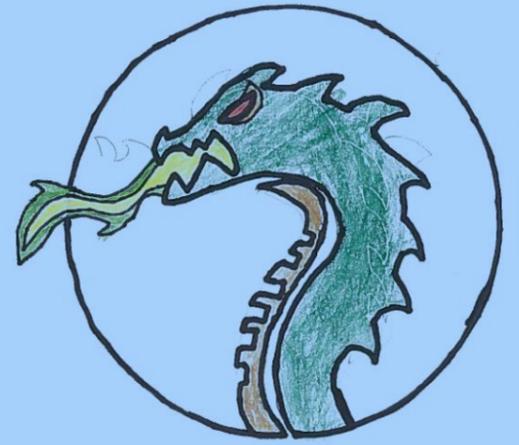


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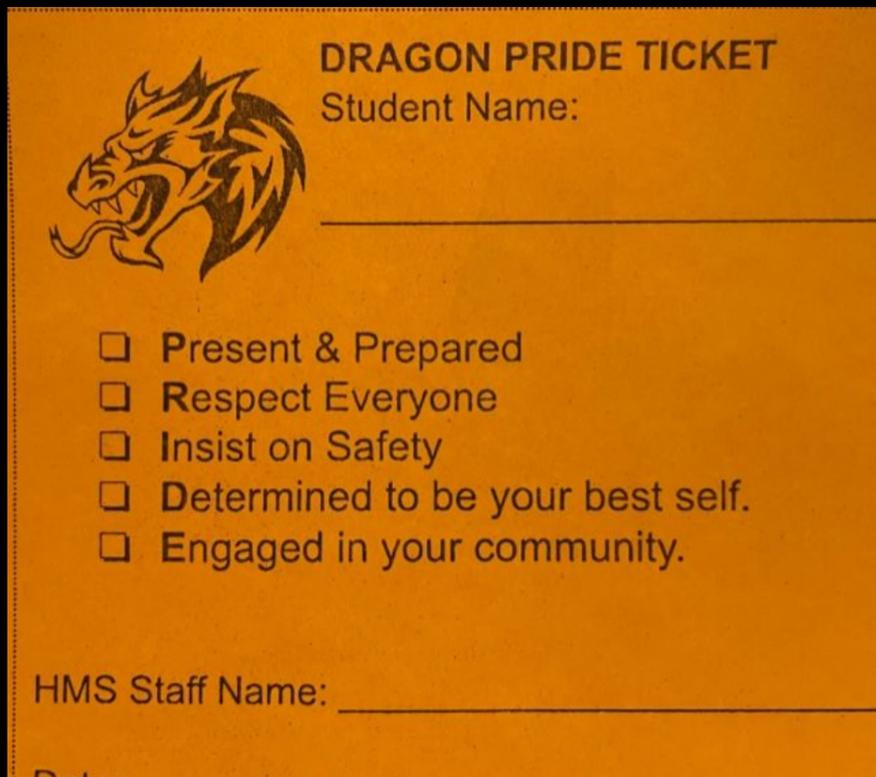
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A HUGE shout out to our web designers: Riona Pais, Evana Pais & Chloe Butts

Team Ugolik: The Golden Pride Ticket



The image shows a 'Dragon Pride Ticket' form. At the top left is a stylized dragon head logo. To its right, the text reads 'DRAGON PRIDE TICKET' and 'Student Name: _____'. Below the logo is a list of five expectations, each with a checkbox: 'Present & Prepared', 'Respect Everyone', 'Insist on Safety', 'Determined to be your best self.', and 'Engaged in your community.'. At the bottom left, it says 'HMS Staff Name: _____'.

Once again, House 2 strikes again with a great idea! Team leader, Mr. Ugolik decided to create a special pride ticket called the “Golden Pride Ticket.” When students earn a specified number of tickets, they win a prize!

Some questions frequently asked about them:

Q: Who gives them out?

A: Team teachers will be giving out Golden Pride Tickets.

Q: What do you have to do to get them?

A: You can get these tickets just like normal pride tickets, by following the “PRIDE” expectations.

Q: How many do you need to get a prize?

A: You need exactly 10 Golden Pride tickets to earn a prize.

Q: What are the prizes?

A: There are 4 prizes (prizes as in activities). There is baking, basketball, bracelet making, and going on a walk outside. There are a number of slots for each activity.

NJHS:

Valentine's Day Grams

Staff Writer Chloe Butts reports about

this hugely successful fundraiser

Hello readers, lovebirds, and everything alike. As we all know, this month hosted quite a well known holiday... Valentine's Day!

Well, isn't that great? The month of love, the N.J.H.S certainly seemed to agree. This month— from February 6th to 13th— the NJHS hosted a fundraiser selling Valentine's Day Grams. They had a selection of them too.

For \$3, students could buy a teddy bear and have it delivered to anybody in the school, and for \$1, students could buy a pencil and again have it delivered to anybody in the school. All bears and pencils bought were delivered to the recipient on Valentine's Day.



As someone who received a bear from a friend, I can tell you that this fundraiser was an amazing idea! Everyone I know who received one was quite happy about it and felt appreciated. This idea, while simple, was truly amazing and quite a morale booster in the long months of winter.

So from the bottom of our hearts, great job and thank you N.J.H.S!



A Few Valentine's Day JOKES. . . .

When you buy me,
I'm expensive, but
the only use I have is
just hanging.

What Valentine's Day
gift am I??

Earrings

What type
of flower is
kissable?

Answer: Tulips

I can be round, square, or
heart-shaped, white or dark,
big or small, and on Valentine's

Day,

I am loved by all.

WHAT AM I??

Chocolate



Review Crew:

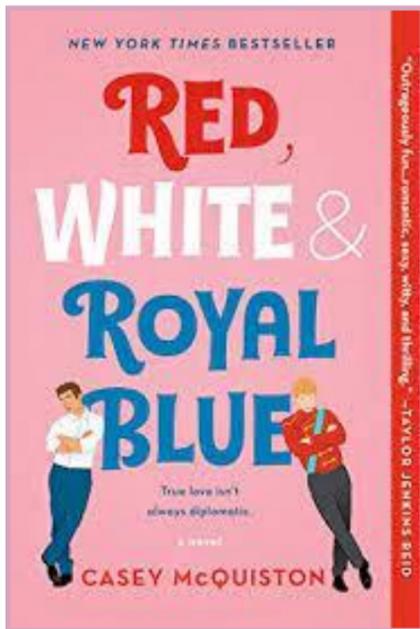
The Review Crew: Chloe Butts,

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Some LOVE-ly Picks for February

What to Read...

By: Chloe Butts



February is the month of love, and what's better than curling up with a good book? So, this month's book recommendation is a fantastic romance novel.

Song Title: Red, White & Royal Blue

Author: Casey McQuiston

When the FSOTUS and the Prince of Wales cause an international incident, sworn enemies are now forced to convince the world that the two of them were best friends. How will they react when for years they could barely stand in the same room as each other? But what will they do when they fall in love? This epic love story can be found in the library.

Song Title: "Lover"

Artist: Taylor Swift

This song is about Taylor's boyfriend Joe Alwyn as she describes the "magnetic force of a man". While most of Taylor's songs back in the day are tinged with fantasy and longing, "Lover" is from the perspective of a woman in love. This song is part of an album called "Lover" so if you're interested in this song, go check out more of her songs from this album!

What to Listen To...

By: Riona Pais



What to Watch...

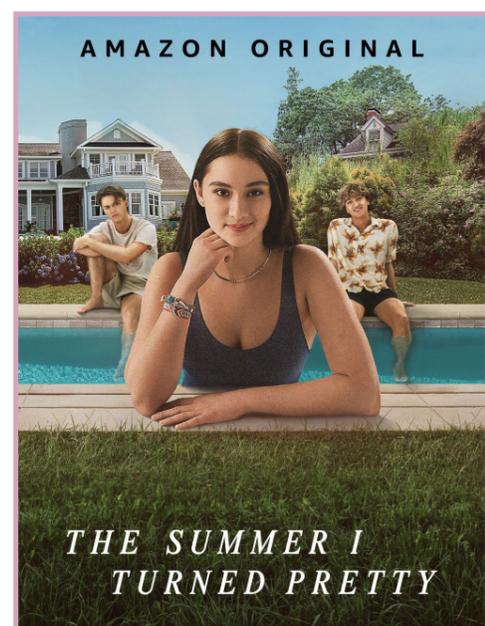
By: Evana Pais

Movie Title: The Summer I Turned Pretty

Director: Hope Hartman

February is the month for love, but what if you don't have a valentine? Well, self-love is just as important, so enjoy yourself, take time for yourself, and watch a romantic movie!

According to [Rotten Tomatoes](#), "The Summer I Turned Pretty" is about, "A girl is caught in a love triangle between two brothers as she deals with her first love and first heartbreak during the perfect summer." **This movie is also a book, so if you'd rather read this story the book is called, "The Summer I Turned Pretty" By Jenny Han.**



Have You Seen These Signs???

Does this look familiar to you?



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Question Of The Month

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You probably have seen a couple of these around the school and most likely on-team.

Well, we've hung up a bunch of these posters upstairs and downstairs in spots that we think would catch your eyes. These posters help promote our website (*The Dragon's Post*). Just scan the QR code with our logo that says "The Dragon's Post Website" to access our website. Scan the QR code with two people talking on it that says "Question Of The Month" to participate in our monthly questions.

Next time you see one, go ahead and try it out!