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Staff Reporter

Good luck comes in many forms. For some people, that includes wearing certain clothing, carrying specific items, or performing precise rituals to bring them luck.

"My good luck charm is my purple sliders. They are special because some of the other girls on the team have the same ones, so when we wear them in a game, we tend to be better connected with each other during plays," Kacie Patterson ('16)

the girls varsity soccer team and shares this belief with many other athletes, including Michael Jordan with his national championship winning shorts from his college days. "If you believe in good

better at some sort of task; they help you feel better about yourself, even if you're not in a bad mood,"

a person's outlook on things as well as affect the way they live in a positive way.

"It is important for some people to have a good luck charm because that item acts as support and pushes them towards their goal further than they would go without it," Patterson said.

Superstitions also play a part in the way people do things and feel about certain events, or just life in general.

before the game down to what I wear during the game. I think I might have developed it from playing good for a while under these specific conditions. So, after I just started to feel like if I didn't to these things then I wouldn't play as well,"
Lawrence Watt ('15) said.
Since the belief in superstitions and good luck

superstitions and good luck charms varies with different people, the importance varies as well.

"I don't think that good

Whether or not people believe in good luck charms or superstitions, they play a part in someone's life. Thought of as myths to some and as reality to others, they influence the way people view life and allow people to feel better about themselves and their lives.

Lexi Michaud

Staff Reporter

New technology appeared all around campus over the last few months. Vending machines emerged more useful, the new hand dryers upgraded to high tech quality, and phone chargers placed in the media center provided the ability to charge a device.

The vending machine program expanded for students to receive snacks throughout the day using the credit card slots and the new ID numbers that must be set up by the lunch manager. Dayna Pasqua ('16) recognizes the new vending machine program as more flexible than before.

"It's easier because if I forget cash from home, I can just pay with my credit card," Pasqua said.

Rose Aiello, (FAC) the lunch manager, says the vending machines approve credit and debit cards. Also, the purpose of the new ID pin number prevents theft. In order to obtain a pin, visit Mrs. Aiello to set up an account.

Huntington Learning Center, known for tutoring, donated a charging station to the media center. Ms. Shauan (FAC) who works in the media center, saw a need for a charging station.

"The charge works a little slow, but it charges at least 25% in a half hour," Shauan said.

The station provides eight

chargers at a time, including iPhone, Android, Black Berry and many more.

The new and improved hand dryers replaced the old and broken down ones. These machines impacted Anthony Moe ('17) who appreciates that the hand dryers dry faster than the old ones.

"They dry our hands quicker which makes me get to class quicker than before," Moe said.

Bigger and better technology benefits students so that they can immediately get to class, easily obtain their snacks, and charge their cellular device at school.



Student Council Officers Amber Lewis ('15) and Madison Schafer ('15) dry their hands with the new hand dryer in the Orange restroom.

Photo by Susan McNulty

Put on your thinking cap(stone)

Staff Reporter

A new advanced placement program arrives next school year to challenge the incoming sophomores and juniors and offer them an opportunity to distinguish themselves to colleges and universities. AP Seminar and AP Research build the foundations for AP Capstone. Both AP Seminar and AP Research classes last for one year and require a final AP exam at the end of the year.

"Successful students will be strongly self-motivated, since they will be responsible for the direction of their research.

I will facilitate and guide as they explore topics of personal interest," Ms. Beth Seletos

Not only does taking AP Seminar and AP Research look good to colleges and universities, but all the hard work put in leads to earning a diploma equal to an IB diploma.

"Taking both Seminar and Research and passing their exams, in addition to 4 other AP classes will lead to a prestigious diploma that is recognized throughout the

(FAC) said.

(International Baccalaureate)

country," Ms. Seletos said. The AP Seminar and AP Research Certificate, awarded to students for receiving scores of 3 or higher on the AP seminar and AP Research exams differs from the AP Capstone diploma. Students

other courses. "The teamwork and researching skills learned will benefit students as they continue onto their college studies," Ms. Seletos said.

earn this if they do not pass

four additional AP exams in

Both the AP Seminar and AP Research classes involve

research based projects and teamwork. In the AP Seminar class, completion of a team project and presentation, an individual research based essay and presentation, as well as the AP exam in May is required for the class. In AP Research, students spend all year writing an academic paper on a topic of their choice along with a presentation and oral defense of their project to a panel

of judges. Everything done

in class is a percent of the

classes.

final AP exam grade in both

Self-motivated students who are willing to work for something without immediate reward should consider taking the new AP Research and AP Seminar classes, especially if standing out to colleges and universities is important to their educational goals.

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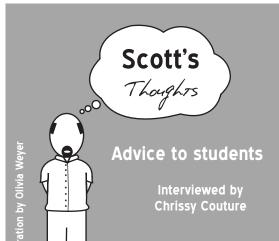
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I tend to give these three pieces of

l. Do everything you can to stay out of debt. That includes, and in some ways, is especially college debt. College students are saying the average they're graduating with is \$24,000 worth of debt, according to US News in 2014. So these kids are starting off after they graduate hopefully finding a good job, which i not necessarily possible depending on what your degree is in, but they're starting off with a \$300 to \$500 debt payment each month. There's a huge increase in the number of people in their 20s living with their parents and it's directly related to debt. The people who are 25 and don't have debt are at such a huge advantage in their choices. Life is about choices. So you want to keep as many available options open as

2. "I want to get rich. How do I do that?" I always say, "Don't be in debt and start saving when you're young and learn about compound interest Einstein said, "Compound interest is the eighth wonder of the world. He who understands it, earns it. He who doesn't, pays it." So basically you have a choice in life: you can make yourself rich or you can or you can , make banks and bankers rich. If you go into debt, you're going to make banks rich. If you put your money to work and you earn the compound interest and you invest wisely, you're going to be the one that's rich if you nutual funds and Roth IRAs.

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Those are my most valuable pieces of advice to make your life better.

Catching beads left and right Sophie Sajecki Staff Reporter

With many different events in the Tampa Bay area available year round, every weekend offers an opportunity for activities. Chasco Fiesta represents an opportunity

for entertainment and celebration. The Chasco Fiesta spans March 20th to March 28th, with this year being the fiesta's 69th continuous

"It's a family tradition, so we go every year to the parade. We always have so much fun," Natalie Goldstein ('18) said.

The Chasco Fiesta presents noteworthy memories that last a lifetime, no matter how long ago they occurred.

"I was in the parade two times: once for scouts and another year I was in it because my dad had a company and we were on a sponsored float. It was really cool. I remember we were on a castle float for the Boy Scouts and we were throwing beads," Grant Eichler

('18) said. Many different companies and groups attend and participate in the parade as well. A variety of people throw beads from various floats in the parade.

"My grandpa is the Port Richey City Manager and so I go with him on his float all the time but he attends the parade for the

Rotary Club of New Port Richey," Goldstein said.

When attending the fiesta, wear comfortable shoes and weather appropriate clothing for the day of the event. Also, park as close as possible to the parade route to avoid a long walk.

"If you ever get a chance to be in or go to [the Chasco Fiesta], I would definitely take that chance because it was really fun," Eichler

Overall, the Chasco Fiesta offers a celebration of the history of New Port Richey, with free admission for most activities.

Event Date Location March 13. 2015 **Lighthouse Coronation Ball** Spartan Manor March 14, 2015 Chasco Fiesta Hunger Walk **Gulf High School** March 20-28, 2015 Covanta Chasco Fiesta™ Carnival **Bank Street** March 21. 2015 Synovus Bank Chasco Fiesta Street Parade TBA March 28, 2015 Ferman Chasco Fiesta™ Boat Parade Pithlachascotee River March 28, 2015 Sertoma Children's Hearing Help Fund Sims Park

Have it your way

Staff Reporter

Hype over a new school lunch implementation grows large on the campus. Deciding to mix it up a bit, the cafeteria adds a few drastic changes to the way students go about getting a school lunch. The cafeteria attempts to change the frowned upon school lunch reputation.

Students and lunchroom staff apply the term "food court" to the cafe lingo.

"Monday, February 9th is when the new food court style lunches began, with something new to offer in each line," Ms. Rose Aiello (FAC) said.

This never before seen change to the lunch lines starts a brand new

cafeteria style.

This enables a modern way of obtaining food through the school. "There is a salad bar line, and

new foods such as specialty pizza, upscaled chicken, and a variety of new a la carte items," Ms. Aiello said.

Students can access foods that they were unable to acquire before, and a wider variety for a balanced, nutritional diet.

"There also is a 'Make Your Own Sub' in the A La Carte section," Ms. Aiello said.

This never before seen lunch line fashion arises excitement in students as well.

"My favorite thing about the new

lunch line is probably the salad bar. It gives me a chance to put together my salad to my own personal liking. It also encourages me, and I'm sure others, a chance to eat healthier while creating it myself. It's really neat," Jillian Kirkpatrick ('17) said.

This up to date cafeteria application continues to gain positive feedback from students and faculty who both enjoy the food court. The vast variety of choices cause students to be enthusiastic about buying a school lunch, and encourage buyers to carry on nutritious eating habits.



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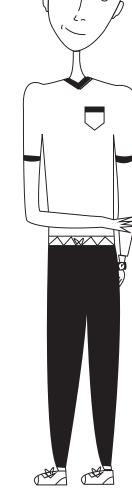
Mitchell ('16)

eyes the nacho

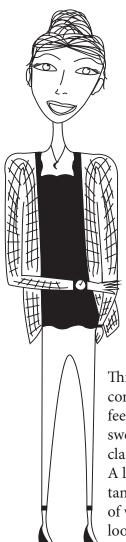
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This chic style incorporates loose curls, a layered sweater, handbag, cuffed skinnys, and a pair of flats for the perfect 'night on the town' look.



This rad style exemplifies comfort and cool. Use a bit of hair gel, a pocket tee, joggers, and a pair of sneakers for a 'care free' look.



This urban style combines the cozy feeling of a knit sweater with a classic hair knot A long necklace, tank top, and a pair of wedges ties this look together.

Lights! Camera! Murder!

Sarah Langston

Copy Editor in Chief

Taking place during an Academy Awards after-party, Troupe 6272's newest murder mystery show plans to put the audience right in the middle of an action-packed and drama-filled night. With only one person in the cast knowing who committed the murder, the whole room tries their best to catch the

Tessa Kiehl ('16) plays Angel Wood, the mean-hearted awardwinning actress, who meets her untimely demise during the show.

"She's not the best role model, and I feel like that's a challenge for me, as an actor, since I've never really played the character everybody hates before," Kiehl said.

Despite her character's bad intentions, Kiehl still finds a way to relate to the actress.

"[Angel] really wants to go far with her acting career, and that's something I also want to do, although she does take it a lot farther than I would," Kiehl said.

Along with Kiehl, Ms. Beth Seletos (FAC) also manages to find a little bit of her personality within her

"I feel like this is the character I was born to play. I really feel like that. She hosts big and wild parties every year, and I have a Halloween party every year. She likes to be the

center of attention, so do I. She likes to dress with crowns and sparkles and fancy dresses, me too. I felt like I could just totally see myself in this role – not a lot of improv needed, I'm afraid," Seletos said.

Because teachers usually do not take part in the theatre department's shows, Mr. David O'hara sees the benefit of the two sides coming together.

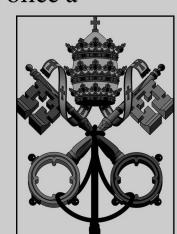
"The kind of excitement that has been generated by the faculty involved in this is as important as anything else. It's going to be a special time for [the students] to be acting with teachers that they have in class every day and see a different side of the teacher, and, conversely, hopefully the teachers will see the kids in a different light," O'hara said.

Although *Lights! Camera! Murder!* ran for only one night, watch for the spring musical *Bill Matters!* on April 2-4 at River Ridge's Center for Performing Arts.

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Invading Tampa Bay

Olivia Weyer

Layout Editor in Chief

The Gasparilla Pirate Festival celebrates the legend of José Gaspar, a mythical Spanish pirate captain who supposedly operated in Southwest Florida. To celebrate this day there is a kids parade, film/arts/music festival, the Sant' Yago Knight Parade, and the well-known pirate invasion of Tampa Bay. The invasion starts with everyone in boats following Gaspar's 165' long pirate ship. The mayor of Tampa then hands over the key of the city to the pirate captain and a "victory parade" starts down Bayshore Boulevard along Tampa Bay.

Anyone with a boat could meet out in Tampa Bay and join the fleet as the pirate ship makes their journey to begin the festivities. While waiting for the main boat to start moving, the other boats throw beads, blast their music, and for one boat, blast their extremely loud cannon. Many small boats weave through the larger yachts and

cause a bit of havoc. Police from all over the state were patrolling the waters keeping trouble makers under

Once the invasion started, the Coast Guard used giant cannons to spray a path for the main boats to go through Following the pirate ship and their crew into downtown Tampa, spectators cheered and attempted to catch beads thrown from the boat. After the main pirate ship headed into the channel, the large boats had to veer away from the bridge and end their parade. The pirates then go on land and take over the city.



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Staff Reporter

One of the most exciting times during high school remains homecoming week. Yet, the next best thing arrives in the Spring. With March Madness week approaching, students prepare for dress up days, activities, and contests. For freshmen and new students, thinking about March Madness week might draw a blank.

"March Madness is pretty much like homecoming week but there is no dance. It's also some dress up days and activities for all of the students to participate in,' Caroline Berry ('15) said.

With many new changes being made, March Madness week presents a promising turnout this year. The time line includes the FBLA hosted talent show which occurs on Wednesday, March 25th.

"We used to include the Prom Fashion Show [during the day], but this year it will be a separate night event. There's going to be a talent show, a karaoke/lip sync activity, and it would be in the format of the last period of the day or we would do an activity schedule," Mrs. Schultz (FAC) said.

to celebrate the finish of end of course exams and all of the hard work done this year, March Madness shows

"I hope kids participate and I hope kids will be involved.

March Madness may look different this year, but the opportunities for involvement and fun remain.

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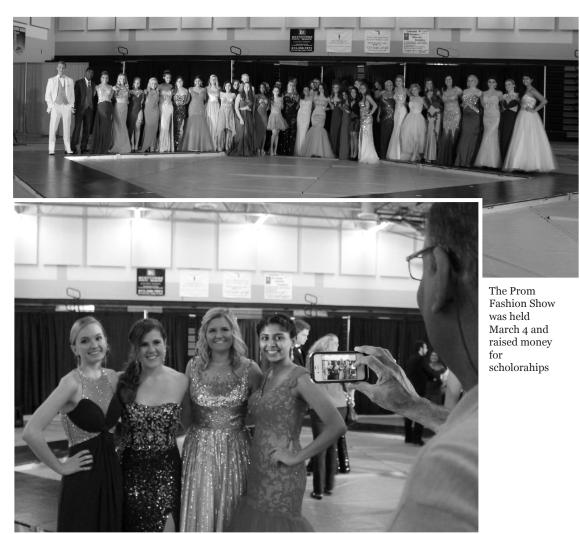
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It's what you guys put into it, so get involved, be involved," Schultz said.

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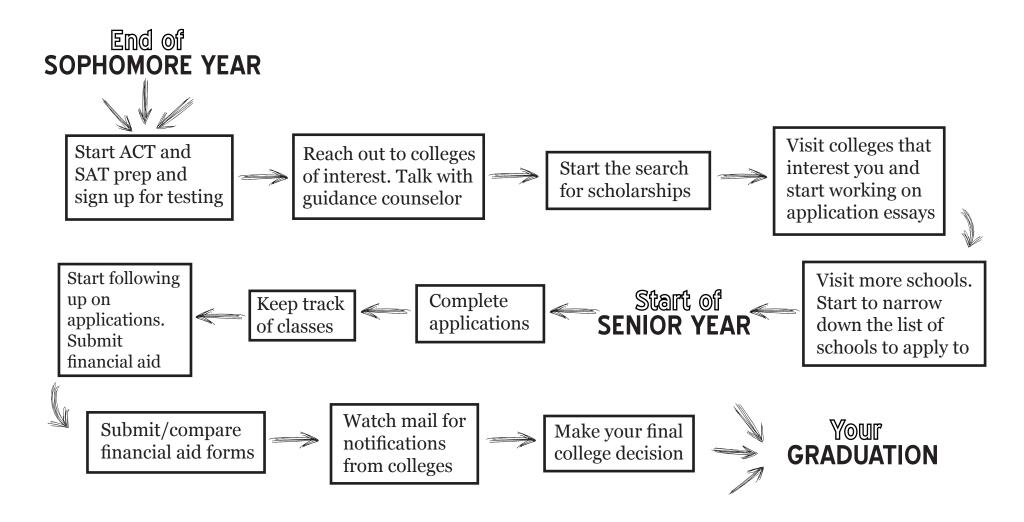
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66The appropriate time to start looking at colleges is when you enter your freshman year. It's always good to make a plan and start thinking about where you want to go. - Michelle Chamberlin (FAC)





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TCBY is too modern; Coldstone has more of a home environment and it's less busy."

- Christian Duran (18)

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"I like TCBY better because they have more toppings and you can do it yourself."

- Mallori Page (*18)

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"I prefer Starbucks
because Dunkin'
Donuts has no flavor
in their coffee."

- Hannah Bruegger (*18)

Dunkin Donuts

"I prefer Dunkin'
coffee because
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tastes like the pot
was burned."

- Ms. Shauan (FAC)



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"The juice they use is just so different. I don't know what they put in it, but it's delicious. I like going in there because they have all of the pictures and it's like home. It's comforting to me."

- Ms. Jewell (FAC)

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"I'm pretty sure Publix subs are unbeatable. Their bread is really fresh and the meat is always tasty. Usually they leave me pretty full, satisfied, and wanting more."

- Jake Fowler (*15)

Chipotle

"The burritos are very large, which gives you more for your money. The hot sauces, which I love, are also very tasty."

- Mario Bennetti (17)

Moes

"Everyone is so friendly and you can put whatever you want in your quesadilla or taco unlike other places that have a standard way of making their food.

- Kelsie Howell (°15)

Swinging for the fence

Amanda Garcia Staff Reporter

Right off the bat, the baseball teams look forward to their upcoming season. With new rivals and additions to the team, the boys get pumped for their competition this year. Varsity captain Kyle Frick ('16) has been playing since he was 10. He hits and works out everyday to prepare for the high school season The team depends upon his leadership to add a spark on the field.

"As a catcher I need to be the vocal leader of the team while on the field, and hustle all the time because it shows others that I am enthusiastic and want to be out there and the rest of the team will feed

off that energy, "Frick said. The other Varsity captain Ryan Slaughter ('16) has been playing baseball for approximately 14 years. As a closer, he comes in as pitcher in the latter half of the game

for the final innings.

"It's pretty cool being the closer and everything. I get to chill for about five innings then come in and get the job done," Slaughter said.

Rivalry games bring out the fight in players on the field. On February 19th, the Varsity team faced River Ridge.

"Our biggest rival this year is probably River Ridge, being all that football team and pretty much every other sport is rivals with them," Frick

The Varsity baseball team fought seven innings but came up short. Both the JV and Varsity teams added new players to their roster this

"The Lapperts ('15) were added to the [Varsity] team this year, and also Jake Mattos ('18). It's a big accomplishment for a freshman to be on varsity and

to start," Slaughter said.

Jordan Garcia ('18) made the JV team this year and by the end of February moved up to Varsity.

"It feels good to be on the team this year. Right now we are in a bit of a competition fighting for our spot on the field," Garcia said.

The JV team plays Land O' Lakes High School on March 10, at 6:00 p.m.

"I think Land O' Lakes is a rival because they are the best team we play and will be our hardest game," Evan Waterbor ('18) said.

The baseball team prepares before the game by getting pumped, but also relaxing. "If it's Tuesday, we go to

Tijuana Flats; it's pretty good. We hit, then come back in and play ping pong," Slaughter

Slaughter and his cocaptains not only lead



Photo by Amanda Garcia "When pitching I just focus on throwing strikes and focus on what I'm doing, trying

stretches, but lead by example as well.

to get the batter out," Jake Fowler ('15) said.

"It's awesome being a captain, and it's a great honor to be able to represent the team as a captain. It just pulls the responsibilities of even if you're not having a good day to act like you are having a good day, because people are

going to be looking up to you," Slaughter said.

The regular season runs through mid-April. The players encourage fans to come out and support the baseball teams.



the ball to get runners on base to score.

Dinger!

Staff Reporter

As the softball season takes off, the girls continue to practice long and hard for a successful year. At the beginning of tryouts, the coaches found a bigger amount of talented freshman on the field, so they extended tryouts for a longer period of time this year.

With four freshman and five seniors this year, the varsity softball team gains confidence towards the season.

"I feel very good. I think our coaches have put together a solid team and we have some work to do but I believe we will definitely do well this season," Nicole Milford ('15)

The softball games include a high amount of competition

along with any other sport, but students get extra hype at the softball games. The students also show more enthusiasm towards the games against the school's biggest rival.

"I think River Ridge is our biggest rival because they are our best competition, and it is the best well-known Mitchell vs. River Ridge rivalry," Madison Staniloiu ('15) said.

Future games in the season continue to excite students and the softball players. The biggest game of the season takes place as a home game, on April 9th.

"Students should definitely attend the game on senior night when we play River Ridge," Kira Delegro ('15)

This season may also bring luck to the girls, especially with pre-game rituals.

"I always put my left sock on first, I play with a penny in my cleat and I never dare step on the lines," Madison Staniloiu ('15) said.

With practices everyday except game days, the girls sweat and practice long to find satisfaction and success within their playing this season. Game days sometimes occur two to four days a week. The softball team puts forth a great amount of effort to play hard and come out strong this

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The end of an era

Brock Shively

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A five time NBA champion, an icon in Los Angeles, and now a torn rotator cuff. NBA analysts regard Kobe Bryant as one of the best to ever play the game. His 29 game winning career shots show his clutch shooting abilities.

"When looking at the best shooters in crunch time in NBA history, Kobe is at the top with [Michael] Jordan," Ravaughn Falcon ('17) said.

In the latest spin of his career, his Los Angeles Lakers seemingly look to miss the playoffs in back to back seasons as Kobe's play declines and injuries plague him. The team sits near the bottom of the standings and everyone looks to see if Kobe retires.

"This looks close to the end. If he doesn't retire this year, it will be next year," Falcon said. In Kobe's 18 year career he

emerged as one of the best ever to play in the NBA. Now in the dwindling stages of his career, fans see an older, less talented player. "I hate seeing Kobe break

down like this. He just doesn't look the same on the court," Falcon said.

The Lakers relied on him heavily this season, but to no

avail as the Lakers maintain one of the worst records in the NBA. The daughter of the Lakers owner Jerry Buss, Jeanie Buss, said they tried to recruit and add stars around Kobe this season, but ended up settling with guys like Carlos Boozer and Jeremy Lin. Both caused financial problems for their teams and never lived up to the money they signed on for. Boozer's prime of his career resides in Utah through 2006-2008. Once he left to go to Chicago,

he became an average to sub

par NBA player. Most people

remember Jeremy Lin as the

one week star in New York that came from nothing. Lin then landed a three year 25 million dollar contract in Houston and didn't deliver.

"Carlos Boozer and Jeremy Lin don't help out an all time great," Dillon Johnson ('17)

"The Lakers did a horrible job helping out Kobe. When your second best player is Nick Young, there is a problem," Falcon said.

In the last two seasons, Kobe played 41 games, which equals half of one season. Last year he tore his achilles and that sidelined him 76

games. Los Angeles Lakers executive Mitch Kupchak said in an interview with NBA. com that he expects Kobe to retire at the end of his current contract. That would mean he would play one more season and try to claim a final sixth

"I don't know what to expect after Kupchak's comments, Johnson said.

Lakers fans await Kobe's decision in an abysmal year. The end looks near and the legacy of Kobe Bryant comes to a halt after his injury this season. Did Father Time catch up to Kobe?

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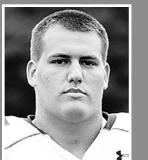
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Bailey Sassatelli Staff Reporter

The name Kevin Hart signifies an international sensation of this day and age. Hart avoids singing and dancing; rather, he performs stand-up comedy as well as stars in movies. This

young actor and comedian "I don't see him planned a tour or his jokes and put Florida in his sights. He **DYING OUT** performs at the Germain Arena anytime soon," near Fort Myers on March 27. - Ryan Penland Kevin Hart, at one point,

remained unknown to social media and Hollywood, yet people now adore him and hold a place in their hearts for him as he grew in popularity over the past few years.

"His success has come mainly from his stand-up acts because you can go online and see a ton of memes from his shows. Until I saw those memes, I honestly didn't know who he was," Rachel Wexler ('15) said.

Hart's rapid success came

from movies as well as his comedy acts. Movies he starred in include *The* Wedding Ringer, Think Like a Man Too, Scary Movie 3, and several more.

"I think that his affiliation

with other well-known comedians and actors has contributed greatly to his success," Ryan Penland ('16) said. When the

thought of successful

celebrities come to mind, not often do complaints accompany those thoughts. "I don't like the fact that he is physically loud. When you are trying to tell jokes, the comedian shouldn't have

Although his comedy acts stand high on some people's charts of most important in his career, the long list of movies he played roles in

voice," Penland said.

continues to grow. Because of his rapid success, he continues to flourish and surprise society with his raw originality.

"I think he is more original in the stand-up acts than in the movies since in the movies he has a script. On stage, you can see how he gets into his jokes and how he probably comes up with some of the stuff on his own," Wexler said. Both his movies and comedy

performances contain content that amaze and excite the audiences. His talent, along with his own writing skills, keep people on their feet, especially when it comes to live events.

"I think he's a really funny guy and he is definitely still growing. I don't see him or his jokes dying out anytime soon," Penland said.

Due to the many movies and much appreciated jokes, that much of an overbearing Kevin Hart's performance in Florida brings anticipation to many young fans.



Hart stars alongside Will Ferrell in his latest movie *Get* Hard, headed to theatres March 27, 2015



Hart joins Josh Gad in the *Wedding* Ringer (2015).



Hart accompanies ce Cube in *Ride* Along (2014).



Hart appears with film legends Robert De Niro and Sylvester Stallone in the *Grudge Match* (2013).

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From behind the screen to in front of me

Lexi Clark Staff Reporter

Playlist Live: a time of year where YouTubers, Viners, and fans gather together for three days at a giant convention in a few locations all over the country. The biggest of all the venues happened in Orlando on February 6-8. In the past, Playlist Live, sponsored by District Lines, rented out towers of hotels for the event alone, but this year they rented out the entire World Center Marriott itself, making it one of the biggest yet.

Both creators and fans fly in from all over the country, sometimes from all over the world, to attend Playlist Live. Even with six different passes to choose from, tickets sell out fast every year.

"I loved meeting new people at Playlist, both creators and other fans. Especially Tyler Oakley and Trove Sivan," Emily Larcom ('17) said.

People like Trove Sivan and Tyler Oakley rose to fame by posting weekly videos on YouTube and they quickly gained a massive following. Many people idolize creators like them. They managed to

turn YouTube into a career, similar to working in film or as a musical artist. At Playlist Live, they allow people to sign up for different creator meet-ups which lets them participate in a short meet and greet with whichever two YouTubers and/or Viners they desire.

"I liked how famous people were just walking around casually and you were meeting them left and right," Larcom said.

Whether people signed up for a meet-up or simply wandered around the hotel. plenty of opportunities to meet creators constantly revealed themselves over the course of the three days.

"I met a bunch of the main people that I wanted to meet, but I also met some small Viners that I didn't know. which was cool," Taylor Gaetano ('17) said.

Playlist Live proves itself as a great way to meet famous creators, new friends, and bond with old ones. This year, Playlist Live included pool parties, dance

parties, concerts, meet-ups. informational panels, games, contests, interviews, clothing booths, merchandise booths, and more occurred making the pandemonium of the event heard and seen from miles around.

"I had a lot of fun this year and I really hope I will be able to go next year as well. I would recommend it to anyone who is into that sort of thing." Gaetano said.

Every year Playlist Live continues to grow and improve. Checking their website, signing up for their newsletter, following their Twitter, liking their Facebook, or downloading their app allows anyone to receive updates on ticket information and how to attend next year.



Bottom (from left to right): Mikey Murphy, Dan and Phil, Mikey Bolts, Swoozie and Jenna Marbles sat on stage having a Q & A with the audience.

Plant City packed with sweet treats

Shyanne Dove Staff Reporter



get seats close to the stage. "I don't think I've had so much fun in so long. We were so close and [Brett Eldredge] took my phone," Bell said.

> admission kids day and the Grand Parade follows the strawberry spaghetti-eating contest. While walking throughout the fairgrounds common encounters include dancing robots, carnival food and eating

contests. "I played this game where you had to knock cups down by throwing a ball at them and won a rose. Everywhere you looked there something fried being sold. They even had a fried stick of butter that looked like a heart attack waiting to happen. But the fried strawberries and Oreos I did try, and they were delicious," Bell said. Carnival rides include the famous ferris wheel and fun houses. Many other forms of entertainment include tents with small performances and the neighborhood village which sells items as well as demonstrate baking,

The Festival went from February 26 to March 8,

A dream is a wish your heart makes

Sam Burchick Staff Reporter

On March 13th Cinderella, the next installment in Walt Disney Pictures' contemporary series of live-action movies that reimagine iconic fairy-tales, comes to theaters, MPAA (Motion Picture Association of America's) rated Cinderella PG and put it in the genre of fantasy, family, drama, romance, and adventure. The filming of the whole movie took place all around England. Throughout the movie, the characters preach kindness and courage for the one hour and 45 minute duration.

The cast contains new upand-comers and well-known veterans. Lily James got the lead role as Cinderella, best known for starring in Downton Abbey and Wrath of the Titans. The role of the iconic Price Charming went to Richard Madden, known for Game of Thrones. Helena Bonham Carter got cast as the iconic Fairy Godmother, known for her starring in the *Harry Potter* series and Alice in Wonderland. Sophie McShera and Holliday Grainger also got cast as the stepsisters. Cate Blanchett

plays the role of the wicked

stepmother. According to the review website Rotten Tomatoes, 98% of viewers want to see Cinderella when it comes out in theaters. In this live action version, James does not portray a damsel in distress, but a stronger, more realistic character. This movie intends to still give everyone the most beloved parts of the classic movie, but with a fresher spin on the fairy tail. The Hollywood Reporter says that this movie proves more similar to the movie *Ever* After, with Cinderella as a stronger character, then to the original animated Cinderella.

The part of Cinderella gives James her biggest on screen role yet, and promises a wonderful performance for all movie goers. According to an interview that Steve O'Brien from Cineworld Cinemas conducted with James, she found the experience terrifying.

"It's such a big act to follow. There are so many iconic moments in the film that we have to do justice to. There's such an expectation with the

legacy of Cinderella," James said.

The differences in this movie compared to the animated one prove that even with changing parts throughout the film, it still shows the beloved Disney moments. Also, Cinderella and the Prince meet before the ball and get to know each other, instead of meeting at the ball and falling in love at first sight. The movie still shows viewers the iconic mice, the beautiful glass slippers, and the sweet Fairy Godmother as well as the old pink dress that got ripped by her stepsisters before the ball, the stunning blue ball gown that the fairy godmother created for her, and the beautiful carriage, but now with an upgrade: it went from pale aqua to a sparkling

One of the most beloved Disney movies, Cinderella gets a new beginning as a live-action movie. Only time will tell if Disney will achieve their happy ever after in this version of film.

Top: Cinderella and her wicked stepmother discussing the new rules in the

Bottom left: Cinderella and her Prince. Bottom right: Cinderella arriving at the ball in her carriage.

Brett Eldredge concert on Sunday, March 1. They ran to

The heart wants live-action over animation

live-action movies in the

future. Cinderella, a live-

action version of the animated

Staff Reporter

Over the past years, Disney created live-action movies, producing fewer popular animated films. Movies like *Maleficent* brought in five hundred million dollars, outnumbering animated phenomenon Big Hero 6 by \$443.8 million, according to the International Movie Database.

Mirror Mirror, a Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs spin-off, only imitated major parts of the original sequence, as more unnecessary scenes add on to make extra minutes

for the movie.

Live-action movies could solve the problem of obtaining a larger audience. Teenagers and young adults generally find live-action films more appealing than animated

Personally, transitioning to more live-action movies provides a way to attract a larger audience. More viewers bring in more money, and Disney productions possibly made more money a goal for

Hollywood promises more

favorite plans a release date on March 13th. Another Disney favorite, Beauty and the Beast, currently exists as the newest movie in the works in the Disney community. Emma Watson recently announced that she received the part of Belle. *Beauty and the Beast* possesses no release date at the moment, but according to Disney fans and creators, positive feedback is

expected from the audience.

The live-action movie, *Alice* in Wonderland, starring Johnny Depp, received both good and bad reviews. Bad views of the film considered the remake too similar to the classic favorite. Others, however, thought the producers recreated the original version in the perfect way, and that every detail greatly supported the first

Disney productions and producers believe that the decision to create a majority of live-action movies rather

than animated movies holds a broad impact on the company. Producers consider that liveaction spin-offs of original and beloved classics relate to creating successful movies, and quite possibly bringing in a higher budget and higher publicity for Disney films and

Making more live-action movies generally would be a good idea if Disney productions know the best path for their company.

All tangled up in Disney conspiracies

Kaitlyn Klein Staff Reporter

Disney fans love the creativity their films contain. This creativity inspired some fans to use their own imagination and think of conspiracies by connecting almost all animated Disney movies to one another. The conspiracies may remain as just theories, but many people firmly believe in them.

Some conspiracies contain legitimate proof backing them up. The conspiracy connecting Frozen and Tangled uses the fact that Rapunzel appears in *Frozen*, even if only for

a split second. The theory says that Anna and Elsa's parents traveled to Rapunzel and Flynn's wedding before their ship crashed. Evidence supports this conspiracy because Rapunzel appeared in the scene watching Elsa's coronation.

The theory between *Hercules* and The Little Mermaid also provides evidence, since the movies base their facts on Greek mythology. Hercules' dad, Zeus, had a brother named Poseidon. Poseidon had a son named Triton, who

So technically, Hercules and Ariel share a common ancestor, making them first cousins, once removed. Some theories, however, contain no evidence to back them up. For example, a popular conspiracy savs

Anna and Elsa's parents from Frozen actually become Tarzan's parents, too. No real evidence backs up this one, except for another theory saying that the Arrendelle king and queen survived the wreck in Frozen and escaped

had a daughter named Ariel. to an island, where they became parents to a son, then later died by being attacked and eaten by a leopard. The theory connecting

Tarzan and Beauty and the Beast also uses little evidence. That conspiracy states that Belle and the beast became Jane's parents. The theory uses only the physical similarities between Belle and Jane to back it up, and the fact that Jane could talk to Tarzan like Belle talked to beast. Disney conspiracies may

just speculations forever. When questioned, Disney headquarters said that they plan not to release any validation of the theories. The conspiracies may never grow greater than unconfirmed theories, but people continue to believe in them.

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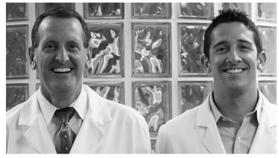
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America's College Promise in question

Staff Reporter

Graduation looms right around the corner for some, yet for others the milestone remains three and a half years away. Regardless, the infamous question, "What will you do after high school?" weighs heavily on students' shoulders. Many students hope to attend a college or university, but attached to every book, class, and dorm, an enormous price tag follows in close pursuit.

In January, President Obama announced a plan to alleviate that headache during his State of the Union address to the nation. America's College Promise Proposal

gives a student two free years of community college. Based off of the Tennessee Promise program that provides free community college, Obama's plan offers students not a blank check, but a world of opportunity.

the proposal gives students a free ride into college, when in fact they must be enrolled at least part time and maintain a 2.5 GPA. Others fear that families making six figures might claim eligibility for the free tuition, but the fine print says otherwise; families with an adjusted gross income of over \$200,000 will not be

Some people worry that

eligible for America's College Promise. Considering the average household income in American falls slightly below \$52,500, only 2.7% of college students who depend on their parents will not qualify for the assistance, and for good reason – they do not need it.

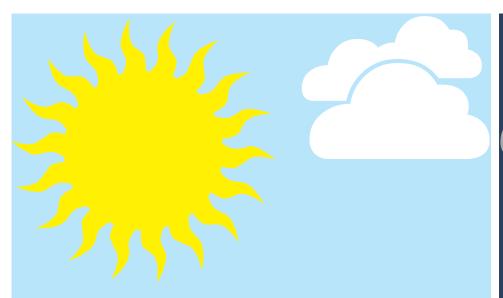
Other opponents challenge America's College Promise Proposal finding it unnecessary. They believe working a part-time job, in addition to a full schedule of classes, generates enough money to make the tuition payments. In reality, parttime jobs keep the electric on and the water flowing.

leaving little left for these hard working individuals to tackle tuition and fees. With the College Promise, about 9 million students would reap the benefits, as well as supporting the colleges they attend.

The community colleges would need to update their course offerings to become more competitive and expand their degree and certificate programs. The transition from community college into the working world can be difficult, so along with reformed and high quality education, the future of that shift looks smoother.

Education is the future. It opens up opportunities that break the cycle of poverty and leave brighter futures for the generations to come. America's College Promise makes higher education a reality for every student regardless of his or her parents' background or socioeconomic status. According to President Obama, "education cannot be a privilege. It's a right for everybody who's willing to work for it."





Do we make OUR LUCK

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Throughout multiple generations, people continue to believe in luck. However, as something thought of as rewards by unknown forces, the existence of luck lacks evidence. Miracles, lucky charms, and other signs of good luck remain unexplained. Some find the thought that a strange force gifts everyday luck in life absurd; they believe instead that they create their own luck in life.

The actions and decisions a person makes every day create and determine the path of life, allowing an easier explanation for what one may believe an act of luck. The result of every choice a person makes on a daily basis determines their amount of success. A failed test or low grade occur as not the result of bad luck, but the product of poor choices. Studying a bit longer allows a person better results on a test. The choice to watch a good show on Netflix over studying, result in a failing grade, which remains a foreseeable consequences.

A person may consider every bad experience a result of bad luck, while others may consider it a part of life. Luck creates life's scapegoat, allowing people to blame everyday bad happenings on a sudden lack of luck.

Howard Schultz presents an example of self-created luck. Schultz came from a poor family, living in a house thanks to the New York City Housing Authority. His love of sports led to an athletic scholarship to Northern Michigan University, where he became the first person in his family to go to college. Using his bachelor's degree in business he visited a coffee-bean shop in Seattle called Starbucks Coffee Company. The company's knowledge of coffee beans lead him to the decision to work with them in the future, and in 2008 he became the CEO of Starbucks. He created his own luck, which brought him to a net worth of \$2.5 billion as of 2015.

A person that works hard enough finds self-created luck a possibility, and may find great success in life. Working hard in classes, being the best possible person, and striving for excellence only promises good things in life.



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A rare force of nature runs through the veins of people everywhere. It scores the winning shot at the last second, aces the difficult exam, and at times, even brings about millions of dollars. This mysterious force? Luck: a force thought to happen by unknown means. No one knows how or why, but luck knows and it always seems to appear at the most opportune moments. Not the result of a fairy godmother or genie, the unexplainable force arrives and leaves as it pleases.

Legends throughout the years managed to convince people that luck resides in various objects such as a rabbit's foot, four leaf clovers, animals, charms, coins, and pendants. People get invested in the myths and stories that surround luck and hope to use it to their own advantage. Even unwashed jerseys serve as lucky charms to the sports players who religiously believe that luck contributes to their numerous wins. Whether or not these small items actually contain luck causes

controversy. For those who think that one makes their own luck, these items are useless, to others, these precious knick-knacks hold all of their beliefs together.

However, not all luck helps solve problems. Certain people, cursed with bad luck, experience trouble with even the smallest daily activities, like walking, playing sports, and occasionally not even moving. These people consider themselves extremely unlucky and often wonder how they offended a higher force. The correct answer to that question usually tends to come up as not a single thing. However, even people with bad luck sometimes become lucky. As famous author Cormac McCarthy wrote in his book *No Country for* Old Men, "You never know what worse luck your bad luck has saved you from."

So while the luck in the world may not always appear helpful or lucky, its presence strongly influences how people see the world.



