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Field Trips Wrapped '24

By: Molly Caufield

This school year Miller Place students were given many opportunities to take their learning outside of the classroom and participate in field trips! Here are some highlights:

FLHS Field Trip - 5/20/24

On Monday, May 20th, 2024, students enrolled in the Foreign Language National Honor Society took a trip into the city! They were given an entire day to explore Liberty Island, the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, and Little Italy. Foreign Language students left bright and early at 6:15 AM to make it to Liberty Island on time. Once they got to Battery Park and went through security, they got on a ferry and were soon feet away from the Statue of Liberty! Students were given a little bit of time to explore and take some pictures. Then they made their way to the Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration. Here students were given complete freedom to explore the museum and gift shops. There was also a unique opportunity to look through digital records to find some information on relatives who had immigrated through Ellis Island!

After a scenic walk up to Little Italy, students got an authentic Italian lunch and were then able to explore a few blocks within Little Italy.

Tri-M Field Trip - 3/27/24

On Wednesday, March 27th, 2024, our Tri-M Music Honor Society took their annual field trip into New York City! This year, they got to have brunch at the Sugar Factory and see a Broadway show. Once they arrived into Times Square, the music students walked around a bit before sitting down for brunch at the Sugar Factory. For brunch, they were served with a variety of different breakfasts such as Chicken & Waffles, Omelettes, French Toast and even a giant ice cream bowl at the end for "dessert". After they ate, students made their way to the Neil Simon Theatre to see MJ The Musical on Broadway! The show was incredible, all students were so impressed with the dancing and the vocal accuracy of the actor who played Michael Jackson.

Business Trade Show - 1/9/24

On Tuesday, January 9th, 2024, business students enrolled in the Virtual Enterprise classes made their way to the Long Island Tradeshow to compete with other businesses!

Miller Place was represented by three different classes and their companies: 2nd period's company, Fins4Fans, 4th period's company, Memory Lane Toy Co., and 7th period's company, AI Aid. Students were given the opportunity to walk around and explore other schools' displays and their products. They were able to purchase items from other companies as well as promote their own.



Election Results... “The Votes are In!”

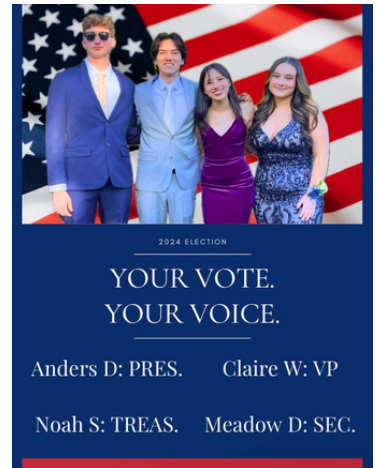
By: Nailah Rahman



On Wednesday, May 22nd, the students of Miller Place High School were tasked with making the hardest decisions of their lives: voting for the 2025 Executive and Legislative student government cabinets. The polls were scheduled to be posted around 9:45 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. On the morning of Thursday, May 23rd, right before Memorial Day weekend, the winners were announced. The Executive cabinet, responsible for overseeing all four legislative cabinets along with events for their grade, will consist of president Lucy Chang, vice president Taylor McHugh, secretary Nailah Rahman, and treasurer Bianca Zou.

The legislative cabinets are responsible for running class events and fundraisers. 2024 will welcome a brand new senior legislative cabinet; president Anders Dalberg, vice president Claire Wagner, secretary Noah Samonas, and treasurer Meadow Dalberg. President Dalberg stated that his cabinet is most excited about advocating for a senior trip. They are ready to speak with administrators and state their case. After a very close election, the members of the junior legislative cabinet, president Stephen Ye, vice president Jonathan Bang, secretary Christian Cacavale, and treasurer Sean Creedon look forward to expanding the amount of AP courses and extracurricular programs, in addition to fundraising for Junior Prom after tirelessly campaigning through their Guardians of the Galaxy-themed posters and their extremely cinematic but concise campaign video. The junior cabinet agreed that although the timing of elections was a bit awkward due to AP exams and other commitments, ultimately their effort and dedication shone through. Ye's and Dalberg's cabinets are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to work with the new sophomore legislative cabinet; president Jack Murphy, vice president Noelle Nania, secretary Samantha MacVicar, and treasurer Cameron Meadows.

The executive council and legislative cabinets are excited to start a new year and a new chapter. Now that the sophomore, junior and senior cabinets have been chosen, there's one more question left to ask: Which group of freshmen will take on the task of running for the class of 2028 legislative cabinet?



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TOP 10 ALBUMS TO LISTEN TO THIS SUMMER

By: Antonio Bencivengo & Josie Attisano

Antonio Bencivengo's Top 5

Alvvays debut dream pop album which has only recently passed its tenth anniversary is something you're going to want to have on your summer playlists. With groovy guitar riffs strewn throughout the album and catchy choruses on almost every song, you'll want to have this one playing with the volume up while speeding down the freeway. Along with Alvvays' self-titled album, their other two albums, *Antisocialities* and *Blue Rev* also deliver this same dream pop feel with even more good vibes.

Personal Rating: 8.5/10

Personal Favorites: Ones Who Love You, Party Police, Atop a Cake



Her first and only album released as of date, Hemlocke Springs' self-produced "going...going...GONE!" delivers funky songs about break-ups, loneliness and heartthrob in just a little over 20 minutes of your time. With such little investment to listen to this album, it would be silly to not get in at least one listen during this summer. And although the lyrics may not be the happiest, the instrumentals will certainly get you dancing down the block and will also help you get hyped for her next release (whenever that may be).

Personal Rating: 7/10

Personal Favorites: gimme all ur luv, girlfriend, pos

A certified hip-hop classic at this point, MF DOOM's "MM...FOOD" has calm and witty lyrics backed by self-produced peaceful instrumentals. With a theme of various culinary items on the album with song names such as "Beef Rapp" or "Filet-O-Rapper", this album makes for a much easier listening experience than other MF DOOM albums such as "Operation: Doomsday" even though it still contains complex narratives that are hidden between the lines. Overall, MF DOOM's peaceful demeanor through this album makes it a timeless classic for hip-hop fans and music lovers alike.

Personal Rating: 8/10

Personal Favorites: One Beer, Rapp Snitch Knishes, Vomitspit



Masayoshi Takanaka's "All Of Me" is a timeless gem containing a fusion of Japanese jazz and funk that has an incredibly peaceful feel to it. While the tranquility of this album makes it perfect to listen to during studying or being productive in other aspects of life, "All Of Me" is an incredibly versatile album and can also be listened to in any scenario. Not only the music of this album is inviting but the album cover even is, displaying Takanaka skydiving with a huge grin on his face, surrounded by a horizon of blue oceans. The irresistible groove of this album will certainly have you coming back for more.

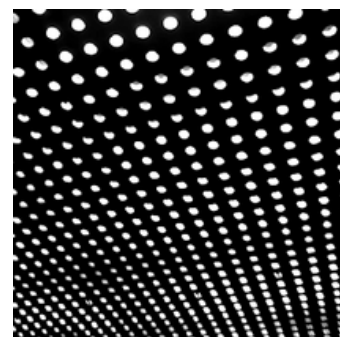
Personal Rating: 9/10

Personal Favorites: Oh! Tengo Suerte, Brazilian Skies, Ready To Fly

Beach House's "Bloom" is dream-pop at its finest, having mastered their sound. Riddled with tracks containing ethereal vocals and lush instrumentals that essentially envelop the listener into a completely different, almost dream-like atmosphere, this album is a great listening experience no matter where you are. Like with "going...going...GONE!", this album also implements lyrics with themes such as love and loss but with much more subtleties. Like with the rest of Beach House's discography, this album is a work of art clearly created with love which demands the listeners' attention.

Personal Rating: 8.5/10

Personal Favorites: Myth, Troublemaker, Irene



Josie Attisano's Top 5

Thriller is an album that I'm sure millions of people across the world know by heart. This classic staple of pop culture is an incredible work of art and truly displays Michel Jackson's unique style and incredible vocals. This album contains most of his incredibly popular songs. When Thriller was released, it was a complete cultural phenomenon, and is definitely not something to miss out on listening to.

Personal Rating: 10/10

Personal Favorites: Wanna Be Startin' Somethin', Thriller, P.Y.T. (Pretty Young Thing)



DakhaBrakha is a Ukrainian folk band that truly moves the soul and body. Alambari is an amazing album, containing many meaningful and somber songs that are performed by the four members of the band playing their various instruments and killing it on the moving vocals. I have personally had the incredible opportunity to see DakhaBrakha live four times, and every time I am completely blown away by how emotional, funky, and stellar their compositions are.

Personal Rating: 10/10

Personal Favorites: Ya Siv Ne V Toy Litak, Khyma, Lado

This Is Happening is definitely an album to put on when you are ready to dance! It will have your head bopping guaranteed, with their mix of dance punk, post-punk, disco, funk and alternative dance. The songs have a completely infectious energy, incredible production, and infectious rhythms and vocals.

Personal Rating: 9/10

Personal Favorites: Dance Yrself Clean, I Can Change, Home



They Can't All Be Zingers is an incredible collection of Primus' most popular songs. The lead singer and bass player of the band, Les Claypool, creates amazingly funky and weird tones in his pieces backed by some of the best bass playing in the world. This is an amazing album to listen to when listening to them for the first time. Primus has a very large and diverse discography, and this selection is a perfect blend of all of their best, unique sounds.

Personal Rating: 9.5/10

Personal Favorites: Over the Electric Grapevine, Shake Hands With Beef, John The Fisherman

The Talking Heads are a groundbreaking group when it comes to the music scene in its entirety. Stop Making Sense was a completely iconic tour that David Byrne and his band undertook, sharing their thought provoking lyrics, unique singing style, and tight band arrangements. This album is best enjoyed by watching a recording of the concert. The energy on the stage is completely infectious to an incomprehensible degree. Recently, David Byrne created a live show called American Utopia, which I have personally had the opportunity to view twice. This album is completely unbelievable – and completely deserves your listen.

Personal Rating: 11/10

Personal Favorites: Life During Wartime, Slippery People, This Must Be the Place (Naive Melody), Heaven



Physical Activity

By: Kevin Kuriacose

Only 1 in 4 teens get the recommended one or more hours of physical activity everyday according to results from the American Heart Association (AHA). And due to the busy schedules of many teenagers, most of them can't make any time for physical activity, which can result in high changes or diabetes, obesity and increased feelings of depression.

According to experts, screen time isn't the only thing responsible as schools have reduced P.E. programs and activities due to poor school funding with Physical Education. And due to this, many high schoolers don't get the recommended time, causing some little problems growing overtime. It can also be mentally bad because stress can build up due to lack of exercise and exercise helps the brain to be mentally strong too.

Here are some things you can do if you're too busy to go out and be active:

1

Don't sit down: When you do your work, you don't have to sit down for a long time. Instead, try to stand up while finishing homework as this will keep the blood flowing and will help if you don't have time to exercise



2

Schedule breaks: If you need, you can schedule breaks in between to help from sitting and being inactive for too long. This can also help to give a break from working so you can rest your brain to get back to working.

For the most part, teens need at least 45 minutes of physical activity to be healthy, to grow and to feel great to the best they can. Drinking plenty of water and sleeping are also beneficial and can contribute to good health. Hopefully more young people can go out and be more active to live a good life and to do good physically and mentally.



Lynch's Corner

SUMMER READS



Here's a list of Summer Reads that Celebrate Pride Month with epic characters, epic stories, epic love and epic pride!

Kicking it off with Escaping Mr. Rochester, by L. L. McKinney--"in this fresh reimagining of Charlotte Bronte's classic novel, Jane Eyre and Bertha Mason must save each other from the horrifying machinations of Mr. Rochester in this intrigue-filled, empowering young adult romance" (description provided by publisher).



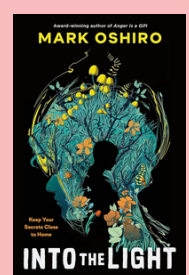
Followed by another romance, My Fair Brady, by Brian D. Kennedy--"My Fair Lady meets the classic teen film She's All That in this charming and swoony new rom-com. Perfect for fans of What If It's Us and She Gets the Girl" (description provided by publisher).



If thrillers are more your style, you might want to try Icarus, by K. Ancrum--"Perfect for fans of Adam Silvera and Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe, this suspenseful queer YA romance reimagines the tale of Icarus as a star-crossed love story between a young art thief and the son of the man he's been stealing from--think Portrait of a Thief for YA readers" (description provided by publisher).

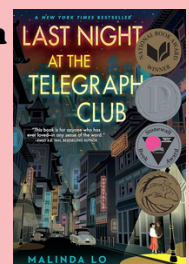


Another thriller can be found in the pages of Into the Light, by Mark Oshiro --"Seventeen-year-old queer adoptee Manny, now homeless, sets out to find his sister Elena, who is still enmeshed in Christ's Dominion, the community that abandoned him, but the journey is fraught with danger as he is forced to confront the religious trauma from his past" (description provided by publisher).



Finally, we have a historical fiction and love story mix that is a combination at its best in the hands of author Melinda Lo. Last Night at the Telegraph Club--"Seventeen-year-old Lily Hu can't remember exactly when the feeling took root--that desire to look, to move closer, to touch.

Whenever it started growing, it definitely bloomed the moment she and Kathleen Miller walked under the flashing neon sign of a lesbian bar called the Telegraph Club. Suddenly everything seemed possible.

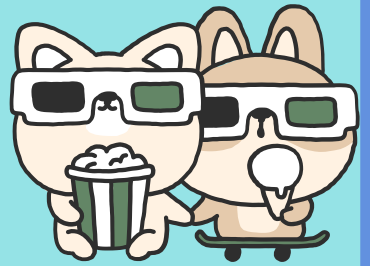


But America in 1954 is not a safe place for two girls to fall in love, especially not in Chinatown. Red-Scare paranoia threatens everyone, including Chinese Americans like Lily. With deportation looming over her father--despite his hard-won citizenship--Lily and Kath risk everything to let their love see the light of day" (description provided by publisher).



TOP 10 ANIMAL MOVIES

BY: GIANNA INGENITO, HAZEL MYERS & AUBREY EARLE



MADAGASCAR

This trilogy of movies follows a lion Alex and his three companions on their adventures from inside of the brooklyn zoo to Africa, to Europe. These movies are absolutely hilarious and are a must-watch!



SURF'S UP

The movie Surf's Up tells the story of Cody, a penguin who is the only surfer in his town. He has dreams of going professional and ends up getting selected by a tv crew to try out and be on television.



MARLEY & ME

This devastating true story follows the life of a dog Marley as well as his owner's life. This film gives a deep insight about good times and the hardships of life.



NINE LIVES

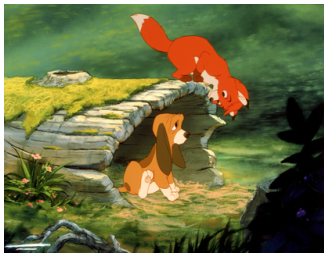
When this girl's father is turned into a cat, she doesn't know what to do. She does everything she can to attempt to make him human again.



THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE

Taking place in 1939 in Poland, this is a true story about the Warsaw zoo during Nazi invasions. The zookeeper's wife incredibly saved over 300 Jews lives.





The Fox and the Hound

After his mother is killed, Tod the fox is taken in by Widow Tweed and befriends Copper, the neighbor's hound dog. Despite their differences and opposition from their masters, they form a strong bond. As they grow, Copper becomes a hunting dog, and Tod remains a wild fox, which challenges their friendship.

Ratatouille

A rat named Remy dreams of becoming a chef and forms an unlikely partnership with a kitchen worker to create culinary masterpieces in a Paris restaurant.



Rio

A domesticated macaw named Blu travels to Rio de Janeiro, where he discovers adventure, love, and his true self.

Hachi: A Dog's Tale

A loyal dog named Hachi faithfully waits for his deceased owner every day at a train station, touching the hearts of those around him.



Zootopia

In Zootopia, a rookie bunny cop named Judy Hopps teams up with a cunning fox named Nick Wilde to solve a mysterious case of missing animals, uncovering a larger conspiracy in their diverse city.



THANK YOU

As the 2023-2024 school year comes to a close, we want to thank everyone who has made Journalism Club so special this year and the KROB Vol.10 the best one yet! This year we had students across all grade levels represented within our newspaper, creating four diverse and intriguing issues!

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We couldn't end this year's final issue without saying thank you to our advisor and faculty contributor!

Thank you to our wonderful advisor!

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2024 class of



Congratulations Graduates!

Dear Class of 2024,

As the school newspaper staff, it is our honor and privilege to address you, the remarkable graduating seniors of this year. Throughout your high school journey, you've been the heartbeat of our school, bringing energy, creativity, and spirit to every corner of our community.

Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed. From the classrooms to the sports fields, from the stage to the science labs, you've excelled and left an indelible mark on our school's history. We've had the pleasure of covering your achievements, celebrating your victories, and sharing your stories. Each article and photograph has captured a moment of your incredible journey, and we're proud to have documented the legacy you're leaving behind.

As you step into the future, we hope you carry with you the lessons learned and the friendships forged during your time here. The world beyond these walls is vast and full of opportunities, and we have no doubt that you will navigate it with the same determination and enthusiasm that brought you to this point.

Remember that your story is just beginning. Every challenge you face and every success you achieve will be another chapter in your unique narrative. Keep striving for excellence, stay curious, and never lose the sense of wonder that has driven you thus far.

Congratulations, Class of 2024! We are excited to see where your paths will lead and are confident that you will continue to inspire and lead with passion and purpose. Thank you for the memories, the stories, and the legacy you've created. Here's to a bright and brilliant future!

With sincerest congratulations,

The KROB Panther Press News Team

