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Human trafficking: the slavery of today's world

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As stated in the Thirteenth Amendment, “neither slavery nor involuntary servitude...shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.” This decree was set in order to protect all people within the U.S. from the clutches of slavery. While many may know that slavery was not entirely abolished immediately after the passing of the amendment, what many people do not know is that slavery did not disappear as time passed, it simply got a new name. Human trafficking is the new form of enslavement.

Similar to the illegal narcotics industry, the world of human trafficking generates hundreds of billions of dollars. Sex trafficking alone is one of the world's largest industries. Children and women make up the greatest percentages of those being forced to perform forced labor, about 25% and 75% respectively. Many multimillion dollar corporations including Nestle, Nike, Loreal, and Cartier still use child labor in the production of their products. Alarmingly, there are between 20 to 30 million slaves in the world today.

The women and girls that fall victim to sex trafficking become involved in this dangerous industry in different ways. While many girls are unfortunately sold into trafficking by family members to pay off debts, other girls are coerced into their situation. Many young women become romantically involved with someone, who then forces them to perform sexual acts

for pay. Others are promised opportunities of a lifetime— like modeling, acting, or dancing— and end up getting trapped. The women being held against their will can be stuck in their situations for years.



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Quince Orchard's English department head Elicia Eberhart-Bliss stated that discovering the number of people in slavery “alarmed” her. When restructuring the human trafficking unit a few years back, she learned that “the universal declaration of human rights reported that there are more people in slavery today than in the 1800s.” The sheer number of people brought into sex trafficking, forced labor, bonded labor, involuntary domestic servitude, child labor, etc. raises an important question: why

aren't more people talking about this? Over the years of teaching this unit in AP Language and Composition, teachers have experienced mixed reactions from students and were able to learn

tions to financially support other people.

In a lesson, Soykan discussed the poor working conditions of factory workers and their treatment, explaining how many employees are forced to work in an unfavorable environment. She received some shock from students whose parents owned factories similar to those being mentioned. “It was eye opening for the kids, but created some conflict in some students' homes,” said Soykan. She felt uncomfortable, not wanting to overstep any boundaries, but felt it was her job as a teacher to initiate these sorts of conversations.

Slavery is not a thing of the past as most people believe. In fact, the issue is just as bad, if not worse, than it was over a hundred years ago. It is only through education and spreading awareness that things like human trafficking can come to an end.

“We've been blindly taught [that] slavery is in the past, or that it's not as popular and that America doesn't have slavery, which is not true.”

- Elicia Eberhart-Bliss

G Suite for education: What does it mean for us?

By **HANNAH MYERS**
Staff Writer

The first days of school are always exciting. Filled with new faces, friends, and above all, paperwork. This year, in the midst of our annual “In case of emergency,” financial aid request, and contact information forms, there was another unfamiliar document: G Suite for Education requiring a parent or eligible student signature.

This school year, MCPS Central Office decided to block Youtube and several G Suite services. G Suite services are a brand of software and products, such as Chrome Web Store etc., for all students in elementary and middle schools to ensure that they are compliant with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). The act, effective April 21, 2000, “applies to the online collection of personal information by persons or entities under U.S. jurisdiction about children under 13 years of age,” according to the Federal Trade Commission. “It

details what a website operator must include in a privacy policy, when and how to seek verifiable consent from a parent or guardian, and what responsibilities an operator has to protect children's privacy and safety online including restrictions on the marketing of those under 13.”

Since high school students are not only older, but have a real educational purpose with these programs, they may have access as long as they have a parent or eligible student signature. All to make sure we are compliant with The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). Signed into law by President Ford on August 1974, FERPA is a federal law that “protects the privacy of student education records.” The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. Additionally, all schools pay a certain rate for internet, which is funded by the government as long as schools are compliant with COPPA and/or FERPA.

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Jennifer Nicholson is taking the lead on making sure all students are in compliance with FERPA to make sure the school is doing our “due diligence to keep everyone safe and make sure everyone's information is safe online,” she said. I questioned, as many other likely have, if there was an incident to invoke this implementation. Nicholson believed that there wasn't an incident and “the county just wanted to make sure they were following all the laws,” said Nicholson.

The hanging question here is: What will happen to the ineligible students? Supposedly, not much. Students can always use their private devices, although staff wouldn't want to encourage the use of unmonitored devices, sometimes it is necessary especially for educational purposes. Earlier this year, social studies teacher Jennifer Yang tried to have her economics students watch an all-too-familiar crash course video but was unable to do so. Yang says it was “unfortunate” that her students were unable to move forward in their lesson.

After Yang and several other teachers with the same problem emailed around the building, they found that they were able to see exactly what students had access and what students did not.

At the end of the day, the signatures are all there for our safety and to keep our school's services in place.



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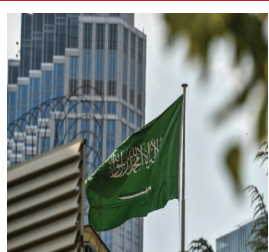


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Canada legalizes, regulates marijuana

By CINDY LIU
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Groundbreaking news from our neighbor up north: Canada has just legalized recreational marijuana.

On October 17, Canada became the second nation in the world to legalize weed, after Uruguay. Currently only nine states and the District of Columbia have legalized weed for recreational uses, with Vermont being “the first state to legalize marijuana through the legislature, rather than a ballot initiative, when the governor signed the bill into law” back in January, according to *Business Insider*. Many in the US hope that America can follow Canada’s footsteps in attitudes

towards cannabis, especially with the midterm elections coming up on November 6. At the same time, many Americans believe this to be a chance to obtain marijuana through legal means by crossing the border.

However, in reality, things aren’t as ideal. The new legislation is predicted to cause a dramatic shift in Canada’s social policies, culture, and economy. Only a day after the legalization, rumors spread of how Canada paid off all its debt. “One of the most popular of these was an Oct. 18 article headlined, ‘Canada Pays Off Entire Federal Debt One Day After Marijuana Legalization,’” according to *PolitiFact*. While that turned out to be fake news, what really happened was that Canada is facing a can-

nabis shortage—already. There just isn’t enough marijuana to meet the sudden large demand. “Canada estimates that 5.4 million Canadians will buy legal weed this year, but the country’s nascent cannabis industry is far from being robust enough to support this demand, leaving many of these potential customers with nowhere to buy pot legally,” reports *Merry Jane*, a cannabis-centered media company.

As a result, people once again turn to the black market, not just for the supply but also to avoid regulations. Last year, Canadians spent \$4.4 billion on marijuana, with the vast majority of that going into the black market. This was one of the reasons behind Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s elec-

tion promise to legalize it for recreational use, reports *OZY*.

While weed may be legal now in Canada, many regulations are being enforced on the drug, such as the amount each person is allowed to buy/carry, the legal age to smoke, smoking areas, smoking and driving, etc.

As for buying weed in Canada then bringing back to the US, federal charges will most likely be in place. There’ve been talks of stricter border controls among US-Canadian border due to the different laws. “Individuals found with marijuana may face seizure, fines, arrest, or in the case of aliens, denial of admission into the U.S.,” Stephanie Malin, a spokeswoman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, wrote in an email to the New York Times.

The disappearance of a Saudi journalist

By AYESHA SHAHZAD
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Like many couples, Jamal Khashoggi and Hatice Cengiz met through work, specifically in May at a conference in Istanbul. Khashoggi was 59 and Cengiz was 36, and soon after their first meeting, they got engaged. Khashoggi was a journalist from Saudi Arabia, and Cengiz was a PhD student from Turkey. On September 28, Khashoggi traveled from Saudi to Turkey to pick up some marriage documents at the Saudi Arabian consulate in Istanbul.

The first meeting at the consulate went very smoothly, according to Cengiz. Khashoggi and Cengiz left the consulate happily that day, assured that they would receive the necessary documents to go forth with their union. On October 2, Khashoggi returned to the consulate alone; Cengiz waited several hours for him outside of the consulate, but to no avail. That was the last time she ever saw him.

Khashoggi was pronounced dead on October 7.

To understand Khashoggi’s

death, one must understand the political climate in Saudi Arabia and Khashoggi’s impact on it. As mentioned earlier, Khashoggi was a journalist and also highly critical of the Saudi Arabian government through his work. Thus, he was not well-liked by the Saudi government, including the King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman. No one is quite sure how he died, but the seemingly most likely scenario is that someone was hired by the Saudi government—and the order likely came from Bin Salman—to kill him. There were reports by Turkish media that Khashoggi’s body was found cut up by bone saw, and most of their national outlets seem to support the idea that Khashoggi’s death was planned.

The Saudi government first denied having any knowledge of Khashoggi’s death. Yet, a few days after the fact, they released a statement claiming that Khashoggi was killed in a fistfight with officials at the consulate, when the meeting apparently did not go as planned. These contradicting statements have been received

as highly suspicious. Khashoggi was often published in *The Washington Post*; on October 25, the publication released a full-page ad in its print edition with a photo of Bin Salman, the words “demand the truth” written across the page in all caps. The ad was captioned, “On Tuesday, October 2 Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi entered the Consulate of Saudi Arabia in Istanbul and was brutally murdered.”

The initial response to Khashoggi’s disappearance, followed by the news of his death, was overwhelming. Many people immediately began calling on President Trump and his administration to issue a statement regarding the situation. For weeks, in all attempts to address the situation, the administration carefully avoided criticizing the U.S.’s great ally Saudi Arabia and its government in any way. On October 23, Trump uttered the first critical word about the ordeal, claiming it “was carried out poorly, and the cover-up was one of the worst in the history of cover-ups.

Very simple. Bad deal, should have never been thought of.”

On October 9, *The Washington Post* published an editorial written by Cengiz herself, titled “Please, President Trump, shed light on my fiance’s disappearance,” which garnered a lot of attention. “At this time, I implore President Trump and first lady Melania Trump to help shed light on Jamal’s disappearance. I also urge Saudi Arabia, especially King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, to show the same level of sensitivity and release CCTV footage from the consulate. Although this incident could potentially fuel a political crisis between the two nations, let us not lose sight of the human aspect of what happened,” Cengiz wrote.

Perhaps partially in thanks to *The Washington Post*, it does not seem that this story is going to be swept under the rug by mainstream media anytime soon. The Turkish chief prosecutor of the case asserts that Khashoggi was strangled and dismembered to death, but the details of the case can not be confirmed.

OP-ED: The Divided States of America

By DANIYAL BHARMAL
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The day is October 5, 2018. The Senate meets to vote on the confirmation of now Justice Brett Kavanaugh. Only seconds into voting, protesters in the gallery start screaming down onto the Senate floor. Their anger and rage towards Kavanaugh and the Republican majority that will inevitably confirm him criticizes anyone who dares to utter the words “innocent until proven guilty.” This is the current state of American politics, and it will only get worse from here.

The country wasn’t always like this. It was only 1992 when you could throw a dart onto a map of America and always land on a region with a diversity of political opinions. Somewhere along the line, we have lost our ability to have civil discussions

and replaced it with “us and them thinking,” writes Glenn Geher, a professor of psychology at the State University of New York, in *Psychology Today*. This way of thinking, popularized in the early ‘90s in the aftermath of the confirmation of Justice Clarence Thomas, has snowballed into one of the most disgusting displays of tribalism in modern history. In today’s America, you cannot express conservative views without being a “Nazi,” and you cannot be a liberal without “hating America.” This disdain for the other side will only end once both of the prominent ideologies recognize that we are all Americans, and all of us want to make this country great.

Although we have what should be the greatest unifier, our nationality, finding common ground is no simple task. Artificially fostering political discourse will only make things

worse, as “instead of reducing political polarization, being exposed to other ideas only increases it,” writes sociologist Christopher A. Bail in an opinion piece for *The New York Times*. This is due to the internet being the only avenue for exposure to alternative viewpoints. Due to a phenomena known as “sorting,” people would rather live near those who share the same views. When we live in these echo chambers, it makes us blind to the reality of certain issues. Instead of encountering different views from friends and family, we encounter them online, where we are more likely to dismiss them and dig our heels further into the sand. This was most evident in months following the Parkland shooting in February 2018, especially in the Gaithersburg, Maryland area. Those who knew almost nothing about guns accused gun

owners of being responsible for the shooting. Survivors of the shooting such as David Hogg, Emma Gonzales, and Cameron Kasky looked at vast swaths of the American population with scorn while blaming them for the loss of life at Parkland. This in turn led to a spike in NRA memberships and gun sales across the country in retaliation on this assault on many Americans’ way of life.

Situations such as the aftermath of the Parkland shooting only occur when make generalizations about demographics we do not understand. When we live in echo chambers, we tend to “view [the other side] as [very liberal/conservative],” according to Pew Research Center. Our increasing polarization will only breed more hate and anger as we further ingrain into our

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VIEWPOINT

Millennials in America ready to make a change

By **ASHLEIGH GORDON**
Managing Editor

In the past few years, there have been many extreme political changes in the United States, empowering citizens to stand up to the government for what they believe in. Since the inauguration of President Donald Trump in 2017, the Washington Post claims that there has been a protest of some kind nearly every single day in our country. The actions taken by people of all ages have marked a turning point in activism, and express how the next generation refuses to sit still in silence while watching the government destroy the future of our country and world.

The day after Trump's inauguration, the streets of Washington, DC were packed with protesters taking part of the

Women's March on Washington, which became the largest protest in United States history. Similar protests began in all 50 states, and across all seven continents. The unification of people across the world sparked the national protest movement that has since taken over Washington, DC and other cities throughout the world.

Economists from Harvard University and Stockholm University discovered that protests have a major impact on politics, and not just because large crowds send signals to policy-makers. Rather, it's because protests encourage people to become politically active. When people see the massive crowds that storm the streets in protest, they are encouraging others to get involved as well. Protesting the decisions of lawmakers serves

as a signal to elected officials to listen to their constituents. If seeking reelection, the views of constituents are what those officials rely on to return to their position.

Recently, Republican lawmakers have proposed legislation to curb protest movements. Recent protests against the presidency of Donald Trump have led to anti-protest bills, which the ACLU calls unconstitutional. Some bills include high penalties, including large fines and jail time, for blocking interstates or obstructing economic activity. Proposed bills in Minnesota and Tennessee would have harsher punishments for protesting. Minnesota's bill would allow police to sue demonstrators for the costs of policing protests, while Tennessee's bill would not punish drivers that hit

a protester with their car. Republican lawmakers don't see these laws as a limit on people's rights. "You now have a situation where you have full-time, quasi-professional agent-provocateurs that attempt to create public disorder," said Republican state senator John Kavanagh of Arizona.

In order to actually make a difference in the political world, the citizens that disagree need to vote against the officials that disagree with their views. For example, with the recent events involving gun violence taking over our country, citizens have been more motivated than ever to create a change. The youngest generation that is able to vote in the midterms this year is motivated to voice their opinions in the polls. According to data from the University of Florida, early voting totals in

27 states have exceeded total early votes in the 2014 midterm election. This foreshadowed the higher voter turnout overall in the 2018 midterm election.

With such a clear division between the Democratic and Republican parties, pundits see results of the midterm elections as a clue into which party's followers are more motivated. This could ultimately lead to more major changes in the government that will impact our country as a whole.

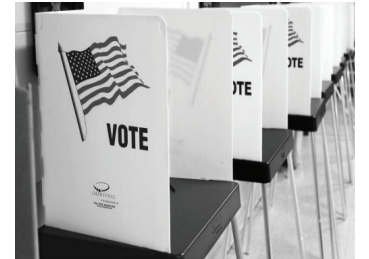


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Natural disasters that have had large impacts in 2018

By JENNA LEVY
Managing Editor

The year 2018 has held a number of very hazardous natural disasters, that should not go unnoticed. Not only have properties and large areas been severely damaged.

TAYLOR OIL SPILL

An oil spill that happened in 2010 has returned to the attention of the nation recently due to its severe environmental impacts. Eight years ago, an oil rig by the name of Deepwater Horizon, located in the Gulf of Mexico, exploded and caused the death of 11 workers. That's not it, though—leaking silently underneath was an oil spill from six years prior, the Taylor Spill.

The massively harmful disaster all started by another catastrophe—Hurricane Ivan. When Hurricane Ivan navigated its way past the Taylor Energy's Mississippi Canyon, it wiped the platform and pipelines away and hasn't been found.

Transocean—the world's largest offshore drilling contractor, according to deepwater.com—owns the drilling rig responsible for what could be the largest marine oil spill in the history. However, a major concern



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A tsunami-damaged bridge lies on the ground along the shore of Palu, Indonesia.

still faces us. While the chronic leak continues, society is not applying any pressure to research the undoubtedly harmful effects.

The Taylor Spill is said to be leaking "tens of thousands of gallons into the Gulf per day

since 2004," according to CNN.com. The Taylor spill could be "one of the largest offshore environmental disasters in US history." A satellite watchdog organization, SkyTruth, estimated that 855,000 to 4 million gallons of oil has

leaked since the beginning of the spill by the end of 2017. **OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS WITH HUGE IMPACTS** On a more recent note, a hurricane on the Gulf Coast swooped in and took pieces of houses and buildings with it, on

October 16. The hurricane, named Michael, "cut off transportation in the Florida Panhandle, and left over a million buildings without electricity," according to ranker.com. A total of more than six deaths occurred.

Another natural setback has impacted approximately 2.4 million people in the island of Sulawesi, Indonesia. Shifting of tectonic plates caused a 7.5 magnitude earthquake, which consequently triggered a tsunami. Ranker.com says the quake "cut off power supplies, which is why people did not receive a warning about the incoming tsunami, which had waves up to 10 feet high."

Also, over 1,000 inmates from five prisons escaped after the natural disasters, but were asked to return shortly afterwards.

The impact of these unforeseen events may take a while for countries to clean up. These examples of environmental devastations, which have either arisen in 2018 or in previous years, have undoubtedly held a serious impact on today's environment and society.

OP-ED : The increasingly divided states of America

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minds that the other side is more ideological than we are. We will justify any means of retaliation when we believe that the other side is truly evil. This is exactly why attacks on conservatives are becoming more widespread. In August, a pro-life activist was roundhouse kicked by Jordan Hunt for simply expressing pro-life views. A Republican congressional candidate was the victim of an attempted assault via switchblade, and only a few years ago, a Bernie Sanders supporter opened fire on Republicans at a congressional baseball game, almost killing Steve Scalise. These attacks and countless others are the product of our increasing polarization and our overall unwillingness to view the other side with respect.

Despite myself and many others calling for civility, recently there have been multiple calls for incivility. Prominent figures in the Democratic party have claimed that it isn't possible to be diplomatic with those who oppose your morals. "You cannot be civil with a political party that wants to destroy what you stand for," said Hillary Clinton. Many may think that this rhetoric is the only way to go, and I can understand why certain individuals would succumb to incivility due to fear for the future; however, this rhetoric is extremely dangerous. Calls for incivility will lead to riots, death, heartache, and even more polarization. When we call for incivility, we greenlight any form of behavior, no matter how vile or disgusting, that opposes the other side. This can be seen all throughout American history. When President Obama expressed extreme anti-police sentiments, it emboldened

riots in Baltimore and Ferguson, and the killing of five cops in Dallas. When Donald Trump told his supporters that he would pay the legal fees of those who physically assaulted their adversaries, it led to brawls in Berkeley and Portland. Calls for incivility are the single greatest cause of political polarization in the country. America is more divided than ever before. To many, including myself, it may seem like it's too late to reverse the damage that we have done. There is still hope, however slim, of an America where I can express my political views without being

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- Hillary Clinton

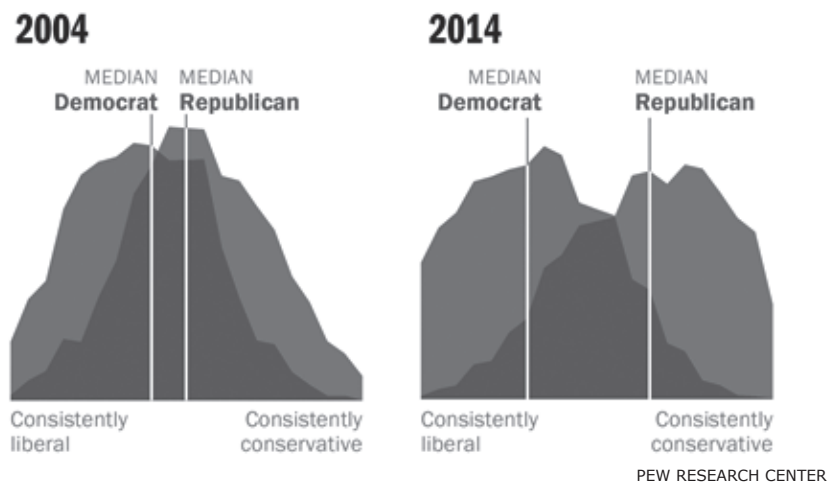
shunned by my family. There is hope for an America where I'm not called a "sellout," "race traitor," or a Brown coon simply because I go against the typical beliefs of those with my skin tone. The road to recovery starts with recognizing that we are all Americans. The south is not full of racist rednecks who want to put black people back in chains, and the cities are not filled with sinners who want to turn your

kids gay. We are all Americans who happen to have different opinions. We should all be proud to live in the greatest country in the history of planet Earth, and work towards making it even better.

This starts with crawling out of the cave of tribalism and recognizing when our side is wrong. When Donald Trump says there were fine people marching in Charlottesville, we should call him out, and when Obama calls rural Americans "bitter clingers," we should call him out. Most importantly, we need to restore civility into public discourse. We should not immediately dismiss those who we do not agree with. We should understand

why they disagree, and treat their views with respect, whether it's the KKK, Nazis, Communists, or Antifa. We must first understand what draws people towards these hate-filled groups before the fists start flying. We must understand why this hate for what we don't understand exists; only then will we be united.

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This graphic depicts the increase in party polarization between 2004 and 2014.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER



Everyone's welcome in Gay Straight Alliance

By **ZOE BELL**
Managing Editor

It's lunchtime on a Monday, and in the quiet back room of QO's media center, a small group of students have already gathered. Some chat with friends, while others snack on Skittles. This is the Gay Straight Alliance, unofficially renamed to the Sexuality and Gender Acceptance club (SAGA).

The president of the GSA, junior Alex Aronez, decided to take a leadership position because she has many friends who are part of the LGBT community (individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender).

She feels that the GSA is necessary at our school in order to make LGBT students feel welcome and shut out any hate.

"Being LGBT is not something to be ashamed of," Aronez said.

She hopes that students and staff can benefit from this message by participating in the club. During meetings, members talk about LGBT-related issues, play games, make posters, and even meet with other schools' GSAs. Aronez and media center specialist Jennifer Nicholson, the club's sponsor, hope to organize a

parent night to educate parents of LGBT kids about "what they can do to be supportive," said Nicholson.

Sophomore Ian Joegriner, the club's

vice president, is grateful for QO's GSA because of the support it offers LGBT students. "In middle school, when I was going through my journey to find myself,

there weren't many people to help me get through everything," Joegriner said. "I want to help people who think they don't have support."

So do you have to be gay to join? Not necessarily. The GSA welcomes straight allies as well. "GSA is open to everyone: allies, those who are not ready to come out," Nicholson said. "We're a nice, functioning club."

Freshman Xander Goslin joined the club both to hang out with his "friends that are gay" and to better understand LGBT experiences first-hand. "It sounds like they have civil discussions," Goslin said. "I wanted to see how they feel treated outside of [GSA] in the school environment."

Students and staff have somewhat similar views about how tolerant QO is towards the LGBT community. "It really depends on the group of people," Aronez said. "[QO is] somewhat welcoming, but we could do much more." Nicholson agreed, stating that she had not observed any "overt bullying."

With new leadership this year, the GSA is off to a good start. They have high aspirations, weekly meetings, and enthusiastic members. The club meets Mondays at lunch in the media center office.



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SPREADING THE WORD: Members of the GSA, now the Sexuality and Gender Acceptance Club (SAGA), make posters to inform students and staff about the club.

Speak up, go out and get involved

Students use passion and each other to speak out about their beliefs

By **CLAIRE SULLIVAN**
Associate Editor

Throughout Quince Orchard, students are involving themselves in something they are passionate about, and influencing their peers to speak out and participate.

For instance, groups of friends have been working together to create posters and signs for protesting in local events.

"It's so important that not only women work together, but men and women as well," said sophomore Eri Shay, co-president of Feminist Club. "As soon as people come together and compromise, we can fight for something we are passionate about."

Additionally, there are many organizations at the school that connect students to events and provides current information on issues surrounding us.

For example, Student Activists, a club that encourages teenagers to stand up for something they believe in, notifies students of local events in the area so students can come together and act.

Juniors Meera Sunil and Paige Tyree, the founders and co-presidents of Student Activists Club, meet with students

throughout the school to educate them on the importance of speaking up.

"If you don't stand up for something you believe in, no change is going to happen," said Tyree. The two students stress that everyone is welcome and encouraged to take a stand.

No matter the student's ideology, Sunil and Tyree "are your guidance counselors of activism," said Sunil.

The club discusses the privilege of the Metro and how accessible Gaithersburg is to D.C., the home of numerous activism events such as marches and speeches.

In the past, many students across the country participated in March For Our Lives, which promoted student safety and gun control laws.

"Being able to live as close to D.C. that we do, students have so much freedom to participate in life-changing events," Tyree said.

If you are determined to get out and influence the world, friends and family are a good place to start.

Find people with similar interests as you, and build a group of trusted members to find local events. You never know how one voice can influence the world.



PHOTO BY MEERA SUNIL



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Students attend local events in order to speak out about current situations.



PHOTO BY MEERA SUNIL

Student photographer and junior Meera Sunil participates and captures local protest events through her camera.

Traditions and Things

By REID PLOSHNICK AND LISETTE GEILING
Staff Writers



Best Foods:

Stuffing

Apple pie

Baked potatoes

Pumpkin bread

Roasted vegetables

Turkey

Gravy

Sweet potato casserole



to do in Thanksgiving

Fun Traditions:

Pumpkin patch

Black Friday shopping

Thanksgiving Day NFL football

Visiting family



Giving Back:

- Helping out family in the kitchen
- Bringing dishes to friends and neighbors
- Giving your thanks to others
- Holding a food drive
- Volunteering at a soup kitchen





The review we give to *The Hate U Give*

By TORI BERRY
Editor-in-Chief Emeritus

“The Hate U Give Little Infants F***s Everybody.” This was what Tupac’s tattoo “THUG LIFE” stood for, and what inspired Angie Thomas’s #1 New York Times bestselling debut novel: *The Hate U Give* (2017).

The story follows an American teen, Starr Carter, who leads a double life between her poorer, predominantly black neighborhood and a rich, white prep school. However, after witnessing the murder of her lifelong best friend at the hands of an allegedly nervous policeman, Starr’s eyes are opened to the division between these two worlds—the injustices, the hypocrisy, the racism. Amidst pressure and rising tension in her life, young Starr has to find her voice and stand up for what is right.

The overwhelming popularity and current societal relevance of this award-winning book led to its movie adaptation, directed by George Tillman, Jr., which was released last month, only a year after the book itself. The two-hour long drama focuses on modern themes such as police brutality, youth activism, code-switching/black identity, the drug dealing community, and of course, the Black Lives Matter

THE HATE U GIVE



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movement.

This movie tests boundaries by, for example, calling out white students for using protests and walkouts as an excuse to skip school without any actual dedication to the cause. A few times throughout, we see Starr run into conflicts with one of her white friends from prep school when the friend, Hailey (played by Sabrina Carpenter), says some pretty stereotypical, subtly racist clichés such as “you’re not really black,”

“cops’ lives matter, too,” “he was a drug dealer, he would’ve been killed anyways,” and “why don’t you just let it go?” Starr’s boyfriend, another white student, also says the timeless classic: “I don’t see color.” The inclusion of these phrases highlights the way white people can display racism indirectly, whether it’s intentional or not. Starr’s response is so perfect, I wouldn’t want to spoil it.

Featuring incredible performances from Amandla

Stenberg as Starr and Russell Hornsby as her father, Maverick, this movie was worth every minute.

Tillman packed as many important topics and cinematographic elements as he could into every shot. The powerful images, beautifully written lines, and painful truths left the theatre both sniffing and cheering. This movie deserves all the attention it can get, so if you haven’t already see it, I recommend you do.

Kick the dust up

By KAITLYN PRICE
Editor-in-Chief



PHOTO COURTESY OF @QO.EQUESTRIANTEAM ON INSTAGRAM

Last year, QO Equestrian club was just a one-person show looking to become a bigger name. This year, however, the group has made their mark within the school and community, gathering 9 members and starting to compete with one another on the weekends.

Sophomore Ellie Duvall, the club’s founder, started it last year but didn’t have anyone else join her until this year. The club is sponsored and coached by science teacher Teddi Bewernitz. Duvall wanted to make the club a bigger deal this year as she knows that “there are a lot of riders that go to QO.” Since she doesn’t play any other sports, it was her goal “to still do something with the school.”

The club competes together on Sundays whenever they have a show, “which is about every two weeks,” said senior Kristina Sievers. Sievers, a vice president of the organization, described

how on competition days they have to be there early in order to get their numbers, find out which horse they are riding, and look at their course. “It is important to memorize the course so you are able to jump all of the jumps,” Sievers said. The members stay the whole time so that they are able to watch and cheer each other as they compete. “Everybody is so close together,” added Sievers. “We communicate really well and it’s just fun being around similar [people].”

While the club may be off to a leaping start this year, Duvall had some more ideas for the future of the QO Equestrian team. Currently, the team only rides together at shows, and members have to practice on their own. “I want to start practicing together during the week,” Duvall said. “I feel like we could grow a lot more as a group.”

A bubbling new business

By FAITH LANE
Managing Editor



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOBA POP

A recently added shop to the Kentlands, called Boba POP, has become a hot destination for bubble tea. It has been popping with customers since September 7, the day of their soft opening.

Junior Jade Skok has been an employee at Boba POP since the day it opened. Skok said, “Our busiest days are Friday and Saturday, where we can get up to 300 or more drinks in just one day,” said Skok. This business has become very popular amongst Kentlands residents: it currently has a rating of 4 out of 5 stars on Yelp.

The menu consists of a range of types of teas including milk tea and bubble tea, teas infused with fruit, traditional tea drinks, and many more.

Most drinks are priced between \$3.50 and \$5, attracting many people who like the affordability. “Boba milk tea is definitely the most popular drink,” said Skok. “This is

because it is a go-to for anyone who is unfamiliar with bubble tea.” Another popular aspect of these drinks are the tapioca balls, also called pearls. The wide design of the straws allow the pearls to be sucked up easily. “My favorite part about Boba POP is the pearls,” said junior Lyla Kim. “I also love the caramel milk tea.”

Boba POP also reportedly has good customer service. Kim also said, “Whenever I ask questions, the employees are always so helpful and friendly,” said Kim.

The chain was founded in 2013 and has over 130 locations in East Asia. However, this is the first one opened in the United States.

If you are interested in bubble tea, Boba POP is located at 312 Main Street in the Kentlands, open from 11 AM to 10 PM Monday - Saturday (except Tuesday) and 11 AM to 9 PM on Sunday.

Unknown classes

By MADISON MILLS
Editor-in-Chief

When registering for classes for the next year, do you ever look at a class and wonder what it is? At QO, there is a wide variety of classes offered that many students have never heard about. A few of these classes are Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Horticulture.

Comparative Religion and Philosophy, taught by social studies teacher Jessica Burdette, are both one-semester classes. Burdette began teaching these courses at QO in 2011, wanting to continue her love of religion and philosophy. Her main idea is to “direct the class around the student interest,” which she does by “[building] the class each year a little differently based on [her] students who are in it.”

Burdette encourages students to take these on-level upperclassman electives in order to learn about interesting topics relevant to the time period of that year. “Kids are really interested in cults, so we spend time talking about cults,” Burdette said as an example.

“I was encouraged to start the class after seeing the interaction of students.”

- Teddi Bewernitz

Horticulture, a class offered in the science department, is taught by Teddi Bewernitz. This class focuses on garden cultivation, and Bewernitz suggests it is a good class for you “if [you] have an interest in plants.” The class is very hands-on, with a lot of projects and labs. Bewernitz began teaching this class five years ago because of her degree in botany and her own interest in the materials. After starting the Horticulture club at QO, “I was encouraged to start the class,” Bewernitz said, after seeing the interaction of students and their excitement.

While there are many other unknown classes at QO, these are some that stick out. The teachers are looking for more people to join their classes, so next time you register, consider one of these fun electives for your schedule.



New vs. old: Movie remakes

By JENNA SHATZMAN
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The current trend in Hollywood around remaking films has us questioning whether or not Hollywood is running out of new ideas. It seems as though every trailer that comes on in the theater is either a sequel or remake of a previously beloved film. Some are excited about their favorite movies getting a fresh reboot, which entail new settings, characters, and everything that comes along with new time periods. However, others go by the phrase that “if it’s not broke, don’t fix it.”

Recent additions to this movie-remake craze include *A Star Is Born*, *Mamma Mia*, *The Grinch*, *Clueless*, countless Disney movies such as *Mulan* and *Aladdin*, and a handful of others.

It seems that the movie remaking trend began in the 1950s, with movies such as *The Thing* and *The Man Who Knew Too Much*, but has spiraled and become almost more common than new originals. Will there even be original movies to remake in 50 years from now?

Some of your own favorite movies, ones that you most likely thought were originals, were actually remakes. *Freaky Friday* was not originally a Disney Channel Original Movie, nor did it star Lindsay Lohan and Jamie Lee Curtis: the original came out in 1976 starring Barbara Harris and Jodie Foster as the mother-daughter duo. In this case, the remake is much more appreciated and well-known than the original nowadays. However, we don’t think we will be able to make this argument in a few years from now for Disney’s second remake of the film, which was released

in August of this year. According to IMDB, its ratings were horrifically low, with 613 ratings averaging at 3.7 stars out of 10.

The recent remake of *A Star Is Born* was also received by audiences better than the original was. Despite being the fourth remake of the film, 2018’s *A Star is Born* did outstanding in box offices throughout North America. The film grossed almost \$43 million in its opening week alone. So far, the remake has surpassed its predecessor, amassing \$156.5 million domestically. The 1976 remake of *A Star is Born*, which starred Barbara Streisand and Kris Kristofferson, only reached \$80 million in revenue throughout its lifetime. In this case, the remake was a positive move for the franchise.

While some movie remakes have done well in the box offices, such as 2015’s *Cinderella*, they have not done well among critics. When thinking of *Cinderella*, one does not usually think of the remake but rather the original animated movie. Such movies have shaped our childhoods, and we continue to think of the original we watched when we were young, making remakes unnecessary.

While these movie remakes may seem redundant, these remakes allow children who have yet to see the originals to experience the same magical movies that past generations have adored. As a child, watching a movie that is completely before your time could confuse you and make you focus on the difference between the time periods, rather than the movie itself.

Producers cannot predict if their movie remake will make it big in the box offices, but they should know, prior to their making, if a remake of a classic is warranted or if it will just end up as another film that no one talks about.

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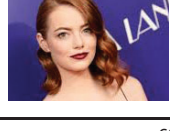




COMIC BY ADRIAN ISASSI

Birthday, birthday, it’s your birthday

Here are some QO students who share November birthdays with celebrities and what they have to say about it.

By RONNELL FOREMAN
Staff Writer

| Celebrity Birthday | Student Birthday | Reaction Quote | Celebrity Photo |
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| David Schwimmer (Nov 1st) | Hannah Meit (11th grade) | “One word... <i>Friends</i> ” |  COURTESY FRIENDS WIKI |
| Dolph Lundgren (Nov 3rd) | MeiMei Lu (12th Grade) | “Rocky” |  COURTESY DIE HARD WIKI |
| Matthew Mcconaughey (Nov 4th) | Jordan Beecher (9th grade) | “Nice, bro” |  COURTESY OF HOUSTON CHRONICLE |
| Famke Janssen (Nov 5) | Katherine Gonzales (12th Grade) | “Who’s that” |  COURTESY OF LOOPER |
| Emma Stone (Nov 6th) | Sara Wolpe (10th Grade) | “That’s cool” |  COURTESY OF TIME MAGAZINE |
| Scarlett Johansson (Nov 22nd) | Giovanni Eguerta (12th Grade) | “Oh yeah, I know her...I think” |  COURTESY OF SELF MAGAZINE |
| Ben Stiller (Nov 30th) | Nizami Scott Mirza (10th Grade) | “Do you think I look like him a bit?” |  COURTESY OF INDIEWIRE |



The Red Army continues to be spirited and supportive

The students of Quince Orchard join together to cheer on fellow Cougars

By **GABI EYRICH**
Editor-in-Chief

As the Friday night lights illuminate the Cougar Dome, hundreds of students, families, friends, and staff members rush into the bleachers and form the crowd of the infamous Quince Orchard Red Army. The atmosphere is one you will never forget: you are surrounded by hundreds of supporting, spirited members of the community of all different races, ages, and backgrounds. The Red Army is a place where everyone is welcomed, especially if you can scream your lungs out.

At these events, there is much more than the actual game. There are several parent volunteers selling concessions, cheerleaders on the sidelines, poms and marching band performing during halftime, and a very enthusiastic student section cheering for every touchdown.

Student Red Army generals have successfully led the students to always be louder than the opposing team for years. This year, we have doubled the amount of leaders, with the addition of our first female Red Army General, senior Caroline Gilligan.

As the first female Gen-

eral, Gilligan marks an important part of the school's history. "The best part about the Red Army is that it's a chance to include the entire school," says Gilligan. "All of these groups come together to achieve one goal."

"Knowing that you are one

of the best student sections in the county, and that no schools can match our high energy, is all we need to hype up the entire school," says senior and Red Army General Aidan Kirk.

Senior cheer captain Karen Gottlieb, who cheers on the football players and chants

with the entire Red Army, explains her point of view. "I believe that the Red Army is a huge part of our football games, and the team performs better with the support of their classmates," Gottlieb says. "We are known for our school spirit around the coun-

ty, and the Red Army surprises every school we are against."

Gottlieb says the whole cheer team gains confidence because of the Red Army's interactions through chants, especially the crowd's favorite, "A-C-T-I-O-N."

As the football team heads to playoffs, the Red Army is expected to be louder than ever, as their support raises the spirits of every player on the field. Throughout the rest of the year, our students look forward to attend as many sporting events as they can: basketball games, cheer and poms competitions, soccer playoffs, and more this upcoming winter.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF AIDAN KIRK

YOU CAN'T DO THAT: The student section is hyped up and excited as they watch the football team win once again.

"The best part about the Red Army is that it's a chance to include the entire school."

-Caroline Gilligan

QO girls volleyball concludes season successfully

The team persevered through playoff defeat with pride

By **JACOB CHERIS**
Staff Writer

QO girls varsity volleyball had a season full of ups and downs with a 7-6 record in the regular season.

Although they were 11-6 last season, the team has

stayed positive going into the playoffs. "After the games we debrief and we talk about our mistakes and what we could've done to improve that set," said senior captain Delaney Johnson. Despite tearing her ACL and her meniscus, has remained posi-

tive and continues to support her teammates going into the playoffs. likes seeing her teammates improve. According to Johnson, one teammate that improved greatly was senior right side hitter Kacey Ho. Johnson said that Ho has become better at

reading passes and her technique has improved a lot since getting bumped up to varsity.

QO's success this season came from their communication on the court. According to head coach Ally Cable communication comes from "working as a team and making sure that we're playing as one and not as individu-

strong with our passing so we can run all three hitters in the front row" said Cable.

Having a strong defense is just as important as having a strong offense, especially in the playoffs. It's up to senior captains and defensive specialists Izabella Pino and Kayley Andreas to keep the defense a brick wall and act as role models to younger defensive specialists. "We all work as a team collectively to do our best. I do try and help [the other defensive specialists] when I can. I know they turn to me a lot when they know they want to get better [at defense], but I turn to them just as much" The chemistry between Pino and Andreas is special because they've been together for the past two years. "Kayley and I have been working together very well and we meshed together after playing last year together. We came into the season already knowing that we were going to make a good team. Our communication is great and we make sure that we are always talking to each other

Despite having all the pieces in place, Gaithersburg High School defeated QO in three straight sets on November 1st ending their season. The team is confident that they will be better next year.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDY ROTH

Senior defensive specialist Kayley Andreas bumps the ball up to senior setter Jessica Baniak against Paint Branch.

"We came into the season already knowing that we were going to make a good team. Our communication is great."

-Izabella Pino

als. We have come a long way this season and I think we are ready to go into the playoffs working even harder. However, there is always room for improvement, especially where it matters most. "The one thing we're going to work on is being really



Alumn enjoys time, life lessons learned in golf career

By JANTZEN FOCHT
Managing Editor

It is three in the morning. Most of America is asleep. The sounds of the leaves rustling from a light breeze, crickets chirping in the distance, and the sounds of traffic on the nearest road are noises you might pick up while dozing off.

However, in the Ahn household, there is another sound that regularly fills the air: the sound of a wedge making a divot out of the cold ground. This is the life young Jun Ahn chose to live, staying up into the late hours of the day, working on his craft so he can one day be great at the game he so loves: golf.

Ahn, who graduated from QO in 2013, was a member of the golf team for all four years of high school, and accomplished many of his goals while part of the squad. Nonetheless, this was not originally the way he had imagined his athletic career going.

"To be honest, I was never interested in golf before high school. I had played soccer and other sports my entire life, so when my mom introduced me to the game, I wasn't totally into it," he said.

The first time he played golf, he explained, he absolutely hated it and thought it was a game for "rich, entitled people." But after he became more exposed to the sport, he began to appreciate the beautiful nature of the game and the valuable lessons it teaches in life.

"I eventually became obsessed with getting better, becoming addicted to gaining knowledge about the sport and how it worked," he said. "I just loved practicing and getting the feel of the club perfectly hitting the ball down."

He also explains that because he started playing golf so late, he had to catch up to the players that had been playing longer than him. "This meant I had to work harder and smarter than them, meaning I



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spent most of my late nights and early mornings in the backyard, honing my swing and game so I could one day be better than everyone," he said.

Due to all of this hard work, Ahn eventually made the high school state tournament as an individual, achieving one of the goals he set when he first started playing.

After he graduated from QO, he attended Wilmington University, and was also a member of the varsity team.

Although he had played well during his tenure there, he eventually decided to drop out after one year to pursue his main goal in life: to play professional golf.

"This was a really tough decision for me, because as much as I wanted to continue my golf career there and graduate, the academics and other pressures I experienced during my time there

distracted me from what I truly wanted to do in my life, which was to play professional golf worldwide," he said.

Therefore, after a year at Wilmington, he began his career on the professional golf tours in Asia, playing in various countries such as China, Japan, Korea, and Thailand. He describes that life overseas "can get lonely, especially in countries where you don't speak the language." He added, "Whenever I'm not around my manager or friends, in a country I'm not familiar with, life can get very hard, but I always end up being able to fight through it."

Throughout his time in golf, during the ups and downs, Ahn has learned many life lessons including "respect for nature, for the game of golf, and most importantly, respect for your peers."

But the skill that has stuck with him

the longest, was learning the ability to work hard. "When you grow up in a family with relatively low income, it can be hard to play golf, given how expensive the game is," he said. "Because of this, with the money my parents had, a lot of it was spent on me and my dreams of playing golf, so I knew that if I didn't work hard enough and make something out of this, all the time and resources put into me would have gone to waste. Nevertheless, I learned this lesson quickly, to ensure that that situation would never occur."

For now, Jun is taking a break from professional golf, and is back in Maryland. Currently, he is teaching and giving lessons at Jun Ahn Golf Academy in Olney. Within the next few years, he hopes to play in some American mini tours, and eventually the PGA tour.

QO football continues successful play with strong leadership

By JACOB CHERIS
Staff Writer

Even though QO varsity football lost in the state championship last year, that doesn't stop them from striving to get back to Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

This year's team has a combination of new faces and returning players. Most notably, sophomore quarterback Brian Plummer is living his dream of playing varsity football. "It's a blessing and it's a lot of work," said Plummer. "Practicing, workouts not only at practice but [also] working after practice." The extra hours Plummer puts into his game allow him to be agile and quick with the ball. Plummer idolizes how former quarterback Kendall "Doc" Bonner '18 controlled the offense last season, and he wants to have the same success. "I still watch him from last year,

so it helps me improve," said Plummer.

QO's success also comes from its leadership core of seniors middle linebacker Johnny Hodges, right guard Logan Moyer, linebacker Tre Wade, and junior running back Marquez "Quez" Cooper.

Like Plummer, Hodges started playing varsity his sophomore year and along with his skill on the field, he's always emphasized that team success comes from encouragement and making sure that everyone is part of a family. "[I pat] people on the back when they're down and [get] them to work harder and motivate them when I feel like they're not working their full potential," said Hodges. "We have a lot of younger kids on our team this year, and it's a different sense of leadership, 'cause with so many new



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FAMILY: The captains walk out to the field against Paint Branch.

kids you really rely on the seniors to get the team going." Hodges plays smart and aggressive defense on the field, and last season he had 91 tackles in 12 games.

On the fast side of things, Quez is a nearly unstoppable running back who can break through traffic without even having a scratch on him by the time he hits the endzone.

On the back end, senior kicker Matthew "Steiny" Steinwandel has taken the role of starting kicker beautifully. His kicking coach, Lou Forbich, sees his dedication during practice. "[Coach Forbich] sees [I am] a hard worker. I'm always practicing a lot and very

coachable," said Steinwandel. "He knows what he's talking about and I am very receptive to the coaching."

Though he is not a captain on the score sheet, Steinwandel still considers himself as a valuable leader. "Everybody leads by example: even if I'm not playing every snap, I still work hard in practice and [am] dedicated to the team," said Steinwandel. On the field, his timing when lining up for a kickoff or extra point is excellent. He even kicked a 37-yard field goal against Blair, which is very rare in high school football. QO will be looking to go back to states for the third year in a row, and come out as champions.





Unsung heroes of Quince Orchard

By **BEN FLEISCHER** and **ZACH LEVEY**
Managing Editors

Cheerleading and poms are two unsung sports. Some people overlook them as just two more “teams” who don’t really matter.

The cheer team specializes in utilizing creative chants to hype up crowds at different sporting events and competing against other cheer teams by performing a routine. Cheerleaders have different people who fly, stunt, tumble, dance, and more. They work on perfecting this 90-second routine for about three months leading up to their competition. Saturday, October 27 was their Counties competition, where the team showcased their hard work for the judges. It might just seem that they are only on the sidelines for games, cheering on our teams, when in reality they do a lot more

than that. We should all start to appreciate what the cheer team truly does.

The Quince Orchard poms team, on the other hand, uses a variety of dance skills, athleticism and pom-poms to put together a routine. While these factors are essential for a successful routine, the most important and hardest part of poms is

the choreography. Every person on the team must be perfectly in sync throughout the six-minute performance.

During the football games, the cheer team is always on the sideline hyping up the crowd and cheering the team on throughout the entire game, while Poms perform at half-time on center field.

Recently, the poms team have felt that they deserve more time to perform during the games. We feel these teams won’t ever be able to settle their dispute unless they go head to head in both a cheer competition and a poms competition: a winner-takes-all match, for all the bragging rights and all the popularity. The time is now.

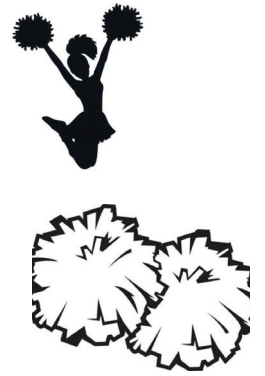


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TAKING ACTION: *The Poms and Cheer teams had successful fall seasons and look to continue to excel in the future.*

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Boys Soccer



Gabriel Psallidas '19

When attending boys soccer games, be sure not to blink. Senior Gabriel Psallidas takes off with the blink of an eye to zoom by defenders and go straight to the goal. Psallidas uses his speed and his shot placement to score goals.

Cross Country



Matthew Nagy '20

Junior Matthew Nagy is not the fastest on the team, but he is very passionate about what he does. Whether he’s cheering on his teammates or running as fast as he can, Nagy does it all.

Football



Jack Gelman '19

Senior Jack Gelman takes the field every Friday game with only one thing on his mind: snapping. Gelman is a strong leader both on and off the field. Gelman is looking to lead the team to States once again.

Poms



Madison Schaecter '20

Madison Schaecter is spending her third year on the poms team. Schaecter performs in each competition with more passion than anyone else on any team. She spreads her passion and love for poms through the team and is always encouraging.

Cheer



Karen Gottlieb '19

Karen Gottlieb is leading the cheer team in her fourth year. Karen is best known for her tumbling and flying high. If not paying close attention during one of their performances, you may mistake her for an airplane.

Girls Volleyball



Anna Kolego-Sotomayor '20

Junior Anna Kolego-Sotomayor helps the team day in and day out. Kolego-Sotomayor’s form on each hit is always on point. She is a ball hawk and finds the ball almost every point.

We asked these athletes the following questions...

| | Gabriel Psallidas | Matthew Nagy | Jack Gelman | Madison Schaecter | Karen Gottlieb | Anna Kolego-Sotomayor |
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| Favorite Thanksgiving Food | Turkey | Pie | I don't eat things | I don't like any | Pumpkin Pie | Mashed Potatoes |
| What's better: Thanksgiving Parade or Thanksgiving Football? | Thanksgiving Football | Thanksgiving Football | Thanksgiving Football | Thanksgiving Football | Thanksgiving Football | Thanksgiving Parade |
| Favorite Thanksgiving Tradition | Eating | Playing football at the park | Destroying my relatives in football | Spending time with family | Going to an aquarium every year | Spending time with family |
| What's a better meal: The Last Supper or a Thanksgiving Day meal? | The Last Supper mmmm | The Last Supper, always | The Last Supper, as we know | The Last Supper | Thanksgiving Day meal | Thanksgiving Day meal |
| What's the thing on the turkey's neck called? (a snood) | The neck? | A gobbler | The gobbler | Gobble | I have no idea | The gobble |
| Who wins in a fight: A turkey or a rooster? And why? | Rooster - because | Turkey - they're meatier | Turkey - it's got the gobbler | Turkey - it's bigger | Turkey - they're bigger | Rooster - more aggressive |