



## The Year – 2017

By: Sajal Shukla

This year was very eventful in good and bad ways. We inaugurated a new President, had several natural disasters, faced a terrible act of violence, we came together to see the total solar eclipse, and much more. As the year 2017 comes to an end, let's take a look at some of the major things that happened this year.

One of the major events that happened this year was the inauguration of our President, Donald Trump. On January 20<sup>th</sup>, hundreds of thousands of people gathered in Washington D.C., to see the swearing in of our President. No matter what political side you were on, it was still a day that brought Americans together to see history being made.

The many hurricanes were a devastating and damaging, thing that occurred this year. In late August and September, several hurricanes, such as Harvey, Irma, and Maria, which all reached Category 4 rankings, did terrible damage to much of the southeastern part of the U.S., such as Texas and Florida. Although homes were damaged, streets flooded, and so many personal possessions were lost, it made people all over the United States united in helping the people who live in these states rebuild.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, this year, a man in a Mandalay Bay hotel room above a music festival in Las Vegas, Nevada, shot and killed several people, making it the worst mass shooting in modern American history. This was a terrible event that made history, but there were several stories of heroism that came out of it. A stranger led a teenager to safety after she was shot in the leg. A woman used herself as a shield to protect her daughter. There was even a lady who turned her own truck into a makeshift ambulance, getting many people to the hospital. There were also numerous other brave acts like these that were demonstrated that night.

As we look back on 2017, we realize that there are many events that have deeply impacted the Nation, and hopefully as we reflect on the past, we evaluate and make good decisions in the future.

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, people all over America put their glasses on and stared up at the sky, ready to watch the first total solar eclipse in the mainland United States since 1979. People gathered in areas where the eclipse would be in totality such as Madras in Oregon, Casper in Wyoming, Nashville in Tennessee, Hopkinsville in Kentucky, and within our own state: Carbondale in Illinois. We, as a school, got to go outside and watch the solar eclipse on that day. The 2017 solar eclipse, or the Great American Eclipse, was a day that brought people together to see the beauty of nature and our solar systems.

Overall, in the year, 2017, there were many different good and bad events that made history, but they all brought us together in different ways.



## WINTER CHAOS!!!

By: Alec Cabrera

Do you like winter? I love it, but this winter is different. Have you ever slipped and slid down the sidewalk? Were you ever late to school because of ice? This winter has had some crazy weather and slippery situations. This winter many cars have crashed because of ice, and on the east coast there is a whiteout. So what is happened this winter? Will next winter bring the same? What is your prediction?

### Ice: A very bad problem.

Ice is the main problem because it is not like your regular ground. Ice has no friction to stop you when you walk on it, so you will start to slide. Ice is a very big problem, especially on the driveway. According to ABC news, a bus carrying 20 children started to slide down a neighborhood, shaving off a mail box and bumping into a car. Also, cars can spin out of control and crash from the ice. 1,300 people reported dead and 116,800 injured from car crashes related to winter conditions. The ice isn't just bad for cars, it is also bad for people. Many people are slipping from the ice, some more serious than others.

### How to fight back.

Here are some simple rules to make sure you and your family are safe: 1. Try to stay off the roads as much as possible. 2. Wear proper winter clothing. Try getting more tractable shoes or boots. 3. Take your time. Don't rush or be careless. Here is a safe web-site for more winter driving tips: <https://exchange.aaa.com/safety/driving-advice/winter-driving-tips/#.Wmj4ZainEdU>  
Thanks for reading my article and remember: Stay safe!



# Get Great Help

## By: Erin Hayes

Are you ever feeling so overwhelmed that you can't do something in school and you need help, but you are too scared to ask for it? Or perhaps you did not understand a lesson and need help? Teachers are here to help you get a better education. Mainly that is their job, so don't be afraid to ask for help. They will help you. If there is a problem that needs to be fixed you can ask a teacher or trusted adult for help. For example your teacher, parents, social worker, friend, or someone you trust. If you didn't understand something in class. You could come in for zero hour, lunch, after school, or after class to get some help. Asking for help is both a win-win for your teacher and you because it shows your teacher that you need help with something and didn't understand it and that you care about your education. This act may help your grades and understanding of the work that may come next in that class. **So ASK for help.** Also, answer questions in class (but not too many because your teacher would be annoyed). Limit is 1-3 questions. So ask for help and ask questions, because your teachers would love to know that you want to learn more and get a better education. (Remember your teachers are there for out when you need the help so just ask).



# How Do the Arts Impact Our Lives?

By: Irini Mihas

Mostly everyone loves some form of art, may it be painting, music, or even writing, but how does it help us?

First of all, what do I mean by “The Arts?” Well, here are a few examples:

- 1: Painting
- 2: Writing
- 3: Music
- 4: Drama

Now those only scratch the surface, but let's get into the real topic. Personally, I think it impacts our lives because it's a way of expressing yourself. You even get to choose what way you want it to be! That's my opinion, but what do other websites say? Here are some reasons from "The Odyssey Online "

## Arts improves your creativity skills.

Whether it is cooking, painting or music, we do art as if its our own.



## Arts helps you do well academically.

Trust me, just a few hours of art will help you relieve stress and give you happiness. With that your mind will be clear, and that would help you focus on your studies, and that would help you get good grades. If you don't do art for few hours, your mind would be stressed and you wouldn't be able to focus and do well.

## Arts helps you to express your emotions

I use singing to showcase my emotions, whether I am happy, sad or angry. And above all...

# Arts relieves stress.

Don't you go to another world when you just sing or listen to a favorite tune?

So those are only **SOME** reasons why the arts should stay in our lives.

Please consider joining the Palos South Fine Arts Fest on Wed. March 21 as either a participant or just to attend! It's a great evening celebrating the ARTS!

## The Flu Epidemic

By: Sajal Shukla

This 2017-2018 flu season has been one of the worst in nearly a decade. It is currently in its peak season, which usually happens in February. Fifty three children have died in the U.S. because of the flu this season and many people all across the country currently have the flu. It is widespread in 49 states. Some schools, including ones in Illinois, such as the Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA) in Aurora, Illinois have closed because of high flu activity within the schools. Eighty eight out of the 637 students and 13 of the 55 staff members at IMSA had the flu, and so the school was closed all of last week so it could be cleaned and sanitized. Some symptoms for the flu are fever, runny nose, cough, sore throat, body aches, headaches, chills, and tiredness. Some people may have vomiting or diarrhea. Home remedies for the flu include drinking plenty of water, getting humidity (with steamy showers or a plug-in mist humidifier), gargling with salt water to get rid of mucus and germs in the back of your throat, and getting lots of rest. The flu is widespread this year, so make sure you get your flu shot, if you haven't already, to avoid getting the flu.



Here is a [link to an article](#) from Palos South's nurse, Mrs. Scott about the flu.

From KidsHealth.org, [a reminder](#) about how YOU can stop the spread of the flu

# Battlefront II

## By: Hamza Albanna

This is a new game that came out on November 2, 2017 worldwide.

It is an action shooter based on the Star Wars film franchise.

It was made by EA Dice in collaboration with Criterion Games and Motive Studios, and published by Electronic Arts. It is also released for XBOX One, PS4, and Microsoft Windows. Try it out!



## Gameplay

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*Star Wars Battlefront II* features a single-player story mode, a customizable character class system, and content based on *The Force Awakens* and *The Last Jedi* movies.<sup>[3]</sup>



## Multiplayer

Instead of the paid Season Pass downloadable content (DLC) seen in the 2015 predecessor, this game is expanded with free DLC provided to all players with a free EA account. Lead actress Janina Gavankar stated that the DLC would be free to all players, using a seasonal structure similar to *Overwatch* and *Rainbow Six Siege*. There are many playable heroes from each movie era, including: Luke Skywalker, Darth Vader, Emperor Palpatine, Boba Fett, Yoda, Darth Maul, Han Solo, Rey, Kylo Ren, Finn, Princess Leia, Lando Calrissian, Bossk, Chewbacca, and Captain Phasma; although, both Finn and Captain Phasma will be released in a wave of content after the initial release. The planet to be released alongside them is Crait, seen in the trailer for *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*.



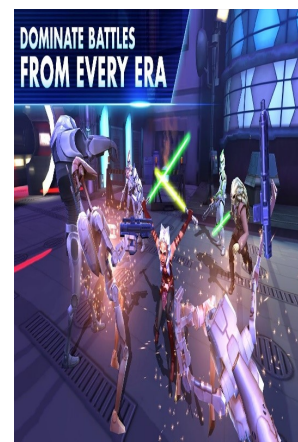


## Single player

The second iteration of this franchise will be featuring a campaign, similarly to the original Pandemic game of the same name, with a full campaign storyline rather than being solely focused on multiplayer as DICE's first *Battlefront* was. The game's single player protagonist, Iden Versio, leader of an Imperial Special Forces group known as Inferno Squad, played by Janina Gavankar, will be participating in the events leading up to *The Force Awakens*. There will be segments in the campaign where the player will be able to control characters such as Luke Skywalker and Kylo Ren.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Star\\_Wars\\_Battlefront\\_II\\_\(2017\\_video\\_game\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Star_Wars_Battlefront_II_(2017_video_game))

# Star wars galaxy of heroes game review



By: Alec Cabrera

I rate this game (which is for the phone and iPad.) 5 stars because it is very fun and addicting. The game, however, can be very stressful also. The game is about collecting Star Wars holo-characters to fight and to also collect Starfighters to fight with. You have to collect a characters' shards to unlock them, which can take very long especially on a very good character. Something I like about the game is that your hard work to unlock a character always pays off, no matter what. You are never going to go waste your time with this game, unlike some others. Some other reasons this game is good is because: 1. Lots of modes! 2. Easy to level up! 3. Cool characters and 4. STARSHIPS ARE COOL!! A few drawbacks to the game are: 1. The multiplayer mode (squad arena) is too hard. 2. Everyone in multiplayer has the same squad (Kylo Ren, Luke Skywalker, Talia, clone wars Chew-Bacca, and Jedi consular.) Overall, the game is very good and I suggest you download it because it is free.



# Lycanroc new z-move!

By Alec Cabrera

Do you like Pokémon? If you do, here is some special news! Do you know the Pokémon lycanroc dusk form? (a new lycanroc form too Pokémon ultra sun and ultra moon)? Well guess what? They have a new z-move JUST for him! It's called "radial edge storm." Now, your lycanroc must have the move stone edge to use this powerful new z-move. More important news, you must level up a rockruff at level 25 at 5pm or 5:59 pm!!! It also has the ability to own tempo!



That's all the Pokémon alerts. *POKEMON GOTTA CATCH EM ALLLLLLLLLL!!!!*



Q/A with Mrs. Rhein  
Media Center Contests  
By: Erin Hayes

Q: How many contest have you had for the past 4 years?

A. 12-15

Q: How do you come up with the ideas for the contest?

A: I go on Pinterest, and I ask the students what they would like to do for the contest.

Q: What was one of the most expensive prizes a student has ever won?

A: \$25 is the value of the prize. You have to enter the contest to see what it is.

Q: What is your favorite contest that you have had?

A: Blackout Poetry Contest.

Q: What is the funniest contest you've had that you can't forget?

A: Staff baby picture contest. You had to guess which staff member was in each picture.

Q: How many students have participated in your contest?

A: Above 50 students.

Q: Have you ever had more than 50 students who participated?

A: Yes, I have.

Q: How do you feel about the contests?

A: I love doing them because it allows students come and visit me in the library.

Q: Last of all, did you have fun taking this interview?

A: I did! It was very fun!



## Palos South Author Visit

By Nicholas Skweres

In February, Jennifer Neilsen came to visit our school. Jennifer Neilsen is the author of many fiction books, including a few books that have received the Rebecca Caudill award. Jennifer Nielsen's first book was written when she was 11 years old. It was a book about a girl who fights monsters. After some time in the story, the main character gets locked in a closet by those monsters. Jennifer Nielsen planned on having the girl pick the lock to escape but, being 11 years old, she did not know how to pick a lock. Jennifer called a locksmith and asked him how to pick a lock. The locksmith was obviously upset and he yelled at her over the phone. After that, Jennifer did not finish the book, and it remains unfinished to this day.

The main message of Jennifer Nielsen's presentation was ten seconds of insane courage. She told the audience that anyone can have a great idea, but it takes insane courage to write the next great book, or invent the next piece of technology. All it takes is ten seconds of insane courage to make something great happen she told the audience. She told the audience that her gift was writing, but gifts are different for different people, and that they should do what they love.

Please check out [Jennifer Nielsen's website](#) for all sorts of info about her, including a blog, FAQ, lists of books, and references for writers.





## 2019 Master List Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award Illinois Children's Choice Award

Au-	Title	Publisher	Pub Date	Interest Levels
Alexander, Kwame	Booked	Houghton Mifflin Har-	2014	5-8
Anderson, John David	Ms. Bixby's Last Day	Walden Pond	2016	4-
Black, Holly & Clare, Cassandra	The Iron Trial	Scholastic Press	2014	5-8
Burg, Ann	Unbound	Scholastic Press	2016	4-
Creech, Sharon	Moo	HarperCollins	2016	4-
Dumas, Firoozeh	It Ain't So Awful, Falafel	Clarion	2016	4-
Federle, Tim	Better Nate Than Ever	Simon & Schuster	2013	5-
Freedman, Russell	We Will Not Be Silent	Clarion	2016	7-
Gephart, Donna	Lily and Dunkin	Delacorte	2016	6-
Gidwitz, Adam	The Inquisitor's Tale	Dutton	2016	5-
Hashimi, Nadia	One Half From the East	HarperCollins	2016	5-
Jacobson, Jennifer Richard	Paper Things	Candlewick	2015	4-8
King, Amy Sarig	Me and Marvin Gardens	Arthur A. Levine	2017	4-
Lamana, Julie	Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere	Chronicle	2014	4-6
Lewis, John	March, Book 1	Top Shelf	2016	7-
Reynolds, Jason	Ghost	Atheneum	2016	4-
Sheinkin, Steve	Undefeated	Roaring Brook Press	2016	6-
Sonnenblick, Jordan	Falling Over Sideways	Scholastic Press	2016	6-
Stelson, Caren	Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story	Carolrhoda	2016	5-8
Thompson, Lisa	The Goldfish Boy	Scholastic Press	2017	4-

# SPORTS

By Joseph Swais

Here I am announcing some news and some predictions that I have for many sports. Starting with basketball -the NBA. I think that the New York Knicks will get rid of one of their all star players because I think he is one of the reasons that the New York Knicks have not made the playoffs and only have won 36 games or less in the last 6 years. Can you guess which player I am referring to? Furthermore, they have a lot of trade rumors. Now our very own Chicago Bulls. I think that they are rebuilding their team because they got rid of some of their best players like Jimmy Butler for rookies or younger players. My opinion is that they did this because they want the newer players to learn from the old players like all-star Dwayne Wade and Robin Lopez who are currently with Chicago. This will help them grow as a team and be a tough contender in the next few years.



Now onto hockey. From what I saw so far I think that there is a chance that the Hawks will trade Patrick Kane. And I heard that the Blackhawks got Brandon Saad and Patrick Sharp back. This Blackhawks team is similar to when they won the Stanley cup in 2014. Out of the whole NHL the Blackhawks are tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> for winning the Stanley cup this year.







South 2006 Alum, Kendall Coyne,  
Wins Olympic Gold Medal for  
USA Women's Hockey!!!!



Here is a [link to a recent Palos Patch article](#) about Kendall Coyne and her team's Olympic Gold Medal win!

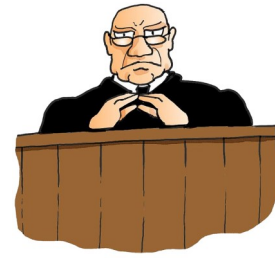
Here's a [link](#) to some of Kendall's hockey wins and stats!!!





# Don't Judge

By: Erin Hayes



You should never judge others by the first time you look at them. Or what they look like. Before you form an opinion of someone, you should always get to know the other person, because you never know if you might like them.

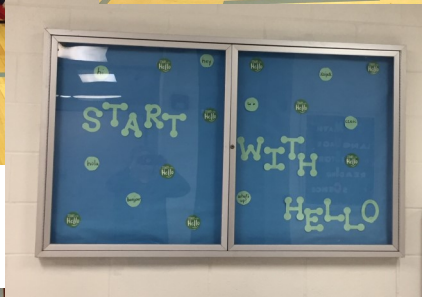
Getting to know other people is hard and challenging so the most important thing to do is be yourself. No matter what or you look like and act like, just know that people should like you for you. Judging other people leads to problems. For example, it leads to distrust, being careless, not being open, and welcome. This could make the other person feel angered or sad. And judging others by first look also shows that you don't give others a chance and/ or are really selfish. So don't judge others; give them a chance to let them get to know you. That other person that you are judging might prove you wrong. People are very different nowadays and we all have different things in common, often more things than you realize.

I think it is unfair judging others and creating false identity without knowing the actual person. Judging others is sort of like judging a book by its cover; so don't judge others!





# RECENTLY SEEN AROUND SOUTH



# PALOS SOUTH RED AND WHITE REPORT ROSTER



Hamza AlBanna  
Alec Cabera  
Elliot Cabera  
Erin Hayes  
Irimi Mihas  
Sajal Shukla  
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