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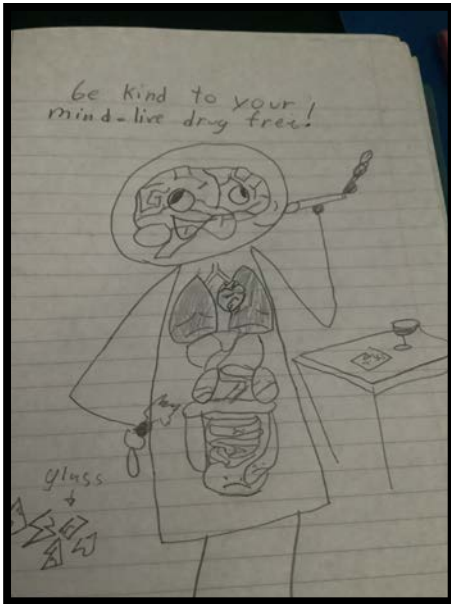
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Reb Ribbon Week Art Contest Winners

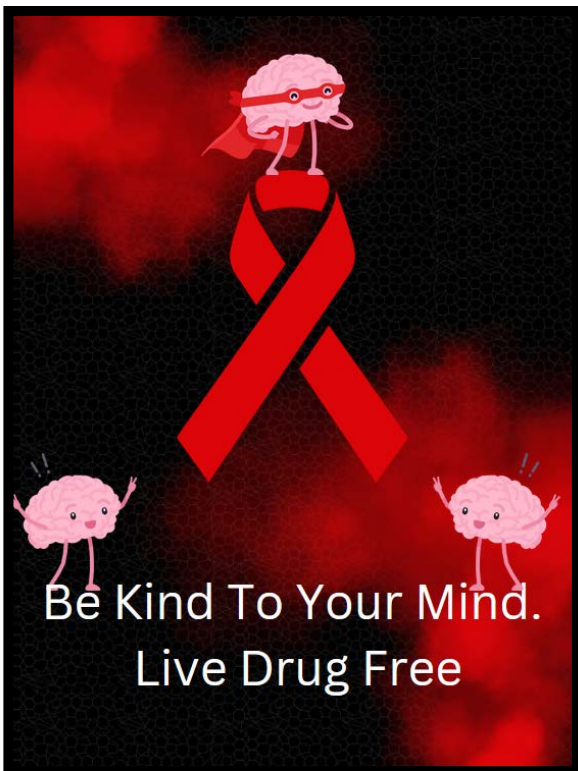
Mr. Cellar hosted a Red Ribbon Art Contest for VA students, this year's theme was "Be Kind to your Mind"



6th grade Honorable Mention Eden G.



6th grade Winner, Sulymar Arenas



7th grade Honorable Mention, Joy M.



7th grade, Winner Elianna S.



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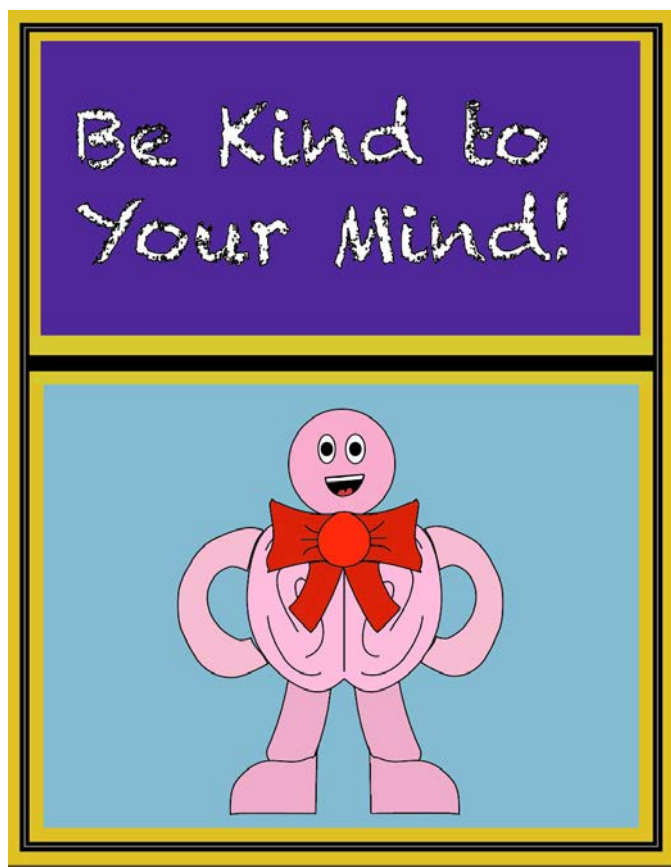
8th grade Honorable Mention, Brandyn G.



8th grade Winner, Lucia F.

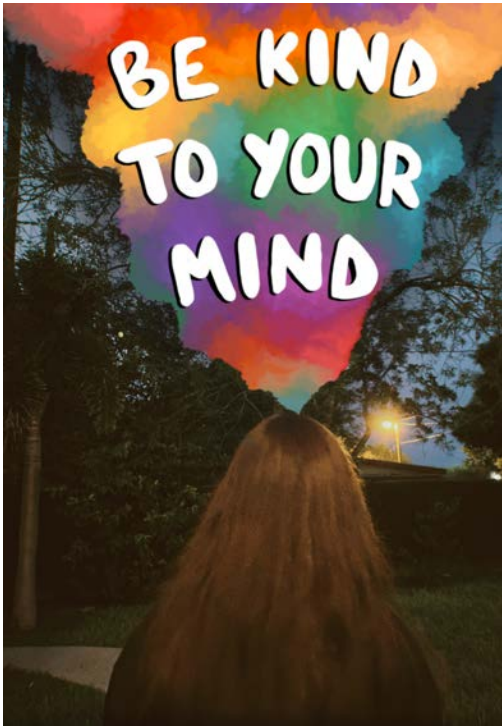


9th grade Honorable Mention, Danian Torres

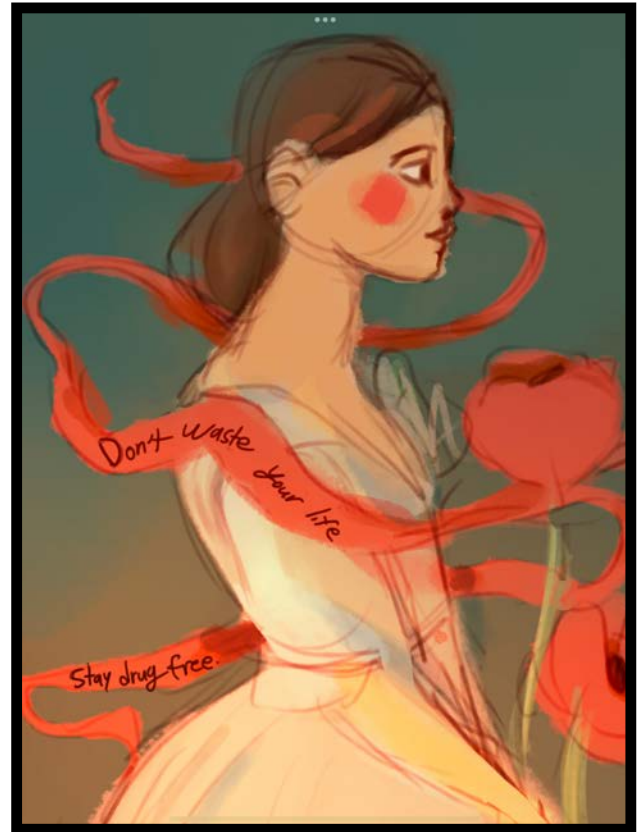


9th grade winner, Aiden Espinosa

Reb Ribbon Week Art Contest Winners



10th Grade Honorable Mention, Valeria D.



10th grade Winner, Camila R.



11th Grade Honorable Mention, Juan V.



11th Grade Winner Ryan G.

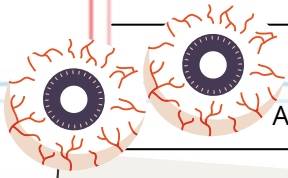


Reb Ribbon Week Art Contest Winners



Best in Show, Samantha E.

Congratulations to all winners and participants



Virtual Academy staff beyond the computer

A look into the work the VA teachers do when not behind the computers



Mrs. Galnares and the Spanish club prepare the ofrenda for Dia de los Muertos. This year she honored the victims of Uvalde.



Some of your favorite teachers spread the word about Red Ribbon week by wearing red

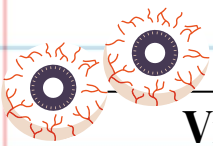


Ladies in red....Administration and Staff celebrate red ribbon week



VA's very own Wizard teaches art club students how to conjure mushrooms out of cardboard





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The ELA department fluttered around the art club's enchanted forest



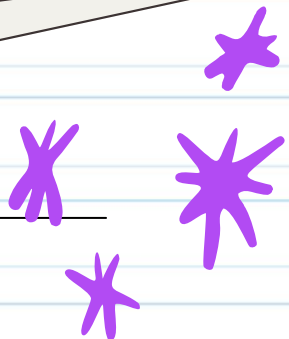
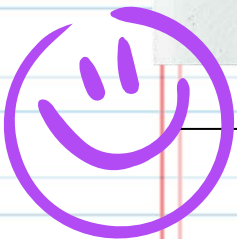
The science department blinded everyone with science as they brought the 80's back



VA's very own Ken in front of his Casa Mojo Dojo House



The Sped department was full of mischief Halloween morning



VA Club News

Keep up with the exciting things the VA clubs are doing



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Spanish Club

Sponsored by Mrs. Galnares



VA's clubs had a face to face meeting during the Fall Showcase. The Art club created an enchanted forest for the teachers new work area. The Spanish club worked the traditional Dia de los Muertos ofrenda.



For more information on club meetings please contact your sponsor



Virtual Academy Student Feature

What do virtual academy students do outside the virtual setting?

By: Brandon G.



Biviana and her brother Manuel are both students at Virtual Academy. Biviana is a junior and Manuel is a Freshman. For the past 6 months Biviana and her brother Manuel have been in the C.A.P Cadet Program, a program where their curriculum focuses on aviation.

Biviana and Manuel both mentioned that these past few months have been incredible and the quality of their training and mentorship has been remarkable, they both have received core skill training such as trust, leadership, and gratitude. Biviana and her brother Manuel have a sublime time flying, being able to view the world from a perspective that they didn't know yet before, and label flying as a thrilling and simply a breathtaking experience.

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Despite the fact that both siblings are in the same program they both gained different perspectives and accomplishments of what the C.A.P Cadet program has offered them. Biviana has been promoted to Cadet Airmen, along with being able to board a plane in the cockpit. Manuel has been accepted to go to encampment which is a week long boot-camp in Austin, TX.



If you are interested in joining the Civil Air patrol you can visit the website at gocivilairpatrol.com

Motion Picture Recipes

Enjoy recipes from your favorite movies, and t.v. shows

By: Angel C.

Happy Halloween! During this time of year we enjoy dressing up pretending to be our favorite characters either from real life, movies, tv shows or even books. With these costumes we use props to complete the character's look. The character I have chosen to write about is Legolas a character from *The Lord Of The Rings* in this film when he and some the characters stop for first breakfast he reaches in his bag, and pulls out lembas bread an elvish meal and says "one bite can fill the stomach of a grown man".

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 cups of all purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter, room temperature
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon honey
- 2/3 Heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract



With a Parent/Guardian Preheat the oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit (220°C) and line a cookie sheet with parchment paper. Sift the flour, baking powder, and salt into a large bowl. Add the butter to the dry, and carefully beat it with an electric mixer at low-medium speed. Add the sugar and cinnamon, then beat until well combined. Pour the cream, honey, and vanilla into the bowl and mix with a fork until a thick dough is formed. Roll the dough on a lightly floured surface to about 1/2 inch thick. Cut it into 3-inch squares and place the portions on the cookie sheet. Carve two shallow diagonal lines from one corner to another with a knife to form an x. Bake for 12 minutes until the bread is set and golden.

Let the bread cool completely before serving. Enjoy!

Carolina Giraldo Navarro, more famously known as Karol G is a Colombian singer, songwriter and composer. She was born on February 14, 1991 in Medellin, Columbia. She has four studio albums, seventy singles, two mix tapes, and six promotional singles. She started off by competing on Colombia's version of 'The X Factor. She got her education at the University of Antioquia in Medellin.

Later on, she became a music industry entrepreneur in the United States. She created a movement of empowerment with her music by removing these obstacles for women who feel identified by her lyrics. "Previously, women used to listen to men's songs, and we'd have to accommodate to how we'd say it, but not anymore".

She has earned many awards and nominations like two Latin Grammy Awards, two Billboard Music Awards, two MTV Europe Music Awards, one American Music Award and ten Premios Lo Nuestro, and more. More importantly, she was the first Latina to make history at Coachella by performing on their main stage.



"Everyone constructs their own path, the important thing is to follow your heart"

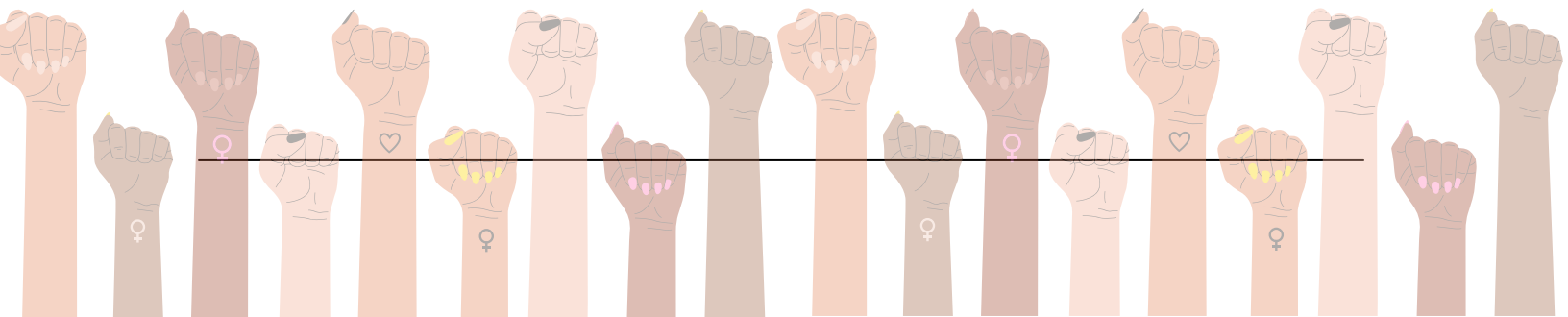
"If you truly pour your heart into what you believe in even if it makes you vulnerable, amazing things can and will happen."

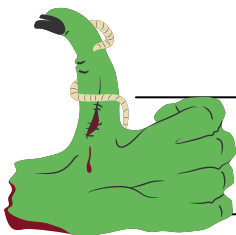


Emma Watson is a famous actress that played Hermione Granger in the series Harry Potter. She was born on April 15, 1990, in Paris, France. She originally knew she wanted to be in the acting field at six years old. Her first acting role was Hermione Granger at nine years old. Another young actor named Hatty Jones almost got the role, but the directors were mind-blown at Emma's astonishing audition.

While she was acting in the Harry Potter films, in 2009, she attended Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. She took time off filming as needed and studied for 1 year at the University of Oxford. Not only is Emma an actress, but she is also an activist for women's rights and gender equality. In 2014, she was chosen a UN Women Goodwill Ambassador and helped start the UN Women campaign HeForShe, which supports gender equality.

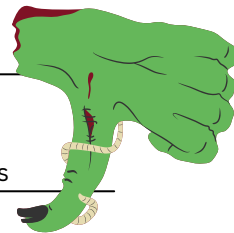
Since the start-off of the HeForShe movement, Emma has been involved in and has petitioned for women's rights. Through her hard work, she has inspired people around the world to react against inequality. Emma Watson is leaving a legacy that people will remember, mainly because of her strong views and opinions in her feminism campaign, but also about her co-star role as Hermione Granger.





Roast or Rave Reviews

Staff of the journalism class either roast or rave about trending pop culture and events



Haunted Mansion

by: Alberto Z.



The movie Haunted mansion was a supernatural horror/comedy movie about a mom and her son moving into a haunted house. The characters were great with them being played by excellently chosen actors that had good onscreen chemistry. They are characters were great because of how they worked together and the cohesion in overcoming the problem which was the ghost.

The CGI and special effects were great with no especially bad moments in the movie together with adding to the overall ambiance and feel of the supernatural aspect. Clarifying on what no bad moments means, it was how there was never any thing that immediately took away focus from the movie like a bad shot of a ghost or a dull moment that kind of killed the vibe. Haunted Mansion is on the following streaming services if you do choose to watch it: Vudu, Amazon Prime video, Apple tv, and Disney+.



Rave, worth the stream

Spider-Man 2

by: Andrew C.



The Spider-Man 2 game has already revealed some of the main characters in the trailers, they showed Harry Osborn returning, Mr. Negative, Sandman, Venom and Kraven the hunter. Similar to the 2007 Spider-Man movie Peter gets contaminated with a symbiote and his personality changes throughout the story along with his suit.

This game is only available on the Playstation 5, Insomniac and Sony created a new themed console for the new game. There are new features in the game play trailer like air gliding, switching between Miles and Peter, new map locations and Peter is now able to take down more than one character at a time. Spider-Man 2 is going to have a total of 20-25 hours similar to the first game, a lot of players of the original game are speculating this game is going to be better than the Spider-Man Miles Morales and Spider-Man.



Rave, Get your Spidey suits ready to help tackle bad guys

Five Nights at Freddy's

by: Belicia M.

Before reading I would like to say a trigger warning: mentions of murder and gore. Five Night's at Freddy's is a game that was created on August 8th, 2014, by Scott Cawthon. It has gone on to have 12 other games and now a movie of the same name. This movie is to be released on October the 27th of this year. Before I introduce you to the movie, I will give a brief explanation of the game. 5 children were murdered by William Afton, also known as "purple guy."

We don't know much about him nor his motivations. These children were stuffed in animatronic suits and then went on to possess these suits and kill. Their reasons for killing were the hope that one day they would get revenge on Afton. The movie is called Five Night's At Freddy's and only the first game's events will be displayed in this movie

This movie is awaited excitedly by many fans of the original game. In the film, a night guard will be on duty and realizes that the night shift isn't as easy as he thought it would be..

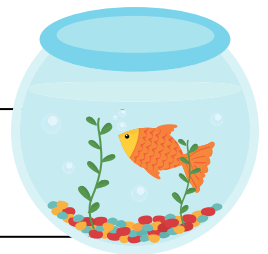


Rave: Worth, movie theater pricing



Pets of Virtual Academy

The best thing about learning virtually is that pets get to attend class also!



Faye and Emma

Mr. Cantu's pups

Faye (corgi) loves attention & loves to tear things. Faye doesn't like when the attention is not on her. Emma (golden retriever) loves to play fetch & loves to travel. She doesn't like getting her hair groomed.

Mr. Cantu always wanted a Corgi (Faye) and saved up his money to adopt her from a friend of mine. Emma was looking for a family to take her in because her old owners could not find the time. He stepped in and decided to take her over.

Peanut

Peanut likes to (playfully) bite and do parkour on the couch

Around 2 or 3 years ago on a Saturday, Sofia's parents were going to leave to Costco. Her parents asked if she wanted to tag along and she said, she said no because she was tired and they left, when they came back they had her dog wrapped in a blanket!



Milo and Raskin

One of Alyssa S. cats has two different colored eyes and Raskin is the tabby with swirls. Both cats love snackies and table scraps! They also love making biscuits. But they dislike when people disturb their sleep and hate loud noises.



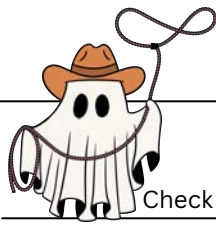
Raskin was a blessing to Alyssa after she lost her fur baby of 16 years, and she found him hoping in the grass. Milo is Alyssa's sister cat and was a gift.

Penny

Penny likes to whistle a lot when she hears other birds when she is outside and likes to bite James G. fingers when he tries to touch her hair.

James got Penny from a feed store. He has had Penny for 1 year she is always happy when she goes to his backyard whistles a lot outside and when she is in his room.





Rounding up RGV events

Check out these local events that will be happening during the month of October



November 5th

Tres Lagos Market . The event features food and small business vendors. It takes place at 4350 Tres Lagos Boulevard McAllen

Price: Free, cash/card for vendor purchases

Time: 1 pm - 4 pm



November 10th & 11th

Rio Fest takes place in Harlingen, at the Harlingen Baseball Park near Lon C. Hill

Price: 1 day pass: \$10.00

2 day pass: \$18.00

Time:

Nov. 10th 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm

Nov. 11th Noon- 11:00 pm

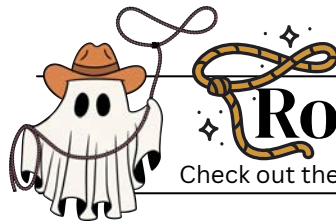
November 8th

Rio Grande Valley 30th Annual Birding Festival takes place at 1216 Fair Park Blvd, Harlingen, TX

Price: Free

Time: 6am - 7am





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November 11th

Walk to End Epilepsy at 714 S. Raul Longoria. Join the cause in finding a cure for epilepsy.

Price: Free

Time: 5:00 pm



November 10th

Sip and Paint Fall Themed Event. Bring your date, friends, family and enjoy a memorable night. Located at 5429 N 23rd St E, McAllen, TX 78504

Price: 35\$

Time: 7 pm - 9 pm



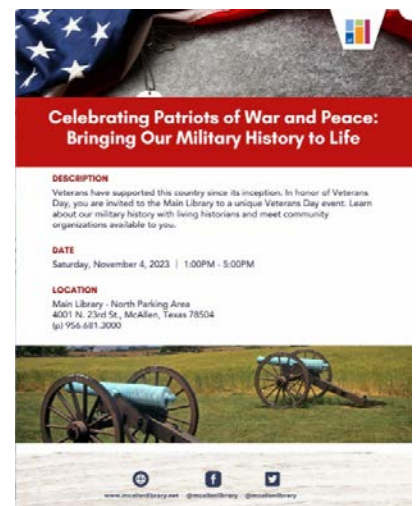
November 23

Join others runners before the big Thanksgiving meal for Sole Racing's annual Turkey Trot.

Where: Bentsen Palm Park Mission

Price: \$25

Time: 7 am



November 4th

Come celebrate Patriots of War and Peace: Bringing Military History to life at the Mcallen Public Library.

Price: Free

Time: 1:00-5:00 pm

Meet the Phoenix Journalism Team!



Raziel is a Junior at Virtual Academy. He likes to play video games and guitar in his free time. His favorite subject to learn about would be Egyptian Gods.

David enjoys weightlifting, video games and anime. In addition to these things he also enjoys meeting new people, going out and the cold weather. Some of his favorite games are Party Animals, Call of Duty, Roblox and Garry's Mod.



Andrew's favorite hobbies are collecting Neca figures and Shoes. He also enjoys playing games, watching movies and playing football. He enjoys reading *Dog Man* and *Captain Underpants*. His favorite movie series are Lord of the Rings and Star Wars, His favorite game is Insomniacs Spiderman.



Juan is an outdoor person with too many hobbies and interests. He likes to watch the stars, fish, and play video games. He is also guitarist and loves to listen to all sorts of rock.



Vecktoria enjoys going on walks, hanging out with friends, reading, watching movies. Two of her favorite movies is *The Lorax* and *Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron*.

Alberto enjoys watching movies, and series shows. Mr. Iglesias is. his favorite show on Netflix. He has no official pet but have claimed a stray black cat that comes by as mine and named her Blanka.



Dyllynn is a witty, sweet, introverted student. She immerses herself in a myriad of interests; she is an avid movie watcher and book reader, and her favorite movie is Saw. She loves music and anything cute or horror-related. Her goal for the future is to be a librarian.

Madisyn who enjoys cooking, playing horror games, collecting hot wheels to fill up her walls and doing makeup. When she is not cooking or playing games or practicing making she is sleeping. She is always asleep, never awake.



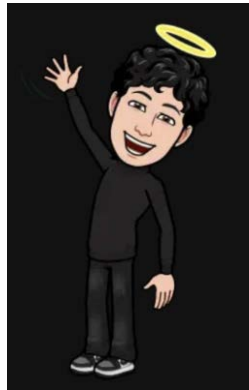
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Angel's favorite hobbies are collecting Neca figures, Reading graphic novels, drawing, listening to music and his favorite anime is Naruto Shippuden. He enjoys playing *Red Dead Redemption 2*, Assassins Creed franchise, *We happy Few*, *High on Life*. He also enjoys reading about Greek mythology.

Brandon G. enjoys working out and hanging out with his friends on the weekend. He also enjoys working and spending time with his family. His favorite food is wings and in his free time he likes to spend money.



Samantha enjoys being within the confines of art and is in constant turmoil by the concept of it. She also heavily indulges in listening to music and talks over anime with her sister. *Mob Psycho 100* remains her favorite topic to discuss presently.

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Stay Tuned for our Holiday Special!

