with both the AP Seminar and AP Research teachers, as well as the students in the Capstone classes, in order to get a better feel for the program.

The trip was split into two parts, the first of which serving as the China Summit. Three presentations took place, and Bernstein was one out of three educators assigned to presenting the hour long closing presentation.

The group presented to a predominantly Chinese audience, Bernstein excelled in explaining what AP Capstone is and why it proves so beneficial to students. Following the presentation, the group acted as a panel and answered basic questions about student performance in these programs, as well as performance of the program itself.

The AP Capstone program attempts to better prepare students for the future. Created when universities began to complain that high schools failed in adequately preparing students for college, the course set out to make a change. The College Board's way of remedying the situation developed into the AP Capstone program.

On the second part of the trip, Bernstein was one of 150 educators from the United States who attended the 2018 Chinese Bridge Delegation, including the Confucius program. Bernstein was grouped with five other educators from Broward County; nicknaming themselves "The Broward Six."

This provided an excellent opportunity for educators to visit the topic of introducing Chinese as a language option taught in schools. The group visited Beijing and Chongqing, where they were welcomed into different schools.

Unfortunately, there remains a stereotype that Americans possess when it comes to Chinese students. We picture rows of students with their heads down, vigorously studying math and science. While Chinese students do obviously study these two subjects, they also take classes in floral arrangement, embroidery, and traditional dancing.

Cooperative learning is utilized much more than in many public schools in the U.S., benefitting the 40+ students often found in each class.

"The experience as a whole was definitely eye opening for me," Bernstein said.

Due to the heavy pressure that many of the students were facing with so many purely academic classes, school boards in China created these electives in an attempt to develop a

more well rounded students that can contribute to society.

The group next attended a school fair. Over 28 middle and high schools took up space in the auditorium, with a primary goal of finding a sister school with which they could exchange students. Bernstein commented that Coral Glades may be considering a program like this with one of the schools that she had spoken with.

Undoubtedly, this proved an amazing opportunity to experience another culture, specifically another culture with a heavy emphasis on education. Representing not only the campus she works on, but the district as a whole, proved an enlightening and rewarding experience for the interning principal. While having to travel thousands of miles to partake in this event, the distance proved barely a concerning obstacle in the face of an opportunity to truly bring about change in the educational community. For Bernstein, no challenge proves too large to take on and conquer, so long as she finds a purpose and the means to conquer it. As the Confucius mantra states, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step."







**SETTING THE SCENE:** Senior Jerwayne Graham and juniors Joshua Flynn and Hayley Hunt prepare themselves for their upcoming roles in the show *The Brother's Grim Spectaculathon*. Set designers work hard in the background to ready props and establish the setting of the play. *photo by Mariel Pardo*

# Breaking legs

## Troupe 6787 struggle to prepare for upcoming events

Mina Kendall  
STAFF WRITER



**PLAYING THE PART:** The *Brother's Grim* cast member junior Matthew Dellhak rehearses his role as Hansel while his co-actor junior Brielle Bicford, posing as Gretel, looks on. *photo by Mariel Pardo*



**REWRITING THE STARS:** President of Drama Club, senior Dailyn Robaina, and technical director, senior Vanessa West, direct the cast members of their *Brother's Grim Spectaculathon* play to prepare for the big show. *photo by Mariel Pardo*

The drama program continuously excels in their field, bringing home accomplishments every single year.

The Cappies proves itself as the Grammy awards of high school theatre for the drama students. Every year Troupe 6787 puts their best foot forward, and manages to receive at least one award in return.

"We do well every year and our one acts have even been taken to states," Freshman Joshua Simon said. "Since our seniors have been freshman, there has always been something that has been selected for an award at The Cappies."

As of now, the drama department prepares for an exciting upcoming event, which takes place on May 14 at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. They plan to perform *The Laramie Project* and receive nominations for five awards. They also have a "One Act," the whole show carried out in the time span of a single act.

The preparation for shows proves intense and consumes countless hours of the day. Rehearsals remain scheduled weekly to enable the opportunity for everything to run smoothly.

Since the school remains without an auditorium the drama troupe often must pay for performance space out of pocket. They use the auditoriums of other high schools

in Broward such as Taravella and Coral Springs High School.

However, if this option proves unavailable, they must practice in the dance room, the acting room or practice at each other's houses. This usually occurs at Dailyn Robaina and Lindsay Beyda, the co-presidents of Drama Club, houses.

Measurements of the floor must be taken to match the size of a stage to make sure they create the correct steps so nobody falls off the stage. If they have the wrong measurements, their scores suffer during judgement at The Cappies. An auditorium only becomes available to them in the final week of the show. Due to the lack of an auditorium, other theatre groups belittle the capability the team obtains.

"It really does hinder us because we do not have a lot of prep time, and other schools tend to underestimate us as a drama department because of our lack of resources," Simon said.

Although they suffer an abundance of obstacles, they return every year from Cappies celebrating success. Overall, the drama department prove themselves extremely dedicated to putting forth the best performance they possibly can. Of course, they always remember to enjoy their time and put plenty of heart and soul into their shows. This year proves only a continuation of this sheer dedication.



Kanye. Omari. West. Kanye is definitely a creative spirit, and one of the greatest musicians of our time, and a composer of pure originality.

However, this visionary and symbolic figure to some has turned into an item of criticism by most in recent years.

"Geez Kanye!" fans iterate, shaking their heads profusely in utter shock of what Kanye was up to on Twitter. The world was stunned when hearing the latest news of America's favorite rapper's newest proclamation on Twitter: West stands with Trump's signature slogan: 'Make America Great Again'.

As a previous fan and ongoing listener of Kanye West's recent albums, I have certainly identified the fault within this thought process. When you truly think about the legacy of West, he tends to always be perceived as a symbol of societal deviance, yet praised abundantly...

Upon further thought, I have taken notice that it is only reprimanded now because it no longer sings or appeals to the black or liberal agenda.

I rooted for Yeezus even after the bold event of stealing Taylor Swift's two minutes of fame at the 2009 AMAs to praise black icon, Beyoncé. When he said George Bush did not care about black people, at point blank, for the entire country to see, I commended West even more. All the while, I listened to 'Jesus Walks' and 'Black Skinhead' through my headphones, just in awe of his creations.

Why though? Why was it okay at that time for me to reward his extremism? It was because I agreed with his beliefs and morals. It was okay because it was a common thought among the globe. We agreed that Beyoncé deserved the award more than Swift, and that Bush's agenda oppressed the black population.

Suddenly, West's route has made a detour, even to the extent of being considered taboo. For a black man in America... to be a Trump supporter? Unlikely. As if the MAGA hat was not enough, he furthered the hole he dug, stating that bondage was a choice!

The entirety of the black community was disgusted, even offended, that someone, especially our beloved Kanye Omari West, would utter such words.

But is it really so far fetched that he would proclaim these things? West is the same. He is still the exact Kanye the world has known all along, but now that his narrative and position does not fit with our own it is no longer okay. That is quite odd. If that is the case, were we ever supporters of his music, or was it really his politics that lured us in? Was it the fact that we had a prominent liberal figure with a monumental platform to look up to and deliver our own thoughts?

This is what I call the 'consumption of celebrity'. Our loyalty is no longer with just the finished product of creators; it's not about 'The College Dropout'. Beliefs, values, and political views are now influencing factors in our support of creators. And if we disagree upon beliefs, we "cancel" the artist completely.

The 'cancelling culture' is newfound and becoming increasingly prominent across social media, especially Twitter. This culture, though, seems to fail at retrieving all of the facts before the rejection of said artist. In this case, West has actually uttered specifically that his bipolarity is like a super power to him. Yes, West is mentally ill.

Our generation claims to value the aid of the mentally ill, but it seems mutually exclusive considering Kanye is, yet critics still speak ill of him and his character on a consistent basis. It does not make any sense to me.

So think about this, is it ever okay to bash him for his rash thoughts and opinions? Is it okay to call him an Uncle Sam or Mamie? The bottom line is that the country uses Kanye as a source of laughter; entertainment, even. Children are taught by parents to accept people for their morals, beliefs, and even who they are. Why do we only aim to humanize those whose politics are synonymous with our own instead of accepting diverse thoughts?

It is even laughable to endure such close-minded individuals. Although, no one individual is one in the same, politics proves to be a sensitive topic and difficult discussion because it provides difference in opinions. Ultimately, causing tension in a room. It is not right.

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# Ber-trotting upstate

## Softball player commits to USC Upstate

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Going from a Jaguar to a Spartan, senior Isabella Bertot has achieved what she has worked for her whole life. Nov. 19 was a very special day for families and friends involved in athletics in our Jungle. The National Letter of Intent signing day created a memorable moment for high school seniors all around the country, including Bertot who signed to play division one softball at the University of South Carolina Upstate. Bertot worked countless hours and long days to reach this specific moment in her life and career. Bertot committed and set to begin playing the game she loves as a career on a full-ride scholarship.

"When my coach offered me a spot on the team, I could not believe it. It was hard for me to not go crazy in front of him," Bertot claims. "Between student government and HOSA, I have always loved being involved in my school and I cannot wait to do the same in South Carolina. Hard work pays off in the long run."

Bertot grew up surrounded by and playing on travel baseball teams her whole life. As a result of her commitment and determination to the sport, Bertot was the only girl of 105 teams who attended Cooperstown, a handpicked tournament in New York. When Bertot turned 12, she switched over to a similar sport, softball. Ever since making the change athletically,

Bertot has excelled tremendously on and off the field. Currently, Bertot competes on a travel showcase team named the Gold Coast Hurricanes. Scouter and coach of the University of South Carolina Upstate, Bryan Pack, noticed her potential, and became attentive to recruiting her as an asset to the Spartans Girls Softball team next fall. The recruiting process, in softball, consists of travel teams competing across the nation,



showcasing athletic abilities and performance to numerous college coaches who attend.

Bertot started as the catcher for the Varsity Jaguar softball team since beginning her high school career in 2015. Bertot impressively hit 18 home runs and made 397 outs in total. When addressing the idea of college, Bertot is mostly

excited about performing at the collegiate level with other girls that love the sport just as much as she does. While attending USCU, Bertot plans to balance her tedious course schedule and studies, along with two practices daily. Student athletes in college must maintain a certain grade point average (GPA) to upkeep scholarship money coming in. The everyday routine of a student athlete in college incorporates one or more classes per day throughout the week, and two practices held before and after classes daily. A study hall is also required by students attending USCU, which accumulates spare time for student athletes to excel academically, athletically, and socially.

Bertot also participated in the HOSA program throughout high school in efforts to become a sports medicine physician. Bertot hopes to major in Biology with a minor in Chemistry, which likely means many cups of coffee and sleepless nights! Receiving a scholarship from a college proves to be difficult. However, Bertot demonstrates the possibility of reaching the collegiate level through hard work, passion, and dedication.

Congratulations Isabella! Everyone is excited to watch you take on the field as a successful softball player and pave the way for those hoping to follow in your footsteps. Go Spartans!

# One Step Closer to Home

## Key Club walks to raise funds for local foster care children

Kylee Weener  
STAFF WRITER

Whether it rained or shined, six of the Key Club members along with teacher Staycee Lehrman participated in the annual Steps for SOS walk/run. Participants came together to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the event.

Uniting as a team at the 5k, Key Club members met up on Sat., Nov. 3 at Tradewinds Park in the early morning. As a result, Key Club raised money for the kids of the SOS Children's Village. In return, fostered boys and girls get one step closer to their dreams of success and happiness.

A certified and timed community event for everyone, the event gave anyone who wanted to help support the SOS Children's Village the chance to do so. Participants helped raise about \$100,000 for the foster care neighborhood. The neighborhood, with 12 houses that hold 75 boys and girls in Coconut Creek, take children who ended up in the foster care system from situations of abandonment, abuse, or neglect and provide them with a safe place to stay.

SOS Children's Village, alongside ChildNet, became determined to give the children proper foster care placement and keeping siblings and families together, who often times become separated in other foster systems. SOS Children's Village proved as the first to offer next step services to young adults who turned 18 while in the system to assist with their transition into adulthood. Many children in need find

families to turn to and a home to live in with the SOS Children's Village, even after they have become an adult.

Not only did our Key Club partake in the event held at Tradewinds Park, but Key Clubs from other schools like Taravella, along with other organizations like Team Hope chose to partake in the event. Some sponsors of the event include Publix, Blue Green Vacations, and Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, who were crucial in making the Steps for SOS 5k walk/run 25th anniversary happen.

"I had a very good experience going to the Steps for SOS walk this year. I was able to connect with people outside of my school who were also a part of Key Club," said junior Kris Wallen. "After the walk I sadly didn't stay for the post events. I've been going to the Steps for SOS walk/run ever since I [began] high school, so about 3 years."

Key Club students arrived at the event by 7:45 am for a quick warm up before beginning the 5k run at 8:00 am. Stands set up around the starting and finish lines offered free food, drinks and other things to the participants of the walk. Afterwards, DJ Ivory and Papa Keith, a Miami radio host, held a live spinning for the walk/run participants.

Some other post event family-fun activities such as: music, entertainment, breakfast, sponsor exhibits, awards and many more allowed participants to enjoy themselves after the walk. This fun day proved to not only help children in need, but improve everyone's day as well.



**(RIGHT) WALKING FOR A CAUSE:** Student officers juniors Sean Morris and Kristopher Wallen, and senior Amy He-Joa represent key club walking side-by-side. *photo by Kylee Weener*

**(LEFT) FEELING PROUD:** Seniors Samantha Lawrence and Gabriella Torres, junior Kristopher Wallen and club advisor Staycee Lehrman finish up their walk, proud to make a difference. *photo by Kylee Weener*



## ANONYMOUSLY HEARD ON CAMPUS

Documenting iconic quotes  
said by students throughout  
the school

"If this salad doesn't give me E. Coli and kill me, my mom will when she sees my grades."

"I really wanted my class to win the pizza party so I donated \$20; I could have just bought my own pizza."

"It was so cold in Komleva's class, I would have preferred being a passenger on the Titanic than to be in there."

"I finally brought a dollar to get myself candy but it fell out of my pocket so I guess I was just meant to suffer."

"Just remember I hate myself far more than I hate you guys."

"All of you guys love singing Mo Bamba... but can any of you actually tell me who Mo Bamba is?"

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Have an early jolly Christmas

Cable networks will be broadcasting Christmas films a month early

Mariel Pardo  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR



In spite of December being a month away, Broadcasting networks, streaming services and the film industry have been releasing and publicising the jolliest season, Christmas. Right at the end of Halloween, networks such as: Freeform, Hallmark and the Food Network have been releasing their daily Christmas films and holiday themed cooking competitions.

Freeform announced near the ending of Halloween that from the first of Nov. to the twenty-fifth of Dec., there will be a constant loop of holiday centered movies being shown, including all of the Home Alone films and Elf. The Hallmark channel has successfully feed into this mania by showing their Christmas films from the start of July. Channels like Food Network

start to broadcast their holiday baking shows in the month of Nov.. The show Holiday Baking Championship airs a new episode every Monday night, alluring most of their jolly viewers to their couches to watch the competition.

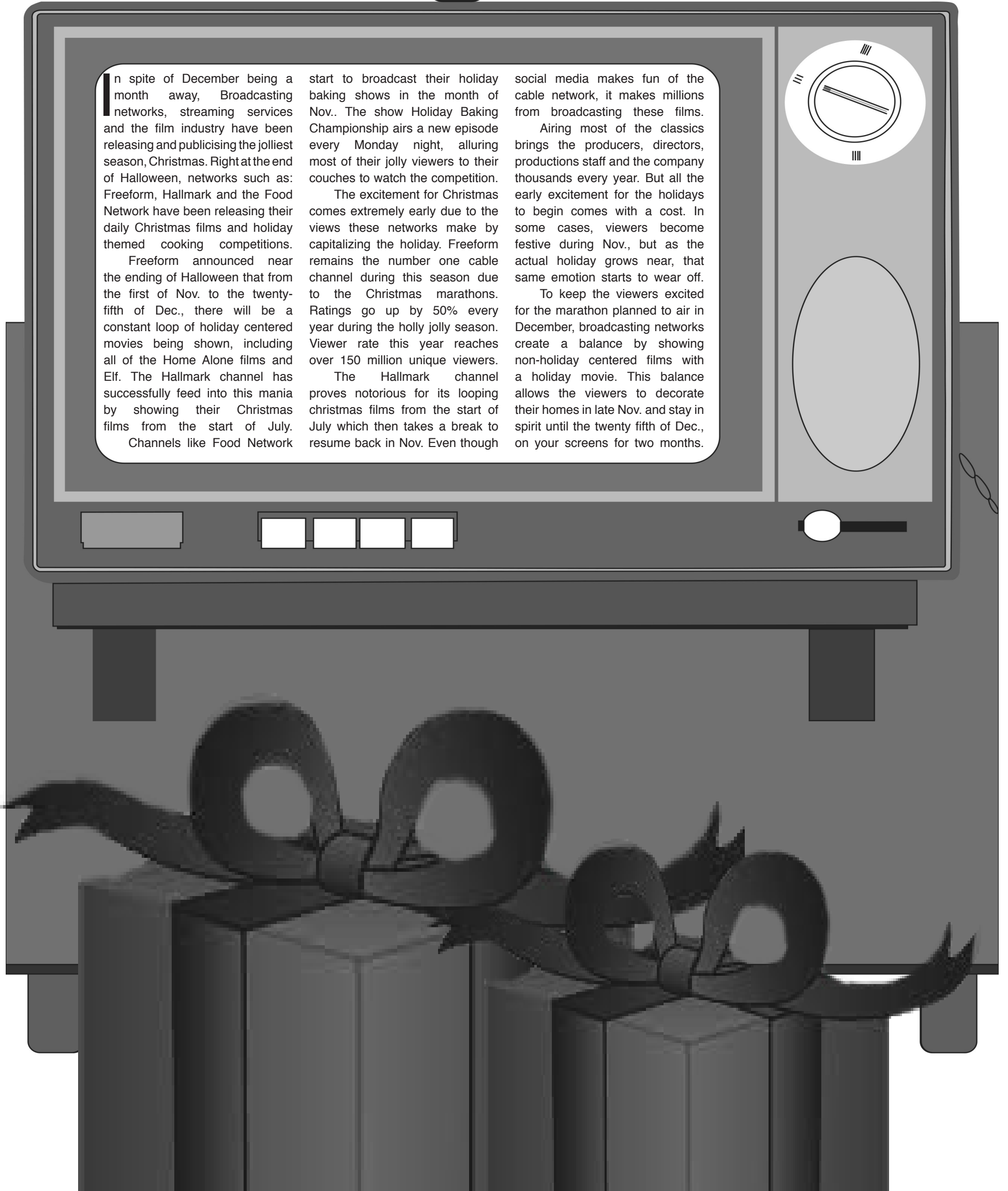
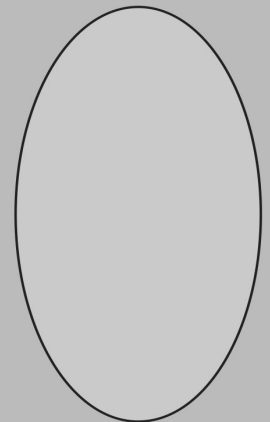
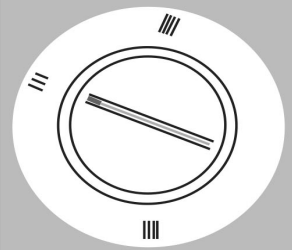
The excitement for Christmas comes extremely early due to the views these networks make by capitalizing the holiday. Freeform remains the number one cable channel during this season due to the Christmas marathons. Ratings go up by 50% every year during the holly jolly season. Viewer rate this year reaches over 150 million unique viewers.

The Hallmark channel proves notorious for its looping christmas films from the start of July which then takes a break to resume back in Nov. Even though

social media makes fun of the cable network, it makes millions from broadcasting these films.

Airing most of the classics brings the producers, directors, productions staff and the company thousands every year. But all the early excitement for the holidays to begin comes with a cost. In some cases, viewers become festive during Nov., but as the actual holiday grows near, that same emotion starts to wear off.

To keep the viewers excited for the marathon planned to air in December, broadcasting networks create a balance by showing non-holiday centered films with a holiday movie. This balance allows the viewers to decorate their homes in late Nov. and stay in spirit until the twenty fifth of Dec., on your screens for two months.





# The chilling occult remake

## New Netflix show drowned in mania and court hearings

Nicole Rogers  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Far opposed to the light-hearted, family-friendly cartoon from our childhoods, Netflix recently introduced their remake of the Archie's Comics classic *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*. The spin-off tells a coming of age story for Sabrina Spellman, as her split lineage as a half-witch, half-human forces her to choose between two worlds.

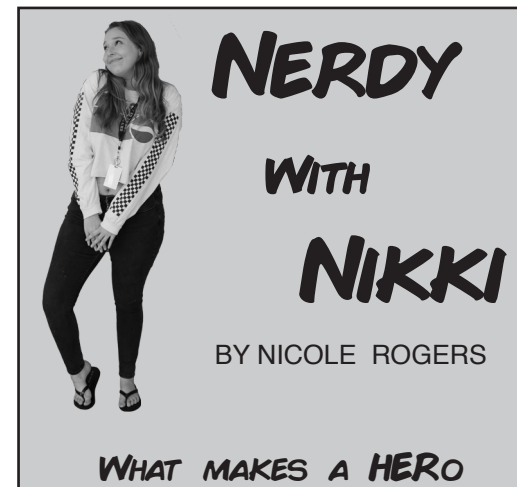
As of late, Netflix proves unconcerned with offending audiences with the content it chooses to show. Serving as a trusted source in covering controversial topics, the brand's remake series proves just as unabashed. The *Chilling Adventures of Sabrina* promotes not only awareness for multiple issues such as gender equality and religious freedom, but also represents minority groups with its extremely diverse cast. Introducing the character of Susie Putnam, the show makes itself among the first to include a non-binary character, played by a non-binary actor (Lachlan Watson). The show received mass amounts of support

from fans for the inclusion of diverse characters, and non-toxic supporting characters. The show also introduces Sabrina's cousin, Ambrose Spellman, a pansexual man with a complex character and an unwavering loyalty to his cousin.

The *Chilling Adventures of Sabrina* also provides fans with a prime example of what a healthy relationship actually looks like through the relationship of Harvey Kinkle (Ross Lynch) and Sabrina Spellman (Kiernan Shipka). Harvey shows nothing but pure love and support for Sabrina, showing no signs of toxic masculinity by becoming threatened when Sabrina takes a dominant role. He also proves unafraid to show emotion and fear, and even goes so far as to cry like an actual human being from time to time. Unlike the stereotypical strong man represented in the media, where emotions prove irrelevant to men and crying means weakness, Harvey's character embraces these things and uses them to further develop his character.

Unfortunately, the show faced a few bumps in the road when it came to its representation of Satanic worship. Centered heavily around witchcraft and Wiccan culture, Netflix took inspiration from a Satanic Temple's statue of Baphomet to create its own sculpture of Satan that forms the center of the magic academy Sabrina must attend. Faced with a \$50 million lawsuit, the two parties managed to reach an agreement in which Netflix decided to accredit the temple for inspiring the statue; the rest of the details remain unknown, however, due to a confidentiality agreement made between them.

The *Chilling Adventures of Sabrina* proves a must see for anyone interested in the occult and the representation of various social issues. With season two in development and a holiday special on its way, it proves evident that great things remain yet to come for this new addition to the rapidly expanding list of Netflix originals.



Following the heartbreaking passing of Marvel creator Stan Lee, the geek community looks for any fragment of good news to regain hope for the future of this dismal planet.

Fortunately for me, as a raging feminist, the rapidly approaching release of Captain Marvel's very own movie brings nothing short of sheer joy to my fragile heart.

Set to be released on March 8, the film already serves owner to a massive fanbase, with social media and nerd platforms blowing up with excitement over the promising trailers. Reaching a whopping total of 21 million views in one day (compared to 21 million views in one month for DC's SHAZAM! trailer), it proves evident this movie intends to sell theaters out on a national level.

Directed by Ryan Fleck and Anna Boden, the cast currently includes Academy Award Winner Brie Larson playing Carol Danvers herself, along with returning Marvel actor Samuel L. Jackson reprising his role as S.H.I.E.L.D. director Nick Fury.

Danver's comic book character proves an allie to the Avengers and S.H.I.E.L.D on multiple occasions, and in some comics gets a little more than just friendly with fan favorite agent James Rhodes. Whether or not the Marvel Cinematic intends to explore this chemistry remains unclear, however.

The movie already proves apparent in its comedic factors through its trailer alone, a key component of most Marvel movies. One of the biggest things to look forward to, of course, is the representation of strong female characters. Danvers proves one of the most iconic female characters in the Marvel comics (in my opinion), proving women can be strong and a hero, without needing to sacrifice their femininity to do so. It goes without a doubt that Captain Marvel proves nothing short of a great role model for little girls and boys everywhere.

In the comics, Carol Danvers develops her powers after working alongside the original Captain Marvel, an alien soldier named Mar-Vell. After Captain Marvel's death, she assumes his mantle, deeming herself Ms. Marvel and developing a unique set of powers that sets her as one of the most powerful characters in the Marvel Universe.

Super strong, fast and durable, and capable of flying through space and firing energy blasts from her body, she essentially takes on the role of Marvel's version of superman.

As one of the first Marvel female superheroes to gain her own movie, Captain Marvel holds a lot riding on its success, as it paves the way for more female superhero movie adaptations. One of the biggest complaints from the female geekdom remains the lack of a Black Widow movie, one of the only Avengers without their own movie (aside from Hawk Eye).

Many fans called Marvel out on their lack of proper female representation, as Black Widow primarily served as a sexualized piece of eye candy for male viewers in the first two Avengers movies and the Iron Man movies. While her character's representation certainly toned down in more recent films, the lack of sexualization of Danver's character in her own movie certainly proves a refreshing change.

While there still remain quite a few months before the movie's set release date, it proves evident the time will pass by quickly with all of the content and sneak peeks Marvel continues to release to the public.

As feminist ideals and female representation begins to peak in the entertainment industry, it seems likely that Captain Marvel's movie will pave the way for the Marvel Cinematic Universe to hop on the bandwagon of inclusivity.

# Shining light on addiction

## Timothee Chalamet and Steve Carell star in the film "Beautiful Boy"

Julia Bennett  
COPY EDITOR



**Awareness on screen:** Amazon studios released the film *Beautiful Boy*, which demonstrates the darkness that addiction brings upon one's life and the people around them. "Beautiful Boy is one of the best movies I've ever seen, I cried a lot because the story is really touching," senior Julia Bennett said. The film stars Timothee Chalamet and Steve Carrell and has been released in all theaters and on Amazon Prime.

Photo Courtesy of www.imdb.com

This month bestowed upon us the release of the Amazon Studios film *Beautiful Boy*. The movie has an all-star cast with Steve Carell casted as Dave Sheff and Timothee Chalamet as Nic Sheff.

Based off of a true story and the memoirs written by David Sheff, the movie follows the life of his son Nicolas and his struggle to overcome drug addiction, depression, and the trials his father endures to help him.

This film leaves audiences in tears as they witness Nic's pain to get clean after becoming addicted to crystal meth. Chalamet's portrayal of Nic is raw and emotional, as it pulls audiences in and helps them to understand what went through Nic's brain leading up to his use of drugs.

As a high school student with the prospect of going to college, Nic begins to experiment with different drugs to fill a void in his mind where he feels alone and out place in the world. When he tries Meth for the first time, he "felt better than [he'd] ever felt before" and quickly

he becomes addicted.

*Beautiful Boy* also places a focus on the relationship between David and Nic as he tries to help his son recover. Through the process of recovery he loses hope when Nic relapses time and time again to the point where he refuses to help him anymore.

Though most famously known for his roles in comedy movies and as Michael Scott in *The Office*, Steve Carell exemplifies his potential as a dramatic actor in this role as he breaks down over the 'loss' of his son and struggles to cope with the fact that their relationship has changed forever.

The visuals of the movie portray a muted cool-toned palette with dark lighting that sets the scene for the downhill rollercoaster of Nic's life and the problems the family experiences as a whole. Though with a smaller budget, the film exceeds expectations with its directing and writing to give audiences immersive experience as they form emotional attachments to the characters and feel their pain.

One scene in particular that stands out is after getting clean for the 2nd time, Nic moves out of state to go to college and while at dinner with his girlfriend and her family. Nic is drowned out by the loud talking of the family and feels as if he doesn't belong. Without words, Chalamet portrays this feeling of isolation as Nic contemplates using again when he sees a bottle of pills in the bathroom. The audience hangs on the edge to see if he will, Chalamet's hardened expression becomes evident that the decision proved already made as soon as he began to feel that isolation again.

Full of life, love, and acceptance, the film brings light on how students fight with personal problems even though on paper it shows the perfect college candidate. It does a perfect job at depicting the struggle people experience with drug abuse, relapse, getting clean, and how it affects not only their minds and their bodies but the people that surround them. Overall, it remains a beautiful movie for a *Beautiful Boy*.



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# Judging with the Jags

## A not so grumpy christmas

New adaptation on Dr. Seuss' The Grinch draws a new light on story

Mariel Pardo

ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

**H**e's a mean one and has garlic in his soul, Illumination studios released their adaptation of Dr. Seuss' The Grinch on Nov. 9th. The film stars Benedict Cumberbatch as the infamous Grinch and SNL's very own Kenan Thompson as Mr. Bricklebaum.

The film took a turn due to being fully animated unlike the live action movie How the Grinch stole Christmas starring Jim Carrey. The directors of the film Yarrow Cheney and Scott Mosier pleasantly brought this new adaptation into theatres for viewers to swim in nostalgia.

The clean animation style is seen throughout most of Illumination's films like; Despicable Me, The Secret Life of Pets, Hop, The Lorax, and Sing. The Grinch filled the audience with warmth due to the green, red and white tones vibrantly focused throughout the entirety of the film.

Benedict Cumberbatch as the Grinch gave us a new style of wickedness. Though Jim Carrey did leave the role as the Grinch with an ongoing fanbase, Cumberbatch's Grinch demonstrates the wounded soul that sees his continuous flaws rather than the quick development Carrey's Grinch goes through at the end.

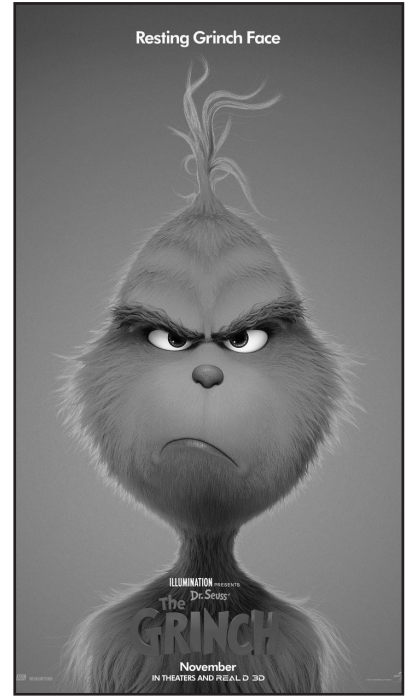
Cumberbatch gave the audience a wonderful performance that left the viewers laughing and smiling. The addition Mr. Bricklebaum's character gave the

younger audience a reason to fill the theater with laughter due to the Grinch's encounter with him. Thompson also gave the audience a wonderfully comedic performance.

The soundtrack of the film brought the audience a new version of the Grinch's theme song created by Tyler the Creator. The famous artist gave the new Grinch a cooler and more rougher personality when the song plays. The production of the song proves incredibly well done.

The production of the film was done to perfection. It checked off everything that is needed in a children's Christmas movie. The success of the film was seen through the box office grossing, as its total gross was \$203,507,195 worldwide. Throughout their success Rotten Tomatoes creates a contrast by giving the film a 58% rating, while IMDB gave the film an average 6.4 rating out of ten.

Illumination's The Grinch delivered a candor plot about how the Grinch stole Christmas which engulfed the audience with laughter all the way until the end. This new take of the film could not have been done without the help of Cumberbatch and his fellow costars. Not to mention the wonderful soundtrack that includes the one and only Tyler the Creator and his wicked score. This film proves a great choice for families who need to fill their lives with the holiday spirit many crave.



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## Darkness torments one family

Netflix released a haunting show based off of Shirley Jackson's novel

Nicole Rogers

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**B**ringing a new sense of heartbreak and tragedy to horror, Netflix original The Haunting of Hill House left fans reeling and craving more from the finished story. While there remains no set confirmation for a season two, fans remain hopeful that the show soon comes out with more content clarifying the fates of the beloved characters.

Based off of the novel by Shirley Jackson, the series tells a story of past and present and the connection between them through the eyes of a family torn apart by tragedy. Growing up in what soon shall become the most haunted house in the country takes a toll on a family, as five siblings and their father learn after their mother's "suicide." While the remaining family members prove able to physically escape the clutches of Hill House, they must always carry a reminder of it with them as they grow into troubled and distanced adults.

Having lost their mother so suddenly, the siblings decided to do what children do best: blame every bad thing that took place up until that fateful night on their father. Refusing to believe the supernatural and/or spiritual world held any responsibility for the things that occurred (and would continue to occur), the siblings attempt to ignore what they know to be true for as long as they can- their childhood home remains haunted. Of course, their demons followed them far out of that house they left so long ago.

The show is told through a series of 10 episodes, the first five each shown through the perspective of a different sibling,

and then a few through the eyes of Hugh and Olivia Crain.

The episodes change from memories of the past, to the character's present surroundings, connecting the dots of their lives until things finally start to fall into place. Each sibling faces his or her own character flaws and problems, until finally realizing that they each must face their demons, both literal and figurative, in order to move on from their past and continue to grow and heal as human beings.

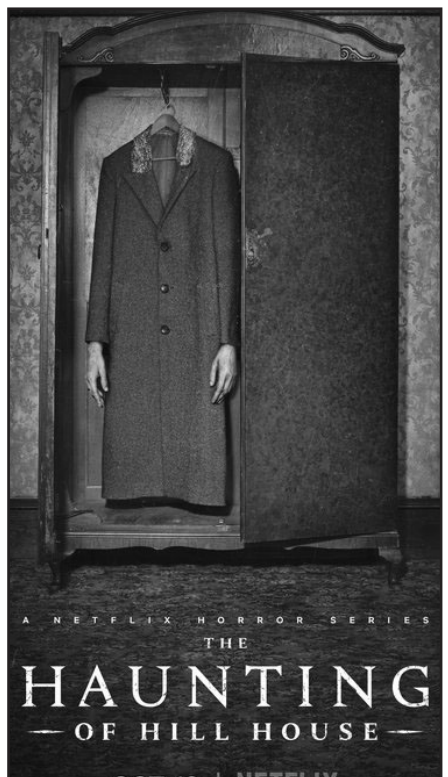
The series comes to a wrap with a final showdown between the house and the family brought together again through tragedy and loss.

Determined to avenge those who passed away due to the manipulation of what lies within the house's walls, the siblings and their father finally come together one last time to face the darkness and find closure through owning their fears.

After heartbreak, loss, and seemingly relentless suffering, the show ends with a happy ending for the remaining siblings as they come to accept and find peace with one another once more.

Carrying a very relevant and important message, fans find themselves reminded of the importance of family, and the sheer loneliness and suffocation that comes with facing the dark times in life alone.

Rather than allowing their hardships and tragedies to define them, the family finally learns that together, anything proves possible, and that family must always stick together no matter what happens.



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# SPORTS



**DRIBBLE ALL THE WAY:** Senior Destiny Cox dribbles to victory, her eyes on the prize as she dodges players of the opposing team that stand in her way. "The game was definitely tough, but my teammates are really supportive and I'm pretty confident in my skills," Cox said. *Photo by Jannai Gutierrez*



**SHOOTING HER SHOT:** Junior Breyonni Woodson shoots high and narrowly avoids blocks from the opposing team, determined to score points for her team. "I really wanted to contribute to the effort," Woodson said. "It takes a lot of practice and self-confidence to just go for it when you're in the game." *Photo by Jannai Gutierrez*

## SHE SHOOTS, SHE SCORES

Girl's basketball team takes on a new season

Daniel Levy  
SPORTS EDITOR



**W**ith a new and promising season underway,

the girls varsity team heads into the season with sustained chemistry.

With the majority of the team comprised of returning players, most of them entering their senior year, the girls find themselves already enjoying deep connections and solid team work and looked to utilize their experience playing together to aid them to success.

Experience benefitted as a key component for them. With their age and number of years played on varsity, the team brought familiarity within the system. They knew the everyday procedure: stretch, run through drills, and master and execute plays.

With senior co-captains Faith Donaldson and Destiny Cox, they reminded the players of those pivotal aspects. "Faith and Destiny always set the standard of success for the team," coach Donnell Carr said.

Another strength of the team involved their teammate chemistry. This squad viewed each other as more than teammates, but as family.

Everyone on the team believed in each other's talents, caring less for their own skills, and remembering there is no I in "team."

Moreover, the team enjoyed hyping one another up. For instance, at the beginning of every game, the team huddled together, cheering loudly at each other.

"I loved being on the team all four years because of my

teammates," Donaldson said. "They really motivate me and keep me focused on my goals."

Although the team started off with apparent struggles, they competed in some nail-biting games. Matching up against teams such as Western, Coral Springs Charter, and Stoneman Douglas, the team put up their best efforts.

In a road game against Western, the result looked indecisive. After trailing at the end of the half, 12-7, the team fought their way back to tying the game, ending the third quarter on a 13-8 run. The team raised their level of intensity on the defensive end, leading to easy transition points. Despite losing by one point, 33-32, the team's resilience and belief in each other made it a fierce contest.

Against Coral Springs Charter, another away game, the outcome appeared inconclusive. After giving up a 30-21 lead heading into the fourth, the game looked out-of-reach to the wild home fans. However, the team thought otherwise. Their defensive presence showed out once again, this time holding their opponent to just three points, and outscoring them with twelve. Coral Springs Charter did wind up winning this game in overtime, with a final score of 40-37. Nonetheless, to go with their sturdy defense, Alyanna McGrath dominated this game, putting up a monstrous 23 points and 14 rebounds. Her performance, along with their defensive and mental toughness, led them to a remarkable comeback.

Perhaps one of their more tougher events came at the hands of district-champs Stoneman Douglas. Once again on the road, playing against one of their district rivals, the roar of the opposing fans factored a significant role in their bout.

The team did not seem fazed by these detrimental facets, due to their cohesiveness. The players all believed in each other, from hyping one another up from on the bench to communicating on the court. That, combined with their aggressive defense, led them to a hard-fought 33-32 loss.

In all, despite any major negatives from this season, the team can definitely look back at their season as a successful one. Their robust defense, along with their cohesive teammate chemistry and support for one another, served as an ongoing theme for them this season.

Fantasy football enthusiasts find themselves

# DREAMING OF THE BIG LEAGUES

London Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

**A**round this time of year, the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) football season takes place. Also around this time, fantasy football leagues begin. Sports fans, including the ones that attend this school, create a league made up of NCAA football players. This comprises of fans each having their own team, in a league of 2-8 competitors, where they draft players on their team. Each person selects college football players that put up the best statistics, based on their performance in real life.

College football fans stress about this league every day, since they want to form the team who stuffs the stats sheet. Football followers constantly change the rotation of their lineups. For instance, fans may sub out players who do not play on that particular day, or suffered an injury, for able players that have a game.

Fans also look to trade players if they do not best suit their needs. Another reason for trades has to do with injuries, even though it proves difficult to do so since their competitors take into consideration their own best interests. Fans may also waive, or get rid of, players on their team, if they prove unable to play up to par.

While selecting players, fans normally withhold on choosing a player with an injury (or compromised in any way) since lacks any benefit for their team at the time. For instance, selecting Nick Bosa, top defensive end for Ohio State, appear as a poor choice, considering that he suffered a season-ending core muscle injury this season. Despite his projection as a top-5 pick for

winning the Big Ten Conference Defensive Lineman of the Year in 2017, the All-American chose to withdraw from Ohio State to focus on the upcoming 2019 NFL Draft.

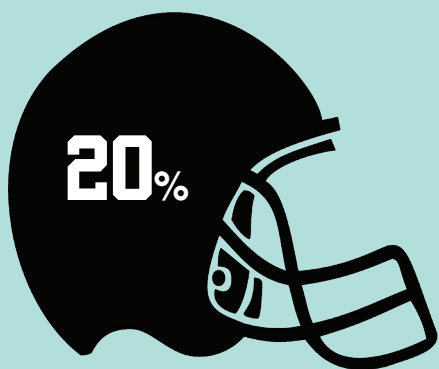
One of the bigger pains to the fantasy league, mentioned earlier, remains injuries. Obviously, the risk of an injury in football, a physical contact sport, seems inevitable. Therefore, sports fans carefully strategize while constructing their team.

Sports fans also select their team primarily based off their performance, rather than favoritism. Even if they want their favorite player immediately, it should fit the team's needs rather than personal preference. This proves very difficult to decipher, a tough pill to swallow of course, but fans do so to win.

"People get to caught up in the name, but I focus mainly on players' stat production," junior Levingston Forbes, said.

Normally, college football fans preferably want to select first. However, others would prefer to pick in the middle, so they can avoid the wait for their turn as much as possible. In a serpentine draft, the person who selects first or last gets to choose back-to-back picks, like the form of a snake. In a fixed draft, picks go from first to last throughout the entirety of the draft. To football fans, draft order proves a crucial aspect.

College football fantasy leagues that fans organize serve for the purpose of having fun, but primarily to win. This seasons so far proves an exciting one in the sport of fantasy football.



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# TAKING ON THE TEAM

## Philosophy teacher Kyle O'Neill takes on the job of serving as the Lacrosse teams new coach

Sebastian Paula  
OPINIONS EDITOR

**W**ith the lacrosse season gradually reaching its emergence, the enticed players anticipate each upcoming game.

However, certain victory proves difficult when the team contained no coach for the majority of the previous and future matches. Unfortunately, the lacrosse team found themselves without a coach for quite a long period of time.

Yet, all hope did not dissipate as a new teacher decided to take up the mantle of turning into the new lacrosse coach.

Philosophy and world geography teacher Kyle O'Neill gladly applied for the position after receiving constant recommendations and compliments from students, colleagues, and lacrosse players alike.

"My lacrosse students asked me if I wanted to be coach," O'Neill said. "I also had a couple of colleagues come up to me and say that I would be great for the position, so I decided to throw my hat into the ring."

Prior to O'Neill's establishment as the new coach, the lacrosse team relied on the assistance of faculty members to temporarily guide them. Ultimately, the athletic department needed to assign and administer games, make sure the members followed procedures, and many other details that volunteers could not handle.

Despite the drawbacks that the team faced, they survived until they finally obtained their new coach. Despite not being announced to the school officially, the consideration for O'Neill's place on the team was taken into account, and his determination to bring the lacrosse team to success proves a deciding factor in his team's future placement.

Previously, the team's last coach suffered from major injuries after falling off a roof. As a result of this predicament, the team remained without a coach for the remainder of the 2017-

2018 season. In fact, the team suffered from an enormous losing streak, most likely due to the lack of guidance.

Now, with O'Neill coming in strong and implementing his efforts in order to help the players win, the pile of losses may disappear with some victories under their belt.

However, O'Neill only plans on coaching for one season. The upcoming 2018-2019 lacrosse season starting in early Feb., he expects responsibilities to take up a majority of his time. This unsurprisingly leaves O'Neill with hardly any time for himself and forcibly takes away the seconds he has to teach his classes.

In fact, the free time he currently possesses must attribute itself with the sport.

In excitement for their new coach, the lacrosse players prove excited and await the arrival of their new coach.

Furthermore, they believe that O'Neill can be the key to helping the team gather wins.

"I think he is going to bring an excellent spark of energy for our team," senior Nicholas Capezza said. "I think we're going to prosper this season."

Overall, regardless of the hardships and trials the lacrosse team faced throughout the previous season, O'Neill's guiding light and extensive knowledge of the tricky sporty proves to remain the deciding factor in the team's victory or loss.



# SPORTS BRIEFS

## Shooting hoops

Entering the 2018-2019 season, the boy's varsity squad rebuild the overall structure of the team. Nicholas Carr, who coached the junior varsity team for three consecutive years, replaced Jack Stawicki as the head coach of varsity. With just one returning player from last year's team, senior Marvin Priyen, serving as the team captain, aided Coach Carr in guiding the new players of the team. Additionally, the team consisted of relatively young players, mainly comprised of sophomores and juniors. Earlier in the season, the team competed in well-fought battles against state champions Cardinal Gibbons and Blanche Ely, getting a taste of higher intensity in the level of play. With inexperience and transferred players forming up the team, integrating the pieces together proved crucial in determining the team's success this season.

- Daniel Levy



## Hitting the mat

As the wrestling season progresses, Coach Cameron trains the team, consisting of workouts of push-ups, sit ups, and practicing technique. Last year's season proved one of the team's more inferior performances, and the team proves determined to recover. Describing the season as "rough," Coach Cameron holds high hopes for this year's players. However, a few diamonds in the rough, seniors Wilson Trapp and Nate Wilson, placed third and fourth in districts. Also, Trapp finished second at regionals, and went to compete at states. The coach seemed hopeful for the team this season and their chances in their competitions, due to his return. "I played pretty well last year, but I'm going to work to be even better this year," Trapp said. With these two returning, their experience and hard work will no doubt rub off on the rest of the team to succeed this year.

- Isaac Leger



# Cheering for the state title

## Cheerleading team proves ready to conquer their competition

Angelique Bergamini  
STAFF WRITER

As a member of the Coral Glades girls competition cheer team, overall talent, dedication, and commitment represent the leading factors to winning.

Heading into a new year, the reigning two-time champions look to gain another title.

With expectations high for the team this season, the pressure rose to continue the same success. Last season, the team won Broward County Team of the Year, placing first in the Sun-Sentinel. To add on, the team received national recognition for their accomplishments, with local NBC6 filming them in the gym.

The team also acquired a new coach, coach Allison Madej, replacing coach Caitlin Pein. Coach Madej emphasized the importance of not only winning, but to also united the team as a family. She believed that teamwork and a desire to win leads to excellence. She rendered her very little extra time towards improving the team, while also taking on getting her masters degree and coaching for the Tackle Football Cheer Association of the Coral Springs Chargers.

"When I see potential in my team, I work them to the best of their ability, and shape them into a strong team that comes to conquer and defeat," Madej said. "Just as long as they work together, they can accomplish anything."

The team also broke new boundaries earlier this season by adding their first male member to the football cheer squad. With this new dynamic, senior Estefano Livelli sparked the team chemistry greatly, bringing renewing energy.

"It's super fun and I'm so happy I tried out, but one thing I regret is not trying out before," Livelli said. "I really wish I had started my freshman or sophomore year."

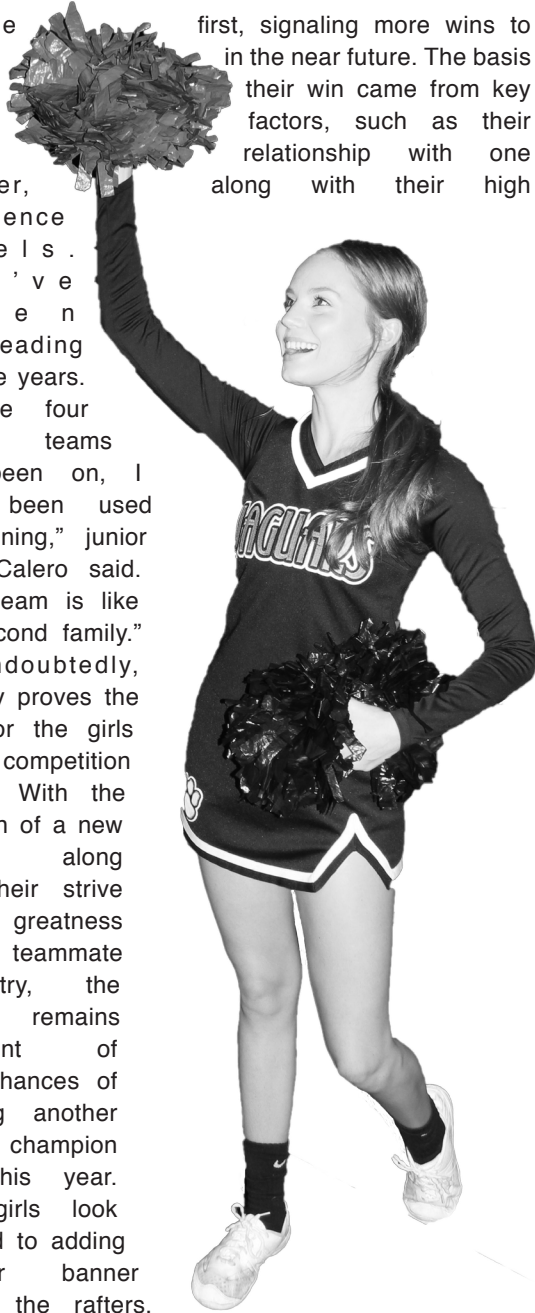
With Livelli joining the cheerleading ranks, his accomplishment sparks a movement in encouraging other male students interested in cheer to tryout for the team, despite the negative stigmas placed upon them.

So far this season, the team continued with similar success as previous years. Heading into districts, the team competed in four mini competitions. Their best performance, at Northeast High School, saw them

place first, signaling more wins to come in the near future. The basis of their win came from key factors, such as their strong relationship with one another, along with their high experience levels.

"I've been cheerleading for nine years. Of the four cheer teams I've been on, I have been used to winning," junior Maia Calero said. "This team is like my second family."

Undoubtedly, the sky proves the limit for the girls cheer competition squad. With the addition of a new coach, along with their strive for greatness and teammate chemistry, the team remains confident of their chances of winning another state champion title this year. The girls look forward to adding another banner up in the rafters.



# Celebrating a colorful victory

## Color Gaurd team places at their county competition

Daniel Levy  
SPORTS EDITOR

On Nov. 3, Color Guard placed 2nd at the county competition. Held at a series of high schools, the competition found locations including Park Vista High School in Boynton Beach and featured color guard teams of schools from all over Broward County. The girls on the team practiced in the color guard class held in the band room every A day for weeks leading up to competition, not including the relentless hours they spent after school practicing. Their routine included rifles and flags and lasted for 7 minutes.

"We don't get to use the football field to practice," senior Cassandra Orta said. "We take spray paint and measure out roughly where the lines are in the field where the fair is usually held."

This makes it harder on the girls, as when they arrive on location for competition, the spacing ends up being much different than how they practiced, which alters the girls' positions and could ultimately ruin their routine.

However, at competition the girls proved able to stay calm and collected as they pushed through their performance, despite having difficulty due to positioning on the fields at the different schools where competitions held.

"There was a lot of positivity that day. The experience was really fun, overall I think we did a pretty good job, and we worked better than ever," junior co-captain Gisela Martinez said. "There were some mistakes but that's to be expected, we just pushed through it. I believe it was one of our best performances."

Members found themselves filled with shock and pride upon hearing their results, placing amongst the top schools despite the adversities they faced upon arriving at the competition.

"After we performed, people weren't very happy with it because there were a lot of schools that did amazing like Modern Academy and Olympic Heights that were getting first place," co-captain senior Viviana Jiminez said. "So to be even considered in the top 4 out of 8 schools and to even be compared to schools like that is a great feeling."

Despite this great win, the school's color guard team unfortunately often lacks the recognition

they deserve. In fact, other sports tend to receive the majority of the glory. Sports such as football and basketball remain the focus of the school's athletic achievements, even with losing records, whereas the color guard team gets left out, despite their success.


The team proves extremely excited to finally win both in competition, and through being recognized by the school itself as the jags student body welcomed them back with congratulations and enthusiasm.

"It's nice to finally have some recognition for color guard; we love that," Jiminez said.

The team performed alongside the marching band, who also placed in their competition with superiors. Thanks to the devoted instruction and mentoring of director Craig Haukebo, the color guard team proved victorious through their displaying of sheer determination and the effort put forth into their routine. Hopefully, our Jags will pack the jungle to cheer the team on at their next competition down the road.



**FLYING THEIR FLAGS:** Color gaurd members play alongside their fellow band, waving colorful flags in time with the beat and performing at their absolute best despite difficulties faced upon arriving at the competition. Photo by Jannai Gutierrez



# DISCUSSIONS

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## REFUSING TO BACK DOWN

Notoriously, our school gets a bad rep for its sports program. Other schools, along with scouts, rank our teams amongst the worst, way before the beginning of each season.

Before the start of a sporting event, teams not only assume our team will lose, but the end result will not stand close. Moreover, other schools believe ours possesses no real talent to even make us relevant. Despite the constant doubt, our Jags proved otherwise.

Arguably the biggest success of our sports program comes from last year's graduate, Alfonzo Dixon IV. Dixon, starting defensive end for the football team, received recognition as one of the top defensive lineman in the entire nation. In the 2017-2018 season, he finished second in the nation in sacks, with 21 per game. Moreover, he received the Burlsworth Award, named a two-time All-American, and made both the BCAA and All-South Florida All-Star games.

The list of accolades continues, evidently, Dixon garnered the validation of one of the best players in the nation, let alone the school. Now, during his freshman year of college, Dixon attends Fordham University, a NCAA Division I school, on a full-ride scholarship.

In swimming, 2018 graduate Megan Schimansky, another Jaguar playing for a NCAA Division I school, put up a successful career in high school. Swimming at the University of Pittsburgh, Schimansky holds two club records for the 100m and 200m backstroke events, competed in the national meet "Nashville Futures," and won the 2016 Female Swimmer of the Year. Furthermore, Schimansky reached the FHSAA 4A Championships every year, and placed as an A-finalist in all three events at the Florida Gold Coast Championships.

Another former alumni that gained deserving accreditation comes from 2016 graduate Julian Levy. As the starting point guard for the varsity team during his four years on campus, Levy made the BCAA All-Star game twice, received honorable mention in the Broward County Sun-Sentinel twice, and currently holds the record for all-time career points at the school, with 1,005 points. Although he does not play for his college, attending Florida State University, Levy certainly put up one of the more memorable careers in the 8A district.

Just last year, the baseball team took major strides to greatness, advancing to the second round of the regional finals for the first time in school history. Led by Kyle Durham, signed to play NCAA Division II baseball at Eckerd College, the baseball team won their first district title to cap off a respectable 12-9 regular season record. Durham put up a stellar 0.89 ERA, eight earned runs, and 71 strikeouts. Due to his individual impact on his team, he made the Broward County All-Star game, and made the All-County 1st team.

Carrying on the tradition of greatness, Kayla Holden continues to accumulate awards and honors, only as a junior. Last year, Holden averaged 73.8 for 18 holes, with a Sun-Sentinel first team honors. She also tied for 34 at the Class 3A state tournament, won districts and regionals, and won the BCAA tournament (3-under par). This year, averaging around 36.4 for 9 holes and 73.2 for 18 holes, Holden placed 7th out of 94 athletes at states. The most mind-blowing aspect of what Holden accomplished so far has to do with her achieving this much only a junior.

To sum it up, the five players mentioned only make up a fraction of the talent our school possesses. Not to mention, the success of the 2x state champion cheerleading team, the soccer team consistently finishing top-3 in their district, and the cross country and track-and-field teams producing state-level players.

Overall, despite the relentless bashing of our sports program, our Jaguars continue to put those doubters to sleep. In the face of adversity and constant judgment from rivaling schools, and even from students on campus, the school's sports players refuse to back down. Losing serves only as fuel to their fire to continue to improve their skills and work towards building stronger teams and bonds throughout their high school career. Whether winning or losing, nothing can take away the Jaguar pride and determination these athletes carry.



# SHAVING UP FOR THE WINTER

## Students partake in No Shave November

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OPINIONS EDITOR

Following the cultural phenomenon of “spooky season,” the inevitable anticipation for Christmas arrives as October comes to a close. However, despite often getting overlooked by the two major holidays, November manages to stay relevant due to its inherited term “No Shave November.” Founded in 1999 and officially established in 2004, No Shave November, or November, formed as a way to raise awareness for cancer and depression in men.

However, a majority of people often view No Shave November as a way to have fun, compete with their friends, and create jokes that deviate from its true intentions. Common practices that individuals use to make the event as enjoyable as possible relates to competition and social media interactions. People often compete to see who can grow the most hair, by the end of the month. Additionally, participants use social media to share their progress throughout the month, or post before and after pictures instead.

Unfortunately, as a result of the mass hype that surrounds No Shave November, participants often forget its original purpose. Proper participation includes donating the money that one typically spends on razors and other shaving paraphernalia to organizations that focus on the correction of the stated medical

problems men face.

Regardless of its entertaining atmosphere, No Shave November consists of a few flaws. Given that No Shave November always gets associated with men, implications that women cannot take part in it arise. Beards and excessive amounts of hair roam commonly among men. However, the same cannot be applied to women. Many men and women view large quantities of hair on females “gross” or “unattractive.” Despite this, the occasion wants everyone to assist in raising awareness for the cause, regardless of gender.

Furthermore, the inability to grow “proper” beards discourages others from participating. Growing patches of beards or mustaches may be the extent of what men can produce. Although No Shave November often associates itself with men with perfect, full grown beards, anyone can participate as long as they set their shaving utensils aside. Tasks that may be viewed as inferior on the outside, such as posting on social media, actually help the cause instead. Donating money or spreading awareness through hashtags or posts about the medical issues men face help in the long run, no matter how miniscule it may be.

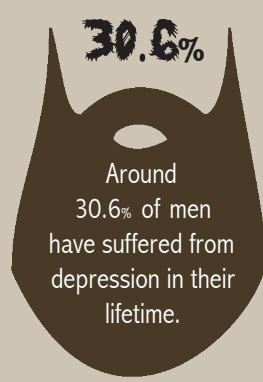
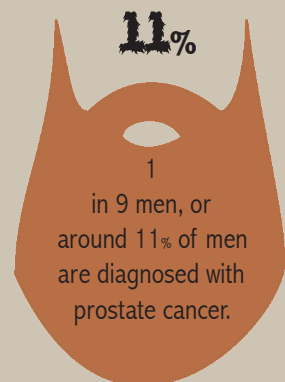
The one time where growing hair for anyone becomes socially acceptable lies in November, and it remains important nothing drives people away from it if they have the intent of taking part in it.



**ZERO TO A HUNDRED:** Philosophy teacher Kyle O'Neill took a prominent part in No Shave November, going from sleek and smooth-faced, to rugged and fully bearded within the short month he had to grow out his facial locks. *photos courtesy of Patrick O'Neill and Mariel Pardo*



**GROW BIG OR GO HOME:** Junior Jose Hernandez dominated the No Shave challenge, even refraining from getting a haircut. “It was definitely easier than some of the other November challenges that were going around,” Hernandez said. *photos courtesy of Jose Hernandez*



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