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Soccer Really Challenges Your Abilities



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If you play soccer you would know how soccer can be such a beautiful sport, but sometimes it gets ugly.

While there is a risk of a cleat to the head, concussions, broken bones, nose bleeds, and some other injuries, that's could occur in any fast moving sport.

But soccer can be really beautiful, too, when you score a goal, complete a pass, move the field, and win a tough game.

Soccer is fun when you are winning, playing in good weather, being the high scorer, and being a good teammate. Being a bad teammate,



not cooperating, not working as a team, not scoring, and especially not winning, can take away from that.

Every time my team scores, it is like we accomplished our goal in soccer. Like scoring at least one goal in 10 minutes.

Some people think that soccer is just a sport played in other parts of the world, but it really isn't.

Kids and adults here put hard work into soccer. They need skill to dribble the ball, run fast, they need good stamina, and the ability to kick the ball far.

It is important to have the skills when playing soccer. Soccer is one of my favorite sports to play.

Oculus Quest takes Virtual Reality to a New Level



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The Oculus Quest is the future of virtual reality.

It has a Display resolution of 1440 x 1600 per eye, compared to The Rift, which had a resolution of 1080x1200 per eye.

With a Qualcomm Snapdragon 835 processor, the Oculus Quest has 4 gigabits of RAM and 128GB of storage memory. That's twice as much as the iPhone 11. It has two touch controllers and has a camera built in so you can create your own play



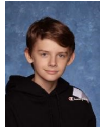
area, which can be up to 15 by 15 feet and does not require other cameras to be set up around you. It has a Lithium-ion battery with 2-3 hours playtime, depending on what you are playing. And it comes with one of the newest VR games out there right now, Vader Immortal.

As it runs, it can refresh itself 72 times per second and runs at 72Hz and you don't need a PC to run it. You can do it anytime, anywhere

where all other VR headsets need a PC. I personally think that this is the future of VR.



Streaming Review



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Disney's newest streaming service has been under much criticism after it was announced in August and released last November. It takes Disney, and its subsidiaries (Marvel, Pixar and National Geographic) and then puts them all into a streaming service for only \$7 a month.

Disney Plus offers you your favorite childhood movies: Toy Story, UP, Wall-E, Star Wars, for the mere price of \$7 a month, with all of the platforms of Netflix and Hulu. It comes on Desktop, Mobile, TV, and most gaming consoles.



I have watched Toy Story, The Incredibles, and 3 of The Avengers movies, and still there are tons of great movies to watch. It is great for all types, people who like the emotional moments of UP, the great reveals of Star Wars, the insane battles of Avengers, or the cool animals of National Geographic. It's fun for the whole family.

All in all, Disney Plus is great for its price, great for kids and the family, and provides you with your favorite shows and movies from all services, for the low price of \$7 a month. Maybe think twice next time you get an ad for Disney Plus.

A Tale of Two Grandmothers



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Every month, we visit grandmother Rose at her little wooden cabin hidden in the woods, very far from town. Her behavior has always been unusual since her identical twin sister, Vicky died.

We never discovered the truth of how she died. The loss of a loved one can cause great trauma to a person but she never showed any emotion at all. Whenever we went to visit, grandmother Rose always made us special dinners and told us stories. Now, she has us propped up in front of the television eating pop tarts for dinner. We were always perplexed with what happened to grandmother Rose's kind personality.

Not long ago, we were watching Wheel of Fortune and eating refried beans on the couch and grandmother Rose dropped her tray of beans and everything splattered. We had helped her clean up. While she was wiping off the food from her

face, we noticed a mole on her chin that we never recognized before. She probably noticed our confused Suddenly, her face went pale and she ran off to the bathroom knocking down the only picture of great aunt Vicky.

Why was grandmother Rose so startled? I rushed to the bathroom, very concerned to see if grandmother Rose was alright. I knocked, no response. I figured grandmother Rose didn't want to be bothered. I slowly picked up the shards of glass left on her glazed wooden floor. As I picked up the photo and placed it back into the broken frame, I noticed that same exact mole on great aunt Vicky. Suddenly, I felt the color drain from my face and my heart was racing. The thumping of my heart was as



loud as a bass drum. I rushed to the bathroom and slammed my hands on the door till my knuckles bled. No answer. I twist the doorknob. It's open. I peer inside, she's gone. All that was left was a wide-open window and a folded news story of great aunt Vicky's death with bold red letters plastered at the center spelling out, **I'M ALIVE.**

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Photos by Cheryl Astrologo

8th graders recently celebrated NaNoWriMo by sharing the novels they wrote during the month of November in the library. Assisting with the sharing was local author Joseph Wallace of Pleasantville, who is known for novels like Diamond Ruby, Invasive Species, and Slavemakers.



Tips to Get Through the Rest of 7th Grade



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If you want to survive the final five months of 7th grade, you must know all the steps.

The first step is never be late because most teacher care and if you keep doing it you can get lunch detention and your friends may laugh at you because of that.

Step two is to keep your belongings safe because people can steal things for a joke or to copy homework.

Step three is don't spread rumors because if you hang out with the people who spread your lies, it will catch on quick, it will get a lot of attention, you can get hated on and get in trouble.



Step four is to study more than you think you should because the tests could be on something very specific that you didn't really think was going to be on the test.

Step five is to do your homework on time because it could be a grade you weren't told about and you could get 0%.

Step six is don't stand in the middle of the hall because someone might be in a rush to get to class and you are blocking them because there are always a bunch of kids in the hall and it gets you

frustrated.

Step seven is always be ready for your teacher to call on you because teachers have a way of calling on you when you're not paying attention, and you'll get embarrassed.