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# THIRD WAVE

COVID-19 SPECIAL FEATURE FROM THE LAKESIDE LEO

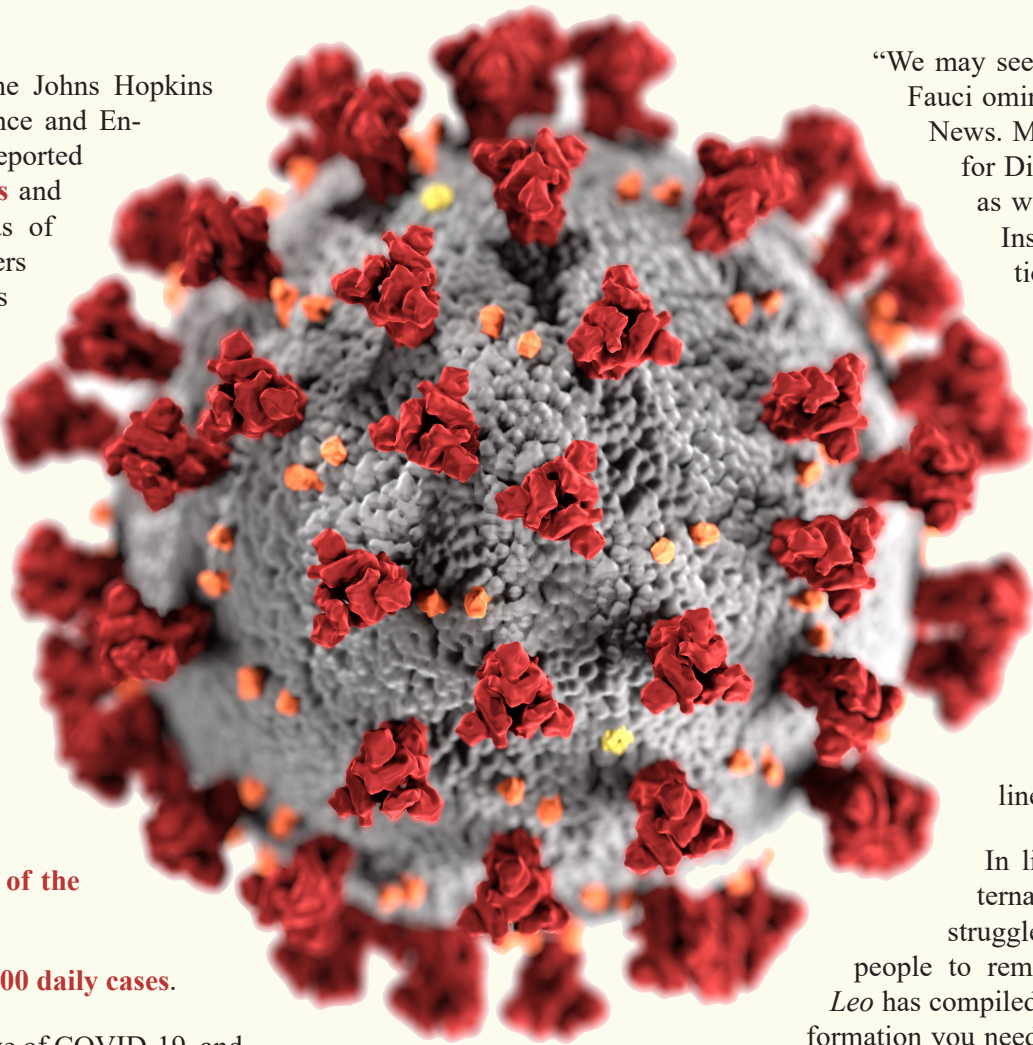
BY ANUSHKA N.

According to data aggregated by the Johns Hopkins University Center for Systems Science and Engineering, the United States has reported more than **15.16 million total cases** and **286,200 deaths** from COVID-19 as of December 8th, 2020. These numbers are, by far, the greatest reported across the globe. While our nation is often cited as an international leader, we regrettably have assumed the global spotlight once more, exactly when we don’t want to.

Leading epidemiologists are increasingly alarmed by these trends, and for good reason. Over this past month alone, the United States has witnessed record-breaking case counts of the coronavirus:

- » On Nov. 4th, the U.S. surpassed **100,000 daily cases** for the first time.
- » Nov. 24th was the **deadliest day of the pandemic** since May.
- » On Nov. 28th, we surpassed **200,000 daily cases**.

We are currently amidst our third wave of COVID-19, and experts fear that the worst is yet to come. As some Americans violated social distancing guidelines and gathered in groups for Thanksgiving, many predicted a post-holiday rise in coronavirus cases.



“We may see a surge upon a surge,” Dr. Anthony Fauci ominously foretold when speaking on ABC News. Mathematical models from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as the University of Washington’s Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) suggest that the U.S. **could reach 470,974 COVID-19 deaths by March 2021**. If national distancing restrictions are lifted, that staggering statistic could further increase to 658,414 deaths.

Although the numbers continue to climb, it remains to be seen whether these predictions will prove true. Nevertheless, one key point is increasingly clear: now, more than ever, it is critical to limit in-person contact to our close family members, adhere to all safety guidelines, and wear masks in public.

In light of this global pandemic and international pandemonium as governments struggle to respond, it is critical for young people to remain informed. Hence, *The Lakeside Leo* has compiled this special report with important information you need to know about the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic; including advice from Lakeside faculty best practices to stay safe and healthy, and hope on the horizon. Please peruse this issue to learn more.

Sources: Johns Hopkins University, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, TIME, The New York Times, CBS News.

## MASK, YOU ASK?

BY JOSHUA H.

Did you know that if we had made masks mandatory in April, COVID-19 cases could’ve been forty percent lower in June? Wearing masks is essential to stop the spread of this disease, and I want to tell you why.

Masks are very important because they block the germs that you expel when you sneeze, yell, or just exhale. According to the Mayo Clinic, “A cloth mask is intended to trap droplets that are released when the wearer talks, coughs or sneezes. Asking everyone to wear cloth masks can

help reduce the spread of the virus by people who have COVID-19 but don’t realize it.”

I understand the discomfort that comes with wearing a mask, as they can be restricting and stuffy when you breathe heavily while exercising or playing sports. You might currently be solving this problem by wearing a neck gaiter. However, while you are at school, you are not permitted to wear a neck gaiter because they do not work as well as medical masks.

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## COVID & CLASSES

FACULTY INTERVIEWS AND INSIGHT

BY SARAH C.

During these hard and trying times, many of us may have the same question circulating in our heads: when will the pandemic end? New York City took one of the most important steps toward getting life back to normal in October when they reopened all public schools in its high density. This was quite a feat because, at the height of its COVID-19 peak on April 6th, New York City generated a stunning number of 6,353 Covid 19 cases according to the NYC Health website. In the rush to open up, however, the New York Public School

System may have overlooked some crucial details. The school system did not have a plan to test enough students to suppress COVID-19 cases. The New York School System has re-shut down its schools.

Unfortunately, Lakeside has not yet set a date for the start of hybrid learning due to safety concerns. However, I was still curious what coming to school more regularly might look like and what the Lakeside staff thought about our now normal form of remote teaching and learning.

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“Many know Mr. Bernie Noe as Lakeside’s resident bow tie aficionado. His love for this accessory stems from his childhood school uniform. When asked about his favorite bow tie amongst his vast collection, he noted, ‘It honestly sounds kind of cliché, but the Lakeside bow tie that [he has]’ is his favorite.”

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“Some of my best memories come from singing happy birthday to my friends. I looked forward to singing to them during lunch and taking part in an age-old Lakeside tradition. Here are few reasons as to why abolishing the birthday song was unjustified.”

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“Art is a reflection of our times. It’s a lesson of history because we can see our times in a piece of art and see why the artist chose to make this piece of art. It is a visible way to see how history has changed art.” *from interview with Ms. Suzanne Granger*

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## RECENT COVID-19 HIGHLIGHTS

Pfizer/BioNTech’s COVID-19 vaccine gets a green light in the the U.K., the first country to approve a vaccine that could prove to be the light at the end of a dark tunnel. Americans anxiously await FDA approval of the vaccine, see “Hope on the Horizon.”

An estimated fifty million people travelled over the five day Thanksgiving holiday period. Over 95% of this travel was via car. The remaining approximately 2.4 million Americans took to air travel to be with loved ones, yet at risk to their own lives.

The CDC announced that healthcare workers and elderly residents should be first in line to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. This decision is ethically fraught, as other at-risk groups like teachers and service workers are excluded. What do *you* think is equitable?



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## MASK, YOU ASK?

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According to Dr. Maragakis who published an article from Johns Hopkins Medicine, “A gaiter (a tube of thin, stretchy knit fabric that can be worn around the neck and pulled up to cover the nose and mouth) is usually too thin to provide adequate protection.” So sometimes masks aren’t comfortable, but it’s better to be uncomfortable than sick with a deadly disease.

Wearing a mask is a team effort. Masks block things from coming out, and they also help to block things from coming in. When you wear a mask, you protect the people around you. If we all wear masks, the spread of germs will significantly decrease. So as winter approaches, we must wash our hands, socially distance, and most importantly, we must wear our masks to keep our community safe.

## FACULTY INTERVIEWS AND INSIGHT COVID, CLASSES, & COMPUTERS

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I interviewed Ms. Reem Abu Rahmeh, Head of Lakeside Middle School, about what it would be like when go back to school regularly. Hopefully, by reading this interview, students can gain a better understanding of what this modified school year will look like.

Only physical education will be taught outside, and the designated classrooms for each cohort will keep a six-foot distance between desks, and ensure that masks will be on at all times.

Ms. Abu Rahmeh explained, “This is going to be a community effort, to make this work and to have it be positive. I want to make sure that people don’t feel like they have certain expectations, and compare [school] with what it was pre-COVID because, with all the restrictions that are in place in

terms of how we interact with each other and all of that, it might feel different especially at the beginning.” While it may be hard to get used to all of these new rules, Ms. Abu Rahmeh thinks that the social component is worth it.

For students not planning to return to campus, Lakeside teachers will make sure it feels like a classroom setting. Anything used in the classroom will be mailed or sent in some way to all students. Ms. Abu Rahmeh says that she will make sure that every student feels that their voice is heard, no matter where they are learning from.

The second part going forward is, of course, remote learning. While I’m sure that all students have some opinion about it in one way or another, I wanted to hear what the Lakeside faculty and staff thought of this nuanced form of teaching. I interviewed Ms.

Callender, a seventh and eighth grade English teacher, Ms. Goldman (or, as she is called by her students, Madame Goldman), the French teacher, and Mr. Mats, our middle school counselor.

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While all three faculty members come from a variety of teaching backgrounds, they all had similar views on how this pandemic was affecting teaching.

These three teachers all agreed that they felt some of the sense of community was lost. Ms. Goldman affirmed, “I miss the kids, I miss having fun, I miss cooking for you guys. [Online learning is] much more impersonal.” Unfortunately, Ms. Callender and Madame

think it can be hard to express yourself on Zoom - especially if you are a shy person. Consequently, it can be harder to coax students out of their shells, also making counseling much harder during the pandemic. Mr. Mats says that it can be tough to reach students and be sure that they focus on their mental state in these trying times, but adaptation is key, and it is best to go with the flow. To quote Ms. Callender, “It’s not ideal, but I think that there are some small silver linings.”

This has been a hard and complicated time for everyone. Nevertheless, I think that it is good to remind ourselves that, like all things, COVID-19 will eventually come to an end.

## HUNTING FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINE HOPE ON THE HORIZON

BY LEO EDITORIAL BOARD

As you read this issue of *The Lakeside Leo*, teams of scientists around the world are tirelessly hunting for the holy grail of the COVID-19 era: the vaccine. The possibility of an impending vaccine has inspired hope for countless afflicted by coronavirus, and has presented an unparalleled opportunity for the pharmaceutical industry.

Various pharmaceutical companies are all competing to develop the first

COVID-19 vaccine. To be administered in the U.S., all the vaccines in development must pass at least three comprehensive regulatory tests in order to be approved by the Food and Drug Administration, or FDA. These clinical trials, which are called “Phases,” are each designed to test the safety and efficacy of each vaccine.

After passing the preclinical testing, 41 vaccines met the safety and dosage requirements of a Phase I trial.

Of these 41 vaccines, 17 then passed Phase II trials, which tested the safety of the vaccines in greater depth.

Finally, 13 vaccines managed to pass the “large-scale efficacy tests” of a Phase III trial. This is an astonishing breakthrough for science around the world.

After passing each of the three phases, 7 of the 13 vaccines were granted FDA approval for limited early use. While none of the remaining 7 vaccines have yet to be fully approved by the FDA, the U.K. administered the first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vac-

cine to a 90-year-old patient on December 8th. This exciting development is a hallmark for the race to find a vaccine and a landmark achievement for the scientific community at-large.

The arrival of an FDA-approved vaccine is poised to save countless lives. Indeed, according to Dr. Anthony Fauci, if 75-85% of the U.S. gets vaccinated, the COVID-19 pandemic will be over before the end of 2021. An approved vaccine would likely be distributed to first-responders and high-risk populations, such as the elderly. Eventually, a vaccine may help ensure a successful transition back to in-person school and usher in the end of the pandemic.



# WILL WE STILL HAVE HOLIDAY HAPPINESS?

BY SACHI T.

It’s holiday season! Diwali, Christmas, and Hanukkah (major holidays from all over the world) are coming up or have already occurred. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has majorly affected how we are celebrating these holidays. Before we delve into the details of the effect of COVID on the holidays, let’s learn more about Diwali, Christmas, and Hanukkah.

Diwali, or “The Festival of Lights,” is a five day holiday that is celebrated all over India and by people of Indian origin in other countries. This year, the main day of Diwali fell on Saturday, November 14th. According to Hindu legend, this was the day that Lord Rama and his wife Sita came back to their city Ayodhya after defeating the villain Ravana. The holiday is celebrated with decorating and cleaning the house, wearing new clothing, eating traditional food (both sweet and savory),

bursting firecrackers at night, and most importantly lighting small lights or candles called diyas.

Hanukkah is an eight day Jewish festival from December 10th through December 18th. This holiday remembers how the Jewish people stood up to oppressors during the Maccabean Revolt. When celebrating this holiday, a menorah (lampstand) is lit every night and traditional foods such as latkes (potato pancakes) and sufganiyot (donuts with jam) are eaten.

On December 25th, Christmas will be celebrated by people all over the world. Though this holiday is religiously significant to Christians, it is internationally celebrated by many regardless of religion. There was no date for the birth of Jesus Christ in the Bible, so Pope Julius I declared December 25th as the celebration of his birth. This holiday is marked by decorating Christmas trees, under which gifts are placed for family

members and friends.

However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, people are unable to have large parties and extensive festivities. It’s tough to hear that exciting plans, travels, or celebrations have been put on hold this year but Dr. Monalisa Tailor, a physician who specializes in Internal Medicine at Norton Healthcare, and other health experts recommend creating a non-stressful environment and protecting ourselves against the virus this year in order to be able to host parties for these holidays next year. Where there’s a will, there’s a way; we can find ways to create alternative activities for holidays this year. The CDC suggests hosting virtual parties and having small household celebrations in order to have holiday fun while limiting exposure to COVID-19.

Happy holidays, Lakesiders, and remember to stay safe!

## TRUMP PARDONS FLYNN

President Donald Trump said in a tweet that he is granting full pardon to Michael Flynn, the President’s first national security adviser who pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI during their investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 elections.

## REVOLUTIONARY BILL PASSED

Recently, Scotland passed a bill to make menstrual products free for those who need them, the first country in the world to do so. The bill, which is estimated to cost 32 million dollars a year to implement, passed unanimously.

## STADIUM REBRANDED

Following the telecommunications company CenturyLink rebranding as Lumen Technologies, their eponymous field has been renamed Lumen Field. This is the fourth name for the stadium since it was opened in 2002.



# GIANT HORNETS INVADE

BY SANJAYA H.

Murder hornets. Asian giant hornets. You may have heard of them somewhere. So what exactly are they? Where are they native to? Why are they such a big deal?

Asian giant hornets are the largest species of known hornets on Earth, with an adult wingspan reaching three inches. They are native to temperate regions of Eastern Asia and Japan. An Asian giant hornet’s diet consists mainly of insects larger than itself, but they are well known for their tendency to eat bees.

Recently, a murder hornet nest has been located in Whatcom County, Washington, the first nest ever sighted in the U.S. This isn’t good news, because murder hornets are an immense threat to the already dwindling honeybee population in North America. In a gruesome display of power, a murder hornet may attack a single honeybee, tearing its head off and mashing the rest of the body into a ball to feed both itself and the larvae of their colony. Groups of Murder hornets will attack entire nests, decimating the population of honeybees.

Honeybees are key pollinators. If they go extinct, we will lose around 70%

of the plants which humans consume. However, the impact of losing honeybees doesn’t simply stop there. If we lose these plants, animals which eat these plants as their main diet will start to die out, and it could heavily impact the food chain along with the entire ecosystem. Hence, to save our honeybees, teams of scientists are eliminating murder hornet nests by blocking any escape routes from the nest with foam and then vacuuming the bees out with large hoses. They will then be moved to labs for testing.

What will happen next? Are there any more nests? How will we battle this threat? We’ll just have to wait and find out.

# NATIONAL ELECTIONS CONTROVERSY

BY DIYA N.

The results of the recent election suggest that Joseph Robinette Biden Jr. will be our next President. The outcome of our election has caused controversy across our nation, as, in spite of evidence to the contrary, some continue to contend that there was widespread election fraud. Indeed. President Trump has stated his belief that there was election fraud even before the election. Many experts believe that Trump is going to attempt to sue his way to victory. The Trump campaign has filed legal challenges in the Nevada, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Georgia, and Arizona for election fraud. The main states that we are going to dis-

cuss in this article are Pennsylvania, Georgia, and Arizona.

First, let’s consider Pennsylvania. This state was largely influential in the election because President-Elect Biden only had to win Pennsylvania to surpass 270 votes. At first, Trump had a big lead, but over time, that lead shrunk until Biden overtook him. This is because they counted the mail-in ballots last and these mostly favored Biden. The reason Trump sued there is because he thought that there was fraud in the mail-in ballots. There were over 2.6 million mail-in ballots in Allegheny County and Pennsylvania’s other four heavily populated suburban counties. The poll watchers said that they

didn’t see any fraud; however, members of Trump’s campaign said that they wouldn’t let them in to watch the polls be counted. Trump stated “Today, there was a big problem: In Philadelphia, they went in to watch, they were called poll watchers, a very safe, a very nice thing. They were thrown out. They weren’t allowed to watch. You know why? Because bad things happen in Philadelphia.” Whether this is true or not is still to be confirmed.

The next state that we are going to discuss is Georgia. During the election, Trump said that ballots were being accepted after the cutoff, which is why he is suing there. Since President-Elect Biden won narrowly in Georgia, offi-

cials recounted the votes, but the results were still the same.

The last state that I am going to consider is Arizona. This was the only state in the ones that we have mentioned that was on a Biden trajectory and stayed that way. Near the end of the election, Trump was closing in, but he didn’t win. The Trump campaign is claiming that ballots were systematically overridden in Maricopa county.

Through all of this, the results are still pointing towards Joe Biden. However if Trump wins the lawsuits it might turn around the outcome of this election. If Biden wins, we are all wondering if the transition will be peaceful.



# ADVICE COLUMN

BY NATALIE Z.

Hello, Lions! This is *The Leo* Advice Column. If you would like to submit a question to the advice column, please be on the lookout for our monthly Advice Column Google Form or email our Life Section Editor, Ava L.

**Dear *Leo*, Someone told me they have a crush on me, but I don’t have one on them. What should I tell them?**

I completely understand how you’re feeling in one of these situations. It’s hard to balance being upfront while not being insensitive to their feelings. In my opinion, the best course of action is to tell them politely. It will be difficult, but ghosting this person will simply hurt everyone involved. Make sure to call or FaceTime them instead of doing it over text; knowing that you took the time to actually talk to them will help to make them feel valued. Also, make sure they understand you can still be friends!

**Dear wise students, as a teacher and parent, I’m really curious about all the students that are playing AmongUs! Can you explain to my adult mind why it is so much fun? Is it really inclusive?**

AmongUs is an online game similar to Mafia. It includes one to three imposters who try to sabotage the spaceship, which is where the imposters and the rest of the players, called crewmates, stay. The imposters’ main goal is to kill the crewmates. Crewmates try to finish tasks in the game and vote out the imposters from the ship. I think the intrigue of the game is from the mystery. By nature, AmongUs is an inclusive activity. During the game, everybody must say what they were doing and who they were with in order to win. I also find that it unites many students from across all grades and friend groups. The game is certainly both family and kid-friendly!

# HOLIDAY DECOR TO BRIGHTEN UP YOUR SPACE

BY ALISON L. & SIENNA O.

Do you want your room to look like the perfect winter wonderland for the holidays? Well, we’ve got you covered! Here are some decor ideas for how to decorate any space during these chilly months.

Our first suggestion for you is LED lights. LED lights or string lights can make your space shine. These can make for a cozy study space, book nook, or other spot in your room. Some lights can even change colors, so you can personalize what hue you want your room to be.

If you want something easy yet festive, garlands are the thing for you. Garlands are a simple way to brighten up a winter space. Not overwhelming, garlands can add a clean, fresh finish to a room. They come in an assortment of colors, designs, and lengths to accommodate your needs.

For a more personal decor option, try picture collages. You could order these online or even DIY it. Doing it yourself could be a great way to get off screens and take a break. Expressing yourself through images is a fun touch to a room and a stress reliever!

Another idea for you all is lanterns. Lanterns can be winter themed or just plain colored lanterns. These can hang from your ceiling. Some light up with a remote. You can make a paper lantern, or perhaps a cheap amount of lanterns for a cheaper amount.

Are you on a creative spree? Painting a light switch, power outlet, or wall can be the perfect rainy day project. Doing this with family members can be a great way to spend time together so long as everyone remembers not to make a mess!

Lastly, we hope you have a wonderful holiday and that you have been inspired by some of these suggestions.

# WINTER COMFORT FOODS

BY ANYA D.

There are many holidays that take place during the winter. Although these holidays are from different cultures, religions, and countries, they all have one thing in common: delectable food. In this article, I will spotlight a few of the tasty foods from different winter holidays.

## DIWALI

Happy Diwali! Diwali is the festival of lights that is mainly celebrated in India. Like all holidays, scrumptious foods are eaten. Samosas - baked pastries filled with spiced potatoes - are a crowd favorite. Other ingredients vary as there are many recipes. For something sweet, laddus are the way to go. They are traditional Indian treats that are made of flour and sugar.



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## HANUKKAH

Happy Hanukkah! Hanukkah is the eight night-long Jewish festival of lights. One delicious dish is latkes. These are like potato pancakes, and they are made from shallow-fried shredded potatoes. Apple pie rugelach is the way to go for dessert. This is a buttery and flaky treat with a sweet cinnamon scent that will tempt you to eat the entire batch.

## CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas! Christmas is also right around the corner. There are so many classic dishes; food traditions for this festivity vary amongst different cultures and families. Of course, there is Santa’s favorite: cookies and milk. You could also chug eggnog, snack on lemon cookies, quiche, panettone, cannolis, or make gingerbread houses. The list goes on!



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## GENNA

Melkam Genna! Merry Christmas for Ethiopia. This is a holiday where you eat and stay up late having fun! One special food that is eaten on Ethiopian Christmas is doro wot (doro wat). It’s a spicy chicken stew served with rice or flatbread known as injera. There is also a coffee ceremony. You roast coffee and give it to someone while smoke is coming out to ward off the bad feelings.

## LUNAR NEW YEAR

Guònían hǎo! The new year for those who follow the Chinese calendar! Children are taught how to make dumplings as they pass it down many generations. Some also eat hot pot, which is raw meat and vegetables in boiling water.

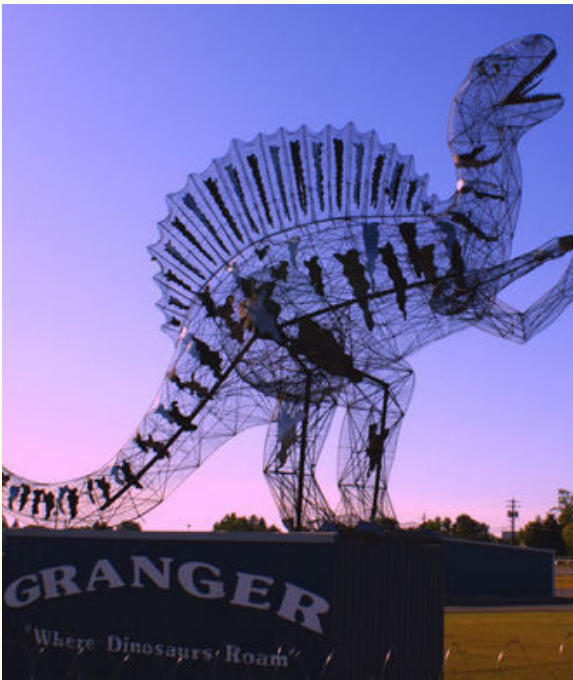
# WHERE DINOSAURS ROAM GRANGER AND STEILACOOM

BY TOMMY D.

I have been to 34 out of the 39 counties in Washington, so you could say I am well traveled. On my travels, I have seen interesting towns in all corners of the state. In this column, I will elaborate on some of our state’s fascinating places.

Granger is a town located southeast of Yakima with an estimated population of 3,830. When you drive into the town, you will notice a sign stating that Granger is the place “where dinosaurs roam.” Dinosaurs are hidden around the town of Granger as part of an effort to attract tourists. If you visit Granger, see if you can find them all!

Another fascinating town you might want to visit is Steilacoom. Steilacoom is about 55 miles southwest of Lakeside. Steilacoom was originally founded in the early 1850s as a lumber shipping port, and it was the first town to be incorporated in Washington state. Consequently, there are many old houses, churches, and buildings in the town. If you want to do some more exploring, consider taking the short 30 minute ferry ride from Steilacoom to Anderson Island.



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# WHAT DO YOU NOE?

## AN INTERVIEW WITH THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

BY AVA L. & ANYA D.

*The Lakside Leo staff sat down with head of school, Mr. Bernie Noe, for an interview in hopes that the student body could get to know him better. Thank you for your time, Mr. Noe!*

What does a day in the life of our Lakeside principal look like, one might wonder? You may not expect that he wakes up each day at 4:00am and begins his morning ritual with a 35-40 minute meditation session before an occasional seven mile run around Greenlake. Yet, this is the start of the daily routine of Mr. Bernie Noe, Lakeside’s head of school.

Since last March when COVID-19 hit, Mr. Noe has made a conscious effort to keep a sense of normalcy and stay active. The first part of his daily routine looks the same as it has for the past forty years: early morning wake-up, meditation, exercise, and then breakfast. Mr. Noe is passionate about exercising; he runs, swims, and does crossfit. But much like the rest of us, he now spends the majority of his day attending Zoom calls and writing emails.

Although a steady routine can be an ancillary thing, the monotony of his days has started to get to Mr. Noe. During normal times, Mr. Noe usually spends three nights a week out at plays, evening meetings, or other functions. These days, however, Netflix will have to act as a substitute.

Growing up and going to school in a small town in Massachusetts, Mr. Noe never stepped foot on a plane until young adulthood when he moved to Europe for his first teaching position. His career began overseas at an international school in Switzerland. A lit-

tle known fact is that he participated in bobsledding during his stay. Before returning to teach in the States, Mr. Noe broadened his teaching experience in Israel. “The thing about teaching overseas which is different from teaching in the states is that everyday

is an adventure,” he noted. “You could literally wake up to a line of twenty camels walking by.” These experiences from his young adult life ignited a life-long passion for travel.

Many know Mr. Noe to be Lakeside’s resident bow tie aficionado. His love for this accessory stems from his childhood school uniform. When asked about his favorite bow tie amongst his vast collection, he noted, “It honestly sounds kind of cliché, but the Lakeside bow tie that [he has]” is his favorite. Mr. Noe claims that there is only one in existence, and as the head of school, it seems fitting that he is the one to wear it. It holds a special place in his heart, and he puts it on only for important Lakeside events.

Speaking of special occasions, Mr. Noe became a grandparent recently. One of his daughters gave birth to his first grandchild in November, and his second is expected to arrive in February. Congratulations, Mr. Noe!

Mr. Noe has experienced many of the same things students at Lakeside have during this pandemic. Like us, Mr. Noe misses the sense of community that has been hard to achieve online. “Quarantine has been both joyful and different,” he states. Following Mr. Noe’s example, until things return to normal, we all must be adaptable and seek joy within our lives.



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# AFFINITY GROUPS

## INCLUSION AT LAKESIDE AND BEYOND

BY PAUL M.

With the reignition of the Black Lives Matter movement, largely due to the tragic deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, many have begun to consider the urgency of discussing race and the varying impacts it has on our personal lives. In fact, Tufts University found that 12% of voters ages 18 to 29 years old identified racism as one of the top three issues determining their vote, tying it for second place with healthcare.

Before this shift, however, Lakeside had already been leading and facilitating conversations on race for several years in affinity groups. In pursuit of a better understanding of the purpose and effects of this program, I interviewed Mrs. Avila, the Middle School Student Equity Program Coordinator.

Every student joins the affinity group that they feel best represents their racial identity, meeting eight times during each school year. In these meetings, topics such as emotions,

history, the power of words, stereotypes, and assimilation are covered, though not all topics will be explored/examined in the same way, according to the group and the age of the students in it.

When asked what the goal of the affinity groups is, Mrs. Avila explained that it was to build confidence in our identities. She also stated that since we are constantly exploring and dealing with our racial identities, it is best that we understand them. Indeed, as recently as 2019, the Pew Research Center found that members of different races have very contrasting views about the experiences their race has triggered. Accordingly, through understanding each other’s experiences, we can widen our own perspectives and have an easier time empathizing with one another.

At the end of our interview, we arrived on the topic of student discomfort during affinity group meetings. Race has, undoubtedly, affected our lives to varying degrees, so there is bound to be some level of discomfort

associated with the task of discussing it. A central concept in student affinity groups is that this discomfort is nothing to be ashamed of. Mrs. Avila was well aware of this, and she encouraged those of us who are hesitant when it comes to talking about race to seize the opportunity and to participate fully in the program. “It’s okay to feel whatever you are feeling,” she said. Mrs. Avila was reminded of something the upper schoolers had said at a community meeting last year: there is going to be growth in discomfort. Discomfort is just a sign that we are learning and widening our perspective.

Race has and will continue to influence the ways in which people view and treat us. In spite of this, it’s a facet of our identity that many haven’t given much thought to. It can absolutely be difficult, even discouraging, when we have to face the ways it has influenced our past and present. Race isn’t going anywhere because, as Mrs. Avila explained, as we age, our world expands.

When we interact with people, we truly are interacting with their experiences and identity, so having an understanding of experiences and how they shape our identity is central to understanding each other. I urge all of you to take full advantage of this program to learn about these social dynamics. As Mrs. Avila puts it, these affinity groups are a concrete way for us to “celebrate diversity, elevate each other, empathize with each other, act on equity, and use our privilege to create change.”

# PROTESTS AND RIOTS

## NOT THE SAME



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BY ANYA V.

Images of car fires and thieves stealing from small businesses may seem familiar these days. Well, does the scene of walking down the street as a united group with signs and chants of encouragement also seem familiar? Before you say it, we are talking about two different occurrences that have sadly been linked together. Rioting, the act of causing a public disturbance or act of violence to draw attention, is not the same as protesting. A protest is

used as something to seek attention for an issue that needs solving. A protest is something peaceful that unites the community against an oppressor and helps create the solution.

As described by Edwin Meese III, an author for the *Grand Island Independent*, rioting is the exact opposite of protesting. Riots bring unwanted and unwarranted hate towards a group, defaming them and their message. This has proven to be especially dreadful as this is defaming the BLM movement

in the 2020 protests against police brutality and racism. Because riots and protests seem to happen at the same time, it can be hard for the public to see the two separate images. As written by Katy Steinmetz, a reporter at the *Time Magazine*, the vast majority of all protests are nonviolent and do not involve any sort of rioting. Misconceptions caused by rioting about protests have led to detracting of the messages to which the protests are trying to bring attention, which defeats their whole purpose.

The worst part about rioting is that rioters believe that they are helping by looting stores, breaking windows, and starting fires. In a *CBS News* story, Evava Pietri, Ph.D., an assistant professor of psychology, said, “I think the same message could be sent, and it’s showing that people are fed up. And for me, thinking about it broadly what’s been happening over the past eight days across the country, starting in Minneapolis, and then spreading to other cities throughout the country.” This suggests that many rioters



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ultimately just want justice. But even though many people have good intentions at heart, like how Pietri pointed out, rioting will never solve anything. Though, as mentioned by Reverend Charles Harrison, many younger generations may have been the start of this, as younger people are not listened

to as often, and being peaceful apparently won't draw enough attention. I understand how these people may feel as I am also young and sometimes feel like I don't have a voice, but there are other ways to speak out. Gandhi, for instance, was behind many of the peaceful protests in India against the British. No matter how gruesome it

got, he stayed and fought with the power of virtue and trusted the humanity in people. Gandhi also wrote. Before he was an activist, he was a lawyer who had the opportunities to stand up for the little guy. So riots are not the only way to create change. In order to stop violence and blood-

shed and bring forth a better world, we must engage in nonviolent protest rather than rioting, and we must make sure to never stoop to the level of those we oppose.

# WHERE DID THE TRADITION GO?

## IN DEFENSE OF THE BIRTHDAY SONG

BY SYNDIELY T.

Some of my best memories come from singing happy birthday to my friends. I looked forward to singing to them during lunch and taking part in an age-old Lakeside tradition. For some background, if it is someone's birthday a few of their friends may start singing happy birthday to them at lunch and the whole cafeteria will join. Understandably, when the next year came along and we couldn't sing anymore, I was pretty upset. Here are few reasons as to why abolishing the birthday song was unjustified.

First of all, some people did not want to be sung to in the first place. In fact, they would even skip lunch to make sure that their friends didn't sing to them. However, ever since the birth-

day song was banned, everyone in the school is required to sing the song to them during assembly. In my opinion, that's even worse because it strips those people of their right to opt out. As a good friend of mine said, "That's like replacing hot chocolate with dirty water, and who would want that?"

“If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.”

In addition to that, singing the birthday song was a cherished tradition. Now that it's been changed to a mandatory activity, all the fun has been drained from it. Singing to your friends in the cafeteria created a sense of community, as opposed to the weird, forced assembly singing. In an attempt to make

the activity more inclusive, the school has inadvertently turned a fun tradition into an awkward, uncomfortable mess. You may be wondering: what would make this better? Here are some ideas: we could make a calendar with everybody's birthday on it and put it in the cafeteria. We could also send out an email with everyone's birthdays in it, or, my favorite idea: we could just go back to how everything was before.

I understand the idea behind banning the birthday song at lunch; some people may have been excluded from the singing. However, I think some teachers were trying to solve a problem that didn't exist. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.



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# SECULAR SOCCER DILEMMA

BY JACKSON B.

Although we cannot return to the familiar progression of fall sports due to COVID-19, let's take a few moments to reminisce on some soccer experiences from last year.

Arriving at a game, you lace up your cleats and take one step onto the field. Suddenly, you are abruptly called to the center and cast into a state of discomfort as a referee begins to recite a prayer that pertains to a religion you may or may not follow. You find yourself confused because while the other team is composed of Christians, you know that Lakeside is non-secular. Unsure what to do, you pretend you know the words to the prayer and awkwardly sway from side to side. Then, in the blink of an eye, it's over.

This situation is a common occurrence for many Lakeside students in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). However, I believe there are many ways to remedy this uncomfortable issue.

One way would be to allow the religious CYO schools to recite prayers privately on the sidelines instead of with Lakeside. This would get rid of the awkward pre-game gathering while allowing them to pray in peace.

Another option would be to petition the CYO to abolish the prayer in any games where a team is playing against a secular school. This abolishment would act as a compromise between the most consequential step you could take (which I talk about below) and retaining the prayer for everyone.

The most drastic step would be for secular teams like Lakeside to withdraw entirely from the CYO league. Although this may seem a radical idea, it is actually quite simple. There are an abundance of other sports leagues across Seattle, including one that many other private schools are members of, and Lakeside could decide to secede from the CYO and join these leagues. The presence of these other private schools would be yet another beneficial aspect of our

secession. Many students that attend Lakeside have friends enrolled in these other private schools, and enlisting in these leagues would allow them to possibly rekindle relationships with distant friends.

We didn't assimilate to St. Nicholas's historically Catholic Traditions (as they were a Catholic School) when

we absorbed their student body in 1972, so why not do it again? With the implementation of the above policies, not only would we observe drastically less awkward athletic events, but the Catholic Youth Organization would get to keep their prayer whilst Lakeside could fulfill its role as a school constructed of a secular and diverse student body.



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# THE 2021 OLYMPICS



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BY NATALIE B.

The Olympics are a global tradition dating back to ancient Greece and, this year, they were set to occur in Tokyo in August. From a global pandemic to a presidential election, these past few months have been an incredibly important time, and, in the midst of all of the global chaos, the Olympics have been postponed for the first time in history.

Although this decision was officially announced on March 24th, many people still weren’t aware of the full extent of COVID-19 and the impact it would have on economies all over the world. Athletes across the globe were left with a new finish line: July 23rd, 2021. The postponement of the games prompted confusion and stress around the world, but almost all Olympic hopefuls were just grateful the Olympics weren’t suspended (which is what happened during World Wars One and Two). Becky Downie, a Brit-

ish Olympics Veteran in gymnastics, released a tweet on March 30th reacting to the news of the delay: “16 more months it is. Grateful to have the opportunity to try and continue doing what I love for another year.” Another former Olympian, Jenn Suhr, wrote in a Facebook post: “The current situation our world is facing is bigger than the Olympic Games. I am not ignoring the media request but I feel extremely selfish talking about sports with the heartache, hardship, and sadness this country and world are facing and going to face.”

The impact of this delay has been felt by athletes, coaches, and fans all over the world. That being said, most understand the dire circumstances that lead to it and hope the 2021 Olympics will help bring all of us together.

# STORY OF A LEGEND MICHAEL PHELPS

BY EMMA L.

Swimming is a rare sport as it can be done without any physical contact. That makes it a much safer sport than soccer, football, hockey, and many others, not only during the COVID-19 pandemic but also in normal conditions. In this article we will cover one of the top swimmers in the world and his story.

Michael Phelps is the best and most decorated swimmer of all time. He has set 39 world records and has a total of 28 Olympic medals, both of which are more than any other athlete. His fastest swimming speed is even 6 miles per hour! However, he wasn’t always the person that people see him as now.

On June 30, 1985, Michael F. Phelps was born in Baltimore, Maryland as the youngest of three children. Four years later, at age seven, he began swimming. In school, he was always distracted

and fidgeted during class, and when his parents divorced in the year 1994, it certainly didn’t help. In sixth grade, he was diagnosed with ADHD. That was when one of his teachers told

his mother that Michael would never succeed at anything because he couldn’t focus. Determined to succeed, Michael found hope in his swimming, which helped him control his extra energy. He was talented at swimming, too, and he just kept getting better.

By age 15, he became the youngest male swimmer from the USA in more than 50 years to compete in the Olympic Games. His first world record was in 2001 in the 200-meter butterfly, which made him the youngest male swimmer to ever set a world swimming record. For the next 15 years, he continued to set records and win medals, becoming known to many as “the greatest swimmer of all time.”

In more recent years, especially 2012, Michael Phelps suffered from depression. He fell into a pit of sadness after his victories and started using drugs and drinking alcohol. He was arrested on a

few occasions. After the 2012 Olympics, he barely slept and ate for three days. Finally, after that experience, he sought out help, and a few years later, he finally opened up to the public about his struggles with depression. In 2016, he retired saying, “I’ve been able to do everything I’ve ever put my mind to in this sport. And 24 years in the sport. I’m happy with how things finished. I’m ready to retire. I’m happy about it. I’m in a better state of mind this time than I was four years ago.” Currently, he’s 35 years old and still feeling good.

So what’s the lesson from Phelps’s story? One way you could put it is that you should take your weaknesses and turn them into strengths. ADHD was Phelps’s “weakness,” but it helped him a lot as a swimmer. What are your weaknesses and how can you turn them into your strengths?



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## LAKESIDE SPORTS

BY NATALIE Z.

Hello Lakeside Lions! Have you ever wondered what type of Lakeside sport you would like to do? Have you considered playing a sport for the Lions? Well, this article is here to help you find the perfect sport! In this article, we will cover the sports that Lakeside provides, the practice times, the practice seasons, and the student reviews. In every publication, we will address a different sport. This month, we’re writing about soccer, one of the most well known sports in the world.

Soccer is a great team sport played with one ball and eleven players on each team. The objective is to kick the ball into the other team’s goal, and whichever team has the most points in the end wins. There is one goalie on each team, and the goalie’s job is to defend the ball from the net. The other players are in defense, offense, or mid-field and they have to try to score the ball into the other team’s net or assist the goalie in preventing balls from entering their net. This is a game that includes a lot of teamwork, communication, and practice!

Lakeside soccer has 8 teams in total. The 5th and 6th grade girls and boys have two teams, the maroon and gold teams, while the 7th grader’s have a girls team and a guys team. The same for eighth graders. The soccer season is in fall, and practice starts at 4:30 to 5:45, so practice is just over an hour. As an addition, you do not need to have ANY experience with playing this sport at all. If you really like this sport, then you can continue playing at the high school as well.

What are some benefits to soccer? As Alison Li, 6th grader noted, “I liked to play soccer because I got to meet other people in different grades and I got to be friends with many people. I made a lot of fun memories with my teammates.”

At the end of the soccer season, every team gets a big, fun team party, and there are many activities to play and enjoy with your teammates. The coaches are extremely helpful and nice throughout the season and many people enjoy this game. I would recommend soccer for those of you who love teamwork, the outdoors, and parties!



# PASSION FOR ART

## INTERVIEW WITH MS. SUZANNE GRANGER

BY FELICITY W. & HANNAH B.

**What inspired you to make art and why is it important to you?**

“Starting at a young age, I loved art. My house was full of art and art supplies, and my whole family valued art. My father especially was interested in making things, and he is a very creative person. In school, art was always my favorite class. I always felt relaxed and at home when making art. It is important because art was always an outlet for me. It was a place where I could shine, be comfortable, and express myself.”

**Why did you decide to become an art teacher?**

“I have always had a huge passion for art and loved my art teachers. I also worked in summer camps and taught students art activities. It was really enjoyable for me to work with students. I was in college at the University of Vermont where I was taking a lot of visual art classes. I was wondering what I wanted to major in. I was deciding if I wanted to major in art or find a different career path that also involves art. I started speaking to my advisor in college and she gave me the idea of being an art teacher which combined my love of art and love of teaching. I graduated with an undergraduate degree in art education and got certified to be an art teacher. Then I went to get my master’s.”



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**Who is your favorite artist and why do you admire them?**

“That’s a very difficult question because I love so many different artists and so many different types of art, but if I had to choose, I’d say my favorite artist is Mark Rothko. He is what is called a color field artist. He makes very large paintings using layers and layers of color and paints on them. At first, I think people would look at his art and say, “What is that? I could do that.” But I always loved them. And once I had an opportunity to look at one of his exhibitions at a museum in London called the Tate Modern. And there was this room in the museum and you walked in and it was very dimly lit. His color field paintings were all on the walls of this room, and I remember, I got such a deep feeling I almost started crying. That had never happened to me before, but I remember just staring at these paintings. --And they had so much depth and layers of color in them I got such a feeling of joy with them. It just connected with me. I love his art, and I think when I saw them in person, that was when my thoughts about him changed.”

**What is your favorite art medium and why?**

“I would say that is something that has changed throughout my life. I started out doing lots of drawing and painting, which I love, but when I started college, I got into printmaking. It’s just kind of an instant art, and it’s so cool because there’s sort of an element of surprise. After all, you don’t know what you’re going to get. So I would say printmaking has been something that I connect to the most and that I enjoy doing the most. Also, I would have to add that teaching students clay is a super fun unit for me just because it’s such an enjoyable medium to work in.”

**How do you think art impacts society?**

“Art is a reflection of our times. It’s a lesson of history because we can see our times in a piece of art and see why the artist chose to make this piece of art because of the period. It is a visible way to see how history has changed art. Also, art makes people think. There is never really a clear answer as to why the artist designs the art that way, and it makes you think. I believe art helps people become better critical thinkers. It is important to question ideas and society and push back on them. We shouldn’t just agree with what everyone else says, and I think art facilitates that idea.”



Photograph by Ms. Granger



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# BOOK REVIEWS

## TWO ACTION-PACKED ADVENTURES

BY MAX S.

### FLY, COLTON, FLY

*Fly, Colton, Fly: The True Story of the Barefoot Bandit* by Jackson Holtz takes you through adventures of the notorious criminal, Colton Harris, also known as the Barefoot Bandit. His fascinating journey took place in the Puget Sound area. He stole boats, cars, electronics, credit cards, and even a plane that he flew despite having no formal training. Nothing was truly safe from the juvenile criminal, so what’s his story?

Jackson Holtz does a great job at giving us an in-depth look at all the infamous crimes Colton pulled off before he was caught and sent to jail. Holtz

not only creates an informative book, but, at the same time, keeps your interest peaked and the page-turning. Although there isn’t always action on every page, I couldn’t help but continue reading because I was so interested in his story. I was very impressed that such a factual book still hooked me in and kept me wanting to read further.

All in all, I enjoyed *Fly, Colton, Fly*. I strongly suggest reading it for yourself if you are interested in a nonfiction book packed with action!

### ONE OF US IS LYING

*One of Us is Lying*, written by Karen McManus, is a fictional story that takes place in Bayview High School. Students Bronwyn Rojas, Cooper

Clay, Addy Prentiss, and Nate Mcaulley must figure out who poisoned Simon Kelleher while they were serving detention in the same room. The infamous gossip app “About That,” created by Kelleher, reveals there were motives to kill for all of them. So, who did it?

The book was action-packed from beginning to end. New details were added to this perplexing case in every single chapter. The book was exceptionally engaging with the reader; so intriguing, in fact, that I finished the book in two days. McManus also does a great job with the main characters. Each character is unique and distinctly different from each other, and the only thing that brings them together is the fact that they are the prime suspects for the death of Simon Kelleher. The idea of a gossip app is not only an ingenious way for the characters to gain motives to murder one another, but it made me despise Simon. I didn’t

know who they were until it was revealed, but I was rooting for the killer the whole way.

If there is one thing I wish the book would change, it would be to limit the number of details of which to keep track. Only until I had gotten about halfway through the book did I fully familiarize myself with all the main characters.

Despite this, the story was well written, and I would suggest checking it out, especially if you like a book with vivid characters and intriguing twists! If you’re still interested in reading about Bronwyn, Cooper, Addy, and Nate, check out the sequel, *One of Us is Next!*



QUEER AS GERMAN FOLK

A digital exhibit emphasizing the current state of queer liberation with art done by LGBTQ+ artists. Online exhibit: <http://queerexhibition.org/en>.

KENT THIRD THURSDAY ART WALK

The Kent art walk happens every Thursday from 4PM to 6PM, in downtown Kent. Come see local art, talk with the artists, enjoy music, food and more!

GIFTS OF THE SEASON

For six days every week in December, Gallery North is hosting an exhibition of art inspired by the theme of gift-giving and will feature various art forms.

HOLIDAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

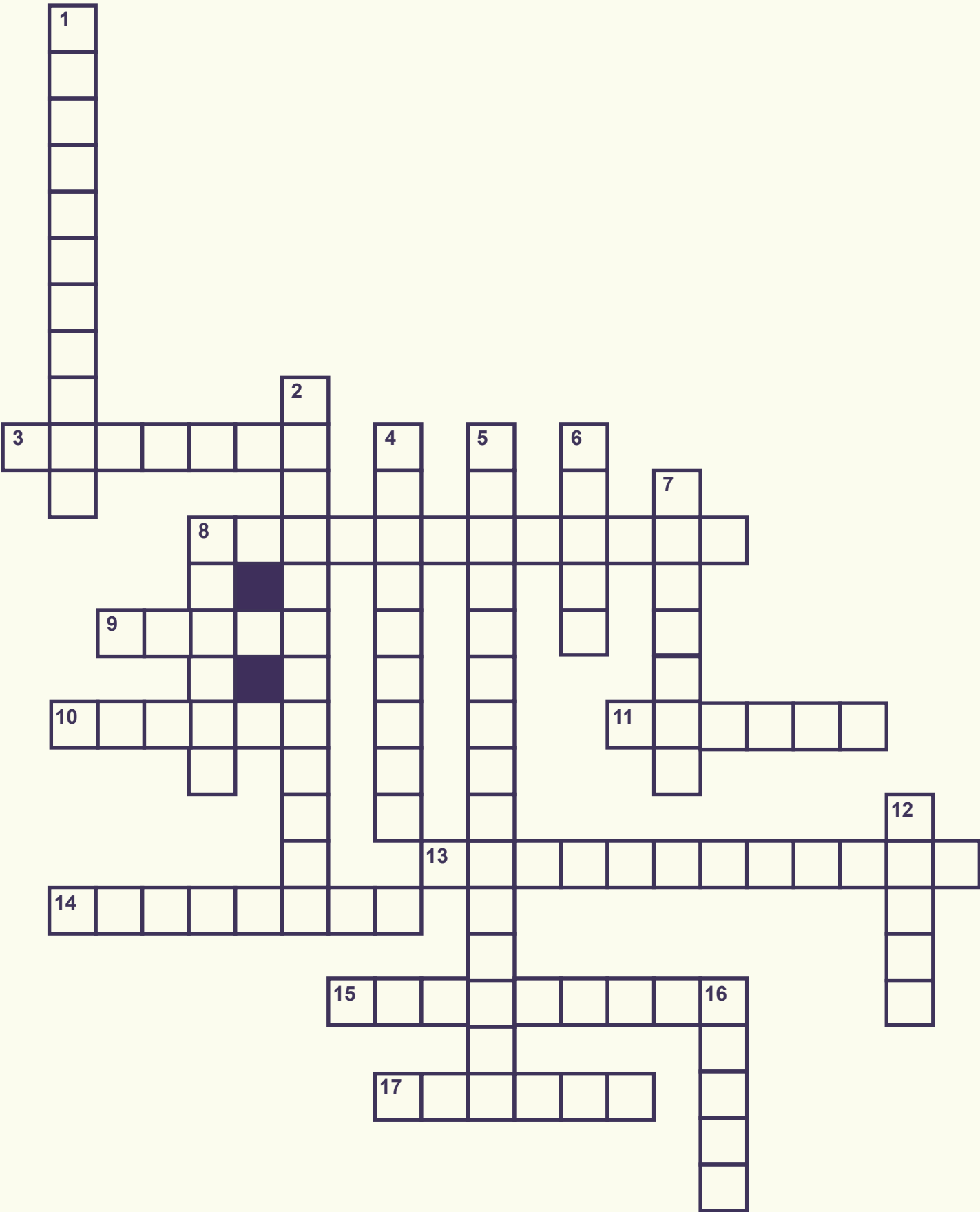
BY TALIA E.

ACROSS

3. This is a candelabra with eight candle holders, one is lit each night to symbolize the oil that was used in the temple and is used for Hanukkah.
8. This is when people in many different parts of Asia celebrate the year changing from one to the next.
9. People often create these flowers in front of their homes on Diwali.
10. This holiday celebrates new beginnings, good over evil, and light over darkness.
11. You often spend time with these people on Thanksgiving.
13. These often contain money and are given to children during the Lunar New Year.
14. Many people stay up until this time to celebrate the exact moment at which we transition into the next year.
15. These are often seen in the sky during the New Year.
17. This is a meat that is traditionally eaten during Thanksgiving.

DOWN

1. Often times, people will do this to prepare for the Lunar New Year.
2. This is an American holiday celebrating a feast that pilgrims had with the indigenous people in November 1621. This holiday also celebrates giving thanks for a good harvest.
4. This is a holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus
5. This is a holiday that celebrates the transition from one year to the next.
6. These candles are often lit on Diwali.
7. This a holiday celebrating light, as well as the victory the Israelites, more specifically the maccabees had when, after their temple was destroyed an amount of oil that should have lasted one night lasted eight giving them time to rebuild their temple.
8. This food is like a potato pancake, and people often eat it during Hanukkah.
12. This is the person that Christmas is celebrating the birth of.
16. This is a person who is known to deliver presents on Christmas.





# WINTER ACTIVITIES, HOBBIES, AND MORE!

BY MEERA W.

If you’re looking for something to do this winter, you’re in the right place! Here are some fun and interesting activities to do this winter, from knitting and cooking to ice skating.

One fun activity is downhill skiing or snowboarding! Here are a few places you could go: Crystal Mountain, Stevens Pass, or if you’re more of a beginner, Snoqualmie Pass.If you’re interested, you can rent skis and snowboards at Ski Mart, REI, and many other places in the Seattle area.

If you want to get your feet on the ice and go skating, you could go to the Highland Ice Arena in Shoreline or the

Snow King Ice Arena in Kirkland. Before you go, you may want to call the ice rink and check the rink schedule, as you might have to reserve beforehand. If there’s room, this is definitely a great experience!

You might be looking for something a little less active and a little more relaxing. In that case, you can learn how to knit, crochet, make friendship bracelets, and more! There are a lot of videos out there about how to do all those things! For knitting, a good channel is Sheep and Stitch; for friendship bracelets, you could look at Craftanatic or A Girl and a Glue Gun; for crocheting, you could check out simplydaisy. These are just a few ideas. You’ll

be able to find videos about whatever form of art you choose.

You could get your game on and play board games with your family. Taboo is a particularly entertaining game! It’s a fun and energetic four-person game in which you have one other person on your team and the objective is to have them guess as many words as possible in a short amount of time. The word is on the card, but there are also other words that can’t be said because they are too close to the actual word. For example, if the word were “bubblegum,” you wouldn’t be able to say “pink and blow.” You could also play Clue, a murder mystery game in which you try to guess who the murderer is by accus-

ing people. If the other players don’t have a card for a character, a room, or a weapon, and you don’t either, then you have one of your answers.

If you like to cook, or want to learn how, now is the time to do it! You could make or do anything, from decorating Christmas cookies to making crepes to plating a gourmet dinner. Some good cookbooks could be *America’s Test Kitchen’s*, *The Complete Cookbook for Young Chefs*, or Emeril Lagasse’s *There’s a Chef in My World*.

These are just a few of the many fun things to do that could become your new hobby! I hope you enjoy trying these out!

## LITERARY AND ART CONTRIBUTIONS



Contributed by Shiwen H.

### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Would you like to see your art appear in the next issue of *The Lakeside Leo*? If so, we invite you to submit your work for consideration. Please email a copy of your work to our Arts Section Editor, Felicity W., or keep an eye out for our submission Google Form.

*The Lakeside Leo* accepts both literary and art submissions, including poetry, creative writing, excerpts of prose, painting, pottery and sculpture, digital art, and more!

# THE NUTCRACKER

## FROM PYOTR TCHAIKOVSKY TO PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET

BY ROBERT B.

The classic ballet, *The Nutcracker*, was written and first performed in 1892. This world-renowned show was written by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, a Russian citizen who lived in Saint Petersburg at the time of composition. The ballet had a somewhat shaky beginning, as critics said the music that we love listening to today was “too symphonic,” and the ballerina in the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy was not given quite enough to perform. Suffice to say that the critics weren’t too kind to Tchaikovsky’s work.

This prolific show was first performed by the New York City Ballet and was choreographed by George Balanchine. When George Balanchine spent 20,000 dollars from the 40,000 dollar budget on the giant tree we expect today, Morton Baum, the New York City Center’s chair of the finance committee, was

livid. Morton Baum and the committee had to put up the money. Baum asked, “George, can’t you do it without the tree?” for which Balanchine replied, “The ballet is the tree.”

The Pacific Northwest Ballet (PNB) first performed a rendition of *The Nutcracker* in 1975, a version by Lew Christensen. The ballet was updated in 1983, under Artistic Directors Kent Stowell and Francia Russell. It presented a new production with choreography by Stowell and scenic and costume designs by Maurice Sendak, the artist who illustrated famed books such as *Where The Wild Things Are*. This rendition went on for 32 seasons up until 2015, when they switched to George Balanchine’s famous production. This is the version the PNB uses today.

Due to the pandemic this year, *The Nutcracker* by PNB is going virtual. While they may not get as

much attention this year, hopefully this will change in the future.



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# DAD JOKES

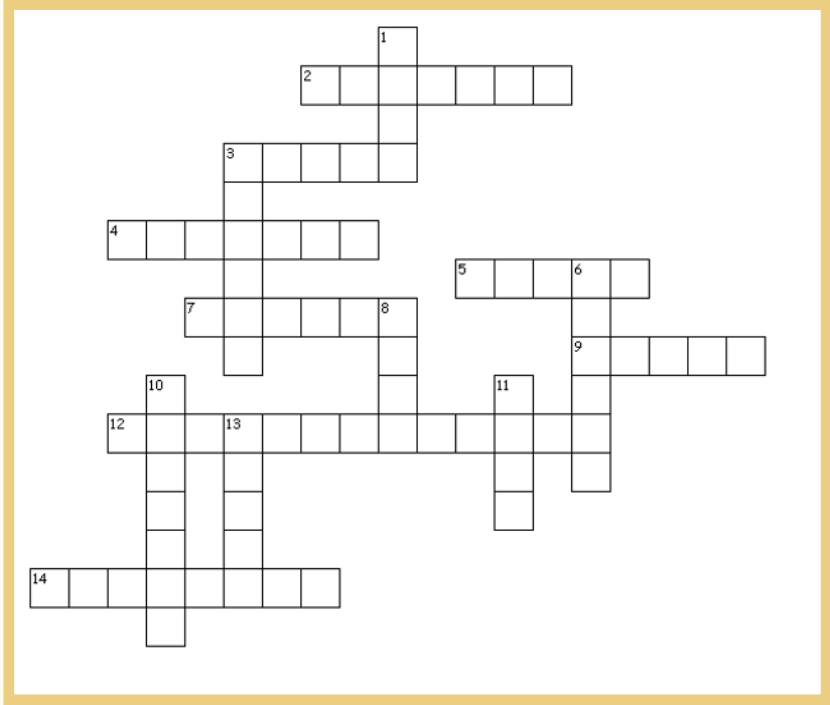
## HUMOR CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ACROSS

- 2. Statistically, 6 out of 7 \_\_\_\_\_ are not happy.
- 3. What do you call a broken can opener? A \_\_\_\_\_ opener. (include apostrophe)
- 4. Why did the coach go to the bank? To get his \_\_\_\_\_ back.
- 5. Why did the man name his dogs Rolex and Timex? Because they were \_\_\_\_\_ dogs.
- 7. How do you make a tissue dance? You put a little \_\_\_\_\_ in it!
- 9. What’s brown and sticky? A \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. What rock group has four men that don’t sing?
- 14. My wife told me to stop acting like a flamingo. I had to put my \_\_\_\_\_

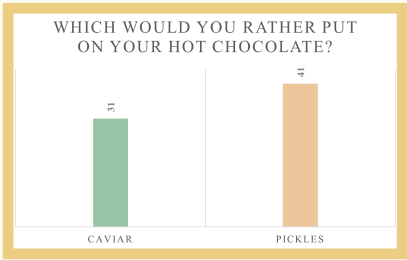
### DOWN

- 1. What do sprinters eat before a race? Nothing, they \_\_\_\_\_!
- 3. What’s orange and sounds like a parrot? A \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. What did one nut say when it was chasing the other nut? I’m a \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. I’m so good at sleeping, I can do it with my \_\_\_\_\_ closed!
- 10. What do you call a man with a rubber toe?
- 11. I have many jokes about unemployed people. Sadly none of them \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13. What do you call cheese that isn’t yours? \_\_\_\_\_ cheese.



# HUMOR

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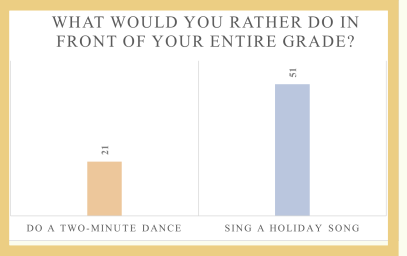
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We asked the Lakeside community to craft a sentence with 5 words: motorcycle, snail, clock, chocolate, and stadium. Here are the Humor team’s favorites!

### MOST CONCISE

“Snails enjoy eating chocolate stadium clocks.”  
- Anonymous Student

### TEACHER FEATURE

“Chocolate motorcycles melt at a snail’s pace while waiting for the stadium clock to countdown to race time.”  
- Ms. Raycroft

### MOST CREATIVE

“Currently, while writing this, I am eating chocolate in a soccer stadium, watching my brother play soccer. The game’s almost over with, like, about ten minutes on the clock, and if their team wins, we can watch a motorcycle race live on the stadium track! Whoops. There was a snail by my computer and I almost touched it and accidentally typed that.”  
- Anonymous Student

### MOST REALISTIC

“The peculiar snail oozed its way to the chocolate store in order to purchase candy for its love interest. However, the snail’s clock and navigation systems were broken and he ended up in a large stadium on the other side of town before he, unfortunately, died after being run over by a motorcycle.”  
- Jackson B.

# FACULTY SWITCHAROOS

## HOW LAKESIDE FACULTY MEMBERS CHANGED DURING QUARANTINE

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### Mr. Noe Hates Bow Ties

During quarantine, our esteemed Head of School Bernie Noe, infamous for his love of bow ties, looked in the mirror one day and found his eyes drawn straight towards his bowtie. It was crooked! He gasped and tried to straighten it, yet no matter what he did, it would tilt to the right or the left. After wasting too much time attempting to straighten it, he told *The Leo* that he angrily untied it, and, for the first time, he pulled out the standard necktie given as a gag gift from a student. At his morning Zoom meeting, his fellow administrators noticed his new attire in amazement but chose not to say anything. From then on he has been wearing a necktie in all his Zoom meetings.

### Ms. Reed Becomes Obsessed With Mini-Backpacks

“Fanny packs are so last year!” states Ms. Reed. She told *The Leo* that she was online shopping one day and came across the extremely inefficient mini-backpack. Nevertheless, after her first mini-backpack arrived, she fell in love and tossed her fanny pack in the trash. Since then she’s bought ten more mini-backpacks. She said that her favorite purchase so far has been her fuzzy blue bag. “There’s not enough space for my phone, wallet, for keys, but it’s just too cute!”

### Mr. Lerner Turned E-BOY

Mr. Lerner, a fifth and seventh-grade science teacher, is easily distinguished by his dirty blonde man-bun and love for sandals. You know... the overall “surfer guy” aesthetic. However, sometime during the past month, he was reading the Lakeside re-envisioning list of competencies and mindsets and was inspired to try something new. He told us that he wanted to try a different style. Recently he has been really inspired by E-boy Tiktokers. On a whim, he got a buzz cut and dyed half his head and eyebrows lime green and the other half bright pink. And believe it or not, he put on shoes for the first time in his life!! What do you think of his new look? Stay tuned...

### Mr. Rona Eats All of His Student’s Candy

Yes, eighth-graders, you read the title right. The reason for this unfortunate development is not because Mr. Rona is worried about sharing food during the COVID-19 pandemic, but instead because he has fallen in love with eating candy. In the spring, the first time we went on lockdown, he brought his candy stash home. It tempted him for a few months before he finally gave in and ate a single Skittle. Ever since then, he sneaks candy from his stash during passing periods. Mr. Rona decided that he doesn’t want to share any of his sweet confections with his students, and is going to eat it all himself.