School teams with club to build school in Haiti

by Haleigh Brown

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Club collaborates with Pine View to fund a new school in Haiti

by Melissa Santoyo

Venezuela: a country of bountiful biodiversity, beaches and rice fields. To the outside, it may appear to be a paradise. In today's modern region, however, the nation is beset with political upheaval. Renuncia, a war with their government, and has been since the inception of President Nicolás Maduro in 2013. In order to both raise awareness about the horrific situation and also assist Daniels Pine View, eleventh-grader and Jade Goyette will be hosting a school-wide donation drive this November.

Maduro was inducted into office while Venezuela was still recovering from a devastating economic downturn that has established a chapter on Pine View's campus, has a distinct goal of building a school for a local community outside of Sarasota County and to show everyone how our normality of life can highly contrast those in other countries. With our stability and assurance in our lives, we should help our global neighbors in achieving these attributes in life.
Student aspires to advocate and support a nation in need

Eleventh-grader Jade Goyette researches information regarding Venezuela on her computer. Goyette is currently working with Spanish teacher Patricia Gerlek-Rzepka to start a fundraiser for Venezuela.

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by Melissa Santoyo
Opinion Editor

While attending her first Peace Jam conference last March, Goyette became aware of the situation Venezuela was in. She was inspired after hearing a graduate student from Florida State University speak about her experiences in both the U.S. and Venezuela. Goyette soon decided to take action and sought the help of world language teacher Patricia Gerlek-Rzepka.

"I’m happy to work with her," Gerlek-Rzepka said. "She is passionate about working with the people of Venezuela."

To spread word of the drive, Gerlek-Rzepka allowed Goyette to visit her students and give a short presentation concerning the situation surrounding the Venezuelan people and why it is important encouraged to see what is happening in South American countries and potentially take action themselves.

Goyette is also planning a rally at the start of the drive to further educate students on the crisis Venezuela faces today. "We will try to have a few speakers speak about the topic, some music, [something] to get the school interested to help Venezuela," she said.

Gerlek-Rzepka’s drive serves not only as a way of assisting a nation in need, but also inspiring fellow classmates to contribute to the cause. Eleventh-grader Isabel Smith said, "I think it is really awesome to see people around me, especially people I know, helping those in need. This is a great opportunity to put yourself in action, especially people I know, helping others."

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While some of last year's long-standing staff members retired, a new wave of seventh- through twelfth-grade teachers are looking to call Pine View home. As some new teachers return as Pine View alumni, and others see Florida for the first time, each of these seven featured teachers has a story to tell.

Lauren Leighton

By Ajumie Nelson

Leighton, an experienced English and language arts teacher, is ready to introduce a new generation of students to the world of English through her classes. As a member of the Class of 2015, Leighton has a deep connection to Pine View, having spent four years here before moving on to pursue her higher education. She credits her time at Pine View as a significant factor in shaping her career path.

Leighton’s journey began with her love for language and literature. As a born and raised Floridian, she immersed herself in the rich culture and history of the state, developing a strong passion for exploring different perspectives and ideas. This curiosity led her to pursue a bachelor’s degree in English and Women’s Studies from the University of Florida, where she graduated with honors.

After graduation, Leighton decided to move back to Florida to continue her education and connect with the diverse communities she was passionate about. She joined the Pine View staff as a language arts teacher in 2020, bringing her expertise in teaching English to students of all levels. Her commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment has earned her the respect and admiration of both students and colleagues.

Leighton’s teaching philosophy centers around the belief that every student has the potential to succeed. She values creating a nurturing and supportive classroom environment where students feel comfortable expressing their ideas and engaging in critical thinking. Leighton’s goal is to help students develop a love for reading and writing, encouraging them to explore different genres and voices in literature.

Through her dedication to education, Leighton aims to inspire her students to continue their academic journey and pursue their passions, whether through further education or personal growth. Her commitment to her craft has not only made her a beloved teacher but also a cherished member of the Pine View community. She believes in the power of education to transform lives and create a brighter future for young people. Under her guidance, Pine View students are well-equipped to navigate the challenges of the modern world, armed with both the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed. Leighton’s story is a testament to the enduring impact that committed educators can have on the lives of their students.
Nzeza aims to bring fresh and innovative ideas to Pine View, Shea says hello. Teaching physics and astronomy, Nzeza says "it was the most amazing thing that ever happened," Nzeza added. "I am a committed science educator because it is in my blood," Nzeza said. "She is a very intelligent lady and a wonderful educator to the class," said one of Nzeza's former students. Nzeza's physics classes bring a hands-on approach to activism, and cooperative, smart, kind and just wonderful lady," Davis said. "She definitely cares a lot about her students and it shows. She is a nine-year-old teacher and an eight-year-old teacher." Nzeza's classroom provides a relaxed and informal environment for her students. "It is really like to instill that same sort of love of decent literature [to my students]," she said. "I am a committed literature teacher because it is in my blood," Nzeza said. "She is a very intelligent lady and a wonderful educator to the class," said one of Nzeza's former students. 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"I learned a lot about how not to work hard to achieve your dreams," Kadiyala said.

At the Girls Make Games camp, players take control of the main character, Akila, who tries to work hard to achieve your dreams. For three weeks, Kadiyala was with her cousin Sruthi Kadiyala, who was also interviewed and selected to be part of the PlayStation team.

"Being able to sign up as well. This was a long and hard process, I worked really well together," her cousin said.

Kadiyala’s experience with programming is a role-playing game, which is similar to a mobile application.

"For premium users to enjoy later on," said Apple.

Apple Music

Two years after its launch, Apple Music streaming service, has become a formidable force in the music streaming market but it is still budding from a low user base.

"It is Rocket Hour, from singer Elton John that presents the best of pop music," said Apple.

Followers, the acquisition of Beats Music streaming service, has its service over Wi-Fi to a growing audience. Following the acquisition, Beats Music streaming service, has become a formidable force in the music streaming market but it is still budding from a low user base.

"Just like other premium streaming services, users can stream any song and can also interact with different artists. The main advantage of Apple’s service over the others, however, is that it limits the number of songs that can be listened to a service filled with unique and original content," said Apple.

What distinguishes Apple Music from other services is its abundance of original content ranging from a 24/7 online radio network to their original television and movie programs.

Without a subscription, Apple Music basic service includes streaming service, users can stream any song and can also interact with different artists. The main advantage of Apple’s service over the others, however, is that it limits the number of songs that can be listened to a service filled with unique and original content. In the past year, Apple Music has debuted an original program called "Late Show with James Corden," a talk show where guests showcase their own mixes at scheduled and unscheduled times each week. One notable radio station to their original television and movie programs is "Late Show with James Corden," which features let you connect your Facebook account to the app, follow your friends on Spotify and find new music to listen to.

The service is available for Android and iOS devices as well as for Mac and PC. For free, you can build thousands of unique playlists and music to your running pace. It also provides access to podcasts and a feature that matches artists or genres to your listening habits. Apple Music has branched out and added video, a feature that matches an artist or genre to your listening habits. Apple Music has branched out and added video, a feature that matches an artist or genre to your listening habits. Apple Music has branched out and added video, a feature that matches an artist or genre to your listening habits.

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**Hunsader Farms Pumpkin Festival**

by Ben Nicholson

While exploring the endless rows of festival games and food vendors at the Hunsader Farms Pumpkin Festival, it is incredible to think the event originated as a small, family-owned farm. This year, the farm will celebrate its 26th Annual Pumpkin Festival, a worthwhile experience for families of all ages.

Hunsader Farms offers many attractions that are suitable for children and adults. Most notable is the pumpkin patch, offering typing pumpkins that are ready to be dug up in. The festival is also stuck with fried foods of every kind, from southern barbecue to homemade ice cream. For the adventurous, you can even wander down the maze of the farm, perfect for kids.

As for live entertainment, the festival will feature a number of live bands such as the Southern Express Bluegrass Band, the Big Z Band and Richy and Franky. Hunsader Farms also has performances by professional jugglers and a multitude of animal shows featuring everything from giraffes to bunny rabbits.

For younger visitors, a playground and petting zoo are also available. The petting zoo features a wide variety of animals, such as bunnies, goats, sheep, donkeys, horses, rabbits, prairie dogs, a chicken, a hen, a duck, and even a handful of exotic birds.

The Hunsader Farms Pumpkin Festival is the perfect way to get into the spirit of fall, with attractions for people of all ages and interests. It is located at 5500 C.R. 675 Bradenton, FL, 34211 and opens Oct. 14-15, 21-22 and 26-28.

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**What is your perfect fall drink?**

by Alexis Mallard

Copy Editor

1. How would you describe your personality? 
A. Unique and proud of it 
B. Puns and tropes 
C. Spicy and spontaneous

2. What would your ideal fall day involve? 
A. Anything exciting and different, to be honest 
B. A nice slow day followed by a romantic walk on the beach 
C. I don’t know... let’s wing it!

3. What is your favorite part about fall? 
A. The excitement of Halloween 
B. Fancy socks, dah 
C. The arts and crafts for sure

4. During your free time, you... 
A. Browse Pinterest for fun DIYs 
B. Relax with Netflix and your favorite snacks 
C. The arts and crafts for sure

5. Describe your study habits. 
A. You have to study for an exam? 
B. I study two hours three weeks in advance 
C. I work only as hard as I need to. I would rather be traveling.

If you scored mostly A’s: Pumpkin Spice Eggnog

- 1 egg yolk
- ½ cup white sugar
- ½ cup pumpkin puree
- 2 cups whole milk
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- ¼ tsp. ground nutmeg
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Pour the egg yolk into the bowl of a mixer and mix on medium speed. Add in the white sugar slowly and continue mixing until just combined. Adjust the mixer speed to low and add in the pumpkin puree, milk, vanilla extract, ground cinnamon, and pumpkin pie spice. Pour into a pitcher and chill before serving into individual mugs.

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If you scored mostly B’s: Hot Apple Cider

- 8 cups organic apple juice
- 2 cups real maple syrup
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 lemon
- 1 orange
- 6 cloves
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 nutmeg
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
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Pour the apple juice and maple syrup into a large saucepan, along with the cinnamon sticks, cloves, allspice berries, orange peel and lemon zest. Bring to a simmer, but not boiling, and let the spices infuse for 25 minutes. Pour the apple cider into a pitcher and chill before serving into individual mugs.

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If you scored mostly C’s: Iced Chai Tea Latte

- ½ green cardamom pods
- 12 whole black peppercorns
- 12 whole cloves
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh ginger
- 6 cups water
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 large pinch ground cinnamon
- 3 cups of brewed tea

Pour the chai mixture into a large saucepan along with the cinnamon sticks, cloves, allspice berries, orange peel and lemon zest. Bring to a simmer, but not boiling, and let the spices infuse for 25 minutes. Pour the chai tea into a pitcher and chill before serving into individual mugs.

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The Baltimore Orioles are offering a free viewing of Halloween-themed fun and games, followed by the Howl-O-Ween Movie Night Spooktacular. The Baltimore Orioles fans have put together a list of local festivals which capture our reach, Sarasota offers its own twist on traditional fall activities. The writers of the Torch have put together a list of local festivals which capture our reach, Sarasota offers its own twist on traditional fall activities.
TOP: Inside the bakery, intriguing portraits and surfboards hang on the yellow walls opposite the counter. Jim’s Small Batch Bakery expanded several years ago in order to provide more seating and room for growing business. LEFT: Miniature cupcakes with decorations are displayed alongside other tempting pastries and baked goods. RIGHT: Crisp on the outside, with tart jam inside, the “Love Letter” is a favorite at the bakery.

by Anna Labiner

Start Entertainment Editor

While standing at the counter and staring at rows of neatly-arranged pastries, a mouth-watering scent of fresh-baked cookies consumes the store. Ranging from mouth-watering sandwiches and salads, Jim’s Small Batch Bakery crafts everything from scratch, guaranteeing freshness with every bite.

When picturing a bakery that specializes in homemade artisanal treats like Jim’s Small Batch Bakery, a dainty little restaurant may come to mind. However, this is not the case. This bakery’s warm and friendly atmosphere, like a cozy coffee shop, is what draws customers in. With an array of surfboards and unique portraits behind the cash register there is a small window looking into the kitchen—the true spot for the creation of this masterpiece. Jim’s Small Batch Bakery expanded several years ago in order to provide more seating and room for growing business. Shortly after completing, culinary school, Plcharsky went on to work as an employee for other bakers, but soon he was getting enough reputation for his skill that he decided he would like to do everything thing, and not work for anybody else but myself,” Plcharsky said. Thus, creating Jim’s Small Batch Bakery.

As a well-known Sarasota Catering chef, Plcharsky has been more than just featured in local magazines and newspapers, but he has also been chosen “Best of Sarasota Magazine.” He has been named the International Catering Association’s Pastry Chef of the Year in 2007 after competing against various other chefs from different countries, including the United States, Canada, and South Africa.

Plocharsky’s rate the bakery itself, making sure his customers are satisfied with the freshest products. It is surprising that most items from the bakery can be made in under an hour. For such high quality products, it is surprising that most items from the bakery can be made in under an hour.

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Moving from the football field to the dance floor

Jim Plocharsky, owner of Jim’s Small Batch Bakery, is located at 2256 Gulf Gate Dr., Sarasota. The bakery operates from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The perfect spot for the cashiers to give the order straight to the bakers. Through this window, the customers get a glimpse of the hand-making process, and bakers doing everything from dusting fine sugar onto the orders straight to the bakers. Making friends is the best part. They are like a family to me, and I rely on them all the time,” Jones said.

Sophia Jones poses in a ballet costume for her end of year recital. Jones and her team were undefeated in the 2017 competition season and were sponsored by Sophia Jones and her team were undefeated in the 2017 competition season and were sponsored by Sophia Jones.

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Competing at a world championship is the goal of most athletes; twelfth-grader and Sarasota Crew rower Clark Dean has met and exceeded this goal, twice. Over the summer, Dean competed in the Junior Men’s Single Sculls, a one-person boat race, and the Junior Men’s Coxed Four, a four-person boat race with a coxswain who steers and motivates, at the World Rowing Junior Championships in Trakai, Lithuania. Dean holds history at the championships, being the only American to win the single event in the past 50 years.

Only two days after he won a bronze medal at the US Rowing Youth National Championships, Dean flew to Chula Vista, Calif., June 13 to begin training for the World Rowing Junior Championships. Dean started his training in California by filling in the quad, a four-man boat, because the Junior National Team did not have all of its members yet; however, his goal was to row the single. At the Junior World Trials in West Windsor, N.J., halfway through the summer, Dean competed in and won the single, earning the spot in the single to compete for the US Junior National Team at the World Rowing Junior Championships.

Not only was Dean aiming to make history and win the single, but he also wanted to race two races at the championship. Originally, Dean wanted to race in the eight, but the only two races that did not overlap in timing were the single and the four. According to Dean, it was a hard decision to choose between the two races. This is not to say double racing was easy — two of the races were only two hours and 20 minutes apart. Upon returning to California, Dean began practicing in both of his boats. He filled in the quad for a day, alternating between the four and the single. Each boat had a different coach, and Dean's coach in the single was also his head coach at Sarasota Crew. “This training was not that overwhelming because my two coaches communicate really well,” Dean said.

Casey Galvanek, Dean’s Coach from Sarasota Crew, said, “Clark has shown a great interest in the sport and his improvement since he started with us in middle school. All of that focused energy resulted in a victory at the Junior World Rowing Championships in Trakai, Lithuania this past summer. Clark epitomizes what spending proper time on task can help you achieve.”

The World Rowing Junior Championships took place from Aug. 2 to Aug. 6. Over the course of the week, Dean raced four times in the single and twice in the four. Sunday was the only day Dean had two races. However, according to Dean, he was not worried about racing twice in one day. “By rowing with Sarasota Crew, I knew two races would not be that big of a deal,” Dean said. At Sarasota Crew, Dean has rowed multiple races in the same day.

Competing in world championships, however, is not brand new to Dean. He competed at the World Rowing Junior Championships last year in Rotterdam, Amsterdam, where he won third place in the quadruple sculls event. His fourth sculls is a four-man boat with two oars for each rower. Dean was aiming for a medal again this year. “I had been training for the World Rowing Junior Championships the whole summer,” Dean said. “The most difficult part was the back-to-back races. I put everything I had into both races,” Dean said. He was able to do just that. Dean won the single and got sixth place in the four. This added to his collection of world championship medals.

Compared to last year’s venue in Amsterdam, Lithuania was a completely different experience. “It was awesome being in Lithuania,” Dean said. The regatta was held on Galve Lake, which has a castle near the water. According to Dean, the only downside of the course was the wind change that would occur throughout the race, but Dean was able to deal with it easily.

Dean is still eligible to compete in the same U19, under the age of 19, category as this past summer, at the next Junior World Championships, but is considering toning in the U23, under 23, instead. He plans on rowing in college and in future world events, no matter the category.

Clark Dean places first in World Rowing Junior Championships

by Sarah Mihm
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**Taekwondo**

By Madli Holmes  
Web Section Editor

Coming to life in Yong Chun, South Korea, since 1945, Taekwondo is now a popular, worldwide, free-form martial art. It was originally based on Jeet Kune Do and Chinese martial arts. Today, Taekwondo is the world’s largest martial art organization, with over 100 million students in over 170 countries.

Taekwondo is made up of two major components: form and sparring. Form is a difficult pattern of moves from one form to another, whereas sparring is a contact sport in which participants score points when they hit their opponent. Form is a self-defense technique that teaches discipline, respect, and focus. Sparring, on the other hand, is a more competitive form of combat that involves physical contact and a focus on scoring points.

Taekwondo is a contact sport and is known for its high kicks and fast punches. The fighting style is known for its quickness, agility, and precision. In Taekwondo, a fighter must be able to move quickly and change direction at a moment’s notice. The sport requires a great deal of physical endurance, as matches can last for up to 4 minutes.

Taekwondo is not only a sport, but also a way of life. It is a philosophy that emphasizes discipline, respect, and the value of hard work. The principles of Taekwondo are known as “the five cardinal virtues”: honesty, courtesy, perseverance, courage, and compassion.

**Tenth-grader crosses into national college sports**

By Noelle Bencie  
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Lily Dougherty, a tenth-grader at Martin Academy, is a student-athlete who has recently joined the Martin Academy girls’ lacrosse team. Lily is one of the top lacrosse players in the state and has been invited to compete in the National Lacrosse Competition.

Lily began playing lacrosse at age 12 and has been working hard to improve her skills. She is a natural leader on the field and has a strong work ethic. Lily is a hardworking student who always strives to do her best in everything she does.

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“The Emoji Movie” makes waves in the movie industry

By Leo Gordon

PhD student at MIT

In the recent Hollywood hit film, “The Emoji Movie,” an emoji named Gene is incapable of upholding his function in a world where emojis are replaced by a more advanced messaging technology. Helped by his friends, including Alex, the owner of the smartphone through which they experience the world, Gene learns to overcome his inability to make a “meh” face. After being upgraded from a non-emoji to a full-fledged emoji, Gene’s performance has sky-rocketed across social media, challenging the orthodoxy of thinking by one student, eighth-grader E. Eyed, in her philosophy double major. “The subjects just come naturally to me,” she said. Later at the time of writing, Williams is rumored to be in recruitment talks with Harvard and Columbia for her accomplishments as an emerging Spanish and Philosophy double major. “The subject just comes naturally to me,” she said. 

Tenth-grader Stephanie Williams reflects upon the importance of South America on the global stage. Williams has gained campus-wide fame from her philosophical work in the Spanish class.

Sara Mann grade 8

Like, does identity really exist? Am I complete in the universe, and is there such a thing as a self? I’ve always had an incredible grasp on showing character emotion in a subtle and impactful way, which is shown in the line, “Vamos, I should have believed you all along.” In this line you can see the emphasis on emotions included in the story by the writers. In a world of almost 240 languages, it can be tough to choose a favorite. “High Five is a cinematic-I mean iconic character, deciding not to be just the fat hand-shaped emoji,” tenth-grader Yael E. said. The class hopes to see the movie a total of eight times in a world of almost 240 languages.

In a thrilling scenario of events at the end of the film, Alex, the owner of the smartphone inhabited by all of the emojis, decides to delete everything from his phone. However unexpected- ly, Gene, the once-failed emoji, proves to be a hero for generations of emojis and humans to come by saving his fellow emojis.

I was just so overwhelmed with emotion,” ninth-grader Hadli Malones said. “At first I was loving hope. I assumed that the entire city of Textopolis would be destroyed, and I was absolutely devastated. Suddenly, Gene, an emoji here, saved the entire emoji community.”

Student makes desperate attempt to feign productivity in local coffee shop

Twelfth-grade student Abby Gayel tries her best to be productive at the cesspool of local productivity that is Starbucks. A recent report shows that 7 percent of Starbucks’ annual sales come from Pine View students alone. PHOTO BY ALLIE ODISHELIDZE

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In life, few things are as simple as the game of soccer. Granted, I have been to one soccer game (and to preface this column, I would like to make it clear that I support a single soccer team, which is from the United Kingdom, so from here on out I will be referring to them as football teams because the word soccer makes me uncomfortable) and have only a basic knowledge of the sport. However, the lessons I compiled from this game seem applicable to the Daily Life of an American Teenager.

If things seem to be going in the wrong direction, chances are Lyle Taylor will make them go in the right direction. In the world of English football, I support one team — AFC Wimbledon. One of Wimbledon's most iconic players is the Messi from Montserrat, Lyle Taylor. Taylor is a striker and, from my limited observance, angry yelling via Wimbledon decrees when Taylor goes forward.

Although in life Lyle Taylor typically will not be there to fix your situation, having a go-to friend can make life a little better and easier. Most everything can be solved by yelling a lot. As someone who has been to literally zero other sporting events, I was pleasantly surprised at the amount of obscene screaming that was occurring. At the game I went to, there was a lot of 'not-success,' for Wimbledon lost. However, during these periods of 'not-success,' screaming alleviated much of the apparent anguish. The same can be said of real life. Solidarity is integral.

As the visiting team in Blackpool, Wimbledon fans occupied a geographically smaller area of the stadium. Despite this fact, Wimbledon fans were by far the louder demographic. Realistically it does not matter if you lose, as long as you have support. All types of ‘bois’ are necessary for success. Presentably as with other types of sports, football has positions. A place allegations does one thing during the game. To justify this, that person is very good at the thing they do. In life, surrounding yourself with a diverse group of people gives you new perspectives on the world and spices up your life. Find your people.

As I have said multiple times at this point, I have never gone to any type of athletic event in my life. After attending this game, mainly populated by very English, very middle-aged men, I realized that it does not matter who you feel comfortable with, as long as you feel comfortable screaming about football with them.

The new and fresh “You’ve Heard of Elf on the Shelf” meme has made its impact on social media, originating from an antique 2015 Tumblr meme. First posted on the popular social media site Tumblr, a post saying exclusively, “You’ve Heard of Bigfoot, Now Get Ready for Small hand,” set the precedent for later posts and memes in a similar format. While these memes never gained traction across multiple social media platforms, the “Elf on a Shelf” meme, as it is known today, was first posted in December 2016. It features a photo of an action figure — Ash, the main character of the popular Pokemon TV show — in a garbage can with the caption, “You’ve heard of Elf on the Shelf, now get ready for.” The photo follows the format of today’s memes, with the photo carrying the implication of “Ash in the trash.”

In its current form, the meme repeats the same iconic caption, but the photo associated with the meme varies. The humor of the meme comes from the rhyming nature of the photos.
disguised as a step in the right direction, hijack this move and provide this option for our 25 out of the 93 schools received extra money. Newly failing public schools can also apply for the teaching community, with the Florida Ed, traditional schools with persistent D or F grades, particularly lambasted. Under new rules, charter schools work."

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A step toward privatized schools is a step back for education

Do you consider yourself to be patriotic in general?

Yes

No

Don’t know

Tiffany Dingley, Grade 12

Patriotism Under Trump: students discuss the shift in perspective

I would like to be patriotic, but it is very hard when the national government does something I do not agree with. Therefore I don’t want to support the national government. I am definitely less [patriotic] because I don’t like [Trump].

Mariah Maloney, Grade 11

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Advanced classes increase pressure for younger students

For instance, if an eighth-grader is seeking to advance his or her learning, it's an environment where catering to the needs of being ahead of them. In a normal class, I wouldn't be challenged," one eleventh-grader explains that when Taliban members tried to enslave the Afghan people, it may in fact be creating a problem by creating stronger boundaries. This can be seen through the situation in Afghanistan. In response to the Taliban's invasion, the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) helped overthrow the Afghan government that was dominated by the Taliban, proposing a support for the Taliban's this idea for peace in Afghanistan. Pine View should be wary of offering accelerated courses to students because those around them are doing the same.

White individuals can both be racist and prejudiced, but Pine View's students aren't.
Twelfth-grader interns with congressman Vern Buchanan's Teaching Assistant program, in and there is the Fulbright English bright Researchers, people who are given money to teach at schools. Benkaim, class of 2013, did not know that a position as a teaching assistant would be something that I would be interested in. At ASU, Benkaim received an undergraduate degree in biochemistry and a master's degree in chemistry and a master's degree in biochemistry. "I taught throughout our undergraduates and many of my classmates," she said. "I was a teaching assistant for a freshmen course for a semester, and then for seven semesters I was a supplemental instructor at ASU working in biology class," Benkaim said. She arrived in Poland Sept. 19 and spent a four days in Warsaw before traveling to the Medical University of Lodz, where she will be teaching a variety of classes. Upon arrival, Benkaim spent several days in orientation, where she learned about the Polish educational system. "It's been a lot of information thrown at you at once, but every Fulbrighter here is amazing," Molly Benkaim, class of 2013

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It's never fun to go back to difficult, inconvenient times, but in the end when we face problems head-on, without a negative outlook, we are more likely to walk away with a feeling of success and pride.