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Groundbreaking Discovery?

Ancient Artifact Found at PR on April Fool's Day Surprises Students

ANARELLA PENA STAFF WRITER

In an unprecedented turn of events, a team of archaeologists working in collaboration with faculty and students unearthed a mysterious ancient artifact right beneath the campus grounds. The discovery, which promises to rewrite history books and change school lectures, was made during routine and completely normal excavation work being conducted as part of a larger archaeological survey of the Richland area. The artifact, believed to be of significant historical and cultural importance, was found buried beneath several layers of soil in an area previously thought to be devoid of any notable archaeological remains. Initial assessments indicate that the artifact dates back to 1500 BC, a period full of mystery and intrigue.

One lead archaeologist and professor of anthropology expressed her astonishment at the discovery, stating, "This is truly a remarkable find that has the potential to reshape our understanding of ancient civilizations. The artifact exhibits intricate craftsmanship and bears inscriptions that are unlike anything we've seen before."

The artifact is currently undergoing extensive analysis and conservation efforts at a state-of-the-art archaeological laboratory. Preliminary examinations have revealed carvings and symbols that experts believe may hold the key to unlocking the secrets of a long-lost civilization.

In addition to its cultural significance, the discovery has inspired excitement among students, with many expressing a big interest in participating in the ongoing research efforts. Several teams have been formed to investigate various aspects of the artifact, including its materials, construction techniques, and possible cultural connections. However, up until now, this all has been kept on the down low to not raise excessive attention.

"I've always been fascinated by archaeology, and being able to contribute to such an important discovery right here on campus is a dream come true," said one junior.

"It's incredible to think that we could be uncovering a piece of history that has been hidden for centuries."

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**WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT
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Plans are also underway to establish a dedicated exhibition space where the artifact will be displayed for public viewing once the analysis is complete.

"This discovery portrays the importance of preserving and studying our shared cultural heritage," remarked one spokesperson.

"We are committed to supporting the efforts of our faculty and students as they work to unravel the mysteries surrounding this remarkable artifact," he said.

As news of the discovery is slowly spreading, anticipation is building for the marvelous new artifact and the revelations that it may bring for our present society. For now, researchers are discussing patience as they meticulously analyze every aspect of the artifact in order to unlock its secrets and shed new light on the ancient past. Stay tuned for further updates as this captivating story continues to unfold.

Recess to Return at PRHS

Bob the Builder Provides New Playgrounds and Free Period for Play



Bob the Builder

FRANCESCA GUZZY STAFF WRITER

The beloved memories made during elementary recess are unforgettable: playing "House" with close friends, throwing footballs, and running around, playing tag. There is a strong nostalgia and attachment to those dear memories, and some students miss it. Well, don't fear, recess is back and better than ever, with a new playground officially beginning construction as of April 1st.

"The playground will have a water park, along with a few roller coasters," construction worker Bob said. Students are all extremely excited for the new fun area on campus and glad they will be able to have a mental break from school work for a free period.

The recess period will take place after each lunch, and will be 30 minutes long, and the playground will be an extension of the campus. Sadly, some houses will be relocated in order to fit the playground/water park/amusement park.

The park will take 343 years to build due to the fact that only one construction worker, Bob, will be working on it; however, some students will be drafted in order to finish the building faster. The park will span twenty acres.

PR Local:
SOFTBALL: Come and join the softball team for their annual Fan Appreciation Day on Tuesday, April 9th. Come and support our Rams as they battle their rival North Allegheny. Get free hotdogs and Kona ice! Game starts at 4pm.

Want to help Bob the Builder? Email a Staff Writer your qualifications and cover letter.



Seniors-Only Rebuild Underway

Another building will be added in 2024

ELLA BARKLEY STAFF WRITER

Yes, it's true. A senior only high school will be added to the campus. Who would have thought? For the past sixteen years, Pine-Richland has had three elementary schools, one upper elementary school, a middle school, and a high school. But now everything is about to change. Seniors will now have a whole school all to themselves. But on top of just a senior high school being built, tons of amenities will be added right on campus as well as a brand new outdoor pool at the new school. An indoor ice rink that can be used for hockey, and water slides galore will be available to students in the summer and fall. And to add on to all of this, a new outdoor stage with tons of seating will be created that will allow musicians, singers, dancers, and actresses to perform out in the open air instead of being cooped up in the school all day.

This project is a big undertaking. Tons of people have been involved in the process including school administrators, teachers, construction workers, and students. When discussing the plans for what this new senior only high school was going to be like, school administrators knew that they wanted this school to prepare seniors for their after high school plans, almost like a college campus. They felt that seniors should end their high school career off on the right foot and this new school allows for that. A member of administration said, "We want everyone to remember their amazing times they had at Pine-Richland."



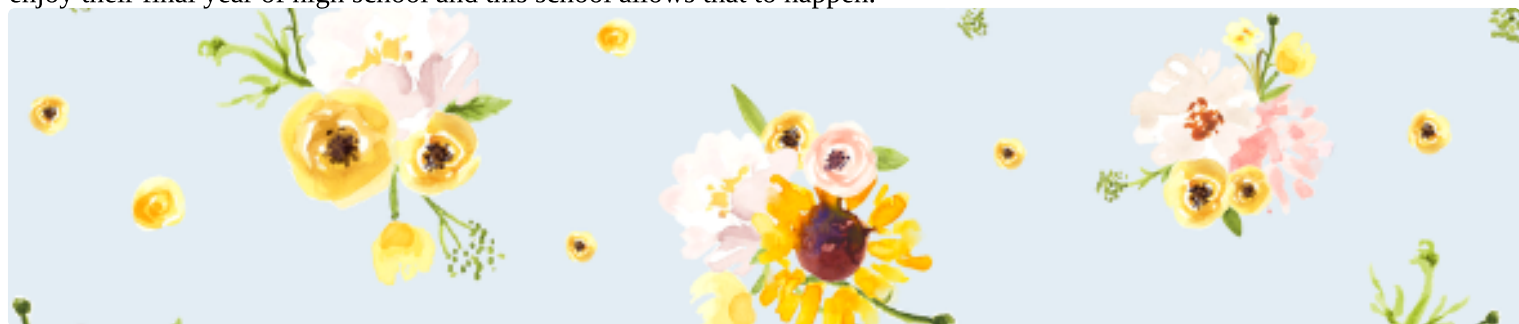
New Senior-Only High School Design Plans



PRHS Entrance

As for the class of 2025, they will be the first class to experience this new building in the following school year as it will be finished by the end of June. This upcoming senior class couldn't be more excited. Junior Josie Arthur said, "I think this is such a cool thing happening to Pine-Richland. I'm looking forward to senior year more than ever now."

As for the location of the new senior high school, it will be off of Warrendale Road as you take a left out of the main high school entrance right before you enter Treesdale. This space gives students the opportunity to take full advantage of what the new school has to offer. This school is not only benefiting the students, but also the community where it allows more events to be held for all of PR. Within the school, the layout will look a bit different than the other high school, where it will have all the different subject classes scattered around. School administrators wanted a very open layout of this school with tons of windows that showcase natural lighting. On top of this, they made it extremely important that this school felt comforting for all students so they could feel at ease and not as stressed before graduating. What makes this school so special and unique compared to the other schools is the variety it holds for the seniors. The cafeteria will include booths, long table seating, as well as outdoor seating. And the cafeteria food will definitely change with a new food court being added which includes Chick-Fil-A, Panera Bread, Chipotle, and Hello Bistro along with a selection of fountain drinks to choose from. There will also be lots of hangout spots for seniors to be able to relax that include fun chairs and couches. It's important that students enjoy their final year of high school and this school allows that to happen.





PR's Plans for Renovations to Begin this Summer

SKYLAR WARREN DESIGN EDITOR

Pine-Richland High School is getting a revamping.

After the high school was created in 1993, there's been a few additions to the school; in fact, only a few select parts of the school that PR alumni can remember from their first years experiencing the school still stand today. For instance, the STEM wing has been added, the upstairs has been added and renovated, and the gyms were remodeled. The addition of the STEM wing and the upstairs was a two year project; it lasted from around 2010-2012 until it was fully constructed.

Furthermore, the PRHS stadium was built in 2001, and the "RamCage" was built in 2020 as an extra field for various teams to practice and play on. Since then, it's been a decade or two since the school has been touched, aside from the new gyms.

All of this is about to change.

This summer will start the construction period of PR's latest renovation. Therefore, all summer activities and extracurricular activities will report to the middle school. No students or unauthorized people will be able to enter the high school campus. The renovation is estimated to be officially finished by the middle of the 2025 school year. Because of this, students will ONLY be able to use the STEM wing until the school is completely finished.

GERMAN CLUB: Stanley Hudson's not the only one who loves pretzel day, German club does too! Please join the German club in celebrating National Pretzel Day on Thursday, April 11th. They will be paying honor to this German snack staple through crafts, games and trivia activities. Pretzel snacks will also be part of the fun! The event will take place in the cafeteria during the activity period and is open to all students, not just German club members. You must register in advance by visiting Frau Poetain in room 43, add your name to the list and pick up your pretzel pass to be excused from homeroom. Hope you join the pretzel party pandemonium on April 11th! Danke!

Happy April Fool's Day Issue



PR to Add Water Slides to High School Pool

Check Out the Plans for these Crazy Water Slides

Earlier last month the Pine-Richland administration announced their plans for the next school year. In these plans they specifically talked about the addition of two water slides to the high school pool. There has been lots of talk in the community about it so far. Many parents love the idea of there being slides in the pool area, and others think that our time and resources should be going towards something else.

The plan involves a summer team to come in and build the water slides. The entire project will take about five months to complete and should be completed by sometime in October. Students seem very excited about the project, but are a little confused on when they would actually be allowed to use them. Once the project is complete and the slides are finished, the pool

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Water Slides Design Inspiration

area will remain open after school for one hour so students can slide down them. There will be a lifeguard the entire time watching and moderating the water and safety of the students. The slides will also be used during gym class time. Gym class has a swimming unit every year and will have access to the slides for the duration of that entire unit.

There is also now a new class for only seniors that involves the slides.

The half semester course that is brand new next year consists of seniors learning about water slides and how they actually work, are built, and how to build one. This class will allow full access to the water slides to anyone in the class during class time. Of course, students in this class should be prepared to get wet as you will be going down these slides a lot.

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Icy Vacation, Sweltering School-Year: PR Shifts Calendar

As of April 1st, 2024, PR's beloved three-month-long summer break is officially being transferred from June-August to December

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treasure summer break? Growing up, that was always what I looked forward to most-- Not just the 'no school' aspect of it, but the heat, the sun, and the outdoor entertainment. Putting our break in the winter is going to change a part of our children's childhoods."

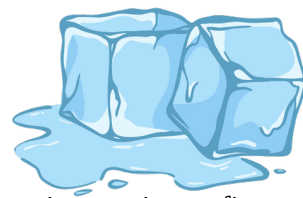
-February. Students are certainly having a difficult time coming to terms with this colossal shift, as it completely throws off the balance which we have been so accustomed to our entire lives. Everyone characterizes summer with vacation, and vacation with summer-- going to the beach with families, riding bikes and swimming in pools with friends, going out for ice-cream cones, and gazing at crimson fireworks on the Fourth of July until two in the morning with no concerns of getting to school a few mere hours later. Now that the students' time of freedom is set to be during the frigid and oftentimes miserable months of December, January, and February, it seems that almost everyone has an opinion to share.

"This change would not be nearly as big of a deal if it were universal," said one parent. "But only PR is committing to this. Every other school district in the country has a summer break, and my sons are going to be out of sync with them all."

Another parent said, "I'm happy my kids will have more time off around the holiday season, but man, didn't we all

Other students were more receptive and accepting of this alteration, but still stay concerned nonetheless.

Freshman Juliette Hauna said, "I mean, I guess I can understand where they're coming from in their decision. None of us know exactly why they made this choice, but I can only assume that it's for a good reason. They probably see how stressed we are in the winter, and think that by giving us our break then, we will have the chance to go on trips to sunnier places and get the serotonin we need."



Get your running shoes ready! Next year's schedule change only allows for 2 minutes in between class periods.

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PR's Music Department Trip Relocated to Kennywood

Students' Plans Welcome New Budget-Friendly Experience

ELLA DAVIS STAFF WRITER

Disney won't be seeing any members of the PRHS band, orchestra, or choir.

In order to make the trip more budget-friendly, it was decided that Kennywood would be a better option. Students will still get to go on fun rides, eat good food, and spend time together.

Though Kennywood is a nice park for a summer outing, many students are upset because they have been to Kennywood many times since it is a local attraction, but they have not been to Disney as many times.



Kennywood Park Entrance

A.W. BEATTIE NEWS: Three Pine-Richland High School students were named Students of the Month for February/March at A.W. Beattie: junior Jessica Bui, culinary arts, and sophomores Julia Kirkbride, early childhood education, and Marcus Mesich, veterinary sciences. Congratulations!

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Free Day: PR Finds New Way to Celebrate Students' Birthdays

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Pine-Richland has found several different ways to make sure we stay in school: limiting snow days, shortening holidays breaks, just to name a few. However, a new idea has taken flight: from now on, when it's your birthday, school isn't required. And if you worry about missing schoolwork— don't; everything you would have done that day is a free 100%.



Not only schoolwork, but everything –presentations, midterms, finals– anything you would have done that day. And if your birthday is on the weekend, don't worry– you're just not going to school Friday. I instantly loved this idea, but I immediately realized a problem for me and many other kids at our school– summer birthdays.

I asked the teacher who told me about this birthday idea what PR planned to do for students with summer birthdays. I was delighted with the answer. She said that if a student's birthday occurs during summer vacation (or any vacation for that matter), they'll have the option to either get out of school a day early or return a day late. For me personally, I'll be leaving school a day early because missing the first day of school doesn't sound like the best idea.

This new celebration will go into effect April 1st, 2024. While I feel bad for all the graduating seniors who already had their birthdays, the rest of us can get to enjoy this new celebration. So have fun and enjoy your birthday; you can be anywhere you want to be, except school, of course.

Graduation Requirements Shock Students

Study Hall Now Required for All Grades for New School Year

ELISE DUCKWORTH STAFF WRITER

After a long scheduling process, students have made every effort to meet their full credits and have finally selected their courses for the next school year. However, after a long process of scheduling-related meetings, study halls have been approved for every grade as a credited course.

The spread of this message has just recently started. Students are outraged. I talked to junior Calle Henne who was making her senior schedule and had this to say: "I have been waiting for a long time to make my senior schedule. There are a lot of classes I have always been interested in, and intended to take senior year. With this new addition of a required study hall, it now takes away one of the classes I have always wanted to take –astronomy. We are already required to make certain credits for core classes. So with this new change, there is no flexibility."

I also talked to senior students who won't have to deal with this change. Senior Ethan Wygant is also shocked by this change, but less affected given his upcoming graduation.

"It is definitely a little upsetting they've done this, but I am graduating, so it won't affect me," Wygant said.



Rammy has Retired: *PR's School Mascot is Not the Ram He Once Was*



Rammy's award-winning family portrait

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Pine-Richland's school mascot is retiring after years of supporting and representing the school. He has revealed in a recent interview that he is "Not the same ram he used to be 66 years ago" and feels he should finally retire.

Rammy has made some awesome memories here at PR, and everyone loves and appreciates him. He often shows up to sporting events and other school activities. Students seem to love having him around to take selfies, high-five, and just have fun. Rammy is super funny and always finds ways to make students happy. Whether it's some goofy dance moves, a high five/fist bump, or a selfie, Rammy will always make sure to put a smile on your face.

"I'll never forget how happy I felt whenever I met Rammy for the first time. He is truly an amazing mascot..." stated senior Sally Smith.

As for Rammy's retirement plans...he hopes to move to Sweden and pursue a part-time art career. He has always enjoyed painting and creating art. Whether it's landscapes, portraits, or abstract art, Rammy states that he has, "Always had a talent for painting and drawing..." He recently won a cash prize at an "All Animals" art contest in Pittsburgh for the amazing portrait he created of his family. He plans to use the money from the contest to purchase a small house and maybe even a Ram truck so he can explore all of Sweden in style.

Although PR will miss Rammy, he will surely go on to do great things and enjoy his relaxing retirement in Sweden.

Returning to my Roots: *I have Decided to Become a Staff Writer*

ADDISON BARNES STAFF WRITER

I've been spending around ten hours each week designing and editing the Rampage, but it's become overwhelming. Juggling design work, after-school sports, a job, SAT preparation, and other classes has taken its toll. While some might think design work is just copying and pasting, there's much more to it, such as manually adjusting text around pictures and creating columns. Despite this, I still write articles almost every week to meet deadlines and cover PR related events.

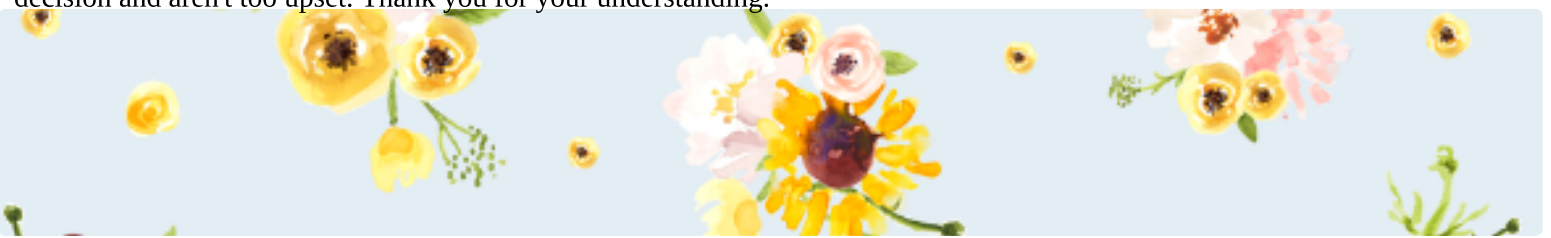
My typical week starts with dedicating about four hours to getting the main design work done. Throughout the week, I add stories I didn't get to initially and tweak layouts. By the end of the week, I'm rushing to meet deadlines, which often leads to subpar work due to other commitments.

I want to shift my focus to writing because I plan to major in Public Relations, which involves a significant amount of writing. By stopping design work, I can alleviate a lot of stress, particularly the pressure to ensure everything is well-edited before printing. There have been instances where we've had to delay publishing because the Rampage wasn't ready, causing additional stress.

Additionally, managing article submissions can be challenging, especially when trying to fit them into groups of four for printing. If I were solely focused on designing, I wouldn't have to deal with these complexities. While I've enjoyed my time as a designer, I feel it's time to return to my roots. I miss the staff writing I did every week during my sophomore year. I want to devote more time and effort to writing instead of rushing to meet deadlines for articles I'm not proud of. I hope you understand my decision and aren't too upset. Thank you for your understanding.



Rammy takes his final stroll down the PRHS Halls.





PRHS Says NO to Technology

All Electronics Banned During School Hours



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Technology will soon be banned in the high school. This includes chromebooks and the promethean boards; teachers will return to using whiteboards instead. Additionally, students are not allowed to use their phones in class, just like the rest of the lower grade schools.

This new initiative starts April 1st (on April Fool's Day), so if you're reading this on a computer or on your phone during the school day, you're disregarding this new implementation, and you are encouraged to cease immediately.

So why the big change? It was reported that most students are more likely to use their phone during free-time instead of taking the time to do their homework or extra classwork. The removal of phones allows for the opportunity for students to build their time management skills.

It is believed that students will be much more successful with this new rule enacted. Although the students in the high school may already be set in their "technology-using-ways," it is hoped that by removing all technology it will be a huge help in the long run.

Learn about the Best April Fool's Prank of All Time

BBC's Ultimate Prank in 1957 tricks gullible audiences everywhere

TRISTAN FARRAR STAFF WRITER

On April 1st, the world becomes a stage for outrageous pranks, but one particular prank stands out as truly legendary. In 1957, the BBC aired a segment on their popular current affairs program, Panorama, showcasing the "Swiss spaghetti harvest." The segment featured footage of farmers harvesting spaghetti noodles from trees, claiming that a mild winter had resulted in an abundant spaghetti crop. The footage was so convincing that many viewers called the BBC, asking how they could grow their own spaghetti trees.



This prank became one of the most famous April Fool's Day hoaxes in history. It was a blend of humor and incredibility, intriguing audiences across the globe. The prank not only showcased the power of television in shaping perceptions, but it also...

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A Swiss "spaghetti farmer" harvesting her crops as shown on BBC's Panorama.

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highlighted the gullibility of the audience at the time, as many were unaware that spaghetti is, in fact, made from wheat flour and water, and not grown on trees. Crazy thing to think about in 2024.

The Swiss spaghetti harvest prank remains as evidence to the creativity and audacity of April Fools' Day pranks. It serves as a reminder to approach information critically and to embrace the playful spirit of the day. With each passing year, pranksters strive to outdo one another, but the spaghetti harvest prank of 1957 will always hold a special place in the archives of April's Fools Day history.

Spring Sports to be Televised During the 2025 Season

Can't Make it to the Game? Just Watch from home

CALLE HENNE STAFF WRITER

Have you ever wished that you could sit on your couch and watch a high school sporting event the same way you can watch the Pirates or the Steelers? Well, next spring in 2025 you'll be able to. Pittsburgh Sports Net, the program that streams professional baseball and hockey, made a deal to televise all sporting events during the spring. These sports will include softball, baseball, boys and girls lacrosse, and boys volleyball. Current junior baseball player Tristan Farrar will be a senior during the 2025 season and he couldn't be happier.



Junior Calle Henne at one of her softball games.

"I think it is so cool that our games are going to be televised and I am excited that more people will get to watch us play. My grandparents can't always make it to my games so now they have a way to watch which is pretty sweet," said Farrar. He is a pitcher so it can be hard to get video of him since he doesn't hit. Having the streaming will allow for him to re-watch every single pitch and even make a highlight video if needed.

Boys' volleyball player, junior Mateo Rotelli, thinks that streaming boys' volleyball is exactly what they need. "Many high-schoolers hate on boys' volleyball, and it definitely isn't as popular as girls' volleyball, but they say that after never

watching it. I think as soon as they start to watch our games on their TV they will realize how awesome our sport is," said Rotelli.

Junior softball player Illy Aggelou can't wait for her senior season to be televised in 2025.

"I have a family that lives all the way in Greece so for them to be able to watch my games is so special. Also, I know high school students can't always come to our games since they are at 4 and not at night, so now they can go to their own practices or extracurriculars, and then watch the game when they

get home. It is going to be great for school spirit and support," said Aggelou.

"Having PR sports televised is going to be great. I am so excited to get our sports teams out there since they represent PR so well," said one administrator.

Having spring sports televised in 2025 is just the beginning. Hopefully winter and fall sports come to follow, but for now let's just enjoy the nice few of the spring sports from our comfy couches.

The Haunted House: A Psychological, Spooky Tale

MARIANNA ZAHORCHAK STAFF WRITER

Musa had lived in the same wooden cottage her entire life. Every morning she'd awake to the little cobwebs in the dusty corners of her room, illuminated by the slits of dim, hazy light pouring in through the broken blinds of her bedroom. Despite the mustiness of the house and the ordinarily gloomy sky, Musa loved her home. She could always trust that she'd find her father sitting in his big chair by the fireplace, sipping on a steamy cup of cocoa when she awoke. He'd greet her with a caring voice as Musa made her way to her favorite room in the house – the basement. There stood rows upon rows of a seemingly endless supply of overstuffed bookshelves owned by her father.

Musa's father was a loving man– the paragon of a perfect dad. He absolutely, dearly adored Musa and her mother. They spent a great deal of time together as a family, likely more than the average household. Musa's father, suitingly, had a penchant for collecting realistic fiction books, all connected to the concept of a happy family in one way or another. Musa enjoyed passing her time flipping through the pages of these books, sitting downstairs for hours on end. Why, nothing could bring her more joy than a good novel. Musa lived happily, until the day came when she finally ran out of reading material.

At first, Musa couldn't fathom the notion that she had somehow read every single story. A new book always seemed to eagerly await Musa finding it – how could she have possibly read through all of them?

Still in disbelief, Musa scoured through every book their family owned, throwing each aside at the recognition of their familiar, glossy, pink and yellow book covers, each depicting placid moms and dads and kids, all complacent in their perfect

little lives. After 15 minutes or so of searching, Musa's mental state descended into a place of outrage. She hurled the books off the shelves sending them bulleting across the room towards the concrete wall by the staircase. She chucked and damaged every single book until none remained... or so she thought.

Musa held one final book in her hand, previously tucked in a crack between one of the bookshelves and her father's desk. Just like all the previous books, this too had a brightly colored cover, utilizing brushstrokes with pastel purple hues and swirling pink letters. The book was titled *The Haunted House*. Musa had never heard of such an idea– an unhappy household? A family with imperfections?

Musa had always felt adamant when it came to reading, but this book intrigued her beyond all prior tales' extents, for it didn't follow the typical format of books' synonymousness with stories of familial love; a book about something other than family wasn't a book at all in Musa's mind, you see. Frankly, she felt a little intimidated by the concept, but the curiosity the book evoked within her drove her to turn the first page, nonetheless. It read:

Verity's home was all too familiar to her. She hadn't left it in her 12 years of living, you see. Dried-up, dead spiders hung from the walls. She hated this prison she was forced to call home. But The Man wouldn't let her leave. She couldn't leave. She had no option. For this house seemed to be haunted by the man who claimed to love her so.

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Sophomores Ella Yanni and Brooke Deegan



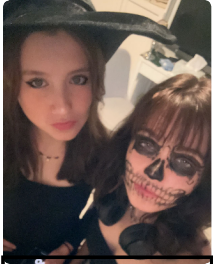
Seniors Andy Forrester, Ethan Wygant, and Chris Camp



Sophomores Olivia Petroff, Mady Lisjack, and Isabela Pader

This spooky story is a Halloween Throwback featuring fun pictures of PR students from this past October; these pictures are NOT affiliated with the fictional story, but included in this April Fool's issue just for fun!

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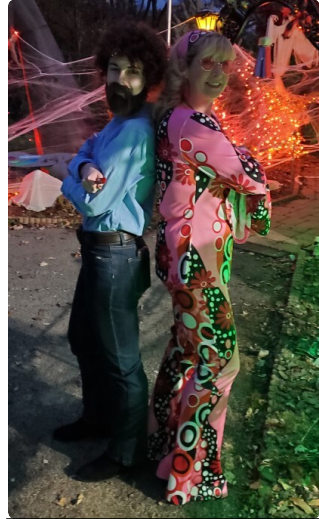
Freshmen Piper Rios and Katelyn Golembeski

Each morning she awoke, knowing already what scene would take place in her living room. Today seemed like just another one of those typical, miserable days. She found *The Man* sitting, eating his breakfast. He faced her with a smile of pure intentions: a voice like creamy, warm milk. Despite his persistent attempts, however, his true motives were impossible to hide with a gaze as sinister as his.

After responding to his insincere tenderness with an equally fabricated acknowledgment of her own, Verity discreetly slipped her way into *The Man's* office. An abundance of information was available here, where he kept the documents most important to him. Verity knew that somewhere within these grim walls, something must exist that could pacify those relentless thoughts trying to convince her she could never escape. Maybe today the time would come where she'd discover a file proclaiming one of *The Man's* weaknesses at last. One secret had already gotten loose – every day, *The Man* would



Sophomore Sammy Vacula's friend's dog, Milly



Sophomore Marianna Zahorchak and her mom

leave the house at 11:00 AM and not return until 3:00 in the morning. Verity had not the faintest idea where he slithered off to during those strange and plentiful hours, but, for her own sanity, she and her curiosity made a pact to leave the answer unknown. Besides, his absence provided the perfect opportunity to sneak down into his office and hunt for clues. She'd been coming down here ever since the wee age of seven—the time when she finally realized her life wasn't as peachy-keen as *The Man* wanted her to believe.

Once again, she found herself digging through those files, trying to find one that would be of use to her. She searched and searched, but it just didn't seem like she could find one. After a quarter of an hour or so, she discovered one tucked away, hidden in a tiny, insignificant area she had never before stumbled across; in the midst of all the happy-bappy books *The Man* had shoved down her and her mother's throats, this book stood out from its peers. The title of the piece was *The Haunted House*. Verity flipped to the first page, wondering if this could be it – if after all this time, this book would provide an explanation as to why *The Man*, in all his mysteriousness, held her hostage here.



Junior Parker Mehlhorn

She opened the book. Its opening line read:

Musa had lived in the same wooden cottage her entire life.

Musa's reading was interrupted by her father's voice.

"You shouldn't have done that, Musa..."



Sophomore Marianna Zahorchak's Pumpkin



Freshmen Aubrey Crist, Liana Delisio, Jayajani Kasinathan, Alexia Hensel, Bailey Crist, Bianca Roman, Natasha Kuciak, and 8th grader Lydia Kuciak

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Chapter 6: Hudson's Girl

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"And that's how Tony covered himself in peanut butter as a little one" Esmerelda finished her story.

Tony yawned and spread his arms out.

"Alright guys I think it's time we turn it in. I don't know about you but I'm exhausted." Tony retorted.

"No, let's stay up, I just love your Grandma, Tony " Ivy sneered with a chuckle.

"Nono it's time for you all to rest, I'll have Barnaby show you to your rooms." Esmerelda told the kids.

Everyone settled in for bed for the night and woke up the next morning itching to get back on the road. Tony is cruising down the highway as Rory sees a sign ahead.

"OOOOOO guys look! There's a sign for Olive Garden, I'm starving. Can we go?" Rory begs.

"Yeah guys I'm tired we can pull over there." Tony said.

They pulled into the parking lot, and all piled into Olive Garden. They are served by a familiar face.

"Hey guys I'm Emily and I'll be serving you today-" Emily cuts her sentence off as she makes eye contact with the group.

"You have got to be kidding me." Hudson exclaims.

"Don't act so high up. I'm not happy to see you either. Why are you guys here anyways? This is far away from where we lived." Emily scoffed.

Emily was an old friend of the group. She had long brown hair with brown eyes. Going into their freshman year the group was inseparable and ready to start high school together. That's where they met Emily, and for a while they were the best of

friends.

But eventually Emily developed a crush on Hudson, and she hid it for a while. It all unraveled when Emily came to surprise Hudson to ask him on a date and he found out he was already out with another girl. Unable to handle the rejection, Emily decided to key his car and bust his front window. Hudson was devastated because his parents blamed him for the car being trashed and he got grounded. The group made the executive decision to kick her out for good. Now here they are 3 years later standing in front of the girl they dropped out of their friend group.

"Alright guys there's no need to get us all riled up. Can't we just ask for another server?" Rory asks.

"As much as I would LOVE to not have you guys as a guest, I'm the only server on call today. So you guys are stuck with me." Emily rudely explains.

Rory looks around with a confused look and then says, "You know what, that's fine. As long as you promise not to spit in our food or poison us."

"No promises. Anyway, what can I get started for you guys?" Emily said.

The group orders their food while still being civil with Emily. A little while later the bill is dropped off at the table.

"Holy crap- Guys look at this bill." Hudson exclaims.

"What are we going to do?" Ivy asks. Si, lo llenamos hoy por la mañana a la estación de servicio.

Chapter 7: Dine and Slash

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Tony's face shifts to a grin. "You know exactly what we have to do."

Rory wears a grimace as she arches her brows. "We'd get busted for sure-"

"Come on," Tony interjects, "you only live once."

"We better decide quick," Hudson frantically rushes. "Emily will come back for the check any minute now!"

"No time to waste, let's go!" Ivy exclaimed as she got up to run for the door.

Tony hopped up from his seat. "It was my idea first!" He bolted for the exit. The others watched in shock, but fidgeting with their belongings, they quickly followed after him.

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They hurry out of the Olive Garden, not bothering to look back. Tony starts to open the car door when he sees Rory standing a few feet away, frozen in fear.

"Let's go, Rory! Let's go!"

Rory looks at them with a face of terror. "I left my jacket in the booth."

The rest of the group exchanges a glance quickly.

"Let's go back and wait by the door while Rory grabs her jacket," Tony says. "Just to make sure that things go smoothly."

The group quickly runs back to the entrance of the restaurant and watches Rory re-enter.

She runs back dodging through seats and people filtering in and out of the Olive Garden.

They see her grab it, and quickly dart back to the front where the rest of the group was standing.

Cutting back through the parking lot, they all get back to Tony's car.

"Go, go, go!" Rory shouts as she sprints towards the car, the rest of the group following behind.

They all jump into Tony's car and in the commotion, nobody notices the shadow of someone prying open the trunk of the car with a butter knife and getting in.

The car sped out of the parking lot and, as they were pulling out onto the main road, they hit a speedbump. The car shook as the back wheel hit the pavement.

"Ow!"

Everyone in the car froze. The voice had come from the back trunk. The voice had a feminine cadence and sounded weirdly familiar.

"Who's back there?" Hudson exclaims.

Tony slams on the brakes and flicks on his hazard lights. Him and Hudson get out of the car and go around to the trunk.

"Get ready," Tony whispers to him, his hand on the button that opens the trunk.

As the trunk opened, they instantly recognized who had been their unwelcomed passenger.

It was Emily. Still in her waitress attire.

Tony's eyes widened, but not because of her.

The back seats of the car looked like a tiger had tried to claw its way out of its mechanical enclosure. The butter knife she had used was just sharp enough to get through the luxury leather of Tony's prized possession.

Tony's eyes widened at the sight of his destroyed car.

"My baby!" Tony screams, his voice booming with both sadness and anger.

"Are you crying?" Rory asks, dumbfounded by seeing Tony being anything other than a competitive jerk.

"Of course! She is half of my soul, as the poets say." Tony regards, his hand on his chest and a tear streaming down his face.

The others roll their eyes.

"Wait, but why do you care about Emily? I thought we hated her after we kicked her out of our friend group?" questions Ivy.

"No, you idiot, my car!" exclaims Tony.

"That's gotta cost an arm and a leg." Hudson quips ironically, a sneer on his lips. No one laughs.

"You guys are crazy!" Emily screams, fidgeting around in the car.

"You are in *my* trunk!" Tony responds back angrily.

"Next time don't make me pay for some lousy lasagna." Emily growls ferociously, slowly getting out of the car. To the others, it was no wonder she was considered the school's freak.

Emily crawls out of the car and brushes off her legs.

"Perchance I might let this slide, but only if—" Emily arches her brow, "only if you let me come along."

Tony lets out an audible huff like the idea burned him.

"Do you think she'd call the cops?" Ivy says timidly.

"Who cares, Ivy? She knifed up my beloved hot rod!" Tony sneers.

"And you stole from Olive Garden," Emily remarks back.

"This damage will cost me more than that stupid meal," Tony groans. Ivy opens her mouth to speak but Hudson casts her a dirty look. Ivy closes her mouth.

"So, can I come along?" Emily asks again. The group stares at each other as Tony silently sobs in the background.

"What should we do?" Hudson says, and the group discusses in a huddle.

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