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Sandra Kumwong

Junior and AP photography student Sandra Kumwong took this photo during a street performance on the island of Islamorada, located in the Florida Keys. Kumwong previously took Photography I and Photography II.

Drive Carefully Campaign

The Port Washington Police Department has partnered with the school district, local Boy and Girl Scout troops, and other community organizations to educate drivers and younger students about traffic safety and the values of safe driving.

"It is important for the community to be involved in this Traffic Safety Initiative, as we hope educating our drivers and pedestrians to the danger of distracted driving will prevent future tragedies from occurring," said Police Commissioner Ms. Angela Mullins. "Education of the danger involved is a key factor. Our youth of today will be our leaders of tomorrow, and we hope to change the culture of distracted drivers to make our community a safer place."

The goal of the Traffic Safety Initiative and the Drive Carefully Campaign is to educate the community about poor behavior, like texting or calling and driving, walking while distracted, and disobeying traffic signals. The project aims to educate both adult and student drivers and pedestrians.

"I think it's really important for students to learn about the dangers, as technology is ever advancing, and more and more time is spent with one's eyes on the screen instead of eyes on reality, increasing the risk of an accident," said junior Gabrielle Robinson.

Schreiber television production students will get involved in the campaign by creating public service announcements, which will be recorded and available online. The PWPD also hopes to utilize local news media to raise awareness in the community.

Local scout leaders will also educate their troops about traffic safety.

"Traffic safety is important to the community," said Police Chief Mr. James Salerno, "Within our community, there are many terrific resources. By utilizing those resources, we form a team that is committed to keeping our adults and children safe on our roadways. In addition, new ideas are readily formulated through our talented partners. By encouraging community participation, I believe we can deliver a stronger message."

~ Ana Espinoza

Helen Keller Run-Walk

This month, hundreds of Long Island residents of all ages stretched their legs to raise funds for the Helen Keller National Center (HKNC) and raise awareness about deaf-blindness.

The 17th Annual Helen's Run-Walk took place on Sept. 22 in Sands Point, with the addition of a new run component.

"This event brings people from all over Long Island to enjoy a nice event while raising programs for our funds and services, as well as raise awareness about deaf-blindness, a dual sensory loss in vision and hearing," said HKNC Development Associate Ms. Marina Carroll.

The 5K event's course was measured by Finish Line Road Race Technicians this year, owned and operated by former Weber science teacher Mr. David Katz, who acted as a surveyor for the 2012 London Olympics.

The race also operated using the same timing technology used at New York City marathons.

Local vendors, including Let There Be Bagels, Starbucks of Port Washington, Bagel Boss, and Moolala Frozen Yogurt, donated their goods and services to the event.

The nonprofit HKNC is the only agency in the country that provides information, referral, support, and training targeted toward deaf-blind adults, their families, and the professionals who work with them. The center offers training and residence programs at its Sands Point headquarters.

"I feel that the walk is important to inform others about this organization and the good cause it backs," said junior Ilana

~Ana Espinoza

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Top: The football team competes in a tug-of-war against the soccer team during the pep rally. Bottom left: Swim team members freshman Katie Egan, junior Pheobe Menaker, sophomore Delia Rush, junior Caitlin Ferris, and seniors Kim Byrne, Isabelle Fagen, and Catherine Tasnady pose for a photo at the pep rally. Bottom right: juniors Sameer Nanda and Wyn Stopford show their school spirit in the bleachers.

Students and local residents gather to show their pride in Port Washington

By Neil Devas

Contributing Writer

This month, Schreiber students dressed in blue and white filled the streets once again in celebration of their hometown. Pride in Port homecoming weekend kicked off on Sept. 28, marking the twenty-fifth year of celebration.

The Pride in Port festivities began with Spirit Day on Friday. Students and staff decked in white and blue face paint prepared for the afternoon's pep rally: an hour long event filled with music performed by various student bands, as well as games, competitions, sports, and routines by the Portettes and cheerleaders.

This year, responsibilities for the pep rally were handed from Assistant Principals Mr. Craig Weiss and Ms. Julie Torres to the executive officers of the Student Council: seniors Samiah Bhutta, Sam Crawley, and Ahmed Ismail, and juniors Martha Horowitz and Rana Ismail. The officers, along with social

studies teacher Ms. Patricia Dietz, have been meeting twice a week to coordinate the event.

"Our goal for the pep rally this year was to make it more fun than the previous years. Expect more laughs, as well as more student-teacher involvement," said Ismail.

In addition to the Student Council, members of the Pride in Port committee helped come up with and coordinate events for the pep rally.

"It's really great getting to help set everything up and plan the events. We've come up with some new games that are going to be really fun," said junior Sarah Sigman, member of the Pride in Port committee.

"I hope there's another surprise this year like last year when the Portettes and cheerleaders danced to "Thriller" in orange jumpsuits. I was really confused because it was so surprising" said junior John Neil before the pep rally.

Junior Sydney Ronis sang the national anthem, and the Portettes, cheerleaders,

and Latin Dancers performed routines. Organized games included a three-legged race, a tissue box challenge, and a scooter race.

The events continued the following day, which began with the Hall of Fame Breakfast, which honors former high school athletes. Following the breakfast was the Pride in Port parade.

The Schreiber Viking Band made its Pride in Port debut. Previously, all members of the concert and symphonic band were required to play during the pep rally, parade, and football game. The Viking Band, a new, voluntary marching band, has taken over the duties. It was designed as a pep band to entertain both the performers and the crowd.

Alongside the Viking Band were representatives from all seven district schools and community organizations, as well as the Portettes, cheerleaders, and homecoming court, who marched up Main Street, Port Boulevard, and Campus Drive for the parade.

"It's fun being at the parade, whether you're in the crowd or actually marching," said sophomore Owen Walsh.

Following the parade, students, staff, and members of the community headed to the turf for the Schreiber homecoming football game. This year, the team played Great Neck South.

"It's fun playing during the homecoming game because it's probably the game where Port supports their football team most," said senior football player Kyle Granger. "Playing with the whole town behind you like that gives you a lot more confidence."

The halftime show featured the Portettes, cheerleaders, the newly inducted Hall of Fame athletes, and the crowning of this year's homecoming king senior Will Smith and queen semior Emma Nadel.

"It's great seeing the whole community coming together," says math teacher Mr. Anthony Tedesco. "It's one of those events that everybody wants to be part of."

Updated security regulations aim for a safer school environment Entry through the main door and visitor ID checks become mandatory

By Jenny Baek and Melody Choi

Contributing Writers

Acts of violence over the past few years have encouraged schools to enforce stricter security policies. At Schreiber, some of these changes include allowing entry to the school exclusively through the front door and enforcing ID checks for visitors.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Board of Education, made up of community members, has championed these measures.

"Events like Sandy Hook have made everybody around the country take a second look at their school's security procedures," said Principal Mr. Ira Pernick.

By locking all the doors and thoroughly checking IDs, the administration believes that it can reduce the risk of potential threats.

"I think over time, there are a lot of things that you can always do to improve student safety in school, and we have plans to try to enhance those things as time and finances allow," said Assistant Principal Mr. David Miller.

While some students feel better protected because of these new enforcements, others find it inconvenient and a hassle to walk all the way to the front door, especially those had walked to school in the past and need easy access to enter the building.

"I don't think they should be that strict, but I think there should be a precaution." said junior Rachel Ellerson. "I feel like locking the side doors accomplishes nothing. The school shooting makes me a little scared but it makes me feel more secure with the security guards and the ID picture process."

The changes in security policy have made other students feel more secure.

"They are beneficial for everyone, from students to staff to faculty members," said junior Ian Chu.

Some students defend the decision to lock the alternative entrance to the building. "If the back door is that easily



Ethan Bookstein

Educational assistant Ms. Kerry Geiger utilizes the new security ID checking system at the front door. As visitors come into the school building, a photo is taken of them and entered into the computer. Additionally, they receive an ID card to identify themsleves as they walk through the building.

accessible for students, is it not just as well open to the perpetrator?" said junior Sam Kang.

The new policies are only the beginning of the other security changes that are starting to be established in Schreiber. Mr. Pernick wants to ensure not only the students but also the parents that the building is safe.

"How well can I look at you and look

at your parents and say your children are safe here and what can we do to improve that?" said Mr. Pernick.

In one of the changes, the administration has made doors more secure than they have been in previous years. Each door has been magnetized so that, when ajar, an alarm will sound to indicate that it is open.

The administration also hopes to

enhance camera coverage at doors and create requirements for all staff members to scan in with their school-issued IDs before entering the building.

"These will allow us to have a better sense of what's happening. We are in a constant state of moving forward when it comes to safety procedures," said Mr. Pernick.

World Trade Center artifact displayed in Manorhaven

By Sameer Nanda

Staff Writer

In 2001, George W. Bush stated, "Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting September the 11th. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the

The attacks that occured on Sept. 11 unleashed devastating effects on the United States and the Port Washington community, but they also prompted the organization of events intended to honor and remember those who lost their lives.

On Sept. 11, 2013, the Manorhaven Village Club conducted a ceremony to pay tribute to the lives lost in the tragic event. At the event, officials unveiled an artifact of 9/11 history.

At the ceremony, Port Washington residents Mr. Ron Kaslow and Mr. John Chalker, who were both New York City first responders, unveiled a 100 pound

steel beam from the remains of the World Trade Center. Mayor Giovanna Giunta and Deputy Village Clerk Sharon Natalie, procured the object through the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which has been offering organizations 9/11 artifacts to be put on display.

"9/11 is seared into our hearts, minds, and spirit individually and as a nation. The unfathomable tragedy of that day along with the incredible acts of heroism will forever mark and bind our nation together. Manorhaven was personally touched by both," said Mayor Giunta. "Last year, we built and dedicated a Memorial walkway at Village Hall. This year we were privileged to receive a part of 9/11 history."

The object is displayed in an archival cabinet designed by Mr. Steven Blasucci, the owner of Port Plumbing and Heating. Over one hundred Port Washington residents, as well as Senator Jack Martins, attended the event. "At times the ceremony was somber; however, at other points, it was a clear representation of American patriotism with gun salutes

and patriotic songs," said Deputy Clerk Natalie. "A truly touching gesture was when every person attending placed a red carnation before the artifact as a sign of commemoration. Overall, the event embodied a true sense of community

"Last year, we built and dedicated a Memorial walkway at Village Hall. This year we were privileged to receive a part of 9/11 history," said Mayor Giunta.

fellowship."

Many people took pride in the honor bestowed upon Manorhaven. "Manorhaven was touched by the tragedy," said Ms. Natalie. "There were many members of the Manorhaven community who lost their lives or responded to the tragedy."

However, others frown upon the idea of a precious artifact remaining in Manorhaven.

"While I find it to be somewhat of a prestigious honor for Manorhaven to have possession over this artifact, I don't think that objects from the 9/11 tragedy should be circulating," said junior Iliana Ioannides.

"I think that it was important to house the artifact locally," said junior Laynie Calderwood. "It will be a good reminder, especially to the younger generations that may not fully understand the gravity and horror of the tragedy."

"It was moving to see Firefighters, Police, EMT, veterans, clergy and dignitaries and residents have all come together today on 9/11 to honor, remember and dedicate this very special artifact to the memory of all those loved ones who lost their lives 12 years ago," said Mayor Giunta. "This ceremony truly was in remembrance and love."



Ethan Bookste

Two dogs enjoys the park without leashes. The wood chips covering the ground were salvaged from trees brought down by Sandy.

Off the Leash dog park opens in the Manorhaven Nature Preserve

BY Rachel Cho

Senior News Editor

Who let the dogs out? Manorhaven Mayor Giovanna Giunta did. On Sept. 28, there was a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the official opening of the first dog park on Long Island. Dog biscuits were distributed to celebrate the opening of the park.

Located in the Manorhaven Nature Preserve, "Off the Leash," was created through the help of a committee of local volunteers along with Manorhaven village, who planned the design and construction of the park.

"I most definitely think the park will

be beneficial to Port Washington because it's a perfect way to interact with other people and their pets," said senior Diego Hidalgo. "I would bring my dog, Maya, to the park, to meet other dogs."

Featuring a small park for smaller dogs and another larger park for bigger dogs, both parks have been filled with wood chips made from trees that fell during Superstorm Sandy.

The memorial benches in the parks for dog owners were donated by residents. The fencing surrounding both parks and the Pawprint entrance was designed and donated by resident Frank Ottaviani, while the actual construction of the park was done by the Manorhaven village Department of Public Works.

"It has been a community effort from

start to finish," said Mayor Giovanna Giunta.

The establishment of the new park is receiving positive review from not only dog owners but all residents.

"I think it's great if it doesn't get in the

"I think it's great if it doesn't get in the way of anything," said sophomore Lesther Reyes. "I think plenty of people who live in Manorhaven will go."

The idea of creating this dog park was long hoped for and it finally came true.

Off the Leash is also a part of an ongoing environmental initiative to create and preserve green spaces for future generations.

"The Manorhaven dog park has been an aspiration of residents for many years. It was one of the projects our Board and I wanted to make a reality for our village. It is a perfect site, surrounded by natural beauty," said Mayor Giunta.

A group of dog owners prepares to let their dogs off the leash. The newly unveiled park has separate sections for

large and small canines.

Not only does the dog park mark the start of the growing nature preserve, it also serves as a safe place for dogs to run around freely and exercise.

"I'm so excited that the community is opening this dog park. It will provide a great place for dog owners and their pets to excercise, socialize, and have fun," said junior Sally Kuan.

It also provides a place for resident dog owners and others to socialize in a petfriendly environment.

"It is also our hope that many young people will join together as part of the dog park committee that will provide them with community service as well as help to maintain Manorhaven's dog park," said Mayor Giunta.

Common Core standards implemented in English and math departments

ву Lena Kogan

Staff Writer

This year our school, among many others, has begun making changes to its English and mathematics curricula. New York was among the first states to begin applying new Common Core standards for teachers and students throughout its public schools, and forty-four other states have also joined the initiative.

According to the Common Core website, "the standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers."

"Common Core is generally related to this idea of helping all students become college ready," said Principal Mr. Ira Pernick.

These standards focus on providing students with skills beyond those required to pass a class. Over the summer, the math department re-wrote the algebra curriculum to fit the Common Core standards.

"Common Core focuses on helping students see their math and be able to talk and speak about their math using specific language appropriately, as math is a language in and of itself," said Mr. Pernick.

Besides the changes to the algebra curriculum, the Algebra Regents have also been moved to June 3, on the same date as next year's Geometry and English Regents

"I think it's actually helpful that the Regents are being moved up because we can get it out of the way and focus more on preparing for finals in other subjects," said freshman Diana Brennan.

Although some students have expressed concern over limited teaching time, others feel that the new testing date shouldn't matter.

"I think as long as the teacher prepares the students well enough then it shouldn't matter if the Regents are a few weeks earlier, as long as we are prepared for the test," said freshman Julia Hayden.

Still other students and staff members have problems with the Common Core curriculum as a whole because it puts an increased emphasis on regulations and standardized testing.

"I think the Common Core standards are too strict, and they have allow for too much testing," said junior Samuel Kang. "I don't think they really allow for creative thinking in students."

On paper, the Common Core English standards strive to prepare students with writing styles and learning skills that can be used outside the classroom.

Although the new curriculum will still

focus on reading, writing, and speaking, the English standards are meant to impact other subject areas as well.

"All but one of the standards are applicable across curricular areas," said Mr. Pernick. "There is an expectation that students write in every subject, that students speak using appropriate language in every subject. The idea is for Common Core to impact the entire school, not just math and English."

The program focuses on creating standards based on what skills colleges and businesses have been looking for in the last several decades, but being college ready doesn't mean focusing only on the students currently applying to college. In fact, these new standards are not only affecting our district at the high school level as the program is being implemented in the elementary schools as well.

"I think in general its good for us, as educators, to examine our curriculum periodically to see where we can make enhancements," said Mr. Pernick. "Students aren't always the same and as culture changes, we need to change our curriculum."

The desire to ensure that students are prepared for college-level courses and have the skills required to succeed in higher education is mutual among staff members and school administrators.

The initiative is organized at a state level, but the organization is overseen by the national government by way of representative organizations such as National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). The organizations are also keen on communicating with communities like Port Washington on a local level, through school administrators, parents, staff, and students.

The initiative began in 2010 and has been appiled to education systems from kindergarten through twelfth grade throughout the nation since.

"The standards establish what students need to learn, but they do not dictate how teachers should teach," according to www.commoncore.org. "Teachers will continue to devise lesson plans and tailor instruction to the individual needs of the students in their classrooms."

Several organizations are currently developing plans for future incorporation of the Common Core standards into science, world languages, and the arts.

"All of this is still an extra stressor on schools, on students, on teachers, even on principals," Mr. Pernick said. "This is brand new, and when we don't know what outcomes are going to be, it creates anxiety. So we're all trying to be optimistic that the results are going to be good."

Voluntary pep Viking Band replaces mandatory marching band

By Madeline Fagen

Assistant News Editor

Schreiber's band classes are no longer required to participate in the school's marching band, but a new voluntary pep band focused on upbeat and exciting performances is taking its place.

It used to be that if you were a member of the Schreiber band, you were also a member of the marching band. Membership and attendance of regular rehearsals and performances were a mandatory component of every student's grade.

If a student missed a performance at a game, they were required to complete a make-up assignment.

"We wanted to get rid of the negative feeling that many people had towards marching band because it was something being forced upon them and make it something that people want to do and are excited about," said band director Mr. John Meyer.

Marching band is no longer a requirement for band students, but instead a separate activity.

"This decision has already begun to enhance our school's band program," said Mr. Meyer. "The Symphonic Band numbers are higher than they've been in all of the years I have been here."

"Since it's completely voluntary now, if you can make the performance, great, if you can't, then wait for the next game," said senior Viking Band president Helen Kim.

The changes have made the marching band experience more similar to an extracurricular club than a school band as students are no longer graded for their



Stanley Elysée

Members of the newly-formed Viking Band perform by the bleachers at Pride in Port. The voluntary ensemble consists of students from all grade levels and is conducted by Mr. Meyer.

"This aspect is wonderful as the members of the band are not just satisfying a requirement, but instead they are truly vested in supporting our school and making good music," said senior and Viking Band treasurer Leo Potters.

"Last year, it was easy to tell that there were people who were in the marching band that didn't appreciate it and were in it because they were forced to," said senior and Viking Band librarian Ben Moy. "Now that everyone's on the same page, I think that the marching bad will be able to grow at a faster rate since everyone's there because they want to be."

After school meetings give the members opportunities to play more advanced music. The band is smaller, runs only during football and marching

months, and is labeled a pep band, meaning the group plays music geared towards encouraging excitement at games.

"Even though some of us were worried about the number of participants, we currently have a decent number of people on the list," said Kim. "Our goal this year, as our teachers have told us, is to make it a pep band, to make it all fun and exciting while enjoying ourselves."

Additionally, the officer roles of the band have changed. In previous years, the band had drum majors, who conducted the band during their performances, alongside officers with a minimal role.

This year, the officers each have distinct positions and play a significant part in the functioning of the band.

The president does most of

the conducting and, with the help of the vice president, prepares the band for each song. The treasurer handles the band's spending, the librarian organizes the music, and the parade major runs the band during Pride in Port and Memorial Day parades

"All of these new changes are great ideas and I believe both band directors, Mr. Meyer and Mr. Brenner, are always trying to find new ways to make music more enjoyable," said Moy. "I hope this new addition to the music department will grow throughout the years. It's still really early for us to tell how this will go since it's just the first year but I think that making the Viking Band a voluntary group was a great idea."

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Should parents help students with their college apps?

BY Harry Paul Photo Editor

Welcome to the yearly bonanza that is college application season. It's the time of year when seniors have breakdowns at the drop of a pin and there is a perpetual line in the guidance office. College trips are in full swing and sleep has become a luxury reserved for the weekends.

There is no shortage of stress, and it is thrown at seniors from every direction. AP classes, extracurricular activities, standardized tests and application after application all pile up in the lockers, rooms and backpacks of seniors. The nights are late and the coffee is strong.

The college application process is an arduous one. Keeping track of deadlines is a full time job, yet students are expected to maintain "A" averages, be involved in everything, keep track of a thousand different pieces of paperwork, save the world and get 9 hours of sleep a night.

Some view the college essay as the most important essay of one's high school

At a terrifying maximum of 650 words, students spend months crafting their entire life into

a few paragraphs. Attempts have been made in recent years to streamline the process with online

applications through Common App, college visits at. Schreiber, and copious help from the guidance office, it is still an overwhelming ordeal for 17 year olds who are just beginning to find

The work of getting into college is done by seniors and for seniors. That's the only right way.

But in a world where competition has reached insane levels, the job market is abysmal, and students have no time to think (let alone enjoy life), a good solid support group of adults can make all the difference in the process.

However, this does not mean students should have their applications completed by outside sources.

It is completely necessary for students to have parents and guidance counselors guide them in this process, but that does not at all mean that they should be completing applications for them.

Aside from being obviously immoral, getting a third party to write a personal statement is counterintuitive.

Adults have experienced much more than teenagers have. Their perspective is essential in helping students to decide what is best for them.

There are many things to consider: traditional debates of location and size, which standardized tests to take, and whether or not to apply

Having trusted adults to help

BY Aaron Bialer and Daniel Bidikov Copy Editor and Editor-in-Chief

Living in Port Washington, you may find that your parents have made a lot of decisions for you.

You might not disagree with all of these decisions—you probably like flute and sleepaway camp—but as you approach senior year, be wary of the amount of influence that they have on the college process.

Applying to college is a lot of work, yes, and it is helpful to have support from as many outlets as possible, but parents and other outsiders view the college process with a perspective that is not relevant to the decision making of the

Many parents, rightfully, want what they think is best for their children. In this respect, they often do not know what high school students want out of a college education and should lay off.

People who are not students often push for the most prestigious option. From an early age, parents will encourage their children to idolize and worship certain schools because they are the "best" and not because they offer specific programs that the students want, or have the kind of environment in which the

student will

fit.

parents," said senior Deirdra Labartino. Parents should offer opinions and make general statements, but what we put in our applications and where we apply to is our responsibility. If they help too much, it's as if the college is accepting our parents and not us."

"If students' parents have too much influence on their child's college choice it may be a bad thing. Many parents want their kid to go to the 'best' possible school, not necessarily where they are happiest," said senior Matt Brandes.

Only students themselves know their own preferences. Though advice may help students find their true preference, it should not control their decision making.

Choosing to get a college education, especially at a highly selective insitution is a sign of intellectual maturity. Students should exercise this maturity by assuming full control over their college decision. Proper decision making in this respect is a sign that students have done their research and know what they want out of their education and college experi-

In this case, it is much more acceptable for parents to voice their opinions as parents have the right to trust their children are safe at college. Parents should attempt no to interfere

much in their childrens' college applications, as it is overall, their childrens' decision, not theirs.



New security is worth the inconvenience

BY Sabina Uni and Harry Paul

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On the first day of school this year, students were notified that using any door other than the main entrance is prohibited. Although this policy has caused widespread anger and frustration, it is ultimately a necessary inconvenience in order to guarantee the safety of all students.

Security in schools has become a recurring issue faced throughout the nation as was exhibited by recent tragedies such as the Sandy Hook shooting. Although people have different opinions about the best way to address these issues, keeping students protected is of utmost importance.

Many students are aware that safety considerations outweigh personal burdens.

"Personally, I am ready to support any protective measures Schreiber's administration takes," said junior Olivia Mann. "Let's admit it, society has changed, and we should be thankful that Schreiber's administration is willing to put a lot of

funding and effort into keeping us as safe as possible."

These concerns are reiterated by the parents, who are gratified that the school is taking more steps to protect their chidlren.

Having only one entrance, monitored at all times by members of administration and a security camera, permits the school to be aware of everyone who enters and exits the building.

As Schreiber has had trouble for years keeping underclassmen on campus, these new safety procedures also prevent immature students sneeking off into potentially dangerous situations. Underclassmen have not had the experiences that older students have had and might be unprepared to act approppriately in an emergency situation.

In case of an emergency, it is vital for the administration to know the whereabouts of the entire student body. The fact that side doors are locked causes many students to have to walk around the building or enter the building much farther away from their classes. Some

students think that this new policy doesn't provide enough increased security to justify the inconvenience caused by having to use the front door.

Recent concerns have also been brought up about the overall security of the building, since many of the doors are rusty, windows are not secured, and locks are not routinely changed.

Despite this, it is clear that the incovenience is worth the added safety.

"I understand it might be a little crowded with everyone coming in at the same time, but in terms of safety it's better to have only one entrance open," said freshman Diana Brennan.

As the country has seen too many times in recent months, tragedies are unpredictable and can strike in any way. While it is impossible to guard against every danger in a public space, it is gratifying that increased efforts are being taken to fortify Schreiber's deffenses.

At the end of the day, it is ultimately the school's priority to make sure that students are able to attend classes in a safe learning environment. Even with such inconveniences, it is better safe than sorry.

United States and Russia can't seem to agree

BY Will Berger

Staff Writer

The strained relationship between the U.S. and Russia does not appear to be improving any time soon. The escalating crisis in Syria and the chance of military intervention only adds to the list of disputes between the two superpowers.

In the past, Russia has supported Iran with various forms of nuclear aid, completely disregarding the US government's fear of a nuclear-armed Iran.

Obama canceled a summit with Putin in August after Moscow gave aslum to Edward Snowden, a former NSA contractor who is wanted on espionage charges for leaking highly classified documents about U.S. surveillance programs.

During a time of insufficient communication between world leaders, Vladimir Putin decided to address the American people himself.

On Sept. 12, Putin publised an article in the New York Times, proclaiming that military intervention in Syria is "ineffective and pointless." This article, titled "A plea for caution from Russia," received large amounts of attention from both the media and the US government.

Most importantly, it helped Putin rekindle his love for op-ed writing. The article raises many questions, not only about the conflict in Syria but also the future of foreign relations. Will political leaders of other countries begin to use the press as a means of communication with US citizens?

And if so, should the US do the same? Mr. Maverick himself, John McCain, seems to think so.

On Sept. 19, McCain published an article on the website of a Russian newspaper, Pravda.ru, titled: "Vladimir Putin: a tyrant at home, a friend of tyrants abroad." In case you could not tell, McCain and Putin are not the best of friends.

McCain's scathing editorial accuses Putin of destroying Russia's global reputation. He accuses the Russian government of "[throwing] the members of a punk rock band in jail for the crime of being provocative and vulgar and [having] the audacity to protest President Putin's rule." From the get-go that John MCain seems like a huge fan of punk rock music.

In all the confusion of the events in Syria, I quite enjoy seeing political leaders attack each other passive-aggressively by publishing articles in the adversary's home country.

I think it could offer insight on foreign perspectives that Americans and the US government can't see.

Unfortunately, the American people will have to wait for the next basketball season to read Kim Jong Un's sports column, "Un and Off the Court."

Severe overcrowding in classrooms

BYRachel Kogan

Assistant Opinions Editor

Overcrowding in classrooms has become increasingly prevalent this year. Due to recent budget cuts, the number of students in many classes was drastically increased.

As a result, students who would normally be separated into multiple classes are hoarded into a single room, many times without proper air conditioning. Classrooms are designed to hold only a certain number of people and the addition of students results in an increasing strain of these regulations.

The average capacity in previous years was around 25 students per class-

However, this year it has become common for students to complain about having 36, 37 or even 39 students in one classroom; over ten students greater than in previous years.

The lack of space to hold students has become evident as many are forced to sit in unorthodox places.

"I feel like the overcrowding is bad for both the teachers and the student," said junior Tessa Peierls. "It's coming to the point where there are not even enough chairs. Students have to sit on the radiator or even at the teacher's desk."

Students should not be forced to sit in such unacceptable places.

Space for students to sit in desks, as is regulated by the state, should be present in every classroom.

The desks have been placed in order to fill up as much space as possible within the classroom.

Walk into a classroom and you will see that every nook and cranny, is filled with desks, chairs and students' learning materials.

The unfortunate result of adding an overwhelming amount of desks to classrooms is that many times, students are forced to sit at angles that make it nearly impossible to see the board.

Such obstacles discourage students' focus on learning.

"One of my classes is so overcrowd-

ed that they had to move over five desks into the room," said junior Ariel Waldman. "Of course, having a last name at the end of the alphabet, I am stuck with one of the rejected desks on the outskirts of the classroom. Because of the distance, I find it really difficult to stay engaged in class."

This situation affects not only the student body, but the teachers as well. Naturally, the more students there are in a classroom, the more students that the teacher needs to engage.

Due to time restraints from intense AP and Regents curricula, teachers are forced to either choose to answer questions or ignore students and plow on to finish the material.

As a result, students are forced to learn new material without fully understanding the fundamentals.

Although extra help is provided, more and more students are seeking out their teachers after class to understand the lessons, and it is simply not possible for the teachers to help them all.

This puts students in a stressful situation in which they do not understand the material and have to perform well on

'Overcrowding has made it impossible to learn well," said junior Joshua Curtis. "Most questions are not tolerated during class. Those that are devolve into an everlasting discussion. Not being able to get necessary help shakes confidence and hinders the learning process."

As if the stress of finishing homework and learning the material is not enought, students are becoming increasingly frustrated with attempting to not only learn the material presented to them adequately, but to excel at the subject.

For many students, receiving high grades in classes is essential in aiding them to go to the college of their dreams.

The present classroom situation directly influences students' abilities to do well in class, naturally hurting their chances to achieve their goals.

Students who desire to begin the year with a fresh start have discovered that the situation with overcrowding makes it increasingly difficult to learn effectively.



"Not being able to get sufficient help, even for the smallest details hurts confidence," said Curtis. "One can only imagine how stressful it is to not understand an entire topic."

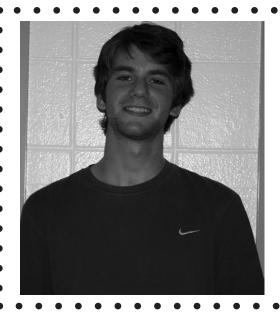
Overcrowding affects not only the mentality of students and teachers, but also the public's general health. The more dense with students a classroom is, the faster illness spreads.

"This year I've seen so many people missing school because they've been sick," said junior Rachel Ellerson. "Those who don't want to miss class because of the intense curriculum frequently end up spreading the germs to the rest of the class."

The district should recognize the endless array of problems as a result of overcrowding and attempt to reform them if they desire students to represent their schools as academically excellent.

Schreiber Speaks

What should we do in Syria?



"This is a complicated civil war, and it is really not clear which side we should support. The best course is to stay out!"

~Jake Hirsch, senior



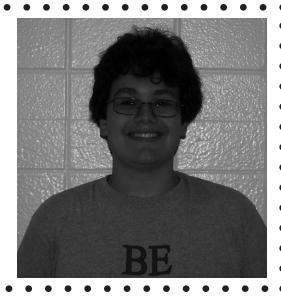
I believe that the U.S would feel some incentive to get involved, whether it is to affirm its position among the other countries or for another reason.

~Chloe Margulis, senior



"It's never worked when we intervened! Why would this time be any different?"

~Eric Rosenblatt, senior



"I don't think that we should intervene through military action. However, I do think that diplomatic intervention is necessary."

~Jordan Youner, sophomore



"I think that a large part of the United States interest in Syria is their preoccupation with oil. I think the human rights issue is more important."

~Naomi Boico, junior



"I think that they need to be dealt with for using chemical weapons. We need to take serious diplomatic action."

~Sam Reisman, junior

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Overcrowding caused by new art display in atrium

BY Rachel Kogan & Stacey Kim

Assistant Opinions Editor & Staff Assistant

To prevent the destruction of student artwork and to help tomaintain a calming ambiance in which sudents can fully appreciate it, the Schreiber administrators began enforcing a new policy this year, prohibiting all students from eating lunch in the atrium.

However, this policy contradicts its original intent. If students cannot eat their lunch in the atrium, they will not be able to fully appreciate the new artwork.

Last year, the school proposed to create art display cases in order to house and protect student artwork. The school hoped to increase the visibility of student artwork.

However, the school's claim to creating a "win/ win" situation fell short.

Students are not allowed to eat lunch in the atrium despite such alterations.

Last year, many different students enjoyed spending their lunch in the atrium.

Less crowded than the cafeteria and the commons; the atruim was a perfect place for them to enjoy their lunch.

Many of these students are frustrated that they are no longer allowed to eat lunch in their favorite spot.

"Students who prefer to eat or spend their off periods in the atrium should have the option to sit there," said junior Ilana Zweig. "If the main concern is to prevent any harm to the artwork, then the display cases would be the solution to any possible damage."

Moreover, the effects of this decision have stirred a negative response from the student body.

Many have become frustrated with the school's changing policies.

The need for proper lunch time seating became a growing concern among students.

The difficulties experienced by the students in attempting to find a place to sit down have been increasing over the course of this year.

"I think it's unfair to keep limiting where we eat," said junior Paige Torres.

In addition, the benches outside barely hold forty kids. Once they are full, the students have no where to go.

Some students resort to sitting on the grass or on the steps in front of the main enterence.

However, these students are often confronted by frustrated and overworked security guards who chase them off the steps.

As the climate continues to grow colder, fewer and fewer students will brave the cold to eat at the tables outside.

Consequently, the number of students remaining indoors for lunch will increase. If the problems with the overcrowding in the cafeteria and the commons is not an issue already, it will inevitably grow worse with the winter weather.

These problems will make it even more difficult for the students to obtain a comfortable and inviting place to sit for lunch.

The result, more and more students will be seen wandering the hallways, causing ruckess and disrupting classes that are in session.

"Right now everyone is really happy sitting outside so the atrium doesn't really matter," said senior Sabrina Brennan. "But, everyone's going to come in during the winter. There simply will not be enough places for students to eat during this season."

Editorials

Overcrowding on school buses

Transportation to and from school is guaranteed for all students living an appropriate distance from the building. School buses to populated areas are often crowded, but if they are occupied as they are intended to be, there is not an unsafe amount of people on board.

Some places have multiple buses assigned to take students on different routes throughout the area.

However, admittance to a bus is poorly regulated, and students can board a bus without even showing identification.

This tempts students to pick a bus that goes to an area near them or a friend just because it arrives a few minutes later in the morning or a few minutes earlier in the afternoon.

As a result, certain buses are overcrowded, with many students left to barely fit in three to a seat while the next bus approaches and begins to fill halfway.

The Schreiber Times advocates that bus drivers who know that their buses are going to be highly occupied police their boarders more strictly, requesting that passengers show a valid and current student ID at the very least.

Students schedules are too full

For many courses and activities, students are required to miss portions of other classes. This is true in several music courses, including the band, orchestra, and choir.

These students are required to attend a certain amount of sectionals, which are smaller classes with more individualized instruction.

Often, these sectionals force students to miss important classes in which the work could be hard to make up at home.

This causes a problem for many students, as missing these classes could lead to future problems, including not understanding lessons as well as if they were able to attend the class.

Sometimes, the classes that are missed include crucial concepts or information that just wouldn't be taught the same if they were read in a book.

If it is okay to miss class and do the work elsewhere, then what would be the point of going to class in the first place?

When a student learns on his or her own, there is a risk of comprehending things differently, which can become an issue

When students enroll in more difficult honors and advanced placement courses, students can not afford to miss class as easily, and teachers are less willing to let students go.

Another problem is that if a student is not able to go to enough of the required sectionals, they are penalized by receiving a lower grade.

This is still the case if they had a test, or if the teacher said no. Although the music department has made an effort to make it so students don't miss the same class, it still isn't enough.

This problem also has a fairly simple solution. Sectionals could still be available during the school day, but students shouldn't be allowed to miss class to go, and should go if they have an off period at that time.

The other sectionals could be completed in the morning, before classes start, in a system similar to how physical education classes are made up when missed.

There are also other circumstances in which students are required to miss class time, including when representatives from colleges visit, and when students are planning an assembly, such as a pep rally.

These aren't necessarily as bad, considering they only occur on occasion. Sectionals are scheduled nearly every week.

In short, it is inconvenient to missclass for requirements such as sectionals.

Importance of safety drills in Schreiber

School security is a major proritory for students and faculty alike. Although the fire drills have been increasingly frequent and many teachers and students find them to be inconvient, they are necessary in this volume.

The Schreiber Times strongly believes that safety drills are an imperative caution that should not be taken lightly.

Many students, if tested, would not have adequate knowledge on proper safety procedures.

During safety drills, students often turn to their phones to play Candy Crush or send snapchats. They also participate in idle conversation and are not fully focused on mastering all of the safety procedures.

Many students lack even the slightest idea as to where to go at the sound of alarms. They rush out of their classrooms, without any idea of the fastest way to get out of the building.

Students flow through the halls with a simple herd mentality, following the pack; however, sometimes the pack is not correct

What students don't realize, is that in today's world dangerous situations on school grounds are a disturbingly common reality.

There have been nearly 75 school shootings in the past ten years, and 17 in the past year alone.

It is essential for all Schreiber high school students to be educated on how to proceed during an emergency. Fast responses will ensure the safety of all students.

These drills may seem redundant, but in an emergency situation being overprepared will help students stay calm and act rationally. Students must learn and practice how to leave the building efficiently.

While it is reassuring that Schreiber has implemented new security systems, *The Schreiber Times* implores students to take such drills seriously, and to put their phones away.

Interested in writing for Opinions? Then come to the next newspaper general meeting on October 10! All new writers are welcome!

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Summer Vacation, By Ethan Bookstein









Bloggers are becoming major competitors on the fashion playing field

ву Caroline Ogulnick

Features Editor

Fashion bloggers have become some of the most prominent figures in the fashion industry. Updating daily, bloggers give their followers a look into their everyday lives, revolved around styling, photographing, and writing.

Every year, cities such as New York, Paris, and Milan host fashion weeks, where designers display their latest collections for the next season. This fall's fashion weeks began on Sept. 5, and ended on Oct. 2. Each city is given a different week, so that events do not overlap, and so that fashion icons can make appearances at all of the locations.

This year specifically, fashion bloggers have played a significant role during the fashion weeks. Because online blogs have created such a large following, participating in fashion weeks is necessary

for the success of a blog, especially because some of the biggest events in the fashion industry are hosted during this time.

Appearing at fashion weeks has not only helped each blogger promote themselves, but it has benefited major designers and brands as well. Since many fashion blogs have a large following, top designers use bloggers as an outlet to advertise their clothing, shoes, and accessories.

Designers know that bloggers will be documenting every outfit they wear, and that their followers will be doing so as well.

Before bloggers, editors were the major players during fashion week. Everyone would look to them for the latest feedback, and designers made sure that the most notable ones would have front row spots at their shows. Now, the spotlight is being turned onto fashions bloggers.

In contrast to editors who usually wear black to the events, bloggers are putting on their most eye-catching outfits, and playing the roles of celebrities.

Some fashion bloggers are even landing deals with model companies. management Next Model Management is representing twenty fashion bloggers, and blogger of We Wore What, Danielle Bernstein, was being sponsored by IMG to report from the front row at all of the shows during New York Fashion Week.

In addition to her endorsement by IGM, Bernstein was given a free Lexus to drive around from show to show, and an allexpenses-paid trip to London's fashion week from popular clothing store Topshop.

Bloggers' success has also led them to opportunities outside fashion week. They are collaborating with major brands, writing books, and even becoming editors at popular magazines. Blogger Eva Chen was recently named the editorin-chief of Lucky Magazine.

As fashion bloggers' following continues to grow, a once recreational activity has the potential to turn into a full time job. Many bloggers who used to hide behind the computer screen are making their dreams a reality.



"Now that I'm front and Above is Danielle Berstein, the 21 year old blogger center, I kind of want to stay of We Wore What. In her minimalist ensemble, that way," said Bernstein. Bernstein is pictured on her way to one of the many fashion shows she appeared at.

Bloggers are paid by major designers to sit in the front row at their fashion shows.

Rainbow looms trend nation-wide

BY Maddie Cohen

Assistant Features Editor

Bracelets have dominated the preteen scene in the past couple of years. Although short-lived, some of the most well-known bracelet fads include Livestrongs, zipper bracelets, and silly bands. Rainbow looms are the most recent fad, bringing a unique design and process to the bracelet-making game.

The Rainbow Loom Kit was invented by Cheong Choon Ng, a Malaysian immigrant of Chinese descent. He graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering, and came up with the idea in 2010 when he was employed as a crash-test engineer for Nissan.

Everything that you need to make a rainbow loom is included in the kit. Priced at \$17, the kit features a plastic loom and 600 mini, colored rubber bands. Instead of having to buy a new Rainbow Loom Kit when you run out of rubber bands, refill packs are available, ranging from \$3 to \$5. Refill packs come in the traditional rainbow colors, but rubber bands are also being sold in glow-in-the-dark, neon, and tie-dye.

The rainbow loom design appears to be very complex; however, kids as young as five years old are creating them on their own. For less-experienced loomers, the kit includes a set of instructions, and displays several other designs that are named the

single and double rhombus, fishtail, and diamond. For additional instructions, you can log onto RainbowLoom.com, where there are video tutorials to walk you through the steps of making a bracelet.

Rainbows looms aren't only attracting pre-teens. High school and college students, parents, and even grandparents have been spotted wearing them as well. The bracelets are popular with both male and female audiences, and some have rainbow looms in colors that support their favorite sports team or university.

Rainbow looms can be found at almost any toy store, but for online purchasing, you can look to EBay, Amazon, or the Rainbow Loom website. bracelets remain a hit across America. and will continue to be seen piled elbow-high on a young loomer's arm.



A rainbow loomer works on her multiband bracelet.

iPhone 5s joins the apple tree

BY Harry Paul

Photo Editor

On Sept. 20, Apple released the latest in its line of revolutionary smart phones, the iPhone 5s.

The iPhone 5s, which Apple describes simply as "forward thinking," is less of a major revamp of the product line and more of a sophisticated older brother to the iPhone 5. It features a 64-bit processor,

the first of its kind in a cellphone. Apple claims that speed has been doubled, but that remains to be seen.

For all the Schreiber instagrammers, the phone features an updated camera with apertures as wide as f2.2, and a double-lit lamp that uses both white light and amber light to give photographs a more realistic mood.

The most talked-about feature, however, is the update to the mundane home button, which now contains a fingerprint sensor. Used to unlock the phone and make iCloud purchases, the data from this chip (which can house up to 5 different fingerprints) is never stored on the internet and is supposedly "unhackable

"That Touch ID feature is so cool! It is definitelythedealbreakerforme!Ican'twait to use it!" said senior Jack Weinkselbaum.

The pricing stayed the same as the iPhone 5, with three models available: 16GB for \$199, 32GB for \$299 and 64GB for \$399. Apple compensated for their high prices with the introduction of a low-cost iPhone, the 5C. Rumors of this plastic iPhone have been circulating for a few months. The tech community has been speculating on such a model



www.apple.com

The thinner iPhone 5s had the greatest amount of sales on its release day compared to previous iPhone models.

as a way for Apple to increase its market share in developing countries.

The iPhone boosts something even better than durability and affordability -customization. For the first time in history, Apple has gotten into the \$2.2 billion case market, with a series of 6 different leather cases. These cases have a series of Swiss cheese like holes in the back, allowing for the back of the phone to show through. Available in 30 different color combinations, it has never been easier to make an iPhone your own.

The arrival of two new iPhones caused the largest opening weekend in Apple history, with 9 million units sold. This emphasizes the excitement people have over Apple releases, and proves that Apple is here to stay.

READY FOR TAKEOFF: DO CO HAVE THE TOOLS THE

he first several months of senior year can be a whirlwind of essays, transcripts, and recommendations. Many seniors find themselves either overwhelmed by the influx of responsibilities or unsure about what they even have to

One issue in preparing for the college application process is starting at the correct time. To help with the college application process, the Schreiber guidance department provides students with Naviance, an online resource that aims to improve college and career planning. Familiarization with the Naviance website begins at the end of every student's sophomore year. But is that ideal?

"The earlier the better," said senior Brandon Small, "We didn't really do anything until junior year, which is fine, but it could be better."

Part of the student body believes that the guidance department has reached the sweet spot in terms of timing its preparation of students for college applications.

"While starting early makes a lot of sense, it brings up two important questions: one, is it worth it to bring such a

high degree of stress into your school high career so early, and two, is the only goal of high school to get into college? I think the school does a good job of balancing both sides of those issues," said senior Zach Herron.

Some students believe that it is not the timing but effectiveness of the education methods that matters.

When we meet in those large groups, it ends up being a waste of time, because it's an ineffective method. With so many people, the entire atmosphere is naturally way too distracted," said senior Simon

The group meetings are to give out the general information, so that we can tell everybody. At no time are such meetings the know all and end all. If they need help, we have small sessions in the morning in room 112. If you need help with Naviance or the CommonApp, go there. They are also willing to schedule a time in room 112," said Director of Guidance Mr. Hank Hardy. "How effective is it for general information to have one hundred individual meetings?"

Meeting one-on-one with guidance counselors is an option. Students can sign

up for meetings in the guidance office or by phone. This allows students to get advice on a more personal level.

Student experience with counselor communication varies.

"All of the guidance officers are really easy to access at all times. Making appointment is easy to do and sometimes you can even just walk into their office and talk to them if they're not with another student," said senior Caroline Rimmer.

Others believe that given the number of students and the expectations of each student, the guidance office is spread too

"It is hard to set up meetings on your own accord," said senior Cal Gross. "because guidance counselors have packed schedules. It seems like they don't have

Some believe that the issue with guidance meetings is not the difficulty involved in scheduling, but the effectiveness

'There is no way of indicating the urgency or any other information about the issue that you are meeting with the counselor about when you sign up for a meeting," said senior Erica Andrew. "Counselors aren't helping us create our lists and manage deadlines so they expect us not only to keep track of our own deadlines

but have everything done two weeks early so they can leisurely sort through

Some dents argue that a positive attitude goes a long way when working with guidance.

All you have to do is blow kisses and you can cut the line," said senior Rachel Sirotkin.

"We try to go with everybody being treated consistently and equitably. If there

"I think that [the informational meet- is a usurping of the rules, then somebody ings] start at the right time, but the way has to notify me, so I can inform my dethey go about educating us is wrong. partment that these are the protocols we need to follow," said Hardy. "For college applications, once a student's materials go into Naviance, then it goes to the counselor to process and then it is going to be uploaded or mailed to the colleges. Nobody is to jump the line. The only case in which there can be an exception is if there is an impending deadline."

Even with the help of guidance, it can be beneficial for a student to conduct college research and prepare on his or her

"I like to tell myself that I am on top of everything, but it's tough to keep track of everything you have to do," said senior Rachel Johnson.

Naviance is made up of various tools that allow students to do anything from build a resume to compare their scores with those of previous applicants from

ADMISSIONS

With the hundreds of college applications flooding the guidance depart formed, helpful advice hard to come by. Students must take the initiative to ha There are many opinions on what makes an application stand out. In reality, the tive students, making it impossible to have a "perfect" application. There are how

Mrs. Ann Brown, Director of Admissions at Union College, cited the following

- "1. Grades: good grades make an application stand out. If you have had consist terrific. Senior fall grades are critical to the success of your application. When you were to want to pursue a waitlist, your spring grades will also be important
- 2. Courses: all schools will consider the courses you have taken in high school a courses are some ways that students reveal the strength of their programs. Take challenge yourself in areas of strength. If you love English, do advanced work in
- 3. Recommendations: Your counselor will write about your life in and out of sc will write about your life in the classroom. Competitive colleges read these ver to thank them! Colleges do not appreciate additional teacher recommendation delay the reader from getting to your essay.
- 4. Extra-curricular activities: Have you made good use of your time? Show that one umbrella (e.g. lacrosse). Consistency and variety make activity lists interes
- 5. Personal Statement: Widely called THE ESSAY. Write your own essay. Write essay. Avoid redundancy. Enlist a caring adult to read your essay and give your asset to your application.

Schreiber, allowing students to easily organize their preparations.

However, there is disagreement whether or not the school exposes students to the Naviance too early.

"Obviously Naviance is an important website for us to have access to, but we didn't really need to know about it so early," said Johnson. "When kids are exposed to all that information so early, it can be stressful."

"Even when people thought 'yay the website was dumb and inaccurate, I still liked hearing about it so early, so I could log on and remind myself of how low my chances are of getting into college,"said senior Cameron Appel.

Students should always know that they have a choice regarding how early they start to use Naviance, and what features of the service they take advantage of.

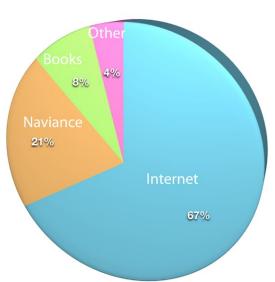
"You can't go back and change old grades. By giving you the opportunity to look ahead and use these programs, people are given the chance to start looking more forward. Just because it's open, doesn't mean you have to open it," said Mr. Hardy.

Naviance has features beyond statistical comparison. Through the Naviance system, the guidance office offers test preparation, career and personality examination, and college finding questionnaires. Guidance believes features like this are relevant to students in the earlier parts of high school.

There are a couple of reasons why we are slowly bringing in for more. Over the last couple of years we've opened up the sophomore accounts in around March, April, or May because we do the career exploration piece with them at that time. We started hearing from parents and students questions about why they couldn't see Naviance, not to research colleges earlier, but to have the opportunity to look at colleges to see what a college wants," said Mr. Hardy.

The main draw of Naviance is the wealth of information about colleges available to students. With the click of a button, students are able to access a plethora of statistical information on any college they want to apply to. This is helpful

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How do you conduct college research?

OLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS ES NEED TO APPLY?

PERSPECTIVE

ment every Fall, counselor's attention can be stretched thin. This makes inver a general idea of what college admission officers look for in an application. ere is no right answer. Each college has its own system for analyzing prospectowever, general guidelines one can follow to make an application more attrac-

as the most important factors for admissions at most schools.

ent excellent grades throughout, bravo. If you have improved over high school, reading folders, I review your transcript starting with the senior year. Later, if . Study more, meet with your teachers, reviews your tests and correct wrong

and how you have challenged yourself. Advanced, honors, AP, IB or colleges the most advanced classes you can and still do well and stay healthy. Also that area. I love French but if you do not, do not pursue that and do poorly.

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three drafts of your essay. A positive aspect of YOU should be the topic of the feedback. Friends will be too kind to edit. A carefully written piece will be an

for prospective students who want to see if their GPA is high enough for their dream

students may find it helpful to use other sources of data collection resource during the arduous college application process, as Naviance is only based on the often small "Due to the school workload, I don't have the opportunity and time to visit many colleges, so I try my best to research them by their personal websites, Naviance, or using the very useful search engine, Google," said senior Lauren Livingston.

"Unigo is a very helpful website that sends me emails about important information on financial aid and how to manage other college questions," said senior Jackson Shain.

Unfortunately, it can be challenging for Schreiber students to decide where to apply on sources other than Naviance. ACT and SAT scores re-

main constant through- How out every school district; however,

GPA scales do not.

"I try to use websites other than Naviance, but I never know how I compare to applicants from other schools," said senior Ben Pan.
"Schreiber is the only school I've heard of that uses a 4.5 system."

"The 4.5 system makes it difficult to compare my GPA with applicant data of a 4 or 5 scale. Even CommonApp does not allow submissions on our scale," said senior Eric Rosenblatt.

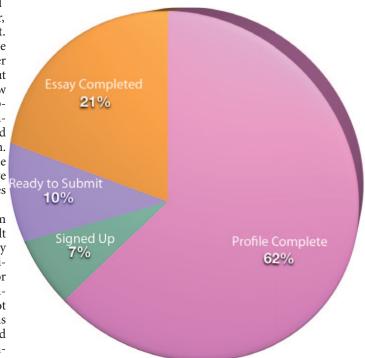
is a compilation of hundreds of articles and discussion forums about choosing a college, getting in, scholarships, and more. It currently contains the largest college-bound community on the web, highlighting the idea that everything posted is entirely confidential.

However, some do not trust the opinions of their anonymous responders.

"I think College Confidential is useful if you want to worry more, but it is not based on factual evidence," said senior Noah White.

Students and parents on the site have even developed their own jargon.

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ALUMNI PERSPECTIVES

Perhaps the effectiveness of the guidance department's preparation methods is best judged by already excepted college students. The Schreiber Times found a few opinions from recent graduates on their perceived preparedness for their college applications.

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"Although there were a great deal of workshops and meetings, I felt there was never really much personal attention given out to students. Without personalized attention I felt overwhelmed and underprepared as deadlines approached and work began to pile up." - Conor Boyle, '13

"I thought Schreiber prepared me very well for the whole process. There were many meetings to go over it, and my guidance counselor, Mrs. Linsner, was always available and very helpful. It definitely worked out for me." - Holly Hubsher'13

The whole college application process is messy and confusing, and it's like that no matter where you are. I think Schreiber helped me as much as it could, keeping me informed about which forms I had to fill out and which colleges were visiting when, among other things. Although I did most of my own research, the school still definitely guided me through the process." - Eleanor Kim '13

"My guidance counselor and the guidance department were very helpful during the application process. The folders they gave us during junior year that included information on how to write an essay and create a resume definitely helped guide me when working on my applications," - Dana Mirro, '13.

"I feel like the informational meetings and help from my awesome guidance counselor made the college application process easier" - Alexa Pinto, '13.

I would say that the school did not prepare me all that well for the college process. It took a lot of my own time to research what types of schools I would be interested in visiting and applying to. Most of the process was done on my own and without the help of the school," - Ali Peltz, '13.

for seniors. Teachers upload student recommendations to the Naviance website where they can then be sent to any college the student chooses.

However, as useful as Naviance is,

sample size of Schreiber applicants.

There are many other sources from which students can conduct their research. Some use online sources, whereas others use print sources.

Yet, students must be able to work around our unorthodox 4.5 system and find a method of research that works for them.

College Confidential, founded in 2001,

"Here's my numbers, so chance me maybe? Cornell ED," username TypeRA titles his discussion board.

There is a whole forum of "College Chances" discussion boards, featuring a single college-bound student asking others to "chance him/her" at specific schools, hoping members will suggest whether each school is a safety, target, or reach.

While it does not necessarily advocate the use of College Confidential, the guidance department does see the value in online resources for college research and application preparation.

"There are websites much better [than College Confidential]. College Prowler is fabulous. I love collegeclicktv.com, it offers students videos about the process," said guidance counselor Ms. Nori Cerny.

All college bound students have to deal with the application process. Although it is universal, opinions vary on how much the school does for struggling students and everyone has a different approach for tackling college applications.

"The only consensus about college applications is that there is no consensus on college applications," said senior Annie Kim. "Is the school doing enough for me? I guess I'll find out when I get my decisions."

By Dan Bidikov, Aaron Brezel, and Aaron Bialer

Students share summer anecdotes

Going to Guatemala was seriously the most amazing experience of my life. I met some amazing members of my faith and made a ton of new friends, many of whom I now consider some of my best friends in the whole world. Being there was an eye-opening experience that made me realize just how many things I take for granted. I spent a week way out of my comfort zone, sleeping with spiders and showering with chickens. My heart overflowed with empathy for the people who live like that everyday.

I stayed in the Polochic, a region in the easternmost part of Guatemala. In the valleys of that mountainous area there are tons of small villages populated by Mayans that were displaced by Spanish conquistadors. I worked in two small villages, Senahu (sen-ah-oo) and Seritquiche (ser-a-keetch-ay). Senahu was slightly more urbanized, with luxuries such as electricity in homes and paved roads.

We stayed in Senahu with locals who spoke Spanish (inhabitants of Seritquiche typically speak Q'eqchi, a dialect derived from Mayan language). In my broken Spanish, I gathered that my host mother's husband left her with four baby girls and ran off to Idaho for another woman. She was not the only one who struggled. Walking through the streets I saw old men carrying twice their body weight in planks of wood. I saw tiny boys with bare feet, torn clothes, and rotting teeth and young mothers clutching their babies, floundering to find something for them to eat. It amazed me most that in spite of it all, these people were happy.

One morning, everyone in my expedition hiked up a hill to a gazebo overlooking the entirety of Senahu. There was a ledge protruding from the side, just big enough for five of us to sit on with our legs hanging off. I felt like I was floating above

My trip to Guatemala made me grateful for the life that I have been blessed with. This earth is beautiful, life is amazing, and although I cannot say for sure that I will be perfectly grateful from here on out, I can promise that I will strive to show my gratitude for the freedom, luxuries, and happiness that I have been given.

By Laynie Calderwood

Lying underneath a giant blue whale was definitely my favorite part of the summer. Okay, I will be honest, it wasn't a live blue whale, but it was still pretty great. I spent my summer as an intern at the American Museum of Natural History, and the most memorable part of the whole experience was wandering the exhibits alone during my free time. At first it was strange, but I got used to the atmosphere and learned to enjoy and appreciate the opportunity I was given. One day, I began to think what it would be like to look up from underneath a whale. Because of this, I decided to lie down on the ground under the blue whale in the Hall of Ocean Life, completely alone, and just relax and enjoy myself. As I lay down on the ground, I got lost for a little while. I looked up, only to find waves dancing across the ceiling, and I was able to hear the music of the ocean. It was then that I saw a tail that was impossibly huge, frozen in movement across the upper level of the hall. It was completely mesmerizing and captivating. I was able to escape from reality, not thinking about any outside stress. I imagined what it could possibly feel like to be that blue whale, making its way through the beautifully mystifying and dangerous depths of our oceans. As I took in the moment, a crazy toddler sped by almost trampling over my face. The spell broke, as I stood up, collecting my things to leave.

By Julia Zeh

This summer I took part in a two-week teen community service program in Guatemala called "Children of the Maya". This trip was one of the best experiences of my life. Throughout my trip, I met the most incredible people, who I know will be life-long friends. During the amazing fourteen days, my group volunteered at a government-established orphanage almost every morning for three and a half hours. While we were at orphanage, we repainted walls and created murals that depicted scenes of joy and adolescence: such as rainbows, flowers, butterflies, and cartoon characters. On our last day at the orphanage, the children enthusiastically helped us finish the final mural. By its completion, each child's handprint was stamped onto the trees as leaves on either side of the mural. It was the perfect final touch. What amazed me the most was that even after just two weeks, the language barrier between the children and us seemed to dissipate. When it came time to leave the orphanage, we had to bid our sorrowful farewells. Everyone was choking up, saying goodbyes that consisted of hugs and whispers of "gracias" and "te amo." Tears began to stream down our faces as we realized that these magnificent children had changed our lives, and that this was a once in a lifetime experience.

By Delia Rush

New coffee house caters to the caffeine lovers of Port Washington

BY Ruthie Gottesman and Amanda Brooks

Staff Writers

Coffeed is Port Washington's latest "New York City coffee house." At the cross section between Irma Avenue and Main Street, it is a quaint place to sit back, relax, and forget about the worries of a stressful math test or a tough after school practice.

Sweet Comfort is now under the new name Coffeed and under new management. The café still serves some of Sweet Comfort's baked goods; however, the selections have varied. Unlike Sweet Comfort, which was primarily composed of baking cookies, pastries, and cakes, Coffeed focuses more on coffee products. For example, the cold brew iced coffee is the number one item that the manager recommends on the menu.

unlike "Coffeed, big brands like Starbucks, takes the time and effort to educate and widen its community's horizons to coffee," said senior Bomin Choi.

While the sweets are no longer in the spotlight, they are still just as delicious. All the baked goods are baked on the premises of Coffeed.

The décor of the café has also been updated. Instead of Sweet Comfort's country styled interior, Coffeed's design is more modern, and looks like



Although Sweet Comfort has been taken over by Coffeed, the coffee house still sells the bakery's delicious goods, which are baked on site.

it belongs on the streets of Manhattan. There are comfy couches, refurbished wood, and fire truck red walls that add to the customer's experience.

Although the café has four new owners, it is still sponsored by the same company, the Community Mainstreaming Association (CMA).

'This association attempts to ensure that developmentally disabled adults have the opportunity to work and support themselves. It all when started when Eileen of the CMA gave her friend Frank the idea of opening a business that would benefit the developmentally disabled," said the

Manager of Coffeed Matthew Connolly.

Coffeed first opened a store in Long Island City and then decided to expand to Port Washington. Their ultimate goal is to become a global company. In addition, they give back to the community by donating 10% of their profits to local charities.

The coffee house plans to reach out to high school students in a variety of ways. Right now, it has daily trivia questions and are planning on holding trivia and open mic nights. It is interested in attracting Port Washington's young poets and musicians and are looking to send an employee over to Schreiber High School in the near



future to inquire about these ideas, as well as to promote their flourishing business. Coffeed is open 6:30a.m.-6:30p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 9a.m.-6p.m. on the weekends. Whether you are running over for an early morning fix or nighttimestudybreak, Coffeedistheperfect place to sit and sip a delicious beverage.

Port Washington's bay boasts a variety of waterfront activities

From kayaks and paddle boarding to Gatsby tours, the Inspiration Wharf has a lot in store

By Annie Kim
Contributing Writer

If you're sick of scrolling through Tumblr and watching videos on YouTube, remember that your dark little cave sits right on Manhasset Bay! Whether you're looking to try your hand at fishing, explore the bay on a kayak, or catch a glimpse of those "Gatsby" houses, there are many opportunities for interesting aquatic exploration

available to Port Washington residents.

Most recreational activities that
can be done on the Bay start at a single
store on Inspiration Wharf, located
next to Douglas & James Ice Cream—
Atlantic Outfitters, established in 2004.

Owner John Thomson has been offering a multitude of water-related products and services, amicably assisting customers with his knowledge and years of experience on the water. The store is well stocked with fishing bait and tackle, rods and reels, and other outdoor apparel,

providing virtually all equipment necessary to spend some time on Manhasset Bay.

At lantic Outfitters also provides a variety of activities on the bay such as fly fishing, kayaking, and standup paddle boarding. Of these, kayaking and standup paddle boarding are the most popular.

A single kayak rental is \$30 for two hours, while the tandem kayak rental which is ideal for those who want to be on the water but put in half the effort is \$45 for two hours. Kayaking is suitable for both beginners and advanced watergoers, providing a great opportunity to explore the bay surrounding beaches.

"I went kayaking with my dad once and it was awesome.



Iosh White

Pictured above, Inspiration Wharf is home to Atlantic Outfitters, in addition to the many waterfront activities that they offer.

Port Washington looks so much prettier from the water," said senior Lylia Li.

Group tours, which cost \$60 per kayak, are also offered during the summer, and these are geared toward those with basic kayaking skills who want to watch the sunset from the southern end of Manhasset Bay.

"When I have a life outside of crew, I like to row some more and go kayaking with friends and destress," said senior Matt Brandes.

For those who are more of a couch potato and want to put in minimal effort, taking a ride on the water taxi is a perfect alternative to kayaking and paddle boarding.

The Port Washington Water Taxi departs from the town dock Thursdays-Sundays at 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, and sunset, going on a tour of Manhasset Bay. The water taxi also offers tours

very convenient and comfortable

of the various lighthouses located along western Long Island Sound.

While tickets for these tours range from \$20 to \$25, the Port Washington Public Library sells them at a discounted price on a first come, first serve basis during the spring and the summer.

"I didn't know it was my town. It was so beautiful and it was nice to see it from a different perspective. The taxi makes a trip around the Bay. it's cool to see how close we really are to the city. I didn't realize that we had such cool lighthouses and other scenery nearby," said freshman Amelia Zeh.

Inspiration wharf is a great place to go for a day of water sports or bay exploration. Before the cold weather hits, make your way to the bay to try out the fun waterfront activities.

Kayaks waiting to be taken out on the bay rest on the docks.

Public library adds digital services to their shelves

Contributing Writer

At the Port Washington Public Library, books and movies are not the only thing that you are allowed to check out. A new service was recently introduced so that residents of Nassau County are able to rent out nooks and iPods. Nooks have been available for rental since this past June, but the iPods are the newest addition and became available to the public last month.

The library offers the seventh edition iPod Nanos. They come in protective casing along with a keychain and a charger. The small device has 200 songs, and can be checked out for up to two weeks. Some of the playlists that are downloaded on to the iPods include "The Beatles Complete Discography," "Blue grass, Country and Traditional," and "Bob Dylan—A Cross-section of Dylan over the Years."

One thing these iPods do not come with is audiobooks, also known as audio cassette recordings. This is because the library offers mini mp3 players called "playaways," which are designed for that purpose. The Nooks also come

book choice to the collection. preloaded e-books;however, To borrow e-books for two weeks, you must go to the library's separate one is not able to e-book service called the Overdrive—an add their own organization that distributes e-books to libraries. This service was made available as a response to the growing popularity of e-books. "The library should be ncouraging everyone to read in any format that is available to them," said the Director of Adult Service at the PWPL Lee Fertitta. "E-readers are now the 'new thing, yet people are still reluctant to buy an e-book device unless they tried them out first. Another reason why we made the nooks available to the public is that the nook is a

device for avid readers, and they are able to carry their own little library around with them."

Students who forget to bring own nook iPod to the library are at an dvantage with this service because they can easily rent one out on the spot, without having to run back home. The world is in an

The world is in an increasingly digital age, and Schreiber's students must be well-equipped to work in such a digital workplace. The addition of nooks and iPods to the library allows students to access these materials, epsecially if they do not own them or cannot afford them.

Stop by the Port Washington Public Library to reserve an iPod or nook, as they are rented out on a first come, first serve basis.

Practice offers an alternative way to exercise a healthy lifestyle

BY Penina Remler Managing Editor

My two-year gym membership was about to expire. An email alerted me that I had limited time left to renew my student subscription, and I was unsure what to do. Would I spend the next two years reluctantly training on the same old gym equipment or was it time to consider a change? I went with the second option, and decided to ditch the gym for the time being.

For about two weeks, I indulged in my inner couch potato and caught up on the television series I had been meaning to watch, the movies I had been waiting to see, and just about anything unrelated to the word "exercise." The inactivity began to catch up with me and a sense of self-motivation arose. This brought me to Practice, the perfect place to put excess energy to use.

Practice first opened its doors in May 2013, and debuted as an educational and wellness retreat. After undergoing an extensive renovation, Practice opened with a spacious layout and soothing ambiance that is likely to distract you from the fact that you are only minutes away from the town of Roslyn.

"Practice provides calming and comfortable setting where your stress level is likely to fall the instant you walk through the door," said junior Rachel Stern.

The business was created by a group of Port Washington women, including Dr. Lisa Langer, Heather Smith, Lisa Bondy, and Jamie Miller, who have diverse backgrounds and experience.



Nassau County Legislator Wayne Wink joins the founders of Practice during their grand opening on Sept. 20. The grand opening involved a full day of celebrations and fitness classes.

After its official grand opening on September 20, Practice has publicized itself as the ideal environment to exercise both your body and soul.

Open seven days a week, Practice offers a range of fitness courses, from yoga, Pilates, and meditation, to psychology services, nutrition, and wellness consultations. The idea is to provide variety, so that every customer may find something enjoyable and educational.

Many people hold the misconception that yoga is nothing more than a few deep breaths and a concluding "Namaste." However, this is not the case. In fact, yoga comes in several different forms and can be practiced at different levels. At Practice, one can partake in seventy-five minute classes such as "Align & Divine," "Deep & Flow," and "Sweat & Go," which all revolve around different yoga techniques.

The earliest yoga class is held at 8:15 a.m., and almost every day concludes with a meditation session. Concerned that you do not own your own yoga mat or appropriate attire? Practice provides complementary yoga mats for all guests and even sells workout apparel.

Aside from yoga, one may be intrigued by the intricate exercise of Pilates. At Practice, Pilates is offered in a smaller and more personalized setting with individual machines. Whether you wish to come to class with friends, or on your own, the trained teachers assess each member with individual care to guarantee the most efficient and healthy workout.

In the spirit of educating ourselves about nutrition, fitness, and all around healthy lifestyle, Practice is an inviting and comfortable environment to give a try. Those interested in signing up for classes at Practice can do so online or over the phone. Everyone should give Practice a shot, and yoga first-timers are likely to become hooked on the invigorating and rejuvenating experience that it has to offer.

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Breaking Bad becomes NaTiONAl sensation

ву Rami Chaudhry

Staff Writer

It may seem atypical for the protagonist of a television show to be seen mainly in a negative light. However, to be a viewer and enjoy watching the evil protagonist make dangerous and horrible decisions is even more odd. After receiving 13 Emmy nominations including a win for Oustanding Drama Series, it is crystal clear that *Breaking Bad* is anything but ordinary.

Aug. 11 marked the beginning of the final season of the critically acclaimed drama that has snowballed since its beginning as a small show. Executive Producer Vince Gilligan's series has one of the most enthusiastic and passionate followings of a television program in recent memory. Breaking Bad revolves around an overqualified high school chemistry teacher named Walter White (Bryan Cranston), who, diagnosed with terminal cancer at fifty, decides his best option is to make and sell methamphetamines to secure his family financially.

Walter reconnects with his junkie former student Jesse Pinkman (Aaron Paul) and the unlikely duo ventures out into the New Mexican desert, populated by sparse shrubbery, psychotic drug lords, and paychecks the size of public storage garages. Ultimately, the world in which Walt places himself transforms him, as creator Vince Gilligan puts it, "from Mr. Chips to Scarface."

Breaking Bad is at its finest when viewed as a character study. Creator Vince Gilligan has developed some of the most complex, multidimensional characters on television.

Throughout the course of the series, Jesse's sensitive and kind heart starts to show through his character's actions. Walter appears to be driving in the opposite direction.

At first, Walter comes off as a mildmannered man with a normal, middle class life; however, when the story hits turbulence, his morals and decisions are constantly questioned as he resorts to extreme measures to keep him and his family safe, and in doing so, breaks the definition of bad.

These characters feel as if they could actually exist and suffer adversities that, while sometimes too mind-numbing to process, are extremely realistic.

The show demonstrates the heartbreaking portrait of the decay that comes with power and greed. To give



Walter White (Bryan Cranston), an overqualified chemistry teacher, eats breakfast with his disabled son, Walt Jr. (RJ Mitte) and wife Skyler (Anna Gunn). Walter is simply a kind, passionate teacher, before he is thrust into a world of criminals and drugs on AMC's hit show, *Breaking Bad*. This is one of few scenes in which the show portrays a happy, fully functional family.

specific examples would tarnish the show for newcomers.

Walter's actions are extremely questionable, sometimes making certain scenes breathtaking, tear-jerking, and tragic, leaving the audience amazed and asking for more.

Such success obviously has to be credited, at least in part, to the leading actors.

Bryan Cranston's portrayal of Walter White is an acting feat that has earned him three Emmy wins for best actor. Coupled with Aaron Paul's Emmy winning role of Jesse Pinkman, the pair's sophisticated chemistry has defined Breaking Bad through its five season run.

Comic relief comes through Walter and Jesse's hilarious criminal lawyer Saul Goodman (Bob Odenkirk). With fantastic direction, flawless and ingenious writing, stunning cinematography, and a beautifully composed score that fits the tone of every scene, *Breaking Bad* is a must see televised event.

Although fans of the show are no doubt disappointed that the series has come to a such a polarizing end, *Breaking Bad* will undoubtedly go down as one of the best dramas in the history of television.



After he is diagnosed with lung cancer, Walter teams up with his former tenth grade chemistry student turned druggie, Jesse Pinkman (Aaron Paul). With Walter's knowledge of chemistry and Jesse's experience on the streets, the two join forces in order to creat

Battle of the boy bands: *NSync vs. Backstreet

BY Lylia Li & Amelia Pacht

Staff Writers

In 2002, *NSync officially disbanded while Backstreet Boys took a self-imposed hiatus after parting ways with their management firm. Both boy bands officially reunited in 2013. The Backstreet Boys released their 20th anniversary album "In a World Like This" on July 30, and have upcoming cruises where fans can interact with the band. Although *NSync made a huge splash at the 2013 MTV VMAs, fans wonder if their reunion will last more than the brief performance.

No one knows how long these reactivations will last, but fans are already raving about the *NSync-Backstreet Boysrivalry. So that begs the question, who will claim their fame as the ultimate 90's boy band?

*NSync

*NSync beats the Backstreet Boys no question. It is true that the Backstreet Boys rose to stardom before *NSync, and that "I Want It That Way" is probably the crowned jewel of the boy band genre, but today the original 90's crew is far beyond their prime as a group of backstreet "boys." But what does modern day *NSync have? Two words: Justin Timberlake. Backstreet loyalists love to throw shade at his "ramen noodle" hair, but we all know that JT is the epitome of suave.

If you did not think it in the 90s, fine, but today Timberlake's success both over the radio and on the big screen prove him to be both undeniably cool and inspiring

to be both undeniably cool and inspiring.
On top of that, *NSync is a clear winner in the lyrical battle. Their upbeat, poppy hits can get stuck in your head for days, while Backstreet ballads just seem to drag on. Other than Backstreet Boy's catchy hit, "Everybody (Backstreet's Back)," the majority of their songs are fairly forgettable, whereas there are an endless amount of things to remark on from *NSync's discography. The intense beat boxing in "Pop." The very subtle way the note on "love" changes from chorus to chorus in "It's Gonna Be Me." The harmonies in "No Strings Attached." The barbershop quartet moments in "I Want You Back" and "It's Gonna Be Me".



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The band that took the world by storm in the 90's, *NSync, reunites for one song during Justin Timberlake's performance at the 2013 VMAs. The members include (left to right): JC Chasez, Lance Bass, Timberlake, Joey Fatone, and Chris Kirkpatrick.

The sweet, "I'll-treat-you-right" lyrics in "Girlfriend." Even 10 years later, these songs remain legendary. Last point of argument: Lance Bass trained to be astronaut. If that isn't the coolest thing you've ever heard, there is no hope for you.

Backstreet Boys

The Backstreet Boys were and still are the superior group.

They had all of the right components of a great boy band. The heartthrob, the hits, the cohesiveness of the music and the name were all better. "Backstreet Boys" had such an edge, evoking images of good boys walking down some uncharted path, while *NSync was a bizarre compilation

of letters and a random asterisk making the word resemble "in sync."

*NSync's success was dependent on Justin Timberlake, who even now is the prince of pop. But there is something to be said about a group who managed to remain as one unit even after many strenuous years in (and out of) the spotlight.

If we are looking to quantify each group's sphere of influence, the evidence is found in the amount of YouTube hits on each of the groups' biggest songs, "I Want It That Way" and "Bye, Bye, Bye." The Backstreet Boys' song "I Want It That Way" has 75 million hits on their VEVO channel while *NSync's "Bye, Bye, Bye," falls short, receiving only 38 million views.

The appeal of the Backstreet Boys hit single to the modern audiences shows their lasting appeal and the longevity of their music. On the subject of the videos, "Bye, Bye, Bye" music video is less entertaining and a bit creepy, starting off with a demonic female puppeteer controlling the band members to flail along to music, vaguely resembling their mediocre dance sequences.

In comparison, "I Want It That Way" features a calm scene at an airport in front of, what is to be assumed to be, their private jet, more natural looking dance moves, and elated fans singing along to this quintessential 90's girl's anthem.

The Backstreet Boys were also a rather egalitarian group. In "I Want It That Way," each of the five group members had the chance to sing their own solo verse. *NSync also had 5 members, but its two front men, JT and Lance Bass, sang the melody almost exclusively.

Another thing that can be said about the songs and the respective groups is that the lyrics featured in the two distinct songs really define them. "Bye, Bye, Bye" was rather cliche, lyrics telling the story of a man who wants to leave his absent lover. "I Want It That Way" has a clear, relevant, meaningful message to never give up on love, appealing to its hopelessly romantic demographic.

Regardless of where you stand on the Backstreet vs. *NSync spectrum, it is clear that both bands are amazing in their own rights and both produce that special brand of deliciously boyish music that has the power to transcend generations and touch the hearts of people regardless of what decade they were born in.

The '90s boy band to beat all boy bands is an obvious choice. Why else would we still be talking about it? Who is going to waste their time arguing about whether the Jonas Brothers or One Direction is better? Please. (It's One Direction.)



The Backstreet Boys (from left to right: Nick Carter, Brian Litterell, AJ McLean, Howie Dorough, and Kevin Richardson) ended their hiatus when they reunited to perform their signature ballad "I Want It That Way" on Good Morning America.

No, we can't stop (talking about Miley Cyrus)

By Sophia Kim

A&E Editor

Remember when *The Onion* said, "Miley Cyrus will be drained dry of entertainment value by 2013"? Well, they could not have been more wrong. The Twitter blow up during Cyrus' twerking, pelvic-thrusting, butt-slapping performance just goes to show what a national icon the 20 year old star has become.

When Cyrus starred in the popular Disney show Hannah Montana in 2006, we all assumed she would eventually follow the Lindsay Lohan downward spiral and succumb to drugs and bad press or disappear from the entertainment industry like Hilary Duff.

After four successful seasons, two films, and nine albums, the *Hannah Montana* star stepped down from the Disney spotlight. Despite a reduction in stardom, all was well for Cyrus after that, and she went on releasing albums and touring as Miley Cyrus, starring in chick flicks, and being your average teen celebrity.

But things were getting pretty bland, which is to be expected from a Disney graduate, since she didn't have a trademark after losing that tween Disney star vibrancy.

That's when she started to spice things up a bit with the release of her 2010 album, Can't Be Tamed. The title of this album was meant to stir up a little controversy, marking Cyrus's transition from the Disney ingénue to a sexy and provocative pop star.

Her music video sure made the point clear; dressed in a black leotard covered with black feathers, Miley Cyrus was done being a Disney icon. Sure, fans and their parents were shocked, but her new image was still on an acceptable level of sexy and provocative. But everything changed when she adopted the notorious "twerk" as her signature dance move.



Miley Cyrus has completely transformed from her alter ego as a teen sensation and Disney Star Hannah Montana. Now it appears her "second personality" is a rebellious megastar who has captured the focus of audiences throughout the country.

It was everywhere. Miley Cyrus twerked every chance she got, starting with her scandalous yet phenomenal music video released earlier this summer, "We Can't Stop." The video was a random mashup of Cyrus's current fads, including drugs, nudity, Barbie dolls, and her edgier new crew.

Then as if it was even possible, Miley Cyrus took it to a whole other level at the 2013 MTV VMAs. Teddy bear leotard and huge teddy bear back up dancers? Talk about provocative. Cyrus dared to sully everyone's childhood best friend.

That's what everyone was gasping about, right? Certainly not about the fact that the twerk master was intensively thrusting her pelvis at the very married Robin Thicke during their collaborative performance. It was an affront to all the teddy bears in the world, and probably traumatized every kid that was watching (not that kids should be awake at 9:30 to watch the VMAs).

Kids may not have been the only ones scarred. After all, Hannah Montana was our generation's idol, living a double life of your average teenage girl who was also a secret superstar, all the while managing to always have boy troubles. But most of us know what the ex-Disney star is really doing.

Yeah, we figured out your game Miley. Although it may seem as though Cyrus is just randomly twerking and getting naked at every turn (i.e. "Wrecking Ball"), it is actually all a very calculated and deliberate strategy to stay in the spotlight. Perhaps it is also her way of getting back at her ex-fiance. The status of Cyrus's love life and the timing of her outrageousness coincide perfectly, this ordeal may just be a big middle finger to Liam Hemsworth.

Netflix steps in the ring with traditional TV

By Max Miranda

A&E Editor

We all know that feeling: it's deep into the night, and there are voices in your head wisely advising you to get work done. Yet, defiantly acting against your better judgment, you decide that you just have to watch one more episode of whatever show on Netflix. It is strange to think that a large bulk of the students who are in a similar situation end up succumbing to their viewing experience rather than actually doing work.

It is easy for someone to ask, "How is it possible that one website can serve as such an entertaining, addictive and constant source of procrastination?" The answer lies in Netflix's capability to let the viewer take the reins.

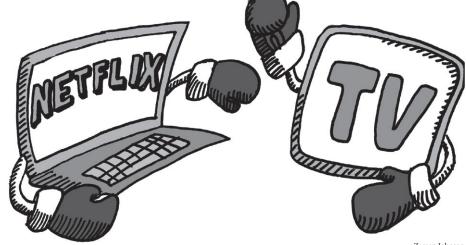
Once upon a time, the word Netflix used to conjure up images of square envelopes containing bulky DVD's arriving via physical mail. Since the prehistoric era, the company has transformed its business into an internet-based powerhouse, with the vast majority of viewers preferring to get their entertainment from Netflix's internet streaming. This allows viewers to watch anything they want at any time they want.

It is such a strategy that has yielded Netflix more than 29 million subscribers, a 250 point jump in stock price over the past year, and over 3.6 billion dollars in revenue last year alone.

Netflix's success has recently put pressure on traditional TV companies to give their viewers the same courtesy. Perhaps this problem has been best described by actor Kevin Spacey, the star of Netflix's nine-time Emmy nominated series *House of Cards*. At the Edinburgh Television Festival, the esteemed actor described the issue: "The audience wants the control... if they want to binge, then we should let them binge... I predict that in the next decade, any differentiation between these two platforms will fall away."

According to the FCC, the average monthly cost of having cable has gone up 5.8 percent in the past year, bringing it somewhere over \$60. In comparison to Netflix's fixed rate of \$7.99 per month, it is not surprising that several networks are taking action toward Netflix's formula.

National cable companies such as DirecTV, Comcast and Verizon are vastly expanding their on-demand TV offerings in hopes of catching up to Netflix's current model. It seems that such a strategy is intimidating Netflix, as the chief content



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officer of Netflix has said that the company won't be willing to pay TV content owners as much if they give full-season rights to such companies. However, such attempts to "marginalize Netflix" clearly have a ways to go.

However, it is not all sunshine and rainbows for the internet-streaming company. According to a survey done by Consumer Reports, the satisfaction rating of Netflix ranks significantly lower than services such as iTunes, Amazon, Hulu, and even Vudu. Netflix has also

been facing trouble in their newest international expansion as they have been losing millions trying to expand into different nations. In addition, the problem that has seemed to be following Netflix for years is still persisting as several people still claim the selection of titles is too limited. Yet the biggest of the challenges for Netflix has been turning an actual profit, as Netflix spends nearly 90% of it's revenue on purchasing spending rights. Whether Netflix's or cable's model will stand is only for time to tell.

Futurama is officially a television show of the past

BY Mike Colonna
Contributing Writer

"Good news, everyone!" It is a catchphrase that has become a symbol for the long-running TV show, *Futurama*. The expression usually precedes something that would be considered as more "mixed news" than good. It seems as if this time, it'll be no different for *Futurama* fans. As they mourn the end of the show, they are also given a spectacular finale.

The show, founded by *The Simpsons* creator Matt Groening, follows the exploits of Planet Express, a 31st century delivery company and its wacky crew of characters. Some of these bold characters include Leela (Katey Sa

gal), a cyclops, Bender (John DiMaggio), a rebellious robot, and Fry (Billy West), a cryogenically frozen man from the year 2000. Together, they explore the universe and get themselves into hilarious situations. The show has become critically acclaimed for its ingenious parody of science fiction, as well as its down-to-earth heart.

Futurama has hit many highs in the past, taking home six Emmys during its thirteen-year run. The first four seasons demonstrated the show's ability to push the envelope on what "should" be the quality of an animated series. After a short period in which it was dropped by Fox and acquired by Comedy Central, the show resumed its incredible antics. Futurama drew a dedicated fan base who grew to cherish these episodes as "classics."

However, many feel that its final season has not been on par with past episodes. Such talk was put to an end by the series' grand finale, entitled "Meanwhile." When



Fry (BIlly West) finally musters up the courage to pop the question to Leela (Katey Sagal) on *Futurama*'s final episode. The show long loved by teens and adults alike finally ends with a happy ending, but not without its signature comedic spin.

Professor Farnsworth (Billy West) invents a button that can send the user ten seconds back in time, Fry steals it in an attempt to make his date with Leela last forever.

This could be considered a metaphor for how fans wish that the show could go on running until at least the 31st century. Fry, being the lovable goof that he is, gets caught in an infinite loop. This unfortunate situation displays the writers' incredible combination of clever and crude humor that first put the show on

the map

The last ten minutes of the episode quickly transitioned from hilarious to poignant, and the show was able to say goodbye to its long cast of characters in a subtle way. It was a sweet moment, but the writers were also smart enough to leave the show open ended, on the off chance that more episodes could be made. However, after thirteen and a half years, fans got the closure that they craved for the characters that they have grown to love.

KanyeWesttakes on 2013 tour

BY Daniel Bidikov

Editor In Chief

Disclaimer: if you hire a seamstress to make your clothes out of sewn-together hundred dollar bills, you will not benefit that much from reading this article. If you are cash strapped and interested in live events by mainstream hip hop artists, continue.

Jay-Z and Kanye West are longtime friends and allies. It was unusual and a little scary, then, when Jay-Z announced that tickets would go on sale for his latest tour the same day as Kanye's, and that tour dates would overlap. Unfortunately, the average concertgoer will only be able to see one performance. Which one, though, and why?

Jay-Z (Shawn Carter) is one of the most successful and accomplished rap artists in history. However, like the lazy Roman emperor Commodus, Mr. Carter has taken his victories for granted and run his empire without much concern for the quality of his work, putting out several subpar solo albums and relying on the talent of other artists to keep himself relevant. His new album, Magna Carta Holy Grail, is no exception, bringing nothing to the table but unexciting rap and Justin Timberlake's vocals which, while great, do not an album make.

As Chicago's least literary celebrity (Oprah at least runs a book club), Kanye West has established himself as the true king of popular hip hop music in his dynamic career.

In his discography, he has reinvented autotune, outclassed all other workout music, and offered more insight into college education than most high school newspaper articles. Most importantly, unlike his aging rap monarch colleague, Kanye shows no signs of slowing down. His latest album, *Yeezus*, is a musical tour de force.

Okay, his new album is better, but you are going to a concert for more than music. The most important thing to take into consideration is the quality of the performance. Certainly Jay-Z, a rap legend with years of experience and a history of great performances, is going to beat his modern rivals who hide behind production value and guest appearances!

Unfortunately, this is not the case. Kanye West's unparalleled lack of concern for anyone's opinion of him turns his shows into more than just horizontal

hand motions and occasionally bringing

an audience member on stage.

Although he has performed live on different occasions, Kanye West has not been on tour in over five years. That is not to say he is shy on stage. West's recent performances have found him belting through a vocoder in solitude and complete darkness and reciting verse in front of color-negative footage of Ku Klax Klan activity.

Now married with a child who has received as much press as the crisis in Syria (first name North), Kanye West is ready to get back on tour. He is so incredibly deranged, cynical and brilliant that no one knows exactly what to expect. Will he pin himself to a forty-foot cross in the Barclay's Center as he raps lines from one of his popular new tracks, "I Am A God"? According to his lengthy and prestiged career in music, it certaintly isn't impossible.

A show grows in Brookyn's ninety-ninth precinct

BY Andrew Gruber

Contributing Writer

Comedic actor Andy Samberg is known for the legacy he has left on Saturday Night Live. He made the switch from NBC to Fox and is now a star in a new hit comedy, Brooklyn Nine-Nine. When the show premiered on Sept. 17, more than six million viewers tuned in to see Samberg's return to television, and it is easy to see why.

Andy Samberg stars as Detective Jake Peralta, a childish, laid back cop who must now answer to his new strict, by-the-book captain, Ray Holt (Andre Braugher). The show follows the humorous exchange between the eccentric Peralta and Captain Holt, as he struggles to impose rules on Peralta.

Braugher's character is everything you would not expect of Samberg: uptight, serious, and adamant to prove himself. The clash of the stringent Ray Holt and the egotistical Jake Peralta creates a

completely contradicting, yet hysterical duo which is essential to the series' humorous tone.

The However, Peralta and Holt are not the only strong figures throughout the show. Detective Charles Boyle (Joe Lo Truglio) exemplifies the dedicated yet hopeless

he is in love with Detective Rosa Diaz (Stephanie Beatriz), the tough cop.

Rosa is sexy and her work ethic supplements her attractiveness, but she is one scary lady and everyone in the precinct knows not to mess with her. She's that co-worker who is super opinionated

employee with whom you can't help but

sympathize; he works the hardest but just

can't seem to get anything right. You can't

help but root for him, especially since

and keeps everyone at work on their toes.

The standard gossip figure is portrayed by Chelsea Peletti, who plays the precinct's secretary, Gina Linetti. Gina is always snooping in everyone's business and spreading rumors that slow down the work pace.

Jake's love interest, Amy Santiago (Melissa Fumero) is the sole straightedged worker, but her ridiculously competitive personality adds a fun spin to her otherwise serious character. While working to crush Brooklyn's crime rate, the precinct's diverse and mostly carefree members must adjust to their new captain and his workplace rules.

But Brooklyn Nine-Nine isn't a show about the workplace. It's about the workers and what goes on behind the scenes. There is a wide range of personalities working within the precinct. It's almost guaranteed that each character is likely to speak to a variety of viewers at home.



The usual workday scene in Precinct 99: Detective Jake Peralta (Andy Samberg) being his goofy persona with his co-workers, Detective Charles Boyle (Joe Lo Truglio) and Detective Rosa Diaz (Stephanie Beatriz).

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Joelle Feinberg

ву Josh White

Photo Editor

Running takes strength, courage, and determination. Senior Joelle Feinberg expresses all of these attributes.

Feinberg started track in seventh grade on the advice of one of her friends. She enjoyed it and has stuck with it ever since.

Feinberg started running cross-country last year, choosing it over soccer. She made this decision because she wanted to build up a base for track to break a five minute mile and try to go to the Millrose games in the high school mile competi-

She aspires to reach her goal by this weekend. Even though she hasn't reached the Millrose Games yet, Feinberg has still competed in numerous national races, including the Penn Relays for three years in a row, the New Balance Indoor Nationals, and the New Balance Outdoor Nationals.

Feinberg's fastest mile time is 5:01, her fastest 800 meter run is 2:15, and her fastest 1000 meter run is 2:57. She holds seven school records and hopes to break more this year to add to her total.

"Joelle has a very strong work ethic and looks to improve her skills by spending time researching running," said sophomore teammate Emma Feldman.

Feinberg hopes to continue the season the same way she started, finishing first

at Bethpage State Park on Sept. 16. She also aspires to win the county championships.

For many school athletes, high school is the end of a journey, but for Feinberg, it is just the beginning. She is looking forward to continuing her career next year in college and possibly running professionally. Port Washington may see this star running for many years to



Courtesy of Joelle Feinberg

Senior Joelle Feinberg runs the mile at the Hispanic Games in New York City. Feinberg won this meet.

Steven Lopez

ву Eric Fishbin

Sports Editor

Bump, set, spike. This is the textbook execution to any volleyball game. Junior Steven Lopez excels in all three of these skills.

"Steven leads the team with 47 kills, and he is also second leading the team in aces with seven in the course of four matches," said Head Coach Ms. Maria

Lopez has been on the team since his freshman year and has influenced his teammates since the beginning.

"He is a very well-liked student athlete. He helps with everything. Steven helps his teammates get better while he is working on his own game, and he has a great work ethic. If I had to describe him in one word as a player, it would be excellent," said Giamanco.

Lopez and the volleyball team have started undefeated at 2-0, after beating Calhoun and East Meadow.

"The people who inspire me the most to be successful are my fellow teammates," said Lopez.

Despite his early success, he has not been playing the game for a long time.

"I first got involved with volleyball in seventh grade when I was looking for a new sport to play. Coach G. is an amazing coach. She has taught me many new skills about the game over the past

few years. She has definitely helped shape me as a person and a player," said Lopez.

Steven now plays volleyball year-round on club teams and for the school. He has earned several awards for himself, including being named to All-County and qualifying for the All-Tournament team honorable mention. The team was named the New York State Scholar Athlete Champions of 2012.

"Our goal for this season as a team is to win the county finals. From experience, we know that this will not come easy, we need to strive for it. We work hard in practice everyday to try and achieve this goal," said Lopez.



Courtesy of MSG Varsity

Junior Steven Lopez prepares to serve against Oceanside on Oct. 19. Schreiber won the match 3-1.

Coaches' Call: Schreiber's coaches predict 2013 MLB World Series

Ms. Stephanie Joannon, Athletic Director	Mr. Don Fish, Boys Varsity Soccer	Mr. Sean Dooley, Boys Varsity Basketball	Ms. Maria Giamanco, Boys Varsity Volleyball	Mr. Peter Travis, Boys Varsity Tennis	Mr. Matt Holzer, Varsity Baseball
Los Angeles Dodgers over Boston Red Sox	Boston Red Sox over Los Angeles Dodgers	St. Louis Cardinals over Detroit Tigers	Boston Red Sox over St. Louis Cardinals	St. Louis Cardinals over Boston Red Sox	Boston Red Sox over Los Angeles Dodgers
"Mattingly secretly wears the Yankees pinstripes under Dodger blue and gets his World Series ring against Boston! Dodgers win in six."	"In the American League, Boston bats beat Tiger tossers, while Dodgers dump St. Louis swingers in the National. World Series: Red Sox romp in five games!"	"The Cardinals will win because of their clutch hitting with runners in scoring position, quality starting pitching, and playoff experience."	"Boston is going to win it all in 5, even though I hate to say this, and they will beat the Cardinals. It's definitely because of their beards. It's the mountain-man look."	"The Red Sox win in the American League. Then the Cardinals beat the Braves. So it's Cardinals versus Red Sox in the World Series, then the Cardinals win in seven."	"I think the Boston Red Sox have a lineup that can score runs and an experienced quality pitching staff, which will result in them beating the Dodgers."

Girls varsity tennis team looks to make deep playoff run

Veterans seek redemption after falling in 2012 Nassau County Championships

BY Aaron Brezel

Editor-in-Chief

On an overcast Wednesday afternoon almost one year ago, the Port Washington girls tennis team lost to Syosset in the Nassau County Conference 1 Finals. For the second year in a row, the Vikings squad had to settle for second place, with a 5-2 loss and several well-fought matches. Syosset celebrated their 4th straight Nassau County and Long Island Championship.

"This loss was particularly painful because we felt like we were on the cusp of winning it all," said then junior Lauren Livingston.

Flash forward to the present. The Syosset Braves have lost many of their top players and are no longer the kings of the court. On the other hand, Schreiber has retained eight starters, giving them a chance to make a decisive run at the Long Island Championship.

With the power vacuum left behind by Syosset's fall from dominance, the top four teams in the conference are now jockeying for the top seed.

"All four top teams are beating each other by 4-3 scores," said Head Coach Stan Makover. "This year is a very unique situation because there is no dominant team."

To the uninformed, a "game" against another school is made up of seven matches: three singles matches and four doubles matches.

of three sets with "no ad" scoring, and if the competitors split sets, then there is a seven-point tiebreaker to determine the winner.

With "no ad" scoring, there are no multiple chances to win a game—each game outcome is determined swiftly by the winner of the ad point after a deuce.

"What makes high school tennis so exciting is that it is a team sport," said first singles and senior standout Allie Linder. "Every position, whether it be first singles or fourth doubles, is equally important. Every win counts, even if you're playing at 7:00 in the evening and you can hardly see that yellow ball."

Now, halfway through the regular season, Schreiber currently sits in second place with a record of 5-2, one match behind Manhasset (6-1).

Syosset and Jericho follow, tied with a record of 4-3. Barring unforeseen injuries, the Lady Vikings are playoff contenders. However, once in the playoffs, anything is possible.

This year's team, compared to last season's, has the needed depth and experience, with wins coming from both doubles and singles.

"We have at least four matches that we can win on any given day," said Livingston.

Linder, who is in the first singles "hot seat," playing the top girl on each team, has an individual record of 4-3.

Livingston and Junior Sarah Seeman, second singles and third singles, respectively, both have 6-1 records, a testament

to the depth Port has in the singles position.

Veteran seniors Liz Kallenberg and Astrid Philipson and new pairing sophomores Emma Rosenberg and Sydney Levy make up the first two doubles slots. Both of these pairs have 5-2 records.

Success in most high school sports is cyclical. Teams go through periods of dominance that typically last two to four years. With six seniors on the team, 2013 it is now a make-it or break it year for the Lady Vikings. Syosset is no longer a constant threat, which only increases Port's chances of clinching their first Long Island Championship since 2008, when Kristen Norton, who moved on to play first singles on the Harvard tennis team, took the lead.

"In the five years I've been on the team, we have always had a strong team, but this year the door is open and we need to seize the opportunity," said Livingston.

Stats are as of Monday Sept. 30.



Harry Paul

Senior Allie Linder prepares to return a serve in a match against Garden City. The Vikings went on to win 5-2. The current team record is 6-2, second in the conference.





Which four current students hold the Schreiber record for the 4 x 100 meter relay?

A. Senior Erin Mitchell and Juniors Juliana Chester, Laura Russo, and Jenny Aguiar broke the record for the $4x100~{\rm m}$ relay last season.

Calling the Shots

BY Seth Barshay

Sports Editor

Generations of Yankee fans have had the privilege to witness the legendary and winning tradition of the most successful organization in American sports.

Although any franchise has had its own triumphs and legends, no team can compare to the uninterrupted winning tradition of the New York Yankees

From Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth's "Murderer's Row," "Joltin" Joe Dimaggio, and the core four era, the team has never failed to please its fans.

They have won 27 world championships, the most of any franchise in American professional sports.

While the success of the Yankees has been a constant, baseball itself has drastically changed. The 90's saw the beginning of the steroid era.

Over the next twenty years, base-ball's reputation was tarnished as regular coverage was overshadowed by stories of illegal performance enhancing drugs and perjury trials. This is not only true of the Yankees, but of baseball as a whole.

Ryan Braun, the 2011 National League MVP, denied using steroids right up to the moment he was caught.

Melky Cabrera, a former Yankee, actually won the National League batting title in a year in which he was suspended for steroid use, although he rightfully gave up the title.

Also, there are players like Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens, who were condemned by their drug use to a much smaller chance of making the Hall of Fame.

In a game which has always reveled in numbers, their statistics now seem meaningless and incomparable to those of former greats like Ruth, Roger Maris, and Hank Aaron.

However, as depressing as it is to be a baseball fan in these troubled times, there is one player who has consistently been a superstar both on and off of the diamond.

This player is the legendary Mariano Rivera, who is retiring after this season as the greatest statistical closer in the history of Major League Baseball.

He throws an unhittable cutter, has ice water in his veins, and has broken as many bats as opposing players' spirits.

The moment that opponents hear the opening bars of Metallica's "Enter Sandman," Rivera's iconic entrance song, blaring through the Yankee Stadium loudspeakers, they know what is inevitable: another Rivera save and Yankee win.

Rivera, a 13 time all-star and five time World Series champion, has earned numerous achievements and accolades over his illustrious 19 year career with the Yankees.

The reigning All-Star MVP and 1999 World Series MVP has compiled 652 regular season saves and 951 games finished, both MLB records.

In each of the last 15 seasons, he has recorded at least 25 saves.

In the postseason, where he has been known to be at his best, he set records in saves with 42, games pitched with 96, and most games finished to clinch the World Series with four.

As much as Mariano has contributed to the Yankees, he may have contributed more to society.

A tale of two Yankees

His charity, the Mariano Rivera Foundation, has raised millions of dollars for providing underprivileged children with an education both in the US and in his native Panama.

Rivera, a devout Christian, has also built several churches in Panama, Mexico, and the United States. Blue Jays third baseman so former teammate Hideki Matsui could score.

Last postseason, during an important playoff game against the Detroit Tigers in which he was benched, Rodriguez was caught flirting with spectating fans, asking for their phone numbers.

Rodriguez' phoniness, self-glorifica



Courtesy of MLB.com, Associated Press

Mariano Rivera (left) and teammate Alex Rodriguez (right) celebrating after a New York Yankees win during the 2012 Major League Baseball season.

There is no better illustration of Rivera's fine character than his "farewell tour" over the past season.

Before his last visit to each Major League ballpark, he has had a meet-andgreet with the stadium's employees and grounds crew, as well as with several lucky fans.

Often, those fans are selected because they have experienced tragedy in their lives. Rivera asked for this because he knows that a few words from him might be meaningful to such persons.

He is a man who can be happy with what he has achieved, inside and outside the game, and he is an example to us all.

The Yankees have another immeasurably talented player who is an example of a different kind: Alex Rodriguez.

Rodriguez is arguably the only current player in the Major Leagues with greater statistical achievements than Rivera.

The three time American League MVP and 14 time all-star is the youngest player in the history of the game to ever hit 500 and 600 home runs, breaking records held by Jimmie Foxx and Babe Ruth, respectively.

Recently, Rodriguez hit the 24th grand slam of his career surpassing Lou Gehrig for the MLB record.

However, Rodriguez is not somebody that any of us would think of as a role model.

He has often been surrounded by controversy throughout his 19-year career in the Major Leagues, with nine of these seasons playing for the Yankees.

His steroid use and his related lies have been well documented. At the moment, he is appealing a 211 game suspension for drug use and obstruction of justice.

Rodriguez's charity has also faced scandal, reportedly donating only about one percent of its earnings to charity.

He has been shown to be a bad sport during games, including an incident where he shouted to confuse a Toronto tion, and alleged leaking of the steroid use of teammate Fransisco Cervelli all point to what is wrong with baseball in the steroids era. Rodriguez, despite all of his accolades, is not someone to be emulated. Maybe if he did not resort to steroids for more home runs and money, he would not have an entire nation despising him.

A-Rod and Mo may be teammates, but they have played the games of baseball and life in different ways.

Rodriguez shows us that you can have all of the talent, all of the achievements, and all of the money in the world, but still be someone loathed by many.

His bad character has been shown by his constant use of steroids, along with his many displays of bad sportsmanship. These factors, along with many others, have contributed to Rodriguez being one of the league's biggest villains.

By contrast, Rivera shows us that true success comes when you have good character along with talent. He is considered one of the league's best; not only for his immense talent, but for his great sportsmanship.

Both players have legendary statistics, but when it comes to reputation, one is to be emulated, and the other scorned.

The principle of having good character also applies to Schreiber sports.

"All athletes should strive for respect," said Athletic Director Stephanie Joannon. "Respect in the way they handled themselves in victory and defeat, and the way they treated their teammates, opponents and coaches. Respect is earned and when athletes are solid people with strong values, they will come away and be remembered as someone special who would be called a great teammate and competitor who played the game the right way. When the game is over, they should come away saying they never gave up and they played the game the right way; that is, honoring the game, the opponents, the coaches and the officials."

Captain's Corner: Boys Soccer

BY Aaron Bosgang

Contributing Writer

Aaron Bosgang: Hi guys, thanks for coming out. To begin, can you describe how you started playing soccer?

Shogo Yamamoto: I was five when I first started playing soccer. I just really love the sport and it's a great way to make new friends.

AB: How do you guys feel the new additions will complement the team's success?

Luke Rizzo: Well, for starters, I think that they are all able to play on the varsity level, which is huge. Being a captain, my goal for them now is to make them feel comfortable with playing at such a high level. Also, the sophomores are making a huge difference and it has been shown the past few games.

SY: George Zhirzhan is the only freshman on the varsity team, and he had no trouble fitting right in.

Eren Alkan: When it comes to practice, no one is slacking off, and that goes for the freshman just as much as the upper classmen. So, sometimes we'll see a challenge between different classes and it's cool to see that competitive spirit in practice because that only means we can work harder during games.

AB: While on the subject of performance in games, do you guys have any traditions that everybody does to get pumped up?

LR: We do this one thing where we huddle in the middle of the field on one knee and we have a talk about what we need to do to win that game.

AB: Cool. In addition to winning some games, what are some goals that you guys have for this season?

LR: We really want to be competing in the Nassau County Championship. Last year, we lost in the semifinals by giving up four goals in the second half.

SY: So we are really hoping to finish the season on a good note this time.

EA: I think that as long as we emphasize staying focused in practice, then we have a good shot at the championship.

AB: Sounds good. Finally, what would you say is your favorite part about being a captain?

EA: Well, I really like doing the coin toss, but also I like playing with such a great group of kids.

LR: Bouncing off of what Eren said, it's great to see kids improve and work hard. Working with people who have a true passion for the sport is just awesome and that's probably my favorite part of being a captain.



Port football confident, ready to live up to expectations

Varsity team looks forward to new opportunities in the coming season

BY Kyle Cohen

Contributing Writer

It has been only two years since the Port Washington Vikings football team came off of their second consecutive winless season. Before the start of the 2012 season, the Vikings made the switch from Conference 1 to Conference 5. In their inaugural Conference 5 season, the Vikings finished with a record of 7-1, a large turnaround from the previous two years. The Vikings are off to a quick 3-0 start. They had convincing wins in each of these games.

"The switch of conferences definitely took the kids on the fence about playing football and pushed them towards playing. Once they got on the field and saw what it was all about, they began to enjoy it," said Coach Ramsay.

This year, coming off its 2012 campaign, the team has larger expectations that they have not had in the past few years.

The team is confident while trying to build on their nearly-perfect season.

"We're looking to just build off last year's season. We were 7-1, and we always want to be better than we were last year, so I expect to really win every game that we play," said Ramsay.

"As a whole I think we are all pretty convinced that we are going to have a great season, but obviously, our goal is as coach says, '8-0,' said senior Matt Siegal. "And with the way our defense has been playing, I think we have a real shot at that goal."

"We want to win every game and win the conference," said junior Matt Nicholson, the team's backup quarterback.

High expectations often comes with added pressure to succeed. According



The boys varsity football team huddles up to discuss pregame strategies against LuHi. The team went on to win the game 35-6. The undefeated Vikings look to improve to 4-0 against Great Neck North on Oct. 5, at 3:00 p.m.

to starting defensive end and junior Anton Livshin, the Vikings are not worried about that.

"I feel like we have a ton on our back, but that just makes us better," said Livshin.

'We don't feel any pressure from anyone but ourselves to be perfect. We strive for 8-0, that's all," said Siegal.

The team seems as if they are ready for the coming season, with the increased expectations and pressure not hurting the team's overall confidence.

According to the players, one of the main reasons attributing to this is the leadership of the captains, senior Matt Siegel, senior Michael Gennusa, senior

> Burns, **James** and senior Kyle Granger.

According to Ramsay, the Vikings captains are doing their job of holding the team together.

"In any sport you play, senior leadership is kev. If they can hold the locker room and keep everyone in check it goes a very long way," said Coach Ramsay.

Having played one game thus far, Port is already one step closer to their

They defeated LuHi 35-6 on 12. Last Sept. game vear's LuHi against resulted Schreiber's only

"Every year is different so we don't carry over losses to the next year, but being that it was the only team that beat us, we felt good having that win," said Ramsay.

Other members of the team were more satisfied about getting revenge on LuHi.

"Revenge tastes so sweet, like cherry pie," said Livshin.

Although the team is happy about starting off the season with a win, the athletes still have their sights focused on the rest of this season.

At the first game, much of Port Washington's community came to support their

"It's beautiful. We appreciate the support. From the Port Washington Patch reporting on it, to the Port News, to the school paper, seeing guys around town saving 'great game'. The kids love that. And I think it helps them perform better," said Ramsay.

Many of Schreiber's students also have increased support for the improved team.

"I plan on attending some games and supporting this year's team. Its exciting now that they have put together a winning program," said junior Mano Beys.

The team is now looking forward to the town coming out to support them at each game, and feed off of their energy. Their most recent game was last saturday's homecoming game, which followed the Pride in Port parade.

The Vikings are off to a strong start after winning their first three games of the season, and look to continue this run. If the Vikings win the division this year, they move back up to their previous level of competition.



Danielle Snyder

Junior quarterback Matt Nicholson scrambles out of the pocket, in search of a receiver, during Schreiber's opening game against LuHi. The team won 35-6 to start a currently undefeated season.