



## Warriors Rock the Red: AHA Boys Basketball Game

By: Madi Powell

Just last week, our boy's basketball team beat Northern Lehigh (66-48) while recognizing the American Heart Association (AHA). The AHA takes pride in being the largest non-profit funding source for cardiovascular and cerebrovascular disease research, next to the federal government.

Our varsity cheerleaders were also joined by the junior high cheerleaders. Madison Powell, varsity cheerleader, and Hailee Jones, junior high cheerleader, were born with heart defects. The two cheerleaders were proud to compete that day.

The varsity cheerleaders and the basketball team wore shirts titled "Warriors Rock the Red" and "Support Heart Health Awareness" to represent the AHA. Instead of wearing their typical yellow bows, the cheerleaders wore red ribbons. All donations collected at the game will proudly go towards the American Heart Association! If anyone would like to continue to support this organization or have any further questions, you may visit <https://www.heart.org/>!

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## Sustainability Entering WAHS

By: Isabella Dayton

The new team, Wilson Green Team, is an amazing way to give back to our local community. Wilson Green Team focuses on environmental sustainability throughout both our school and Wilson. Through the support of the faculty and environmentally dedicated students, the Wilson Green Team is beginning to launch. Below, you will find an interview with the Wilson Green Team's founder, Mrs. Craig. This new team is a chance to expand the idea of sustainability — not only throughout WAHS but throughout the entire community of Wilson.

How did the idea of a Wilson Green Team come about?

Mrs. Craig: "It has bothered me for a long time that we do not teach recycling. This is something that our students should get in the habit of doing and as the years go on, this will be even more important to conserve resources. I tried to get this up and running a few years back but was unable to."

Would we start any programs or activities in/outside of school?

Mrs. Craig: "First we would start with simple recycling. Over time we would like to expand to possibly a garden or greenhouse to each sustainable living, compost options, and living a greener lifestyle. It would also be great to team with our environmental classes to teach growing methods, involving the garden and possible greenhouse. This may encourage students to plant their own garden and learn to be environmentally friendly to our soil and air."

How do you think the Wilson Green Team will impact our community?

Mrs. Craig: "My hope is that students will have more pride in their community, pick up trash, and try to beautify their living area."

When and where will meetings be held?

Mrs. Craig: "We are looking at a spring meeting, possibly in February. Our meetings would be held in Ms. Rinehart's room, 105."



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## Key Club Update!

By: Leah Everitt

As we enter the new year, Key Club has wrapped up its successful 2023 and is looking forward to a successful 2024! January is one of the slower months for the service club, but they made their way through it. To start the year, volunteers from Key Club helped out at a mixer hosted by the Wilson Area Communities that Care Coalition at the intermediate school. They sought help from members of Key Club who were interested in entertaining any children who were in attendance.

With February coming quickly, Key Club is beginning to prepare for the launch of its annual candygram sale. This is something students should stay tuned for! Every year, the candygram sale is held for Valentine's Day. It's often a hit for students as they have fun sending their favorite people surprise gifts! This is a great way for us to keep Valentine's Day exciting and raise money for the Key Club.

In the Key Club's most recent meeting, the advisor, Mr. Poticher, and members discussed other plans for the first few months of 2024. These plans consist of potential Earth Day cleanups, raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the spring blood drive, and various learning opportunities for members.

Very soon, there will also be a guest speaker speaking about volunteer hour opportunities at one of their meetings. Remember students, new members are still welcome to join at this point in the school year. All thanks to Key Club for their consistent hard work!



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## Wilson Pies Teachers

By: Karli Breckon

As Wilson comes back from their 2023-2024 Winter Break, we will start picking back up on where we left off, including the Class of 2026's Fundraiser! The Class of 2026 held a "Pie the teacher" fundraiser for their grade. The students ran a vote for about a month, and they let the students decide who they wanted to get pied. They also sold tickets every morning at 7:30, so the students could pick: \$1=2 tickets and \$5=12. The teachers were Mr. Ruhf, Mr. Fowler, Mrs. Cardona, Mr. Presti, Mr. Poticher, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Sleiman, Ms. Reinhart, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Maskalis, Mr. Kruk, Mrs. Bouch, The Brownes, and The Everett's.

Out of the 16 teachers that were picked only three would be getting pied. Those three were Mr. Poticher, Mr. Sleiman, and Mr. Presti.

The teachers were definitely nervous because it was pie to their face, but all of the students who were there and supported the fundraiser loved it, which made it worth it!

The Class of 2026's officers worked very hard on this fundraiser and it was a huge success! If you are wondering who this year's officers are, we have Jefferey Sunderlin as our Class President, Jack Samra as our Vice President, Peyton Singley as our Secretary, and Shaun Danielson as our Treasurer.

Stay updated for more information on Fundraisers coming up for the Class of 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027 by checking the Warrior homepage and the Warrior News on Youtube!



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## New Beginnings: Inside the New Year's Resolutions at WAHS

By: Ayah Mallah

As the calendar turns its page to a new year, people around the world begin setting their New Year's resolutions. With this, I decided to interview members of our school community about what their resolutions are this year.

**Mallah:** What is one of your New Year's resolutions?

**Sabrena Espinosa:** My resolution is to get better with time management.

**Natalie Goldsworth:** My New Year's resolution is to focus more on my school work and get better grades.

**Saanvi Gupta:** One of my New Year's resolutions is to improve my self-care.

**Giada Leone:** One of my New Year's resolutions is to get my band started up.

**Mr. Gibson:** My New Year's resolution this year pertains to my summer break. I would like to make it a more productive summer, while also enjoying the time away from the classroom.

**Mr. Sleiman:** Instead of New Year's resolutions, we have a family motto each year — this year's is "Be Useful." It's going well so far!

**Mallah:** Are there any specific strategies or tools that you will use to achieve this resolution? If so, please briefly describe them.

**Sabrena Espinosa:** I want to achieve [better time management] by making a schedule of my days and what I should do each day. I also will make lists as to what I have to do.

**Natalie Goldsworth:** I plan [to get better grades] by creating a schedule with times to study and get my work done.

**Saanvi Gupta:** I would just have to be more careful with my health, like eating healthier, sleeping more, and going to the gym. This is because I've seen way too many people get sick over this year. I want my family and I to be healthy, so that's why I decided that [improving my self-care] should be my New Year's resolution.

**Giada Leone:** I want to [get my band started up] by meeting up at least once a week to work on sound and getting very comfortable with our instruments. We will also work on getting to know each other, our own music preferences, and what sound or music we want to produce.

**Mr. Gibson:** My plan to make the summer more productive is to keep a schedule. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, I will want to get some work done. This would involve searching for and creating better lessons with improved slideshows, activities, and assignments. Tuesday and Thursday can be days to handle other chores, like running errands and mowing the lawn. Finally, I want to find a physics teacher's conference to travel to, as it would be a good excuse to take a weekend trip and a great opportunity to get better at what I do for a living.

**Mr. Sleiman:** The only strategy we have to enforce [the motto "Be Useful"] is to repeat it often!

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## Girls Basketball Interview

By: Mya Marsac

The girls basketball team has had a challenging year so far. Although the season has been rough, the team is strong, and they have a lot of potential. There is always room for improvement. They are working hard to improve as a team and grow together.

Me: "How do you feel the season is going so far?"

Kiera: "We are better than last year but definitely still need to improve."

Caroline: "I agree with Kiera. We definitely need to improve."

Me: "What do you think the team needs to improve on?"

Kiera: "Looking at post players."

Caroline: "Having a better attitude. Definitely needs to be better under pressure, and also the guards hanging around the three point line."

Me: "How do you feel you've done this season? Do you think you improved?"

Kiera: "I gained a lot more confidence this year than I had last year. I'm better at dribbling, and I'm not scared of the ball."

Caroline: "My defense has gotten better and more aggressive. I also have a better shot than last year."

Me: "What do you think your team needs to improve on as a whole?"

Kiera: "Communication, especially defense communication."

Caroline: "Our offense."

Me: "What are you hoping to take out (learn) from this year?"

Kiera: "I want to take what I learn in basketball and apply it to everyday life."

Caroline: "I'm hoping to be a better point guard, and use the lessons in basketball in my daily life."



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# The Echo

## How to Make the Best of Your Winter in the Lehigh Valley

By: Leah Everitt

Many of us struggle with things like seasonal downs, or making time for fun during the busy holidays. Luckily, here in the Lehigh Valley, we are offered a variety of different things to do during the winter. Go out and discover!

Go for a sleigh ride through a winter wonderland in the Pocono Mountains! Happy Trails Stables in the Poconos offers horse drawn sleigh rides during the winter. Take some friends or go with your family. Wrap up and get cozy in the sleigh to enjoy the ride!

Arctic Paws Dog Sled Tours offers individual sled dog rides as well. On a sled, you could be pulled by a team of Siberian Huskies and led through a beautiful trail. These are rides you wouldn't forget! We are also accommodated with various resorts in the Lehigh Valley where we can ski and snowboard. Spend a day on the slopes with your loved ones! There are also options to go snow tubing. These are always super fun experiences. Each of these locations have options for beginners, so don't hesitate! Go out and have some fun.

Visit Painting with a Twist! You can book a seat on their website. The website gives you various painting options to choose from, all of which are winter themed around this time of year. A professional artist will patiently walk you through all the steps of your painting. Get together with some friends, listen to Christmas music, and paint a pretty picture! These bookings are very laid back and enjoyable.

Did you know that Michael's hosts in-store crafting events for free? Every Sunday, adults and children of all ages are welcome to visit any Michael's location in the Lehigh Valley and learn how to make a wintry craft! All materials are included, all you need to do is show up. This is a great way to keep yourself busy and creative in the winter.

Regardless of what you might be interested in, there is always an option for you! Don't isolate yourself this season. Take a look at online resources, and connect with your community. It's important to keep your spirit high during the winter time.



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# Japan Evacuates from Tsunamis and Earthquakes

By: Jane Compton

On January 1st, Japanese authorities had announced a Tsunami warning and issued an evacuation after a series of earthquakes had affected the west side of the main island. A 7.6 magnitude earthquake was reported at 4:00pm, the strongest of more than a dozen earthquakes that had already been documented by the Japan Meteorological Agency.

Tsunami warnings were issued in Ishikawa prefecture. It was later lifted; however, coastal residents were ordered to keep a distance from their homes due to the possible danger of the waves. There had also been a television warning to the state from station NHK about the rising of water up to 16.5 feet in the local area, as a 10-foot tsunami was predicted to make its landfall in Niigata prefecture on the coast of the Sea of Japan. The earthquakes had disrupted train lines, cut off power to multiple areas, and ignited fires on residential buildings, causing chaos and necessitating emergency responses.

There have been no confirmed deaths due to the earthquakes yet, but meteorologists say there's a high possibility for further earthquakes in the next several days. These earthquakes are what has raised tsunami concerns across both North Korea and Russia. South Korea's meteorologists had urged vigilance on the country's eastern coast and heightened caution due to possible delayed after-effects. An emergency center has been established by Prime Minister Fumio Kishida to collect information on the earthquake and tsunami risk as the situation continues to develop. Still now, tsunami warnings are still coming out and evacuation orders are still ongoing.



## Earthquake in Japan Takes Thousands From People

By: Tyler Grohotolsky

People all over the western coast of Japan are left homeless after a huge earthquake strikes New Years day. Japan is left searching after an amass of people are missing, and 180 were found dead.

Thousands of Police, troops, and firefighters were called to search through the rubble in hopes to find some of the missing people., The rescue effort since the 7.6 magnitude earthquake has been unsuccessful so far.

Authorities were uncertain of the number of people missing in Wajima ahead of the large-scale search involving about 100 police officers at the Wajima Morning Market, where around 200 buildings were destroyed.

Snow, rain and plunging temperatures have complicated the relief effort in Ishikawa by increasing the risk of landslides, and endangered communities that are isolated due to quake-induced damage to roads.



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## “Living Skin” in the Great Wall of China?

By: Aidan Glassmoyer

According to some sources, portions of the Great Wall of China have living skin protecting it. These portions of the Great Wall of China were built by compressing natural materials with soil and were once considered a weak point in the Great Wall.

This “living skin” consists of tiny rootless plants and microorganisms known as biocrusts. Biocrusts are commonly found in dry soil regions, but are not typically located on handmade structures.

Past studies have revealed that lichen and moss biocrusts can be a threat to modern heritage stone structures due to the microbial communities’ long-term impacts on the aesthetic value, the production of acid and other metabolites, and the alteration of microenvironments, which could cause erosion and rock weathering. Those findings have led to the removal of plants growing on the top of parts of the Great Wall.

The effects of biocrusts look different for landmarks. Cyanobacteria and moss actually increase the Great Wall’s stability. Which has improved its resistance to erosion, according to the new paper.

Samples have been taken from over 300 miles away. This is across eight rammed earth sections of the site. The authors found that more than two-thirds of the area is covered in biocrusts.

Researchers compared the stability and strength of samples layered in biocrust with samples without “Earth’s living skin.” They discovered that samples with biocrust are as much as three times stronger than those without.

Biocrust is made up of components such as cyanobacteria, algae, moss, fungi and lichen.

Biocrusts cover an estimated 12% of the planet’s surface; the communities of tiny plants and microorganisms can take decades, or longer, to develop.



## NASA'S Super Sonic Jet

By: Korey Pluhar

Lockheed Martin and NASA set out to unveil their new X-59 Supersonic Jet, said to be quieter than any previous one. This high-tech aircraft is to break the sound barrier without the super-loud sonic boom sound. The X-59 Quiet SuperSonic Technology (Quesst) jet has been under construction at Lockheed Martin's "Skunk Works" facility in Palmdale, California, circa 2019. The X-59 Quesst's sound barrier-breaking technology is said to lower the volume of a sonic boom to a 'thump,' similar to slamming a car door. NASA says the aircraft could aid in remolding regulations that previously held back supersonic flight over populated areas due to the disruption that a thunderous sonic boom can create.

On Friday, January 12th, premiering at 4 pm, NASA is hosting a free-to-join live stream unveiling the red, white, and blue painted X-59 jet as it rolls from its hangar for the first time since completion. The X-59 was shown once in August 2023, before its patriotic paint job or livery. During its first rollout, the geometry of the X-59 left viewers in awe. The aircraft details its striking features and showcases its sharp, elongated, beak-like nose section that measures 38 feet (in length). This nose portion of the jet plays a role in shaping the shockwaves that the aircraft produces during its airtime.

Its iconic nose also means that pilots flying the X-59 aircraft would not have the ability to see out of a forward windscreen, so it does not have one. Instead, pilots will use the External Vision System (XVS), according to NASA, to see the front of the aircraft. This system works by using a forward-facing camera, a cockpit-mounted display screen, and custom image processing software to create an "augmented reality view of the X-59 pilot's forward line-of-sight along with graphical flight data overlays," according to a 2019 statement from the agency.



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# Iowa School Shooting

By: Emma Davenport

On January 4, 2024, Dylan Butler shot and killed a sixth grader, and wounded four other students and a school administrator. Later that day, Butler ended up taking his own life.

The police received news of the active shooter at around 7:37 AM. There were not many students on school grounds at the time of this tragic event, but a breakfast program was going on.

This shooting took place at Perry High School in Iowa on the first day back from winter break. Butler was armed with a pump shotgun and a small caliber handgun. Police later found out that the 17 year old boy also had an “improvised explosive device.” Butler was said to have acted alone, and authorities have not released a motive due to the on-going case.

During the investigation, officials later found out that Butler was a part of a discord group dedicated to talking about school shootings. Police later found messages of him saying, “I need him to leave so I can assemble my guns” and “I’m in the bathroom gearing up.” Discord was previously used to plan a shooting back in 2022, but the boy was caught by the police before anything occurred.

Since this tragedy, the community has come together in many different ways to show support for the victims and their families. The community has put posters around the outside of the school that say “Perry strong,” and there was a candlelight vigil to mourn the loss of the boy who lost his life.



## Nevada Man Attacks Judge in Courtroom

By: Lianah Thomas

Cameras in a Nevada courtroom would capture a dramatic scene in which a man could be seen jumping across a courtroom table to attack a judge in Nevada. On Wednesday, January 3, 2024, a Clark County District judge sentenced felon Deobra Redden after he pleaded guilty to attempted battery (assault) with substantial bodily harm.

In the video, Judge Mary Kay Holthus reads out the sentencing to the courtroom. Redden suddenly jumps over the bench and attacks Holthus, and it would take three people to restrain Redden. Fortunately, Judge Mary Kay Holthus is in stable condition as of right now. A court-martial who was seen attempting to restrain Redden was injured but is also in stable condition.

Redden has a criminal history which includes multiple charges of domestic violence. In 2021, he previously served time in prison for domestic battery. He claims that during the time he was going through mental health problems, and he is currently doing better because of a support system he had set up.

Following this, his lawyer would advocate to give Redden probation instead of returning to prison. Holthus would deny the lawyer's request stating, "I appreciate that but I think it's time he gets a taste of something else because I just can't with that history."

Immediately after her statement, Redden can be seen lunging at her. The video of this attack has gone viral on social media, and Redden has recently been called to the courtroom again for a resentencing. In the new footage, he is seen with a muzzle-like device around his mouth and gloves restricting his movement.



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## Gypsy Rose Gets Released

By: Karli Breckon

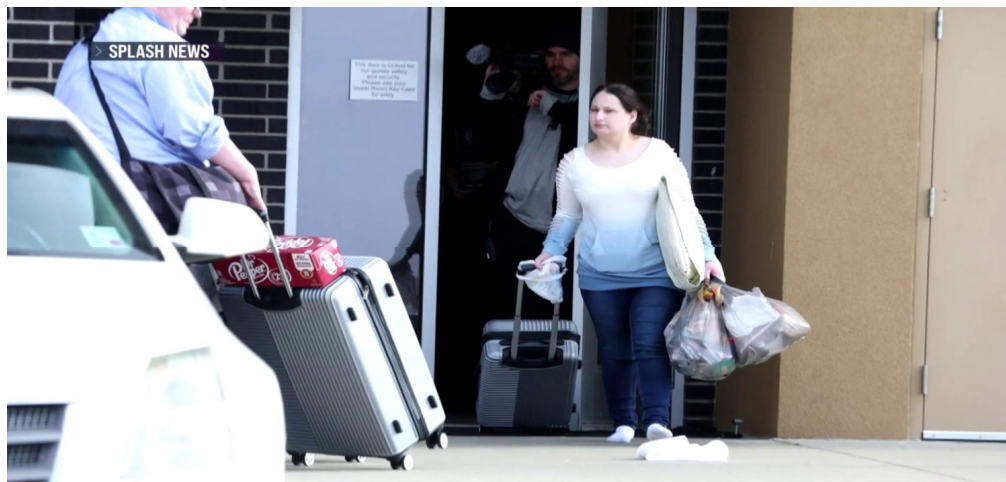
Gypsy Rose is a very well known woman, but not for the reasons you would think. When Gypsy was a little girl, she lived with her Mother Dee Dee and was raised in Louisiana, but she and her mother eventually moved to Missouri. When Gypsy was just a baby, her mother began telling people she had different illnesses. But when Gypsy reached age 8, her mother told her she had Leukemia and Muscular Dystrophy. Dee Dee told Gypsy she would be in a wheelchair and need a feeding tube.

As the years went on, it only ever got worse, the list of medical problems Dee Dee related about her daughter would go on to include seizures, asthma, and hearing and visual impairments. Due to Dee Dee's actions, Gypsy had to be prescribed with multiple medications and had to sleep using a breathing machine. Gypsy also went through multiple surgeries as well, including surgeries on her eyes and the removal of her salivary glands. Later on Gypsy's teeth started to rot due to the medication she was taking. They were later pulled out.

The truth is that Gypsy could walk, did not need a feeding tube and did not have cancer. Gypsy's head was only ever bald because Dee Dee shaved it all off so it could look real. Dee Dee has a mental illness called Munchausen Syndrome by proxy. This syndrome made Dee Dee fabricate her daughter's health in order to receive attention for taking care of a "Sick Child".

When Dee Dee told Gypsy's dad, Rob Blanchard, she had many illnesses, he complimented Dee Dee for her devoted care. As Gypsy got older, Dee Dee would lie about her age, going so far that Dee Dee was changing the dates of Gypsy's Birth certificate. Gypsy was becoming harder for Dee Dee to control. In 2011, Gypsy tried hiring a man to kill her mother, but Dee Dee found out that Gypsy was talking to people online, smashed her computer, and restrained her to a bed. Gypsy stated that her mother would sometimes hit her also and deny her food. Gypsy managed to get back online and met a man named Nicholas Godejohn. She later then told him the truth about her mother and asked him to kill Dee Dee so they could be together.

In June 2015, he came to her house and stabbed Dee Dee while Gypsy waited in the bathroom with her ears covered. In 2016, Gypsy pled guilty to second-degree murdered and was sentenced to 10 years in prison. Gypsy was released December 28th, 2023. On the other hand, the man who helped her was charged with first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison.



## A Tragedy of a Surgery

By: Jordyn Pyles

A woman in Florida seemed to have gotten more than what she bargained for after leaving her dentist appointment with brain damage and 24-hour care after receiving an unnecessarily high dose of fentanyl during her dental procedure on May 10th, 2022.

Maria Lugo Querales traveled to Marble Falls, Texas, to undergo a dental surgery procedure and had a quick brush with death after being put under anesthesia by Dr. Jerry Teague. Querales' husband, Luis Espana, had accused Teague of allowing Querales to take such an extensive amount of fentanyl without properly informing her first. Teague is not the only dentist involved, as Dr. Lane Freeman and Dr. Stuart Nunnally were also present during her procedure.

Querales had initially visited the clinic in Florida to be sent in for a procedure for "alleged cavitations" along with the extraction of an asymptomatic root-canal treated tooth." Her medication for this procedure was 400 grams of fentanyl, the sedative midazolam, and the anesthetic lidocaine.

Teague had worked as an anesthesiologist at the Texas clinic. He administered these drugs to Querales a day before his disappearance after taking an evening walk. Teague's wife would reveal that he was suffering from "cognitive issues" as he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer with less than a year to live. Only two weeks after this dental procedure would Teague succumb to his illness.

Espana is now suing the dental clinic due to their "negligence" and claimed that they were "offering, planning and performing unnecessary dental surgery." The doctors have since denied all indictments, leaving Querales to live in a neurological rehabilitation facility where she breathes through a tracheotomy.



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## Opinion: Trouble in Schools?

By: Devin Agosta

The Chicago Board of Education is reportedly seeking to remove all officers from high schools in fall of 2024. Mayor Brandon Johnson and Chicago Teachers Union leadership have vocally opposed police officers being stationed in Chicago Public Schools buildings. The school board was appointed by Johnson, a former CTU organizer, and will vote on whether to renew the \$10.3 million police contract this summer.

During his campaign, Johnson said police “have no place in schools.” Once in office he ultimately deferred to Local School Councils to vote on whether to keep police officers in schools.

Research on the effectiveness of officers in schools can vary depending on areas and other factors. This shows the importance of letting decisions regarding these officers rest with the school leaders, who know their schools and environment. Theoretically, they should be the best people fit to make this decision.

These decisions could be very controversial due to the rising rate of school related violence and crime. Just last week there was a school shooting in Iowa. Without the presence of officers in the schools, these violent crimes could skyrocket and be uncontrollable, especially in a place like Chicago that has crime everywhere and doesn't seem to be going down anytime soon.

In 2022 the people of Chicago reported 29% fewer crimes, but also large spikes in violent crimes including assaults, motor vehicle theft, and homicide. So removing police officers from schools could potentially lead to more of these crimes occurring at the schools, which would truly be a horrific sighting.

All in all, this is a very serious decision for the Chicago Board of Education that should be carefully considered and looked at many times before being put into motion. If they do plan to go through with this, it will be interesting to see how they plan on protecting their students.



## Just Press Play

By: Kallie Ahart

Are you tired of scrolling through movies to find one you will enjoy? Here is a list of some movies you might want to check out!

Netflix has quite a few romance movies. Two great ones you might enjoy are *Love at First Sight* and *To All the Boys I Loved Before*. *Love at First Sight* is about a woman named Hadley and a man named Oliver who start to fall for one another on their flight to London. However, they lose each other after the flight lands and might never see each other again. *To All the Boys I Loved Before* is about a girl named Lara Jean Covey. Throughout her life, Lara Jean wrote letters whenever she had a crush so big it was too much to keep it in. One day, all of her letters get sent without her knowing. So, Lara Jean creates an elaborate plan to save herself from embarrassment.

An action movie on Netflix you might enjoy is *The Adam Project*. In *The Adam Project*, fighter pilot Adam Reed accidentally time travels back to 2022 and is forced to team up with his 12-year-old self to save the future. Another great action movie is *Morbius*. *Morbius* is about Dr. Morbius, who, while very ill, attempts a risky gamble to save others from the same fate.

*Mr. & Mrs. Smith* is an extraordinary action movie on Prime Video. A married couple lives very mundane lives, but are each keeping secrets from one another. They are both assassins and have been tasked with taking out the same target.

Prime Video has some great romances as well. *The Map of Tiny Perfect Things* is about two teenagers who are stuck in an endless loop of the same day and decide to find every moment that makes a day perfect. *Chemical Hearts* is about a boy named Henry Page. With the experience of being the editor of his school newspaper, Henry hopes to one day become a writer. However, he has yet to experience the grand romance he hopes for.

For comedies on Hulu, *The Sandlot* is a great option. A boy named Scottie Smalls just moved to a new neighborhood and befriends a group of kids who play baseball together. Trouble starts when Scottie borrows a signed ball from his stepdad and hits it over a fence.

Disney Plus is known for its action movies, and *National Treasure* is certainly not a disappointment. *National Treasure* follows a history enthusiast named Ben Gates, who has spent his whole life searching for a treasure seemingly lost to time. Ben teams up with two other treasure hunters and finds a clue leading back to the Declaration of Independence. One of his team members betrays him, so he has to get to the document before his newly formed rival does.