

TIGER PRINTS

Studying 101: Study Smarter, Not Harder

By: Samantha and Ali

Hello readers! We have come to realize that many students in this school don't know many great methods for studying effectively. While there is no set or correct way to study, some methods are more efficient than others, and we thought that it would be helpful to share some methods that we find the most useful.

The Blurt Method

The Blurt method is a study method where you write down everything you can remember about a certain subject. This will give you a guideline of how much and what you know about that subject. If you come to realize you are weaker in a certain topic, then you can try the review and revise method. Using the Blurt method for only 10 minutes will allow your brain to remember the topic better and focus on what you can work on.

Spa Day

For some people, the more relaxed they are, the more they can focus. Relaxing can mean many different things. It can mean listening to music, changing the lighting, getting into some comfortable clothes, or even putting on a face mask and getting into pj's! Once you're relaxed, you can get to work, or simply work while you're relaxing!



Review & Revise!

For most tests, teachers will give you a study guide to help you understand what you will see on the test. If you want some extra practice to feel more prepared for the test, you can ask your teacher for an extra study guide so you can practice at home. If you are struggling on a certain question on the study guide that you don't feel confident about, then maybe study that topic a little more, since you are most likely to see a similar question on the test.

Flash, Flash, Flash!

This method is great for reviewing facts, and it's also great because you can practice alone or study with a buddy! To use it, you can ask your teacher for some flashcards, print some off the internet, or just make your own! To practice, put the question on one side of the card, and flip it over and put the answer on the other side. Make lots of questions, put the flashcards in a stack, and start quizzing yourself!

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Sweeten the Deal

While everyone tells themselves “I’ll actually study today, I won’t just stare off into space,” we know what happens next; you find yourself doing exactly what you said you wouldn't do. Some of us just need a bit more motivation. This study method involves setting small goals for yourself, and rewarding yourself when you reach them. You can “bribe” yourself with a sweet treat, a break, a fun activity, or anything else that would motivate you! This can include setting an amount of time you want to study for, and when you reach that goal you can reward yourself with anything from some free time, getting candy, or something else that would motivates you!



Lebron James: The New Scoring King

By: Leo

On February 7th, 2023 Lebron James, the king of basketball, became the all time leading scorer in the NBA, breaking the Hall of Famer, Kareem Abdul Jabbar’s record. Kareem Abdul Jabbar was an all-star 19 times, a 6 time championship winner, a 6 time MVP and was featured in the Hall of Fame. He ended his career with 38,387 points being the all time top scorer for almost 39 years. While Kareem was retired and relaxing, Lebron was climbing up the leaderboard. Then on February 7th, Lakers vs Oklahoma, near the end of the 3rd quarter, Lebron hit the shot.

He was double teamed at the right of the foul line, with 9 seconds left in the 3rd quarter. He dribbled quickly to the left and put up the shot. This would be the shot that would make him the scoring king.

The ball flew through the air and then...swish! The crowd went wild! As the head coach of Oklahoma called a timeout, Lebron raised his hands in the air. He was the king. Even Kareem Abdul Jabar was there clapping and smiling.

Even though the Lakers lost, all the fans stayed after the game to watch Lebron take pictures with Kareem. Now everyone knew, with no doubt, that Lebron James was the king of basketball.

Club Spotlights: Featuring PACT (PVC Academic Challenge Team

By: Avery and Morgan

P.A.C.T is a fun club run by our 8th grade social studies teacher, Mr. Bowden. It focuses on learning a variety of topics in a fun environment. With plenty of topics sprinkled in, PACT is a great chance to meet new people and learn new things, without a set requirement or theme. The group of students enrolled in PACT meet every Thursday, forming a fun team that enjoys challenging themselves and using a range of skills to answer difficult questions. The current PACT team is always looking for more people to join in on a game with them, to share the excitement, and experience the opportunities to grow throughout PACT. Would you want to join, too?

P.A.C.T is action packed with questions left and right! Who will be the winning team? The pursuit of the game is to be the most knowledgeable in a variety of fields from animals to algebra. Although you need to have the smarts, you also need to be fast! PACT is a great way to practice trivia skills over many topics. The game will start by giving one question to the first team. That team will have a certain amount of time to quickly discuss, and the captain will then share the answer for their team. If it's correct, that team will receive a point and the question will go to the next team in the same way. If it's incorrect, then the other team gets a chance to answer the question and get the points if answered correctly. If no one gets the answer in time, then no one receives the points. There are around 30-40 questions in a round. All of the questions are randomized from any categories. If you make it far enough into the round you'll get to a bonus category about a specific topic! Bonus rounds focus around only one concept, and if you answer correctly you



move on to the next bonus question for more points. The questions point value and difficulty increase as you move on through the category. PACT is the modified version of CACTI, the high school trivia team, and everything you learn during PACT meetings will help you when you move onto CACTI!

P.A.C.T is based off of and built onto a club called CACTI, which was founded by Mr. Bowden as well. CACTI, which is an extracurricular club in High School, allows High School students to compete in jeopardy, with a variety of topics, against other schools. While PACT does not compete against other schools, PACT is a great opportunity to prepare for CACTI, using the same setup and range of questions. CACTI does not have any try out, but having a good academic standing and past experience in PACT will help you and your team get off to a great start in the CACTI season! CACTI meets on Tuesday after school at CHHS, and will have a competition against other schools once a month at Horace Greeley High School.

Club Spotlights: Featuring Pact Continued

PACT is always looking for more people to join their fun, friendly team. The rounds' randomness and variety of topics allow for anyone to join at any time, and have just as much fun! Joining PACT will have you coming back for more and more, and expand your knowledge in a variety of ways. If you want to get involved, you can email Mr. Bowden for more information. Otherwise, feel free to just show up in room 301 with Mr. Bowden at 3:00 right after school- the PACT environment is happy to have anyone join and work with all of them. So whether you love history, or are an art lover, there's always a question for you to shine, and a chance to work with other students to combine your skills in this fun game! You can join any meeting at any time to enjoy yourself!

PACT is a great way to challenge your brain in a fun, competitive game. Do you have what it takes to join PACT? The sky's the limit once you're involved, and each meeting is a great chance to interact with other competitive and talented students. Be sure to contact Mr. Bowden or hop into his classroom in room 301 after school on Thursday to try it out. We hope to see you there soon!

Upcoming Events during March

By: Bee

March 13th - Beginning of the Third Trimester

March 17th - Superintendent's Conference Day (No School!)

March 22nd - The start of Ramadan

PVC Spring Musical! The musical this year is Seussical Jr. Get tickets on the PVC homepage. The show is on March 24 and 25 at the Croton-Harmon High School

March 27th - Spring Modified Sports starts



Tiger Prints Crossword

By: Bee

Enjoy this fun crossword! Click on the link below to access the puzzle. The clues will help guide you, but be sure to know that all the answers can be found in this newspaper. To access the link, double click on the line below, and at the top of your menu, choose to open link in new tab. In addition, throughout the crossword make sure to use all lowercase and no spaces. Good luck!

Click here for the link to the crossword

March Madness

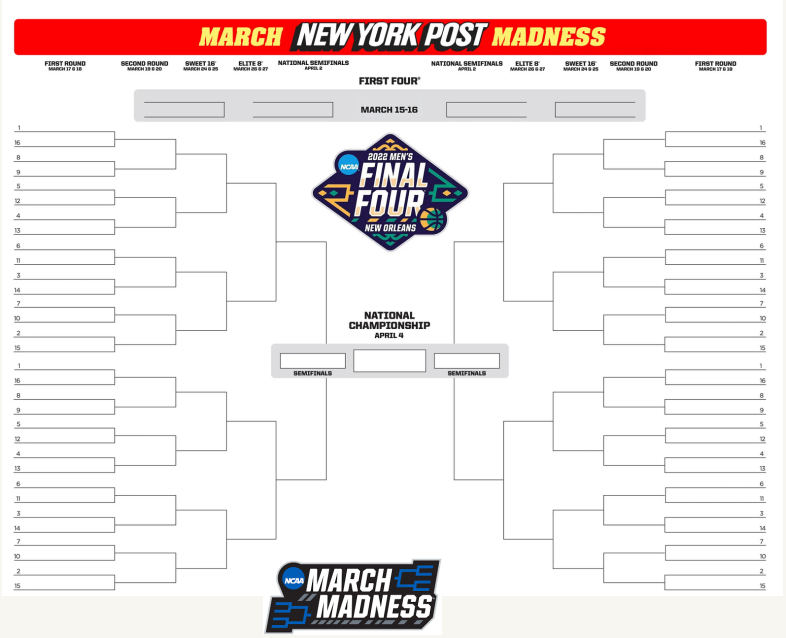
By: Sammy

March Madness is one of the biggest sporting events of the year. Each March the top 68 teams in the USA compete for the national championship. Thousands of people fill out their bracket. No one has ever filled out a perfect bracket, but it is known that there is a 1 in 9,223,372,036,854,775,808 chance of guessing a perfect bracket if you just guess or flip a coin, and there is a 1 in 120.2 billion chance of guessing a perfect bracket if you know a little something about basketball.

Another thing about march madness is the seeding. The Sunday before the tournament starts a committee that picks the seeds. The seeds are 1 through 16 and there are four of each seed. The 1 seeds play the 16 seeds, the 2 seeds play the 15 seeds. The 3 seeds play the 14 seeds and so on.

Before I tell you about the teams who could win, here are some fun facts: the lowest seeded team to have ever won was during the 1984-85 season, when 8 seeded Villanova beat Georgetown 66 to 64. The closest any other team has gotten is last year, when 8 seed UNC (University of North Carolina) made it to the national title game, but then lost to Kansas. Houston is the best team in the nation led by Marcus Sasser. In addition, big schools like UNC and Kentucky are probably not going to make the tournament with UNC at a record of 18 wins and 11 losses and Kentucky at 20 wins and 9 losses. However, last year UNC was in the same position and they made it all the way to the national championship game.





Here are some players that will make a huge impact on the tournament. Zach Edey, the 7 foot 4 Edey will make a huge impact for the Purdue team. Oscar Tshiebwe for Kentucky and Armondo Bacot for UNC will both make or break their teams' seasons. Marcus Sasser will play a huge role for Houston's season and depending on him they might win it all. So who do you think will win the tournament? I guess you'll have to wait and see in the madness of March!

Genocide? What? Where?

By: Isra

The Rohingya used to belong. Now, the government is killing people that are just citizens, and residents are trying to keep up with their life. Why are they being killed just for being Rohingya?

Rohingya are a religious and ethnic minority in Burma (or Myanmar). They are Muslim. Most Rohingya live in Rakhine State on Burma's western coast. For centuries, they lived in peace with the Rakhine Buddhist community. But in the last 200 years, Rakhine State was invaded — first by the British, later by the Japanese. These outside influences created divisions between the local communities that would later become greater.

The Rohingya originally had evidence of belonging to Burma. They had ID cards that proved they were Burmese. Pink for women and blue for men. But the Burmese government started targeting the Rohingya. Nur, a Rohingya man said, "They systematically planned to destroy our people from the world by using whatever means necessary." On a website, *Burma's Path To Genocide*, it states. "In its first years as a new nation, the Burmese government recognized all members of its diverse population as citizens. That changed when General Ne Win seized control of the government in 1962. Slowly, extreme nationalism based on religion and ethnicity took hold."



Unfortunately, more than 200,000 Rohingya were forced to flee to Bangladesh. The military later allowed them to come back to Burma, but many no longer had their ID cards. The government now calls them"foreigners." The law made it clear that those who already had citizenship would not lose it. However, since many Rohingya didn't have proof of citizenship anymore because the government took their ID cards in the 1970s, they had no chance to return as citizens. Burma's Path To Genocide explains that, "These same Rohingya citizens were told that without their ID cards, they must identify as 'Bengalis,' or immigrants from Bangladesh." Following these unfair events, the Burmese government was trying to cover up what was happening by saying Burma was a "clean and beautiful country". But in real life they were beating, killing and raping the Rohyigia people. Myanmar: No Justice, No Freedom for Rohingya 5 Years On states, "Human Rights Watch has interviewed hundreds of Rohingya in Bangladesh who fled the Myanmar military's atrocities."

Genocide? What? Where? Continued

When the Rohingya came back again, the Burmese military burned down homes, schools, restaurants and mosques. This killed more than 9,000 Rohingya. Burma's Path To Genocide says, "Burmese soldiers targeted villages throughout northern Rakhine State, where Rohingya made up the majority of the population." Maung Nu got burned down and many people died in that massacre. The Rohingya used their cell phones to record the devastation that happened in that Rohingya village. Some Rohyngia in other villages started preparing for another attack to happen, but this time at their village. They were right. Military trucks started rolling into more villages. Jomila, a mother and a Rohingya saw her son being slammed onto a brick wall watching his father being murdered in front of him. Military officers surrounded Jomila and cut off part of her finger. Yet she rushed to her son. Tragically, her son was brought to another village. Jomila recognized her son's screams and she knew he had passed away. This is the fate not of just Jomila, but many other Rohingya in Myanmar. More than 25,000 Rohingya passed away because of the genocide. And each and every death had a tragic story behind it.





"They are making us valueless," Bodra, a Rohingya man says. Tasmina, a teenage girl, lost all of her childhood because it was interrupted by the genocide. She lost her home, privacy, and her freedom. Tasmina used to live in a large house with her family. Of course, that was before the genocide. Even though she was protected largely from the first attacks on Rohingya , on August 27th, 2017, the Burmese military entered the village where Tasmina lived and her life was changed forever. The military killed Tasmina's uncles and the rest of her family stayed with teachers, neighbors, and friends, going straight to an unknown future in Bangladesh. She still has trauma from the burning homes and the murdered people on the streets.

This is only one story about a Rohingya girl. This happened to many other kids and they all remember the people that died because of this genocide.

Tasmina is old enough to remember the time when the Rohingya lived in peace. She still remembers her family that she loved. She still remembers what it felt like not to be watched over by the military and how it felt to see her friends at school and have dinner with her neighbors. But she is also old enough to remember the sounds of a gunshot.

Anonymously Ask a Teacher Something You Would Never Ask Them in Person

Question #1: What were you like in middle school?

"I was a shy middle school student, but a hard worker. I had a small group of close friends (6 of us). I knew they would always be supportive and always be there for me. Even though I had a really close group of friends, I was friendly with everyone. The most difficult subject for me was sixth grade math!"
-Ms. Camilo, 5th grade math teacher

“I was very shy in middle school, and, honestly, quite distracted. On my block where we lived and hung out with friends, I was totally fine and very social and talkative. But when I came into school, I was doing my own thing, acting very shy and reserved. I was also bored. The way school was in the ‘70’s and ‘80’s was quite boring in my opinion. We did a lot of the same books, and did round robin reading [where we would take turns reading paragraphs of a book] and I found myself distracted and not engaged.” Ms. Ernau also explains how she thinks that by being shy as a kid, she understands other childrens struggles and finds that one of her strengths as a teacher is the ability to understand those struggles.
-Ms. Ernau, 6th grade ELA teacher

"In middle school I was way bigger than everyone else. I wasn't near the top of the social food chain, but not ignored either. I was kinda goofy to be honest. I only started noticing clothes and music around 6th grade or so."
-Mr. Molloy, InDe lab teacher

Submission From The Students: Lunch Bunch

By: Sophia, 5th Grade

I just finished my lunch, but I would like to do something besides going outside for recess. Where can I go inside to do arts and crafts but also have a fun cozy spot to bring my friends? Where can I go to play games and even eat lunch there itself?
“How about going to Lunch Bunch?" said my friend Cleo.
“What is Lunch Bunch?” I ask.
“It is a cool spot with games, bracelet making stuff, a couch to just chill, to even eat there, and sometimes even play games on your chromebook!” Cleo explains.
“Oh how fun! What room is it in?” I ask.
“It is in room 319 floor 3, where the health room used to be.” Cleo and I walk up and there is a sign on the door that says maximum 30 people, and to please sign in. We walk in and there is music playing, people playing games or chatting, and having fun with smiles on their faces.
“How often is this?” I ask Cleo.
“Every Tuesday and Thursday.”
“Good, because I would come here every day if I could!” I exclaim.
“Hello, my name is Mrs. Dinis. It's nice to meet you. Please sign in.” Mrs. Dinis says, coming to welcome us.
“Thank you! This is really cool!”
From that day on I went to Lunch Bunch every day I wanted and I played, laughed, and smiled. Go to Lunch Bunch in room 319 every Tuesday and Thursday, and don't forget to sign in. For more information about Lunch Bunch feel free to ask Mrs. Dinis.

Editorial

By: Maeve and Avery

Thank you readers for picking up this issue of Tiger Prints. As you've seen in this article, the theme of participating more and working hard in school has been mentioned a lot (Club Spotlights, Anonymous Ask a Teacher Questions, and Studying Habits). All of these articles discuss ways to get more involved with your classmates and staff, as well as how to prepare for school better. However, we realize this has been especially difficult throughout COVID. We'd like to take this opportunity to share about some effects COVID has had on schools, and how you can recover and reset to productive school time. Covid has impacted lots of schools around the country. Even though we have come a long way, Covid is still around. Lots of kids had their whole lives shut down and had to go to school on a computer. Constant interaction with screens has made us forget how to interact with people. A May 2022 survey shows that 80% of public schools reported "stunted behavioral and social-emotional development". Social-emotional development refers to the ability to understand and relate to other people around you, as well as controlling your own feelings and behaviors. It seems as if after everything that has occurred, this is becoming easier to see as a difficulty for many students. People in our school would rather talk to screens than their friends. Covid has made us feel isolated, alone in our worlds, without anybody to talk to except for Siri.

However, some good things have come out of the coronavirus. Kids are using their creativity and wits to inform others about issues they care about. One example of this is our newspaper club. We are really excited to be expanding our issues. We have many interesting articles and forms to fill out. We also came up with a program called "Club Spotlights".

Anonymously Ask a Teacher Something You Would Never Ask a Teacher (Continued)

"I had my core group of friends and that was really helpful because sometimes when you shift friend groups, it just adds another layer to the existing challenges of middle school. I worked really hard during this time (things didn't come easy), and I think that it was one of the hardest parts of my life. There was a lot going on, you're figuring out who you are, and you have to balance that with academic expectations. I always had my little animals, so I'd look forward to seeing them at home; they always helped me feel better if I had a bad day or was dissapointed with a test grade. Looking back on it now, I realize I discovered so much about myself and am glad that I went through those tough times... And the dances? I love to dance, so that was one of my favorite parts of middle school."

-Ms.Resicgno, 6th Grade Math Teacher

The idea of this section is to encourage people to get more involved! No matter what's been going on in your life, the extra-curricular activities in PVC are always happy for you to join them and have a good time. Be sure to check that article out- we're starting with a PACT article, and more clubs will be featured soon! It's never too late to join your peers and enjoy one of these amazing clubs. In addition, we've also added a column called, "Anonymously Ask a Teacher Something You Would Never Ask a Teacher" This column is a fun new way to ask your teachers questions you might not truly ask them in person. We'll ask four teachers (hopefully each in a different grade) your question, and their answers will be in the next issue!

HOW TO MAKE A TRAVEL ANIMAL BED

BY SUSANNA

You might be wondering " What should I do in my spare time?" This month's edition of that How To section is about how to make a DIY animal travel bed made out of at home materials. DIY animal beds are pretty simple. All you need to do is follow these directions :

Get a box that will fit your animal, with a top that will close.

Wrap that box in wrapping paper or with tissue paper and pick the color or design that you want your box to look like on the outside.

Put your pet's best blanket and fold it so it will fit inside the box.

Get some of your pet's favorite toys and put them inside.

To secure the box, you need to pull the lid down, tuck in the blanket (it might be hanging over the edges), and pack it in your suitcase. You can also staple or glue the blanket to the edges so it won't move.

That's it! Hope you enjoyed learning about how to make a DIY travel animal bed! Your pet will love it!

EDITORIAL (CONTINUED)

This is a great way to get to know your school community, and to share the joy and excitement of getting involved and seeing what you can learn about your teachers! You can find the link in your email or contact us and we will send the link.. Finally, we hope you've checked out our "Studying 101" article. While we know COVID and other personal events can make it difficult to study and work hard on your assignments, this article will share a few great strategies, and you're sure to find a new strategy that might help you study! If there's anything else you need help with academically, you can always reach out or share your ideas with this link (the last two questions). We hope that this studying article will help you find your inner studying self, and we look forward to hearing from you about anything else you want to hear about!
Thank you so much for reading this issue of Tiger Prints. Never be afraid to submit a submission or let us know what you're thinking. You can also visit our website to learn more, in addition to seeing past issues. We hope to hear from you soon! Enjoy this issue!

Best,

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