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## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT!

### **Congratulations to Mr. Brown on his Retirement!**

By: Viviana Gerontzos

As I'm sure many know by now, Mr. Brown, one of our assistant principals, is retiring, after 32 years of service! He has been such a kind and supporting staff member in our school and we will definitely miss him. We interviewed some staff at Highlands who were close to Mr. Brown and here's what they said:

### **What is your favorite memory with Mr. Brown?**

**Ms. Maracallo:** "My favorite memories of Mr. Brown are when we are seated as an administrative team, and he's sharing his personal life and being himself."

**Ms. Conroy:** "A memory about Mr. Brown? I can't pick just one memory Mr. Brown is more than a memory. There are certain things that I will forever associate with him. I won't see the orange cones at buses and not remember his thoughtful placement of them. The words 'yahoos, hooligans and shenanigans' will always make me think of him, as well as the phrase 'that's inappropriate.' Every time I hear the song 'Don't Stop Believin' by Journey, I'll remember him at the 8th grade dance."

**Ms. Daly:** "My favorite memory with Mr. Brown is winning the tug-of-war during field day. We were laughing and celebrating and were so proud of ourselves for winning, even though the teacher team had already won 4 rounds."

**Mr. Eaton:** "Being in Mr. Brown's 9th grade Social Studies class as a student and him reminding me to stop looking at my beeper!"

### **What are you going to miss most about Mr. Brown?**

**Ms. Maracallo:** "What I will miss the most about Mr. Brown is how he is so organized and systematic of the tasks he oversees. He has such institutional knowledge that he brings up to make sure we are heading in the right direction."

**Ms. Conroy:** "In the six years I've worked at Highlands, Mr. Brown and I have established a solid working relationship. However, my first year working with him I found him to be very serious and more than a little intimidating. It took some time, but as we've gotten to know each other we have established a good rapport, and dare I say, a friendship. I'll miss the lines he gets between his eyebrows when he's concerned about something. I'll miss the folded up papers he keeps in his pocket for notes because he's 'not allowed' to carry

a clipboard. I'll miss his obsession with cone placement. I'll miss his organization at recess. I'll miss hearing him sing 'Schools Out for Summer' on the last day. I'll miss his friendship."

**Ms. Daly:** "I am going to miss Mr. Brown's constant guidance and support. He has been my mentor as an assistant principal and supports me in every way possible. He keeps me grounded when I get crazy throughout the day. I will miss our lunch time chats, which bring me such joy and laughter!"

**Mr. Eaton:** "Mr. Brown's organization and his ability to work with all kids and parents to come to a positive resolution for all people involved."

### **What are your wishes for Mr. Brown in his retirement?**

**Ms. Maracallo:** "My wish for Mr. Brown is that he remains healthy and is able to enjoy his retirement with things that he loves like biking, cycling, gardening, and having the peace of mind that he was a supportive educator and colleague."

**Ms. Conroy:** "I hope Mr. Brown can finally relax and that he continues to add things to his retirement bucket list. Rent the RV, take the tour,

ride the bike, bigger things are waiting. When we play 'Schools Out for Summer' on June 26th, Mr. Brown will be singing it for the last time. For him, school really will be out forever this year. As happy as I am for him, I'm a little sad for the rest of us."

**Ms. Daly:** "My wish for Mr. Brown in retirement is for him to enjoy the peace and tranquility he deserves after 30 years of service to education. I hope he travels to all the places we talk about, and I can't wait to see pictures!"

**Mr. Eaton:** "I wish Mr. Brown a fun, healthy, prosperous retirement that he can spend with his family."





## Congratulations to Ms. Sherman!

By Ariel Garcia

### The Shermanator Analogies

A simple salve for the burning words following this passage, is the pure and best intentions and interest, all embedded in the article.

#### 1. Sophia Petrillo (Golden Girls):

The many persons who watched Golden Girls, can all attest to Ms. Sherman similarities to the “old prune,” in the series. We can all see her unfiltered gaze and distaste when unhappy. Just like Sophia! Especially since both are honest and open, we see their true emotions or expressions. Natural. Apart from that, they both are truly humorous, with their honesty and humor.

#### 2. Alex Karev (Greys Anatomy):

In multiple perspectives, we can clarify Alex’s kind disposition, is similar to that of Ms. Shermans. Although willful, Ms. Sherman always shows her willingness to a great extent. Whether good, or not. But all that can be agreed, is the kind and positive similarities both have. When happy, angry, or stressed, both know how to act best to the situation.

#### 3. Dorothy Shaw (Gentlemen Prefer Blondes):

Dorothy and Ms. Sherman share that strong sarcasm, both are equal in that certain aspect, but what curates such a resemblance is the “hella-good-hair.” Both have similar hair styles and have similar waves. And although unrelated, they can both be seen unfiltered and tough lovin.’

To conclude, we can simply all agree that we all adore Sherman, and that we will all miss her energy. This building will not be the same. The “Shermanator” will never be replaced because no villain could be as kind as her.

To the sweet (old, but beautiful) lady retiring, we will dearly miss you, we wish you the best and hope for you to receive the best rest you could get. Wherever you are, you will always be famously remembered at Highlands Middle School as more than a teacher, or member, but a kinder sentiment. A family member.

### Words from Colleagues

Dr. DeLanoy and Ms. Sherman have known each other since 1998. All the years they have been together and apart have not been in vain. Even though Ms. Sherman is, on quote,” going to South Carolina to play on the golf-course,” Dr. DeLanoy, still feels an urge to express her love and forever admiration for “The Shermanator.” It’s vital to acknowledge that Dr. DeLanoy’s love for Sherman is not original, or sole.

We have all come to love Ms. Sherman, through her strict yelling at track, her profound teachings in health, and her overall energy. We can all easily trace our love for Sherman, to similar feelings of sadness and complexity, but we must also recognize her right, to serve and be served. To teach and be allowed a simple respite. And all we can simply do, is wish her every happiness: every experience, enjoyment, rest, and travel. Along with Sherman, thank you to Dr. DeLanoy.

Ms. Tschinkel got to know Ms. Sherman when they were assigned to coach Modified Volleyball together in 2022. Here is what Ms. Tschinkel had to say: “I’ve had the pleasure of being a coach with Sherman, ‘Shermy,’ for the past two years. I feel like we’ve had a lot of fun. We balance each other out nicely, even though she is very intense sometimes while coaching. I started calling her “Shermy” to make her realize she is not as intense as she thinks; that she’s soft. She does not like that! So, I like to call her that. I used to be really intimidated by her. When I walked in, she was scary, but I realized she has a really soft spot, and that’s my favorite part about her. Highlands is going to be a lot quieter without Shermy, and not in a good way!”



## Congratulations to Mrs. Smith!

By: Teresa Damato

Mrs. Smith, an ELA teacher, is retiring at the end of the year. During her 30 years working at Highlands Mrs. Smith fostered a love of reading for many of her students. She has made a lasting imprint on the Highlands Middle School Community. A special shout out to Mrs. Smith from the Courier staff, as she was the advisor prior to Ms. Tschinkel, and helped Ms. Tschinkel learn a lot about running the school newspaper. Here are what a few staff members have to say about Mrs. Smith.

### What is your favorite memory with Mrs. Smith?

**Mrs. O’Leary:** Mrs. Smith and I met back in high school, so picking out just one favorite memory with my BFF is a tough one; we’ve experienced A LOT of life together! I guess I’ll go with camping. When our children were young, our families went on camping road trip adventures during our summer breaks. Together we explored places, including the Thousand Islands up in Canada, Acadia National Park in Maine, and the Outer Banks down in North Carolina. Those sure were some fun times!

**Mr. Baldasaro:** My favorite memories with Mrs. Smith are our lengthy bus rides while chaperoning the Washington D.C. 8th grade trips. We really got to know each other well, and we made each other laugh constantly on the trips.

### What are you going to miss the most about Mrs. Smith?

**Mrs. O’Leary:** I will really miss seeing my friend in the building. Not many people get to work next door to their best friend, but for many years, Mrs. Smith and I did just that, and it was awesome! I will miss our walks. For years, Mrs. Smith and I found time during the school day to take a walk break. The weather didn’t matter. We walked whether it was hot or cold. We’d even walk in the rain as long as it wasn’t pouring. This year, we have just one period in common, so when we

walk, it’s usually before school starts.

**Mr. Baldasaro:** I am going to miss our morning chats and laughs. We are part of the EMC (the Early Morning Crew), and I have gotten to know Mrs. Smith because we are some of the first teachers to arrive at Highlands in the morning. I will miss her sense of humor, her passion for teaching, and her Irish soda bread (the BEST!).

### What are your wishes for Mrs. Smith in her retirement?

**Mrs. O’Leary:** From golfing to traveling, to relaxing with her toes in the sand, I wish Mrs. Smith a long, happy, and healthy retirement. I know that she’s going to write amazing chapters – and I plan on being in quite a few of them!

**Mr. Baldasaro:** May you thoroughly enjoy the “back 9” – you certainly deserve it!





## Congratulations to Ms. Pollak!

By: Ariel Garcia

Ms. Pollak is retiring after over twenty years of service, and we couldn't be happier for her. We are sure you recognize Ms. Pollak for her kind nature, for her providing us with passes when leaving the cafeteria, and always trying to encourage us to do our best in the classroom. This year, we were lucky enough to have Ms. Pollak join us in ELA class every other day. While with us, she showed patience, kindness, and support to all students in the classroom. We couldn't be more grateful for that!

Below are some words about Ms. Pollak, and how grateful we are for her.

### Her Simplicity.

With the years end, ever so precariously pacing forward, we recognize the tiny aspects slipped through our grasp. We recognize the flatness of each sentence and thought, just a simple present emotion. What is there of June? It's summer warmth, and kind sun. The simple buds, and the dew coaxed grass?

We see the end of our time with Ms. Pollak. Our 'fainne,' and our beginning. Following the many moments of ours, we remember the sweet woman in front of the cafeteria writing passes and cataloguing each leave. We see that same woman, climbing a plethora of stairs to simply aid teachers in their 'teaching' experience. It is vital to recognize the daunting grace and influence of hers in the halls of this school. Her kind gaze and abstruse advice, so esoterically sympathetic. But what else is there? Her tepid distress and simplicity. She is more than the accorded customs, the simple responses, and dialogues. She is always up, and above. Neoterically.

### Her complexity.

Retirement is the ripened fruit, to a teacher's labor as an educator. A molder. Yet, children delay retirement for a dense amount of time. What is phenomenal, is how a child so vague, and abstruse can grow to become a meticulous educator to repeat this distressing cycle. All of life's formal gifts can become putrid when thrown, but it is thanks to the kindest manifestations of hope that these vague emotions of happiness exist. Even in their

vagabond sense, all for a contrasting idea between what is happy and what is sad. This is almost the proud accomplishment of human existence, yet also the bane of it. We acknowledge the rights to happiness of Ms. Pollak, and wish her, the very, very best.

Ms. Pollak, we hope you enjoy every minute of this next chapter of your life. Please take the time to spend with family, friends, and doing things that bring you joy. Your presence will be missed at Highlands!



## The Courier's Spring Sports Wrap-Up

By: Kellen Doherty

Analyst, The Courier Sports

Highlands finished sports strong to end the 2023-24 school year! Over 200 people took part in the Spring sports season, each of whom grew exponentially as a person, student, and athlete. Students could choose between four sports to play this spring: baseball, softball, track, and lacrosse. Six teams suited up in their Tiger uniforms to represent Highlands. In the final article of this series for the year, I will tell you highlights from each sport in the 2024 spring season.

### Track

Our White Plains track team had an excellent season! To put it in the words of Coach Sherman, "We dominated every meet we participated in."

This year, over 150 students took part in Track and Field, who were split up into two different teams. Coach Sherman says, "The goals of the coaches were for runners to keep improving on their individual times and show growth, which they did."

Coach Tschinkel says that "everyone improved this season, which is what we wanted to see."

There were many highlights for the team this season, but when asked what his top moment of the season was, Jackson Shaver said that "I'm sure our team can agree on the home meet versus Mamaroneck."

When asked about the community, Shaver said "All of our individual growth during the season showed that we were a dedicated group and were willing to put the effort in to achieve better for ourselves." Track had another successful season, which led to improvements all around!

### Baseball

On the 2024 Modified Baseball team, there were no weak points. Every position on the roster was full of players with lots of talent. Even though the final record was a losing one, it does not display the high moments. The team took on the season series against rival Mamaroneck Tigers during a complete game from Sean McKeon, with a late-inning comeback, and a no-hitter from Vincenzo Zuzolo against Port Chester.

When asked about highlights of the season, second baseman John Gonzalez said, "for me it was when I made the game winning catch against Mamaroneck. For the team, it was probably when we beat them (Mamaroneck) in the second game of the series against them (following a late-inning comeback which resulted in an 8-2 win). Everyone played well in that game."

Twenty-eight men suited up every game for Highlands, and each one showed improvement, thanks to the great coaching by Coach Hauser and Coach Rosenberg. Both Coaches raised everyone's level of play to be the best they could be, raised everyone's baseball IQ, and showed us how to have a good time while learning the game, training, and studying all season long.

Outfielder Billy Seigrist and Catcher Logan Seguso had strong performances this season. Every game had high quality at bats, often resulting in getting on base, limiting errors mentally and physically, and by setting a good precedent for the developing players on the team.

The starting pitching staff was consistently rounded out all season by 8th grader Sean McKeon and 7th graders Teos Schtscherbyna and Zuzolo, who limited opposing offenses every game to keep

our team in games. Shortstop Blake Mulhearn, first base Frankie Servello and third base Jack O'Sullivan were always threats at the plate.

The future of White Plains Baseball is looking bright. I wish everyone luck in the future of their baseball careers!

### Softball

The softball team faced many challenges but faced them with perseverance. Players learned a lot about softball and working as a team this year. "Even though we lost quite often, we still had a great attitude, many laughs, and made many memories," says pitcher Mairead Ryan. "We had a lot of support from parents, who came to support at every game, home or away. Overall, it was a very fun season!" Ryan says. When asked about a highlight, she says "our 20-5 win against Albert Leonard (New Rochelle)." The softball team had three pitchers, Ryan, Addie Walsh and Lucy Lassell, and two catchers, Nicole Dallesandro and Savannah MacLeish. Congrats on another great season!

### Men's Lacrosse

It was a very strong season for the Modified Lacrosse team. Many players started to play this season for the first time, while other players returned to the game after playing for years. The team's final record was 7-6. Dylan Ammons, a 7th grader, says a highlight of the season was "when we beat Rye. Everyone was huddling and celebrating after the game because we had won, and that team was our rivals, talking smack the whole time." About the community, Ammons says "our team did well overall. There were a lot of new players, who learned a lot, but we had a great season, and I'm looking forward to next year!"

### Women's Lacrosse

For the Girls Lacrosse team, it was a successful year. This year's team had 30 players and 4 managers, all who helped the team reach their final winning record of 5-4-1. The team captains for this year's team were Salome Duque Hoyos, Kaite Menjivar-Ortega, Olivia Spano and Cameron Stabile, who helped to guide the team to that winning record and set a good precedent for the entire team.

When asked about the highlights of the season, Coach Morelli said "We had huge wins against rival teams Fox Lane, Scarsdale, Port Chester and New Rochelle, and an exciting back-and-forth nail biter

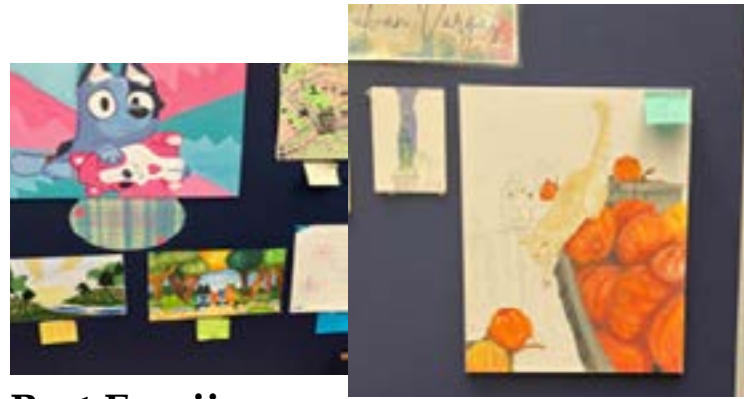
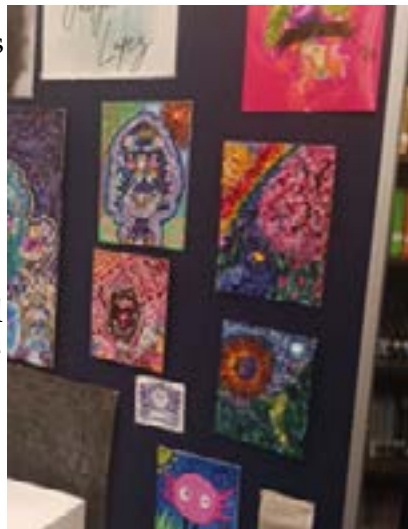
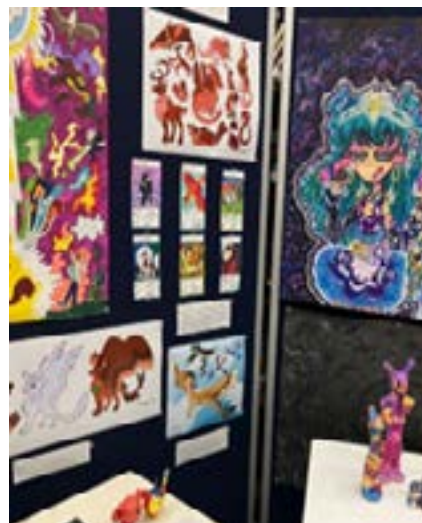


tie against Ursuline. It was exciting to watch the players grow and develop each and every day and form a team community, and I'm beyond proud of how they played this season." The leading scorers on the team were Tierney Baumann with 20 goals, Margo Gordon with 12, and Olivia Spano with 8. Baumann led with 6 assists as well, Cameron Stabile had 6, and Spano had 4. Goalies Charlotte Balsome and Gianna Cohen each had 18 saves n the season. It was a great girls lacrosse season!

## Advanced Art Show!

By: Viviana Gerontzos

Ms. Henzi's 8th grade Advanced Art class just had an art show recently on May 15th. This took place in the library, the same day as the 7th grade spring concert. There was so much variety and so much to see. There were sculptures, drawings, paintings, and more. The artists who made these pieces are incredibly talented. The pieces were so creative and original. While the art was amazing, hearing the artist's story was cool, too. All year, these artists have been working so hard and clearly it paid off. Seeing all the support from their peers was amazing, too. While I didn't take pictures of everything, I got a few which are worth sharing!



## Best Emojis

By: Niek Erkkila

I've been thinking about what to write and I'm going to rank emojis - the things we use all the time in our texts! I am going to randomly generate emojis then rank them!



I really like this one, it has a lot of meaning behind it.

9 out of 10



This one isn't that strong. This is definitely one of the forgotten ones that people have to be reminded of that it exists.

3 out of 10



This is definitely an underrated emoji. The amount of detail put into landscape is almost beautiful in a way, unfortunately it has very niche uses.

8 out of 10



I will admit I have never been to nor heard about Trinidad and Tobago, but the flag is very distinct and colorful.

7 out of 10



Despite it not being very creative I do like money.

10 out of 10



The details for the hair are very well designed.

7 out of 10



The volcano looks really cool and exciting, but this is the one craft that I keep on getting stuck on in Infinite Craft.

5 out of 10



As much as cats are cute, I don't think they needed different variations or emotions of it.

7 out of 10



A very well-made banana design and I just really adore bananas in general.

9 out of 10



A emoji that has a lot of meaning behind it. Simple yet effective.

9 out of 10



Why is this an emoji? What is the significance of 17? What does it all mean?

3 out of 10



Definitely the worst emoji. Barely works half of the time and is so unimaginative, just use the number 7!

1 out of 10



I doubt that handball required its own emoji and there are many other sport emojis that get much more mileage.

5 out of 10



Ramen is yummy, therefore so is the emoji.

12 out of 10



SCOTLAND FOREVER!

10 out of 10



## Asian American Pacific Islander Month!

By: Viviana Gerontzos



May is AAPI month which celebrates Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Originally, the month of May was chosen to show respect to the immigration of the first Japanese person to the United States on May 7th, 1843. It was also to mark the anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad being completed on May 10th, 1969. Later in 1992, it was made official that May would be Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Right now, Olivia Rodrigo and Conan Gray are incredibly popular, and their heritage is celebrated in the month of May. Their songs are all over TikTok and are well-known, especially across younger generations.



Olivia Rodrigo was born February 20th, 2003. Her fame started starring in a Disney Channel show as Paige in *Bizaardvark*. She was also Nini in *High School Musical: The Musical: The Series*. Her popularity started mainly because of her first album, *Sour*, released in 2021, and her newer album, *Guts*, in 2023. She is Filipina American.

Conan Gray was born December 5th, 1998. As a teenager, he uploaded videos such as vlogs, covers, and original songs to YouTube. He released his EP, *Sunset Season*, in 2018, and his albums *Kid Krow* (2020), *Superache* (2022), and *Found Heaven* (2024). He is Irish and Japanese.



## Mental Health Awareness Month

By: Viviana Gerontzos



Ever since 1949, May has always been National Mental Health Awareness Month. This month is observed to make more people aware of the importance of mental health. It also celebrates recovery from mental illnesses.

In 2024, we see and hear about a lot of people with mental disorders. This doesn't make them bad, it just makes them more common. These disorders include but aren't limited to anxiety, depression, PTSD, OCD, bipolar disorder, eating disorders, and personality disorders.

Two of most common mental disorders among young Americans are anxiety and depression. Around 1 in every 5 Americans probably have a mental disorder.

If you want to celebrate this month, you can do many things. Some examples are you can wear green (specifically green ribbons), educate yourself on mental health, take care of your own mental health, help others who are struggling with their mental health, and educate others on the importance of mental health.



## I/O 2024 Overview

By Wyatt Gonzalez

Courier Tech Column

On Tuesday May 14th, 2024, Google hosted its annual I/O event in an in-person and online event. Google leaned heavily on how it was ahead of its rivals in the AI game. This has been the contention point in the industry, with many tech giants placing early bets on their AI futures, such as Microsoft with its Bing search assistant. In this article, we will talk about how Google is trying to come out on top of the struggle that is AI in big tech.

### Why do people care so much about AI?

To answer this question you must delve into how humans think. We are able to do things without thinking that other organisms can't. For example, walking down a street while looking at your phone? This requires our brains to do two things at once. While we might find this easy, other beings can't do this, which is why humans strive to make an intelligence that can match and even exceed ours. The mere thought of it makes us think about our own futures, and what we want of them. This is the underlying theory of why humans are constantly trying to create bigger and better AIs.

### How far has Google progressed?

Last year, Google released its chatbot, "Gemini," formerly known as "Bard." Since then, they have made leaps and bounds with the LLM and now have four different models: Ultra, Pro, Flash and Nano. Ultra is made for the most advanced users, with support for multiple languages and high demand tasks such as advanced coding and reasoning. At \$19.99 per month, the bot prices the same as its competitors ChatGPT and Microsoft's Co-Pilot Pro.

Next, we have Gemini Pro, which is a step down from Ultra, but still quite capable. The model includes a longer context window with up to 2 million tokens, allowing it to process a lot of data. Pro is also multimodal, which allows it to process all types of data, including text, audio and video.

Now, moving on there is also Gemini Flash which offers less performance than the other two models but has a greater increase in speed. It has a one million token window but offers high speeds at a

smaller cost than the other models. The last model, Nano, is a regular chatbot, but is made specifically to run on-device, which means you can use it wherever you go. Nano also offers useful features like translation, text summarization and image understanding.

These are all of Google's chatbots types and they have obviously made huge advances in the quality and capability of them. These new advances help them climb up to the top spots in the AI race, with it almost being able to catch ChatGPT, who has also made advancements to its model this spring.

### What are Google's plans for the future?

Google has said that it plans to make AI one of its core focuses in the upcoming years. As DataCenters AI writes, "Moreover, the visionary Project Astra aims to redefine our interactions with AI assistants, making them more intuitive, personalized, and emotionally intelligent. As Google continues to push the boundaries of AI, the market is set for significant disruption." I believe this is a good encapsulation of how Google wants to go about competing within the rest of the tech industry.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, Google has made great advances in AI since last year and will probably take the lead in the AI race if it can make some more leaps in the coming months. Hopefully, I/O next year will complete Google's dreams of a fully functional AI assistant. Thanks for reading!





## Pride Month

**By: Salvatore Bonaiuto**

June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month. It is a time to recognize the LGBTQ+ community and how far they have come. Pride month began after the Stonewall riots, a series of gay liberation protests in 1968.

Before the Stonewall riots people could be arrested and beaten for simply being in love. The LGBTQ+ community does not just include gay and lesbian people, but rather people of all sexualities and genders. You may have seen the posters put up in the hallways by the SO to celebrate pride month.

To celebrate pride month your self, you could do further research on the history of pride month, read books or listen to music written by members of the LGBTQ+ community. You could also read books with LGBTQ+ themes, including:

**In The Key Of Us, by Mariama J. Lockington:**

At Harmony Music Camp, Zora and Andi are the only two Black girls in a sea of mostly white faces. In kayaks and creaky cabins, the two begin to connect, unraveling their loss, insecurities, and hopes for the future.



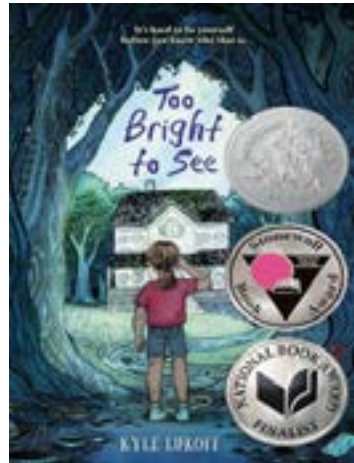
**DRAMA, by Raina Telgemeir:**

DRAMA is about girl named Callie who is in a acting class at school. She likes a boy who finds out he is gay in acting class. Callie loves to read acting books at the library. In this book, Callie is a set designer and at the end of the book, she becomes the stage manager.



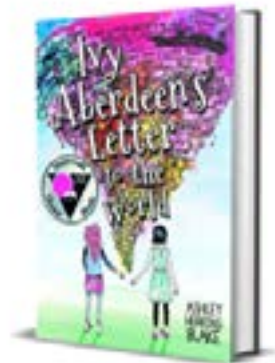
**Too Bright to See, by Kyle Lukoff:**

It tells the story of Bug, a transgender boy who lives in a haunted house, as he tries to understand a message a ghost is trying to send him.



**Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to The World, by Ashly Herring Blake:**

When a tornado rips through town, twelve-year-old Ivy Aberdeen's house is destroyed and her family of six is displaced. Ivy feels invisible and ignored in the aftermath of the storm—and what's worse, her notebook filled with secret drawings of girls holding hands has gone missing.



**The List of Things That Will Not Change, by Rebecca Stead:**

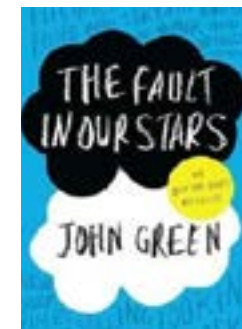
After her parents' divorce, Bea's life became different in many ways. But she can always look back at the list she keeps in her green notebook to remember the things that will stay the same. The first and most important: Mom and Dad will always love Bea, and each other.



**Book Review: The Fault in Our Stars**

**By: Eleanor Ingram**

A really good book to read is The Fault In Our Stars by John Green. This book is about a girl, Hazel, who has metastatic lung cancer. Hazel is constantly struggling with trying to buy more time before she dies and has a very interesting attitude about it. One day at her "Cancer Kid Support Group" she sees this boy, Augustus Waters, and it changes her opinion on many things including not caring about how much longer she's living for. This book is very moving and has the ability to change your opinion and perspective on many things. I highly recommend this book for everyone especially if you like sadder books with excellent endings.





## GENERATIONAL CONTEXT

By: Ariel Garcia

### 1901-1924 THE GREATEST GENERATION

Rupert Pole:

An actor, 1908-2006, Rupert hatches new beginnings as he is born into the world and welcomed into humble upbringings. Although he was raised right, and his acts were dedicated towards the virtues of love and kindness, he was typically regarded as, "The Diarists Duplicate Spouse," due to his licensed marriage with Anaïs Nin.

However, his articulate connections or relationships, should not define his recognition. Rupert was a self-proclaimed actor, with countless accomplishments due to his steadfast dedication to his career. In all sense, meeting Anaïs changed his life. He became no more than a forest ranger, and later a middle school teacher, in order to hastily bequeath his wife every possible luxury. He was a true 'sweetheart.'

An Ivy Leaguer, he was, receiving his bachelor's degree in music at Harvard, but even such titles didn't stop his profound complexion to simplicity. Love. Humbleness. Humility. In truth, its sad to witness his affairs overshadow his life, but only so many words could've been said to honor his now putrid body of virtue.

### 1925-1945 THE SILENT GENERATION

Economical Politics:

Born during the 'Great Depression,' the people of this time learned resilience. A crucial event in time was curated during this generation, one single decade of the world would be forever lost and wasted. The economic decline was a global hellfire that spurred the world to a humane desperado.

With countless figures rising courageously to the occasion, many communities were unified by singular hands of leaderships, and sheared values. Truly, the remark of a resilient generation, was left allowing many future generations to aspire the same curated resilience.

Fashion Trends:

Apart from economic politics, there were also countless fashion trends that have influenced our present essentials and norms. For example, to any American granny, do you remember your yellow shift dress, cultivated in memories of the romance days? "The Shift Dress," a classic afternoon date dress essential to the "Hot Girls" in summer of the mid 1920's. A typically long sleeveless dress.

Although not the "breath-taking" beauty now praised, the dress could occasionally have a cultivated bottom with some layers of extra fabric. Giving the dress giving some dazzling flare. Pun intended. Maybe you aspire to exude a more 'femme fatal' energy. In such case, you could add a long dangly pearl necklace, dark high heels, and a smoky eye look. Such adorned figure of style would draw a mislead attention to the eyes, allowing the dresses charm to be balanced with the face. The outfit would be reminiscent of the "vintage-charisma" now idolized and romanticized in films as its own aesthetic.

Bottom line, the headline of fashion was a personified trend that stormed in from the 1920's and continuing to the 21st century. A truly modern look for the vintage souls.

### 1946-1964 BABY BOOMERS

Stars in the dark:

A star is born and welcomed to the early days of Los Angeles craze: Marilyn Monroe. Her fame was cultivated by romantic mannerisms, always exuding a playful attention. She truly exuded a specific energy that defined her, an icon of her time. Although countless husbands may disagree. Known for her curvaceous body, she gave a new name to what was considered beautiful. Even now, her hourglass body, button-nose, plump lips, and bold eyes are the envy of the ton. This school paper article will generously bequeath a few of her fabled morale advice.

According to the many morsels of research gathered in this article Marilyn Monroe has previously said, "Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius and it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring. ..." Her rebellious spirit correlated with her profound beauty. Both factors only speaking volumes about the marvelous

aspiration she was. Another of her famed quotes is, "...I go along with nature. You never know what life is like, until you have lived it." As spontaneous as she was, her knowledge was a plethora of subjects all based upon her experience. After all, she was more than her body.

Recommendations:

Countless esoteric songs were curated during this time period, and all pieces were a credit to this generation's spontaneous creativity and erotic. The poor audio quality only enhances the true vintage provided by this generation.

Finally, onto the list itself are a few songs by Perry Como and her "Prisoner of Love," "Near You" Francis Craig, along with his orchestra and Bob Lamm, and Roger Williams debuting his, "Autumn Leaves/ Take Care."

All these songs are melodic and have similar hymn of some spring-field, a true reminiscence of originality and seasonal phenomena. Any of these songs are poetically beautiful, but a few interviews have provided a focused gaze upon certain lyrics and their chords, allowing a biased opinion to be in this article.

### 1965-1980 GENERATION X

This period in time has curated our common habits and norms in numerous ways. Before the mid-sixties the word "Gatorade," would be no more than a scramble of random letters, but after the creation of the infamous drink, there were countless new trends and standards for the basic things we consume.

An example of this is how large percentages of teenagers would generally prefer something bubbly or colorful over something classic. The ratio of teenagers who chose Gatorade over a simple glass of apple juice is incomparable, but generally, would you do the same? Every person is different, but truly how diverse are you? In the ancient philosophies on dead cultures, we are all nothing but the same.

Our communication is just a scramble of words. Our stories? Baseless titles. So, at the end of the day, when your alone sippin' on a glass of Gatorade, or any colorful staple you enjoy, rethink the process in which you induce yourself to enjoy the same things as everyone else. We're all truly just our own given titles no more than a name.

### 1981-1996 MILLENNIALS

The dawn breaks with a glimmer of sunshine, just across the horizon. This was reminiscent to the eyes of teenagers of the millennial generation. The glitter across their eyes, and some dark eye-shadow, emphasizing their contrast. This generation was familiar with more extravagant aspects. Philosophy was deeply recognized, and the development of age discrimination started to plummet into deep depths.

For the first time we saw some fairness in America. A country united. Should we discuss the secretive ideas on gossip? Some popular talk was: Nirvana, chokers, goth boots, Edward Furlong, Winona Ryder and Locker Note Confessions. We can see how, these topics are still somewhat similar to today's topics of convo. So, can we really judge our past counterparts?

### 1997-2012 GENERATION Z

Here in this day, we hear the most abstruse noises of ever. You hear of "skibidi-toilet," and "skibidi-rizz," but what of intellectual indifference. We can hear nothing of anything else! All I must comment, is my concern for this generation. Life will be hard in the next 10 years. And after all, you've probably never seen a calm group of gen z'ers.

*Note from Ms. Tschinkel:*

Congratulations to all of our retirees and the Class of 2024! To my eighth grade writers, THANK YOU for all of your hard work with the Courier! This would not be possible without your creativity, dedication, and insight. You will be missed!

