# THE MONTHLY CORINTHIAN

### GIRARD COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

## **Veterans' Day Appreciation**

By: Mr. Gallagher and Ms. Enedy

On November 9th Mr. William Gallagher again organized the annual GC Veterans' Appreciation Day seminar in recognition of Veterans Day, which was on November 11th. Numerous US Veterans, from World War II through those currently serving, took time out of their day to speak with the high school students about their military service, and help our students understand the sacrifices necessary to keep our country safe.

Student Ambassadors did a fantastic job as they met our Veterans when they arrived, and escorted them throughout the day to make sure our Veterans arrived at each of their scheduled sessions. Ms. Christine Enedy took care of the refreshments provided for our Veterans, and Ms. Rahfia Foster put together gift bags for them as a small token of our appreciation. Izynae Moore, one of our Student Ambassadors, took care of the thank you letters that were signed by our students and staff. These letters were distributed to our Veterans when they left at the end of our program.

"Our Veterans spoke from the heart. They helped our students to better understand the responsibilities of people serving in the military and helped them to think about the military as a possible career option. We thank our Veterans for spending the day with us, and doing an absolutely amazing job!" Said Mr. Gallagher.

A special shout out to the GC Alumni Association, administration, Dining Services (for the veterans' lunch and warm reception), campus security staff, and to all of the teachers who hosted a veteran in their classroom. THANK YOU!







# Special points of interest:

- Clothing Drive for Service Learning Trip to Monteverde, Costa Rica.
- Midterm Election Coverage.
- Look for Seasonal puzzle fun on the last pages!
- Great Artwork from the high school Art Classes.
- A short story from Madison Roberts
- TV Show Reviews

## **Election Coverage Watch Party**

On the evening of Tuesday, November 6th, from 7:00PM until 9:00PM. there was an election night watch party in Founder's Hall for the high school students.

"The event was organized by students Beyonce Brown and Amaya Williams (who you will remember organized the Voter Registration Drive earlier this year). Both students are incredibly passionate about the importance of civic participation and wish to encourage people to be more politically engaged." Said Mr. Dar Sheth

Students got to watch as the Democrats regained control of the United States House of Representatives, edging out the Republicans 225 to 200.

More on the Watch Party: Page 5







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## Van Wash to Help Sponsor Trip

By: Ms. Barbara Walsh

There was a school van wash on Thursday, November 8th. All students in the Spanish IV class participated in washing 4 school vans. This was done as a fundraiser to support the upcoming Service Learning Trip to Monteverde, Costa Rica on January 19, 2019.

The class will be holding other fundraisers such as the clothing drive (see the flyer on this page), a penny war between homerooms, and an online drive beginning in December.







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### **HELP US, HELP OTHERS!**

Spanish IV Service Trip to Costa Rica!

Bring your gently used clothes, shoes, jackets, belts, ties, bedspreads, sheets, hats, scarfs, gloves, handbags, wallets, jewelry, uniforms, jerseys, and backpacks to donate on to charity! The more it weighs, the more we raise!

Estarts 11/8 through 12/13 2018.

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### LOCATION

The Itum Building 2101 S College Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19121

Drop-off of located outside of the Hum Building on Sunday nights from 6-8:30 pm and Thursday mornings 7:30-8-10 am



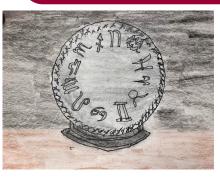


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Gracias!

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By: Reginald Brasby III



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Sketchbook #5 Draw a Bubbling Cauldron

By: Kalen Davis

## **Building Bridges Through STEM**

By: Ms. Heather Cichowic

On October 11th, four students along with Ms.Cichowic attended the Building Bridges Through STEM presentation. This took place at the SEPTA Suburban Station on Market Street in center city Philadelphia. Here, the students learned about the process SEPTA engineers take to reconstruct an old bridge as well as replacing outdated bridges.

The students were able to take an initiative and ask full-time engineers questions during a panel discussion. They learned all about what it takes through schooling as well as making connections in the industry. They also learned about what the average day of an adventurous civil engineer is like. Students were even able to connect with people who had family members that attended Girard, and spoke in high regard of the students from there as well.



Above pictured from left to right: Ms.Cichowic, DajahHorsey, Justice Ricketts, Djeneba Dejona, Henroy Mitchell-Collins









### **Political Current Events:** The Midterm Elections

#### By: Kelandra Murphy

Throughout the month of October, and early November, we have seen and heard many people encouraging other people to vote. On November 6, 2018, people across the country voted for State Senators, and for their representatives to the House of Representatives.

The reason why we called this election the midterm election because it takes place in the middle of the president four-year term. Many people in the country held watch parties on Tuesday, November 6th, into Wednesday, November 7th, to see the results of the election. On our campus, our watch party was organized by juniors Beyonce and Amaya.

This election is crucial because the Senate and House of Representatives have the power to help over see and override decisions made by President Trump's administration. People that hoped that the Democrats would win the seat in the Senate. However, the Republicans won the seats by 51 to 44. On the other hand, the Democrats won the majority of seats in the House of Representatives by 225 to 197.

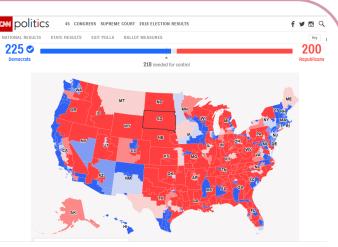
Since the Democrats won the seats in House, they are planning to repeal some of the amendments made by Trump to the Affordable Care Act. Currently, in Florida, ballots are being recounted because of the claim of missing ballots.



Democrat Sharice Davids gives her victory speech

From: VOX.com





House of Rep. Election Results From: CNN.com



Democrat Ilhan Omar becomes one of the first Muslim women elected to Congress.

From: Stephen Maturen/AFP/Getty Images

Deb Haaland made history on Tuesday by becoming one of the first Native American woman elected to Congress. She's seen here with her staff in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

From: Mark Ralston/AFP/Getty Images





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By: Beyonce Brown

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On Election Night, Tuesday, November 6th, 2018, Amaya Williams and I hosted an Election Watch Party.

During the night we ate, had the results projected, and explain to the students what was happening. We also set up our own mock election, and had the students predict the 36 Governors that were to be elected that night.

Our purpose for this party was to expose our fellow students to the effects of voting, and to celebrate our right to vote! Election Parties are a nationwide tradition!







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### **Television and On-Line Show Reviews**



#### The Good Place

The Good Place is an NBC comedy television series that premiered in 2016. It stars Kristen Bell, who plays the main character Eleanor Shellstrop. After Eleanor awakens in a strange place she discovers that she died and has been sent to heaven or "The Good Place." However, Eleanor begins to think that she was sent to the wrong place because she was not a good person in her previous life. With the help of her new friends and her "soulmate," she begins to become a good person. However, not everything is as it appears in The Good Place and it is up to Eleanor and her friends to discover what is actually happening to them. The Good Place currently is on the NBC network on Thursdays at 8:30PM EST, and previous seasons can be found on Hulu and Netflix.

By: Kyanna Blunt-Cooper







Sketchbook #7 Draw a Banjo By: Samuel Okereke

## **Student Government Bake Sale**

#### By: Djeneba Coulibaly

The first bake sale of the school year was a HUGE SUCCESS! We received many contributions from administrators, residential faculty, and instructional faculty.

We raised approximately \$70, and much of the money will be donated to the Fox Chase Cancer Center. Another bake sale will take place in the next few weeks, so stay tuned!





## **Freaky Halloween Parade Photos**

By: Taahir Bloodworth









The fall is now here The leaves' colors are changing Soon trees will be bare

- Thelma Davies





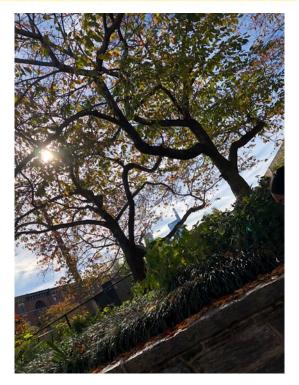
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## **Fall Photos**

By: Keolebogile More







## **Movie Reviews**

#### To All the Boys I've Loved Before

To All the Boys I've Loved Before is a Netflix original romance that premiered on the streaming service on August 17, 2018. The film revolves around Lara Jean Song Covey, a young girl who is in love with love. Every time she has a crush, she writes the crush a heartfelt letter , then stores it away in a hat box that her deceased mother gave to her. One day, her letters are released to each of the five boys that she has been in love with, including her sister's ex-boyfriend, Josh. She also wrote a letter to the most popular quy in school, Peter. To avoid Josh, she and Peter devise a plan to have a fake relationship so that Peter can also make his ex-girlfriend Gen jealous. However, matters get much worse when the two begin to develop feelings for each other. To All the Boys I've Loved Before can be found on Netflix.

By: Kyanna Blunt-Cooper







Sketchbook #7 Draw a Banjo By: Constance Clark



## **Farewell Marge Holmes**

On Friday, November 9th, Girard College said farewell Ms. Marge Holmes, as she retired from Girard after 36 years of being a teacher, mentor, RA, and dean.

Several speakers recounted Ms. Holmes' career, her love for the students of Girard, and bid their thanks and a fond farewell.

Gifts of appreciation were presented to Ms. Holmes from students and staff, and Ms. Holmes received the special honor of not one, but two chairs! One that will be going home with her, and one red Adirondack type chair that will be placed in the outdoor area between The elementary / middle school building, and the residential building (where Ms. Holmes' unofficial office was located).





Ms. Holmes on her bright red Adirondack chair.

Photo Credit: Ms. Kym Clark



Sketchbook #6 Crystal Ball By: Maddison Roberts



Sketchbook #7 Draw a Banjo By: Vivica Ortiz





### **Goodbye Mr. Kilgore**

On Friday, November 9th, at 9:24AM,Girard College observed a moment of silence for our boys' basketball coach, Mr. Mik Kilgore who passed away suddenly.

The time of day was important because Mr. Kilgore's funeral was taking place at that time during the morning, and because the number "24" was his personal jersey number.

"Till our hearts beat still"

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## **A Short Story... "Questions"**



### **By: Madison Roberts**



Being only 14 living in Chicago is not the easiest. Having to worry about getting shot or robbed every time you walk outside. Hearing gunshots at nothing in the morning when you have school in a few hours. I live in one of the worst areas of Chicago, Riverdale, I never wanted to move here, but momma insisted that we move. She had got a job offer here a couple months ago and said that we would eventually move to a better home.

We were currently living in a two bedroom apartment, as in we I mean my mom and I. My brother, Zachir, is 17 and, he was currently in his senior year of High School. He was still in Philadelphia finishing his last 4 months of school just so he wouldn't have to transfer. Me, on the other hand, had transferred and was going to start school this week. I was nervous to be going to a different school, but excited to meet new people.

I walked into my mom's room just to see what she was doing. I laid across her bed and watched as she moved across the room. "Mom, what's wrong?", she was walking back and forth with her hands in her hair. "I have so much going on Munch, it's crazy. Your brother is graduating soon, and I don't have enough money for his cap and gown." I took the initiative to go look for a job after school to help my mom pay the bills, and to get my brother his graduation stuff. I remembered seeing a corner store on the way here not too far from the house.

I walked the few blocks to the store, Benny's Corner Store. I scrunched up my nose as I went inside, all I could smell was beer and cigarettes. "Excuse me, I'm looking for a job." Mr. Benny, I'm assuming his name, looked at me sideways. He looked to be tall and slim with real long hair. He cooked his head to the side, and slanted his eyes. "You Darren's little girl? Monica?" He questioned. I was wondering if he was talking about my father Darren or someone else. "Williams?" He shook his head yes, I haven't heard from him in over 5 years, he left after my ninth birthday. "I'm gonna go head on and give you the job young lady, but I want you to know that your father is looking for you. Come back tomorrow right after school and we'll talk." I nodded my head and walked back outside.

I had so many questions running through my head. Was I finally gonna be able to help my momma with the bills? Was Zachir gonna graduate and make momma proud? Was my father really looking for me all these years, and why hasn't he put in enough effort to find me? Has he been only looking for me, and not my momma and Zachir? Has he been living here all this time? Will I finally be able to have a relationship with my father? I turned my head to the sound of a horn honking and everything went black. Will any of my questions ever get answered?



## **Elementary / Middle School Corner**





Above and to the left:

Students from the Arts and Literary club working on bowls for the Inter-Faith Hospitality Network's *Empty Bowl Benefit Dinner* that raises money for the homeless, soup kitchens, and Philabundence. Students are donating their bowls to be eaten out of at the dinner.







Below: 3rd Grade Fall seasons quilt and individual quilt blocks.





Above: 1st grade Giving Thanks Writing Assignment.



Right and above Arts and Literary Club's Thankfulness Thanksgiving Tree!











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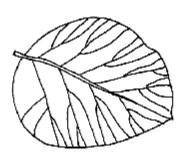
Ms. McMonigle's Math Puzzles

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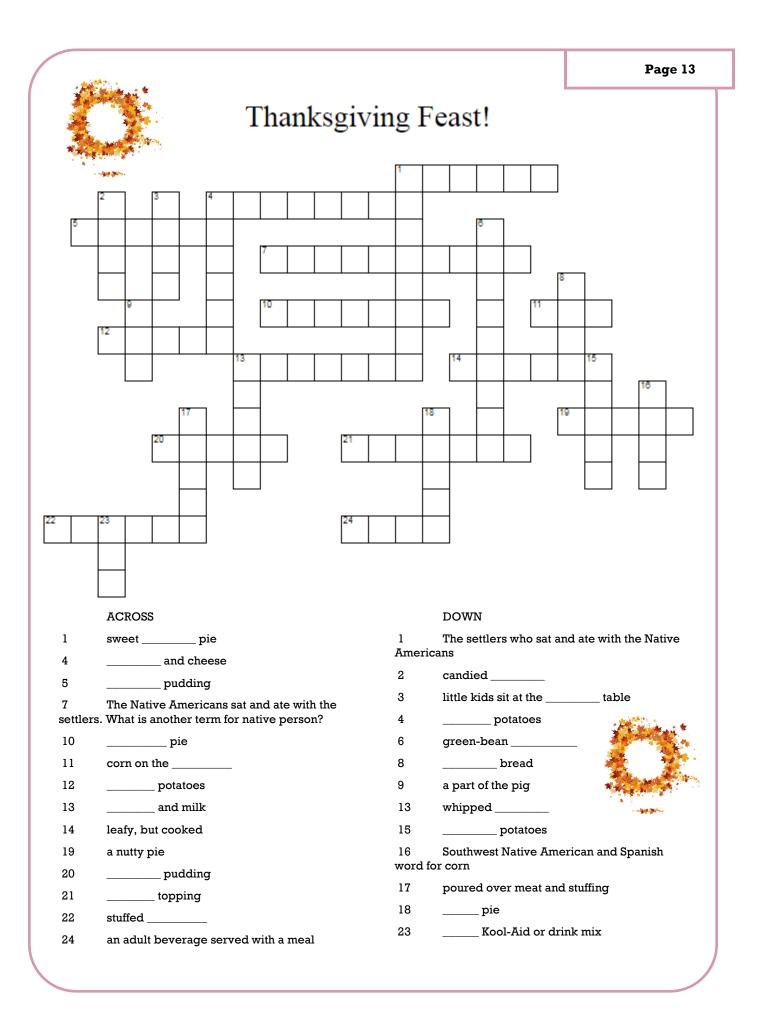
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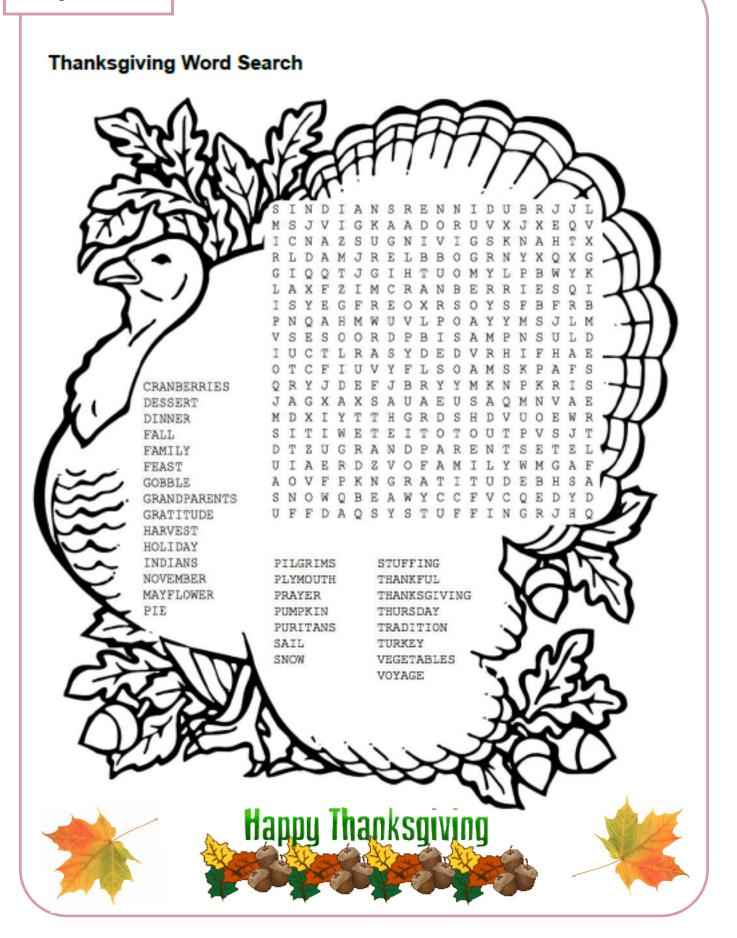


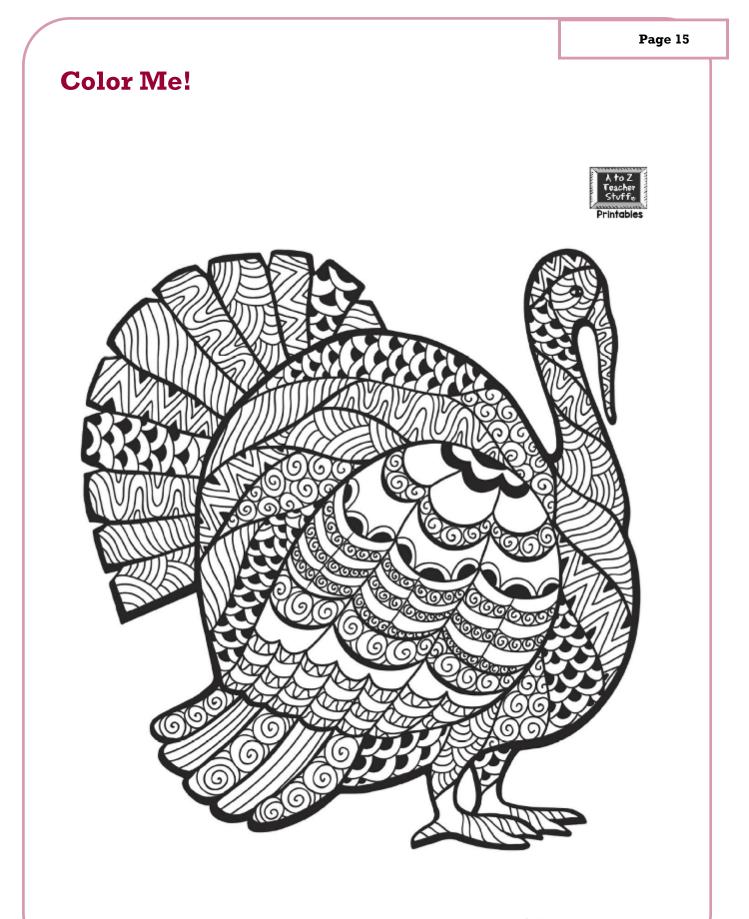




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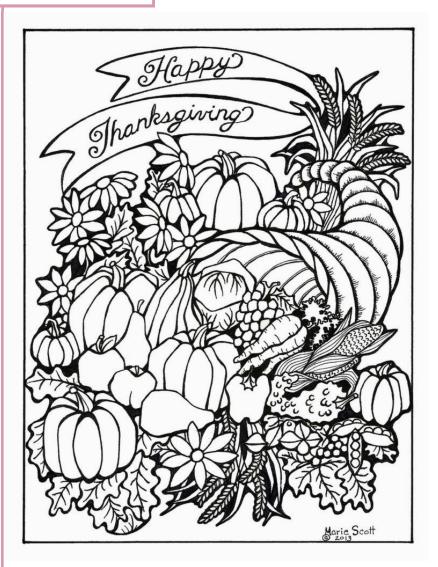




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### Next Issue...

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