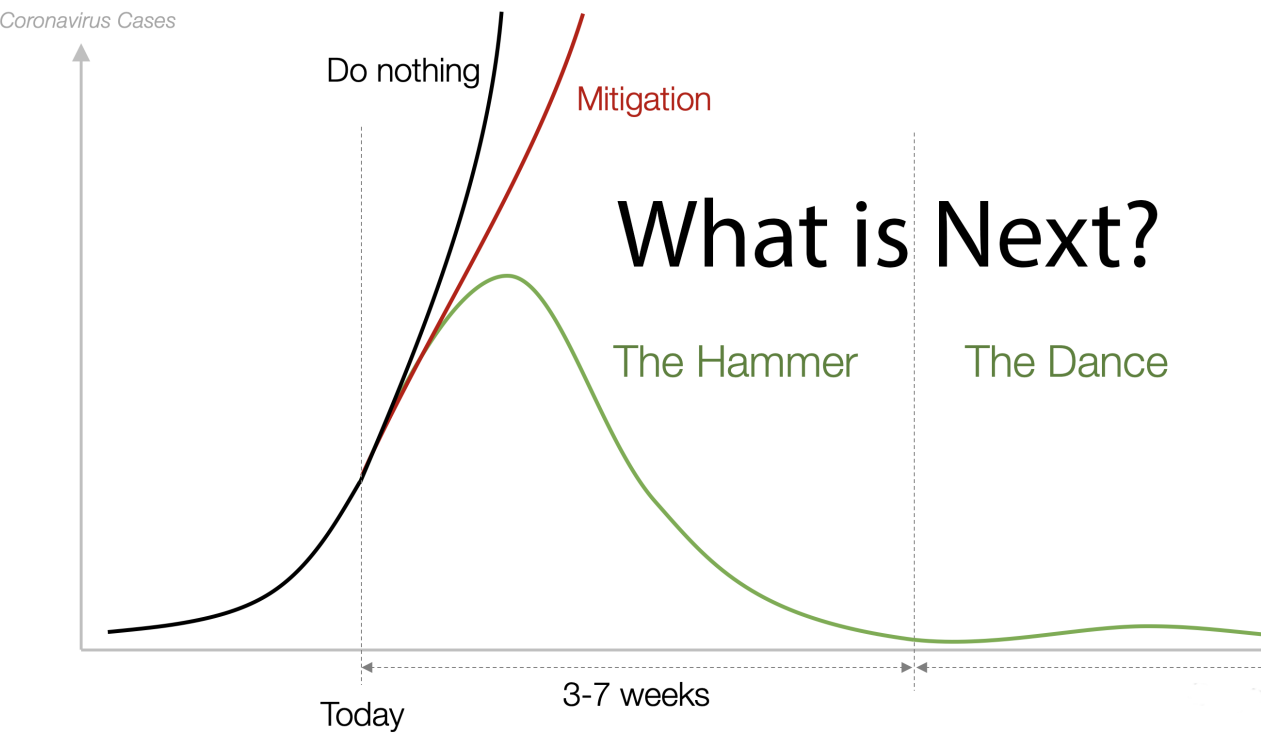
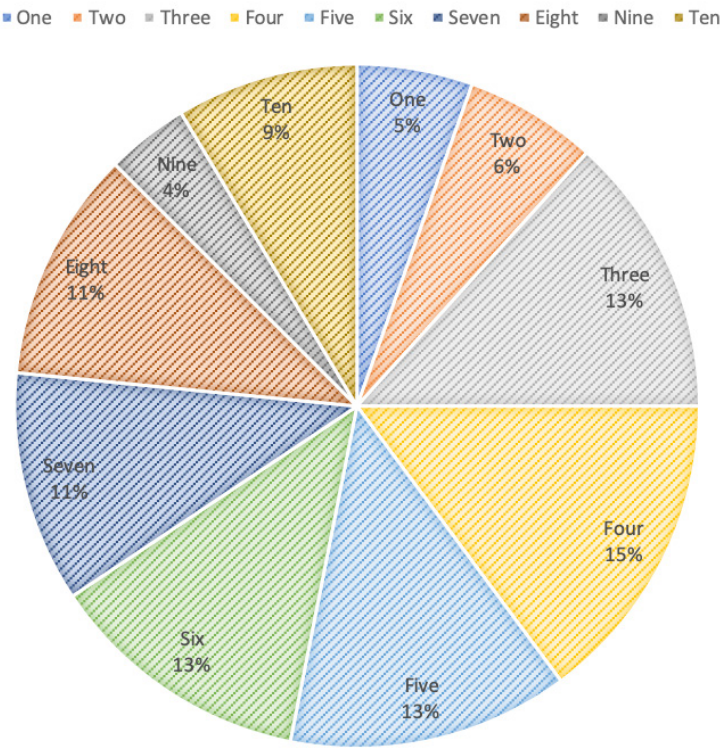


Coronavirus and Math?

By: Alex Lo '23

WHAT IS YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS?



Graph on the Future of Coronavirus from The Medium

The Coronavirus has taken the world by storm, stowing us away in our homes as our spring break came to a close. All classes have been moved online and sports have been canceled until we return. At this point, we all know what the Coronavirus is, and the collateral damage resulting from it. Drawing from the student poll taken in the developing stages of the virus, we can see

the thoughts and concerns of the student body. As we acclimate to our new situation, through student responses we can see how the perspective on the Coronavirus has changed.

From results taken March 3rd to 8th, students were still at school and learning about a new virus spreading panic overseas. Interestingly, of 128 responses, 32.8% of people thought that the virus was not worse than the flu. 60.2% were still willing to go outside with large groups of people.

“Surprisingly, 14.8% of students would attend school if someone had attained the virus.”

At the time no one could have imagined the shutdown that occurred. From this small sample, you cannot make large assumptions, but with the Coronavirus, it seems safe to say none of us were ready or could fathom the scale of the epidemic.

Here is a place where the math we learn at school can be applied: looking at the Coronavirus. It may be puzzling to think how events have changed in such a short period, but there is a suitable explanation. The way the virus spreads can be viewed as an exponential graph. This one such as $y = 2^x$. The infection rate is close to this equation so after one day, two are infected, then four then eight and so on in. With this, the amount of infected increases exponentially. Fortunately in the real world, this is not the case. Due to the virus evolving and the efforts of doctors combined with scientists, the curve of the virus will eventually be flattened out. As seen in the graph, as time increases, the spread is harder to stop. We may not be the first one to say it, but stay home and try to minimize interactions with others.



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Being able to take part in such a ceremony that most people do not have the opportunity to participate in was truly memorable. Having the opportunity to pay our respects to veterans who served our country and did not get recognition for their heroism is a memory that we will hold with us forever.

Test Day Schedule

By: Cooper Nelson '23

Pro-Schedule

The test-day schedule sets out to solve one very important issue that could hurt students academically: the prospect of having many tests in one day. By distributing days amongst classes, the schedule ensures that students will have no more than two tests in a single day. As students have increasingly larger homework loads, studying sufficiently for more than two tests would be impossible in one night. It also prevents the scenario in which a student's teachers all decide to cram tests and projects in on the last day before a break or long weekend. The schedule forces teachers to spread out their assignments over the weeks before the break in order to soften the workload on the students. This schedule does not hinder the teachers in when they can give assessments as they are still able to give quizzes on non-test days. As long as the quizzes are "on one night of work", and they "count as a homework grade," the teachers are free to do whatever they want. This system ensures that both the teachers are free to quiz when they want and the students are safe from a potential five-test day. Keeping the maximum daily tests at two also keeps the students from having too much to study for, so they will sleep more and be better prepared for the day ahead. Furthermore, the test-day schedule establishes a period before exams during which no tests or quizzes may be given. It dedicates this time to preparing for the exams, guaranteeing that students will not be sidetracked by extra assignments squeezed in before exam week. Overall, the test day schedule solves the issues that it was intended to and creates a system where both the students and teachers are happy.

Anti-Schedule

While the test-day schedule is designed to protect the students, it can sometimes have the opposite effect. Belmont Hill's teachers do their best to try to abide by the rules that this schedule sets forth, but it sometimes pushes teachers into a corner. This system can sometimes make it very difficult as teachers will have to squeeze and split their class around the sometimes inconveniently placed test-days. A teacher might end a unit, but then realize that they don't have a test day until the following week, or occasionally even later. This gives the teachers two options. They can either start a new unit before the test, distracting the students from the test subject, or they can do what as a student seems to happen all too often: they will give 39-minute "quests" on a non-test day. Even if teachers don't go this far, some quizzes will go beyond one day's worth of material. Additionally, even two tests in one day can be too much. Multiple times this year, I have been in a class that has planned a test for the next test day. However, several kids in the class will have a second test on that day, and the class will vote to have the test the following day, on a non-test day. This is fine if the entire class okay with it, but is one example of another issue with the schedule: tests aren't spread out enough. Too often I will find myself with two tests on Tuesday and two tests on Friday, or similar scenarios. It would be much better if I had those four tests split up over four days, lowering the workload. On certain nights, two tests in one day can still be too much to study well for. While the test-day schedule does the best that it can to solve issues that can hurt students, it makes planning difficult for the teachers and this burden can sometimes fall on the students.

Wednesday	Thursday
1 New Year's Day No School	2 WINTER BREAK
8	9
15	16
CLASSICS MATH	CLASSICS MATH
22	23
SCIENCE ENGLISH	CLASSICS MATH
ALL CLASSES MEET	ALL CLASSES MEET
29	30
MODERN LANGUAGE HISTORY/ARTS	MODERN LANGUAGE HISTORY/ARTS

An example of a two day test schedule

High School Musical on The Hill

By Tommy Folan '25

The High School Musical Jr.*

Troy Bolton, the star athlete at a small-town high school, falls for nerdy beauty Gabriella Montez at a holiday karaoke party. When they return to campus, Troy and Gabriella audition for the upcoming school musical. Meanwhile, the jealous Sharpay Evans conspires to squelch their chances. The two must struggle to make it to auditions while also meeting their existing obligations to the basketball team and the academic decathlon. The play will be this spring (hopefully). The play has a great set of actors and actresses who really bring the script to life. Come support your classmates!

Unfortunately due to the Coronavirus, there is uncertainty about this play happening.



*Probably never going to happen :(

Guess the Water Fountains

By Alex Lo '23
Bell Staff

Where do you think these are?
Email Alex Lo with the building and floor for a possible award.



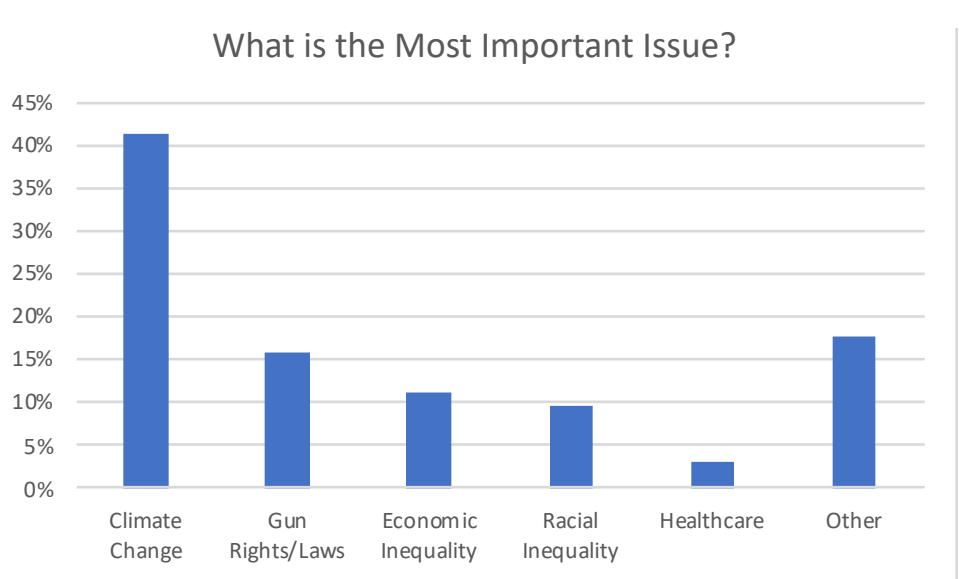
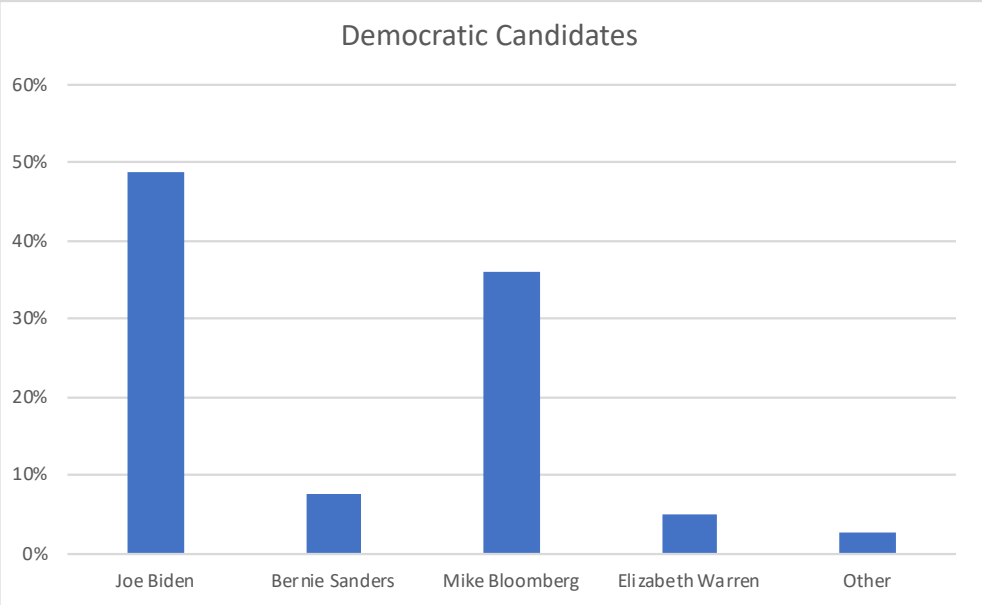
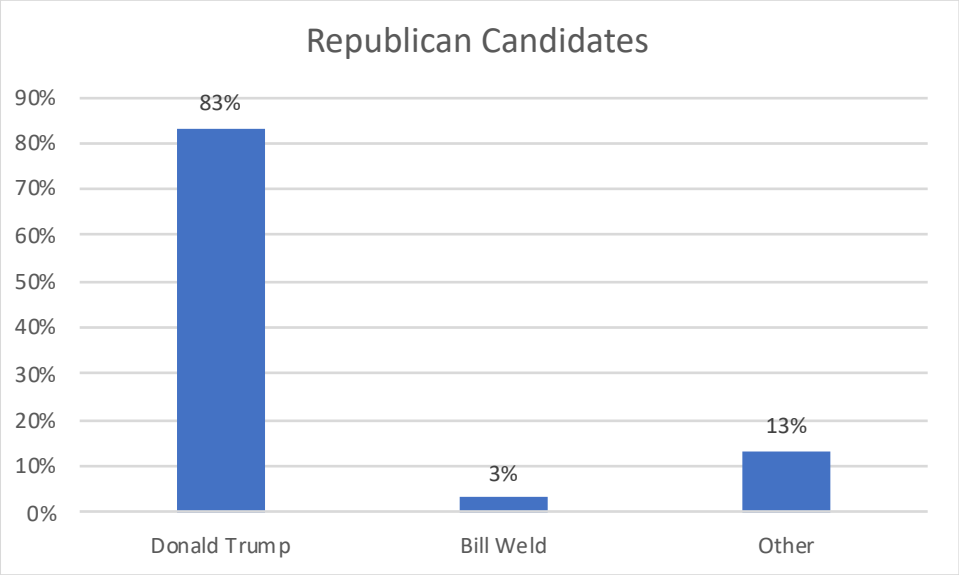
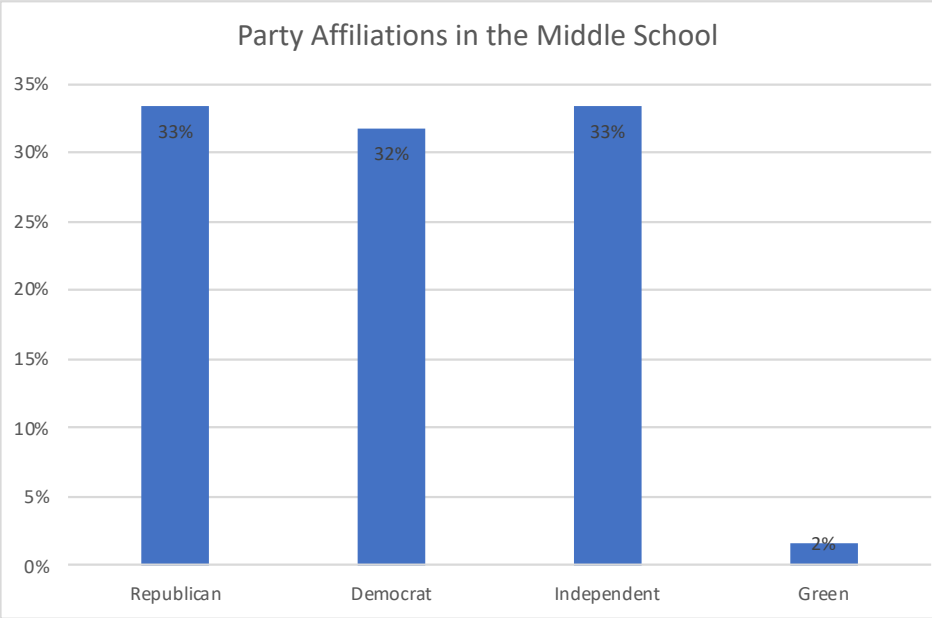
Presidential Primaries

By: Mac Bobo '23

This coming November, as is the case every four years, the nation will decide whom they want to be President. However, each party must first crown their nominee. If there is anything that is guaranteed concerning the race for the presidency, it is the incumbent president receiving their party’s nomination for a second term. This year has proven to be no exception, with incumbent Donald Trump defeating former Massachusetts governor Bill Weld. However, the uncertainty surrounding the Democratic race provided all the excitement, entertainment, and memorable moments one needed. By the time the Iowa caucus rolled around, Senator Bernie Sanders from Vermont, who has championed revolutionary ideas concerning health care and education, seemed to be the clear front-runner. With the popular vote win in Iowa (although Mayor Pete Buttigieg won the delegate count) and the early primary wins in New Hampshire and Nevada, Bernie solidified his front-runner status. With the progressive wing of the party coalescing around Sanders, the moderates continued to wrestle with each other for the top spot. Mayor Pete Buttigieg of South Bend, Indiana, who galvanized his loyal base through his early victory in Iowa, showed signs of weakness amongst the more diverse community of Nevada. Similarly, Senator Amy Klobuchar, who showed possible strength in her 3rd place finish in New Hampshire, struggled in Nevada. Both Senator Klobuchar and Mayor Buttigieg were not expected to do well in South Carolina. Because of his more low-profile campaign style and underwhelming debate performances, former Senator and Vice President Joe Biden finished terribly in the opening states, but deliv-

ered a strong showing in South Carolina. Biden’s strong promises and constant assurances, which seemed foolish and misinformed at the time, proved to be prescient. Joe Biden would go on to win South Carolina, and then secure key endorsements from former candidates, such as Pete Buttigieg, Amy Klobuchar, Kamala Harris, and Cory Booker. This victory catapulted Biden into the moderate position to challenge Bernie Sanders. Although he did not participate in South Carolina’s contest, this was the first time New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg was welcomed to the debate stage and the national spotlight. The Medford-born entrepreneur planned to bypass the early states and put all of his chips into the delegate-rich Super Tuesday states. On Tuesday, March 3rd, 14 states held their primaries and once again provided a clearer picture of who would be the nominee. Mayor Bloomberg, who spent all of \$500 million for advertisements and a seasoned campaign staff, collected a disappointing and campaign-ending 58 delegates. Because of his poor debate performances and his questionable history concerning women, Bloomberg no longer seemed to be the invincible and omnipotent figure that some hoped would be the solution to the muddied primary season. As for Elizabeth Warren, her showing on Super Tuesday was unsatisfactory (she even failed to win her home state of Massachusetts), prompting further questions of whether voters were subconsciously harboring sexist sentiments that prevented a very qualified candidate from making a deep run. Joe Biden had a very strong showing, winning most of the south, Texas, and Massachusetts. Bernie Sanders won the delegate behemoth that is California,

as well as several western states and his home state of Vermont. However, how did the very wise and well-informed middle school students of Belmont Hill feel about the race heading into Super Tuesday? On the day before Super Tuesday, I asked the Middle School whom they supported and which issues mattered to them the most. Among the 68 responses, 30% said they were Democrats, 30% said they were Republican, and a surprising 33% Independent. As for the Democratic candidates, Joe Biden received the most entries with 45%. Mayor Bloomberg received 33% and Bernie Sanders received a surprising 7.1%. As for the Republican entries, Incumbent President Donald Trump received 76%. The most important and pressing issues, according to the responses, are Climate Change at 38% and Gun Laws at 16%. As for news coming after Super Tuesday, Joe Biden largely swept the following two Tuesdays, and is expected to be the Democratic Nominee. Also, in the March 15 debate, Joe Biden pledged to place a female candidate for Vice President on the ticket, which is of special intrigue given Biden’s age. Finally, just when the race seemed to clear up with the rise of Joe Biden, the future of the Democratic primaries became unclear as a result of the coronavirus. Many states have postponed their primaries, and some are questioning whether or not they will still be held. For now, the spotlight that was once shining brightly on the primaries has shifted to the ongoing pandemic, but perhaps recent circumstances will make November’s contest that much more intriguing.



Post Free Agency NFL Mock Draft

by Noah Farb ’24

1. Cincinnati Bengals-Joe Burrow, LSU, Quarterback

The Bengals are taking Joe Burrow, the QB who led the LSU Tigers to a national championship this past year, to replace the Red Rifle Andy Dalton.

2. Washington Redskins-Chase Young, Ohio State, Defensive End

Chase Young, the most talented player in the draft will fall to the 2nd pick because of the Bengals need for a QB.

3. Detroit Lions-Jeff Okudah, Ohio State, Cornerback

The 2nd straight Ohio State player drafted, Okudah will help at cornerback with the loss of Darius Slay.

4. New York Giants-Tristan Wirfs, Iowa, Offensive Tackle

The Giants will select Tristan Wirfs, the best offensive lineman in this draft, to protect Daniel Jones.

5. Miami Dolphins-Tua Tagovailoa, Alabama, Quarterback

Tua, the guaranteed number one pick until he injured his hip against Mississippi State, falls to number five.

6. Los Angeles Chargers-Jordan Love, Utah State, Quarterback

We think the Chargers will draft Love with the 6th overall pick, and not Justin Herbert surprising many.

7. Carolina Panthers-Derrick Brown, Auburn, Defensive Tackle

The Panthers will kick off their rebuild by taking Derrick Brown to try and rebuild their defensive line.

8. Arizona Cardinals-Jedrick Wills, Alabama, Offensive Tackle

After trading for DeAndre Hopkins, Arizona is all about protecting Kyler Murray and will take Wills to do so.

9. Jacksonville Jaguars-Isaiah Simmons, LSU, Linebacker

Simmons, by far the best linebacker in the draft will fall to number nine where the Jaguars will take him.

10. Cleveland Browns-Mekhi Becton, Louisville, Offensive Tackle

The Browns will rebuild their offensive line with Mekhi Becton who will protect Baker Mayfield’s blindside.

11. New York Jets-Jerry Jeudy, Alabama, Wide Receiver

The Jets will need a receiver with Robbie Anderson leaving in free agency and will replace him with Jeudy.

12. Oakland Raiders-K’Lavon Chiasson, LSU, Defensive End

The Raiders will take Chiasson to try and build a young defensive line with Maxx Crosby and Clelin Ferrell.

13. San Francisco 49ers (via Indianapolis)-Javon Kinlaw, South Carolina, Defensive Tackle

The 49ers have no glaring needs after a NFC Championship and will boost the interior line with Kinlaw to replace Deforest Buckner.



Tua Tagovailoa

14. Tampa Bay Buccaneers-Andrew Thomas, Georgia, Offensive Tackle

The Buccaneers will take Thomas to protect newly signed Tom Brady.

15. Denver Broncos-CeeDee Lamb, Oklahoma, Wide Receiver

John Elway will take Ceedee Lamb to help out new starting QB Drew Lock.

16. Atlanta Falcons-CJ Henderson, Florida, Cornerback

The Falcons look to bolster their secondary with Henderson, the best cornerback in the draft.

17. Dallas Cowboys-Kristian Fulton, LSU, Cornerback

The Cowboys take Fulton to replace Byron Jones who left in free agency.

18. Miami Dolphins (via Pittsburgh)-Xavier McKinney, Alabama, Safety

The Dolphins use their second pick to draft a strong safety who has great hands.

19. Oakland Raiders (via Chicago)-Henry Ruggs III, Alabama, Wide Receiver

The Raiders need receiver help. Ruggs is the fastest receiver in the draft and can blow by secondaries.

20. Jacksonville Jaguars (via Los Angeles Rams)-Justin Herbert, Oregon, Quarterback

The Jaguars take a chance on Herbert who dropped all the way too 20 to be the QB of the future.



Jerry Jeudy

21. Philadelphia Eagles-Justin Jefferson, LSU, Wide Receiver

The Eagles will address their need at wide receiver by taking Jefferson, a NFL ready player out of LSU.

22. Minnesota Vikings (via Buffalo)-Jeff Gladney, TCU, Cornerback

The Vikings need another cornerback after Trae Wanyes left in free agency and Xavier Rhodes was cut.

23. New England Patriots-Kenneth Murray, Oklahoma, Linebacker

With Kyle Van Noy, Jamie Collins and Elandon Roberts all leaving in free agency the Patriots need a replacement at linebacker.

24. New Orleans Saints-Patrick Queen, LSU, Linebacker

The Saints will take Patrick Quenn to fill the hole from AJ Klein leaving in free agency.

25. Minnesota Vikings-Denzel Mims, Baylor, Wide Receiver

Minnesota will take Mims, a big receiver from Baylor to replace Stefon Diggs as the WR2 for the Vikings.

26. Miami Dolphins (via Houston)-Cesar Ruiz, Michigan, Offensive Guard/Center

The Dolphins take Cesar Ruiz with the pick received in the Laremy Tunsil trade

27. Seattle Seahawks-AJ Epenesa, Iowa, Defensive End

The Seahawks need defensive line help and take Epenesa to fill the hole.

28. Baltimore Ravens-Jonathan Taylor, Wisconsin, Running Back

The Ravens decide to go fully all in with their rushing attack by choosing Taylor.

29. Tennessee Titans-Yetur Gross-Matos, Penn State, Defensive End

The Titans take on a project in Gross-Matos to be the long term replacement to Vic Beasley.

30. Green Bay Packers-Tee Higgins, Clemson, Wide Receiver

The last of the seven receivers taken, Higgins is a big body who can replace Jimmy Graham.

31. San Francisco 49ers-Grant Delpit, LSU, Safety

The 49ers go best player available and take Delpit at 31, the 7th LSU player taken in the draft.

32. Kansas City Chiefs-Trevon Diggs, Alabama, Cornerback

Stefon Diggs little brother will go to the defending Super Bowl Champs who need a cornerback Kendall Fuller leaving in free agency.

Killer Bean: Snubbed of an Oscar

By Andrew Bittner '24 and Eric Hadley '24

For those who have yet to watch Killer Bean, we are truly sorry. You are missing out on one of the most exceptional films since the release of the critically acclaimed film “Bee Movie” in 2007. The 4.9-star google rating and the 97% audience score on Rotten Tomatoes are self-explanatory. With a rating this high, it is evident that Killer Bean is nothing short of an animated masterpiece and is truly a life-changing and inspiring film.

The first part of the Killer Bean Movie that deserves mention is the stunning animation and art-style. The animator of the film carefully chose camera angles that bring out the atmosphere and emotion of the characters in every scene. Additionally, the sparing use of slow motion and shifting camera angles accentuates the importance of certain scenes, helping to generate tension in many pivotal scenes.

Another area where Killer Bean shines is the script. Killer Bean maintains the delicate balance of short quips and emotional dialogue that makes movies feel real and personal, while simultaneously funny.

A review of the Killer Bean Movie would not be complete without mention of the breathtaking plot. The viewer follows Killer Bean through the twists and turns of the plot and eventually struggles with the bean as he tries to do what is right in a world of deception and crime. Ending with a cliffhanger that allows the audience to wonder about what comes next in the story of Killer Bean, the plot keeps the audience entranced for the entire run-time.



Rating: 11/10

Described by some as
“The Magnum Opus of the Human Race”

“Perhaps mankind’s greatest achievement”
—Belmont Hill’s own Mr. McDougal



The COVID-19 Stock Market Crash

By Kevin Weldon '24

The Coronavirus is a disaster. As it spreads not just across China but across the globe, the stock market has taken a sharp turn for the worst. Looking at the chart, a crash in the market can be seen as soon as the panic began to hit. On Monday, March 9th, the market saw such a sharp downturn that the market closed for 15 minutes to stop the selling and prevent a recession. While this worked temporarily, the stocks still went down quickly and the world is clearly in danger of not just a pandemic but perhaps a recession.



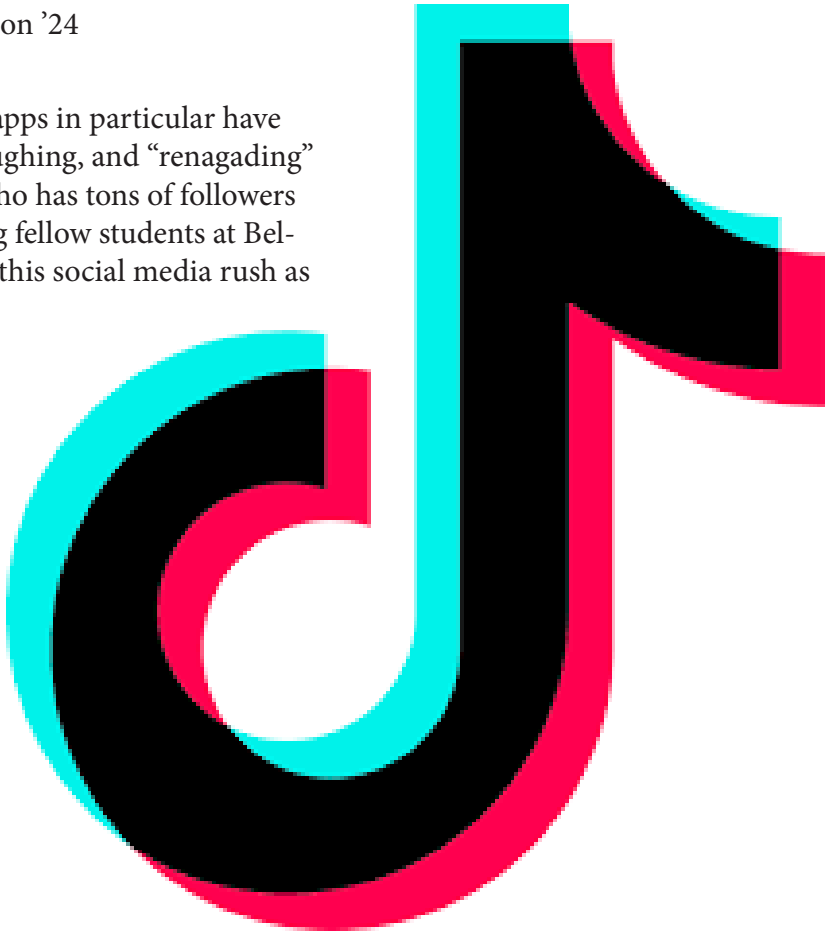
As the panic around coronavirus rises and many leagues/tournaments are suspending audiences or canceling the season altogether, it is becoming clear that the stock market will continue to fall. However, it is important not to panic; once the initial shock and panic are over, it is likely that the Stock Market will eventually go back up. At this point, taking out stocks will lead to losing money because when the Stock Market begins to rise it will likely rise sharply, which would result in selling a stock when it is low and buying when it is high. This would lead to missed profit and considering how volatile the Stock Market is and will be at that point, any profit at all is much more valuable. My future prediction is that in the short term, the Stock Market will continue to fall, but in the long run, I recommend sticking it out and not being too nervous with the trend right now, so you do not miss the uptick.

Social Media Influencers at Belmont Hill

By: Harrison Dewitt '24 and Cal Peterson '24

All year the hallways have been filled with excited discussion about social media, but two apps in particular have shown themselves to be the most prevalent. TikTok and Instagram have everyone talking, laughing, and “renagading” from Jordan to Melvoin. The Hill has many influencers, including Gregory Derosiers '20, who has tons of followers on TikTok, and Harrison Dewitt '24, a growing Instagram influencer who enjoys motivating fellow students at Belmont Hill and around Massachusetts about being a beast. Both boys are on the rise and lead this social media rush as it takes over Belmont Hill.

Gregory Desrosiers is well known at Belmont Hill for his incredible athleticism both on the football field and on the track. One thing Greg seems to enjoy off the field is posting TikToks for his 230,000 followers. Greg likes to post content to his account seemingly daily. His TikTok account consists of him singing songs in the car, doing funny challenges with his younger brother, and dancing with friends. He has multiple TikToks with over a million likes, and one in particular with his brother has reached over 1.3 million likes and 6.4 million views.



Harrison DeWitt '24 is known around the Belmont Hill community for being a “beast”. Harrison is large for his age, being 6’1 and over 240 lbs, and enjoys talking about this on his Instagram page @bodybyharrison. Harrison loves to eat and share his diet on the account, often posting about when he is eating and what he is eating, too, along with his workout routine sometimes. Right now, his Instagram account is on the rise, and he posts on the account almost daily, making sure that all his fans are never kept waiting for too long. “Last week in the dining hall I ate 23 [small cakes]” Harrison boasted when we asked him about his greatest achievements. “I think that’s a record or something.” This is a great act by Harrison because not only does he get enough food to eat, he also prevents more food from being wasted, as he did not steal from others and just ate leftovers. Harrison is dedicated to working hard and getting in even better shape to perform to the best of his ability on the sports field next year.

Tech Review

By: Daniel Xie '24

As we become confined in our homes, technology is becoming more and more relevant to our daily lives. From daily Zoom meetings taking the place of classrooms, and laptops replacing notebooks, computers’ ever-increasing importance has been rising. In this edition of Tech News, we are going to be diving into the world of computers, and how they will continue to be a routine part of us, even after COVID-19 is over.



Ever since the lockdown, countless schools and companies have started to use the video conferencing software Zoom. However, there is a dark side to all good things. Internet trolls have begun to set up shop in the app, logging into public meeting rooms and spamming vulgar language, videos, and other disruptive content in an act known as “Zoombombing”. While some take it as a joke, most are very serious about this. Zoom itself has forced all meetings to have passwords, as well as waiting rooms to prevent Zoombombing from happening. In addition, the government may begin to get involved as cases escalate. As Matthew Schneider, the US Attorney for the Eastern Michigan district put it, “You think Zoombombing is funny? Let’s see how funny it is after you get arrested.” Prosecutors say that they will pursue charges against anyone who tries to Zoombomb. Zoom made many new updates this week to protect the meetings, and says that they will stop implementing new features for 3 months in order to help improve its public defenses. The state of New York has even banned Zoom from being used for teaching, so Zoom has been working around the clock to help improve their app.

Meme Review

By: Kevin Weldon '24

Do be Doe: 10/10

This meme is extremely dank. It takes a random picture of anything, usually an animal doing something human-like, and adds the classic Impact Font Top Text/Bottom Text to it. Slap on a few emojis and you have yourself a dank meme. The meme below is a classic example. The monkey is dressed up in school clothes, and he do be looking getting good grades doe.



Doug Dimmadome: 7/10

Doug Dimmadome is a classic character from the childhood classic “The Fairly OddParents,” starring Timmy Turner. Doug Dimmadome is a side character with a large hat and pristine mustache. Many memes have been making an appearance featuring Doug and spoofs on his name, and there is even a TikTok song about him.



What will he do: 6/10

This is a pretty dank meme. It draws a lot of similarities to “Do be Doe” memes, but is not as funny since it was never as popular. Although it was not as famous as some other memes, it is still pretty dank. It’s a solid 6/10



I Am Once Again Asking For Your Financial Support: 2/10

This meme depicts Bernie Sanders, as the quote comes from one of his commercials where he asks for funding toward his 2020 Presidential Campaign. The meme has a few uses that are pretty funny and clever, but overall the meme just never got that popular and there were never that many uses available for it.

EA games every 0.3 seconds



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