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HAPPY PRIDE! GOODBYE 8TH GRADERS!

Written by Mariana Gould

Hello and welcome to the twelfth and final issue of the Larson Free Press 2021-2022: news for the students, by the students. This is the place where you can find student news written from the perspective of the Larson student body. We the Free Press believe in providing important, interesting, quality articles to our Larson community so you can stay informed and up-to-date with everything that is Larson Middle School. In this end of the year wrap-up we're celebrating pride month and our 8th graders! We're at the end of the year (finally) so we hope you enjoy our last issue! Featuring articles by Brandon Bui, Alivia Burch, Savannah Byrum, Cecelia Gould, Mariana Gould, Merisa Grebovic, Olivia Lee, Leena Mistretta, Joaquim Fioravanti, Haasini Venisetty, and Aishah Zia. Elected co-editors are Magdalena Ianev and Saanvi Saxena.

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5 TIPS AND TRICKS

to a better summer

STAY IN TOUCH WITH FRIENDS (DEDICATED TO THE EIGHTH GRADERS)

The summer between middle school and high school can change someone drastically. With this being said, many current high schoolers suggest texting or hanging out with your friends quite frequently. Losing relationships with your bestie is hard, especially the summer before ninth grade, so try to stay in touch. Even if you guys have weekly FaceTimes or hang out at a park, anything helps build those friendships. Another way many students stay connected is by joining a summer sport (such as marching band) or taking a class through the summer program at Athens (this is for eighth graders only).

RELAX!!!

To all those who tend to pack their schedules tight, this tip is for you. Summer is a time to take a step back and enjoy every moment. Instead of tumbling into a rabbit hole of summer homework, try taking these next few weeks to yourself. Spend your hours reading a new book, or hanging out with your family. Even a few days of rest can improve your mental well-being and your physical appearance. If you don't believe me, try it for yourself. I challenge you to just "chill" for all of next week. Then, you can get back into summer homework and household responsibilities.

TRY SOMETHING NEW

Try to get out of your comfort zone this summer! Whether it be learning a new skill or going somewhere unique, it's nice to try something new. This stretches your mind and helps you think of life in a new way. If you aren't sure what hobbies might be right for you, try learning a new language, taking an art class, or even creating a podcast. Let your creativity run wild, and remember to have fun!

FAMILY FUN

This next tip is from Dea Marena, an eighth-grader at Larson. She loves to read, play volleyball, and hang out with friends. She is going to IA next year and is hoping to become a doctor when she grows up. Dea loves to write as well. She thought that this tip would be a great finale to the Tips and Tricks Page, and I couldn't agree more!

Summer is all about relaxing and spending time with the people you love most. So make sure to spend as much time as you can with family and friends. Not only that, but it will be the only time we get good weather, so I recommend spending time outdoors. Whether that means playing a sport or hanging out by a pool or campfire. =)

HAPPY PRIDE MONTH REBELS! REMEMBER TO ENJOY YOUR SUMMER, AND OF COURSE, WORK HARD AND BE KIND!

Larson Lights

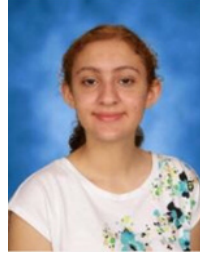
8TH GRADE EDITION

What was your most memorable class and why?

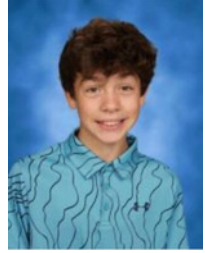
"We had an incredible group this year and Mrs. Kirksey is always amazing! The songs we chose this year have been fantastic and my solo was really fun, too."



"I was able to not only have a lot of fun and make unlikely and very fun friendships and have a lot of fun moments, I was also able to learn a lot and do really really fun projects and assignments."



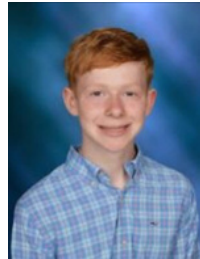
"It was fun with all of my classmate's and a fun subject to learn about."



"I loved the people and the experience of a high school class. Everyone was so so funny and I really enjoyed being there."



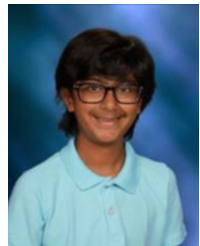
"Jazz Band was an excellent class and great fun with friends. We learned (and played) some pretty cool music, and we performed in multiple great concerts (and all day outside for the Relay for Life). Jazz Band was definitely a memorable class."



"Mrs. Stanley always made sure that everyone got what they needed and made the class fun."



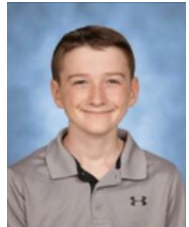
"Lots of 'strange' interactions, some good, some bad. We had some really hilarious moments with the most absurd topics, but sometimes it was too much and got rowdy."



"I enjoyed the teacher and the assignments we had to do. I made so many cool videos in video tech!"



"I had the most fun in theater as I was able to express myself in a way I was happy with."



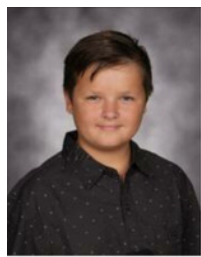
"The people were super fun and it was a fun learning environment- Mrs.Yousif math."



"Even though there were ups and downs we had fun and connected as a class.- science Mrs.D."



"Mr.Knaus is really fun and enjoyable and I am going to miss it next year."



Congratulations on graduating middle school, 8th graders! We hope that you have an amazing time at high school!

Larson Lights

8TH GRADE EDITION

Who was your favorite teacher this year?



*Mr. Grececius -
Band/Jazz Band*

*Nominated By:
Ryan Scobel
Will Diebol
Michael Matichuk*



Mrs. Lee- Spanish

*Nominated By:
Lily Cavataio
Laura Kuechle*



*Mr. Heugh-
English/video tech*

*Nominated By:
Daisa Charles
Kody Kott
Griffin Durham
Allison Zurawka*



*Mr. Knaus-
social studies*

*Nominated By:
Preston Goddard
Samantha Zaner
Ahdullah Badawi*



*Mrs. Stanley-
social studies*

*Nominated By:
Nicholas Dilis
John Leonard
Anthony Leonard*



Mrs. Kirksey- choir

*Nominated By:
Aloki Bhatt
Mariana Gould*

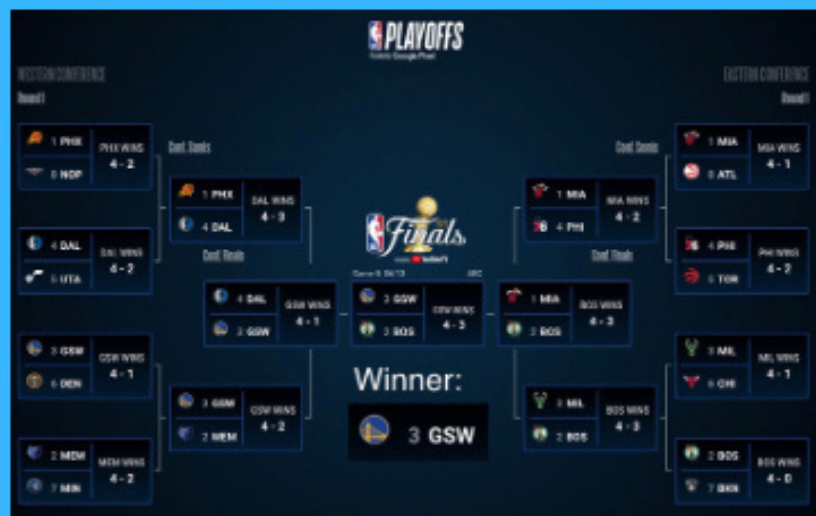
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Sports Page

NBA Playoffs

We are 4 games into the NBA Finals and neither teams are winning as the series is tied 2-2. Stephen Curry is averaging an out of this world 35 points per game this NBA Finals and the Golden State Warriors are still tied with the Boston Celtics. I still think that the Warriors are going to win the Finals in 7 with Stephen Curry winning Finals MVP, but that's just a prediction, we will have to wait until Thursday to maybe see a possible winner, or until next Sunday for game 7 of the Finals.



Tigers Update

The Tigers are currently 4th in the division only behind the 3rd place Chicago White Sox by 3 games, the 2nd place Cleveland Guardians by 5, and the Minnesota Twins by 11 games. With Jeimer Candelario, and Jonathan Schoop in 1st place for Home Runs with 5, and Miguel Cabrera in 1st for RBI's and hits with 20 RBI's and 52 hits. Will the Tigers Ever make the playoffs again, probably not, but miracles do happen on and off.

8th Grade Sports Survey

This last article I am writing is dedicated to the 8th graders at Larson Middle School. Over the past week a survey was conducted to see if 8th graders play sports outside of school, and also to know their favorite sport. 87% of the 8th graders that responded said they play sports outside of school while the other 13% that responded said they didn't. Of the 42 people that said yes, 25% said they play basketball, and 25% said they play soccer, with the other 50% varying between football, baseball, volleyball, track, ski, tennis, golf, winter guard, and swimming. The favorite sport for all 46 people that responded had many different replies, with 25% saying basketball, 20% saying soccer, 15% saying football, 40% varying between volleyball, softball, track, tennis, ski, gymnastics, cricket, golf, swimming, and even archery. We should definitely continue playing all these different types of sports as they help our brain and health grow.

Local Sports



Team	Detroit Pistons (Basketball)	Detroit Tigers (Baseball)	Detroit Red Wings (Hockey)	Detroit Lions (Football)
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Record	23-59	24-35	32-50	3-13-1
Last Game	Loss at 76ers 118-106	Loss vs Blue Jays 6-0	Win at Devils 5-3	Win vs Packers 37-30
Next Game	No More Games Season Over	Vs White Sox Monday	No More Games Season Over	No More Games Season Over



Stories Written by: Joaquim Fioravanti

POP CULTURE

featuring

Book vs. Movie

For our final issue of the Larson Free Press this school year, Pop Culture and Book vs. Movie are combining into one page! You heard that right. So for our final issue, we'll be talking about everything summer.

Summer Recipes

By: Aishah Zia

Hi! this is the last time that i will be writing for the Larson Free Press after 2 years of being able to be apart of this club. I'm grateful for everyone in this club and Mrs. Ulewicz for always supporting and helping us - I'm especially grateful for my writing partner Merisa I've watched her writing and confidence grow since she was paired to work with me in the beginning of the year and I'm so happy that we've become friends.

On to the recipe! This is a perfect recipe for anyone who doesn't know how to use an oven or doesn't want to burn something. I absolutely love anything flavored lemon - it's so refreshing after a hot summer day, so one of the recipes I've included is a lemon trifle. I've included the link to the lemon custard here, [*https://www.lifewithtuyen.com/post/vanilla-custard-cream-puff-pastries*](https://www.lifewithtuyen.com/post/vanilla-custard-cream-puff-pastries) and to that I add the zest and juice of a whole lemon. After that you want to cut up a bunch of fruit, the more variety the better. Make sure to soak your apple slices in salt water so they don't brown! Now all there's left to do is assembling the trifle. First, layer the mixed fruit and press it evenly, then pour and even out the custard, make sure the custard is cooled completely before you start layering. Lastly, layer some whipped cream on there. I like to mix some of the whipped cream and custard for the very top layer and add some more custard and swirl it with a toothpick so it looks pretty. I like adding crushed coconut cookies and toasted graham crackers on top for a crunch.

Things To Do During Summer

By: Merisa Grebovic

Hi! So before we get into the article today, I just wanted to take some time to acknowledge the eighth graders here on the Free Press. I just wanted to say that it's been amazing getting to work with all of them, and I'm going to miss them. But I'll definitely be missing my amazing co-author Aishah the most. And I just wanted to say that she's been the best partner I could've asked for and the pop culture page will never be the same without her. I'm so glad I got to have the chance to work and learn from her. But overall, I wish all of the eighth graders best of luck in high school!

Now moving on from that heart to heart, let's get into the topic we've all been waiting for: summer. It's the time for fun, school-free, sleep in, sunshiny, days. But what we don't talk about is the boredom that follows. So here is a list of a few things you can do to cure your summer boredom. 1) Have a barbecue and fire pit with friends and family. I love a good summer night, and what better to spend it with some loved ones and marshmallows? 2) Host a watch party for Stranger Things Vol. 2 and Umbrella Academy season 3. I'm super excited for both of these shows to release their new episodes but what would make it even better? Your besties and lots of junk food. 3) Read! I know that I like to spend my summer catching up on lost time of reading. And if you're not a huge bookworm like myself, I suggest that you take time this summer to find the right book for you! 4) Try something new. Summer is a time for trying new things whether it's a new sport, hobbies, recipes, etc. Well, hopefully these gave you some ideas to cure your summer boredom and will come in handy sooner or later. But for now, that's all I have for this school year! Thanks again, and see you in the fall!

Book vs. Movie

We only have a few more wake-up calls before the end of the school year! If you're looking for something to read or watch this summer, I've produced a list of middle schoolers' favorite novels and movies.

movies

Star Wars / The Hunger Games/ Harry Potter (series)	Based on books
Dumb and Dumber / Anchorman / Mrs. Doubtfire	Comedy
James Bond / Marvel + DC Movies / Jurassic Park / Mission Impossible / Top Gun	Action
Crazy , Stupid Love/ The Notebook / Clueless / Titanic / Mean Girls	Romance
Five Feet Apart / The Fault in Our Stars / The Blind Side / The Pursuit of Happiness / The Hate U Give / Dunkirk	Drama
The Texas Chainsaw Massacre/ Scream/ Malignant / The Conjuring / The Nun / A Quiet Place	Horror

books

Shadow and Bone - Leigh Bardugo
The Outsiders - S.E Hinton
Divergent - Veronica Roth
Crossover - Kwame Alexander
Percy Jackson- Rick Riordan
The Land of Stories - Chris Colfer
Out Of My Mind - Sharon M. Draper
The Maze Runner - James Dashner
The War That Saved My Life - Kimberly Brubaker
The Book Thief - Markus Zusak
Ghost - Jason Reynolds
Refugee - Alan Gratz

Rebels Untamed

Welcome back to Rebels Untamed where we share Larson students pets with Larson. Our first pet for our last issue is 8th grader Alivia Burchs hamster Oreo. Oreo is really adventurous and one time, he escaped his cage and Alivia found him on a sack of potatoes. He's really squirmy when you try to hold him at first. Now I'm gonna state the obvious, he was named Oreo because he looks like an Oreo. Thank you so much for sharing your pet

Uncharted Waters



Welcome to Uncharted Waters, a place to learn about all things Shark. People fear sharks, and why wouldn't they? There's the teeth, and the size just makes it all seem so much more fearful, and don't even get me started on the track record of these things, the scars they've left, and the lives they've taken. But they're not actually all that fearful, there are some intriguing details about them. In fact, there are more than 4,000 species of shark. Today, we're discussing a well known species, the great white shark

The Great White Shark is a natural predator. This species starred in the 1975 blockbuster movie "Jaws", which is where some people got their fear of oceans. But a little more about this shark than just its acting career. Great white sharks, or white sharks, are one of the most dangerous and aggressive predators in the water. They can get larger than 15-20 feet in length, and weigh larger than 2.5 tons. These animals are a solid grey, with a white belly, which is where they get their name.

Although these animals are extremely aggressive and some label them as dangerous, it is fair to say that we are just as big a threat to them, if not bigger. Every time there's an attack, the beach goes into a frenzy, killing sharks along the beach. That's not the only instance when sharks end up being the prey. A lot of restaurants hunt sharks to make a dish called "Shark fin soup". This is making sharks a vulnerable species, meaning there is a chance they end up endangered. you might think this is a good thing, but sharks are a part of the ocean food chain. Without sharks, we destroy the oceans' ecosystems. So what can we do? As almost-high-schoolers, you probably don't think we can do anything. But there are a lot of nonprofits trying to save sharks and keep them in the oceanic food chain. One of them is called the Fahlo Wildlife Collections. Fahlo partners with different nonprofits and make bracelets for you to track and they are totally unique to you. you get your own animal and its not just sharks. So, all of us, not just 8th graders, though young, can buy one of these bracelets and save at least one shark.