All spring sports have unfortunately come to an early end. Find out more on Page 9.

Several Gators recently competed in the Louisiana Regional Science Bowl. See how they did on Page 2.

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COVID-19 Shuts Down STA

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On March 13, all public schools in Louisiana were ordered to close due to the spread of COVID-19. The original plan was to return to school on April 13, but that has now been extended because of the stay-at-home order currently in place through at least April 30.

Many schools in Louisiana have chosen to teach virtually, giving students materials and assignments online each school day. However, not every school in the state has the luxury of being able to provide their students with work on computers, so some students either have been sent home with packets of work or are not learning any new content during this time.

St. Amant High School has been fortunate to be able to provide all of its students, freshmen through seniors, with school laptops to take home for the completion of their daily assignments so that they can continue learning throughout this difficult time. Principal Beth Templet stated, "I am very proud of the way that our teachers worked hard to adjust their courses for distance learning in a very short amount of time and of how our students have responded."

*see "**SHUTDOWN**," page 6*

GATA DATA STAFF PHOTO BY EMILY POCHE

Premier Lanes and Malco Cinema in Gonzales are popular places for STA students and members of the community to work and spend time. It is an eerie feeling to see the normally packed parking lot now completely empty.

Gators Attend District Literary Rally

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On March 7, students from St. Amant High School traveled to Nicholls State University to compete at the District Literary Rally competition. Five divisions of schools from South Central Louisiana participated in this competition.

Before leaving campus, students met in Mrs. Casey Sevario's classroom and received matching shirts to wear as representatives of STA. This was Sevario's fourth year accompanying the students and being the sponsor. "I really enjoy being the Literary Rally Coordinator," she commented. Sevario also complimented the students for being "respectful, mature and extremely supportive of one another" during this year's event.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY CASEY SEVARIO

St. Amant High School students attend the District Literary Rally at Nicholls State University on March 7.

The competition was by invitation only, which means that anyone in attendance was recognized as a student who "stands out academically among their peers in a specific subject," according to Sevario. Teachers selected and nominated students to participate in the competition based on subject matter. The students who were included were chosen from classes like English, history, psychology, agriscience and many more.

*see "**LITERARY RALLY**," page 2*

2020-2021 Gatorettes and Cheerleaders Announced

BY: GRACIE GUILLOT
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Tryouts for the 2020-2021 St. Amant Gatorettes and Cheer Squads were recently held, and there are many talented young ladies to recognize for making these teams. It is undoubtedly an honor for them to be chosen since both teams had an extremely successful year with the Gatorettes placing seventh in the nation for hip hop and the Black Squad Cheerleaders placing first in the nation for their game day routine.

There is a great deal of work and preparation ahead of them, but these teams and their leaders cannot wait to begin. Ainsley McPhail, Black Squad Cheer Captain stated, "This season I'm most excited to be able to lead such a strong team and also be able to try many new skills." One goal that the cheerleaders have is to come home with another white jacket this season after coming off a huge win last season.

Normally, each team would have already begun practicing together for the new season, but due to the spread of COVID-19, both teams have had to take a pause. However, this has not stopped the girls from working. "Our team has been taking virtual classes and working hard, so when we are able to practice we can just pick up where we left off," Gatorette Captain Maddie Thomassee explained.

"Coming off of last year, we all have to push to be able to do the same or even better!" Kate Gautreaux, Gatorette Captain, mentioned. All of the team leaders cannot wait to lead their groups of hardworking and dedicated ladies. Good luck to the Gatorettes and cheerleaders for the upcoming 2020-2021 season.

The 2020-2021 Gatorettes are: Paisley Brassette-Whiddon, Emma Cason, Madison Champagne, Allie Clouatre, Rylie Clouatre, Anna Coffee, Brianne Decoteau, Kynleigh Decoteau, Avery Detillier, Gracie Devall, Brianne Duhon (Underclass Liaison), Aries Fournet, Gracie Frederic, Anna-Kate Gautreaux (Captain), Gracie Guillot (Lt. Captain), Emma Hammond, Kyleigh Hunter (Co-Captain), Alexis Jones,

*see "**NEW SQUADS**," page 3*

Exploring Career Paths

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Choosing a future career path from their current interests can be difficult for seniors to do alone. With a variety of options available to pursue, students often feel overwhelmed and stressed. Luckily with the help of career and graduation coaches, there is help to alleviate some of the pressures that students feel.

Beginning in November, seniors and a handful of juniors had the opportunity to explore and learn about different career options as field trips. The trips were picked based on the results of a career interest survey that was administered during Advisory at the start of the school year.

Ms. Melissa McCormick facilitated the organization of these career field trips to places such as Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University (Fran U), Pennington Biomedical Research Center, BASF, WBRZ-TV and Elayn Hunt Correctional Center. These trips have attracted students with interests in fields like law, journalism, medicine and more.

McCormick, who works mainly with JumpStart students, emphasized the goal of these trips was to "give students a chance to network and make connections." It is especially helpful for those wanting to begin careers straight out of the high school classroom.

Many students make their career choices based on passion, and they end up going into their jobs with little knowledge of how working in the field actually operates. It is important to provide eager students an opportunity to "see and speak to people in the career field they are interested in" and to give students "firsthand experience" that they may not otherwise get.

The teacher chaperones for these trips can also see how rewarding the trips are in the long run as students are able to graduate and move on to careers they are excited about. Although classes that students find interesting can help guide them to a range of choices, being able to put themselves in the shoes of those in the field can help to solidify their decisions.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY MELISSA MCCORMICK

STA students listen attentively to an in-depth lecture by David McDougal, PhD, at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge.

For the Pennington field trip, the students were joined by Mrs. Sara Wheeler, who teaches anatomy and physiology. Even though these field trips related to her courses, the important goal to her was that the trips help open "their eyes to the options out there" and motivate them "to look into various fields and begin to research on their own."

For students interested in the medical field, trips to Fran U and Pennington showed students the environment they would be learning in. It gave them a chance to participate in various job-related activities and learn more about the science behind a lot of body processes.

The Fran U field trip in particular allowed students to look at classrooms and medical equipment, and they were able to engage in a seminar with a hands-on activity. For example, senior Shelbi Zeringue had the chance to take part in delivering a child.

For Zeringue, the exposure to the Fran U campus taught her that there are "many more jobs out there" than the average student knows about in their target career fields. "When you go to college you don't want to start a major and have to drop it," said Zeringue. "It's not bad to explore your options."

According to Zeringue, these field trips were a great opportunity for students like her to "get a lot of new information and see new things." Overall, having the chance to see what the future could potentially hold in advance can help students have more confidence in the paths they choose to follow after high school.

STA Competes in Science Bowl

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On March 7, two teams from St. Amant High School's Science Club attended the Louisiana Regional Science Bowl competition that was held at the University of New Orleans. Each team competed separately and achieved the places of seventh and fifth.

For the rounds, each team was paired up against another, with the winner moving into the second set of pairs. Unfortunately, the two STA teams were paired against one another, with the Team 2 losing and taking seventh place.

Team 1 advanced to the next round of competition. They succeeded in the match when they earned the last point at the very last second. Continuing that streak, they made it through the next few rounds in a similar way, and in the final round that they won they earned both the points they needed and a bonus at the last possible moment.

Trey King, the Science Club's sponsor and biology teacher at STA, praised the students who took part in the event. King explained that "they did well" and that their performance at the competition was the best it could have been.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY TREY KING

STA's Science Club competes in the Louisiana Regional Science Bowl in New Orleans on March 7.

Literary Rally

At the Literary Rally, students separated into designated testing sites depending on the content area. Students then had an hour to complete their tests with all testing ending at 10:30 a.m. Once all students had completed testing, they were dismissed until the results were announced at 12:30 p.m.

Peyton Delatte is a junior who was nominated for the Accounting 1 test by STA's accounting teacher, Mrs. Courtney Tabor. In order to effectively prepare for the test, Delatte had requested study materials from Tabor.

The Accounting 1 test had approximately 12 other students taking it from the district. Delatte could easily sense the competitiveness in the air between the students. "You could tell everyone wanted to place" in their subjects, Delatte commented. His test was only 32 questions, but some had around 40 questions. Each subject's test differed in length.

While students waited in anticipation for their results, they were able to eat lunch and enjoy the activities Nicholls had available outside. There was a gamer van there with "Just Dance," and there were multiple inflatables to help pass the time in a fun way. Delatte mentioned that it was "very fun but very, very tiring."

STA students gathered together in the auditorium as they got ready for the awards. St. Amant High was one of only a handful of schools that stayed for results. Delatte explained that he would like for it to be "mandatory to stay" for the results since a lot of names were called with no recipient present.

The announcer called out the top three scorers for each test, going down an alphabetical list of all areas. "It was a little stressful waiting to hear the results," Delatte mentioned. Fortunately for him, Accounting 1 was called at the beginning.

Delatte placed first in Accounting 1, and Briette Ruiz placed first in Agriscience 1. Of the other STA students who competed, six earned second place rankings, and five placed third. Of the 29 total students who attended, 13 ranked in the top three of their categories.

These achievements show great success through actions. In fact, more STA students placed at this year's District Literary Rally than the previous year. They did their best, and it paid off.

The next step for these students will be the State Literary Rally at LSU, where top performers from across the state will come together to compete. This means that more study time and practice will be required for these students to do well. Delatte hopes to meet with Tabor more so he can make sure he is "100% ready for anything they ask."

"I am extremely proud of every student chosen to compete in this academic competition and proud to be a Gator!" Sevario exclaimed after the Literary Rally. It was a proud day for STA and for those who represented the school so well.

DECA Members Attend Convention

BY: BRIANNA CRESSIONNIE
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PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY DYLAN SCOTT

DECA members from STA have the opportunity to compete at the Louisiana DECA Career Development Conference.

St. Amant High School's DECA members attended the Louisiana DECA Career Development Conference from March 1 through March 3 in Baton Rouge. The students were able to compete and place in various events at the convention.

To prepare for competition, club members used online practice scenarios and rubrics to help them practice for earning high rankings. They also held several meetings with different activities that allowed them to get used to how to act and dress professionally.

Sara Braud competed in Hospitality with Kylie Gomez, and they placed second. Braud also competed individually in Entrepreneurship and placed fourth. "My dad is a business owner, and I've always thought it would be cool even if I don't own a business to know and understand the concepts that create a business. DECA is a very informational program that prepares people for life no matter what their position, not just owning or running businesses," explained Braud.

The club's officers, Dylan Scott, Sara Braud, Nick Liotta, Kylie Gomez and Dylan Peterson, also went to a conference in the fall where they engaged in a practice competition. They were then able to bring pointers back to help other members of STA's DECA based on this experience.

Scott was also elected as president over the Louisiana DECA chapter. When he realized that his name had been announced, he was shocked. "It's honestly a dream come true. Louisiana DECA has given me so much, and I'm glad that I'm in a position to give back now. DECA has been a huge part of my high school career, and I'm excited to see what will be accomplished this year with my new State Officer team!"

DECA prepares young emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in finance, marketing, hospitality and management, and it gives future business owners an opportunity to learn how to step out of their comfort zones while learning how to properly run an organization. If you are interested in becoming a business owner in your future and would like information on joining next school year, contact Mrs. Claudia Gremillion, the club's sponsor, at claudia.gremillion@apsb.org.

STA Arts Affected by Coronavirus

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At St. Amant High School, the arts help students to define their talents and learn how to use their skills in innovative ways. Theatre, choir, and band all have a major impact on our school, but these groups are unfortunately unable to meet right now because of the outbreak of COVID-19. All of their events have been cancelled as well, which has understandably upset many students and fans.

Mrs. Heidi Frederic's Theatre IV class was planning to perform the play "Little Women" in March, but because school has been closed, the class was unable to move forward with their rehearsals and performances. This has been really hard for the students who were looking forward to putting on this show, especially since it was going to be a great finale for the seniors in the class.

Senior Sarah Badon met the requirements to graduate this past December but decided to finish out the year, mainly because she wanted to have one last semester in theater. She is in Theater IV and was cast to play Beth in "Little Women" before the play had to be cancelled. "The class itself, students and play were all amazing, and I know everyone looked forward to it greatly. I am very disappointed that, especially during my last year, my time with these amazing students and the teacher have been cut short. I cannot even word how thrilled I was to end my senior year with theatre. Every day I would learn something new about the art or about life in general," said Badon.

Badon is not the only senior Theater IV member who feels this way. According to Sarah McCarstle, the students chose "Little Women" unanimously and were confident that the roles were cast perfectly. McCarstle explained, "Our class has been talking almost every day about ways we could still have a show because we're all very heart-set on finishing theatre together." However, the stay-at-home order has prevented the group from being able to do so. It is a struggle to have to miss out on "the senior production we've been looking forward to for four years now," shared McCarstle.

St. Amant's choir was also greatly impacted by the closures caused by the virus. The students had just received recognition for earning sweepstakes at the LMEA District Festival and were looking forward to performing together for the rest of the school year when they received the news about their events being cancelled.

*see "**ARTS AFFECTED**," page 10*

A Week of Kindness

BY: GRACIE GUILLOT
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Lexie Martin, Makenna Babin and Shanice Arik support the Student Council fundraiser by purchasing lollipops.

During the week of March 2-6, STA's Student Council hosted a Kindness Week to help spread positivity and happiness throughout the student body and faculty. By hanging up posters with kind sayings, writing appreciative notes and having a kindness "challenge" for each day, Student Council worked to make an impact and help establish a more positive environment at St. Amant High School.

This initiative was a very important one to make sure that all students feel included and cared for at STA. "It is so important to spread kindness because we really don't know what people are going through outside of school," Mya Bascom, Sophomore Class President stated. No matter what students are involved in or who they talk to they should feel like they have a place on this campus.

Jacie Jacob, Sophomore Minority Vice-President added, "I think what's most important is that students try to reach out to people who they may not talk to on a regular basis." Students should feel comfortable at school and never feel like an outcast. Something as simple as a smile or a "hello" can brighten someone's day, which is another thing the Student Council really took into consideration.

Students may have noticed posters around school with the quote "Start with Hello" to remind students that one simple word can lead to a conversation with someone or maybe even a new friendship. "I think it made students think about new ways to make our campus more positive in an effective way that isn't cheesy," Jacob explained.

While encouraging other students to increase their acts of kindness, the Student Council members were working on their own helpful project. They sold lollipops at both lunch shifts to raise funds to provide a free driving course for a junior or senior student who has not yet taken the class.

Students should not stop spreading love and kindness even though the official Kindness Week has ended. Being caring and compassionate is more important than ever considering everything that is going on in our society right now. One simple act of kindness could impact a person more than you could ever imagine.

New Squads

Anna Keller, Destiny LeBlanc, Emily Poche, Rayni Rizutto, Katelyn Roper (Lt.Captain), Sami Sheets, Raeleigh Shows, Kaitlyn Smith, Madelyn Thomassee (Captain), Claudia Wikinson and Marley Williams.

The 2020-2021 STA White Squad members are: Addison Andrews, Karmyn Averie, Mylie Bonneval, Gracie Fontenot, Riley Harris, Isabelle Horne, Halle Kuriger, Brylee Lambert, Bailey Louviere, Isabella Perrilloux, Caitlyn Poirrier, Kaitlyn Russ and Emmaleigh Theriot.

The 2020-2021 STA Gold Squad members are: Sage Alexander, Lexie Amedee, Ava Anderman-Moran, Emily Armand, Grace Bateman, Adrianna Ceballos-Rivera (Co-Captain), Abigail Clifton, Lily Cook, Chloe Duplessis, Hannah Duplessis, Jacelyn Gautreaux, Rhaylee Glaze, Hadija Gray, Shelby Hill, Noelle Horne, Aubrey Humphries (Lt.Captain), Aleigha Hunter, Jacie Jacob, Kenley Leblanc (Captain), Alaina Manson, Victoria Marchand, Avery Ruelet, Ava Savoy (Co-Captain), Nina Stephens, Haley Walls and Dru Webb

The 2020-2021 STA Black Squad members are: Carson Adams, Ava Arceneaux, Grace Billingsley, Presley Boudreaux, Angelle Bourque, Camryn Doty (Co-Captain), Kamryn Frederic, D'Shae Gautreaux, Ainsley McPhail (Captain), Megan Melancon, Mallory Miller, Ava Ricca, Robyn Robinson (Lt.Captain), Carly Sanchez, Savannah Struppeck, Amber Sullivan, Jade Sullivan, Katie Tanner, Tatum Thomassee and Kayden Wascom .

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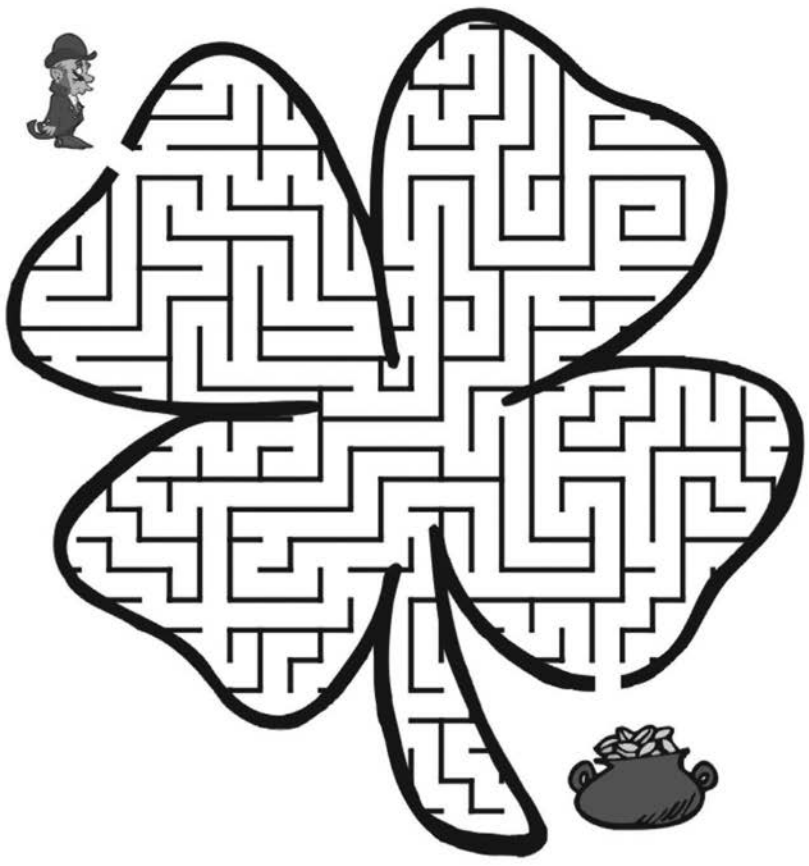

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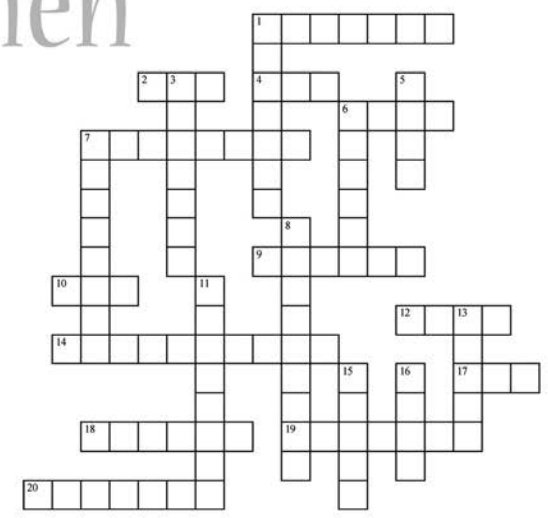

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4 Habit wearer
6 Astronaut Sally _____
7 Sit as on a horse
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10 Cheer sound
12 Delhi dress
14 "Better in Time" songbird
17 Pig's Pad
18 Althea Gibson sport
19 Parker of the WNBA
20 Grim atmosphere

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3 Stretchable fabric
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8 Woman who rules
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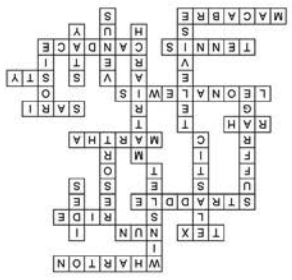

What to Do While Quarantined

BY: BRIANNA CRESSIONNIE
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Due to the current national emergency caused by the coronavirus COVID-19, the nation has been placed under a stay-at-home order until April 30 as of now. By the end of March, the coronavirus had infected 785,807 lives globally and taken away 37,820 lives. So, it is crucial that we all do whatever it takes to stop the spread of the virus.

To help reduce the number of COVID-19 cases, everyone must stay at home unless there is an essential reason for being out. Being quarantined at home does not have to be a negative experience though. There are many productive and entertaining ways to spend this time in quarantine.

One productive thing STA students can do is to spend time making sure you are caught up on all of your school work. You can check PowerSchool and make certain that your grades are staying on track, and if they are not, you can always email your teachers and take advantage of this extra time to get everything worked out.

Once you have finished all of your school work, there are lots of other ways to occupy the time. For example, you may want to rearrange your room to add some change to your life. While you are cleaning up your room, you can also go through your clothes and get rid of the things you no longer want or need. Maybe you will even come across some interesting gadgets that you may have forgotten about that have been hidden in your room.

If you enjoy being outdoors, you can always take a walk and explore nature or just sit outside and enjoy the good weather we have been having recently. It can even be very satisfying to help your parents work in the yard or maintain a garden to get out of the house.

For those who would rather stay inside, you can spend time making a new playlist, playing video games, reading or catching up on movies and television shows. You could also spend some time exercising, trying out a new hair color, researching information related to colleges you are interested in or learning about requirements for a career you might be interested in pursuing in the future.

This time at home could also be a good chance to spend some quality time with your immediate family. Maybe you could even try cooking a new meal for you and your family to enjoy together. Many doctors, nurses and other essential workers cannot be at home to hug their families or see them due to being exposed to patients with COVID-19. Also, many families have loved ones in nursing homes or other locations they are not allowed to visit because of the risk of exposing more people to the virus. So, don't take this time with your family for granted.

However you choose to spend your time, please just stay home right now. The spread of this virus must be stopped, and we want to see all of our Gators remain healthy and safe.

Sudoku

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	1	6						

Fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers. In a 9 by 9 square Sudoku game:

* Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
* Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
* Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9

Haruspex Cloud

April

♈ Aries - Mar. 21 - Apr. 19

While you may feel you are stuck in the same scene as years ago, the peace that you feel now makes it totally different. Don't overlook the small things.

♉ Taurus - Apr. 20 - May 20

Even the best of friends can fight from time to time. For today, your won't regret a live and let live policy. Stressing over it just is not worth it.

♊ Gemini - May 21 - June 20

You have excellent taste so don't be afraid to share your recommendations with others. Just avoid tailoring your opinions to be audience specific. Stay true to yourself.

♋ Cancer - June 21 - July 22

Your health is on your mind this month. Fame, romance, riches... The promise of these words is different in theory than it actually is in reality.

♌ Leo - July 23 - Aug. 22

There is someone that give you an electric charge that you can almost physically feel. Try spending some time with this person and let this positive energy rub off on you.

♍ Virgo - Aug. 23- Sept. 22

A family member inspires you to express your feelings. Take their advice but use restraint. You could scare someone away if you come on too strong.

♎ Libra - Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Others crave your attention this month. While you make think people are acting strange these days, it could be just a method of gaining some attention from you.

♏ Scorpio - Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You feel things deeply and speak with passion. Be sure that your brain has a chance to filter some of the things that you may want to say.

♐ Sagittarius - Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

If it is not broke... don't fix it. There is no reason to get involved in fruitless projects. Use your time wisely and you will avoid unnecessary work.

♑ Capricorn - Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

While you may be a born leader, you do not always know the best route to take. Ask a friend and they will lead you in the right direction.

♒ Aquarius - Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Keep only the most positive, uplifting people in the front row of your life. Don't save seats for those who are not worthy of them. Spend some extra time with your school work.

♓ Pisces - Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Sometimes you have to take a step back to fully understand how you are contributing to the situation. Looking at the whole picture before you progress.