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Middle schoolers to no longer take home iPads

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In response to increasing numbers middle school students failing core courses, middle school students will be required to leave iPads at school overnight starting in the 2018-19 school year, announced St. Paul Public Schools Chief Academic Officer Dr. Kate Wilcox-Harris on Tuesday March 20th at a school board meeting.

After 38% of middle schoolers failed one or more classes during the first semester, SPPS middle schools will adopt the elementary school iPad model. "We want every student in the district to suc-

ceed, and the district has come to the conclusion that this will be the best way to do that," read a statement released by IT officials from the district. This means that after school, middle schoolers must check their iPads into a cart before leaving the building.

The 2017-18 school year is the third year of iPads being in schools district-wide. Ever since the iPads were first rolled out, teachers reported struggles with middle schoolers that were unable to keep their focus on the work at hand. "They just don't have the willpower to ignore the temptation of going off-task," said 6th grade math teacher Damon Liberatore.



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ACT Scores Cancelled

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To the chagrin of 11th graders city wide, ACT, Inc. canceled ACT scores for SPPS students Tuesday the 27th following a breach of the test materials.

The breach will affect most or all of the nearly 3,200 SPPS students who took the ACT in March. Students who have been affected will need to retake the test before the end of the school year. According to a district employee retake dates will be scheduled as soon as possible to allow students to retake the test again

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District to examine iPad browser history

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Among concerns from parents about iPad use, St. Paul Public Schools have elected to look through every St Paul student's private browser history.

"We've come to suspect that students are using private browsers on their iPads to secretly view inappropriate content," says superintendent Joe Gothard. "It is our responsibility to protect the interests of the parents and most importantly, to make sure our students are staying safe online. These measures need to be taken."

Particularly vulgar or explicit content found on a student's history will result in a district representative contacting the parent or guardian about the item in question.

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Spring break shortened to make up for multiple snow days

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In order to make up for the two snow days that earlier this school year, the Saint Paul Public Schools district has decided to shorten spring break by one day. The makeup day will be taking place Friday, April 6 on a B day.

The SPPS attendance manual states that after two snow days it is mandatory to have at least one makeup day. The school board had a televised meeting after the last snow day on Monday, March 5th. Lunch that day will be chicken fried rice with a side of egg rolls "Busing will be provided, and

there will be no after school activities because it's a Friday." Said chair member Zuki Ellis. "I'm sure students will be disappointed, but we have to persevere and come together as a community for this extra day of school," said principal, Dave Gundale. There will be no after school activities because it's a Friday.

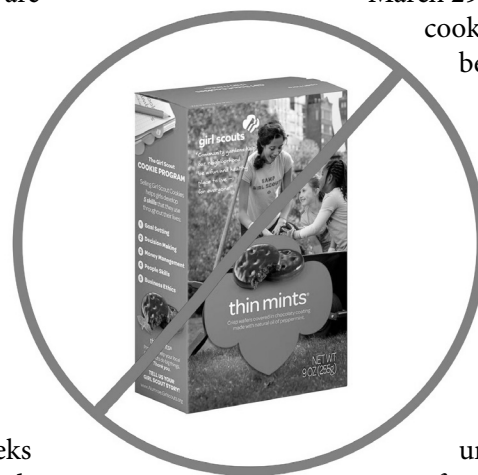


Girl Scout Cookies banned

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The day everyone has feared has come, the Girl Scout cookies are banned from the schools premises, due to an unfortunate delivery of expired thin mints Dave Gundale, the principal received. "I was extremely disappointed in knowing the cookies were 2 weeks past the expiration date, It was an unsatisfying taste," Dave protested. In order to prevent any more mishaps, Dave has stated that the Girl Scouts are no longer

allowed to sell cookies in school, and that everyone who ordered before March 29th will have their cookies delivered but beyond that date you will no longer be able to order cookies. Girl Scout Mary Vue demanded a protest from banning Girl Scout cookies "I was making really good sales and it's unfair that because of one mistake, we can no longer sell cookies," said Mary Vue, Freshmen. In response Dave said "I'll think about it,"



Leo forgets Friday soccer jersey

Paloma Leone-Getten
Staff Writer

Providing no other reason than simply he forgot, English teacher Leo Bickelhaupt forgot to wear a soccer jersey last Friday. Those who have taken his class know that every week, without fail, Leo wears a jersey. Until this week.

"I don't know how he forgot. The kids weren't even sick this week, so he wasn't distracted by something like that," said science teacher Megan Hall.

"I thought I raised him right. I guess I did all I could. I just don't know what's gotten into him," said Leo's mom.

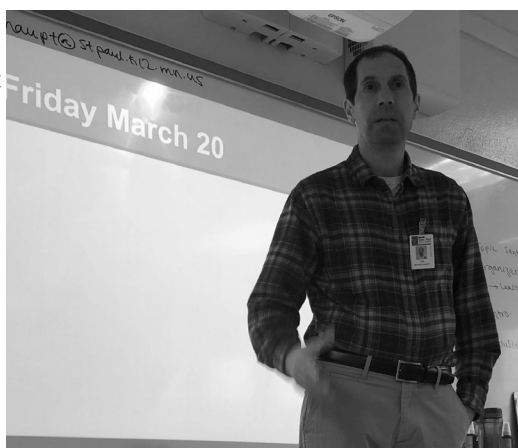
"All these years teaching together, he never forgot. But now... I don't know what to think. Maybe he's gone completely crazy and is quitting fraquetball too," said Spanish teacher Tim Leone-Getten.

Aside from the disappointment of his friends and family, this act had even larger consequences. On Saturday morning, several members of Leo's crew were seen knocking on the door of the school, obviously thrown off by the fact that Leo had not worn a jersey the previous day. They seemed confused when a janitor told them to go home. "But it's Friday. There's school today," said 11th grader Donald Post.

"Leo's jersey is a signal to us that the school week is over, and he hasn't worn one yet, so the week isn't over," said 9th grader Haakon Neske. When told that Leo had forgotten to wear a jersey, his crew refused to believe it and continued pounding on the door.

Eventually, they were forced to give up and believe what the janitor had told them. They were deeply disappointed in him. "He really let us down. First Trump, now this," said senior Kim Perez-Salazar.

Leo was unavailable for comment due to shame.



Leo refused to comment out of shame.

Student claims he just doesn't like Luke

Lili Hobday
Staff Writer

Claiming "he just kind of rubs me the wrong way," 9th grader Bradley Anderson-Jones claimed to not like social studies teacher Luke Turvold. "He's nice and all, but he's always trying to teach me stuff and make me do work in class. I act like I like him because I don't want to be the odd one out," said Bradley. Pressed further, Bradley also claimed to not like the movie *Black Panther*, and stated that summer is overrated.



"I just don't get it," said Luke

Grant's tables finally found

Athena Bolton-Steiner
Staff Writer

Excited about the upcoming changes in his classroom, Spanish teacher Grant Boulanger has found his "missing" tables. He requested 12 tables at the beginning of this school year and said he never got them. The discovery of the tables is thanks to Spanish student and 9th grader Leo Dunagan-Seaver. "I just saw them one day, totally just chilling by the wall." Grant told reporters, "I was really just winging it. I was new to the school, I thought I'd be able to swipe some from the kitchen classroom but that didn't work out. Thanks Leo." Grant is planning on incorporating them into the classroom starting next quarter.



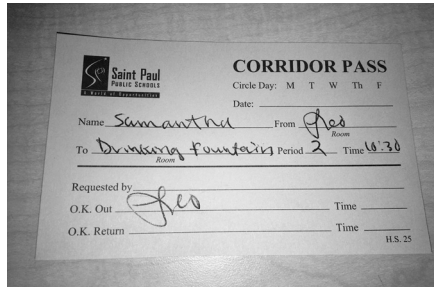
Grant was delighted by this discovery.

This next quarter students can expect a lot more writing and lectures in Spanish 1, 2 and 3. Spanish 2 student Stian Asper said, "I wasn't sure if I should've told him they were there. Sometimes he'd assign us a writing task but we had no tables to do it on."

7th Grader uses pass

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Staff Writer

After finding 7th grader, Samantha O'hara on the second floor commons, it was soon discovered by admin that she used the same pass to get out of her 2nd and 6th hour class. Samantha posted a picture on Snapchat of the pass with a caption saying, "getting out of English and Social Studies."



Samantha used this very pass to "get out of English."

The teacher who wrote the pass didn't write the date and is now being investigated for improper pass procedure. Samantha left at the same time for both days confirmed sources. To prevent further skipping, teachers are now being given a new pass system, they will be given color coded passes for A days and B days.

"I think it's a good idea that we start this new system. Hopefully kids will think before abusing the passes," said Jolene Yang, counselor.

The consequences for those who get caught skipping and abusing their passes will be put into lunch detention and detention after school. Teachers who don't follow proper pass procedures will be given one warning before talking with admin.

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Following this announcement, students have been frantically trying to clear their information for fear of having their privacy breached.

"I've been watching Logan Paul vlogs and even a few tide pod videos on that iPad," claims an anonymous source. "I would hate if anyone found that."

What most students don't realize is that when they signed their iPad contract in the fall, this included agreeing to a new program called 'Browser Bank' that as of this school year, has been pre-installed in all student iPads.

"The way it works is that every 24 hours, all browsing data on the iPad is backed up in a secure database within the district," explains district IT representative Jeremy Green. "This is intended as a safety net in case of an emergency situation with the iPads, or for a legal matter."

It remains to be seen what the aftermath of this investigation will bring, but in the words of one thing is certain: privacy isn't what it used to be.

Sawyer twins not really twins

Faith Strickler
Staff Writer

WEST SAINT PAUL, MN - As of March 9th, 2018, Open World Learning seniors Skyer and Griffin Sawyer announce they're no longer twins. For the last 18 years they thought they shared a birthday on October 24. When Griffin was accepted to University of Toronto, he was required to show proof of American citizenship in order to file for his US passport. Without it he would be unable to travel to and from the country. Upon the search for his birth certificate he also discovered his brother, Skyler's birth certificate. On the certificate he noticed a flaw. The date of birth on his certificate differed from Skyler's. "I had to look twice at the papers when I first saw it, the definition of twins is two people born on the same day but, our date of births were completely different" said Griffin. Skyler was mortified to hear the news but, was secretly happy that now he wouldn't have to spend his birthday with Griffin. As of March 10th, 2018 the Sawyer twins are no longer twins. They renounce their twin ship and shall celebrate Skyler's birthday on October 24 and Griffin's October 25.

Abby serves innocent classmates second floor water

Lili Hobday
Staff Writer

On Thursday March 8th, several Algebra 2 students inadvertently drank water from the 2nd floor water fountain.

Early in the class period Abby Davis was asked to fill up 25 water bottles.

"I just wanted to fill up my water bottle but Clara asked me to fill up hers and then suddenly I had 25 water bottles."

Abby took the water bottles at 7:45 and returned a half an hour later at 8:15 with all 25 water bottles. Nobody is sure how she transported them.

"I couldn't believe how fast she was," said Tom Hobday "I did the math and it didn't add up. How could

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“Apple Classroom has helped, but kids just aren’t getting their homework done.”

The district started the use of Apple Classroom last October. The SPPS department responsible for iPads predicted an increase in how many students would pass all of their classes. They saw a 3.4% increase for high school, which is expected to keep increasing. The percent of middle schoolers passing their classes decreased by 5%. “We’ve had the idea of keeping iPads at school for middle schoolers since the first year of iPad rollout, but we thought that it would get better,” said school board chair Zuki Ellis. “This was the last straw.”

The main struggle with the new announcement was “deciding on a system for students leaving their iPads,” said principal Dave Gundale. OWL eventually decided on all middle schoolers leaving iPads in carts that will be in multiple locations on every floor. Students will put iPads into these carts as they leave school for the day. “I think this will be a good system,” said Dave.

The announcement from SPPS was met by many complaints from middle schoolers and their families. The main concern from parents was how their children would do their homework. “What if my child has an essay due? I’m not going to buy a computer for my kid,” said OWL parent Karen Schmidt. The district has since stated that homework for middle school classes will be as non-digital as possible. Although many middle schoolers acknowledge that iPad gaming is widespread among their peers, they still are against the change. “I think it’s a way for kids to learn responsibility. Yeah, I might have failed a class because I was too busy with SimCity, but that doesn’t mean I can’t learn from it,” said 7th grader Ethan Johnson. Other students just “think it’s dumb,” according to 6th grader Henry Davis. “I want to play games. What did you expect giving kids iPads?”

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she have gotten down stairs and filled up all our water bottles so quick. And then it hit me....”

Tom tried to warn everyone.

“Stop! Don’t drink the water,” He yelled.

But it was too late.

Abby was in such a hurry to get back to learning about probability, that she had decided to fill up the water bottles at the 2nd floor water fountain!

The class was furious and made her refill them all at the right fountain.

“I just really wanted to learn about probability,”

Said Abby shamefully.

if they aren’t happy with their scores, with added retake dates possibly coinciding with the national test dates early in April, shortly after the SPPS spring break.

The nonprofit will notify affected students with instructions on how to retake the test by the end of the month, spokesperson Tarah DeSousa said, adding they could not give specifics as to how the test materials were leaked because the incident was still under investigation.

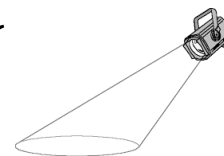
Despite the strict administration guidelines for the test, sources indicate that details leading to the cancellation could have been leaked via students social media accounts. However this is yet to be confirmed and is unlikely as, according to a source at ACT, Inc., guidelines regarding the sharing of test information are communicated clearly by test administrators and are adhered to by the majority of students.

Reactions from students have been mixed. Many who felt they didn’t do as well as they would have liked are relieved to have more time to prepare, including 11th grader Ethan Vang who said “I totally slacked off the first time so I’m glad I don’t have to go in on a Saturday and retake it by myself. Those gym ceiling shuttlecocks really help with my test anxiety,” although few look forward to a retake. Said 11th grader Mia Rohde, “I would rather die than take it again.” Many of the OWL students who took the ACT aren’t looking forward to retakes, although principal Dave Gundale said “We’ll probably have pizza for the juniors again this time, it might have to be Little Caesars or something though, we’re all feeling that budget crunch after those negotiations.” Retakes could be a headache for school administration as the normally strict guidelines will likely be even tighter following the breach. However, “It’ll be fine if they remember to shower this time,” said test administrator Amy Samelian.

ACT test scores are widely used as a factor in college admissions, and while Minnesota exceeds the average score on a national level, a retest raises concern among some. Although up to 57% of students do better after taking the test a second time, it is unlikely that ACT preparation classes will be offered on the district level they were for the original test date, which could result in some students being underprepared for a retake. Additionally, students who score a 25 or higher on their first ACT test frequently see a decrease in their score on subsequent tests, which is a cause for concern for many students and parents.

Stanley Cristopherson

Senior Spotlight



How many years have you been at OWL?

Oh I love birdwatching, especially owls they're such amazing creatures. In fact I saw a great horned owl last weekend down at Fort Snelling. Birds are so interesting to watch, in fact...

What are your plans for next year?

I might take a nap.

What was your favorite class in high school?

Well that was back in the 40s, When I had a crush on susie williams. Wasn't she a looker... I loved her, oh I mean latin.

What extracurriculars are you involved in?

Oh I love goin' down to the recreation center and playing pickleball with my buddies. I also play a pretty good game of golf.

What was your favorite fieldwork trip you've been on? And why?

What's fieldwork

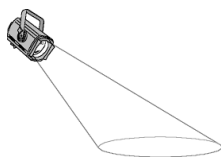
What's your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

I Love Lucy was my favorite even though she's a communist.

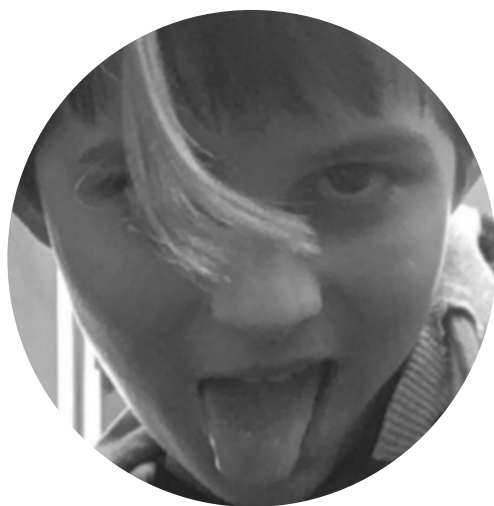


If you had a walk up song what would it be?

"Hotel California" by The Eagles.



That One Little Kid Levi Cooper



What's your name?

Levi Cooper

How tall are you?

I think I'm five feet

What elementary school did you come from?

Crossroads

What's your favorite class so far and why?

Umm gym because its fun

Who's your favorite senior?

Is Chutae a senior? *No* umm Leona? SHOUTOUT TO ADLER

Where do you think you're going go to college?

This one place in Canada because my sisters going there, I think its in Vancouver

What's the weirdest thing about OWL?

Probably the rest of the 6th graders besides me, I'm normal

What is your favorite movie or TV Show?

Stranger things

What school group are you most excited to get involved in?

Oh yeah Frisbee

What are some of your hobbies?

I play soccer and hockey. I also play video games.

What's your favorite school lunch?

Umm, I used to have school lunch but um I don't really like any of the meals but i like the rice, they had some good rice

Student resists phone for 11 heroic minutes

George Yetter
Staff Writer

In a Herculean feat of self restraint and mental strength 10th grader Connor Scott went a consecutive 11 minutes and 46 seconds without checking his cell phone. The awe inspiring event took place in Tom's second hour math class during independent work time during which many students were "compulsively checking their phones every few minutes," according to teacher Tom Totushek. Connor stood out from the other students by diligently doing his work without the distraction of his phone, "frankly I'm shocked I could pull it off," quipped Conner. Conner's jaw dropping time secures him the coveted first place ranking in the elite circle of Owl's digital celibists. However, the validity of Conner's achievement has been called into question by a fellow classmate due to Conner's apparent lack of "friends". "All I'm saying is it's not that hard to not check your phone when no one is hitting your line in the first place," according to 10th grader Jaydon Gilkes.

Student uses outdoor gear for its intended purpose

Mia Rhode
Staff Writer

While on a ten mile hike through Minnesota's beautiful Split Rock hiking trails during her annual family vacation, 10th grade student Andrea Mortenson



Andrea revels in her gear's purpose. used a North Face jacket for its intended purpose. "Yeah the jacket came in the mail on Monday. I was excited to wear it in and really make it mine. Oddly enough the jacket actually had a purpose, it kept me warm while also being very absorbent to soak up sweat," said Andrea. Her mother also gave a short

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Spain Trip cancelled!

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Due to a crisis in Spain because of rouge bulls, the OWL trip to Spain, Italy, and Vatican City has been cancelled. This year's running of the bulls was very special, as it was the 500th anniversary of a 1518 expedition into Central America that located massive amounts of coffee beans. For the event, the running of the bulls was exclusively comprised of 18 brown bulls, which is twice the usual amount of bulls in the run. "It's more than we're used to, but we can get it done," said mayor of Pamplona Enrique Maya, before the event took place.



Loose bulls in the airport have halted flights.

The run was going well, until the bulls got confused at a turn, and charged a group of animal rights activists, who were waving protest banners for their organization. After the bulls broke through the barricade, they were able to tear through Pamplona, destroying property, killing 2 activists, and injuring 10 in the chaos. In response, Enrique Maya has requested 150,000 euros (about 185,000 USD) from the spanish government to pay for the damages, which has forced Spain to temporarily close their airports for two weeks so they can squeeze as much money out of the trapped tourists, and to further deliberate what to do. The service selected by OWL to be responsible for the trip, Explorica, will be issuing refunds over the following days. The organizer of the trip, Tom Totushek, local math prophet, had this to say "I'm usually a reasonable person, but this is so infuriating that I might need to take leave so I don't make unreasonably hard problems." When asked to give student input, resident 9th grade sheet of paper, William Moberg, said this: "It sucks that this happened, but if Tom takes a leave of absence, we won't have to go to archery, so that'll give me a lot of free time."

Fraquetball champs outed for doping

Connor Scott
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While attempting to take the trophy last Wednesday during fraquetball, 11th grader Donald Post along with multiple other Varsity fraquetball athletes were taken to the principal's office for doping allegations before the semester one championships. They used 5 Hour Energy to increase aerobic capacity. The Energy boost acts on your bone marrow and creates the effect of having more red blood cells which increases reaction time and the power of hits. 5 Hour Energy has just been added to the list of banned substances and will no longer be allowed for use before fraquetball games.

"If I could do it all over again, I wouldn't get caught," those were Donalds last words before being dragged by the ear to talk to Principal Dave Gundale. Donald showed no regrets even when exposed to the eye of the public.

"I will not tolerate this activity in my school and I will deal with this matter personally," said Dave. He then went into how this reminded him about one time he went rafting. I'll spare you the details. He then went on to thank Spanish teacher Tim Leone-Getten for catching the alleged dopers. "It was my honor to aid in the apprehension of these cheats," Tim commented.

Sources say that Donald worked as the kingpin of an operation distributing the 5 Hour Energy to the inner

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statement about the subject "We buy all of our hiking gear from North Face, but this if the first time ever using it for a hike. It actually was worth it, despite the hefty price."

North Face got news of the incident and made a statement on Facebook saying "We are so excited to see a family using our gear as it was intended. To show our appreciation for their patronage we have sent them a free water bottle." It was reported that this is the first time someone has used a North Face product as it was intended since 2014 when devoted North Face consumer Brian Hatchfield wore a North Face backpack on his "totally wild 2014 Rocky Mountain extreme adventure revamping new year, new me extravaganza." Sources say that a large reason people have not used the products for said purpose in so long is because of Brian's untimely death during his endeavor.

Northern staircase "haunted"

Pang Houa Yang
Staff Writer

On the surface, Owl looks like any ordinary school run by students and teachers, but this ordinary school holds a secret that no one knew or thought of before. The school is a resting place and a home to the ghost of a high school girl. Stories were passed from the Humblot side of the building



A rare photograph of the ghost.

into Owl's side. The story was told that one day a middle school girl took the north side stair, but she was push and tumbled to her death.

Have you ever wondering why the north side stairs side darker than the other stairs in the school? Sometimes when you're by yourself, do you ever feel like someone is looking at you or following you? It all ties to the girl who passway there and her spirit will linger looking for the person who push her to her death. "Sometime the lights by the stairwell flicker for a long while, and occasionally there'll be loud footsteps. It's the freakiest thing ever, especially when it's after school and everyone else has already gone home," said Emily Yang 11th grader. Her ghost can't be seen unless you're lucky but she could be heard up and down the stairs by the creaking of the stairs and footsteps. "I was enjoying a good joke with my friends but suddenly my friend and I heard another voice that none of us claim to be theirs. We looked around and saw that the corner of the stair was darker than the other stair corner," said Pao Yang a 10th grader. The ghost did just haunt the students but also some teacher, "One day i came to my classroom very early because of the new school year but after getting myself comfortable there was noise by the stair, thinking it was a student. There was talking but I couldn't understand it. I went to check, but there was nothing but a dark staircase," said English teacher Leo Bickelhaupt, whose classrom is right by the stairwell.

Manatee hit the gym

Donald Post
Staff Writer

In spite of winning the division 3 state championship last season, the Manatee have decided to change their preseason and devote all their time to weight training. They decided to forego the on field practices in favor of bench press, deadlifts, and squats in an attempt to look more intimidating, and improve their chances in one-on-one collision situations. The workouts have paid serious



Captain Sam Dale-Gau can already bench 450 lbs.

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fraquetball circle in order to turn a profit. The champions of each lunch will all have their titles stripped away and will not be able to compete for the remainder of the school year. This will open up opportunities for newer teams to compete for the champion title. As an additional penalty, they will have their team name removed and they will have to play as “The OWL Athletes.” The list of banned players is posted in the lunchroom.

“I saw Sam go up to the board and he was getting awfully close, then I spotted him trying to change the list of banned players so him and his teammate Tom could play for the end of the year. To scare him away I had to fake anger.” Physical education teacher Joe Brandner ranted, referring to 12th grader Sam Dale-Gau and 10th grader Tom Hobday.

Many students such as Sam have already been looking for ways to work around the restrictions that are in place on these players. While some players are attempting this by changing the list of banned players, 8th grader Jalen Bolton-Steiner says “The best way to get around these rules is to force some sixth graders to sign up and then bully them into allowing you to sub for your game.” Commissioners are currently in the process of creating countermeasures for this strategy.

Border wall hits quagmire

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Sighing in a depressing unison, the task force responsible for the creation of the border wall gave up on Sunday, soon after discovering that the wall was being built on the wrong U.S. border. Congresswoman Martha McSally of Arizona said “We apparently didn’t research our coordinates closely enough, and, well, we made a geo-



Congress pulled the plug on the project after realizing it was being built on the wrong border.

graphical error.” The border wall, which occupies territory in northern Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, and Minnesota, was an impressive multi trillion project featuring replica WW2 machine guns, black stone spires, and mile high posters of the President to “deter anyone with eyes from approaching.” However, the wall could not be continued when it encountered the Minnesota boundary waters. Due to congress cutting funding to the project, the committee attempted to reach out to the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, in an effort to “make Canada pay for it,” and saying that “one large, unwelcoming, expensive, useless wall is better than half of one.” At the time of writing, The Honorable Mr. Trudeau had issued a press release stating he “is certain that the U.S. knows exactly where they can stuff their wall.” No other official Canadian stance had been issued.

OWL unsolved...

Fred the Owl

Ingrid Ebbesen
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“He was just such a kind and caring soul”, says 9th grader Cyrus Slinger. He was, of course, talking about Fred the Owl. Fred was the resident stuffed animal of Nora’s crew, a pink and green owl. Early in the October of 2017, Fred the Owl, an upstanding member of our community went missing. However, when we polled the population of OWL, only 12% of students and staff knew of this shocking crime. They say that the first 48 hours are the most crucial in a missing persons case, but those hours have already fallen far behind us. The case has gone cold and at this point, it will most likely stay that way. It appears that the real culprit of this case was not the kidnapper, but instead, poor media coverage.

The majority of the 12% aware of this horrific act were crew members of Nora Krings, the previous home of Fred. We arranged for our correspondent there to interview some of the people closest to the victim, including Nora herself. “When I walked into my classroom I noticed right away, it was just too... quiet,” said Nora. “I looked around, in case one of my students was just hiding him to playing a joke on me”. This confusion is what caused the delay of calling police, and the loss of precious hours. A member of the crew, Mallory Garafalo, brought out a photograph of a ransom note that had been left in Nora’s mailbox the day after the crime, it read “if you ever want to see your stuffed owl again, you will do exactly as I say. Leave a briefcase in the Dannex containing: two fright farm tickets, a crisp ticket, smiles, and a crisp high five. If we don’t show it means our informant has caught wind of a plan to involve police. This informant could even be a

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dividends in sheer strength and power, with team captain Sam Dale-Gau is now able to bench 250 pounds. “I really think these workouts will put us over the edge against Edina and Great River, and give us a shot at a D1 championship,” said Sam. Only time will tell for the Manatees, but with the first game weeks way, many believe the team might be using something a “little extra” to make such leaps in personal improvement.



Horoscopes

Nik Logue
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Aries (Mar 21-Apr 19) – Your imaginary friend shall return to you in the middle of the night, only for you to realise how messed up you were as a kid for creating such a monstrosity.

Taurus (Apr 20-May 20) – “Bullfighting is 90% confidence” will be your final words ever uttered.

Gemini (May 21-Jun 20) – Fortunately, the FBI investigators will conclude that it happened so fast that you didn’t feel a thing.

Cancer (Jun 21-Jul 22) – You shall achieve your goals in having the ability to leave your own body and become one with the universe and its subjects, too bad you’ll wake up during your autopsy.

Leo (Jul 23-Aug 22) – Acting your age is absolute nonsense, age is simply a state of mind. Though this week’s stroke has something different to say.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sep 22) – Someday, all of your sleepless nights, hard labour, and countless hours of work will pay off. Just not for you of course.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct 22) – Stop torturing us with your puns. Puns are not only a low form of humour, but a low form of humanity.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21) – You will live your life a slave to the meaningless numbers and figures that prophesize your week based on astrological nonsense.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21) – Hostility will get you nowhere in life, respect and value your peers. Those jackasses in Leo’s 6th hour will probably appreciate that.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19) – You shall send the torturous awkwardness of The Purple Wave soaring to new heights with your new segment Do My Teachers Regret Their Life Decisions?

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18) – One day, you will bring hundreds of people together...in their unanimous hatred for you.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20) – Tragically, you will be the individual who proves to the world that Darwin’s theory of natural selection was wrong.

Where Rebekah REALLY was

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Theater teacher Rebekah Rentzel apparently spent the first semester of the school year mostly just hanging out, according to recent reports. While chatting with a student about the television show *Grey's*

Anatomy, Rebekah allegedly admitted to spending the entire first half of the school year watching Netflix while eating ice cream in her living room.

"At first, it was just a casual conversation about a show we both happened to like," said 10th grader Lauren Mitchell. "She started getting really into it, which weirded me out." She went on to explain Rebekah's slip-up, saying that she continued on to her class when she caught it.

There had already been rumors circulating throughout the community about Rebekah's whereabouts during the first semester.

"Yeah, I kinda thought that she might've been doing some important adult stuff," said 9th grader Amaya Boulanger. "This totally makes more sense though, to be honest."

The rumors first began to surface towards the end of 2nd quarter, near Rebekah's return. While most students believed that Rebekah was spending her time lounging around on Netflix, sources say that a few teachers had their own suspicions as well.

"I mentioned the whole thing to Luke once and he did that thing where he awkwardly avoids the question altogether," said 9th grader Ella Pratt. "He was totally throwing shade at Rebekah. I could tell."

Principal Dave Gundale has planned to send a letter home to parents explaining the how our community values responsibility in order to dissipate the possible backlash from this discovery. According to the anonymous tip of an after school participant, a staff meeting was held regarding how the actions of the faculty reflect our school and our image.



She was watching Netflix and eating ice cream.

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member of your crew. Be careful." Mallory filled me in on what happened after, "of course we called the police," she told me, "our crew can't afford to provide a crisp high five. The officers were just disguised as students studying, but the criminal never showed." For about two weeks after the crime, crew members took polygraph tests to try to find the informant, but these tests were inconclusive and the case went cold.

To attempt to understand the decisions the police made, we went to talk to the person in charge of the case, Officer Mae Wrigley. She told us "well, I'm not technically a real detective, but I played one in the theater's production of *CLUE* two years ago, and I'm all that the school could afford. So I try my best." When questioned as to why she dropped the case she said "Well, Nora's crew was the only group that really cared about the disappearance. So I made the hard decision of switching focus to the issue that the majority of people cared about, why Damon insists on putting *TWO* minute to win its into an already packed community meeting schedule." While this is an important issue, Damon's recklessness is no reason to drop a devastating missing person's case. But what Officer Wrigley said was true, most of the students and teacher. simply weren't aware or interested in this case. And is there anyone we can blame for that except ourselves? The answer is yes, there is always someone to cast blame upon. In this case, it is *The Purple Press*.

Who is responsible for the public being unaware of current events? It is, of course the outlet that alerts people of them. For us, that outlet is the school newspaper, *The Purple Press*. Through extensive research analysis (of the first page of the paper) our specialists have found the person in charge, Leo Bickelhaupt. The school police force burst into Leo's room on Monday during his seventh hour 8th grade English class. The criminal tried to make a last minute escape through the window, but he was tackled and brought down to the station for questioning. As usual, Leo was full of excuses. "It was only, like, the second month of the school year when he was kidnapped," Leo told the police, "we were still working on the first issue and revisiting the style book and layout program". Despite his claim to innocence, Leo was charged with corruption and negligence sentenced to twelve years in prison, with option for parole and lunch detention at five years. This case has made history as one of the seldom times American law enforcement has had a white person pay for their crimes.

Some might say that this saga has ended, the case closed, but *Fred the Owl* remains missing, and his kidnappers still not brought to justice. However tragic this case is, in the end it only confirmed things we all already know: *OWL* is underfunded, Leo is a terrible role model, And us students would do anything, anything, for a crisp high five.

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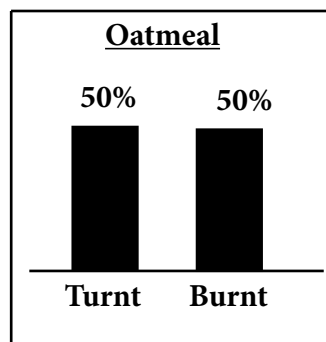
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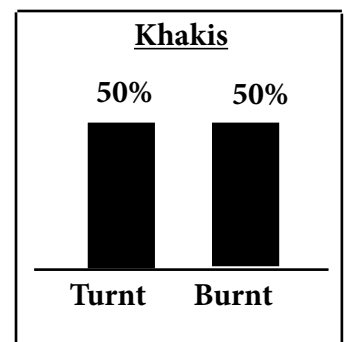
Oatmeal

"Sometimes I'll have it for breakfast. But then again, sometimes I won't." - Gust
 "I think it's wheat or something." - Vilgot
 "It tastes like beige." - Harper



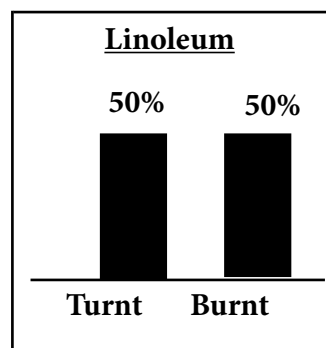
Khakis

"I wear them every once in a while when I need to do laundry." - Parthenia
 "They definitely cover the lower half of your body." - Lawyer
 "I've seen them at Old Navy a couple times." - Flonnie



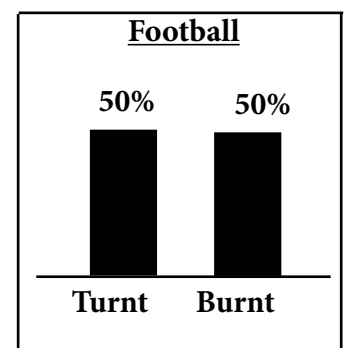
Linoleum

"It's pretty alright." - Arnar
 "It sure is flooring." - Birta
 "My dentist's office has it." - Hjalmar



Football

"Who?" - Todd Brandy



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