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Locker Issues Add Touch of Stress to First Week



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First day of 7th grade, another year of middle school moving smoothly through the year. Everything is the same, well, besides the teachers, classes, and of course, the lockers.

Because we are now in 7th grade, we get only get our locker and our combination on the first day. Our teachers were assured that all the lockers were fine, nothing could go wrong, right? Well, not exactly.

So, from my point of view, I, like everyone else, got a locker card from my period 3 teacher with my locker number and combination. I was one of the kids who had to 'try all combos' and once I did, the third combo got me into my locker. Everything went smoothly through the day and I got in and out of my locker easy and I had even already memorized my code.

Obviously the next day I was expecting to be just as fine as it was the day before. My mom dropped me off to school at 7:56 am and I headed to the cafeteria like I normally would, and when they let me and the other kids out, I walked up to the top floor and to my locker. I knew something was different at first—the lock was different; it was shaped sort of like a diamond, without the point at the end. I was confused at first, but being hopeful I decided to try to open my locker using my combo. One try, didn't open. I figured I must have just put in the combination wrong. Second try, didn't open. At this point I knew that there was something wrong.

I headed downstairs to the second floor and saw Mrs. Fabian, (my grades counselor) and told her about my issue. She told me all of the students were to go to the library. I did as she said and walked over too the library and I was definitely not the only one who this had

happened to.

There were a few kids from 8th grade, no kids from 6th grade, but there were probably about 18 7th graders, who experienced the same thing that I did. We were told to write our names on a sheet and what our issue was. We all pretty much wrote the same thing: *name; _____ issue; Locker wont open.*

After we signed the sheet, we were told to go to our regular classes with our back-

packs until they could fix the lockers. But believe me when I say that the 7th graders weren't too happy. Even I can admit I was frustrated. I mean, can you blame us? Half of the people at the library including me had already memorized their locker combo, some people had wrote it on their wrist with sharpie.

I was also mostly worried because all of my books and my pencil case were in my locker. I only had my tablet and binder with me. I went to period 1 team time and sat down with my friends. Half of my team time class's lockers weren't working as well. No one was necessarily in a good mood at

the time.

It was almost the end of team time and I got called down to the main office. Mr. Gettman gave me a slip of paper with my new combo it. Now that, put me back in a good mood. I walked back to my team time and got my stuff and put it back into my locker. Pretty much half of the people that I saw at the library got their lockers fixed the same day I did. The other half had gotten theirs fixed by the end of the week.

In the end, it definitely wasn't the best way to start off school. Some of the teachers said that our grade probably had the most locker issues they've seen in a long time. But in the end, it all turned out alright, I just hope if it happens again, it won't happen when we have already stained our skin with permanent marker.



8th Grader Transforms SMS Girls' Rooms



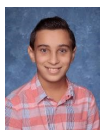
**By Tori Suarez
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8th Grader Tori Suarez took time out of her summer to paint encouraging images and messages in some of the girls' rooms at SMS. The results are really terrific!

"I wanted to create these paintings because I think that everyone needs a little extra happiness in their day. Sometimes people can forget that it's okay to be themselves, and I just want to help them remember," Tori said. "I was inspired by pictures I saw of other schools doing similar things. My goal is to just make everyone's day a little brighter. I had lots of help from my mom who made the stencils for me, my friend Bailey who helped me find good quotes, and also my dad who drove me to school and carried my paints."



The Influence of Shiloh Dynasty



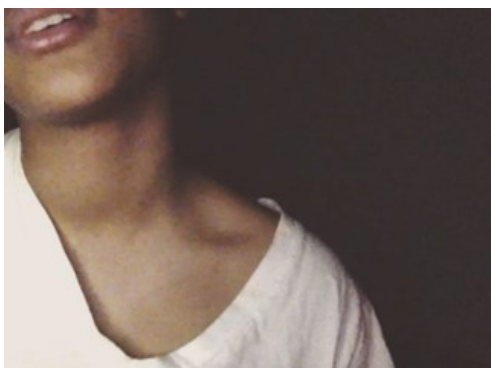
**By Noah Volkman
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Every so often a musical voice appears that resonates and this can be said for Maryland singer, Shiloh Dynasty, someone who manages to be wildly popular *and* completely mysterious. She first went viral in 2014 on Vine with ominously shot videos featuring moving original music.

That same year, she posted two full songs to SoundCloud – "DownTown" and "Nicole's Garden." And while her primary output remained short clips on Vine & Instagram, Shiloh's reach grew so much that legendary producer Timbaland took notice.

However, in May 2015, seemingly learning into the mystery, Shiloh posted, "I'm not a look, I'm a feeling." And she followed that up with some of her most viewed material to-date. In June 2016 she flipped Drake's "One Dance."

But in September 2016 Shiloh posted one last photo and then disappeared. In the last few years, Shiloh's voice has jumped from minimalist social videos to the basis of hundreds of lo-fi songs. A popular cut came in January 2016 from Swell called "I'm Sorry."



But possibly Shiloh's biggest remix came in mid-2017 from producer potsu. Then some months afterwards, the late rapper XXXTENTACION ended up flipping potsu's beat into "Jocelyn Flores," a song about a friend of his who committed suicide. X's debut album *17* included "Flores" as well as 2 other Shiloh Dynasty

sampled cuts ("Everybody Dies in Their Nightmares" and "Carry On.")

Other rappers have sampled Shiloh too, notably Atlanta's Young Thug and most recently, Chicago's Juice WRLD. Though some knew of Shiloh before, X introduced her to a broader audience and in the process helped spur on lo-fi hip-hop, the original place to welcome their voice. While the mystery around Shiloh remains, reports lead to their manager who conformed that the artist *is* alive and presumably well, though not interested in the public eye. As her manager said in the first

time he's spoken to the press in years, "Shiloh is an intensely private person and that is all I have to say on the matter."

Ultimately, Shiloh's Instagram is full of comments asking for her return and her Spotify page boasts nearly 1.5 million monthly listeners. And while it's unclear when or whenever we'll hear new music, what is clear is that Shiloh's voice has moved thousands of fans young and old in the 5 years since sharing her voice with the world.

NBA 2K20 Launch Gone Wrong?



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NBA 2K20 is a basketball simulation video game that is produced by Visual Concepts and published by 2K Sports. The game released on Friday, September 6, 2019, and



is the most recent game of a series of that has been updated into separate games every year ever since 1999. It has gotten better and became more popular and more loved every year. The 2k community has been very excited for NBA 2k20, since the expectations for the game are very high.

The developers and producers for the game have said that the future of NBA 2K starts this

year. However, the community are calling the game "NBA 2K19.5" with the lack of big changes in the game compared to last year's NBA 2K19,

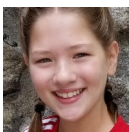
along with the biggest issue... THE GLITCHES!

The most popular game modes are MyCareer, where you create your own NBA player and play with him either in the NBA, on the playground, and more, and MyTeam, where you create your own fantasy team, using historic and current NBA players. There have been many glitches and problems in both of the game modes, and players and Youtubers are very frustrated because with all the problems, they can't create good content on Youtube or even play for at least an hour without glitches and problems in the game. Youtubers are saying that NBA 2K20 should've been released a couple weeks or if not, a month after September 6.

Even though all these problems and glitches are happening, according to the 2K producers, these problems will get fixed little by little, until the game will be enjoyable in every game mode. But for now, the launch of NBA 2K20 has not been a successful one.



Some Quick Tips From a New 8th Grader

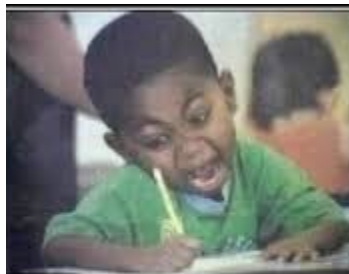


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You thought 7th grade was difficult? Think again! 8th grade is easy the first week and now in the second week, it is getting difficult. It is difficult to balance books, lockers and homework. There's homework in every class and the lockers get jammed really easily! And while the lockers are bigger in width, they're shorter!

As for books, you must make sure you have everything you need for your classes, other wise you can't leave the classroom to get anything unless you need it REALLY BADLY. Also, you need to bring your own pencil because teachers won't lend you one.

Peace out!



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