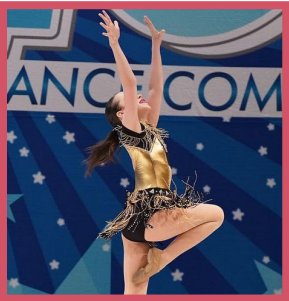




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FOR THE FIRST TIME

In History

By Isabel Georgieva



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The first Korean-American US Senator.

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The first African-American woman on the Kentucky Supreme Court.



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SECOND LADY USHA AND VICE PRESIDENT J.D. VANCE

The first Indian-American and Hindu Second Lady of the United States.



The first millennial Vice President of the United States: 40 years old.

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What Can the President Actually Do?

By Elora Jones

The President of the United States represents the nation and citizens. With the recent inauguration, here are some things that the President can do for us:



Veto and sign bills

The president can veto and sign bills. By doing this, it allows the president to review the acts passed by Congress and veto bills he thinks are unconstitutional or unwise.



Make suggestions to Congress about law

The president can also propose ideas for new laws or make changes to existing laws. However, the president does not have the power to make laws since Congress is the only branch that can make laws.



Nominate high ranking officials

The president can nominate cabinet members, Supreme Court justices, and other high officials. The Cabinet helps advise the president on different matters.



Represent our nation when talking to foreign countries

When representing our country, the president attends meetings and meets leaders of other countries.

Pine View Pinnacle

By Diya Panthulu

Pinnacle, a long-standing tradition hosted by the Pine View Association (PVA), is a night of fundraising and fun. Looked forward to by many, this annual event raises money to support our school.

An average Pinnacle includes a cocktail hour for parents, dinner, entertainment and an auction to raise money, followed by an afterparty.

Cindy Jaramillo, this year's Pinnacle Chair, explained the importance of Pinnacle. "[The purpose of Pinnacle is] to raise funds for PVA to help support special programs, school clubs, supplemental educational activities and so much more! ... It is a wonderful opportunity for

Pine View parents to socialize and raise funds for our incredible school," Jaramillo said.

Eighth grader Isabel Lopez described her experience at Pinnacle two years ago, along with Adalee Heath and Jessie Ochsendorf, doing a fashion show organized by Freda Kmak and PVA, for entertainment.

"We made our own costume, and then we dressed up and did hair and makeup and stuff. Then we went on the stage, and everyone watched. Mine was themed with colored butterflies and I was matching with Jessie," Lopez said.

Heath also made her own costume. "I sewed a skirt, and then we walked out and stuff. We were also in charge of like what we did on the

stage.... It's really fun for everybody who goes, and ... its helpful to the school," she said.

This year's Pinnacle is on February 1 and has a theme of Monte Carlo. Be sure to remind your parent or guardian to support Pine View by attending Pinnacle!



Isabel Lopez and Jessie Ochsendorf pose during a Pinnacle fashion show.
PHOTO PROVIDED BY ISABEL LOPEZ

Time for Takeoff



By Calvin Coleman



If you head over to the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport, you'll notice there is a new five-gate terminal, one of which is leading non-stop to New York City. This terminal opens lots of new opportunities for business and tourism in Florida, as well as allowing trips to be faster and much more efficient.

Pine View eighth grader Kate Chen, who grew up in New York and visits every year, says that she thinks it'll be useful, as "any new ways to get [to New York] are good for everyone."

According to [flysrq.com](https://www.flysrq.com), the air-

port's official website, the new terminal covers 75,300 square feet, and contains a café, bar, restaurant, and market on a double-height connector, as well as multiple restrooms. Before takeoff, there's a 4-lane security checkpoint as well as 5 boarding hold rooms with a total of 970 seats. The project cost 73 million dollars, with construction having started in March 2023, and completing in December.

So, prepare for popped ears, because it's time for takeoff!



With the Statue of Liberty looming behind them, eighth grader Kate Chen and her family pose for a photo on Liberty Island.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY KATE CHEN



Overpopulation and Traffic Control



By William Sears

It is no secret that Florida's population has been exponentially rising since long before any of Pine View's middle schoolers were born.

According to the U.S. government census, our population began rising in the 1940s and went from just over a humble two million to almost 23 million as of 2024.

Such steady growth has summoned talk of overpopulation. After all, Florida bears only 65,758 square miles of territory for that 23 million, whereas Texas boasts 268,596 square miles for its 30 million people. Sarasota County alone, according to its

government website, on average, gains 15 new residents per day.

But how does this affect Pine View? While on their daily commute to school, there is one scourge that we dread: the infamous traffic. Due to this "overpopulation" traffic has only gotten worse.

Though this affects everyone, it can take a heavier toll on people that live farther away.

Take eighth grader Liam Newell, who said "I live an hour away and I think traffic has really increased over the last couple years."

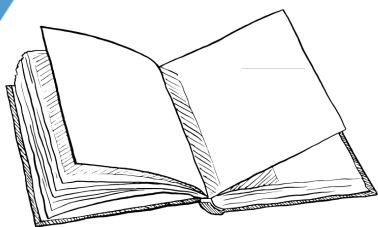
Eighth grader Jackson Quisenber-

ry reports traffic having tripled in the last few years. Who knows how much worse the traffic could get?



Cars wait for a signal at Honore Avenue. Overpopulation increases traffic and has a severe impact on people who live far away from where they need to go.

PHOTO BY DIYA PANTHULU



SPORTS OR SCHOOL WHY CAN'T YOU HAVE BOTH?

BY SUZY MATA



Galloping away her worries, sixth Grader Peyton Dunbar, does horseback riding as her main sport. Horseback riding is a competitive sport in which she needs to be in complete focus to do her best.

Dunbar loves horseback riding and feels it is important to form bonds with the horses.

"I really like it because it is fun, and I get to go to horse shows," Dunbar said.

She loves her horse, Ozzy, and is trying to bond with her horse and thinks it is important; Dunbar adds Ozzy is easy to love and is "really cute." Dunbar has won many shows and is incredibly talented at horseback riding.

However, with all the hard work that she must do to prepare for her horse shows, Dunbar barely has any time to do homework.

In order to finish her work on time and focus on horseback riding, she often must resort to doing homework in the car on her way to practice or shows.

She said that she often must "try to

work on it on Friday on the way to the show."

Frequently, Dunbar has time over the week to do her homework, so she finished as much homework as she can over the week, so that she can relax over the weekend and focus on her horseback riding.

Another busy student, eighth grader Jacob Mains said he likes the competitive aspect of rowing. He explained why he thinks it's not that hard.

"If you put your mind to it, rowing is really easy," he said.

Despite this, Mains finds himself doubling homework on days without crew, since he needs to devote himself to rowing.

Like Dunbar, he usually finishes all his homework during the week, so that he can enjoy himself during the weekend and put more focus on rowing.

Both Mains and Dunbar efficiently organize their homework with their free time allowing themselves to enjoy and devote themselves to their sport.



Sixth grader Peyton Dunbar and her horse Ozzy jump over the hurdle. Dunbar and other students often spend a lot of the time outside of their sport doing homework.

Photo provided by Peyton Dunbar



Eighth grader Jacob Mains' rowing team compete in a race while dressed in all pink. For their efforts, they were awarded second place, losing out by one second to a team of adults.

Photo provided by Everett Chappell

GROWING INTO INDUSTRY

BY OLIVIA RESINGER

From helping kids with math to studying hard and getting good grades, eighth grader William Sears works a part time job as a tutor at Mathnasium.

Sears helps kids with everything from learning how to use coins to the basics of Algebra 2.

"I help anyone I can help. I mean I can't do calculus, but I can try with anything that comes my way," Sears said.

Sears's drive for helping kids with math really shows. He talks



about wanting different career paths but wants to stay in this job as long as he's in high school.

Eighth grader Minh-Khue Tran has the same thoughts of wanting a job in high school.

"In high school, I feel like I want to have a part time job as a waitress or something in the food industry," Tran said.

Tran also commented about wanting to change her job path when she finished school and try to be-

come an actor.

Both eighth graders are willing to start supporting themselves in high school and beyond.

From helping kids with math to wanting a job as an actor, both have a bright future ahead.



**Photos by
Olivia Resinger**

By Marina Wissa

A Dancer's Journey Down the rabbit hole.

Being able to tell a story through a different art form is one of the most valuable skills a creative can have, and eighth grader Jessie Ochsendorf has harnessed it well through the magic of dance.

Ochsendorf began dancing on and off when she was little, but she has remained with the same studio for the past three years after being inspired by her friend's dance performance. Currently, Ochsendorf's favorite style of dance is ballet, but this summer, she got to star as the wildly beloved titular character of Alice, adapted from "Wonderland," a modern musical retelling of "Alice in Wonderland".

"My immediate reaction to being cast as Alice was pure joy," Ochsendorf said, recalling the feeling of seeing her name first on the cast list. "I was double casted, but still so happy to be able to share the role with another dancer."

The role of Alice is not easy to take on, especially considering that the character has existed for over a century and has been played by hundreds of different people. But Ochsendorf didn't hesitate to make it her own- in photographs of the production, she can be seen looking at the marvels of Wonderland in pure awe, truly characterizing Alice's curiosity and amazement.

When thinking about the process of the production, Ochsendorf mentioned, "My favorite part of playing Alice in the show was having some of the younger girls at the studio look up to me. It felt so rewarding to have them want to be near me all the time."

To train for the shows, Ochsendorf did many exercises and stretches to prepare for the level of flexibility that the performance would require, starting months

before the auditions. Going in, she had no idea that she would even be considered for the role of Alice, making the callbacks and final cast list a complete shock.

"To aspiring dancers, I would say to never underestimate yourself," Ochsendorf said. "You can do absolutely anything you want if you put your mind to it," a statement truly demonstrated by Ochsendorf's incredible talent and passion for the art of telling a narrative with nothing but dance.



A Step Into The Spotlight.

As the audience quiets and lights dim, eighth grader Chloe Mertzluft takes the stage with focus and grace, ready to dazzle the crowd with a new routine.

Mertzluft started dancing competitively when she was seven years old at Stage Door Studios, but her love for dance began far earlier. Motivated by her older sister, Mertzluft began practicing the craft when she was only two years old.

"My sister is a big inspiration, and dance inspires me to always try my best," Mertzluft said. "I like seeing old photos of her dancing when she was younger."

Lila Mertzluft, considers it an honor to have seen her sister grow into the world of dance.

"It's really rewarding to see her learn all the tricks I had to learn when I was her age," Lila Mertzluft said. "I love watching her perform- she's so passionate."

While the world of competitive dance requires Mertzluft to be well trained in all genres, her favorites are jazz and tap. To the audience, these routines look simple- but as the dancer performing them, such performances require high energy and incredible attention to detail.

It's part of a dancer's job to make their art look easy to the untrained eye," Lila Mertzluft said. "The process is really demanding, but it only makes it more rewarding when showtime finally arrives."

The scholarships, competition, and

flashy costumes may be crucial parts to the art form, but to the Mertzlufts, their favorite part is the memories they've made. The connections and passion formed while dancing is what make the art form truly worth pursuing, despite all its challenges.

AI - THE TOOL OF THE FUTURE

Story by Nairyat Takenova



The AI writing partner for anyone who has work to do

Complimenting human potential is what the future of AI is about.

Rephrase Sentence

The future of AI is about complementing human potential.

Insert

Dismiss



Some students believe that AI is beneficial in schools. It can allow studying to be far better than ever by personalization of learning and support required at various levels for different students. For example, 8th Grade, Iris Paothong uses Grammarly to help with her online writing assignments, emails, and essays.

“I think that I personally use Grammarly more than any other education-related AI programs... and it’s really helpful to me,” Paothong said.

Grammarly checks spelling, punctuation mistakes, and suggests better word usage. This tool can help many students improve their writing abilities and it adds a more professional touch. Besides that, many other AI technologies can adapt lessons to outline points that students struggle with.

Interactive quizzes can be created for complex topics for more effective study time. These AI-enabled tools, like virtual learning tutors, can give direct feedback on the assignments done and explain difficult concepts using simple language. It helps some students manage their time by building schedules for studying and giving notifications regarding upcoming work.

By making education accessible to all with features such as text-to-speech and translation, AI helps ensure that many students across a wide range of learning abilities can be successful.

THE CONTROVERSY OF SELF-DRIVING CARS

Story by Nidarshana Jayendran

In the 21st century, our technology has exponentially advanced. One advancement of technology is the Self-Driving cars. This new development, though, has two sides. Sanvi Doshi and Ana Jerome believe the progression of self-driving cars is very helpful, whereas Sayhan Sheikh believes there are more cons than pros.

Self-driving cars have multiple benefits. Middle schooler Sanvi Doshi attests to this fact. Doshi's family owns a Tesla, a very popular self-driving car. "I like it because I trust it and then my parents... don't need to worry about getting into an accident," Doshi says. Doshi then goes on to say that having a self-driving car can leave less leeway for error, initially resulting in less accidents.

Self-driving cars have many obvious benefits, yet that poses the question: do the pros out-

weigh the cons? Jerome has a unique perspective. Her family owns both a Polestar, an electric sports car and a Tesla model Y. Jerome appreciates the ease of the self-driving feature in the

Tesla, as it allows her parents to drive without being over vigilant at all times.

At the same time, however, Jerome is wary of the self-driv-

ing feature in such cars as they are not accurate all the time. "It stops when [my mom] is not paying attention for two seconds... and it sees a mailbox and thinks its a person," she said.

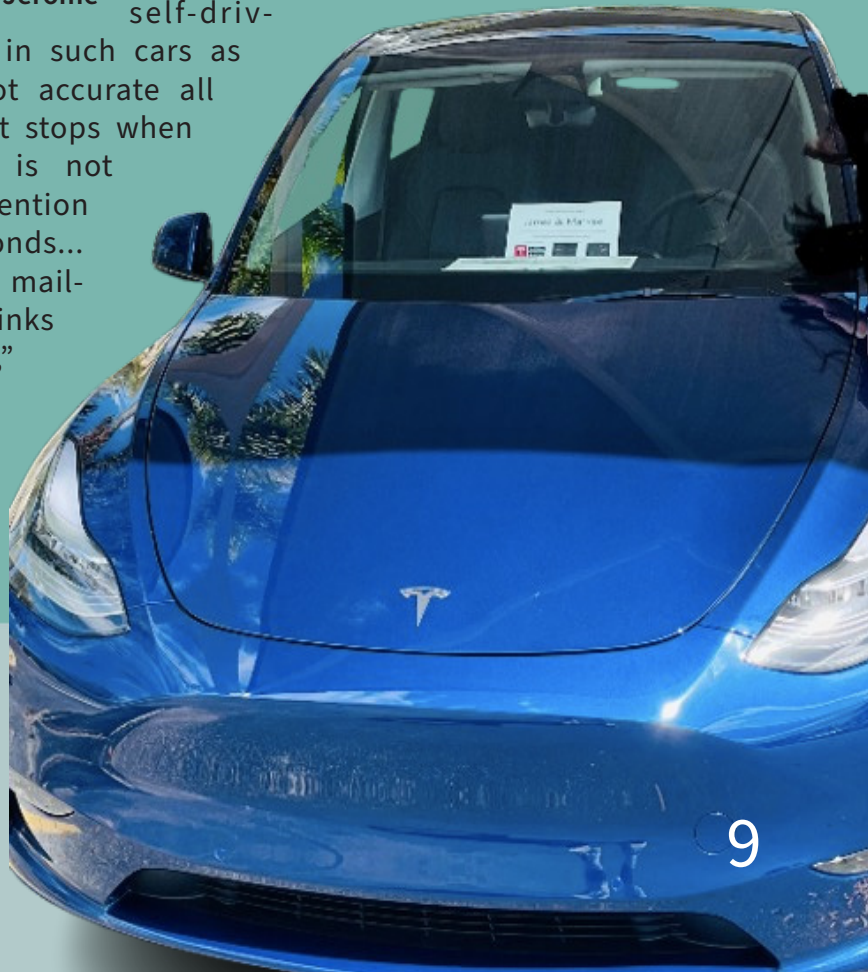
Photo provided by Sayhan Sheikh

Sheikh also expresses a distrustful viewpoint of self-driving cars. He finds that self-driving cars sometimes "go really slow and sometimes it just stops randomly. It's also very unreliable." Similar to Jerome, Sheikh believes that Tesla models are untrustworthy because of the fact that they randomly have changes of action, and one can never really take their hands off the steering wheel.

Whether the rewards are really worth the risks depends on the person. Either way, the technology seems here to stay



A dark blue Polestar electric sports car is parked in a driveway. **Photo provided by Ana Jerome**



Health & Fitness

SUPERBOWL PREDICTIONS

BY LOUIS CHEN

"THE LIONS HAVE THE SECOND MOST YARDS PER GAME. TOP THREE IN TOTAL YARDS, TOP FIVE IN PASSING YARDS, TOP FIVE IN RUSHING YARDS, TOP FIVE IN RUSHING YARDS PER GAME, SECOND MOST AMOUNT OF POINTS TOTAL, MOST POINTS PER GAME, AND THEY HAVE THE BEST RECORD IN THE NFL," SAYS SEVENTH GRADER DANIEL MCCAFFREY.

[INTERVIEWED DEC. 5]

**SEVENTH GRADER
DANIEL
MCCAFFREY**



**SEVENTH GRADER
TRUMAN
SERENE**

"I THINK THE LIONS CAN WIN BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE BEST OFFENSE AND THE TOP TEN DEFENSE," SAYS SEVENTH GRADER TRUMAN SERENE.

[INTERVIEWED DEC. 5]

TRACK PREPARATIONS

BY ALYSON FERNANDEZ

With the track season started, track coaches Maggie Higgins and Haley Brown had tons of things to do, from getting out their athletic gear to recruiting kids for the season.

Higgins and Brown both had to chase down kids to get everyone's paperwork in - and contact information.

"Run fast!" Higgins said, referring to making it on the track team.

You can run a mile, sprints, or other activities that fall in the fields category.

They described a process of going through a three-day tryout with timed races

and having the kids say what they are willing to run through the track season.

Returning Eighth grade runner Delilah Karayel says her favorite part about the track season is the meets.

There are not only returning runners, though. There are also new to middle school track runners such as Tori O'Donnell, a sixth grader who tried out this year. She said,

"Every morning before school, I have basketball practice most mornings, but before that I try to run a mile."

O'Donnell said she wants to do track because of the good exercise and the fun, too.

This season has lots of promise with all the prepared students ready to run their races.



**COACHES HALEY BROWN
AND MAGGIE HIGGINS**



**EIGHTH
GRADER
DELILAH
KARAYEL**



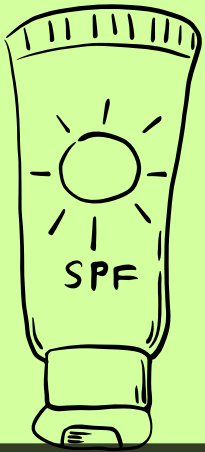
**SIXTH
GRADER
TORI
O'DONNELL**

Epiderm-nice!

BY: ALAKH BHATT AND
ISABEL GEORGIEVA

FIND OUT WHAT CAN YOU HELP YOUR
SKIN OUT!

Epiderm-do's:



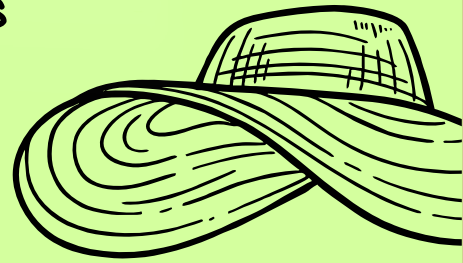
Drink lots of water

Eat balanced meals

Wear protective gear on sunny
days such as sunglasses and hats

ALWAYS wear sunscreen

Take walks or do some physical
exercise



Epiderm-don'ts:

Don't use harsh chemicals

Try to stay away from unhealthy
food (it's ok to indulge sometimes!)

Try to stay away from those
trendy skincare products (some
are good for your skin)



Books VS Movies

Which do you prefer, the book or the movie remake?



"I like movies better... I just like to watch things and not have to stare at a book and read the words and have to imagine it." -Snowden Mowry
Seventh Grade



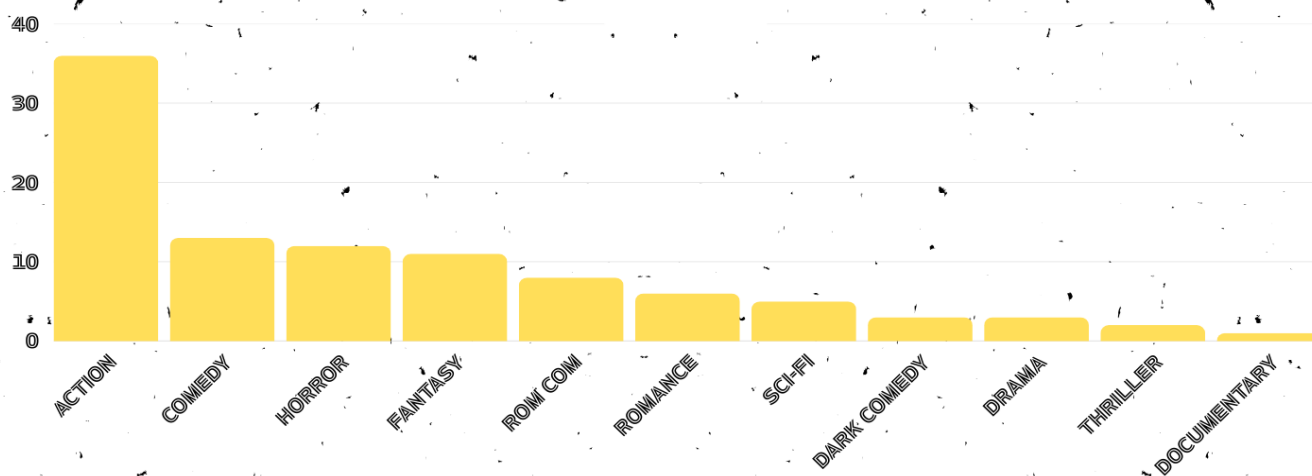
"Books because in movies they cut out 1 half of the stuff in the books... There are some scenes in the fourth book [Harry Potter] that in the movies they just don't have." - Mark Sabche Sixth Grade



"For 'Twilight' I like the book better because the movie was just really poorly done, and they didn't include everything." - Isabel Lopez Eighth Grade

Interviews by Mila Sandburg

FAVORITE MOVIE GENRES



One hundred Sixth, Seventh and Eighth graders interviewed

Poll by Diya Panthulu

6th Graders' Favorite Electives

3D Art



Stories and Pictures by EJ Buckley

The sea gleams with the fractured rays of sunlight and there is a light breeze swaying the boat gently from side to side. The surface of the water is smooth and unbroken. This is the ocean; the same ocean that sixth grader Leah Nyvoll loves. All of a sudden, a sleek fin pierces the water and ascends slowly from the depths. It's a tiger shark. No... wait... a bonnethead. The species becomes clear when its circular head nears the surface: a bonnethead. Nyvoll has a passion for the sea and the animals that live within. Especially sharks.

Nyvoll likes to draw sharks to release stress and extra energy. In 3-D art, Nyvoll gets to create structures that relate to the things she is interested in. Recently, in Louis Miller's class, Nyvoll created a board game called The Ocean Game.

"[In the class], we do a lot of things with clay and origami..." said Nyvoll.

She has been intrigued by 3-D art since kindergarten when her teacher would let the students make things out of clay or origami. Kneading the material or folding paper is "really fun and it kind of just makes me calm whenever I'm really stressed or anything..."

Technology



Sixth grader Daniel Conetta's love of technology has always been present in his life. From a young age, he was interested in the breakdown of coding and the idea that pictures can move on a screen.

When Conetta first set foot in the tech classroom at Pine View, he was in awe of the overarching ideas found in the class's structure and was exhilarated by the idea of getting to pursue his passion.

Mark Goebel, Conetta's tech teacher, encourages his students to traverse the world of computers by playing coding games and making calculations on Excel spreadsheets.

Conetta especially enjoys "these cool calculations on Excel" and the ability to wander and unearth the mysteries of the web during free time. He also said he has learned "a lot of cool stuff about bytes," one of the many topics he finds interesting in the tech class.

The tech elective at Pine View allows Conetta and other students to discover and uncover the hidden intricacies of technology in modern times.



← To read about 2D Art with Eleanor Sims, Band with Jayden Akabogu, and P.E with Noveah Corn, scan this QR-code

Humor

PAPER, PENCIL, AND HIGHLIGHTER

By Andrea Wang



Paper and Pencil have been best friends ever since they were created. They grew up together, went to school together, and had numerous adventures. Once they were teenagers, they started to have feelings for each other and soon fell in love.

One day at School Supply High School, Paper saw a very bright object that stood out from the crowd.

"Look! Do you see that?" Paper asked Pencil.

"Oh wow... what a color." Pencil replied.

"I'll go see who she is." Paper insisted. Paper went to meet the newbie and found that her name was Highlighter.

"I'm Highlighter, oh wow, a greeting, how original."

Highlighter was bright pink and had a unique, sassy attitude, the opposite of Pencil. Paper thought Highlighter was marvelous. She was different, beautiful, and full of color. Unlike Pencil, whose color is always gray on Paper's thin sheet of white paper, Highlighter really made him look unique.

Paper started dating highlighter. But just within a few weeks, Paper woke up from his dreams. He realized Highlighter was no good for him. She went too hard on him with her attitude, and she made him broke because she would always request expensive gifts. All that stress every single day. And as time progressed, Highlighter's color would sink through Paper more and make him weak.

"Oh, no" Paper said one day, "Look at myself, I'm all weak from that pink toxin of Highlighter!"

Paper broke up with Highlighter and said his apologies to Pencil.

"You'll always be in a special spot in my heart." Pencil said.

Paper and Pencil live happily ever after.





“And evil takes a human form
in Regina George.”

Photo By Diya Panthulu

Cast: Rebeka Filko as Regina George,
also EJ Buckley, Alakh Bhatt, Isabel
Georgieva, Shriya Ashok



M e a n G i r l s



“Whoever wrote it probably
didn’t think anyone would
ever see it?”

Photo By Shriya Ashok

Cast: Rebeka Filiko as Regina George

**The Spark staff
bring you reenact-
ments of some of
our
favorite iconic
movie scenes!**

The Lorax

“I speak for the trees, and I’ll
yell and I’ll shout / For the
fine things on earth that are
on their way out!”

Photo art by Shriya Ashok **15**



Spark Tries: Escape Room



By Rebeka Filko

Escape rooms are interactive games where players work together to solve puzzles and escape a themed room within a set time, usually 60 minutes. They have become popular worldwide, offering a fun way to test problem-solving and teamwork skills.



While others like Panthulu, Bhatt, and Buckley were focusing on solving the puzzles and escaping the room, that was not the case for the rest of us. “Lila, Rebeka, and I spent most of the time goofing off instead of helping,” said Altshul.



Members of the journalism class poses with a Scooby Doo plushie.

Can you save your town from disaster? On December 7, that’s what eight graders Lila Morsi, Dina Altshul, Diya Panthulu, Alakh Bhatt, English Buckley, and I (Rebeka Filko) tried to do in the Scooby-Doo and the Spooky Castle Adventure Escape room at Escapology.

As part of the game, you team up with Scooby and the gang to solve clues, uncover hidden secrets, and escape the haunted castle before time runs out.



First room in the Scooby-Doo and the Spooky Castle Adventure Escape room at Escapology.

Overall, the escape room was really fun and the puzzles were challenging but logical. Panthulu’s favorite puzzle was one of the last ones, involving degrees and turning boxes with monsters in them.

“My favorite part was collecting scooby snacks with Rebeka to put into the Scooby Snack machine,” said Morsi. Every time a box got opened we got excited, hoping that there was a Scooby Snack and the machine would do something. In the end, it turned out that the machine broke and opened early in the game so what we did was useless...



Childhood Television

by Dina Altshul

When I was little, I had many comfort TV shows that would get me through the ups and downs of childhood. They would always leave me feeling bouncy for the rest of the day.

My favorite comfort show when I was younger was *Miraculous: Tales of Ladybug and Cat Noir*. I enjoyed it because it was action-packed, and something was always happening on screen.

But it wasn't just the action that made me love the show — it was the connection that Ladybug had with Cat Noir. The way they managed their responsibilities and struggles of being superheroes with humor gave me the confidence that I could get through my problems if I just loosen up and stay positive.

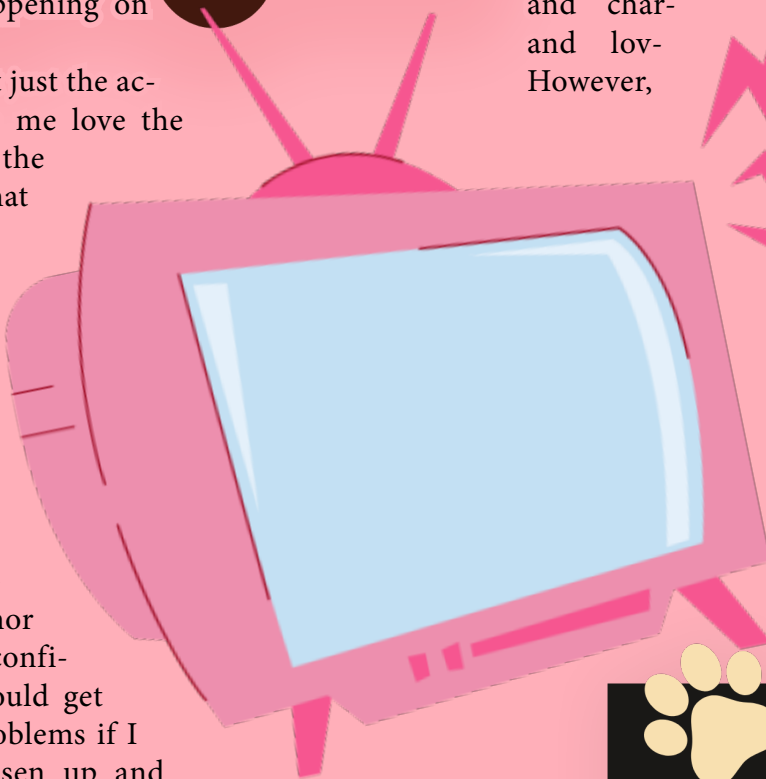
As I got older, my perspective on the show changed, and I started to understand the deeper meanings behind it: the self-discovery, the struggles with identity, the weight of responsibility, and nature of true love. But when I was younger, I didn't understand all that. I just loved how it made me feel.

Now, when I walk

past the living room and see my brothers watching the show, I always stop whatever I'm doing and tune into the show for a few minutes, to get the rush of nostalgia and ad- get whenever show. (And to and char- and lov- However,

nos- venture I I watch the appreciate how hot ismatic and kind able Cat Noir is.) sometimes I feel more than that; anger and frustration. It enrages me that Ladybug and Cat Noir still don't know each others identities and aren't happily in love.

The show has gone from introducing me to humor and lightheartedness to testing my patience and reminding me that just because you deserve something, doesn't guarantee you receive it.



Features

PA Fashion

Choir Uniform

Elora Jones

When walking into the choir room, the sound of music fills your ears. Seventh grader, Trey Wilkinson stands with his classmates dressed in a black and white suit paired with a navy-blue tie ready to sing the prepared choir songs as he steps out onto the stage.

Out of the three choir concerts that take place in the school's auditorium every year, Wilkinson said that he favors the winter concert the most. "I love when the highschoolers sing the annual carol of the bells and love the vibe that the concert gives off," he said.

Even when not singing at a concert, Wilkinson said he enjoys choir. "I love the vocal games we play to warm up and have fun when class is starting," he said.



Band Uniform

Zoe Mascola

Seventh grader Isabella Ferrigno is currently taking band. Ferrigno said she loves it because "band helps me learn new music, which I like doing." She has been taking band since sixth grade and recommends it to incoming sixth graders to take, too.

She particularly likes the Winter Band Concerts the most. She rates band a nine out of ten. Ferrigno plays the trombone in the band.

For concerts, band members wear a very formal outfit that includes a white long-sleeved top and very formal black pants. The Winter Band Concert is in mid-December, and she said that out of the concerts she's been in the winter ones are her favorite ones.



Journalism

Zoe Batton

“Join journalism, it’s fun!” Said eight Alakh Bhatt said when asked about her message to others about the journalism elective.

The uniform for journalism is a black t-shirt with a blue design that displays a camera and the words “Journalism” on the top and “Pine View” next to the camera.

Assignments that are usually done in journalism include many interviews, photos or graphics, and a decent amount of homework depending on your work habits during personal time. Classwork for journalism can sometimes take a while to finish. Publications of spark and yearbook include staying committed and focused on what you are doing. Some of these longer activities include making yearbook assignments and interviews. Although these things can be pesky, Bhatt said there are multiple upsides to journalism.

“When my journalism work is all done Mr. Lenerz is willing to let us do homework... he’s really flexible,” Bhatt said.

Overall, Alakh said that her favorite part was how fun and exciting it can be.



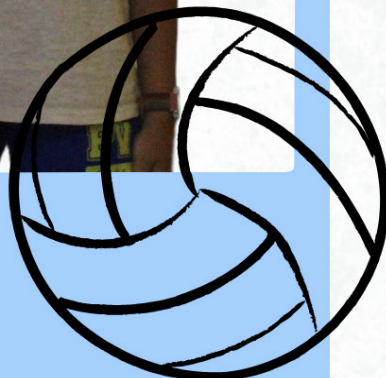
PE Uniform

Alyson Fernandez

“Bang!” goes the door to the locker room as sixth grader Anya Parks steps out into the gym ready to do one of the many athletic activities students do in PE. Wearing their classic PV gym uniform blue shorts with a white shirt both printed with the PV logo and the student's name Parks is now ready for class.

“I think they are pretty comfortable,” Parks said about the uniform. She could not imagine wearing anything else while playing games like basketball. Her favorite gym activity is playing volleyball. The uniforms truly work for what they are made for.

The students wear these uniforms every day while playing so many fun games.



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