Lanson Free Press

FINAL ISSUE OF 2022 - 2023 SCHOOL YEAR!

Editors Note:

By: Merisa Grebovic

The Larson Free Press has played an important role in my middle school experience. I started the club in 7th grade as a writer, and this year I've not only gotten to continue that role (and grow upon it), but I've also gotten the chance to become editor. Being the editor of the LFP this year has been a one-of-a-kind experience. It's been my honor getting to guide all our wonderful members, and get to watch them grow, whether that be as a writer or a designer. Not only that, but I've truly enjoyed creating many new relationships/friendships with students from all grade levels, and teachers (especially Mrs. Ulewicz). And although I'll miss it, I know that this club will only grow from here! So, without further ado, please enjoy our last issue of this school year! Have a great summer rebels!

Editors Note:

By: Haasini Venisetty

I've been a part of Larson Free Press since 6th grade and it's been a great experience! I have been a part of the Larson Lights page since 6th grade and in 8th grade I am now an editor. I've learned so many skills and made many unforgettable relationships. There are so many incredible members that I got to work with and help them make a great issue. I can't wait for everyone to have a great next year and keep growing the club to be bigger and better!



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Community News

Celebration of Learning 2023

By: Nikhil Rao

Larson's Celebration of Learning (COL) is an annual event where students at Larson get to share their experiences and learning opportunities. The first COL was in 2019. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, COL 2020, 2021, and 2022 were unable to happen, but it made a comeback here in 2023. At COL, students can choose between two different styles of presentation, either a big open house hosted in the gym, or a group keynote presented to 10-20 people. The audience for these presentations are incoming 6th graders (current 5th graders), their parents, and their teachers. This allows them to get a better understanding of what to expect from Larson. All in all, the COL is a great opportunity to share and connect with future Larson students and I highly recommend it.

Canada Wildfires: How Are They Affecting The US? By: Janvi Agarwal

Smoke from the rapid Canada wildfires have spreader to the US. Cities in the Northeast and East areas such as New York, Philadelphia, and Toronto, shocked several Westerners. It broke air quality records and obviously threatened people'e health. Until you loose something, you don't realize how important that is. This goes to our own planet. Each day our environment is deteriorating and maybe something like this, will finally get people to realize just how much climate change can affect us. As of Saturday there was about 420 active fires burning across Canada. The cause was lightning that struck forest trees.





8th Grade Graduation Bv: Sadhana Chandra

The class of 2027 is finally graduating from Larson Middle School on Thursday, June 15th! This is a very exciting event for the 8th graders and they are very excited to start high school in the fall.

This year for the 8th graders was a very memorable one. They had so many fun field trips such as: Washington DC, Cedar Point, Green Field Village, Troy Historic Village, and the Leaf Raking field trip. They also worked very hard this year especially since they had the PSAT and the M-Steps.

The 8th grade graduation ceremony will be taking place in the gym and during the ceremony, the band and orchestra will be playing a few reflective pieces of music on their instruments. The orchestra will be playing "Ashokan Farewell" and the band will be playing the national anthem. Good luck and congratulations to all the 8th graders!

Relay For Life 2023!













Designed By: Lydia Orlik ;) + Written By: Maruska Kadous

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Ms. Parker Leaving :(

"I'm going to miss the people the most. The students, the teachers, are simply the best."

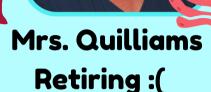


Mrs. Parks Leaving :(

"Students. Larson students are awesome, and they're welcoming, and I'll miss them most of all."

Mr. Crecelius Retiring :(

"Working with the great students who work hard at improving. I'm also going to miss directing them at concerts."



"Definitely the people - staff and students."

Mrs. Kelly Retiring :(

"I will miss seeing my friends everyday, I'll also miss seeing the students here everyday because I love them all so much! Also I'll miss having fun and laughing with everybody!"



Mr. Duda Leaving :(

"The people. All the teachers, the secretary, the support staff, and of course the students. All of us work in a school because we like to be around kids."



Mrs. Pecis, our lovable building substitute, unfortunately passed away this year after losing her battle with pancreatic cancer. Many students would say that she was one sweetest and caring substitutes, and will be greatly missed at Larson.



2023 IM Track Meet By: Sonali Rana and Ava Kulkarni

On Tuesday June 6th 2023, there was a IM Track meet at Athens High School and it was this years IM Track team's very first meet! Four middle schools competed, Larson, Baker, Smith, and Boulan, I promise you this, it was a very exciting meet. There were so many track and field events, for field there was high jump, shot put, and long jump and for track some were 70 meter dash, 100 meter dash, 1600 race, 4 by 100 relay, and much more! While at times Larson didn't do well or didn't finish first, they preserved and did their absolute best, resulting in many events won first through third by Larson team but even though some events weren't won or even Larson came dead last, everyone still really good and had an amazing time. Congratulations to this astonishing IM Track team, you all did so good representing Larson and the whole school is very proud of how well you've done! Also a very special shout out and thanks, to Mr.Maxson and Mrs.Ulewicz, the truly incredibly IM Track coaches, you have helped, improved, and done so much for the team, so thank you. And once again congratulations on everything accomplished at this years IM Track meet!









Written By: Jasmine Thomas

Pride month according to loc.gov states "LGBTQ+ Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan." On June 28, 1969, the gay community sparked a chain of events such as riots, rebellions, and protests that stretched over 6 days. What happened was police arresting LGBTs at Stonewall Inn. And what came from it was a LOT of awareness. One year after the event at Stonewall, pride parades spread across the U.S. in honor of the event. For example, President Biden recently had a celebration at the White House to commemorating pride month. And if you google 'pride month' you'll get a fun animation with confetti and LGBTQ+ flags showing! Have a great Pride Month!



Father's Day

Written By: Sonali Rana

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Father's Day is a well known holiday celebrated 111 countries all over the world but they are all on different days, for example Thailand's Father's Day is celebrated on December 5th. Father's Day is when we celebrate the Dad(s) in our lives and to thank them for everything that they have done. On this day the child or children of the father give gifts to him and have a fun day. Father's Day wasn't recognized till 1972 and the state of Washington was the first to celebrate it. An estimated 20 billion dollars are spent on celebrating Father's Day in America, which make sense because Father's Day is fourth largest holiday for card and gift sale, following only Christmas, Mother's Day, and Valentine's Day. Dads are very special to us and do so much, so make sure that Father's Day is a special and unforgettable day for your dad because, "A father is the one friend upon whom we can always rely." (Emile Gaboriau).



Mammoth Meatballs!

By Nikhil Rao

Unless you skipped your 1st grade social studies, you probably know that Wooly Mammoths have been extinct for a long time. Even though they have been extinct, scientists have managed to create a meatball made of wooly mammoth. How is this possible? Well it's a lot of science and biology, but to simplify it, scientists took DNA from whole frozen mammoths found stuck in huge chunks of ice. This DNA was sequenced and mixed with African Elephants, who is alive today. The resulting substance is very similar to actual meatballs, and is actually 95% fully mammoth. Unfortunately, nobody is allowed to eat the meatball, as it could contain viruses and bacteria from the wooly mammoth. Because the mammoth is so old, we may not know how to treat or cure these viruses and diseases. Even though we can't eat the meatball, this experiment is extremely important, as it proves we can bring back extinct meat, which could lead to bringing back whole extinct species.



Welcome to the Era's Tour!" The sixth and current headlining tour of American singer-songwriter Taylor Swift is called The Eras Tour. The Eras Tour, which Swift refers to as a journey through all of her "musical eras" is a celebration of all of her studio albums to date, except for her debut album unfortunately: (, including her most recent, Midnights (2022), as well as those that did not have a tour in support of them due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Lover (2019), Folklore (2020), and Evermore (2020). After the 2018 Reputation Stadium Tour, this is Swift's second all-stadium tour. Once the show was announced, presale on Ticketmaster had begun. So many people were online waiting to get tickets, and it was an extremely stressful day for all of the Swifties on their devices. Once the tickets were secured, it was time to shop for an outfit that represented the Era's. Many people went all out with their fits, finding dupes for Taylor's original outfits. This led to the stadium being filled with very vibrant, sparkly, and colorful outfits. Swift even acknowledged some of them herself.

The Eras Tour is definitely one for the record books. Not only has Swift broken multiple world records, but she had broken some of her own personal ones. Her sixth tour, and second stadium tour, has Swift performing for 3 hours and about 20 minutes (from 8 to 11) with no breaks. Even those who don't consider themselves to be "swifties" are in absolute awe of the skill and talent of the Lavender Haze signer, as it appears she's barely even broken a sweat from all the singing and dancing throughout the night. Speaking of which, the whole purpose of The Eras Tour is it acts as a "journey" to guide fans through each and every "era" (or album) within her 17-year long music career (as noted by Swift at the beginning of her show). It's also a way to ensure that each and every of the 4 new albums she's released since her last tour get equal amounts of time to be showcased. Throughout the show as she flawlessly transitions from era to era, each phase in her musical career comes with gorgeous outfits. She perfectly captures the color and signature customs of that particular era within sparkling ball gowns, dresses, bodysuits, cloaks, boots, hats, and even basic t-shirts. On top of that, the show includes various special effects to enhance the experience which includes each fan getting a light up bracelet, huge flames erupting from the stage, light beams surrounding the stage, and even Swift gifting her hat to a young swiftie in the audience. This and Swifts unbelievable talent for performing makes The Eras Tour an unforgettable experience.

The first night of the Era's tour in Detroit was on Friday, June 9th. The set list had 42 songs and 2 surprise songs as mentioned previously. The set list was the same for all of her shows, but it was her little remarks, compliments, gestures, and surprise songs that made it through the roof. After singing Lover, the audience broke into a 5 minute applause. Swift said, "Detroit you are making me feel phenomenal right now." The audience once again started cheering for Taylor and then she said, "What if it all gets to my head?" Then she flexes her muscles and breaks out into singing The Man. Another very memorable moment was when Swift was about to sing champagne problems, she asks, "T m battling a cold right now. Does anyone have a tissue?" One of her crew members then brought her a tissue and the audience broke out into laughter and cheering. As someone who was there to witness the show, it was very thrilling to see Taylor speak to us as if we are her friends. Her tiny remarks in between some songs and eras were incredible. Then the best part of the night was when Taylor Swift switched to her surprise song section. On night 1 the second song was I Almost Do, but the first song had the audience screaming and jumping out of their seats (not that they weren't already standing). She introduced this song after mentioning the release of Speak Now (Taylor's Version), and said, "Yeah it just feels haunted!" Then she phenomenally started singing the song and playing it on her guitar. Within the first chord the field was a nut house with screaming, cheering, and Swifties jumping all over the place. After this she went on to perform her other Era's and at the end she gave all of her dancers and staff recognition which was wonderful.

On Saturday, June 10th, or more commonly known as night 2 of the Detroit shows, Swift continued to wow us. Although the same general set list was the same, it was the little moments that made the performance all the while. Although most nights feature a massive round of applause for the one and only, on this night directly after her wonderful performance of "champagne problems" on the piano, the stadium erupted in a solid 5 minutes of applause, screams, and compliments for the 33 year old signer. Looking out at the crowd with a big smile and tears filling her eyes, she thanked the enthusiastic crowd. "You guys are nice people, thank you so much!" As mentioned previously, each stop on the Era Tour includes 2 surprise songs played acoustically. "So um, this is the acoustic section of the night," stated the signer walking onto stage wearing a beautiful yellow dress, and carrying one of her many guitars brought along on the tour. From there, Swift quickly turned ford field into a mad house with these words: "So this is a song, that I think I've never played acoustic before, but I love this song so much. It's interesting because it has this like really loud, really high sound in it, um it's like 'Stay!" It was then that everyone in the stadium knew that Swift was about to play (one of my personal favorites) "All You Had To Do Was Stay," from her 2014 hit pop album "1989." After the phenomenal performance that included every single person singing along, Swift jumped right into her song on the piano. On this particular night, the song was "Breathe" from her 2008 hit country album "Fearless," or (for the swifties out there) the 2021 recording "Fearless (Taylor's Version)."

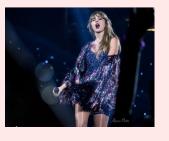
As stated previously, Taylor Swift put on an unforgettable show for all those in Ford Field. And to commemorate the night, swifties have gotten more than enough souvenirs. As mentioned previously, everyone got a light bracelet that corresponded to her show, but that was just the beginning. Many fans stood in the enormous merch lines, purchasing t-shirts, hoodies, and the coveted blue crew. On top of that, most fans spent lots of time making friendship bracelets (that represent albums, songs, lyrics, or inside jokes) to trade with other swifites, to pay homage to the lyric from "You're On Your Own Kid," featured on Midnights (2022): "Make the friendship bracelets/take the moment and taste it." As someone who participated in the trend, it was a great way to interact with others from different ages and backgrounds that are connected by music. As a swiftie who has never been to one of her concerts before, this show has forever become a key memory in my youth. Swift is an icon for many, and getting to see her live is another experience entirely. She is truly the greatest performer of this day and age, maybe even the best in the world. And she's not just a great performer, but also an amazing human. The same day as her first night performing in Detroit, it was announced that she donated a "generous" amount to the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, something she's been doing on multiple stops throughout the Eras Tour. So although Swifts time in Detroit is sadly over, the U.S. portion of her tour lasts until mid-August, and then she's off to start her international tour dates beginning in Latin America.



















Books + Movies!

Designed By: Lydia Orlik;)

The Pants Project By: Cat Clarke Book review written by: Jasmine Thomas

Liv knows that when people look at her, they see a girl. But Liv also knows that he's a boy. She hates it when people call her Olivia, hates when her grandmother gifts her gifts that were meant for girls, and hates it when people refer to her as a sister or daughter. But what she hates the most about her new school is the dress code. She has to wear a skirt. With help from her moms and her new friends, Liv protests the school dress code and deals with her bullies. But will it be enough to change the rules? This book is absolutely phenomenal with Liv learning to come out of her shell and show the world who she is. Definitely a must read over the summer!

Forget Me Not By: Ellie Terry Book Review By: Lydia Orlik

Forget me not is an inspiring story showing the importance of disorders that are commonly misunderstood. Calliope wears "strange" clothes every day to school because her mom thinks it will hide what makes her "different" from everyone else. Calliope has Tourette's where she experiences tics-like hiccups-where she can't control her body, she may make clicking sounds or make a weird face but people don't understand she can't control these. She gets bullied constantly and has to deal with her mom's several "boyfriends", after moving to a new town (and she moves a LOT) she finally finds someone who understands her for her. Read on to find who that friend is!

Wings of Fire-The Dragonet Prophecy By: Tui T. Sutherland Book Review By: Lakshya Matele

This amazing series is centered around a group of dragons that are 5 Dragons of Destiny that will end the wars between the dragon tribes. The main character of this book is Clay which is a mudwing dragon and is very protective and cares a lot about his other 4 dragon friends. The other 4 Dragons of Destiny and Clay's friends are Sunny - the Sandwing and also the cute and kind one, Starflight - the Nightwing and also the scared and brainy one, Tsunami - the Seawing and also the bossy one and Glory - the Rainwing and the pretty and aggressive one. They live in a mountain cave with the Talons of Peace - a secret society that wants to end the war - as they are safe, but the cave seems more like a prison to them then a safe house, so they choose freedom over destiny and they escape. This exiting book is pretty engaging and adventurous. I would give this book a 4 out of 5 and I would recommend this book to people who enjoy fantasy and are older then 10 because it is a little violent, but still a pretty good book. If you don't like to read long books then there is a graphic novel version of it too. Hope you enjoy this book as much as I did!

The Summer I Turned Pretty By: Jenny Han Book Review By: Avnet Cheema

Belly counts the summers throughout her life. Between June and August, everything wonderful and amazing takes place. Winters serve as nothing more than a season for counting down the days until the upcoming summer. They are a period spent away from Susannah, the beach house, and, most significantly, Jeremiah and Conrad. They are the same boys Belly has known since the summers she's been born; they have been her crushes, her brother figures, and everything in between. But after one particularly awful and amazing summer, everything eventually turns out just as it should have all along. This book was a very good read and I would give it 4/5 stars. This is because sometimes the protagonist can be frustrating and some dialogues are cringey, but if you can get past that and see the character development and plot, this book is amazing. On top of that, TSITP is a series on Amazon Prime Video, and in July, season 2 of the series (based off the second book) will be coming out. Before you watch the show please read the 2 books! As many wise people have said, the books are always better than show.



Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse Movie Review By: Nikhil Rao

The much anticipated sequel to Spider-Man: Into the Spider-verse released on June 2nd. These two movies from the renounced film studio Marvel are a sort of 'spin-off' series based on multiple comic books, also by Marvel, and the current quantum multiverse plot Marvel is following. This new installment focuses on villains and heros from other spider-verses. I personally loved the art style of this movie (and its predecessor), especially when different art styles crossed in the other universes. I really recommend this movie to Marvelgoers, comic book lovers, superhero fans.



ENTERTAINMENT



FAST FACTS

DID YOUR KNOW.

BY: LAKSHYA MATELE

1.THE HOTTEST PART OF THE DAY IN SUMMER IS BETWEEN 11:00 AM. AND 3:00 PM.

- 2.JULY HAS THE MOST LIGHTNING STORMS.
- 3. PLANTS CAN ANGLE THEIR LEAVES AWAY FROM THE SUN TO STAY COOL.
- 4. PEOPLE LOVE TO DRINK LEMONADE AND CITRUS-FLAVORED DRINKS IN SUMMER. THESE ACIDIC DRINKS MAKE YOUR MOUTH CREATE MORE SALIVA AND HELP YOU FEEL HYDRATED.
- 5. WATERMELON IS A FAVORITE SUMMER FRUIT. AROUND THE WORLD, THERE ARE AS MANY AS 300 KINDS OF WATERMELON!
- 6.STRAWBERRIES ARE NOT A TRUE BERRY!
- 7. SUMMER IS THE ONLY TIME YOU CAN SEE LIGHTNING BUGS GLOWING! THE REST OF THE YEAR, THEY HIDE UNDERGROUND.
- 8.ONE TYPE OF LIGHTNING BUG GLOWS BLUE-GREEN! IT'S CALLED A GHOST FIREFLY.
- 9. CRICKETS MAKE DIFFERENT CHIRPING NOISES DEPENDING ON THE TEMPERATURE. THEY CHIRP FASTER WHEN ITS HOTTER.
- 10. DRAGONFLY DO HEADSTANDS TO TURN THEIR BODY AWAY FROM THE SUN TO STAY COOL.
- 11. SOME ANIMALS, LIKE ELEPHANTS, HIPPOS, AND PIGS, USE MUD TO STAY COOL. THEY DIG INTO MUD AND COVER THEIR BODIES. THIS IS CALLED WALLOWING.
- 12. BEES BRING WATER DROPLETS INTO THEIR HIVE TO KEEP IT COOL. THE BEES FAN THE WATER WITH THEIR WINGS AND COOL THE HIVE WITH THE EVAPORATING WATER.

Summer Word Search

Find and circle the words.

BALL CLAM FUN PLAY SEA SUN BEACH CRAB HOT SAND SHELL SWIM





