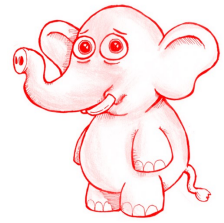


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The Great One Note Debate!



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Our school's students and teachers rely on one program on

our tablets to carry us throughout the school year without using an INSANE amount of paper, but can we rely on OneNote fully or is a paperless future not even close?

OneNote definitely has its ups and downs but is OneNote good or bad? I'm sure everyone knows that certain websites have glitches, while OneNote notebooks must sync or load, which can take a while. Meanwhile, paper doesn't have to sync and paper never "dies", unlike our tablets.

Another downside to OneNote is if your OneNote is not working, most teachers don't have

paper copies, which could really stink.

My last downside to OneNote is that sometimes, technology just doesn't function right, and paper never crashes or needs "repairing".

On the other hand, there are some perks about OneNote. One thing that people like is that as long as you have your tablet you also have your notebook with you. It makes it much easier to carry your books around if you only need your tablet and not multiple notebooks.

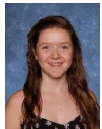
Also, it makes it easier to share your work with others. Instead of having to physically rewriting a note, you can just press copy and paste.

Overall, OneNote definitely has its ups and downs. In some ways it would definitely be a better decision to just stick with paper, but OneNote also can be great.

If you have great Internet OneNote is a great alternative to using paper!



Lots of Time to Think During Detention



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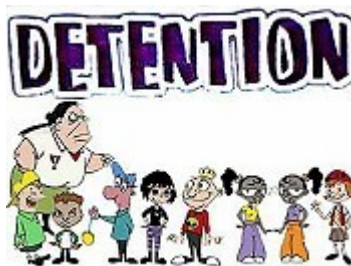
Detention. You get in trouble because you did something wrong.

First you have to look at your teacher. It feels like you have a million bricks on your back. You tip-toe in and sit down.

As you take out your work you make eye contact with your teacher. Your heart starts beating a million miles an hour. You feel like you are just going to POP!

You know the room is empty, but you feel like someone is behind you, watching you. You should have never done what you did. You feel as if the whole world is around you. You keep your eyes on your paper and continue writing.

Detention is something your parents would



not approve of. You think about how you are going to tell them. Your head is spinning and you feel nauseous.

"They will never look at you the same way, you think to yourself."

Your hands are shaking and you feel as if you were going to turn to dust. Your handwriting is getting messier and messier by the minute. You don't have enough work to get you through the period. You start to spin. You fall out of your chair.

You get back up a minute later and say you dropped your pencil. You start writing super slow to pass the time.

You are writing your final word. The bell rings, you are free. You sprint out and go to your next class. And your final thought? *That will never happen again!*

Yaaaaawwwwwnnnn! Why Am I Sooooo Tired?



**By Ezra Weinstein
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Let's say it is a brisk Monday morning. You wake up, look around, and lay down again.

Then you hear your dad screaming at you, "WAKE UP AND GET READY FOR SCHOOL!!!"

You scream back, "I'M TIRED! LEAVE ME ALONE!!!"

Pretty much every single school day, children wake up tired because school starts early in their opinion. I agree that school starts really early and it's a problem. Students who are turning into "annoying teenagers" need lots of sleep, so an early school start time doesn't really work.

The reason this is bad is because if you are



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tired, you can't possibly perform your best. I believe school should start at least an hour later so students can get more sleep, perform better, and become a little bit nicer, if you know what I mean. I know that teens tend to go to sleep at 10, 11, and 12 o'clock but, it is probably because of

home-work and sports. So there needs to be a balance.



Proxy and the Guardian

by Alex London



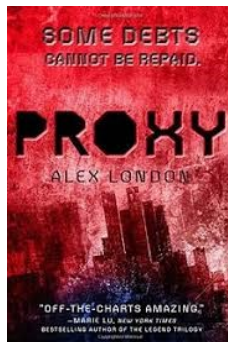
**By Nick Cirillo
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Debt. Nobody likes debt. But in Proxy by Alex London, debt can bring real pain. As a proxy, your patrons pay off your debt—but in return, the proxy must take all punishments that the patron would have. But Syd, a proxy with a very, very irresponsible patron named Knox, discovers that he has more of a destiny than he thought.

He is Yovel, the savior of proxies, and the one who would free the Mountain City of debt. And Syd isn't very prepared.

Meeting up with his patron Knox and teaming with an anti-debt "Causegirl" Marie, Syd must escape the clutches of Guardians – humans genetically engineered since conception to be the ultimate law enforcers – and corrupt CEOs, flee Mountain City, and make his way to the Rebooters, an organization bent on destroying debt.

But, with a shocking twist, the entire



proxy system is shut down.

Then starts Guardian.

Months after the events of Proxy, Mountain City's entire population has been evacuated to "Old" Detroit, and the Rebooters – now called the Reconciliation – run a debt-free society where everyone is equal. And everything is pretty great! Well, until a plague starts to spread.

But the Reconciliation doesn't care. It'll wipe them out, kill everyone... and the Council doesn't lift a finger. So Syd, his bodyguard Liam,

and Marie must find help in the Machine, a terrorist group trying to restore Mountain City's society.

Whether facing evil corporations that exploit and rob, or the mysterious Cousin, who seeks to wipe out Old Detroit's population, Proxy and Guardian will have you flying through both novels, and leave you wanting more.

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Tolerance is Key to 'No Place for Hate'



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If you are not aware of what Anti-Semitism is I am here to tell you. Anti-Semitism is when someone says a prejudiced comment specifically about the Jewish religion.

I am Jewish myself and have heard people in our school make some prejudice comments about me. It is really ridiculous that kids are saying such horrible things.

The comments that were said to me were so offensive, I believe it would be inappropriate to share them. This is a serious topic and students, faculty, and parents should be aware. If you ever see something say something. There are people in



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this word who are still prejudiced and racist against people who are different from them.

As I see it, there are two reasons that kids are making Anti-Semitic comments. One is the kid doesn't know what Anti-Semitism actually means, or, two, their parents taught them to be that way.

This article to make people aware that this does happen in Somers Middle School.

Editor's Note: The Somers Middle School "No Place for Hate" Committee meets weekly to foster a safe, secure environment for all SMS students. See Mr. Arnett, SMS Student Council Advisor, if interested in joining or helping out.



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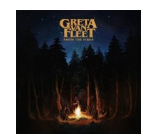
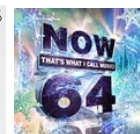
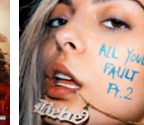
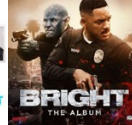
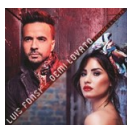


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This is a list of Top 10 charts, courtesy of iTunes.com

Top 10 Songs:

1. [Thunder by Imagine Dragons](#)
2. [Havana \(featuring Young Thug\) by Camila Cabello](#)
3. [Perfect by Ed Sheeran](#)
4. [Feel It Still by Portugal. The Man](#)
5. [Wolves by Selena Gomez and Marshmello](#)
6. [Echame La Culpa by Luis Fonsi and Demi Lovato](#)
7. [What Lovers Do \(featuring SZA\) by Maroon 5](#)
8. [Home by Machine Gun Kelly, X Ambassadors and Bebe Rexha](#)
9. [Meant to Be \(featuring Florida Georgia Line\) by Bebe Rexha](#)
10. Too Good at Goodbyes by Sam Smith



Top 10 Albums:

1. *reputation* by Taylor Swift (2017)
2. *The Rest of Our Life* by Tim McGraw and Faith Hill (2017)
3. *Evolve* by Imagine Dragons (2017)
4. *Everyday Is Christmas* by Sia (2017)
5. *A Pentatonix Christmas Deluxe* by Pentatonix (2017)
6. *Lambs & Lions* by Chase Rice (2017)
7. *NOW That's What I Call Music, Vol. 64* by Various Artists (2017)
8. *÷ (Deluxe)* by Ed Sheeran (2017)
9. *Atomic Blonde (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)* by Various Artists (2017)
10. *From the Fires* by Greta Van Fleet (2017)