



# The Husky Times



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## Field Renovation

*By Billie White, 7th Grade*

Football! It's a big thing here in St. Anthony, and right now we are making some major changes to our field and the track surrounding it. The project will involve putting artificial turf on the field, and re-doing the track.

For the project, a feasibility study (can we do this?) was conducted, but not a cost-benefit analysis (will the cost of this project be worth it?). This means that once people learned that we could do it, they jumped in instead of asking what else we could do for a lower cost. The total cost of the project is 2.62 million dollars, \$280,000 of which have been collected from a Hennepin County Grant and \$25,000 are from matched donations. The rest of the money will come from our taxes, coming up at about \$260 per person.

The track will have 8 lanes and be covered in rubber, like a professional track. The rubber will help runners get a good grip, and it's more forgiving if one of them was to fall. In addition to the track, there will be a long jump, a pole vault, and a shot put. This is great for the school because the track team will be able to stay at home instead of going to Mounds View or Roseville. Since the project is supposed to be done by August 2021, the track will be usable for the 2021-2022 track season.

The football field is already heavily under construction. All of the grass has been ripped out, and they are starting to prep for the new turf. Once they get the synthetic turf in, the field will stay synthetic turf forever, as there will be no way for grass to be put in again. There are some pros and cons to putting in synthetic turf. Some of the pros are that it will be easier to maintain, with no need for watering or trimming!

It will also be more resistant to cleats, so chunks of dirt and grass won't be torn up. Another pro is that the field will look and feel super professional!

Some of the cons are little, while some are greater. There have been reports that synthetic grass gives players plastic-burns if they slide on it with bare skin. The infill that is being used, crumb rubber, is a major source of controversy. Some people say that it's fine for human health, but experts have discovered 96 chemicals, 50% of which hadn't been screened for toxicity. Also, 20 of the chemicals are probable carcinogens (possibly causing cancer). One final con is that the field will have to be replaced in 12-13 years, and the old turf will end up in a landfill.

This is an exciting project, one that will make SAMS and SAVHS a better place! When the field and track are done, sporting events will be even more lively. But until then, we have the best all-dirt football field in St. Anthony.



The torn up football field on 11/06/20

# Environmental News

## Climate Change

By Aadhavshanjay Avinashkumar, 6th Grade



The effects of climate change are devastating and will keep the hits coming until we decide to change ourselves. One of the devastating effects of climate change is typhoons. A typhoon recently struck the Philippines, specifically in the small town of Virac. It created flash floods and roads were filled with debris. That is just one example of the climate change we have caused by littering, polluting, creating greenhouse gases, and wasting our resources. These are only some reasons why climate change is devastating to our world and our daily lives.

A red rectangular advertisement for 'CUSTOM SQUISHIES BY CASSIDY'. It features several colorful squishies: a heart-shaped one with a red center, a watermelon slice, a pink one with a heart, a green one with a pattern, and a pink one with a heart. The text 'CUSTOM SQUISHIES BY CASSIDY' is in white, and 'email: cassidywhite2027@isd282.org' is in white below it.

## Join Builders Club!

We focus on leadership and service learning in our community. Some of our past projects have included, making cards for Chandler Place, making fidgets for Fraser, and doing food/item drives. This year will obviously look different but we hope that you join. We meet on Wednesdays at 1 o'clock. If you'd like to join, contact the President at [maggslohmarexel2026@isd282.org](mailto:maggslohmarexel2026@isd282.org) or our club advisor at [lpivec@isd282.org](mailto:lpivec@isd282.org).

Time for school! You need to grab your

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\_\_\_\_\_ water. You have a little time before

your video call, so you browse \_\_\_\_\_ in

hopes of finding some \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, but no such luck! Then, you join your

video call. You wait for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, and nobody joins! Finally, you realize

it's \_\_\_\_\_! So, you grab (a/an)

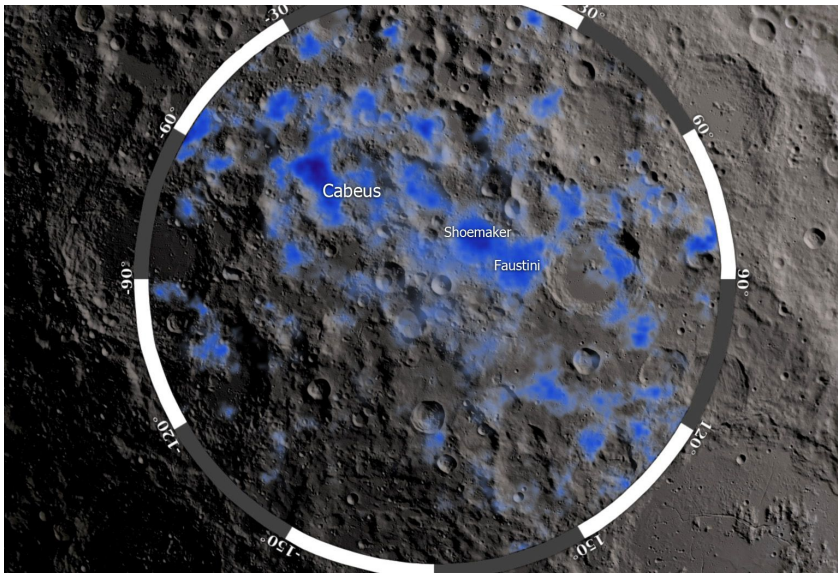
\_\_\_\_\_ and go downstairs to watch

\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Adjective
2. Type of water (sparkling, swamp, etc.)
3. Fun Website
4. Verb
5. Animal (plural)
6. Number
7. Time measurement
8. Weekend Day
9. Snack
10. TV Show



# Global News



## Water on the Moon?

*By Hailey McCain, 7th Grade*

Since 2009 there has been evidence of water on the moon. In 2009 NASA got some of the first data from M<sup>3</sup> (Moon Mineralogy Mapper, an instrument made to make a mineralogical map of the lunar surface) from India's first mission to the moon. The M<sup>3</sup>'s data showed there are water molecules in the lunar soil. The soil they found it in was at the north and south poles, where the temperature can be as low as -208 degrees Fahrenheit. Recently there has been evidence of pockets of water scattered around the moon. The water is in cold traps, spots on the moon that the sun hasn't touched in 2 billion years. The sun is the only source of heat for the moon, so the cold traps are incredibly colder than other places there. The cold traps are scattered around the moon, and the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter estimates there are 15,000 square miles of them. They are everywhere and all of the traps vary in size and depth. The water hidden in the traps could be as small as pennies, and since the cold traps are freezing, they are going to be in the form of ice. Even if the water is frozen, it adds many more opportunities for deep space exploration. It could be used for drinking water, fuel, and everything else NASA needs in terms of water. This is an exciting discovery that will impact everything from scientific opinions to future space exploration!

Image Credit : NASA / Viz

## Recommended Reading for Global News

**Undersea Skyscraper found at the Great Barrier Reef-** Scientists mapping the bottom of the sea around Australia have discovered an underwater coral tower near the Great Barrier Reef that's taller than New York's Empire State Building. [Click Here](#)

**Using Computers and Robots to help farmers-** A research project called Mineral has created robots that move around in farm fields, collecting information about how plants are growing. [Click Here](#)

**Massive Ancient Cat Drawing Discovered in Peru-** Peru's Ministry of Culture says archeologists have recently discovered a massive cat drawn into a hillside over 2,000 years ago. [Click Here](#)

**Girls Takeover: Girls Try Out Jobs As Leaders-** On Wednesday October 7th, 16-year-old Aava Murto took over for a day as prime minister of Finland. The move was part of an international effort called "Girls Takeover", designed to bring attention to the rights of girls. [Click Here](#)

**Hero Rat wins award for saving lives-** The British charity PDSA gave out its gold medal award for bravery – to a rat named Magawa. Magawa, and other rats like him, are saving countless lives by sniffing out deadly mines that have remained hidden for years. [Click Here](#)

**Japan Tries Out See-Through Public Toilets-** Japan has tried out unusual toilets before, but recently one area of Tokyo has tried out see through public toilet stalls. [Click Here](#)

# National News

## Presidential Debate and Vice Presidential Debate

*By: Shea Terry, 7th Grade*

If you are interested in politics you probably watched the Presidential and Vice Presidential Debates. In the Presidential debates, there were six topics: Fighting Covid-19, Race in America, National Security, Climate Change, Leadership, and American families. In the Vice Presidential debates, there were also 6 topics, but they were Covid-19, Jobs and the economy, Healthcare, Climate change, Policing in America, and Voting. In this article, you will learn about how the candidates responded about Covid-19--the issue that matters most to SAMS students.

Right now over 9.47 million people in the USA have been infected with Covid-19, and over 233,000 people have died from it. Find notable remarks from each major party.

### DONALD TRUMP

“More and more people are getting better. We have a problem that’s a worldwide problem. This is a worldwide problem, but I’ve been congratulated by the heads of many countries on what we’ve been able to do. If you take a look at what we’ve done in terms of goggles and masks and gowns and everything else, and in particular ventilators—we’re now making ventilators all over the world, thousands and thousands a month distributing them all over the world. It will go away. And as I say, we’re rounding the turn. We’re rounding the corner. It’s going away.”

### MIKE PENCE

“Our nation has gone through a very challenging time this year. But I want the American people to know that from the very first day, President Donald Trump has put the health of America first. Before there were more than five cases in the United States, all people who had returned from China, President Donald Trump did what no other American president had ever done. And that was, he suspended all travel from China, the second largest economy in the world. Now, Senator Joe Biden opposed that decision. He said it was xenophobic and hysterical. But I can tell you having led the white house coronavirus task force that that decision alone by President Trump bought us invaluable time to stand up the greatest national mobilization since World War Two.”

### JOE BIDEN

“220,000 Americans dead. You hear nothing else I say tonight, hear this. Anyone who is responsible for not taking control. In fact, not saying I take no responsibility initially. Anyone is responsible for that many deaths should not remain as president of the United States of America. We’re in a situation where there are a thousand deaths a day now. A thousand deaths a day. And there are over 70,000 new cases per day. Compared to what’s going on in Europe as the New England Medical Journal said, they’re starting from a very low rate. We’re starting from a very high rate. The expectation is we’ll have another 200,000 Americans dead between now and the end of the year. If we just wore these masks, the president’s own advisors have told him, we could have saved a 100,000 lives [...] I would make sure we move into the direction of rapid testing, investing in rapid testing. I would make sure that we set up national standards as to how to open up schools and open up businesses so they can be safe and give them the wherewithal, the financial resources to be able to do that. And so folks, I will take care of this. I will end this. I will make sure we have a plan.”

### KAMALA HARRIS

“Whatever the vice president is claiming the administration has done, clearly, it hasn’t worked. When you’re looking at over 210,000 dead bodies in our country, American lives that have been lost, families that are grieving that loss, and the vice president is the head of the task force and knew on January 28th, how serious this was. And then, thanks to Bob Woodward, we learned that they knew about it. And then when that was exposed, the vice president said, when asked, “Well, why didn’t you all tell anybody?” He said, “Because the president wanted people to remain calm.” Both the republicans and democrats candidates said very different things and it is up to the people of the U.S.A to decide what plan they think will work better and stop the Covid-19 pandemic.

# National News

## An Election to Remember

*By Ryla Kaufman, 7th Grade*

You've probably seen it everywhere, campaign advertisements, the news, yard signs in front of people's houses. It's hard to ignore the presidential election of 2020. The election started with 29 major Democratic candidates who originally declared their candidacies for the primaries which were held in February of 2020 and 4 original Republican candidates. The primaries then narrowed down the candidates to the two who would represent their selective parties on the ballot in the 2020 presidential election. President Donald J. Trump was the chosen nominee for the republican party, and former vice president Joe Biden was chosen to represent the democrats on the ballot.



The 45th president of the U.S, Donald J. Trump ran with his vice president Mike Pence and lost to former vice president Joe Biden and his running mate Kamala Harris in both the popular vote and the electoral college. The current election results stand at 290 electoral college votes for Joe Biden out of the 270 needed to claim victory, and Donald J. Trump holds 214. There are 45 remaining electoral college votes to be officially claimed because many states were very close in numbers. Some states are having to be recounted to make sure the number of ballots counted for each candidate is correct, but even those 45 electoral votes are not enough to sway the outcome of the election.

Overall, Minnesota voted for Joe Biden with 52.5% of the votes in favor of Biden and 45.4% of the remaining votes in favor of Donald Trump. Hennepin and Ramsey county also voted in favor of Biden with 70.6% of the Hennepin votes in favor of Joe Biden and only 26.3% of the remaining votes in favor of Donald Trump. In Ramsey County, 71.8% of the votes went to Joe Biden and 26.3% to Donald Trump.

On November 7th, President-elect Joe Biden and Kamala Harris delivered a victory speech in Wilmington, Delaware. During his victory speech, Biden addressed America, his supporters, and those who don't support him promising to unify the deeply divided nation and asking the supporters of President Donald J. Trump to give him a chance at leading their county. Biden also called on many Americans to start new from what Biden described as a "grim era of demonization." Even though all signs are pointing to president Trump losing the presidential election, President Trump has not conceded the election. Many people including Trump himself are surprised that he didn't win, others not willing to acknowledge his defeat. A few minutes after Trump found out about Biden securing 270 votes he released this message refusing to admit that Biden had won, "The simple fact is this election is far from over," Trump said. "Joe Biden has not been certified as the winner of any states, let alone any of the highly contested states headed for mandatory recounts, or states where our campaign has valid and legitimate legal challenges that could determine the ultimate victory."

Until Joe is officially sworn into office on January 20th, 2021 with Kamala Harris as his vice president, Donald J. Trump still holds his position as president of the U.S.

Image Credit: Phillyvoice.com / Biden's Victory Speech



# Interest

## The PlayStation 5 is out!

By Aadhavshanjay Avinash Kumar, 6th Grade

The PlayStation 5 is out and is now entertaining everybody everywhere. It looks futuristic and has futuristic features. It can stand vertically or horizontally at 15.5 inches, and it can read and pull data faster ensuring better graphics. It costs an average of \$870.00, around \$600 more than the PS4. The PS5 controller has a sleek black and white design, whereas the PS4 is full black and has a more outdated design. The playstation 5 is the best choice for gaming.

## GAMER BUZZ

By Carter Manous, 8th Grade

The Gaming community has been getting more diverse with its games and changes, but many people think the changes are for better or for worse. I would like YOU to help with that, so if you could enter your opinions in the 3 questions below that would help a ton.

[3 Questions Google Form](#)

Remember to please be honest with this and have a great couple weeks! This is Carter signing off.



Need something fun to do in quarantine? Well we have it here in...

## QUARANTINE CORNER

At home activities that you can do in less than 3 minutes, to keep you and your friends busy during quarantine

### ~Nail Polish

### Dip Art~

#### ~What you need~

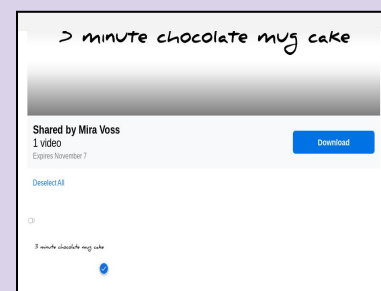
- ☐ Anything you can marble, but we choose a Tape Dispenser
- ☐ Nail polish
- ☐ Container of water
- ☐ Toothpicks
- ☐ Gloves (optional)

#### ~Directions~

1. Fill a container with water
2. Then take the nail polish, and drop it around in the water
3. Mix the nail polish around with a toothpick (To make a pattern of your choice)
4. Dip your item in the nail polish mixture
5. Pull it out, and let it dry

### Nail polish dip art video

- Click on link above
- Click on the bottom video



# Your Voice

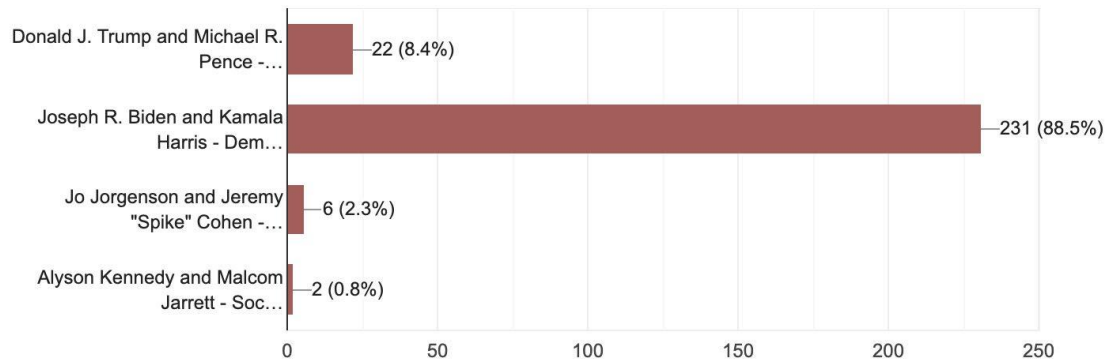
## Our School Compared To The Country

By Hailey McCain



As you probably know the Election was very close. Almost all the state's are close to fifty-fifty, and the country is split almost fifty-fifty. No one knew how it would turn out. Unlike the country though SAMS is not split. In fact we are very one sided. The results for the school are mostly all Biden. If you look at the picture below you will see that 231 (88.5%) kids voted for Biden in the mock election, run by the political club. Only 22 kids voted for Trump and 8 voted for others. Why could this be?

Image Credits: SAMS Politics Club

### SAMS Mock Election Results



### US Election Results

Candidates	Electoral votes	Vote %	Vote count
 <b>Joe Biden</b> Democratic Party	290	50.6%	75,193,022
 <b>Donald Trump</b> Republican Party	214	47.7%	70,804,968

We want to hear from YOU! Check out these ways to get involved with the paper:

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2. [Next poll](#) - Have your voice heard in the Husky Time's next poll
2. [Ad Submissions](#) - submit an ad for your business or service