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



Meet Mrs. Coggins!

Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Coggins

*Meet our HMS TEACHER OF
THE YEAR.*

*Staff Writers Ariel Mazurek & Evana Pais
interview this inspiring grade 7 English
teacher and Team Leader*

The Interview

Q: Why did you want to be a math teacher?

A: “I wanted to be a teacher because when I first graduated from college, I was working in an office. After a few months, I knew it wasn’t for me. The morning of Halloween in 1995, I was walking down the street in Boston where I was living and I saw a bunch of kids on their way to school. I knew right then and there that’s what I wanted to do.”

Q: How did you feel when you found out about the party that your students threw you [to celebrate you being named Teacher of the Year]?

A: “I was incredibly surprised and felt honored.”

Q: What’s your favorite part about teaching?

A: “Middle schoolers. I feel like it is the perfect age because they are young enough to be silly and have some fun, but are also at a super important part of their development. It’s fulfilling to watch them grow and change.”

Q: What’s one piece of advice you would give to students that want to be a teacher?

A: “Relationships should always come before content.”

Team Events!

Team Stanton visits the Connecticut Science Center & Team Walton goes Bowling!

Riona Pais & Evana Pais
report on these awesome
field trips...



Team Stanton Goes to the Connecticut Science Center!

Last month, Team Stanton (Gr. 7, House 4) went on a field trip to the Connecticut Science Center. The museum consisted of exhibits from sports to dinosaurs to even an outdoor balcony with a wonderful flower garden.

After viewing the many wonderful exhibits, House 4 ended the field trip off with lunch on the rooftop of the museum (which had a stunning view).

Sure looks like House 4 had fun!

Team Walton Goes Bowling at Bowlero!!

House 5 went bowling at Bowlero, in Wallingford CT. Bowlero is a bowling alley, not duck pin (all the houses who went bowling did duck pin). Bowlero offers food, arcade games, and of course, there's bowling!

Parents were allowed to come and participate.

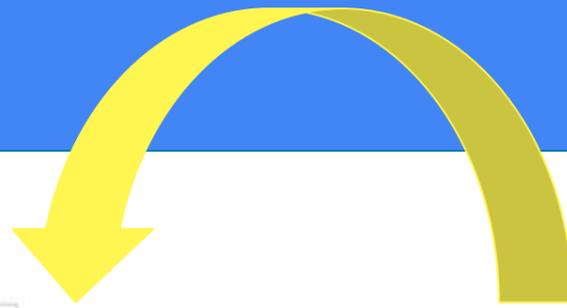
Students were able to make their own teams and bowl against each other.



Fun Stuff & More...

Compiled by Staff Writer

Desmond Bohan



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FUN
CINCODEMAYO
SHORTS
WARM
ICEPOPS
SNACKS
MOMS
POOL
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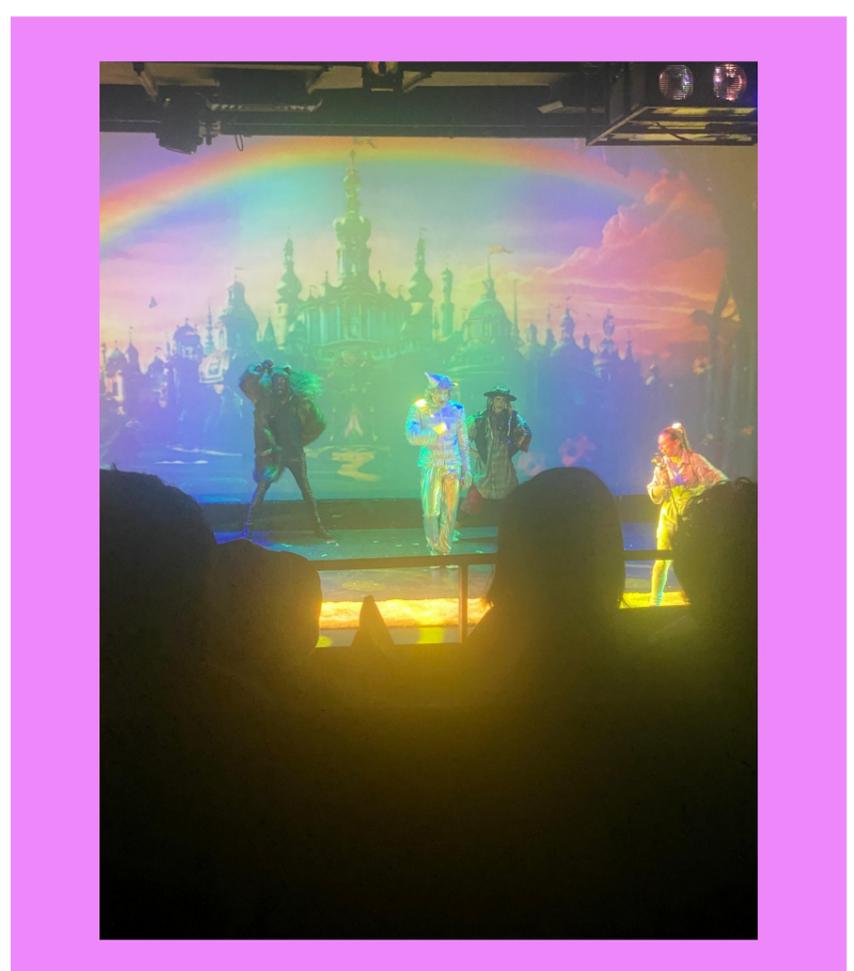
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NJHS: Goes to Downtown Cabaret

Staff Writer Evana Pais

reports on this event

In the month of May, the National Junior Honor Society went on a field trip to the Downtown Cabaret in Bridgeport, CT. Students were treated to a musical called, "The Wizard of Oz", and the play definitely did not disappoint! The Cabaret put a twist on the original musical by adding parodies and songs such as, "Eye of the Lion" or, "Livin' on a Prayer."



Review Crew:

Summertime Sensations...

The Review Crew: Chloe Butts,

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What to Read...

By: Chloe Butts

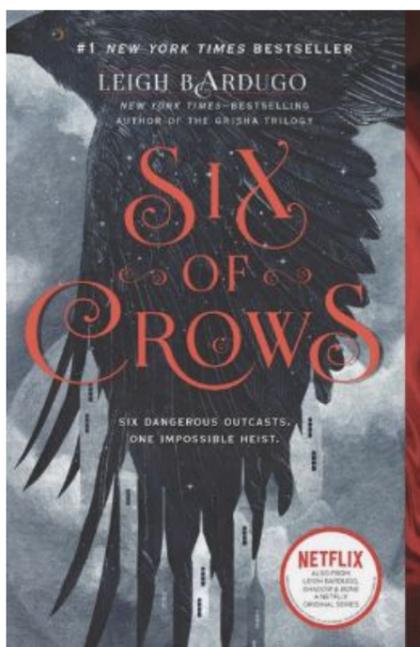
Summertime is filled with downtime. Need to fill up your days? Checkout these hot picks from our Review Crew.

Book Title: *Six of Crows*

Author: Leigh Bardugo

Kas Brekker is the conman of the barrel. No one and nothing can stop him and his crew of 6 outcasts. When an impossible heist becomes an option for these thieves, will they be able to steal the prize worth \$30 million?

(While this book is part of a duology that is separate from other books written by Leigh Bardugo. I would recommend reading the Shadow and Bone trilogy first)



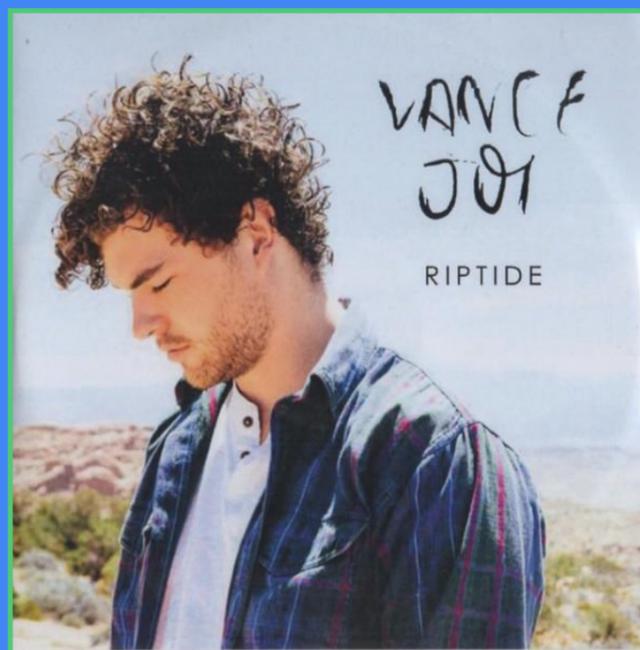
Song Title: "Riptide"

Artist: Vance Joy

Riptide is an Indie folk tune, and a global hit performed by Australian singer-songwriter James Keogh, who is better known by his alias, Vance Joy. Riptide has slowly, but surely, racked up fame having famous artists, including Taylor Swift cover the song.

What to Listen To...

By: Riona Pais



What to Watch...

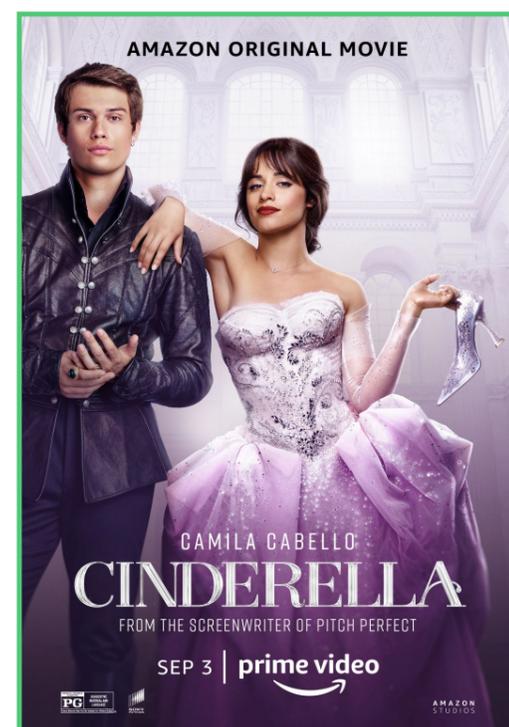
By: Evana Pais

Movie Title: *Cinderella*

Producers: James Cordon, Leo Pearlman, Jonathan Kadin, Shannon McIntosh

In this movie, Cinderella has a passion for selling/designing dresses. When she hears about the upcoming ball, she sees this as a opportunity to sell the dresses she makes. Cinderella is an independent woman who wants to follow her dreams, not marry a prince.

(This movie has a modern twist on Disney's iconic movie *Cinderella*, so if you like a strong/independent protagonist, this movie is for you!)



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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!