

Citizens Bank Park offers fun for all



KEVIN WHITEHEAD '10/The Patriot

The Phillies record attendance can be attributed to their recent success over the past three years.

Kevin Whitehead '10

Citizens Bank Park, home of the Philadelphia Phillies, have taken many youths in the Delaware Valley and welcomed them to a baseball utopia. Established in the heart of South Philadelphia in 2004, this hip venue has given fans great value on the field and more bang for their buck.

Granted, the Phillies are one of the more successful franchises since the stadium's inaugural season. With three straight National League East crowns (2007-2009), two straight National League pennants, and a 2008 World Series Championship, the Phillies have captivated a fan base where over 3,600,693 in 2009, according to Baseball-reference.com, marvel at one of the best eras of Phillies baseball.

Gleaming modern attractions and winning baseball provides an exponential fan base and fun for the whole family and especially high school and college students.

Whether your experience starts with tailgating in surrounding lots or simply a park and prance towards their 1.15 million square foot

playhouse, the game, the team and the Philly crowd is a great place for American fun.

One of the reasons the Phillies have slowly moved to the forefront in Philadelphia sports, is especially because of their young fan base.

The Phillies offer tickets as cheap as 17 dollars. Though these tickets are standing room only—and allow you to explore the ballpark—you can still find a view behind home plate, at Harry the K's restaurant or a spot in the outfield. The options are endless and allow you to enjoy the ballgame to your leisure.

Arguably amongst the greatest and passionate fans in the country, baseball does not have to be your forte to enjoy a nightly event. Greet and eat with your fellow fans at restaurants like Chickie's and Pete's, Campo's steaks, Planet Hoagie, or Bull's BBQ to enjoy salivating dig-ins verifying that Citizens Bank Park is "not your typical ballpark".

Friday night open? *Nothing to do in Township?* Take a half hour trek over the Walt Whitman and entice your friends to an eye opening experience of fun and of course—winning.

Senior Track Stars

Chris Bucci



Photo courtesy of Chris Bucci '10

College: West Chester University
Major: Undecided
Event: 1600, 3200
"I want to have a good experience [at college] and earn a degree."

Tom Gallaher



Photo courtesy of Tom Gallaher '10

College: Rowan University
Major: Physical Education
Event: 800, 1600, 3200
"I want to be successful. Get a teaching job and just enjoy what I do."

Shawn Reeve



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College: Rutgers-Camden
Major: Finance and Entrepreneurship
Event: 800, Steeple Chase, 1600
"I want to graduate, get my Masters, and eventually get a house."

Reports by Kevin Whitehead '10

Devon Carter



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College: University of North Carolina
Major: Business Marketing
Event: 400 and 110 hurdles, long jump, triple jump, 400
"I want to do well as I can, keep my head in the books, and become an entrepreneur."

Steve Morrone



Photo courtesy of Steve Morrone '10

College: Penn State
Major: Civil Engineering
Event: 800, 400
"I want to be successful in both track and college."

Royal White



Photo courtesy of Royal White '10

College: Penn State
Major: Undecided
Event: Long Jump, triple jump, 100m dash
"I want to be an accountant for a big company."

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Local charity hosts record run

Fifth annual BA5K has largest turnout ever

Chris Bucci '10

This past Mother's Day, Washington Lake Park held the fifth annual Brian Anderson Memorial 5K run/walk (BA5K).

Every year, the event draws a wide variety of participants from all walks of life to join the cause. The run has grown each year, from roughly 350 participants in the first year to over 900 at the fourth annual event last year.

The 2010 race, the fifth annual, was a special one. It had the biggest turnout the race has ever had with over 1000 people.

"There were just tons of people there, more than I have ever seen," said Tom Gallagher '10, an annual runner at the BA5K.

The annual run is an event organized to remember Brian Anderson. On May 8 2005, Mother's Day morning, Anderson died suddenly at 21, the victim of an undiagnosed heart arrhythmia. He was a 2002 honors graduate at WTHS just two weeks away from graduating from the Villanova School of Engineering. Anderson was known



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The fifth annual BA5K had a record high number of runners this year on Mother's Day.

for his dedication and for living life to the fullest.

Aside from the record number of people that came out this year, there were really some good performances out at the park on Sunday. The top time clocked in at 17:21 by Audubon, NJ native, James McCarrivill, 17. Taking silver was a 25 year old man Ralph Harris, who ran a 17:46. The top run from a WTHS student was Shawn Reeve who completed it in 18:30. In addition to being the fastest WTHS representative at the race, he took

the victory for his 15-19 age group.

This event attracted many more WTHS students than just Reeve and Gallagher. Among the high school's track team's representatives were Dan Gresh '11, Matthew Conroy '12, Tyler Stumm '12, Anothony Dentino '11, and '12 Chris McGonaghie. Although these athletes run everyday after school, they still felt it was a good cause to get out and support.

"It's for a really good cause, and I really enjoy being apart of this whole event; its fun," said Dentino

'11. "I felt good after running it."

One of the most impressive performances was the run by Katie Vanhorn. She clocked a 18:53, placing fourth in the entire race. women's spot, who ran a 19:12.

Vanhorn has been a standout since her high school days. She is a 2005 graduate of Triton regional high school in Runnemede, NJ. Her fastest two mile time then was 11:14, which she ran in the spotlight of the Meet of Champions her senior year.

Organizers hope the popularity for the race will continue to grow.

Students head to shore

Carolyn Cicalese '10

On Memorial Day weekend every year Washington Township invades the Jersey shore. It is not the Jersey shore from the popular MTV television show, most go right to Wildwood and Ocean City. Students have been doing it for years, most typically renting houses in North Wildwood.

This year is no different; many students have rented houses and motel rooms starting Thursday, May 27, to Monday, May 31. Technically students still have school on Thursday and Friday, but as a tradition with Washington Township High School students travel down the shore after school on Thursday and miss school, on the unofficial senior cut day, Friday, May 28.

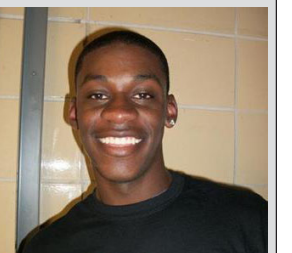
"This year so many people just rented motels because the price to rent a house is just too expensive for high school students. But we still hope that we'll have fun in a motel," said Jacqui Dunn '10.

For a typical house with twelve seniors in North Wildwood New Jersey, the prices could range from around \$200 a person to \$250 a person with typically a \$50 to \$100 security deposit. At that price ranging up to \$350 many students opted for the smaller but cheaper motel room. Many motel rooms that could range from fitting two people to six costs around \$190 to \$200 with a typical security deposit \$50. Other hotels' rates may range somewhere higher or lower than that

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but most people are paying around that price.

Many students love the break from school and the chance to be with their fellow TWP seniors before their graduation.

"I think that it will be really fun just wandering around Wildwood with all of my classmates. Many are going away next year so we might not have this chance again," said Jill Doud '10.

While many seniors are going down the shore, the juniors are left hanging out in school, wishing that they were down the shore.

"I really wish that I could be going down the shore on Friday, but I'm still going, I'll just have to drive down Saturday or Sunday," said Cara Lamania '11.

The extended weekend is meant to be for the remembrance of those who have died while serving the United States. Instead of observing the holiday, most teenagers are working on their tans.

But many seniors don't feel that it is such a bad thing that they aren't observing the holiday.

"I think that it's not a big deal. We're young and we'd rather spend it together. It doesn't mean we are disrespecting the holiday," said Britt Gunderson '10.

Seniors look back

As the year winds down, 2010 reflects

Luke Verrillo '10

With the year winding down, the class of 2010 has time to reflect on their senior year. From nostalgic moments during football season or exhilarating rollercoasters at Disney, every senior has their own favorite memory.

"For me, when I think of senior year, I think of the first football game," Leah Power '10 says. "It was cold and rainy, but the whole class came out to support the team and prove to Mr. Bollendorf that we had school spirit. With tailgating and painting our bodies, it was so much fun."

Power isn't the only senior who looks back fondly at the school spirit displayed by the senior class. Vince Basile '10, who played his final season of football in the fall, shared his feelings.

"We [the team] would look up to the fan section and see all of our friends screaming our names and cheering for every touchdown. Everyone always goes to football games, but there was something different about this year, something better."

Like Basile, many school athletes found their most memorable moments stemming from their



CHLOE DAWSON '10/The Patriot

WTHS seniors have many memories to fondly look back on.

respective sports. This year, the school swim team hosted a "Purple & Pink Meet" dedicated to raising money for finding a cure for both pancreatic and breast cancer. The cause struck a chord with many members, including Senior Captain Lauren Lacovera.

"Every meet this year was fun, but the Purple & Pink Meet meant a lot to everyone on the team, especially me," Lacovera says. "It was great to help out with any cause, especially one that means so much to so many people."

Seniors also shined during this year's talent show as they took home awards for both singing and dancing. Jordan Wilson '10 was part of the Chez Dance Group that was

awarded first place that evening.

"It was so great to be up on stage, with everyone cheering for us," Wilson says. "At that point, it didn't matter whether we won or not—we had an amazing night."

With all that senior year offers students, nothing quite compares to the 5 days spent in Orlando.

"Island of Adventure was, by far, one of my year's highlights," Dylan Brody '10 says. "The whole trip wasn't too bad either."

"I laughed so hard at Disney," Michelle Biala '10 says. "It really is the happiest place on earth."

With Disney and so many other great senior year events in the past, the class of 2010 has much to look back on.

Mr. WT show full of laughs

Maria Petruzzi '10

You hear his name almost every morning on the announcements for breaking track records, and his performance on the football field. On April 29, Devon Carter was declared Mr. Washington Township of the class of 2010.

"I felt so overwhelmed with excitement and joy that I was at a loss for words," he said.

He never thought he would come out on top.

Carter plans on pursuing his business career at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall. Carter has received a full ride for athletics in Track and Field and Football.



JOE DEFILLIPO '10/The Patriot

Audiences cheered on the nominees as they parodied MTV's Jersey Shore in one of their four dances. The boys and their choreographers worked for weeks to perfect their moves.

"I would tell the underclassmen to work as hard as you can now to make your senior year easier and more enjoyable, and never take life for granted," says Carter.

The seats were full that night in the TBAC with students, former students, family members, and friends in the community. The show lasted about two hours, but had taken the student council months to prepare.

Caitlyn Quin took pictures and made the slide show and dedicated most of her free time to the event. Quin attended every practice with the boys and their choreographers twice a week.

"The practices were long, and extremely hard for me, but definitely worth it," says Dylan Brody '10, Mr December.

As the night came to an end, everyone involved was happy with the show. Even though

Sports

Lacrosse moves to forefront in Conference

Written as of 5/20/10:
Kevin Whitehead '10

Coming off the field after a second round, 8-5, defeat to Montclair in the New Jersey State Tournament—the third ranked team in New Jersey—Montclair's head coach accosted Washington Twp.'s head coach Mr. Steve Arata, complementing his team and emerging lacrosse program. Without further adieu, Montclair's head coach offered to schedule the Minutemen for a regular season game. An offer that seemed satisfying at the time was spoiled by some alarming news.

"One senior [on the field]? Maybe we'll do it in a couple years," Montclair's skipper laughed.

The Washington Twp. Minutemen have proven themselves worthy as a team to be reckoned with. At a record of 12-5, the Minutemen have exhibited a tough, hard-working attitude that has been instated by Arata and fellow coaches Mr. Todd Ruff, Mr. Bruce Jones, and Mr. Dave Robbins. Their team has benefited.

"This has been a phenomenal year for us," said Arata, a Rutgers' Lacrosse All-American, and eight-year head coach, who has encompassed lacrosse's existence in Washington Twp. "We have a good, great bunch of core kids. I mean, all our kids are good."

The Minutemen have standouts like first team All-Conference players Lee Robledo '11 and captain midfielder Steve Chapman '11. Accompanying them is second team All-Conference captain Zach Kenney '10, who unfortunately has been battling a knee injury.



Courtesy of CARA SWETSKY '10

Olympic Conference selection, captain Zach Kenney '10, suffered a knee injury which limited his playing time.

Still, the Minutemen dominated in season play. "This was our best captain leadership. [It was] the best leadership from this year's captains prior to any before," Arata said.

Eventually, the leadership trickled down. "I believe that [this was a successful season]. It was something to strive for and we got ranked fourth in South Jersey [at the beginning of the year]. That's the highest we've been since this program started," Chapman said, who has played lacrosse for five years and has 46 goals on the season.

In combination with senior leadership and stifling underclassmen play, the Minutemen have learned how to work with each other and play as

a team.

"This year, more than ever, I feel like we became a team. I felt like this year we were able to move the ball around and our defense stepped up," defender Steve Tarantino '11 said.

The Minutemen featured a good unit of players, both offensive and defensive, that have moved the eight inch rubber ball around with skill. Skill that has taken them higher every year which makes this novel Washington Twp. sport one to be recognized.

"It's probably our best season in our history," Ben Balsama '11 said. "We had a lot of fun this year and we worked hard all year and it showed in our record."

Displaying the epitome of the Minutemen's youth is D.J. Cheney '12. At a high action position as their goaltender, Cheney has held his own against the top players in the state whether it is at practice or in tournament play.

"Keep taking shots. If you keep taking shots, you get used to it," Cheney said. "We have a few of the best shots out here practicing for three months straight."

"It feels good [being the Varsity goalie and] to know [that] I can come out here and play with them," he said.

With seniors passing the rock off to their younger teammates, a young Minutemen team has showcased their talent and people have taken notice. They have come some ways to become the team they are now and it implies that this program is only moving up.

"We were more of a unit and we definitely have more years to come," said Tarantino.

Ice hockey sweats it out at spring tryouts

Emily Bierman '11

The WTHS Ice hockey club held tryouts for the 2010-11 season on May 18-20 for both the varsity and junior varsity teams.

While some team players have set personal goals for themselves, the team is focused on one goal in particular: winning.

"Our goal is to bring a bunch of boys together, some who may have played together before, and some who haven't, and gel them into a [championship] team," junior varsity coach, Joe Mello said.

Coach Mike Glick, varsity head coach for the upcoming season, agreed with Coach Mello, "The goal

is to make all the players better and to win a championship."

The coaches aren't the only ones who are aiming for victory. Returning players, such as last year's co-captain, Eddie Sarin '11, share their coaches' vision.

"With the new coach, I expect nothing less than a championship," Sarin said.

2010-2011 will be Sarin's last year playing Township hockey.

"Give it everything you've got," Sarin said about what new players who are trying out should do. "Don't goof off. Hard work is better than skill."

Sarin is an experienced hockey player. He takes the game seriously.

The coaches paid attention to the work ethics of potential players and the "desire they have for the game."

"Don't get nervous and play hard," was the advice Eric Naccarelli '11 offered to new players.

According to Naccarelli, A second-year player, there was a lot more skating and more underclassmen trying out than last year. Every player has a different reason as to why he was going out for the team.

"I like to play hockey, and I like when the fans come to watch," Naccarelli said.

Although many players were nervous about making the team,

many did well under the direction of the coaches.

"I was nervous, but excited at the same time. The upperclassmen were pretty nice, I tried my hardest," Matthew Bierman '14 said.

Bierman made the junior varsity team.

Many students who never tried out before, even if they had been playing hockey for years, found themselves working harder than they ever had.

Everybody was nervous, and everybody wanted to make the teams.

"Try your best. Do what you've been taught to do by other coaches," Coach Glick said.

Local Music

Band takes anti-drug message on road

Kevin Whitehead '10

"Can't you see that there's so much more to me than all these needles and pills and all these thrills that kill?"

These lines rocked the New Jersey Performing Arts Center on May 13 in Newark, New Jersey. A band was formed over a two day period between students in Mr. Greg Janicki's Guitar III class. He had mentioned the New Jersey Shout Down Drugs contest which triggered the idea of starting the band—Keep the Change.

Mike Colabrese '10 (rhythm guitar), Mike Ziccardi '11 (lead guitar), and Kyle Dunn '11 (bass guitar) took this idea into consideration and ultimately made it a reality. They welcomed lead singer Cory Adamonis '10, rapper Dylan Brody '10, and drummer Keith Marr '10.

"It was supposed to be just our Guitar III class, but we didn't have a drummer or a singer," Colabrese said, "I told [Cory] I was starting a band and he said 'Dude, I'll sing for you!'"

With his convincing rocker-like phrase, Colabrese was convinced.

Excited by the idea, Adamonis and Brody united on the lyrics to their Gloucester County-winning song, "The Thrills That Kill".

Keep the Change entered their raw song which went through an evaluation process by New Jersey Shout Down Drugs judges.

One winner was selected in each county to perform in Newark.

There were a total of 21 representatives from their respective county performing.

"Initially, we were really skeptical about the song because it was our first recording," Adamonis said. "It was really rough."

Keep the Change didn't like what they were hearing. They brought the track to their music technology teacher, Mr. D'Ericco, to enhance the quality and levels of their song. They wrote the song in a mere two days. Janicki and D'Ericco balanced the levels of sound so all the parts were fluent and blended.

Everyone was in charge of their



Keep the Change is a new band that has already met with some success, winning a county-wide song competition.

own parts. Together, they meshed their ideas together into one song. Although they created their individual parts, during rehearsal, the chorus was written as a band.

"All of us really wrote the chorus. We really just connected [with the chorus]. That was really cool," Colabrese said.

Two weeks prior to their deadline, they had to get down to their thrill-kill business and rehearse in preparation for a highly anticipated night.

"Our original song sounded like a bunch of blind guys banging on instruments," Adamonis laughed.

Then the night had arrived. In a competition among 20 other counties, Keep The Change performed their song in front of their peers and did not disappoint.

"The best part about the experience was the concert in Newark. Just performing in front of 600 people gave everybody a rush," Brody said.

"We were together all day [before the concert]," Colabrese said, "The feeling when you were on stage was the coolest feeling in the world. Just having so much fun with those six guys made it a great experience."

Little Known Talent by Christina Cockerill '12

Forgive Durden severs pop roots

Forgive Durden, borrowing their name from the award winning novel and movie *Fight Club*, is an alternative rock band, now signed by Fueled By Ramen. The band has undergone many a change in its members; currently, brothers, Thomas and Paul Dutton, are the only members.

In 2004, the band issued the EP *When You're Alone, You're Not Alone*. Copies are few and far between because it was only sold at shows.

The songs that are there are catchy rock, mixed with a fun, pop tempo and varied instrumentals, like in "I'm A Sucker for Fakes". Though all of it very well done, especially for a first release, the shining jewel of this production would have to be Thomas Dutton's vocals. His voice is deep enough to not drift into the high pitched whine that plagues other vocalists, but not so low as to become unpleasant or sound old and disconnected.

Their next album, *Wonderland*, became their first that showed the unusual nature of lyricist, Dutton. Through out the entire album, lyrics and song titles consistently make references to the works of Lewis Carroll and The Wizard of Oz. "Beware The Jub Jub Bird and the Shun

The Frumious Bandersnatch", the first single was a direct reference to *Alice in Wonderland*.

In addition to inventive lyrics, their alternative rock sound takes a slightly darker turn. Forgive Durden's former pop sound is gone, replaced with an angrier mood and more maturity in their sound than before. The guitar on this album provides varied structure and sound.

Razia's Shadow: A Musical is their most recent work and by far the most original. After taking some unique twists with *Wonderland*, Dutton, now the sole member of the band, and his brother decided to experiment with writing a rock musical. The songs tell the story of a world divided and reunited by love. Through out the album, Dutton plays the lead and guest stars from other *Fueled by Ramen* bands such as Max Bemis of Say Anything and Brendon Urie from Panic! At the Disco, feature as his cast.

The music on this album ranges anywhere from a jazzy, slow beat in "The Missing Piece" to a dark, avante-garde sound of "The End and The Beginning". The lyrics and vocals are done well and don't carry the cliché topics of music

today. Though the narration at the end of each song, given to further the plot, is not as absorbing as most of the album and drags somewhat, Dutton's poetry is well written to those that listen to the entire speech.

The beat and variation of each number was engrossing and interesting, something seen less in today's music. Another difference was their addition of horns and piano to the mix, giving the songs a definite theatrical sound.

Forgive Durden as nothing to be ashamed of; their unique sound and ability to take risks has produced nothing less than a masterpiece of contemporary music. Sadly lacking critical acclaim, these are not tracks heard on the radio today.

This album receives a five out of five for vocals and lyrics. Dutton's tone is measured and even, while his writing voice and risks make memorable albums. As for the music, a four only because of the times that the sound becomes slightly mashed and begins to echo the sound of a teenage guitar band. This band is for anyone who prefers their music uncontemporary and slightly on the rock side.

Prom fever hits senior class

Luke Verrillo '10

After months of planning and anticipation, finding the perfect dress, calling limousine companies, buying the flowers, and, most importantly, finding the perfect date, the class of 2010 finally got to enjoy their senior prom at the Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia on May 7.

"Prom was by far the best dance I've been too," Michelle Biala '10 said. "The music, the trolley ride—everything."

Prom night started in the TD Bank Arts Center as couples walked on stage during the annual promenade. Introduced by WTHS Principal Joseph Bollendorf, seniors who chose to participate were granted their minute of fame as they posed for a crowded audience filled with flashing cameras.

"My group took pictures in the park and then went together to promenade. It was nice because we got to see other people before the actual dance," said Santina Mazzola '10. "It made prom feel longer, which was great because I already miss it."

Students must find their own way to hotel for the dance, so many choose to take limousines, party buses or other, more extravagant, means of transportation.

"I went to prom in a trolley," Dylan Brody '10 said. "It was bigger than a limo, so [my group] wasn't crowded which was great because there was no air conditioning in it. It was pretty old-fashioned."



JACQUI DUNN '10/The Patriot

2010's senior prom was a major success as students danced the night away.

"I had so much fun in my groups' party bus," Lauren Lacovera '10 said. "We plugged in someone's iPod and danced the whole way there."

Though many seniors have fond memories of the promenade and limousine rides, nothing could trump the dance itself. From the food to the DJ to the dancing, complaints were few and far between.

"Some of the music choices weren't that great, but overall it didn't really matter. Everyone was dancing, whether they liked the song or not," Zach Kenney '10 said.

After the Crowne Plaza's small dance floor at junior prom, many seniors found the space at the Sheraton better suited for the fun night.

"The dance floor was much bigger than last year's [junior prom], so it felt like more people were dancing. It was bigger and better," said Leah

Power '10.

When the night was done and the last line of Billy Joel's "Piano Man" had been sung, the seniors shuffled out and returned to their limos and party buses. The prom had ended, but the fun times for many did not stop there.

"I went to the beach the next day. It was incredibly windy and I got sand in my eye, but it was worth it. Prom weekend was the greatest weekend ever," Mandi Massara '10 said.

It has been said that senior prom is a memory that many carry with them for the rest of their lives. As the class of 2010 realized on the Sheraton's dance floor, this statement rings true.

"All that's left is graduation now," said Vince Basile '10. "You only get one prom and mine was great."

Juniors step out on dance floor

Julia Hahn '11

On April 23 Washington Township High School held the annual junior prom at the Cherry Hill Crowne Plaza. From the moment the evening began, everyone looked fabulous with the girls in formals gowns and the guys wearing tuxes or a suit and tie.

"A real nice part of prom is to see everyone get so dressed up. I think it's half the fun," commented Taylor Heil '11.

As people entered they went to their respective tables and then filled plates with a variety of foods before the dance floor started to get packed with all the guests. One for the few complaints of the night included the comment that the dance floor was too small.

"It got so packed during the night that I just had to dance on the



JULIA HAHN '10/The Patriot

WTHS Juniors enjoyed their class's first prom on April 23.

There really wasn't a choice," commented Natasha Hesketh '11.

Although the dance floor was a bit tight, that didn't stop everyone from dancing the night away to some of the biggest songs today. Songs by Lady GaGa, Kesha, Justin Bieber, and Lil' Wayne filled the air. Group dances were even played like the Cupid Shuffle and the classic Cha

Cha Slide. Also, a Michael Jackson medley was thrown into the mix. "The songs were good, I just wish the DJ had played more songs all the way through instead of cutting from song to song," said Alexa Simone '11.

As with every year, each student has their favorite part of the junior prom experience. Sometimes it's the dancing, the food,

the getting glamorous beforehand, or the after prom where they spend all weekend with their friends.

"Prom is all about dancing for me. I love to do it," said Shane Sibert '11.

As is typical, most students spent that following weekend down the shore. But some did other activities such as going to the Cape May Zoo, Six Flags or even spending the day in Philadelphia.

"I really think the whole point of prom is to really just have fun with all of your friends in every way. You party with them on Friday night and then do whatever's fun for the rest of the weekend," explained Shawn Koons '11.

Once again, junior prom was a major success for WTHS and the class of '11 simply can not wait til next year for their senior prom.

Future teachers lend hand

Taylor Vandell '10

"The best part about Operation Backpack and A Book in Every Bag are the smiles you see across the faces of young children," said Mrs. Debborah McFadden (Future Teachers of America Club Advisor), "Their faces light up like it's Christmas Day."

Over the course of this spring, Washington Township's club Future Teachers of America ran a drive throughout the district called "Operation Backpack." The club collected school supplies to fill backpacks to hand out to children in need. With all the help of Washington Township's large community, Operation Backpack was a huge success.

Many of the teachers at Washington Township High School helped with the collection of school supplies, all of which think that it is a great cause to help out children in need. WTHS teachers Linda Lopresti, Jennifer Monaco, and JoAnn Haines were large contributors to the drive, with hopes to continue with it next year.



KATHRYN CUSTER '10/The Patriot

Operation Backpack has gone far in helping those in need.

"The best part of collecting school supplies is helping out children in need," said Lopresti, "Having a pencil to write with to our students means nothing but to the children in need it means to world."

High school teachers asked their students to bring in as many supplies as possible, and in return they were awarded extra credit on tests or quizzes. Teachers at WTHS were especially excited to help out because they understand the excitement of making children happy.

"As a child I always remember being so excited on the first day of school to have new school supplies," says Monaco, "it's great to know that even more children can feel the way I used to on their first days of school."

Along with the collection of school supplies and backpacks, the club also had a drive called "A Book in Every Bag." This donation drive was specifically for the collection of elementary and middle school books to put in the backpacks along with the supplies. Also, many of the books collected will be donated

to a school in need of books in their library. The Interact Rotary Club, another club at Washington Township High School, donated a significant amount of books to the FTA book drive, along with Chestnut Ridge Middle School collecting and donation over 200 children's books.

The Future Teachers of America also had a Dress Down Day at WTHS at the end of April, raising over \$600. This money will go towards the purchasing of backpacks and any extra school supplies. Along with the help of teachers collecting, the Junior and Senior Class Council donated \$100 in Walmart gift cards for the club to use for backpacks. Other teachers were giving financial donations, along with WTEA.

The club members of Future Teachers of America are planning on filling 100 backpacks, which will be donated to the Volunteers of America, Mother's Cupboard, and every elementary school in the district. Overall the drives were a great success and will to continue to help the needy for years to come.

Renaissance rallies WTHS

Emily Bierman '11

WTHS rewards renaissance card holders with two rallies per year. The last rally of the 2009-2010 school year was held May 14.

Those students who have high academic scores, strong attendance records, and who participate in extracurricular activities are given Renaissance cards. The cards are awarded twice a year, in September and February and come with perks from certain businesses, like Auntie Anne's Pretzels.

In previous years, Renaissance rallies included motivational speakers, *Township Idol*, and a magician.

This year in homeroom, when over a thousand students received their rally papers, some found themselves more excited for the second rally of the year. The rally was a one hour "carnival" on one of the soccer fields during an extended eighth period.

The carnival included free water ice, a moon bounce, a dunk tank, and a few other fun games. Students could walk around or sit on the grassy hill with friends.

"The carnival was very different from other rallies. It was a relaxed setup and we were pretty

much free to socialize and pick what we wanted to do," Danielle DaGrosa '11 said.

"My favorite part was sitting on the hill. If I could change something, I would have made sure there was cotton candy and refreshments," Dylan Black '11 said.

The students were outside for an hour in the hot weather with few refreshments. Those sporting jeans or long sleeve shirts were fanning themselves in the heat throughout the entire event.

According to Black, the renaissance rally was "sociable yet disappointing" compared to previous renaissance rallies. Many students who were sitting or walking with friends were bored by the end of half an hour.

"It was kind of boring and there wasn't much to do other than walk around," Lindsay Davis '11 said.

Although some students had complaints



Photo courtesy of Ms. Brittany Mason

Fun in the sun was the order of the day as Renaissance card-holders gathered outside for the spring rally.

about the rally, many had fun, too.

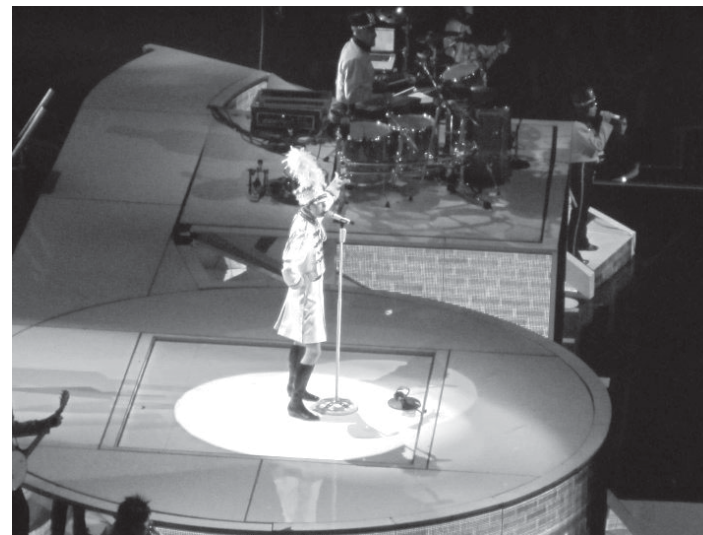
"I had a lot of fun running around with my friends and just goofing around," Kristina Sanchez '11 said.

Although some felt the rally could have been improved, the rally had its high points. Most members enjoyed being outside and having music to listen to.

Concert

Swift performs memorable show

Emily Bierman '11



EMILY BIERMAN '11/The Patriot

Swift wowed with her many different outfit and set changes throughout the two hour performance.

If you're attending a Taylor Swift concert, get ready for onstage outfit changes, rain falling from the top of the stage, and heart stopping performances that will have you singing every note.

Since Taylor Swift's first headlining tour, *Fearless*, has begun, she has sold out every show. When Swift extended her tour into 2010, she included two dates in Philadelphia.

The tickets were affordable, and even if you were sitting up high, you could still see Swift and her band. She made sure that even if you couldn't afford the best seats, you would still have a great time.

Gloriana, a new country group, took the stage at seven. Next, by

seven-thirty, Kellie Pickler took the stage with her hit, "Best Days of Your Life." The song was penned by Swift and Pickler about an ex-boyfriend.

Even if you were there for Swift, and didn't know Gloriana or Kellie Pickler, you would be singing by the end of each of their sets.

At eight-thirty, the lights went down and a video played, causing cheers to erupt from the Wachovia Center. The red curtain rose to reveal Taylor Swift coming up from a hole in the stage wearing a marching band costume. Swift started the concert off with "You Belong with Me," which was filled with dancers dressed as cheerleaders, and even an onstage outfit change.

Everyone screamed encouragement when Swift went into "Forever and Always," the song about her publicized break up with Joe Jonas of the Jonas Brothers. The performance included a video opening, the throwing of a chair, and a lot of signature Taylor Swift dance moves.

Swift made her way around the arena for three acoustic songs, including "Fifteen," a personal song and "Tim McGraw," her first hit single.

After making her way through the crowd, she returned to the stage, and dancers appeared in elegant outfits. The red curtain lifted to reveal a castle set, and Swift in a medieval gown.

To introduce "The Way I Loved You," one of the guitar players, Grant Mickelson, performed an amazing solo.

Just when you thought she was done, Swift reappeared for "Today was a Fairytale" in an Eagles jersey. The crowd went wild when the screen showed scenes of Swift and Taylor Lautner from the film *Valentine's Day*.

The last song of the night was "Should've Said No." The song was one of the best, with an outfit change, a trashcan-drum battle with her fiddle player, and rain falling. Swift danced in the "rain," and before she left the stage soaking wet, she flashed her signature heart sign to the crowd.

Perspective

Jerry! Jerry! Jerry! Birthday girl joins the crowd

Stephanie van Twuyver '10

Jerry! Jerry! Jerry!

Jerry Springer is one of the most famous talk-shows on television. And on April 13, my 18th birthday, I stepped into the audience and watched the show first-hand, just to see these "baby mammas" for myself.

The Springer show is taped in Stamford, Connecticut. It's about a three hour drive plus an extra 20 minutes for the train. Tickets to the show are always free so the only thing to worry about is the travel. My older sister reserved the tickets and I went with my 3 friends, including former graduates Mike Otto '08 and Amanda Gulino '08.

When we arrived at the studio, we were seated right away. Before the actual taping of the show, Jerry came out to do a little comedy sketch to get the crowd cheering. Once he was finished, the audience was given specific instructions.

"Do not yell out to the people on stage," he said. "Do not talk during the show. There will be comment time at the end of the show and you can talk then. When two guests begin to fight, chant: 'Jerry! Jerry! Jerry!' You know the drill."

The sketches featured were titled "Bad Boys

Breakin' Hearts" and Before we knew it, the taping was finished. The girls had fought and it was time for the comments. We were told that nobody was "booed" for making a bad joke so many people had the courage to jab at the guests on the show.

One thing I noticed about the show was the number of cameras. Because the audience as a different view of the stage than the viewer at home, things appear much different in a live setting. There were about six different cameras on stage where the average viewer at home only ever sees about two.

"It was actually kind of weird how you saw it live and then on TV," said Gulino, "They cut out things like silent pauses and awkward moments." But even so, the show was filmed exactly how it appears on TV.

One thing that was really exciting was when I met Jerry himself. I shook his hand and told him it was my 18th birthday that day and in return he said, "So for your birthday, your boyfriend got you free tickets to see the show? What a keeper!"

"It wasn't even my birthday, and it was my favorite birthday," said Otto.

Overall, the Springer show was one of the best experiences I've had and one of the best ways I've celebrated my birthday.

"So for your birthday, your boyfriend got you free tickets to see the show? What a keeper!"

-Jerry Springer

Film

Teen heroes fight boredom, crime

Jessica McFadden '10

"How come nobody's ever tried to be a superhero?"

In the film *Kick-A*** Dave Lizewski is just your average run-of-the-mill teenage boy who wants to be someone who would be remembered for doing something awesome with his life. With comic books being his main obsession, he strives to be a superhero. He wonders why no one has ever tried to do this, and soon finds out why.

Dave learns that just putting on a 'superhero' costume does not make you an invincible superhero. It also doesn't ease the pain when you get jumped by some kids in broad daylight. Maybe, in fact, if he hadn't been wearing his green-and-yellow wetsuit that he had bought online, they would have been a little easier on him. Maybe they wouldn't have beat him up and hurt him.

This green-and-yellow wetsuit wearing teenage boy with high hopes of being a superhero names himself Kick-A** with hopes of possibly seeming tougher than he appears.

In the beginning, Kick-A** was just a joke to everyone he encountered. But after a while, Kick-A** becomes quite the phenomenon. He thinks he is the only one like him; the only superhero. He's wrong. There are more superheroes wandering around New York than he thought.

Father-daughter team, Big Daddy and Hit Girl are quite the competition for Kick-A**. They steal his spotlight not only once, but numerous times. After battling for some time, Kick-A**, Big Daddy, and Hit Girl join forces to bring down the local bad guy- Frank D'Amico. D'Amico's son, Chris, decides he wants to be apart of this thrilling 'game', and he also becomes a new



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In *Kick A***, a dissatisfied teen creates a superhero persona. Here, he and Hit Girl, confront some wrong-doers.

superhero- Red Mist.

Matthew Vaughn did an excellent job with this R-rated almost two hour comedy. He combined big actors like Nicolas Cage

and Mark Strong, with young new actors like Hit Girl, Chloe Grace Moretz.

This movie definitely deserves the R-rating, what with the intense violence throughout the film!

You'll have to see the movie to find out the surprising ending, but it is definitely recommended! It will have you on the edge of your seat the entire time, but not because it's scary, but because you'll be saying "I want one of those!" whenever one of the superheroes uses one of their 'toys'.

There definitely won't be another movie like this out for quite some time!

Tech costs raise ticket prices

Nicole Heath '10

Movie theaters chains are expected to increase ticket prices as much as 20 percent. Chains like AMC, Regal, and Cinemax will raise all prices including that of matinees and 3D films.

With movie theaters serving as one of the chief forms of entertainment for students, many are finding price increases harder to cope with.

"It's really expensive now, so it's a little scary to think they [movies] will be costing even more," said Jessica Healey '10. The price raise is one of many in the past ten years. Movie tickets have been steadily increasing. Now in the midst of a recession, movie theater owners are trying to get more out of their crowd.

Both AMC and Regal have already eliminated ticket discounts. In the past students with IDs were allotted an almost one dollar discount on tickets. But this discontinued discount, along with others is on a long list of ways theaters are trying to make more money.

The largest price increase will be for 3D films. These major chains are looking to capitalize on the flood of revenue for 3D hits like *Avatar* and *Alice and Wonderland*. An increase on 3D films, which draw a predominantly younger crowd, is just one way students will have to pay more.

The question now is how students will react to these price increases. Will higher fees cause more teens to find alternative ways of passing their weekend, or will students just learn to deal with the higher cost of cinema entertainment?



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The price of 3D films is scheduled to rise because of their increasing popularity. The average film price nationwide is now \$10 with 3-D films costing up to \$15.

"I wouldn't go to see a movie unless it was something I really, really couldn't wait to see," said Brittany Rebstock '12.

Some students feel the same. Price increases will force regular movie goers to reexamine which films are "movie theater worthy".

Still others believe that whether more expensive movie tickets will affect younger movie goers depends of the type of teen.

"If they have a job they will more likely despise the price increase because they worked for that hard-earned buck," said Chelsea Martin '12, "If it's their parents money they will not have a problem with it."

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Commentary

Point/ Counterpoint

Taser incident prompts responses

Fans belong in the stands

Phil Jaffe '11

When 17-year old Steve Consalvi of Boyertown, PA jumped over the outfield fence at Citizen's Bank Park on May 3, fans at the game knew they were going to see something special, something that only happens a couple times a year.

What they didn't know, however, was that they were actually going to see something that had never happened before.

Consalvi ran circles in the outfield, waving a white Phillies towel and just having fun in general. After eluding two security officers,

the overly enthusiastic fan was Tased by a police officer, crumpled to the ground, and remained there for more than 30 seconds before

being led off the field by security and police to a standing ovation.

This story has reached a national audience, and it certainly is worthy of being a hot topic. Many question the use of a Taser to apprehend a teenager.

While many of the players on the field laughed when it happened, with some even covering their mouths with their gloves, it is a serious issue.

No fans are allowed on the field for a reason, and short of shooting them, the police are obligated to go to any length to get them off of the field.

Therefore, the actions of this officer were completely in line, and I commend him for using the Taser. It was the right thing to do, as you

[Using the Taser] was the right thing to do, as you never know what somebody [on the field illegally] could have done.



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A Philadelphia police officer used a Taser to subdue Steve Consalvi after he ran onto the field during a Phillies' game. His actions set off debate on the acceptable use of force.

never know what somebody like Consalvi could have done.

It was also astonishingly hilarious, and I look at it as one of the most memorable moments of the season. This, incident, we'll call it, gave the fans in attendance an experience that nobody else has ever had, and, odds are, one that nobody else will ever have.

Officer went too far

Weston Eldridge '10

The night of May 3 was anything but a typical Phillies game at Citizens Bank Park. Controversy was in the air after a 17 year old fan ran onto the field during Cole Hammel's wind-up. Chased for a couple minutes, the fan was apprehended by a Police officer with the help of a Taser.

I feel strongly that the wrong action was taken in restraining this crazy fan. When dealing with a weapon such as a taser, there are serious side effects.

Unless, it is absolutely necessary and there is no other way, a taser should not be used. The risk is just too high and not worth the aftermath. For instance, if the kid had a heart condition, the results could have been a lot worse.

Unarmed, the teenager was not presenting himself as a threat to the athletes. At some point, the security guards would have

eventually caught or cornered the kid. Whether it be that he got tired or someone caught up to him, as close as the security guard was when he tased him meant that it was only a matter of time before they would track him down.

Down to the grass he fell with an electric shock traveling throughout his body. A body lying momentarily lifeless is not a good sight for the thousands of children in attendance. It's a scary thing for little kids to see someone shot to the ground, especially when some of the children are too young to make out that it was only a taser and not a gun. I don't think it's fair to expose young minds to the effects of a taser gun.

I understand that the security and safety of the athletes is the first priority during a situation involving a fan on the field but I think the measures taken during this instance were a bit too extreme. I don't think it was right to put a minor's life in jeopardy as well as scaring young minds in the process.

Summer vacation should end

Schrod Morris '10

President Obama has proposed longer school years and shorter summer breaks. Obama feels as though American students need to compete with their international peers. He feels that spending over a month out of school is no way to prepare our children for the 21st century's economy.

Compared to other countries the U.S. is at the bottom of the list with fewer days in school (180). The highest is Japan (243). Obama is making it very clear that education is on his list of priorities, but the idea isn't going to be popular. Children are going to be upset at cutting their summers short. They would have to give up a lot of their summer activities. Many will miss the long break from school, from the teachers, school rules and waking up early.

The president's idea to changing this system is a very good one to keep our nation from falling further behind academically.

Editorial

Memorial Day losing meaning

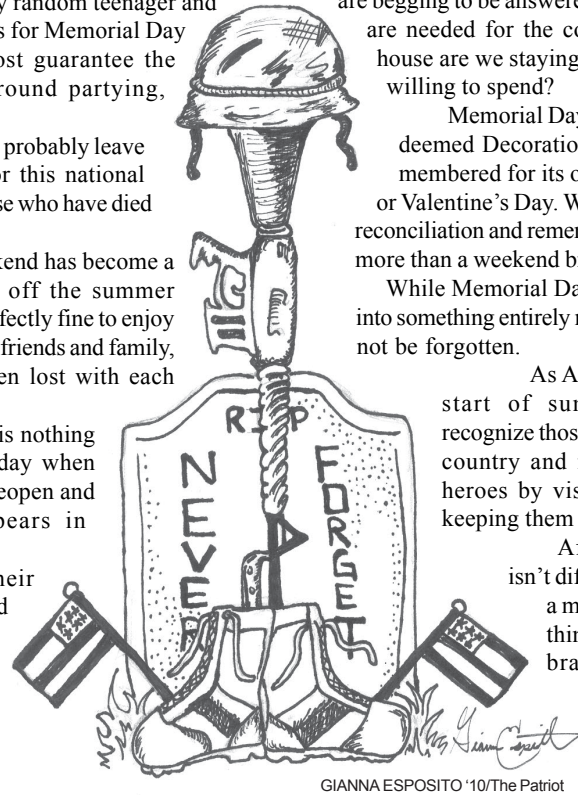
If you walk up to any random teenager and ask them about their plans for Memorial Day weekend, you can almost guarantee the answer will revolve around partying, friends, and the shore.

The one thing they'll probably leave out is the true reason for this national holiday: remembering those who have died in our nation's service.

Memorial Day Weekend has become a trademark way to kick off the summer months, and while it is perfectly fine to enjoy the beautiful weather with friends and family, its true meaning has been lost with each passing generation.

To many people, it is nothing more than a day off, a day when public swimming pools reopen and white once again appears in wardrobes.

Teenagers share their plans for the weekend months in advance, waiting in anticipation for summer to arrive. They discuss the important questions that loom over their heads that



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are begging to be answered. How many hot dogs are needed for the cookout? Whose beach house are we staying at? How much are we willing to spend?

Memorial Day, which was originally deemed Decoration Day, is now less remembered for its origins than Halloween or Valentine's Day. What was once a day for reconciliation and remembrance is now nothing more than a weekend break.

While Memorial Day Weekend has turned into something entirely new, its meaning should not be forgotten.

As Americans celebrate the start of summer, they should recognize those who have died for our country and mourn for our fallen heroes by visiting grave sites and keeping them in their hearts.

After all, remembering isn't difficult. If everyone took a moment to step back and think of those who fought bravely for our nation, Memorial Day Weekend would once again become meaningful.

Suspension policy flawed

Rob Ruggiero '10

Being in this school for four years has really opened my eyes to a lot of the flaws of this school. One serious flaw I think is the entire suspension policy.

The school is always talking about helping kids out and making them better, but with the suspension policy it hardly does that. For an example an average student who is maybe struggling in school gets in a fight because someone attacks them.

Now I know if you fight, regardless of who started it, both of the students are getting suspended. So, where does this leave the kid who got attacked and had to defend himself?

Already he was struggling in school, now he's got five days external and five days internal. Is this really helping the student?

If anything he's less motivated now then he ever was. Plus, he has all this make up work to do and he wasn't even taught the material. Either because he wasn't allowed to be in school or because he was in internal and they don't teach you anything there.

WTHS needs an alternative system where if you get suspended you sit in a room all day with a teacher and they teach you the material, if this sort of instruction was made available, the student might feel less disconnected from the class.

Overall, the system we have in place right now isn't working and it is clear to see.

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Music

Redefining sound of summer

Phil Jaffe '11

When somebody wants to hear good summer music, what do they look for? A lot of acoustic guitar, good drum beats, a sick synthesizer, maybe a little bit of rap, and just feel-good melodies. Well, if you're looking for something for the summer, then boy, do I have something for you.

With their hit single *Lay Me Down*, the Dirty Heads come bursting onto the scene this year. DH is made up of five members; Dustin "Duddy B" Bushnell, Jared "Dirty J" Watson, Matt Ochoa, Jon Olazabal, and David Foral. With Duddy and J on the mic and guitar, Matt and Jon on drums, and David on bass, this group from Huntington Beach has a chance to make it to the promised land.

Any Port In A Storm, Special Edition came out February 16. Personally I love every song on this album. Many people, both fans and critics, are looking at the Dirty Heads as potentially being the next Sublime, which would absolutely



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The Dirty Heads have the potential to be the next Sublime. The quartet hits big with *Any Port in a Storm, Special Edition*.

thrill me. I loved listening to Sublime, but their run was cut short when lead singer Bradley Nowell died in '96 from a heroin overdose. Since then, many bands have followed Sublime in the ska/acoustic reggae genre, but I truly believe that the Dirty Heads have the best shot

at taking the crown left behind by their fellow So-Cal natives.

Now the original album, *Any Port In A Storm*, is full of great songs. APIAS is stacked, and I love the CD. However, when I heard *Lay Me Down*, which is only on the Special Edition, and features guest

vocals by Rome Ramirez of Sublime with Rome, I knew I had to find more out about this new band.

On to Youtube I went, and oh man, was I was hooked. Immediately I fell in love with *Stand Tall and Believe*, and once I heard *Sails to the Wind*, I was on it like ugly on an ape. So I counted down the days until the new CD came out, and the first day that it was available, I got it. Three replays later, my reactions were still of someone who was hearing it for the first time. I love this album, I love this band, and I love this style of music. If this isn't the definition of summer music, then I really don't know what is.

Hopefully, this is a sign of things to come in the music world. If you're looking for music of a similar style, either because you're hooked like me, or if you just want to hear some more great music, I'd suggest *Sublime*, *Kottonmouth Kings*, *Slightly Stoopid*, or *Pepper*. Or maybe if you're looking for a different sort of summer tunes, check out *Travie McCoy*.

Tighten the laws on smoking

Nicole Heath '10

For years the negative effects of smoking have been known to the world. With new discoveries on the negative impact of smoking, many laws have been enacted to cut back on the amount of second hand smoke that nonsmokers inhale.

But with these laws comes a backlash from the smoking community. Many smokers feel that it's unfair that they are no longer allowed to smoke in restaurants or at certain colleges such as Widener University.

Although many have reacted negatively to such rules and similar ones sprouting up all around the country, the rules are not only legitimate but more than fair. Smoking does more than leave yellow stains on the fingers or a fowl stench in the air. It is dangerous to those who don't smoke as wells

to those who do.

Secondhand smoke or environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) can and does have as many devastating effects has firsthand. According to Cancer.org secondhand smoke accounts for 3,400 deaths from lung cancer and 150,000 to 300,000 lung infections for those living with smokers. With these staggering statistics it is not only fair to limit the amount of smoke intake, but a necessity.

Secondhand smoke is one of the driving forces behind laws banning smoking in public areas. Deciding to do harm to your own body is one thing, but to endanger the health of those around you is another. This is not to say that some one should be bothered when they are in their private residence. However, when in public, they should not be able to harm those around them.



MELANIE MOORE '11

Tightening smoking laws has a positive effect on health.

Though some may think that inhaling smoke from a restaurant or building is not enough to cause health problems, repeated exposure as in a college dorm, is enough. This is why laws on smoking in public buildings and in college dorms should continue to be tightened.

Indie sister act explores new sound

Chris Andreas '12

The world of indie music is always changing much like that of mainstream artists, yet it remains constant in a way for sisters Tegan and Sara Quin. Although the two are identical twins, their personalities and individual songs are very different.

Throughout their careers as artists, both Tegan and Sara write their own songs separately, and then choose an equal number of songs to record on to their albums.

Their most recent album, *Sainthood*, was released in October 2009 and it took a totally new turn in the way the Quin sisters played their music. *Sainthood* had twisted into a new more pop-like genre of music that still used the traditional guitar sounds that Tegan and Sara were experts at creating. It also featured the first song that the sisters ever co-wrote together.

Their most successful album by far was their 2007 hit, *The Con*, which included a medley of songs that stumbled along randomly, and by the end of the CD it all just hit you at once. Music videos for their songs *The Con* and a performance

of *Dark Come Soon* have aired on television, which is a rare occurrence. Their music focuses on cliché love affairs and general equality, especially equality for homosexuals.

Tegan and Sara's music is extremely awe inspiring, and although some of their hit songs like *Walking with a Ghost* have hit mainstream movie soundtracks, the duo remains under the radar, and many fans hope that it stays that way.

The pressure of mainstream press and the concept of a constantly changing image to the public is something that seems to destroy many famous celebrities. Tegan and Sara both have stayed the same since they released their first album in 1999, yet they have changed drastically at the same time. It's nice to experience different things with the twins while still having stable, familiar features at the same time.

Tegan and Sara songs can range from slow, tear-jerking acoustic/piano melodies that run for only 1.5 minutes in length, to catchy, repetitive dance tunes, or in-your-face rocking that spews personalized lyrics. Another very appealing concept of their music is because each song has a



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Tegan and Sara stir up controversy in the music industry.

personal meaning to one of the twins, or even both, and if you know the background to the story, the song takes on a whole different meaning. The songs rarely get to the point and say what the girls want to say, which leaves it all open to interpretation.

The music of Tegan and Sara is somewhat controversial, but you either love it or hate it.

Arts & Entertainment

Armored hero soars back into action

Luke Verrillo '10

Everyone's favorite quick-witted armored avenger is back in what is sure to be the one of the summer's highest grossing films, *Iron Man 2*. With this explosive sequel comes bigger action, bigger laughs, and a bigger story that's sure to please fans of the first as well as those craving a fun movie experience.

When we last saw Tony Stark, he was uttering the words "I am Iron Man," setting the stage for the sequel. With such an announcement comes certain consequences, including drawing the attention of a homicidal Russian convict with a thing for electrical whips and a score to settle. Further complicating matters is the government as it threatens to seize the Iron Man suit for its own militaristic means. As his life spirals out of control, Stark is forced to realize that in order to overcome his greatest battle, he'll need to accept the help of allies old and new.

Don Cheadle (*Ocean's 11*) steps in, replacing Terrence Howard as Stark's friend Lt. Col. James "Rhodey" Rhodes. Cheadle has a good time with the role, sparring against the title character in an armored suit of his own.

Gwyneth Paltrow returns as Pepper Potts, providing the cinematic comic book genre with what seems to be its first strong female character. Potts holds her own against Stark, proving time and again that the chemistry between Downey Jr. and Paltrow is unbeatable. Robert Downey Jr. is the driving force of the film as billionaire playboy Tony Stark. Despite the more



STEPHANIE PEEL '10/The Patriot

Iron Man returns to the screen in the summer's most anticipated film, with Robert Downey Jr. returning to don the helmet.

fantastical elements of the script, Downey Jr. manages to bring a lightness and humanity to the character normally lost in summer blockbusters. However, a superhero is only as good as his villain. Mickey Rourke, fresh off his Oscar win for *The Wrestler* is devilishly evil as Whiplash, a man whose brutality is only matched by his lust for revenge. Sam Rockwell (*Charlie's Angels, Moon*) is a welcome addition as Stark's foil, Justin Hammer. Scarlett Johansson and Samuel L

Jackson round out the cast as members of SHIELD, the mysterious task force keeping an eye on the armored hero.

Director Jon Favreau (who appears in the film as Stark's bodyguard, Happy Hogan) injects the films with plenty of hints and nods to upcoming Marvel films including next summer's *Captain America* and *Thor*, something that is sure to keep avid fans of the comics drooling. As alluded to in the first film and in 2008's *The Incredible Hulk*, Marvel's slate of films are all building up to 2012's highly anticipated *The Avengers*, joining the four heroes together. For all those begging for a taste of the upcoming films, make sure to stick around after the credits.

The film boasts three major action sequences, with special effects taking center stage. The first encounter between Whiplash and Iron Man, though the shortest, provides the most thrills with exploding race cars and a new portable Iron Man armor—conveniently disguised as a briefcase—that helps catapult the story to new, epic heights.

With so many intertwining storylines and groundwork laid for the Marvel universe, the film feels much larger than just a story about the hero vs. the villain. The plot itself never takes back seat to the action, with the latter only occurring when necessary to further the story.

This isn't your average comic book film. With a top-notch cast, solid script, and mind-blowing action, you'll find yourself on the edge of your seat, wanting more. This summer, suit up and take to the skies with *Iron Man 2*.

Cable TV

Hoarders tackles latest addiction

Nicole Heath '10

A&E is known for its gripping and sometime gritty documentary series. But its new show, *Hoarders* (Mondays 10 PM) takes addiction and obsession to a whole new level. Profiling people with one of America's growing addictions, *Hoarders* exposes the selfish, unhealthy addiction to things.

Debuting in August 2009, *Hoarders* has shocked the country with the unimaginably cluttered conditions of many. The show follows two people as they confront their addiction by taking two days with a cleaning crew to clear their

house or apartment. Working with a clinical psychologist and a professional organizer, addicts must face the dirty truth.

Like other A&E addiction documentaries, *Hoarders* presents the addicts' history and family life with the usual tearful or angry emotions by the family of the hoarder. Similar to *Intervention*, this show presents the past and present conditions of the hoarder. The present condition is what engrosses the viewers.

Towering piles of trash, beds covered with mildewed clothes, and heaps of human and animal feces is what can be expected on the show.

Though hoarding is classified as the addiction to things, these things can be and usually are unhealthy, unsanitary, and hazardous.

Their disease is a threat to their very lives. On the pilot episode a woman who was a food hoarder was eating food with expiration dates as late as 2007. One cluttered home resulted in an insect problem that forced another hoarder and his family to sleep outside in tents in 30 degree weather.

Law enforcement plays an important role in this documentary series. Authorities have either threatened or actually taken away children from more than one person

on this show. Houses have been condemned and fines imposed on those who have waited to clean their house. *Hoarders* is no stranger to the authorities or tears.

The shocking state of the houses, the stories of the ruined lives, and the stubbornness of the hoarders keeps viewers watching. Now the psychologists and even the hoarders have found themselves on talk shows such as ABC's *The Oprah Winfrey Show*.

Hoarders adds shock and disbelief to weeknights as the camera traverses between piles of trash and explores the distorted minds of compulsive hoarders.

Hallway problem causes backlash

Maria Petruzzi '10

Since the beginning of the year, there had been an overwhelming congestion of students attempting to come and go through both A and D hallway, some teachers had complained that they could not even

get to their classrooms.

While this commotion was occurring, some faculty members also complained that a group of students were rude and disrespectful when told to move along and get to class, or even to move to the side so people could get through.

Although administration took steps that solved the congestion, a new problem emerged. With all administrators, two school officers, security and the use of a few teachers, the hallways of A and D became a dead zone.

For the past several weeks at

the intersection of A hall and D hall the administrators have demanded that students keep walking and pass by their friends. Often they'll arrive at their next class with still at least three minutes to spare when sometimes their teachers have not arrived yet.

Some students who have their lockers in this location have been threatened with detentions etc, for just grabbing a book when they are suppose to.

Does this make any sense? If you are someone that waits for your friends to walk all together or goes to each others lockers, you can forget about it.

"This is passing time, not social time," an administrator commanded up and down the hallway. Students are reprimanded for pausing, and forced to move along. Once, even when I tried to talk to a friend about a test, I was commanded to move along.

What about the students that have classes all in the same hallway? What about the students talking about school? What about the kids who aren't late to class?

Just because there is a problem with some of the student body, does not mean that everyone should be punished for their disrespectful peers. We have security cameras, why not look at the tapes and spot out the students with problems, the kids that are always wondering the hallways or the ones that are late.

Once they are identified, administrators can take away their privilege during the five minutes.

I feel that the administrators are following the wrong issues. They handle students the wrong way and rarely let us talk to them or express our opinions about these issues. I find it somewhat comical that they expect us to stay calm when they force us to run to class.

As a senior I would hate to remember the last two months at wths as the months I didn't have a social life between periods. I spent the last four years kicking myself in the butt to do well in school and be accepted into a college and now I can't even relax and be a part of memories and laughter with friendships that may end after graduation.

Time to end hunger

Alexandra Alamsha '12

The global food crisis that has made scores of headlines has been simmering for a while.

We often hear about the hope of solving world hunger and helping to mitigate the suffering associated with it. However, that doesn't diminish the growing food needs of developing countries like China and India.

Americans often cringe at the thought of starving children, thinking that there is little they can do to help. Other people may send in a donation to charities for a little guilt relief, but giving alone is not enough.

According to scientific study, it has been proven that every 3.6 seconds someone dies of hunger. Statistics show us that

malnourishment is a current and serious issue growing stronger every minute. If efforts are only directed at providing food or enhancing food distributions, then the main causes that create hunger will still remain.

There are combined issues causing hunger, which are related to economics and other factors that cause poverty. Those issues include land rights and ownership, diversion of land use to non-productive use, increasing emphasis on export-oriented agriculture, inefficient agricultural practices, war, famine, drought, over-fishing, and poor crop yields.

The persistent quest for food has molded human history. Today, with the continued existence of world hunger, over eight hundred million people still suffer from chronic under nutrition. A landmark

study released from Feeding America, the largest hunger-relief organization in the U.S., reported that more than 37 million people receive emergency food.

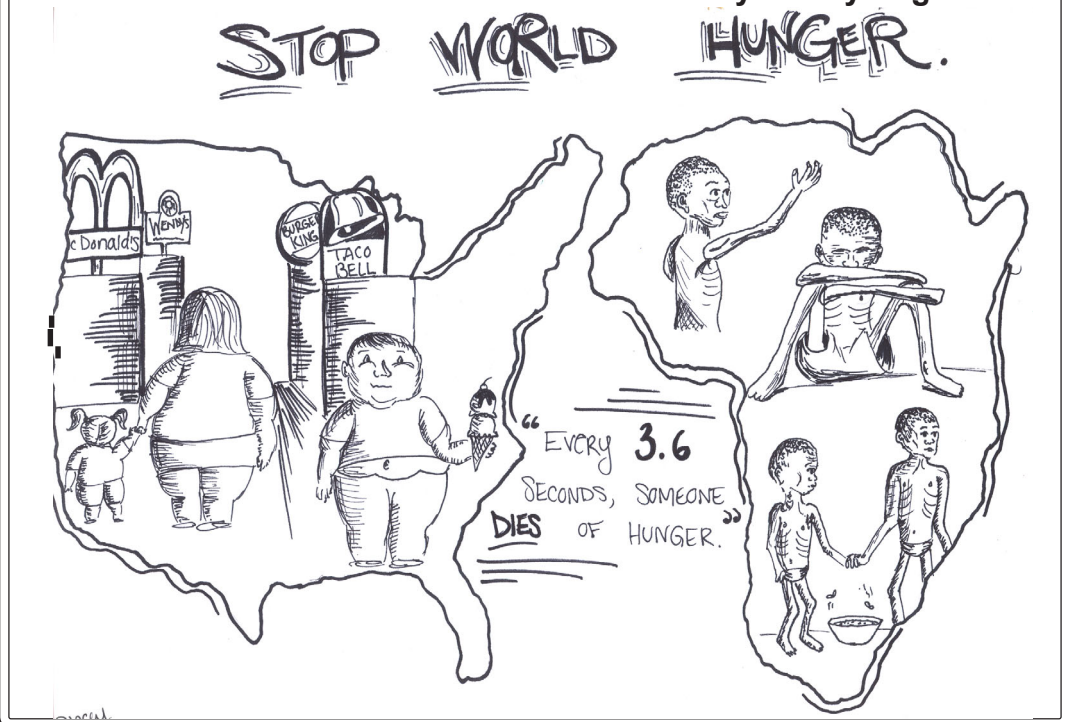
It is more necessary then ever to have a global organization where people of all countries can rely on for food sources. Growing crops and sending in those willing enough to aid suffering countries can make all of the difference between life and death.

The fact that hundreds of millions of humans are doomed from birth to live without enough to eat is an outrage to the most basic of human rights, the right of every individual to obtain adequate food.

With all of the advanced technology and resources available today, we must demand hunger relief as a national policy.

Editorial Cartoon

by Stacey Angelillo '10



Time to go green

Dianna Lombardo '10

Recently WTHS started every day off with one of thirty 'Going Green' facts. These facts range from turning off a light when not in the room to turning off water when you're brushing your teeth. Although a person can't believe that turning a light off for an hour or two can't affect the environment as a whole, think again.

According to fox43tv.com, leaving appliances on standby uses 5% of all the electricity consumed. Turning these appliances completely off can save the country 5 billion dollars. Paying bills online can save 16 million trees a year. Using public transportation can reduce gasoline use by 1.4 billion gallons.

Not only are people making a difference, major companies are also. Many water bottle companies have reduced their use of plastic in their bottles.

Poland Spring's water bottle now has 30% less plastic, a small label by 1/3 of their original size and it's now more flexible so it is easier to be crushed and recycled. These bottles come in eco-friendly sizes .5 L, 20 oz, 1 L and 1.5 L. Bank of America has reduced their paper use by 32%, according to businesspundit.com. Coffee sleeves at Starbucks are recycled paper which in turn saves 78,000 trees per year.

Hybrid cars are available from most major car makers. Hybrid cars run on electricity and gas, which reduces consumption and reduces exhaust fumes from entering the environment. The Toyota Prius produces 90% pollutants than a non hybrid car in its class.

Although this is great that major companies are trying to improve their imprint on the world, I believe that these companies are also doing it to gain attention. It's one thing to let consumers know that by purchasing their products, they're also doing their part in the environment. It's another thing to be constantly showing it off. It's annoying how companies suddenly want all this attention for doing something they should have been doing from the first place.

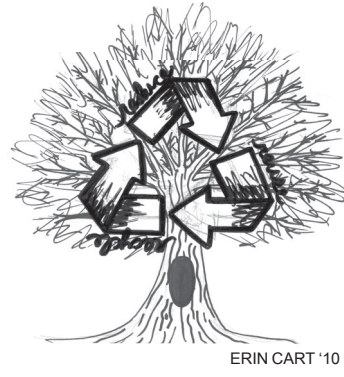
Saving the environment cannot be ignored. It's your world that you live in, and you're the one destroying it. Going green doesn't take a lot of time, just a few bad habits that should be broken.

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Think before adopting pets

Kelsey Sentak '11

According to the Humane Society, an animal is euthanized every eight seconds because of overpopulation in the United States. 6 to 8 million dogs and cats go into a shelter but there really isn't enough room.

Are these numbers an act of neglect on the part of owners? Or is it the result of wild dogs and cats running rampant, breeding and expanding their species?

If you watch the show *Animal Cops* on Animal Planet they bring in many of these animals that are scared, injured, and starving. Just visiting a shelter would make anyone want to cry. Dogs and cats are locked up, afraid, and crying for attention.

The worst part about that is that all of this could be avoided. Not only does everyone seem to ignore the commercials on the TV but they don't even consider how much we could help. Animal shelters need volunteers to just play with these neglected animals. I am not saying to go out and buy a cat or dog and take it home, but at least help the cause.

The way that we can treat a pet is awful, and the only way we can stop this is to take care of our animals. Responsibility is definitely



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Work and dedication is involved in caring for a pet. Many would-be owners fail to recognize this.

involved when buying a puppy or a kitten. Some get scared when they watch their pet grow up to be a large responsibility that they just can't take care of.

We have all heard the lectures, responsibilities of having a pet, but that is the main thing we should be worried about! Animals are living, and we shouldn't treat them like they are objects to be thrown away.

If you know in the long run that you can't physically, financially or emotionally take care of a pet, don't get one.

Pets are a human's companion, they need us as much as we need them.

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Online magazine offers variety

Emily Bierman '11

Portrait Magazine is unlike your typical magazine. It is completely online and the editor-in-chief is a young student from New Zealand. The staff is comprised of young, aspiring journalists from the entire world. The magazine portion is updated every month, but there are weekly items and a blog that are updated every week, if not daily. *Portrait* has been running since 2004, and is slowly becoming more and more popular.

When you first show up on the website, the month's cover is in the left-hand corner. The cover is always attention-grabbing and always features the reader-voted celebrity from the previous month's poll.

Portrait offers a poll every month for readers to vote for the next month's feature. Every choice must have something happening in the month they'll be on the cover. Previous covers have featured Taylor Swift, Miley Cyrus, Hanson, Hilary Duff, and Robert Pattinson.



Portrait magazine is a very popular and unique online magazine.

As you scroll down, on the left hand side under the magazine cover are the articles for that issue. Some columns aren't there every month, but they always offer a variety of selections for you to read. The cover stories are first and include a great selection of articles. For the month of June 2010, there is a Lucy Hale article, an article looking into why we follow trends, and an article featuring classic television shows from the past.

The June issue features the

cast of the hit television show *Make it or Break it*. Under the cover stories section is a section reserved specifically for the television show. There is the column that is featuring the show for the month, Confessions of a TV-Holic, and six interviews with cast members that the *Portrait* team did.

Under the film and television section are four more interviews with movie and television stars, and also June film releases. *Portrait*

makes you aware of what's coming up for that month. Beneath the film and television section are the monthly wallpaper design and signature design challenges for those able to make graphics.

The fashion and beauty section features columns that are updated monthly, like the Beauty 101 column and the Style Stealers column. Lastly, there are the other columns, such as the Country Music Madness column, the Health Guide, Retro Rewind, Career Focus, and Party Themes. No matter what you like, *Portrait* Magazine most likely has something for you.

They offer games every month for you to do, including a word search. In the middle of the page is the blog that is updated daily with news on your favorite celebrities, athletes, movies, and television shows. They include updates on people like Taylor Swift and Selena Gomez to television shows like *90210* and *Glee*.

On the right-hand side is the weekly updated content. *Portrait* has sub-sites, including *Portrait* Wallpapers, *Portrait* Signatures, *Portrait* Reviews, and *Portrait* Pictures. All of the updated content from these sub-sites can be found on the right-hand column of the main site. On the right-hand side is also the playlist of the week, the writer spotlight, the week's So Embarrassing story, the site of the week, and the links to the archived magazines, the team autobiographies, and the partner sites of *Portrait*.

Once in a while, *Portrait* offers a poll like the Annual *Portrait* Choice Awards, where readers can vote on their choice celebrity, television show, music act, or ship, depending on what the poll is for that moment. After the poll is taken down, the winner is featured in the upcoming issue. There is a forum where you can meet fans of *Portrait* and fans of the same celebrities you're fond of.

While some may find *Portrait* difficult to navigate around, it really isn't too difficult to figure out whatsoever. The magazine is great, especially for the young adults who visit it. They offer a very nice variety of articles and news for anyone.

The New NetBook

Kelsey Sentak '11

When the first Eee netbook was made by Asustek in 2007, the world was introduced to a new way to surf the web.

The netbook is the new compact laptop holding videos, music and photos all under around 160GB of memory. This new brand of computer uses its size to be more efficient to a basic business worker.

The laptop compared to its smaller counterpart, has a lot more memory than the netbook. According to shopping.hp.com, the HP Pavillion dv6z series has a high performance holding up to 250 GB of memory. It is rated 4.4 out of 5 stars for its Altec Lansing stereo speakers, HD 4200 graphics, and webcam with microphone.

The HP Mini 110 was rated 4.5 out of 5 by shopping.hp.com, efficient with easy internet for access to email, instant messaging, video chat and research. It also has



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The Netbook is drawing much attention in electronics.

QuickSync software that is easy for you to update instead of putting in a CD for software. The only problem is that netbooks are not built with CD/DVD players like laptops.

Even though its small physical size may seem like a downfall, the netbook is a mobile laptop. It is meant to be tiny and convenient for it's user.

The price of each is also different and may change some ideas on which one to choose. The HP Mini cost around \$380 and the HP Pavillion cost \$600. This huge difference is based off of it's size, memory and amount of parts. For people who don't want to spend as much on a computer, a netbook seems like the right choice.

They only weight about 2 pounds unlike other laptops weight more than 6 or 7 pounds. The HP mini's screen is about 10" when the HP Pavillion is 15.7". This can be a disadvantage when it comes to actually viewing your documents or details in graphics.

In short, Netbooks can only be thought of as a convenient resource when traveling, laptops are more of mobile system for home use. But the new ways computer designers are changing and modeling new laptops and netbooks are most definitely constantly changing their uses in the future.

Tech Talk

Group numbers growing

Chris Bucci '10

Lately it seems that there has been an overload of Facebook groups. People have started groups about every situation, about every feeling they have, and about anything that has gone on in the outside world. Out of all these groups, I wanted to pick out some that I thought were funny, stood out, or just were unique. These are those groups.

Group Name: I am willing to risk Salmonella to eat raw cookie dough

We've all been there wanting to eat the cookie dough but our moms telling us that we'll get sick from eating raw cookie dough, but we do it anyway. It's just so good. Since the fact that nobody has ever know a person who actually got sick from eating it, we eat it all up and don't worry even think twice.

Group Name: I sprint up the stairs in the dark cause I think I'm getting chased

The fact that we're almost adults now has no affect on the fact that we still do this. Even though we know that there aren't any monsters or anything to feel scared about, we still race up the stairs. I think this is one of the best groups because we almost all still do this but don't tell anyone. It is just something from our childhood

that has stuck with us.

Group Name: I don't know what to do when people sing happy birthday to me

This is one of those moments in life that's just awkward. Everyone's just standing around you, singing to you, you can't sing to yourself, and you don't know what to do. Often the only option is to sit there and smile like an idiot while your facial muscles cramp up and you count the seconds until its over. I liked this a lot because it is something everyone goes through but rarely anyone talks about.

Group Name: Why does the dentist talk to you if you can't respond?

Not only is his hand blocking your airways so the only sound you can make is "ummblikeughshrlp," but it seems like after you say this the dentist still doesn't understand you can't talk and asks more questions. I thought this was a good one because everyone has gone through it and always complains about it when they have to go to the dentist. It is just another little thing that happens to everyone.

Group Name: I yell at objects when I'm frustrated with them.

We all know that the computer, xbox, or any other object for that matter can't hear us when we yell at them when they don't work, but most people still do it. The funny thing is that if



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anyone actually saw another person do this, we'd think they're crazy or have anger problems, completely overlooking the fact that they probably do it too. I like this because it was just another group that points something funny we all do out that usually goes unnoticed.

Some of the other notable groups I wanted to mention are:

1. I Have a Girl's Name For My Last Name
2. Jealousy is ugly LOL jk your girlfriend is.
3. Kid: "I got stabbed" School Nurse: "Oh want an Ice Pack for that?"
4. I'M NOT IMMATURE, ITS CALLED HAVING FUN... HEARD OF IT
5. I didn't do it...Oh wait... that...yeah...I did that
6. I restart the song when I miss the bit I like
7. When the teacher says "In pairs"... I automatically look at someone and nod
8. Trying to balance the light switch between ON and OFF
9. Saying "anyway" in an awkward moment
10. My mum shouts at me, so I shout back "WHAT", then, no reply.

The Best Things in iPods are Free

Nicole Heath '10

Since its emergence in 2001 the iPod has continued to be the leader in electronic devices. Aside from its easy format and reasonable prices, the greatest feature of the iPod, and iPhone, is its application, or apps. Some of the best, and most useful apps can be found in the free section. Free apps come in a wide variety, from the radio station playing Pandora app, to the no phone-connection-needed texting app Textfree. Free applications allow iPhone and iPod owners to enjoy the best of iPods without emptying their wallet.

The games section of the app store is one of the most frequented sections. In it alone there are nineteen different categories to pick from. Within this large number of categories are hundreds of free games built to occupy time. Among these games is Copter and Tap Tap Revenge.

Copter is a made for iPod version of the popular helicopter game. Just like the original, this game is addictive and an easy way to lose track of the time. Tap Tap Revenge, is basically

There are plenty of apps that are free of charge.

DDR (Dance Dance Revolution) for the fingers. There are over nine versions of Tap Tap all with quick music picked to give your fingers a work out.

The maybe less frequented, but still popular Books section is a reader's paradise. Despite its title this section offers more than just ebooks, but hundreds of audiobooks, quote apps, and even comics. Marvel comics are just one of the graphic novels offered in the free



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section.

Also, the Books section offers two free Barnes and Noble's apps, the Bookstore app and the eReader app, allowing iPod users to not only read but, browse through the Barnes and Nobles catalogue, all without spending a dime.

Even social networking apps like Facebook and skype, can be found in the free section. These applications and more are allowing iPod fans to enjoy their apps and save their cash.

Letters

A word to underclassmen

As the days dwindle down to graduation I try to think what I would have done differently in the last four years of high school.

For one, I would have not taken the education I was receiving for granted. Some people around the world don't have the privilege of getting an education like we do, and if they do get the chance, they take full advantage of it and don't throw it away like many people.

Growing up as a kid you really don't think about what you're going to do when you get older. The way that most kids see it is, you're young, you grow up, and then you do something with your life, as simple as that. The truth is though, if you don't work for it you're not going to get anywhere. But you don't think about the future when you're young, all you think about is the day that you're living in and what makes you happy.

Now don't get me wrong, growing up all my life I was warned of this by my teachers, my parents, and other people in my family. I didn't want to hear it though. I would tell them, "I know everything. There's no way I'm going to end up on the street or working at a dead end job, not me."

Finally, after all these years, I understand what they were trying to say to me. So instead of going to a pristine college and having a goal for the future, I have to work twice as hard to make it. If I didn't goof off in class and get in trouble I would have had something lined up for me.

I don't blame anybody though, its nobody else's fought but my own, we make the bed we lay in, and sometimes you dig yourself a hole so deep it may take you years to get out of it or in some cases never.

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Another thing I would like to address is don't get in trouble with the law; it will cause nothing but problems. Before you make a serious bad decision that you may think will affect the course of your life, don't do it, it's not worth it. You're better off biting the bullet and swallowing your pride then making an irrational decision that will follow you for the rest of your life.

Nothing in life is easy and having a record is going to do nothing but make things harder for you when you get older. All I'm saying is listen to what people close to you tell you, or you'll be paying for it later in your life.

- Rob Ruggiero '10

Water conservation starts at home

During dry times of the year, people are urged to conserve water as much as they can. They are asked to cut down on their landscaping, take shorter showers, and ask farmers to grow more water-efficient crops. Cities will even increase the cost of water to make people be more conscious of their use. However, people should not only be doing these things when going through a drought. Water is always important and should be conserved all year long.

The average American uses about 70 gallons of water *each day*. Based on international supply, on average, 2.5 gallons of water is allocated to each person in the world. 30% of the water Americans use is for their landscaping. Americans need to realize that they are using water too much, and need to cut back if they truly wish to help the world.

Simple things could help cut water use significantly. About 5 gallons of water is used when a person leaves the water running while brushing his teeth. Fixing a leak can save about 500 gallons of water a month. Running full loads with the dishwasher and washing machine can save 1000 gallons a month. And while you save the earth, you are also saving yourself money in the end.

For those looking to make even more of an effort to conserve, there are many appliances that you can purchase that will use less water, such as water-saving shower heads, hose nozzles, and washing machines. These are simple things that all people can implement to save water.

Besides being good for the earth, conserving water is helping the rest of the people in the world. Americans use 5x more water than Europeans.

At least 400 million people worldwide live in areas with severe water shortages. Yet Americans are using more and more each year.

According to water.org, every 15 seconds a child dies from a water-related disease. That means every minute, 4 children die because of water issues. Americans need to stop using up all the water when there are millions of people dying from not having clean water. Lack of sanitation is the leading cause for infection in the world. If everyone begins to ration their use, there would be more clean water for everyone to use, and lives would be saved.

- Kathryn Custer '10

Abuse; not easy to escape

Healthy relationships entail trust, consideration, and mutual respect. Sadly, many relationships lack these qualities. Some may even turn abusive.

When that happens, the one being hurt in the relationship may not recognize it as abuse. They may mistake the abuse for intense feelings of concern.

Though it might seem like your partner really cares, violent behavior is not a sign of affection. Love involves kindness and patience not constant worry about the possible end of a relationship.

Abused individuals may begin to change as they lose interest in the things they once enjoyed.

Victims may become secretive and moody. Defensive behavior usually follows, along with covering up for their violent partner. Often they fear being hurt for standing up against their boyfriend or girlfriend.

Denying the truth won't make all of the bruises and scars go away. Abused partners must first see that they don't need the pain and suffering in their life. Relationships should be based off of building one another up, not breaking each other down. When the abused finally speak up, they will find that things will change for the better.

If you or one of your friends is in an abusive relationship, it is very important to seek help. There are services available that are just a phone call away.

Even then, life as you knew it will not just snap back into place. It takes time to heal. Some days may be harder than others. The pain does not just go away.

The nightmare of it eventually becomes a memory and it develops into a challenge to trust another boy or girl once more. But, victims of abusive relationships must know that evil does not exist in everyone.

You can always love again.

- Alexandra Alamsha '12

Features

Etre A La Mode

Julia Hahn '10

On May 25 the Fashion Design & Textile Studies Class, Apparel 3 will present their annual fashion show. This fashion is held in the hopes of raising funds for the several scholarships that the Family & Consumer Sciences Department offers. This class is headed by Mrs. Drozd but the organization of the fashion show is mainly run by the students.

They have been working towards the show all year and it's very apparent when one steps into the A-2 classroom. The walls are covered with posters that have numerous sketches and pictures from magazines on them (think Project Runway) to give the class a chance to start their ideas for garments. The room is also full of lots of sewing materials available for students to use. Mrs. Drozd is also available to help the students whenever they need.

"If you find a project too difficult then Mrs. Drozd will be right there to give you a hand. The class is a great way to get a practical



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Designers and their models worked the sewing machines and worked the runway in the 2010 Fashion Show.

art for graduation as well," said Dianna Lombardo '10.

In addition to the tools, the students also have access to a wide variety of materials that the school is able to offer to them. The fashion show this year is headed by Ashlynn Hubert '10, Danni Sbraga '10, Shannon Gutoski '11, Hillary White '10, and Alexa Amore '10.

"This is a great opportunity for me because I want to go to school for fashion design. The fashion show gives me a great experience," said Amore.

The fashion show includes garments from sun dresses, prom dresses, blouses, jackets, and boxers. The students can also choose to give their models accessories if they wish

to spice up the outfits. Purses are made in the class so students use them instead of going out to purchase one. During intermission, Mr. WT contestants will actually be the ones modeling the boxers. The show is full of a great amount of garments but the garment pieces per student are completely dependent on them.

"Some people have two pieces in the show, while others have twelve. It's all up to how many clothes you wanted to make," said Alamsha. Students in this class all have a variety of pieces that have their own style. Rebecca Alamsha is making a small purple pea coat, Dianna Lombardo has a brown flower-patterned summer blouse, Quinna Jackson is working on a reversible dress, and Alexa Amore is making her own prom dress.

"A lot of people will make their own prom dresses and their own white dresses for graduation. It's easier than buying it and makes your dress unique," commented Casey Rozmes '10.

A reminder to all classmen that the show cannot exist if students don't sign up for this class!

Kyleigh's law displeases young drivers

Dianna Lombardo '10

Once a student turns seventeen, h/she receives their provisional or 'Cinderella' license. This provisional license basically says that you can have only one passenger in the car, of any age and you can't drive between 12:01 and 5:59 AM. This restriction lasts until they turn eighteen.

The old law, much to the dismay of young drivers, is now replaced with a new one. Effective May 1, 2010 is the new driving law titled "Kyleigh's law."

The law was named after Morris County teenager Kyleigh D'Alessio, who died in a car accident when she was 16 years old. Her family pushed for the old law to be rewritten in an effort to save others from D'Alessio's tragic end.

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Raymond Martinez spoke about this law at a press

conference. "This law is one of the most significant steps forward in teen driver safety."

But what exactly is different about this law?

This new law created a probationary license which requires that the curfew is an hour earlier (11:00 PM).

Also the driver must have place a red sticker on his front and rear plates to identify the driver as having a probationary license.

These stickers cost \$4 a pair and are removable so a kid can put these on the car they're currently driving. These stickers must stay on the driver's car until they are twenty one. If an underage driver is caught without a sticker, it is a \$100 fine.

Also, there is only one passenger allowed in the car. This passenger must be seated in the front passenger seat, a licensed motor

vehicle driver of this state, must be over twenty one years of age and



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has had a license for at least 3 years. "It's going to be hard to follow, but I guess we have to." Jessica McFadden, '10, said about this law.

The main purpose of this law is to help keep younger drivers safer.

Each year, over 5,000 teenagers, between ages 16 to 20, will die due to injuries caused by car accidents.

Over 400,000 drivers between the same ages will be seriously injured. Julia Hahn, '10, agrees with this law.

"I think it's a law that will make driving for young people safer."

No matter how safe you are, an accident can happen at any time. A car accident in the United States happens every eighteen seconds.

Anna Karenina; a classic tale

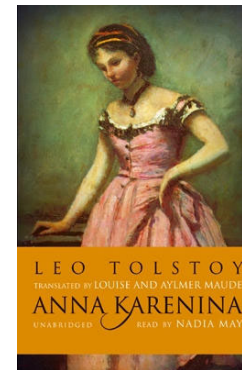
Kathryn Custer '10

Anna Karenina is a literary classic written by the famous author Leo Tolstoy (*War and Peace*). Perhaps the most famous line of the novel is Tolstoy's first sentence.

"All happy families resemble one another, each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way". The book contains two stories that intertwine together, illustrating the trials the main characters go through. I consider it a love story, which involves a lot of different people going against the norms of Russian society. There are some parts of the book that can seem to go on and on, talking about issues that were faced in Russia at that time. However, I would recommend for those who are easily distracted by useless details to get an abridged version of the book. But if you are a history buff or just really enjoy those details, the full version is for you. The book is roughly 900 pages in its original context. But don't let that number scare you off, the book is worth it in the end.

There is one review that I came across on a book reviewing site, that I completely agree with. Reviewer Melanie commented,

"Actually, this is the type of book that you



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The intensity of this book will keep a reader with a love/hate relationship for the classic Tolstoy tale.

love for 100 pages, hate for 100 pages, love for 100 pages, etc. I can see how this could deter readers, but I've found that the love/hate dynamic keeps me interested and makes this very readable."

Basically, this is a book that is completely worth the read for those looking for a great classic book to read.

The plot is very intricate. It consists of a high society woman who gets involved in an affair with an officer, though she is married and has a child. Choosing to follow her heart and leave her

husband, she is shunned by society and both she and the officer must face the consequences of having an illegitimate relationship.

The other main character is a man named Levin, who is also part of high society, but chooses to live in the country and enjoy the simple life. He falls in love with a family friend and throughout the book goes through the trials of pining over someone he deems too good for him. Eventually he does marry the girl and then his trials consist of staying part of the simple life while still catering to his wife's needs.

The main themes of this book are jealousy, passion, society, hypocrisy, infidelity, and lying. All this makes the book very intense for the reader. *Anna Karenina* is in summary, a love story. However, both men and women would enjoy this book because of the approach Tolstoy takes to describe the passion between all the characters. Although it is based in the late 19th century, it can still apply to the world today, with the way society has driven people to hide their passions and suffer greatly because of it.

This book is something I recommend to the advanced reader looking for something to make them think, and looking for a breathtakingly realistic love story.

Nook vs. Kindle

Christina Schillaci '10

Imagine, for a moment, a time in the future when bound books are a rare find. With e-Book readers on the rise, this may become a very real possibility.

There has been much debate concerning two e-Book readers in particular: the Nook (Barnes & Noble) and the Kindle (Amazon).

The Nook is the first Android-powered e-Book reader, complete with a 6-inch E-ink screen, color touch screen for navigation and a virtual keyboard. Its built-in 3G Wireless connection (AT&T) and dictionary is much like the Kindle. However, the Nook offers Wi-Fi and a memory expansion slot, which can add up to 16GB on a micro SD card (in addition to the 2GB of internal memory), something the Kindle lacks. Even alone, without the expansion slot, the Nook can store up to 1,500 e-Books.

While both products allow the consumer to virtually read books, the Nook opens with an obvious advantage if placed alongside its competitor. Its color touch screen is much more pleasing and catches the eye, instantly stepping up from the Kindle. This helps the Nook gain

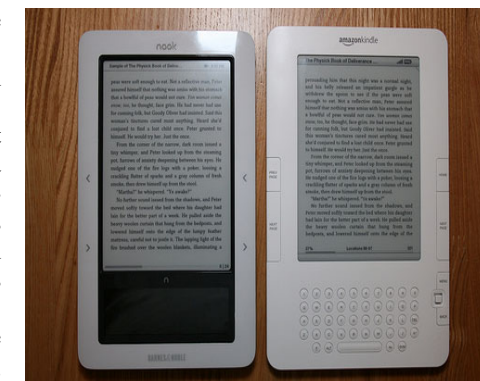
favorability and gives it a considerable advantage in the market place.

The Nook also allows the consumer to lend out e-Books he or she has purchased to friends, free or charge, for fourteen days. However, not all e-Books are available to lend. With over a million titles available, there are over 500,000 e-Books, and many bestsellers and new releases start at \$9.99. It also includes newspapers and magazines. The free access to Wi-Fi in any Barnes & Noble store is another plus.

Both the Nook and the Kindle offer the ability to read e-Books on multiple devices, including the iPad, iPhone, and iPod Touch, among others.

Although there is not much difference between the two when it comes to size and display, the Nook is almost two ounces heavier (12.1 oz vs. 10.2 oz) and has a much weaker battery life (10 days vs. 14 days, with wireless off). Also, while the Nook has playback MP3 audio and built-in speakers, it lacks the Kindle's text-to-speech feature and Web browser.

Both the Nook and the Kindle are relatively the same size and are priced at \$259, although the 9.7-inch Kindle DX is \$489. The Nook is



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While the Kindle and the Nook are similar in some ways, they are also very different in others.

available to test in stores first before purchasing, unlike the Kindle, which must be purchased online. While both e-Book readers are priced the same, it is worth noting that e-Book pricing on Amazon is noticeably lower than the pricing of Barnes & Noble.

For more comparisons between the Nook and the Kindle, visit <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/nook/compare/>.

Books

Non-fiction

Math makes interesting reading

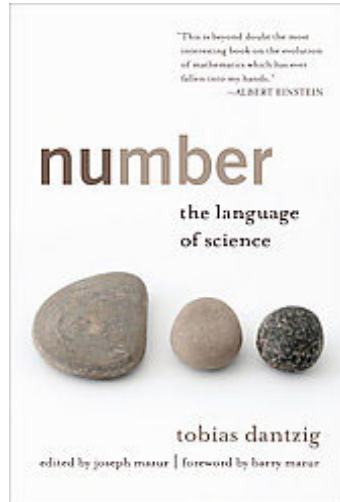
Brooks Kinch '10

We each possess some innate faculty which allows apparently without cultural condition (although it begins so early in childhood that it is difficult to separate the results of instinct and the product of education) the development of the personal notion of "number."

We cannot help but view any collection in terms of both its content (for example, eggs) and its quantity (twelve). Some development in our organism's evolutionary history triggered a ceaseless and continual search for patterns.

In a cave in Southern France, we can imagine a man beheld his twin sons take up a pair of spears and he saw each not in isolation but in terms of an abstract concept which, after many generations of propagation and refinement by its cousin Language, would be called Mathematics.

Or perhaps the seed is planted even earlier, when a raven first saw the discrepancy between two eggs and three, and is motivated by the



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Tobias Dantzig explores the history of the numbers we use in our everyday lives, and how they affect the way we live in this dense book.

discovery to locate the third. But no matter the origin of the concept it is indisputably ancient; it is so essential to our survival that only one idea can match it in its necessity: language.

But Mathematics is dependent on a deceptively simple and always elusive concept, and the word by which we refer to it – number – can hardly capture an adequate formulation of the depth of its meaning.

This is where Tobias Dantzig begins his tour de force. Number is a thorough examination of the fundamental underpinnings of Mathematics.

Dantzig begins with the dawn of human Reason: the Babylonians, and their geometric models of the heavens; the Greeks, and their beautiful proofs; the Hindu arithmeticians and the Arabian algebraists.

From Zeno, Pythagoras, Euclid, and Archimedes to Pascal, Bacon, Newton, Leibniz, Fermat and then to Dedekind, Cantor, and finally Russel and Whitehead, the scope of

Dantzig's narrative knows no bounds.

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Even the lay reader will be able to appreciate the importance of

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number's place in the human story, and for those more willing to challenge themselves, Dantzig offers 150 pages of appendices of highly technical, rather dense explorations of more specific topics.

For anyone whose palate has been whet by High School Mathematics but whose appetite is never satisfied, Dantzig provides an introduction into a new world of knowledge, limitless in its bounds and truly infinite in its diversity.

Twilight author's own story

Dianna Lombardo '10

On June 2, 2003, a new series was born. Author and creator Stephenie Meyer said her vampire-romance series came to her in a dream this night. Three months later, her first installment of *Twilight* was completed.

Little Brown Publishing company picked this novel out of a random pile. In 2005, the novel debuted at number five on the New York Best Seller.

This novel's sequels (New Moon, Eclipse and Breaking Dawn) were more successful than the first.

The Host remains a staple on the New York Best Seller list. The Host is her highly respected adult novel.

Meyer's fifth novel *Midnight Sun*, a retelling of *Twilight* from Edward's point of view, was leaked onto the internet. Angry with this, Meyer said she was putting the project on hold indefinitely. The version leaked online is available for download on her

website.

Besides having a very rewarding writing career, Meyer is a mom. She has three boys (Gabe, Seth and Eli) with her husband of ten and a half years, Christian 'Pancho' Meyer.

She has known her husband since she was four from church. They dated nine months before marriage. They now reside in Arizona.

Stephenie's unusual spelling of her name comes from her father Stephen (+ie). She was born in Connecticut in 1973 and moved to Phoenix at age four.

She went to high school in Scottsdale, Arizona, where she was awarded a National Merit Scholarship. These well earned funds paid her way to Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Meyer majored in English.

Meyer made a small cameo in *Twilight*. In the diner scene she is working on a laptop, drinking coffee.

Meyer's novel's success are sky rocketing as quickly as merchandise are being made.



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Meyer is able to balance being a mother and a famous author at the same time!

Mock Trial enjoys courtroom drama

Alexandra Propati '13

Mock Trial has gone under the radar for far too long. Mock Trial is a club that welcomes future lawyers, actors, and anyone else that just wants to have fun.

At mock trial people act out fictional court cases and they can become anyone from an upset wife or husband that may or may not be guilty of a crime committed to an obnoxious employee that witnessed the crime.

The club has gone onto win many trials, with the help of their advisor Mr. Gregory Muscelli.

Muscelli has been the advisor of mock trial for five complete seasons and feels that watching the team compete is one of the most exciting things he gets to experience as an educator.

"My hopes and goals remain the same each year: I want to ensure students have fun and take something from mock trial that they can use in the real world," Muscelli said, "Of course winning is always nice; however seeing my kids have fun and learning something that they can apply to the real world is

much more important."

Muscelli has coached many kids who enjoy the Mock Trial experience.

"It has helped me to think on my feet, to analyze, and read critically and to express my ideas in a clear and concise manner," Zachary Dzierzowski '12 said.

Kara McElvaine '10 believes that Mock Trial has helped her with her public speaking, people skills, and confidence. Not only has it helped McElvaine further her skills, "but it has truly been an entertaining club, and I plan to continue it in college," she said.

Ever since Muscelli joined the team, WTHS's mock trial has had a winning record and has made it to the county finals, and even won a county title.

"I believe anything is possible. Even with two starting attorneys graduating this year, I believe the Washington Township mock trial team has the ability to win the state title and put on a strong show in the national competition," said Muscelli.

He feels that this year's team had an "unusually strong freshmen".



Christina Schillaci '10

CHRISTINA SCHILLACI '10/The Patriot

"It normally takes freshman a year or two to learn the ropes, but not this year. There were several freshmen who earned starting roles and contributed just as much as the veteran members," Muscelli said, "Every kid is as noteworthy as the next. Each student contributes in his or her own way."

Members find it to be a worthwhile activity.

"Every moment I spend in mock trial is productive and lots of fun," said Dzierzowski.

McElvaine, a graduating senior and one of the starting attorneys for mock trial said, "I'll miss the people that have become my friends, and I'll miss the high school level competition. However, I look forward to enhancing my recently cultivated skills in college."

Directors prep fall performance

Kelsey Sentak '12

With performances scheduled Sept. 16 and 17, *True Villains the Musical* will be making its way to W.T.H.S.. Joshua Kurtz and Dominic, graduating students from GCIT, wrote the musical.

The cast will be rehearsing in the summer to prepare for this event. With all the hard work that is coming for them, the directors have already finished casting and started rehearsals. It has been preformed only a few times before Washington Township and the pressure is on new student directors Sean McLaughlin 11', Damien Figueras 12', and choreographer Anastasia Culin 12'.

"It was so stressful," McLaughlin commented on the subject of casting. It was hard on them when it came to "...choosing between people you know and whose [very] talented."

Summer meetings at first, are going to be held at either McLaughlin or Figuera's house's. They are currently searching for larger places to hold rehearsals like Washington Lake Park's Amphitheater. Their main goals is to develop what they want to teach then "polish it."



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The directors selected *True Villains* because they fell in love with the musical. Kurtz overheard their desire to actually stage it and he agreed with the idea and sold them the rights to perform it in the high school.

"We wanted to bring something new to township," replied Figueras.

The musical is about a hero named Sebastian who is struggling to find himself as a hero or a villain. But it has a little twist to the traditional music. It adds various amounts of humor in the mix, giving it a playful edge.

Sasha Carvalho, "The music is catchy, it's new not old." She also commented that everyone has their own little way "to be heroes and others villains."

Money required to stage *True Villains* is coming straight from the students. The directors

are going to try and have cast members to donate at least ten dollars to their fund at the beginning of next rehearsal.

"Everything is coming out of our pockets," Figueras comments.

All the props are being built during the school year, and some projects that may take longer and drag out into the summer. The designer for all the costumes is Jackie Smith, who has done various designs for other musicals like *Disco Inferno*.

Even though there are students directing, casting, and performing the musical, Mr. Van Antwerp is their "go to" guy in case of an emergency. The pressure on McLaughlin, Figueras and Culin are still difficult, when it comes to teaching their peers it is important to them for everyone involved have fun.

Kurtz told McLaughlin "It's just as important to be a fun director as to be an efficient director."

When the summer ends and the students come back to see the musical in the fall the directors believe it will be something special.

"Watch out!" Culin says confidently. McLaughlin adds. "Get ready to see something you wont want to miss."

Beachwear comes to class

Christina Schillaci '10

With summer approaching, it is becoming clear that for some it is not arriving quickly enough. Students dressed as lifeguards have been roaming the hallways of W.T.H.S.. Adorned with whistles, aviator glasses and swimsuits, they are a reminder of the fun that is yet to come.

It's not just the warm weather combined with senioritis that has these students dressing up; it is Maywatch, a new month long event created by Mike Cedrone '10.

"It's basically a month dedicated to the last bit of school before summer, and we wanted to celebrate that by dressing up as people found at the beach, such as lifeguards and other beach-goers. The name made the month, essentially," he said.

When Cedrone first came up with the idea back in January, he expected only a small handful of students to support the event. Instead of having it strictly for seniors, he opened it to underclassmen as well. He ended up with roughly three hundred willing participants on the event's Facebook page alone.

Students love a reason to band together (i.e. Manuary and Femuary/Bumuary), but besides having an excuse to dress up every Friday, Maywatch helps to celebrate



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Maywatch participants ventured down the shore to complete the feel of Maywatch. the beginning of summer.

"When I found out about Maywatch I was so excited," said Olivia Parry '10. "Walking down the hallway and seeing everyone dressed up was a lot of fun."

The idea for Maywatch came about during the bomb scare in January, the same day as Monzo Madness, proving good things can always come from bad situations.

Underclassmen have latched onto the idea, supporting Maywatch with much enthusiasm. Juniors Ryan Francisco, Kevin D'Ales-sandro, Ray Conlin and Matt Moore in particular have helped the event gain popularity.

Sensitive skin?

Dianna Lombardo '10

With warmer weather comes desire to be outside, go to the beach, and lay out to tan. What most people don't realize is that one day in the hot, scorching sun, can really hurt a person.

Sunburn, apart from being an annoyance, is also one of the leading causes for skin damages, skin problems and skin cancer. Sunburn attacks the cells on a person's skin and dehydrates them. It can also damage the DNA in the skin, which leads to a long running list of diseases and skin cancer.

Sunburn makes a person's skin feel hot to the touch. It's hard to wear clothes, lie down and just get comfortable in your own skin if your

sunburn is extreme. It's difficult to take showers because the water can sting your skin so badly. However, not all sun burns come to this degree.

A very small degree of sunburn may appear a light red. The skin feels a little hot, but doesn't experience significant discomfort. Other sunburns however, can make a person's skin blister over, turn bright red and peel. This is usually called sun poisoning.

Sun screen is a way to greatly reduce sun burn and your chance of getting it. The key to buying a product that will actually work is the level of SPF in it. They range from a level of 5 to 90 SPF. Also, waterproof is a thing to keep in mind. If you're swimming and sweating, you'll have to reapply constantly.

With waterproof brands, you can usually just put on one good application and be set for the next few hours.

This product comes in lotions, sticks, sprays and gels. Whichever is your personal favorite is up to you, and they're all cheap. It's a small price to pay for good skin.

If however, you do skip out on the sun screen and end up with anywhere from a small sunburn to blistered skin damage there are products to help ease the pain.

Aloe and lavender oil will reduce the extent of the damage and make your skin feel calmer and cooler but will not heal it. The healing process can take anywhere from a few days to a few weeks, depending on your body and the extent of the damage.

Archery pleases senior gym class

Jessica McFadden '10

Most kids in our school know that once you get to your senior year of gym, there's a pretty good chance that you will get to experience archery. This is a hands-on experience that seniors get to enjoy!

On your first day of archery, you will learn about safety, and how to hold your *real* bow and arrow. You learn which arm to best hold the bow with, and which arm to pull the string back with.

Almost everyday after you learn the safety, you actually go outside to the hay bales, and learn *how* to shoot, using plates as targets. Eventually, the plates are replaced with real targets.

Each circle on the target is worth a different amount of points, and if you shoot directly in the center of the target, you get a perfectscore!

While you do need to be careful and responsible with the bow and arrow, the activity is also very fun! Most students love the challenge, and the chance to compete with everyone else while still having fun.

It's exciting when you hit the target right in the center! It makes people feel accomplished, and better at the sport than the person next to them, who couldn't hit the target!

"Archery can be fun, unless you're one of the unfortunate ones that gets hurt," said Alanna Sabo '10. There is a danger when doing any sport, especially archery.

It's rare that a student gets hurt, but it is possible if the student is not careful. The injuries are minor, just a knick on a finger, or an irritated arm from the string. But all you need to do is be careful with the bow and arrow, and you will be fine!

The goal of this elective is to teach teens to have self-control, responsibility, and how to properly shoot a bow and arrow while still having fun!

Odds & Ends

Sunnyside Up by Alexandra Alamsha '12

Got Shoes?

When you wake up in the morning you have a limited amount of time to make yourself presentable. Sometimes when student's thoughts go astray it becomes more of a challenge to accomplish few things before heading off to school.

However, there are those kids who have everything planned out the night before. I wouldn't necessarily include myself with them. If you're not a morning person yourself, then you already understand the effort that goes into being pulled out of bed each day unwillingly.

A few weeks back when my mom's car broke down, I was aware that driving me to school the following morning wouldn't be an option. As 6 o'clock approached, my alarm clock had failed to go off.

My mom's voice calling me from downstairs stirred me from my sleep. I wasn't sure how the clock had already reached 6:30 without sounding. But, like any other person half awake in the morning, it became difficult to think straight. I threw on the first outfit I could find before descending the stairs.

There wasn't enough time to eat breakfast so I grabbed my books and ran out the door. To my surprise, I made it to the bus stop on time. My neighbors were laughing when I drew near, and to be honest I didn't care to know why.



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I walked down the aisle toward the back of the bus and took my seat. A few people in the front looked back at me every now and then. I closed my eyes and tried to slip back into dreamland.

The echo of shoes hitting the floor of the bus brought me back to where I was. I stood and

strolled from the bus.

With everything I needed already in hand, I passed my locker and went directly to homeroom. Within the next five minutes, everyone had filed into the classroom and taken their assigned seats. Mr. Townley, my homeroom teacher took attendance before tuning into the morning announcements.

When the time came to do The Pledge of Allegiance, I could feel the weight of eyes on me as I stood up from my seat. This time I was aware that they weren't looking at me. They were looking at my feet. I looked down at the rainbow socks that were covering my feet. Was I that stupid to have forgotten my shoes? The answer was yes.

However, I knew that this was just another horrifying example of what happens when you're in a hurry. But that was beside the point. Next period would be gym and I was lucky that I had another pair of shoes to wear for the rest of the day.

Even with the laughter in my ears, this made me realize that there are ways to turn certain situations around no matter how embarrassing they may be. Sometimes it takes getting through these sorts of silly and annoying experiences for you to see that you can survive worse.

Dealing with Divorce by Alexandra Propati '13

Divorce deals out dilemmas

When I was in elementary school I had to go to my guidance counselor to be told that it wasn't my fault that my parents had divorced. To be honest I hadn't even thought about that until she brought it up. I had to meet once a week with a group of other kids and share how I felt about my parents being divorced, even when I didn't even want to be bothered.

It can be a difficult position for kids to deal with, but growing up with divorced parents is not all bad.

Not to mention the double presents, who doesn't like that?

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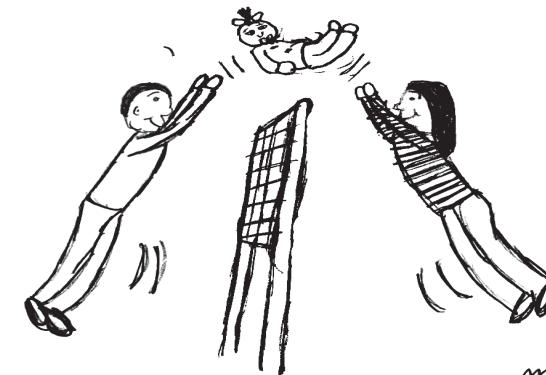
Some kids don't get to experience a civilized family because their parents are putting them in the middle of many family issues.

Dr. Joellyn Ross, a psychologist in Marlton, NJ, says that it's, "Very important that the parents aren't using the kids." Such as talking badly about the other parent and pumping information from them.

The children are forced to pick a side and it can be, "Horrible for kids, causes a lot of stress," Ross said.

The divorce rate in the United States is 50 percent and Ross adds, "It's a shame that it's as high as it is."

"If the parents are able to get along for the benefit of the kids then



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it's the least stressful for the kids," says Ross.

It's not that hard for a child to name a few experiences where they're caught up in between the parent's battle for money or custody, sometimes even both.

Some kids may have been very

young and can't remember a time before their parent's divorce, while others may be going through a breakup right now. There are many people to talk to because the divorce rate is so high, sadly. Kids with divorced parents just need to know that it's not their fault.

Twp. girl founds creative fundraiser

Alexandra Propati '13

Komal D. Mehta '13 is involved in many different after school clubs in and out of school. She is a member of S.A.V.E., Interact, Mock Trial and Math League in school.

Outside of school she is a co-leader for her Youth Group at her Temple for Sunday school. Her Youth Group takes part in community service, as does S.A.V.E. and Interact.

"I love helping people out as much as I can," said Mehta. "Tiny steps could lead to a big difference."

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- Komal Mehta

She is also in intramural basketball; Mehta has been playing basketball for 9 years. Her favorite teams are the 76ers and the LA Lakers. Mehta would like to see a game of either one's at least once.

"Basketball's one of my favorite sports," she said.

Besides being in many after school clubs, the fifteen year old is in all Honors classes and she receives very good grades for all of her hard work that she puts in to maintain them as such for someone that has a 4.0 GPA.

Mehta's parents are a big part of her life.

"They push me to reach my highest potential," Mehta said.

Not only do they help her out with school, but Mehta's mother gave her the idea for her own card business. Komal Kreations, started off as Mehta wanting to do something to help the environment, and her mother suggested her making a card business.

Mehta has now been making handmade greeting cards for two years, and she has been sending all of the proceeds to a global warming



courtesy of KOMAL MEHTA

Komal Mehta, created a line of greeting cards, Komal Kreations. She donates the proceeds to organizations that help the environment.

To find out more about her Greeting Cards, go to Komal Kreations on Facebook.

Mehta is very creative and she plans to use that creativity for her

career as an architect or a photographer. She would like to attend NYU because it has a good architecture school.

However, before college she has to get through the rest of her 4 years at Washington Township High School, which she said is "Two thumbs up."

"It offers so much," Mehta said, about the school's activities and clubs.

She also loves the variety of people here. She has many friends and they are her inspirations along with her mom and the rest of her family, which she loves very much.

"Even though they get on my last nerve, they support me through everything and are there to catch me when I fall." Mehta said about her friends.

When not making her greeting cards, studying for school, or interacting in her many clubs, Mehta likes to read books, preferably the Percy Jackson and Harry Potter series. She is very fond of *Kissed by an Angel*, which she considers is, "One of the best books of all times."

Senior walks to his own beat

Stephanie Van Twuyver '10

Kevin Nickel '10 is a student here who known for his long hair and his quirky sense of humor and friendliness.

Nickel may seem misunderstood by some people, as he wears his hair longer than most girls in the school, but he says

"I'm just the average couch potato kind of guy." He likes to hang out with his friends and read anime comics and novels. You can catch Nickel around school in various activities such as chorus and orchestra, or maybe in the hallways laughing it up with some friends.

Along with some activities in Twp, Nickel also participates in sports and clubs that are not available in WTHS.

"The most fun sports are the odd ones," he said. He has taken part in classes like fencing, archery, and martial arts. Nickel's got a natural

talent for these unusual sports. In his martial arts class he said, "Its funny, after the first couple of classes, the teachers thought I had been doing it for years."

Nickel has also tried something called L.A.R.P. (live action role playing). When someone L.A.R.P.s, it usually includes dressing in unique uniform and engaging in combat with other people with foam swords and weapons. Although he's only done it a couple of times, he said, "It was a unique experience."

Aside from these wildly inviting activities, Nickel likes to spend time with his peers. His favorite part about being here is the interaction with his friends.

"Because I don't get to spend a lot of time with my family," he said, "I sometimes consider my friends as family."

Nickel takes computer science and math classes. He hasn't had a lunch since freshman year

because of all the extra classes he takes. He's interested in math and is considering attending Rowan to study computer science.

Another thing about Kevin Nickel that is well known and will be hard to forget is the famous hair. Nickel's hair is so long, he sometimes has to take a little break in class to "maintain the mane." Many people may wonder why he decided to grow his hair so long.

"There were several influences when I decided to grow my hair," Nickel said, "People like my uncle and some anime characters."

Nickel is a unique student at the high school. "He is his own man," says O.J Williams '10.

He has style so original when he struts down the hallways.

"He never really seems affected by people," said Sarah Salah '10, "He wears what he wants to wear and he acts how he wants to act."

If you know an interesting or newsworthy person who should appear in *The Patriot*, contact us at www.wthspatriot@gmail.com.

Q & A

Hail to the Chief

Meet Ryan Francisco, 2010-11 Student Council President

Interview by Phil Jaffe '11

Patriot: So, you're Class President now. Feel any different?

Francisco: Honestly not as much right now being that this year isn't over yet and Tim Flank is still running the show. but I'm sure next year I will have more on my plate and I'm happy to be able to represent my school for the upcoming year

Patriot: How do you plan to deal with all of the added responsibility?

Francisco: I plan to manage my time differently now. Definitely academics first then being Student Council President. If I ever get caught up in the mix, I have the rest of the top five of Student Council and the Executive Board to help me.

Patriot: What are your plans for next year for the school?

Francisco: As of right now I've come up with some things mentally and have asked fellow Student Council members for their opinions. I'd also have to get these ideas approved first before I mention them (I don't want to upset people if the idea gets rejected).

Patriot: So senior year's going to be pretty tough. How do you plan to stay focused with being the President, in addition to the sports you play and schoolwork?

Francisco: Again I just have to manage my time and make sure I keep a balance between school and having fun. I mean I have to do both because that's who I am. Overall I'm ready for it all.

Patriot: Are there any changes you plan on making, whether they're big or small?

Francisco: Definitely, it's my senior year. Even though I've only been here since midway through sophomore year, I want to make changes to this school for the better. I want to graduate with my fellow senior class knowing that our high school is the place to be.

Patriot: What kind of changes are you thinking?

Francisco: I'm thinking big or small, and again I have to see if these changes get approved first before revealing them.

Patriot: How did it feel when you won?

Francisco: I was really proud of myself, and I was glad to share the news with my family. It was kinda cool that my sister was near me when I won, because I gave her a hug and smiled. And



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Newly-elected Student Council President, Ryan Francisco speaks to a chemistry class. He plans to be very open to suggestions from the student body.

it was a pleasure running against Joey [Bollendorf] and Alex [Richards], both of them are really great friends and if I ever need help they are there for me.

Patriot: Well yea they're there for you now, until they try to take the job from you.

Francisco: (Laughs) Nah, they're cool.

Patriot: Did you get used to people calling you Mr. President?

Francisco: It's a very humbling feeling when someone calls it in our hallway; I thank them with a cool hand shake or a high five. I appreciate all the shout outs. But by now I've gotten used to it but I always love "FRANCISCO that's fun to say!", which of course is quoted from my dude Buddy the Elf.

Patriot: So let's find a little bit more about you, personality-wise. Tell us about yourself.

Francisco: I'm going to be a senior. I play lacrosse, I swim, and I hope to manage girl's tennis next year for the first time. I like girls and I like tennis, the two go hand in hand. I'm always in a good mood. I love smiling and having fun. I like long walks on the beach and a nice Nicholas sparks novel here and there... lol jk. Hahahahaha who doesn't?

Patriot: What are your plans for your future?

Francisco: Well right now I'm interested in attending the colleges of CGA, Rutgers, Drexel, rowan, and TCNJ. Hopefully there I'll pursue my education in engineering, then become an engineer. Marry a nice girl, and have a bunch of kids, a huge house, and 3 dogs... And live happily ever after.

Patriot: What kind of dogs?

Francisco: Three golden retrievers. Comet - like from Full House, Buddy - Air Bud, and Chance - Homeward Bound.

Patriot: Do you think that we will still be friends next year, or are you going to forget about all of the little people when you get that top-notch job? I mean, you're the President after all.

Francisco: I could never forget anyone; everyone here has been so open and nice to my sister and me at this high school. I'm just glad I have the opportunity to give back to everyone here at Township.

Patriot: I think you should be paid for being President. Maybe bring that up at the next meeting. Might help you out a bit.

Francisco: Not at all, if the idea were ever to be brought up I would most definitely put that money into our school budget if that's possible. Or I'd donate it to the many charities our school represents. It's a privilege to be the school's president and I would never accept that money.

Patriot: I need to ask this question, because everybody wants to know the answer. How do you get your hair that perfect every time?

Francisco: WOW. Okay, well first, after I take my morning shower, I get dressed and all, and then I head for the bathroom. I spray my hair with water hand style first. Take either pomade, or styling cream to put it up, then I apply my gel (I have two kinds depending on what I'm feeling) Then I finish it off with hairspray. To me it's an art. I appreciate good looking hair. So ladies if you have nice hair, you have my heart.

Lifestyles

He said, She said by Luke Verrillo '10 and Sarah Kurtz '10

Troubles in Paradise

I've been the "other woman" for sometime but I really ended it. Should I tell the girl what her boyfriend is really like or is ignorance really bliss?

Dear Other Woman,

You shouldn't involve yourself in her business. You got yourself out of the relationship with the boy so that he could be with his girlfriend. Now that you're out, stay out. Let them work out their own issues and you stick to your own.

-Luke

Dear Other Woman,

Well put yourself in her shoes. Would you want your cheating boyfriend's mistress telling you of his infidelity or would you rather be oblivious and believe he is happy with only you? Do what you believe you'd like to hear?

-Sarah

I'm having a graduation party, but my parents gave me a limit on how many kids I can invite. How do I please my parents without hurting my friends who don't get invited?

Dear Party Planner,

Explain to your friends your situation and let them know that, if you could, you would invite all of them. You'll be surprised at how well they respond to your honesty and you'll become better friends because of it. Or talk to your parents and tell them that it's your party, and you'll make up the guest list. Maybe grandma can't come because there's this hot girl you want to invite. She'll understand.

-Luke

Dear Party Planner,

Be honest with your friends about the situation. They can't be upset with you for being truthful about what's happening. The worst thing you could do is not tell them and then they become offended when they hear that they weren't invited.

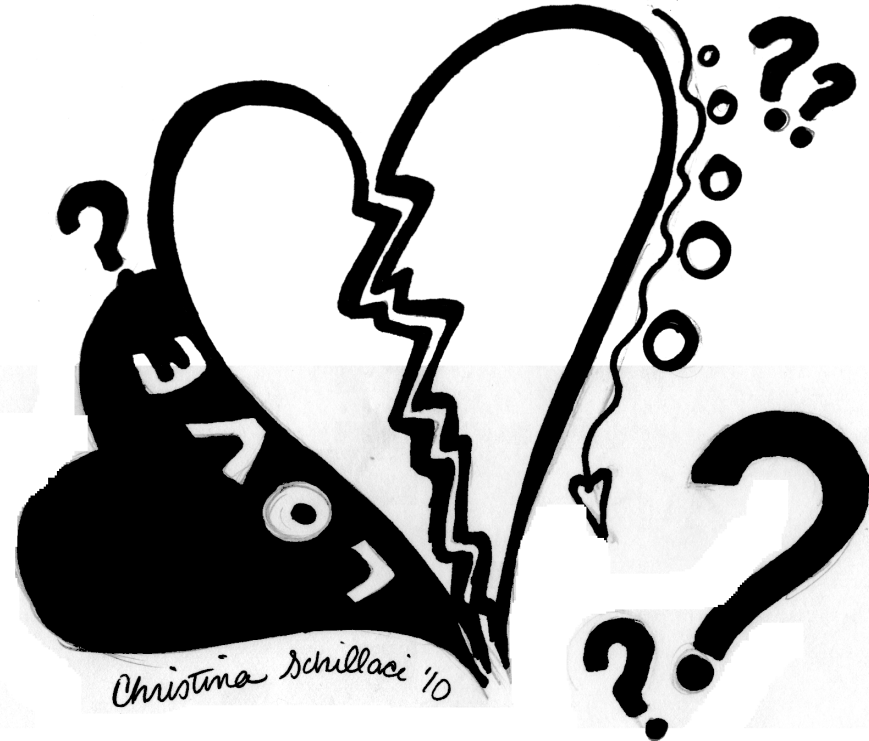
-Sarah

A guy and I have been "hanging out" unofficially for a long time but I want to become exclusive. How do I let him know without ruining what we already have?

Dear Confused,

This is a tough situation and you need to handle it delicately. Talk to him face-to-face, never do this through a text message or Facebook popchat, and let him know how you really feel. He could admit that he feels the same way and we'll have a happy ending on our hands. Of course, there's always the chance he'll say that he doesn't want to take that next step but, in the end, you'll be better about getting your feelings off your chest.

-Luke



CHRISTINA SCHILLACI '10/The Patriot

Dear Confused,

Well if that's what he's feeling too, maybe you can be the first to break the ice and tell him your feelings. And if (slim chance) he's not into you, then who cares! At least you told him and you didn't live life thinking "what if".

-Sarah

I have had a crush on this kid for a long time and we flirt a lot but how do I let him know I want to take the relationship further?

Dear Secret Lover,

Tell him. Simplest way to tell a guy how you feel is to actually talk to him. I'm sick of all these secret-meaning text messages or using friends to deliver messages, etc, etc. Enough! Get the courage to actually walk up and say "Hey, I think you're the bee's knees." If you really like the kid and want to date him, you're going to have to let him know how you feel eventually. Why not today?

-Luke

Dear Secret Lover,

Tell him right away! Don't waste time with all the distractions of today's world and just talk to him! And never forget, confidence is key.

-Sarah

Novice designer finds sewing stylish

Emily Bierman '11

There are different forms of dedication. While some students are out on the fields playing sports, working, in the computer lab, or studying at the library, Cecilia Chu '11 is at work on her sewing machine.

Chu is gradually making her way into the fashion industry. This Washington Township High School junior aspires to attend the Fashion Institute of Technology, FIT. She plans on attending for a major in fashion designing and a minor in fashion merchandising to pursue her dreams of becoming a fashion designer.

Chu took art classes at school, and sewing in eighth grade. After taking sewing her sophomore year, Chu knew the fashion industry was for her.

"I love fashion. I like the idea that I can take an image from my mind, put it on paper and turn it into something someone can find joy in wearing," she said.

She took sewing at the high school during her sophomore and junior years. Surprisingly she only started to take sewing serious in her sophomore year. She would recommend the sewing classes at the high school if anyone had an interest in fashion and sewing.

"The classes help provide a basis for more advanced classes," she said.

Since she's started, she has made boxers, two dresses, a bag, a drawstring bag, a purse, and a skirt. Chu is best at anything artsy or hands on she can pick up quickly. "Sewing is something I like and understand pretty well," she said.

In the future, Chu would love to have her own fashion line. She would like to design

dresses most of all, but she'd love to include any piece of an outfit in her possible line.

"Sewing is a comfort zone. Whenever I'm sewing I generally am very focused. I lose myself in my piece, forget everything and just flow in my own world," said Chu.

To achieve her goal of becoming a fashion design entrepreneur, Chu will continue to sew at school and at home on her own sewing machine. At times, she carries pins, needles, scissors, threads, and other tools. She is always coming up with new ideas to design, including prom dresses, Halloween costumes, and regular everyday outfits.

Chu's designs reflect her own style. She doesn't focus on what everyone else is wearing. She wears feminine pieces with an edge, and focuses more on being comfortable. If she had enough inspiration and time, she would love to design her own clothes for her own everyday use.

- Cecilia Chu

Although she doesn't always wear popular trends, Chu is a fan of the current military look and white button downs. (However, you won't be seeing her wearing bright gingham shirts anytime soon.)



CHRISTINA SCHILACI '10/The Patriot

Cecilia Chu enjoys expressing herself through the clothing she creates. She would someday like to work in the fashion industry.

Chu loves to shop, most often at stores such as Joyce Leslie, Forever21, Charlotte Russe, and Macys. She doesn't have a favorite designer, but if she had to choose one, she would choose either Anna Sui or Donna Karan.

Inspiration is a difficult thing to come by for everyone—designers, writers, and artists. Chu finds her inspiration in everything, no matter where she is at. "I try to find inspiration in anything I see," she said.

When she's not sewing, she likes to daydream, sketch, look up random information, hang out with friends, and listen to music. Her favorite show to watch is America's Next Top Model. She spends time with her two younger sisters, Sendy '12 and Victoria, and once in a while with her brother, Benny '10.

Ten years from now, Chu hopes to see herself working in the fashion industry, either with her own line or as a fashion designer at a major company.

Finding expression through rap

Makena Tracey '10

For four years Schrod Morris '10 has been rapping and perfecting his skills.

A self proclaimed shy guy, Morris is an up and coming rapper with tracks on local radio stations. He's better known as Young Roddy by his followers.

Morris grew up in Philly and went to school at APCS. He moved to Washington Township during his

sophomore year of highschool. He lives with his mom and his eight year old brother Koree who goes to Hurffville Elementary School. He says he is pretty close with his mom and has a good relationship with her.

When Morris is not rapping he likes to hang out with his friend and play basketball. He doesn't play for the school but plays for parks and rec. He is always on facebook updating his music and

making new friends. On the weekends he doesn't go out much unless something eventful is going on.

"The first thing I plan to do is graduate high school and hopefully become a professional rapper", Morris stated. He is not sure where he wants to go to college but knows he wants to further his education. One day Schrod hopes to visit Brazil and Spain because he enjoys speaking Spanish.

Jay-Z is one of his biggest role models. Morris loves and admires Jay-Z's talent and passion for music.

"I've met some famous people but I still haven't met my favorite rapper, Jay-Z" Morris said.

One of his biggest inspirations is God. Religion and God play a big role in Schrod Morris' life. Morris hopes God will help him succeed with his rapping and hopes he will eventually become a big star.

People

“Bar”tending for senior class

Stephanie Van Twuyver '10

There isn't a senior here at WTHS who wouldn't recognize Mrs. Myrtle Brown. However most wouldn't know her by name. She is the cafeteria worker who manages the senior salad bar.

The new salad bar this year brought along with it a sweetheart who brightens senior's days. Brown is well liked among the seniors with her warm smile and big heart. And this is only her first official year here, after being transferred from OVMS.

"She's really nice and always has good advice if I don't know what to get," said senior Mike Memoli '10, "Once, I dropped my salad and she cleaned it up for me." Memoli is one of many who appreciate her kindness.

Erin Cartwright said, "She's the nicest lady I've ever met. She's always in a good mood."

Aside from the salad bar Brown has a busy life. She's the mother of two kids, Tara and Eric '11 and enjoys small crafts such as scrap booking, wallpapering, and home renovations.

She also likes to spend some time with the other lunch ladies. They are a tight-knit group of ladies and like to go out to dinner together throughout the year including a welcome back and farewell outing. They celebrate each other's birthdays and after work, some like to take laps around the track in the nice weather.

Brown said she loves the student body at WTHS.

"It's a fortune to work with these kids. It's a pleasure to be around them." During Senior Trip Brown said, "It was lousy without them!"

Serving salad four days a week seems like it might get old, but Brown enjoys it. She said, "No two salads are ever the same."

While the food is being prepared on Mondays, she takes a break to get all of the ingredients ready for the salad bar. Her method is to maintain



Stephanie Van Twuyver '10/The Patriot

Salad bar server, Mrs. Myrtle Brown, helps the seniors eat a healthy and nutritious lunch throughout the week.

a neat, clean, stocked station, including the newest taco salad.

She says the origin of taco salad came from the teachers who would crumple up chips and create their own taco mix.

She said, "We decided to try it out with the students."

Brown and the other cafeteria workers make the best of a difficult, and often thankless, job. She appreciates the daily cooperation of the students.

Teacher makes learning history fun

Ally Horan '13

As a ninth grade Honors and CP world history teacher, Mr. Joseph Rosenello is passionate on the topics he covers in the classroom everyday.

"I am obsessed with the passage of time," says Rosenello. He claims that it is incredible that a few hundred years ago someone could be alive and be so great and accomplishing many things but, what are they now?

He also says that it's "Hard to make world history interesting." Kids seem to sit and listen but, never write notes. While his teaching style has not changed drastically, he has upgraded a bit by adding visuals like slideshows.

Mr. Rosenello has a slide show prepared for each topic with information that is meant to be

copied for notes that are there to help you recall all of the things he discusses in class. He likes to go off on a topic and find ways to relate what happened a hundred or more years later, to what's happening right now.

Mr. Rosenello has a wife and two children ages 13 and 11. He attended St. Joe's university for 4 years, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in accounting and finance. Finishing out of college, like many other people, he did not have a meticulous master plan but, he just knew that he wanted to be successful and make money.

While working in an office at an ad agency for three years, Mr. Rosenello decided that sitting in an office all day was not the career choice, or life, for him. Following this, he realized he had to get out and explore some place other than

his office and other than the United States, and that's exactly what he did.

At age twenty five, he had backpacked through Europe. Staying and visiting places such as Switzerland, Italy, Sweden and many more countries. Switzerland was a beautiful place but, the Greek Island of Naxos was his favorite. He relaxed at a small café, enjoyed a drink, the wonderful weather and the sun that sets clearly along the horizon.

On his backpacking trip, he had met a man who was a teacher for ten years. He had suggested that Rosenello should seriously think about a teaching job.

Rosenello soon found out that, while you needed a teaching degree in a public school, he could teach high school history at a catholic school and so he did for fourteen

years. After that, he took courses at Rowan in New Jersey to get his teaching degree.

Overall, his traveling to Europe most definitely helped him better understand some of the topics he covers in class. If he could travel to another country now, he would visit Asia. He feels Europe was beautiful but, the people and way of life there is similar to ours. In Asia, the culture would be completely different. There would be no hugging on the streets or honking horns of cars like in the streets of Philadelphia.

Weather it be the history of China and Genghis Khan or the recent rise in oil prices, you could get an informative, interesting, and sometimes lengthy explanation from Mr. Rosenello, who seems to never let a history question go, unanswered.

Perspective

Understanding the hijab

Sarah Kamal '11

Recently I have been asked a lot of questions about my headscarf/hijab. The Arabic word hijab means covering or veiling; it is commonly used to refer to the covering of a Muslim woman's hair. When a Muslim woman decides to wear the scarf she has to cover her arms and legs too. The hijab is only worn in public. When I or any Muslim woman goes home we take our scarf off and change into more comfortable clothes.

The reason why women wear the hijab can be found in the *Qur'an* (The holy book for Muslims). It is mentioned more than once by Allah (God in Arabic) that wearing the hijab is obligatory for women.

Like many Muslim women before me, I made the decision to wear the hijab. Just because the hijab is obligatory doesn't mean that a person is forced to wear the hijab; otherwise the wearing of the hijab would have no meaning. A Muslim woman has to have faith and feel that she is ready to take on the responsibility of wearing the hijab.

There are other logical reasons besides Allah's obligation for Muslim women to wear the hijab; and some of those reasons are listed below:

Wearing the scarf is a way for me to show respect for my body. Every person has a different ways to be true to themselves. Some people get tattoos, others may wear a ring that was passed down the family. The hijab is my way to be true to myself. The hijab for a Muslim woman

symbolizes that she has respected herself enough to the point that she covers up.

The hijab helps me to better follow the path of my tradition and religion. Just like some Christians wear a cross and Jews wear a Star of David on a necklace, the hijab is like that for a Muslim woman. Such symbols remind us of our religious morals and way of life. Not only does it remind us of our morals, but also our style limits.

Although it might seem like Islam is the only religion that requires women to cover, it is not. Other religions such as branches of Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism etc... require a woman to veil her hair when praying. In the Bible, Corinthians 11: 5-6 there is a reference to women covering their hair. In the Jewish law called Halakha, women are required to wear a head covering.

Some of my Arab-American friends share with me that they wear the hijab, in part as a way to change the image of Muslims in the west.

Recent international events and some media sources have put the Islamic world in a negative light. Many Arab-Americans want to spread the awareness that not all Muslims are the same. Like everyone else, the Muslim population is made up of individuals with many different attitudes.

Young Arab-Americans hope that when their classmates see them wearing the scarf "like those women on TV" they will realize that they and the women from Arab countries aren't some "different type of species", but simply people.



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The hijab is a Muslim woman's way to express her faith. It is always worn in public, even in sports competitions.

Wearing the scarf doesn't make me any different from any teenager. I still worry about my SAT scores. I have favorite shows that I can't wait to watch every week. I love hanging out with my friends. I stay up all night to finish my English paper etc... I'm just a normal teenage girl, I might have some different priorities and principles, but don't we all?

Wawa: Twp.'s hot spot

Kelsey Sentak '11

The local Wawa sets high standards for the local hangout, since there are four locations in the Sewell area it seems like a convenient place to go. Before 7:20 on the weekdays you may see a lot of Washington Township high school students grabbing some breakfast before the long seven hours of school. It isn't unusual to see students walk into school with a Wawa bagel or coffee.

Washington Township has a few stores like a Seven Eleven over by the Black Horse Pike or the Pantry 1 by Pitman Downer but they don't seem to compete with the very popular Wawa. There is something about the fairly

reasonable prices of the items or the quality of the products that drives students to return to the same convenient store every morning.

Bobby Duncan '11 says, "The ice tea, it is good and gives kids stuff to drink during the day."

Students show their appreciation for Wawa and its service every morning but unfortunately not everyone has the benefits of a Wawa right around the corner. WaWa Inc. is a privately own chain in the United States that is mainly on the North-East Coast, according to fundinguniverse.com.

Although Wawa maybe a blessing to some students like Gina Laflam '11 who says, "It should be across the US because it is amazing and the best thing about Wawa is

the hoagies and iced tea." Wawa is really only in the main tristate area, plus Virginia and Maryland. Any other state that is not in the North East doesn't have what Washington Township Students have. According to FundingUniverse.com, the private company's start began in 1803 but didn't actually become a convenient store until they opened their first Wawa in Folsom, Pennsylvania in 1964.

This chain of stores was named after the town of Wawa where the founder's family spent their time in a summer home. In Native American Lenape language Wawa stands for goose which is where they get their emblem.

This growing private business has benefited students in

Washington Township for years.

These interests in their food products has grown as well, with their hoagies and subs made right in front of you makes the offers very tempting.

Morning travelers have more of a variety as well because of the new breakfast sandwiches that has just come out.

"Wawa is such a great place to go, they have everything and it is fairly cheap." Lauren Schwartz '11 comments and also adds. "I love their milkshakes!"

Wawa keeps students wallets a little heavier. We have more money for more food. What could go wrong, but in the words of Wawa and some of the students. "Gotta have Wawa."

Racing for the cure against cancer

Maria Petruzzi '10

For many woman, pink is not just a color, but a symbol of hope. Since 1982 the Susan G Komen for the Cure foundation has raised money globally for Breast Cancer survivors and patients.

This group is the world's largest network of men and women working to save lives, enforce research and treatments, and empower others.

They raised 900 million dollars per year for treatments, prevention and research, compared to the 30 million they raised in 1982. There has been higher percent of survivors since the foundation has been created, nearly 2.5 million survivors in America. The race for the cure is one of the regions most popular well known fundraisers.

Every year in Philadelphia, the *Race for the Cure* takes place on Mother's day. The race consist of three option of participation, a one mile walk, a three mile walk, or a three mile run. To be a part of this experience, participants donate 30 dollars and are given a free t-shirt to



MARIA PETRUZZI '10/The Patriot

The Breast cancer survivors walk down the steps of the Philadelphia Art Museum to start the race.

wear the day of the race. All races take place at 8:30 am. Before the race they offer a breakfast for all of the survivors allowing them to bring one guest. After the breakfast sponsors stock their tents full of free food and gifts.

"This was my first time at Race for the Cure. It was an overwhelming experience and as a survivor it was awesome to be treated special," Lesley Petruzzi explains.

The start of the race begins at the Art Museum steps, where all of the survivors are asked to join each other on the steps and walk

down and begin the race. While watching the survivors, you feel the magic of miracles and hope in the air.

"I have been coming to this race for the last seven years and every year more and more people attend," says Helen Peters, a 10 year survivor.

With family and friends by each others side you walk up and down the streets of Philadelphia knowing you are making a difference.

This year the weather did not work to everyone's favor. The wind was fierce and the temperature was low for the month of May. But this obstacle did not stop everyone from proving their purpose of being there.

Many participates made shirts and team names to advertise who they were walking or running for.

"My teams name was Save 2nd Base," says Lisa Mick, a participant.

To become a part of this movement you can go online on their website and make donations or find an event to take part in. Every penny and second of your time matters to all victims and their loved ones. Our goal, like The Susan G Komen's, is to find a cure for this cancer and bring peace to families everywhere.

Good Eatin' by Chloe Dawson '10

A taste of summer

Mack n' Manco's has become a favorite for South Jersey residents. Many of those who migrates down to Ocean City during the summer, look forward to a taste of the traditional slice with which they are so familiar.

Mack n' Manco's traditional fresh, hot, and super fast pizza is one of the first things most individuals desire after a long day on the beach.

"Whenever I'm hungry in Ocean City... I go to Mack and Manco's. They have the best pizza," said Christine Sonsini '10.

People fall in love with their traditional thin crust and tomato sauce. Over the years the pizzeria's menu has grown and expanded. They use Jersey whole sliced tomatoes on their Venetian pizza. At Mack n'

Manco's the cooks are called "The Piemen". They toss up the pies right in front of you. After shaping and molding the dough they put on the cheese instead of the sauce like most pizzerias. This is another way that Mack n Manco's stands out because this gives the pizza a more distinct taste. After the cheese, the secret homemade sauce is added in a circular motion giving it a rich and unique taste.

The Piemen have a reputation of being part of an elite team. When they are making the pizza they put their heart and soul into it knowing that they are following a 50 year tradition.

"They make it right in front of you so you know its fresh," said Sonsini '10.

On the Internet you can find



Google image

Every year people look forward to Mack n Mancos pizza.

many reviews where people rave about the pizza and some people that aren't very fond it.

"Well I don't think it is what it's all hyped up to be" Ryan Albano '10 said.

In their restaurant they have a wall of all the awards they have received over the years. But the quality and fame come with a price

for customers. For a large pizza, \$17.00, but a large pizza around town is only about \$13.00. They could be increasing their prices because they are a tourist attraction and they know they have great pizza.

Mack n' Manco's, is not only a crowd favorite but a favorite to all South Jersey beach bums.

Way of life on the web

Facebook becomes a lifestyle

Luke Verrillo '10

In the age of technology, one innovation stands above all others: Facebook. Whether it's used to keep in touch with out-of-state friends, plan events, or simply play Farmville, the social networking phenomenon has taken the nation by storm.

Originally created in September of 2006 on the Harvard campus, the website now boasts a membership of over 400 million people worldwide. And, despite its predecessor MySpace's dramatic fall from popularity, Facebook shows no signs of stopping.

"I'm a Facebook creep; I admit it," Janel Eldridge '12 jokes. "Homework and the outdoors aren't as important as checking people's statuses and pictures."

"Facebook creeping," as it is affectionately called by many, mockingly refers to people who spend hours on the website, consumed by their friends' actions and the constantly changing news feed.

"I don't find out any earth-

shattering news when I log on, but I feel like it's become a part of my daily routine," Vince Basile '10 says. "If I don't log on at least once in a day, I feel left out in conversations at school the next day."

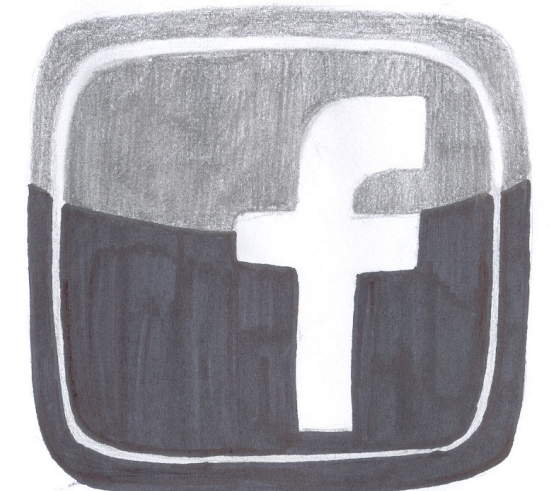
Whereas many high schoolers find themselves addicted to the more obvious applications of Facebook, the social network offers people

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-Kyle Hill '12

practical tools to facilitate their schedules.

"I make Facebook events all the time," Cara Swetsky '10 says. "After I make the event and invite



Christina Schillaci '10

CHRISTINA SCHILLACI '10/The Patriot

my friends to attend, there's a reminder of the date every time I log on. It definitely helps during senior year, when you can have twenty things happening in a short time."

Facebook is also a useful tool when it comes to keeping people informed. School clubs, such as Interact, use the website to let members know of upcoming

meetings and events. Knowledge of the bomb scare and the roof damage from earlier in the school year spread instantaneously through Facebook, informing a large part of the community.

"After the bomb scare, when we didn't know whether of not Monzo [Madness] was going to be canceled or not, I went straight to Facebook. And, of course, I got my answer," Adam Warburton '10 says.

Students also turned to Facebook during the winter when the school was closed numerously due to inclement weather.

"Somehow, people would know on Facebook whether or not school was canceled before it was even posted on the district webpage," Kyle Hill '12 said.

Though Facebook's popularity may appear to only be within a younger demographic, many parents are finding their way onto the social network.

"I don't mind having my mom on Facebook, as long as she's not friends with me," Warburton says.

Facebook has grown much since its original days at Harvard. With people in Township, both students and parents, becoming quickly addicted to its applications, it appears that the social networking giant will remain a part of daily routines for years to come.

College dorm decorating

Sarah Kurtz '10

Moving into a dorm room is a big step! Although you're probably thrilled to be getting some new independence, moving out is a difficult rite of passage for both parents and students. One thing that can make the transition a little easier is to make your dorm room more homey and cozy. Here are a few essential items you might want to purchase.

Alarm clocks are always useful for waking up for an early class or even a mid-afternoon class. There's one thing you should look for in an alarm clock which is efficiency; make sure it's loud enough to wake you up. Laptops aren't necessary to survive on a college campus but sure are useful. Desktops must remain at home where as laptops are portable and can be transported from class to your dorm or even home to finish a paper. Another great buy would be a robe. Most dorms have showers down the hall, so having a bath robe to walk to-and-from your shower would be a useful thing. Purchasing a small basket to walk to and from the bathroom with all your bathroom necessities would be a handy item to have as well. Don't forget to buy basic cleaning materials to wipe down your room once in a while. That way you and your roommate can remain at least a little clean. Cheap flip-flops can be worn in the shower to prevent a slip or whatever may be growing on the bathroom floor. After writing a big paper you don't want to have your computer crash, so try finding a back up drive like a zip-drive or a cd to back up your computer with. Now that you're on your own you'll have to start doing your own laundry, so don't forget to bring laundry detergent and a wash basket for transporting your mounds of clean clothes.

Being on your own is a going to be a new adventure but you're going to want to be as prepared as possible to make you new home a home away from home. Enjoy your new room and independence, but don't forget to call mom and dad once in a while!