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## Wedding Spotlights Britain's Changing Monarchy



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On November 27<sup>th</sup>, it was announced by the Prince of Wales, Prince Charles that his son, Prince Harry proposed to Ms. Meghan Markle, an American actress and they recently got married on May 19<sup>th</sup>, last Saturday.

The wedding took place at St. Georges Chapel, Windsor and began mid-day. It was conducted by the Rt Revd., David Conner or the Dean of Windsor. 2,640 people were invited to the grounds of Windsor, but only 600 were invited to the service.

Ceremonial duties were performed by more than 250 members of the armed forces. An American pastry

chef, Claire Ptak, was chosen to create a lemon elder-flower wedding cake, the invitations were produced by Barnard & Westward and the flowers



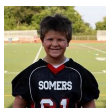
were created by Philippa Craddock. After the service, at 1pm, the couple provided the members of the public an opportunity to see them and join in with the celebrations while they were traveling around Windsor on a horse-drawn carriage.

The wedding is a symbol of change in the monarchy, as Meghan Markle is of mixed race and a divorcee, as well as an American citizen.

**Link to wedding events:**

<https://www.royal.uk/royal-wedding-2018>.

## The Physics of Water Bottle Flipping



By Sam Sanz  
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Yes. I am totally aware that bottle flipping is "dead". The thing is it uses a lot of physics.

So first, let's find out which water bottle to use. Mike Senatore at Ardrey Kell High School (The father of this trend) says that he prefers a 16.9-ounce water bottle that is 1/3 filled.

He holds it from the top or the cap so that the center of gravity and water are on the base of the bottle. When he flicks up his wrist, the bottle



starts to rotate causing angular momentum. Since the water is free, it swishes and sloshes around, but as the water comes near the bottom, the speed of the angular momentum of the bottle goes slower.

The center of gravity follows around the water. Then when the water gets to the bottom then the bottle travels down with it and lands perfectly!

### What is angular momentum?

Angular momentum builds of the word momentum which basically means an object moving will not stop unless a stopping force is added. Angular means rotating so it's rotating movement.

See you next time on Science Nerd. "Water" you doing!?!? (Horrible Pun)



Science Nerd



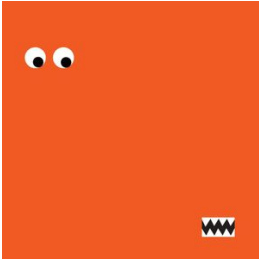
## Music Report




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### Vibras – J Balvin

The Latin musician J Balvin behind the song "Mi Gente" has his new album *Vibras* which means "you vibrate" in English. With features from many Latin musicians such as Jeon, Anitta, Wisin, Yandel, Rosalia, Zion & Lennox, Willy William & Carla Morrison. For the reggaeton star, he's doing just as good as any other album, other than a weird album cover.



### 13 Reasons Why: Season 2

#### (Soundtrack) - Various Artists

After season 1 was controversial but a great boost for it's publicity and Netflix's, season 2 is coming. With a start-studded soundtrack including OneRepublic, Logic, Years & Years, and Selena Gomez and her hit song "Back to You". Although I don't watch the show, I'm sure paying attention to the soundtrack.



### Entertainer – ZAYN

The former One Direction member and the first to leave the group before the group all fell apart is releasing a strand of singles which will lead to an album. His most popular is "Let Me" and his newest, coming out tonight is "Entertainer". The album will be quite interesting after his debut solo album *Mind of Mine* from March 2017.



## Full Living History Day Coverage in Next Week's Issue!

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## A Fashion Show Commentary



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As some are familiar with it, The SMS Fashion Show took place two Friday's ago. It had girls pick their favorite dress to showcase to the audience, while earning respectful applause and having people go "Oooo" and "Ahhhh."

But the real thing that was surprising was that they left boys out from participating in the show. I mean, some boys in our grade could have wanted a little to have participated in it, and it seems very stereotypical that they would make that decision.



But what are other people's opinions on this idea? A student in our grade says, "Well I'm glad I didn't go, but I think it was very stereo typical." Another student, Daniel Roth, states, "I didn't really care about it, but I definitely think the boys should have had a fashion show or should have been part of it."

Maybe the PTA or the committee that organized this did not think boys would be good at walking down runways or having diverse outfits. But some boys could have wanted to participate, so that's on the committee.

But what is a girl's opinion on all this? A girl in our grade says this: "Well to be honest, I'm kind of glad the boys weren't there." Although she wasn't in the fashion show, I wonder why she did not think boys would be a bad addition.

But to make it worse, boys had a lecture by Mr. Getman on to behave well, which was totally unfair. Let's hear from John Raducanu, a sixth grader in SMS. "Well, I think that it was ridiculous that the girls got to do something fun, and us boys had to be lectured!"

So after all of this, I think we can conclude that this fashion show was totally unfair to us boys!

## Happy 'Red Nose' Day!



**By Jack Healy  
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On February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1985, a comedy script writer named Richard Curtis, along with comedian Lenny Henry, came up with an idea in response to famine in Ethiopia. That idea was Comic Relief and it has become a major charity in Great Britain that's designed to raise money and attention for various causes.



The highlight of Comic Relief's appeal is Red Nose Day, a biennial telethon that's held in March every two years. On Red Nose Day, there is a great night of TV on BBC, which is the British Broadcasting Network, with comedy and entertainment to ask the nation to give generously. Comic Relief spends the money



raised by Red Nose Day to help people living tough lives across the UK and Africa.

At Somers Middle School, we took Comic Relief's Red Nose Day idea and we wore red noses on May 23 in order to raise money for the homeless. That's because homeless kids have a

higher chance of getting rosacea, which is a skin irritation where the skin turns very red very easily. While it starts in the face, it can spread to other parts of the body.

When you get rosacea, within a few years, the nose will grow and bulbous. It will also cause a red rash all over the face and body.

While Red Nose Day is over at SMS, if you buy a red nose at Walgreens, they will donate 10% of your donation to help those affected by poverty. Did you donate?



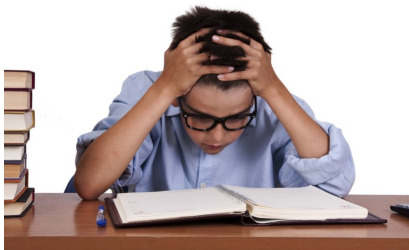
## It's Never Fun to Be Ambushed by Homework!



**By Aleksiana Rukaj  
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It seems that every child in Somers Middle School is being ambushed with homework especially at the end of the year! Not to mention the fact that every child has finals to worry about as well. Here are some things to help you relieve the stress in your life:

- A lot of stress from school come from not being prepared for quizzes or for tests. Ways to fix this issue is to make a to-do list so that you are organized, and you don't forget to do anything. As a result, you will end up being more organized.
- If you ever feel like you have a hard test, the best thing to do is to break up your studying rather than doing it all in one sitting. If you do break up your studying, you will be able to retain more information and you will not be as stressed. Also,



you won't forget your information that you had studied as quickly as you would if you did all your studying in one sitting.

- What should you do during your studying break and how long should it be? A beneficial study break should be from 30 minutes to 1 hour.
- During a study break, you should do calming things that will relax you and help you focus. Here are a couple of things that you should do during a study break: Go for a run, S.U.R.F (silent uninterrupted reading fun,) take a nap, be around people that make you happy, (family and friends) and listen to music.

Till next time, I'm here with ways to relieve your school stress!

