

# The Bulldog Bark



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## A Review of Music Over the Century

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The ever-changing subject of music has been growing and evolving since the budding developments of society dating back almost 35,000 years. The following article will be comparing the music of the last century, a mere 100 years on the scale of evolution various melodies have faced:

**The '20s:** The Roaring 20's showed many advances in the way we hear music. With the invention of the electric record player, the market for music was booming. U.S. Musicians were thriving, and the industry was a steady place until music began playing on the daily broadcasts of commercial radio. Consequently, the ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers) was born to calm angry mu-

sicians feeling as though they were losing profits from radio tunes. The organization made sure that artists were paid when their songs went on the radio, allowing popular genres of Jazz,



Blues, Broadway, and Dance to continue to flourish without concerns regarding financial compensation. Jazz, in particular, was popular and earned the '20s the title of the "Jazz Age" due to the popularity of the genre and its spread from African American communities of New Orleans to clubs and dance halls alike.

Unfortunately, unlike today, many genres of music featuring such unique cultures created issues of segregation, with only designated clubs allowing people to listen to their music in

peace.

**The '30s and '40s:** The 30's music scene was quite interesting as it was shaped by two contrasting topics: the Great Depression and Hollywood influences derived from the '20s. The Jazz scene split into two main genres of swing and big band, and Broadway music began to grow as more film adaptations

of musicals were created. The first celebrity heartthrobs started here with "Crooners" such as Rudy Vallee. These stars pursued radio shows and films in addition to their career. Due to the grim nature of the Great Depression, Broadway and its films' popularity soared as a distraction from the harsh atmosphere of the time. In general, the '30s and '40s relied on music to get them through the difficult times of poverty and depression.

**The '50s:** During the '50s, the American dream had grown much stronger. Following the depression, most Americans went back to their prior ideations as a source of comfort, with music being the exception and facing drastic changes. Music began reflecting on the recognition of the Civil

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**Bonus Quiz: Which Teacher Are YOU?**



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# New Year Recap: Rockin' Eve

By Ashley Moyer  
Team 8 Barker

Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest is the program that most people watch to see the exciting ball drop on New Year's Eve. This year was certainly no different! Not only does this old TV special show live performances from New York, but you also get live performances from New Orleans and Hollywood! They switched things up a little this year when host Jenny McCarthy stepped aside and Lucy Hale took her hosting role. Lucy previously hosted the New Orleans segment and since her move, Emmy winner, Billy Porter stepped in. As performances go, Post Malone was set to be the last performance before the ball dropped, but additional performances include BTS' "Make it Right" and "Boy with Luv", and Sam Hunt and Alanis Morissette from the cast of the

Broadway musical Jagged Little Pill. Los Angeles performances include Paula Ab-

dul, Kelsea Ballerini, Blanco Brown, Dan + Shay's "Speechless", Green Day, Dua Lipa, Ava Max's "Sweet But Psycho", Megan Thee Stallion, Anthony Ramos, Salt-N-Pepa and SHAED's "Trampoline". Lastly, Sheryl Crow and Usher performed in



New Orleans and the Jonas Brothers in Miami. No matter if you watched the Ball drop or went to bed early, I'm sure we will all have a good 2020.



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# Snow Days No More?

By Kaitlin Stock

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Over the summer, there was a bill passed that would allow schools to make up snow days by having students use an online program. As of right now, our school does not implement this plan...yet. However, it does have its flaws. There are many pros and cons. Here they are:

**Pros:** Online learning when conditions are too harsh to go to school will eliminate the need to extend the school year. You will still have school online, so you can count it as a day, online school will also allow students to work at their own pace. If they need more time with a certain subject, they can take more time to do it. And finally, it

will keep a continuous schedule. It will make sure that students will remember what they are learning too. It is hard to retain information when you go to school, miss a day, go to school, miss a day. It will help students stay on task.



**Cons:** If a student has no computer or device to use, they won't be able to work. This will make the student all being in their learning. Also, if the school is brought home some students just might not do it. Whether it's because they don't want to or that they just forgot, some kids might skip out on the days work. Another problem might be that a student might be stuck on a problem. But with no teacher, they might not be able to solve the problem. Many other problems can happen.

So there you have it. There are many reasons to justify having this new snow day system, but other reasons to just not do it.

By Josh Haldaman  
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There are many exciting events going on in our community that are unique to the interests of all people. Blue Mountain Ski Resort is one such place providing opportunities for people to get out and have fun, with costs ranging to allow everyone to benefit

from these events. Here are some of the upcoming days planned for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds:

**Blue Mountain Resort is holding a FREE Winter Festival on January 25th and 26th.** There will be Ice carving, Luge track, dog sledding demos, snowmaking tours, snowga (snow yoga), snowtubing, face paint-



## Upcoming Local Events

ing, bracelet making, coloring contests, and fireworks.

**On Friday, February 7th, Blue Mountain is holding a "Go Red at Blue" event.** \$1 from every ticket sale will be donated to the American Heart Association. If you wish to make a personal donation, you can do so at [shopskilbluemt.com](http://shopskilbluemt.com)...

**Scouting Weekend at Blue Mountain is the weekend of March 7th and 8th, 2020.** They are inviting Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and their families to PA's highest vertical. Join them for a fun-filled weekend skiing, snowboarding & snow tubing with your friends & family. Scouts and their immediate family members (Mom, Dad, Brothers & Sisters, etc.) receive 50% off lift tickets, rentals, and snowtubing tickets on Saturday & Sunday! This discount does not apply to

lessons, packages, programs, food & beverages, retail items, tuning services, etc.

**Join them for an exhilarating day conquering the slopes of the Blue Mountain Resort on Sunday, March 14th at 8:00 am for the 10th Annual Teddy Bedrossian Ski-A-Thon!** Registrants receive breakfast, unlimited skiing and snowboarding, prize opportunities, and a buffet luncheon.

Registration Fees: Individual: \$175 Teams of 4: \$500

You will receive a VIP lift ticket, event t-shirt, award ceremony, continental breakfast, and lunch, included in the cost of registration.

**Schedule:** Check-in: 8am - 11am Ski-A-Thon: 9am - 1pm Tubing: 10am - 12pm

Reception & Lunch to follow.

It's good to get out in your community, and these events are a great place to start. See you at Blue Mountain!

# ALICE VS Lockdown Drill

By Kaitlin Stock

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Recently, our school has implemented the “Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate” (ALICE) system for safety in the event of a school intruder or lockdown-type situation. For those of you not aware, the A.L.I.C.E. drill is a protocol where we don’t just hide from a potential intruder, we are supposed to safely evacuate (leave) and, if the situation calls for it, defend ourselves against a dangerous individual. Thus, the Bulldog Bark crew has interviewed people to find out from students how they feel about this drastic approach compared to the former procedure: sitting in the corner of a room with the lights out.

**ALICE**  
ALERT  
LOCKDOWN  
INFORM  
COUNTER  
EVACUATE

**Marisa Maehrer says:** *“I think it could be helpful in some situations. In others, not so much. I think it is good to fight back but could possibly endanger us even more than just hiding. So I think it depends on the situation.”*

**Annasti Turissini expresses:** *“I think it is the stupidest thing. Why should we be endangering ourselves to fight against someone?”*

*“We could get hurt much worse if we try and attack the predator. I think that it’s better to just hide and let the police handle the situation.”*

**Arabella Heinzelman believes:** *“I think we should be defending ourselves in this type of situation. We might be able to save more lives by taking down the shooter. It is a little risky, but I personally think it is worth it.”*

It is quite apparent that our school has some differing opinions regarding how we should ap-

proach a situation involving a harmful intruder. Despite this, “Thank You” to the people who took their time to share their input regarding this change. It is important to note that while it is a much different protocol than what we are used to, ALICE has been proven to be significantly more effective as this method allows for teachers, students, and staff members to do what is appropriate for the unique situation at hand. Certain people may not believe the defense tactics are the best response to someone potentially armed with weapons, while others recognize that, statistically speaking, A.L.I.C.E. is proven to save a significantly higher number of lives compared to the traditional lockdown drill. It is important that students, teachers, and staff to practice the protocol often as the best way to be safe is to be prepared.

By Jasmine Silvestri

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Every marking period, the 8th-grade students of the middle school are rewarded for their good behavior, participation in school spirit days, attendance, and academic achievements. The



## PI Drawing

8th Graders receive these rewards through “PI (Positive Incentive) Tickets” each time a



teacher recognizes these achievements. Then, at the end of the marking period, students are given an envelope with their PI Tickets, which

are used as raffle tickets, in addition to a slip of paper telling how they earned their tickets that quarter. This tactic to encourage students to act their best for a reward in return is the perfect way to bring out the best in our school! Below are some of the fun and useful prizes we have received and may win at future raffles.



By Jasmine Silvestri &  
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This year, 8th-grade history teacher Mr. Herzog and twenty-two, 8th-grade students participated in the 22 kill pushup challenge. In 2012, the Veterans Administration released a Suicide Data Report that found an average of 22 veterans die by suicide every day. The 22KILL initiative started in 2013, at first just as a social media movement to raise awareness and later it became an official 501 3 nonprofit organization in July of 2015. In 2016, as the push-up initiative swept social media, 22KILL began its transformation from awareness to a suicide prevention program. By the end of that year, the viral campaign and the fundraising that accompanied it, allowed us to donate over half a million dollars to sponsor other veteran service organizations. In 2017, 22KILL began to acquire and develop traditional and non-traditional mental wellness programs. It now offers a myriad of services through Stay The Course, Tribal Council, Forge, Wind Therapy, WATCH, and White Star Families.

With this, Mr. Herzog set out to contact an organization to donate the money earned from students doing the push-ups and from donations from teachers and other students. He contacted The Nam Knights and in-

formed them about him wanting to earn money for the veterans. The Nam Knights told him that they would contact him after they consulted with the entire club. They called



Mr. Herzog and told him that they wanted to decline his offer. Mr. Herzog was taken aback and confused at first, but then the Nam Knights told him that whatever the school earns that they would double it. Mr. Her-

zog then contacted Tails of Valor, which is an organization that trains dogs to help veterans cope with PTSD after years of service.

This year's total was about \$3,800 with the combined total of the Nam Knights and a donation from the 8th-grade students. The high school Patriot club also donated some money as well to contribute to the cause. At the assembly, the members of the Sons of Liberty said some facts about some of the drastic wars and events tied to these wars. Then the Nam Knights said a few things about their organization and what they do. After all the speeches, Mr. Herzog called down every student that participated in the push-up challenge to come down and complete their last 22 push-ups for the challenge. Some of the Nam Knights members also took part in the push-ups as well.

Once everyone completed their push-ups, Mr. Herzog gave the Tails of Valor the large check.

There were also a few news stations there to interview a few of the students in the Sons of Liberty club and Mr. Herzog. And all the students were able to pet and play with the puppy that was brought by the Tails of Valor organization. The Sons of Liberty club and Mr. Herzog thank every student and faculty member for donated money to the cause!

# Winter Concert 2019

By Jasmine Silvestri & Delaney Szwast

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On Tuesday, December 10th, the high school, and middle school concert band and choir began their Winter concert with a very well known song, “The Carol of the Bells”.

“Hark how the bells,  
Sweet silver bells,  
All



seem to say,  
Throw cares away  
Christmas is here,  
Bringing good cheer,”  
“Carol of the Bells” arranged by Patrick L. Liebergen was performed by the women’s choir. In addition to performing “Carol of the Bells”, the women’s choir also sang “The Twelve Days of Christmas” by Fredrick Silver. After the women’s choir’s performance, the middle school choir performed “I’ll Be Home For Christmas” arranged by Ed Lojeski. The combined choir, consisting of both the high school and middle school choir, sang “Dashing

Through The Snow” arranged by John Leavitt. Finally, the high school choir finished the performance with the songs “The Bells” by Lon Beery, “Still, Still, Still” (with “For Unto Us a Child is Born”) by Kirby Shaw, “In December” by Jay Althouse and “Three Contemporary Latin Settings” by Jerry Estes;

arranged by Frank Cofield. The band started their portion of the show with the tune “The Polar Express” arranged by Johnnie Vinson. After the “The Polar Express”, the band performed a song called “O Christmas Three” arranged by Vince Gassi. This song was a mix of three well known Christmas melodies. The band then performed “A Charlie Brown Christmas”, arranged by Paul Murtha, which included sev-

eral tunes from the “Charlie Brown Christmas” film. Finally, the band ended their performance with “Frosty the Snowman” arranged by Frank Cofield.



Overall, both the band and choir performed astoundingly. These talented musicians should be proud of themselves and their accomplishments. “Break a leg” at the spring concert!

## Decade, from Page 1

movement: Rhythm and Blues (R&B), as well as Rock and Roll, popularized many African American artists, causing conflicts between people either believing that the white population capitalized on the African American struggle or that the music began to form a unity between both races. One thing is certain though: the '50s shaped the modern world's music forever, with Rock and roll emerging as one of the top genres of the decade with its symbolism of teenage rebellion and style. Although Elvis is an artist known as "The King of Rock," the highlights of the genre did not start with him. Some of the first rock stars were Little Richard, The Coasters, and Fats Domino... Also, Pop music dominated the world during this time. Artists like Frank Sinatra (Who is still popular in modern times), Doris Day, and Ella Fitzgerald took the world by storm with their hits.

**The '60s:** This is the decade known as the "British Invasion." England's music culture had artists such as The Rolling Stones, The Beatles, The Who, and The Kinks finding their suc-

cess in our country during this time, with Songs such as "Picturebook" by The Kinks and "Yesterday" by the Beatles captivating audiences and gaining fame from their unique styles. The Beatles particularly stood out for causing a craze across the nation: Beatlemania. Since their appearance on the Ed Sullivan show, the Beatles were suddenly loved by almost all, with merchandise of shirts, lunchboxes, bouncy balls, etc. being produced. Despite their departure in 1970, loyal fans still praise their music.... Also, R&B was still popular, with artists such as Aretha Franklin, Diana Ross, The Supremes, and Stevie Wonder keeping the Civil Rights Movement alive with the sound of their music.

**The '70s:** The '70s were the golden days of vinyl records and Rock 'N Roll. Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, and David Bowie became rock legends and are still honored today with merchandise and nostalgic playlists. In addition, Queen, The Ramones, KISS, and The Misfits became icons of Rock 'N Roll.

Also, Disco and Hip-Hop entered the music scene. The ability to produce more than six tracks on records led to furthering the development of music, with Disco becoming the iconic music genre of the '70s. Previous Artists, such as Rod Stewart and Diana Ross, began to create pieces of this genre due to the popularity. However, Disco soon lost its popularity after teens

For Soup, a band from the time, said the '80s music scene consisted mostly of pure image as MTV became a favorite network for popular artists. (Yes, believe it or not, there was music on MTV before it became the same 10 Jersey Shore reboots being played at 3 A.M every night...) New genres such as new wave, hip hop, and hair metal began to change the music scene to the

point that the genres are still influential today. Michael Jackson, Prince, Whitney Houston, Tiffany, Madonna, Cher, and New Kids on the Block all became the pop legends of the '80s. Hair metal stars included Metallica, Ozzy Osbourne, Iron maiden, Aerosmith, and Motley Crue. MTV showcased these stars and became the first Television Station to

showcase music videos exclusively, adding theatrics, fashion, and drama to the mix of factors in music, thus influencing songs today. Stars like Madonna, Michael Jackson, and Whitney Houston embraced trends through their music vid-



realized it promoted commercialization, a concept they had previously rebelled against.

**The '80s:** "Bruce Springsteen, Madonna, Way before Nirvana there was U2 and Blondie and other music still on MTV..." Bowling

**Decade Continued, from Page 7** Spears and Christina

embraced trends through their music videos. Their songs set the bar for pop music and stay relevant despite the constant change in popular media. CDs, Cassettes, Walkman players, and Boom Boxes also allowed people to listen to music on the go when they were away from the musical comforts of their TV.

**The '90s:** Filled with one-hit wonders, rap, pop, and alternative music, the '90s musical tastes varied drastically. Genres like Techno and hip-hop had a sudden resurgence that lives on through the decade with artists like MC Hammer, Vanilla Ice, and Tone Loc. However, in 1992 a unique type of rock music's increased popularity changed everything. Nirvana released "Smells Like Teen Spirit," which popularized alternative rock and changed the music industry and, although a bit dramatic, the lives of teens forever. Bands such as Pearl Jam and Soundgarden began to write songs with catchy lyrics about teenage angst and rebellion. However, in 1995, listeners moved on from this genre for a bit in search of new styles. Then, Bubblegum pop emerged with Britney

Aguilera. Also, The later years had a sudden uprising in popularity of tradi-



tional boy bands from the '80s. This decade went full circle, and, to that, I believe everyone was saying "Oh well, whatever, never mind".

**The 2000s and the '10s:** The more recent years brought in diverse styles of music such as Hip-hop, ushered into style by Usher, Justin Timberlake, and several more. Kanye West, Jay-Z, and Eminem refurbished these styles with their own twists. Although they are not necessarily traditional hip-hop, they are all compiled of rap and other similar styles. However, every decade has its darker side and in this case, it is emo music. The genre gained its name from the emotional lyrics and overall dismal tones of the

music. Bands such as My Chemical Romance, Green Day, and Panic! At the Disco sported "Guyliner" and made

ades, specifically computer-generated sounds, result in some artists creating songs that lack creativity, such as the songs "Gucci Gang" by Lil Pump and "Versace" by Migos. Luckily, though, many great artists of this time make up for the lack of inspiration in the music of certain artists.



people, especially teenagers, gain comfort in lyrics reassuring that differences are okay. Although there is a stigma surrounding this genre regarding "cult-like" or "satanic" references, the lyrics have meaning focusing on positivity and overcoming mental illness in a corrupt society. Recent music in other genres focuses on overcoming mental struggles, with popular "1-800-273-8255" by Logic showing people it is always okay to look for help and that you are loved no matter what. On an unrelated note, unfortunately, technological advances in these dec-

As of now, we don't know what the future will hold for the '2020s decade in review... That's up for you to decide, so open up Spotify and make history.








# Which NLMS Teacher Are You?

By Avery Diaz and Haven Moore  
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**Directions:** Mark the answer for all questions with what you think is the most accurate representation of your personality and how you would respond to the situation. Then, add the number at the end of each of your answers together to end up with your point score. There is a spot to mark these numbers on the second page. At the bottom of the page, find the number range that your score falls within. This is your result, and you will find a personality description depending on which teacher (Mr. Herzog, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Dunham, Mr. Graver, or Mrs. Frank) you are most similar to.






## 1. Where can you typically be found on the weekends/in your free time?

- A. On top of mountains or on rivers.  (1)
- B. Spending time with my family.  (2)
- C. Traveling all over the place.  (3)
- D. Riding my bicycle.  (4)
- E. In a garden/my backyard.  (6)






## 2. What is your favorite color?

- A. Rainbow.  (6)
- B. Black.  (1)
- C. Brown.  (2)
- D. Periwinkle.  (3)
- E. Purple.  (4)

## 3. What is your ideal vacation destination?

- A. Any form of a beach.  (4)
- B. Anywhere, as long as my travels don't have to end.  (6)
- C. Moab, Utah.  (1)
- D. A secluded mountain retreat with limited technology and distractions. (2) 
- E. A European tour of historical landmarks. (3) 

## 4. What's your dream job?

- A. A Pharmacist.  (3)
- B. A Gameshow Host.  (4)
- C. A Welder.  (6)
- D. An Adventure Guide for someplace outdoors.  (1)
- E. A Weatherman.  (2)

**5. What's your favorite genre of music?**

- A. Country. 🎸 (2)  
 B. Classical covers of modern songs. 🎹 (3)  
 C. All forms of music. (4) 🎧  
 D. Music isn't my preferred art form. However, I do like nature sounds. 🌲 (6)  
 E. Alternative. 🤘(1)

Keep Score Here:

**6. Who is your favorite Disney Character?**

- A. Goofy. 🐶 (1)  
 B. Maui. 🌴 (2)  
 C. Rafiki. 🐒 (3)  
 D. Mufasa. 🦁 (4)  
 E. Forky. 🍴(6)

**7. Which Zodiac sign do you identify most with?**

- A. Gemini. ♊ (6)  
 B. Capricorn. ♎ (1)  
 C. Pisces. ♓ (2)  
 D. Virgo. ♍ (3)

**8. What would your dream pet be?**

- A. Floppy-Eared Bunny Rabbit. 🐰 (4)  
 B. Unicorn. 🦄 (6)  
 C. Sloth. 🦥 (1)  
 D. Dog. 🐕 (2)  
 E. Jaguar. 🐆 (3)

Total

**Quick View:****8-15:** Mr. Herzog (8th/History)**16-23:** Mr. Davis (8th/Math)**24-29:** Mrs. Dunham (7th/ELA)**30-35:** Mr. Graver (7th/OWC)**36+:** Mrs. Frank (Specials/Art)

**Mr. Herzog (8-15):**

You're Mr. Herzog, the Eighth Grade U.S. History teacher. When you're not cracking cheesy "dad jokes" and talking in a voice dripping with sarcasm, you can be found out on some spontaneous adventure through the vast outdoors. During the day, you long for the pull of a mountain-top or the rush of a river, leading a life that may intimidate others less acclimated to truly experiencing all that life has to offer, while merely fueling your own passion for all things enlightening for yourself and others. Despite your free-spirit nature, you are disciplined and have a strong respect for authority, most likely due to your high and reasonable moral standards. Some may consider you a hippie, but what's wrong with having such an ethical, natural approach to things in life? In the event that someone shows you the respect and good conduct (\*cough\* They don't act entitled... \*cough cough\*) that you deserve, you can have a very generous and understanding attitude regarding the way you treat them. You live every day like it's your last, which it could very well be in the event that you consume something like rubber nuggets... Seriously, you avoid those things like the plague...

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**Mr. Davis (16-23):**

You're Mr. Davis, the Eighth Grade Math teacher. You are extremely funny and have a seemingly random sense of humor. However, when you focus and take things seriously, you are successful and efficient in the tasks people expect of you. Your compassionate and gentle side shows through at the times people need it most due to your Extroverted and Introverted nature. Also, you are full (FULL.....) of energy and can generally be considered a sporty person. Once you get started or you get your mind set on something, you don't stop until you are fully satisfied with the outcome, particularly when it comes to your inability to stop eating a bag of potato chips. As lively and amusing as you typically are, you have a sensitive side as well, and, sometimes, all you want to do is sit on your couch wearing a wig and lipstick while eating chocolate and crying along to a Hallmark movie. But that's okay, because your family-loving, hilarious personality makes it entertaining to be around you and makes you greatly appreciated by all students, teachers, friends, and fellow Target Employees alike. Just not angry housewives at 3 in the morning... Despite that, go rock those Khakis and your forever-ruined wardrobe, Jake... Uh.... \*Mr. Davis.\*

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**Mrs. Dunham (24-29):**

You're Mrs. Dunham, the Seventh Grade ELA Teacher. Overall, you appear very sarcastic and put together, but once people get to know you, you are so much more! You're hardworking in everything you do, most likely as a result of your perfectionist nature. You'll stop at nothing to do your very best and be satisfied with the outcome. Also, you love to travel and experience new foods, languages, and cultures! Quite evidently, you are a huge coffee addict. Cappuccinos, Mochas, Frappes, Lattes, Iced, Black, Macchiatos, etc. If it has coffee in it, you're all for it! Don't deny it. Seriously, don't. But... you sure do put your ~~addiction~~ consumption of your drink of choice to good use: All that extra caffeine is probably part of the reason you're such a great writer, cook, and reader! These activities help to keep you de-stressed, yet busy, just how you like it!

**Mr. Graver (30-35):**

You're Mr. Graver, the Seventh Grade Old World Cultures Teacher. You are easy-going and "chill" a large majority of the time, and you possess a caring, patient type of personality. While you're not mocking your mother-in-law and dabbing along to Pitbull's music, you're exploring nature's beauty on your bicycle and enduring exciting adventures! Maybe you should try some more skydiving? But seriously, you're the life of the party and you have a talent for having meaningful conversations/icebreakers with people of all dispositions. Lots of people enjoy your presence because of how caring and hilarious you can be. Everyone feels accepted and comfortable around you, so, consequently, you are admired by many. Well, except for by your mother-in-law, but that's a different story.

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**Mrs. Frank (36+):**

You're Mrs. Frank, the Seventh and Eighth Grade Art/Everything-But-The-Kitchen-Sink Teacher. You are very expressive and kind-hearted towards others, meaning almost everyone you associate with will connect to you. Despite this, make sure others stay on your good side, because you can get very feisty when someone's poor attitude is holding back your passionate, determined nature. (Read: Stay away from the wrath of a disappointed Mrs. Frank!) Chances are, your personality can be very artistic, original, and creative. You have your own kind of "sparkle", quite clearly highlighted by your whimsical love for unicorns and other quirky preferences. It's hard to dislike your lovable and sweet sense of being, but even when you get discouraged, you try to find a logical solution to ensure everyone is happy with the result. Your busy lifestyle may seem a bit overwhelming to other people, but you are good at maintaining control in chaotic situations. With the power of your motivation and wild imagination, nothing can stop you from achieving your dreams.

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*Thank you to the teachers included in this edition's quiz for taking the time out of your day to allow us to include your responses in the newspaper.*

*You all have amazing personalities, and we appreciate you guys allowing us to not only learn more about ourselves, but the lives and personalities of you guys as well. Thank you!*

By Jasmine Silvestri  
Team 8 Barker

# Spill The Tea!

## Trends

### Vsco:

As we all know, this past year was the so-called birth of a “Vsco girl”. By now, mostly everyone is familiar with the term “vsco”. If not, it’s a new aesthetic that was mostly advertised on the app “Tik Tok”. The term vsco girl refers to a popular subculture among teenage girls, consisting of teenagers following certain fashion choices that go along with the latest trends. Vsco girl fashion is often described as “laid-back” or comfy.



## Scandal

### James Charles vs. Tati Westbrook:

One of the largest petty scandals this past year was James Charles versus Tati Westbrook. Here is a little background information about the two makeup icons. James Charles is a 19-year-old makeup vlogger. At its peak, he has about 16.4 million subscribers on Youtube. He was the first male face of Covergirl and has had a lucrative partnership with makeup brand Morphe. As of right now, he has released two Morphe makeup pallets and two brush

sets. Tati Westbrook is a 37-year-old beauty Youtuber who first started posting to her channel as GlamLifeGuru in 2011gm. She does product reviews, tutorials, makeup challenges, and life vlogs. In February of 2018, she launched her own supplement brand called Halo Beauty. Tati has about 9.68 million subscribers on Youtube. The two icons were frequently collaborating in Youtube videos and Tati was even considered to be a mentor to James Charles. Tati was an early fan of his and pro-



motored his channel and work. The scandal all started at Coachella when James posted a “swipe up” on his Instagram story promoting a brand called Sugar Bear Hair. This is where the drama begins. Sugar Bear Hair is a direct competitor with Tati’s, Halo Beauty. This clearly didn’t go too well with Tati. \*smh\* She then posted on her Instagram story where she looked upset and said “Everybody says what they need to say and uses who they need to use, and I have had about enough. It’s not right.” After all of that, James posted an apology on his Instagram story publicly. This all happened around the week of April 22nd.



May 4th roles around and Tati still hasn’t acknowledged James’s apology yet. Yikes, right?! Oh but wait, it gets better. Gabriel Zamora then inserted himself in the drama. There is a 40-minute makeup tutorial where he rants about the Tati-James feud. “All these videos are being made where James is made out to be this horrible hu-

man being, and I’m just confused as to what happened. Oh, it’s about ‘loyalty.’ It’s the ‘loyalty’ aspect of it. For me, it

looks like someone posted IG Stories. And, someone cried,” he says in the video. “I’m, like, confused because what did James do?... Well, Sugar Bear Hair was around before her. Homeboy is exclusive to her?” He basically argues that it’s ridiculous for Tati to be upset over James promoting Sugar Bear Hair because any beauty influencer has a right to promote different brands.

Tati finally posted a video on May 10th addressing the explaining her relationship with James. She also says in her video that she doesn’t know Gabriel Zamora.

**See Pages 13-14 for the rest of tea we’re spilling!**

## Tea, from Page 8

We've never had any beef. But we are not friends," she says...."there's no relationship.". But the part that bothered Tati the most about this whole fiasco, was that James didn't even give a heads up saying that he was going to promote her rival brand. He could have at least texted her, right? Show also claims that he never supported her brand anyway. James would mention that he didn't like Sugar Bear Hair and that Tati had his loyalty. She then later says that James never wanted to promote her brand because he had too many teenage fans and it would be "really inappropriate". Clearly, that didn't stop him from posting about Sugar Bear Hair.

Now if you thought that was the worst part, get ready to enter Satan's lair! \*mentally prepares\* After James put out an apology, Tati refused to accept or acknowledge it. Instead, she came at James saying that he should have also apologized to her husband, who was also a very big and early supporter of James's. Her husband always helped James out when he needed business help as well. "My husband would spend hours, on the phone, looking over contracts, getting him in a better position," she says. But it gets worse, trust me. Tati then went out to say that James coerced men and that she no longer wants anything to do with him. "Oh my god, you tried to trick a straight man into thinking he's gay, yet again. And somehow, you're the victim. It's really disgusting to manipulate someone's sexuality especially when they're emerging into adulthood and don't quite have everything figured out," she says,

recalling a call of theirs where he shared some details with her. Big yikes!!

Shortly after, James made yet another video apologizing to Tati and her husband. "To Tati and James Westbrook, I'm sorry for everything that is going on and everything I've put you through over the past few weeks," he opens. Then, he just goes on to a long apology and doesn't want to explain anything further because "it doesn't matter." apparently. As for the claims saying that he took advantage of men, James has a rather vague explanation. "Boys have been a topic that I've talked a lot about on my social media journey, and it's a topic that I wish I haven't," he says. "I've been involved in a lot of unique and strange situations that have left people confused and upset, and I've learned the hard way about boys that I'm interested in and ones I should or shouldn't be talking to."



During this long feud, James lost millions of subscribers and Tati gained a few as well. He lost people including famous fans like the Kar-Jenners—Kylie who collaborated with him, Khloe, Kourtney, Kendall, and Kim—Demi Lovato, Katie Perry, Ariana Grande, and Miley Cyrus. But then on May 17th,

Tati posted (now deleted) a video saying that she wants the side picking to stop. "I do, really, want the hate to stop. I want the picking sides, and the abusive memes and language, I really hope on both sides, it can stop," she says. "I don't want you guys to subscribe, I don't want you to feel bad for me. I don't want you to feel sorry for me. This is not about me. I don't need 'Team Tati.' I don't need any of that." The next day, James posted a video addressing every one of Tati's text messages with screenshots. Tati didn't respond to this video either, instead, she tweeted that she was going to take the weekend to "heal" and go on a "digital break".

On June 3rd, Tati deleted every video that she filmed concerning the feud. She then posted a video called "I'm Back...", but she didn't say anything regarding the fight. Her follower noticed and commented things like "woah...so we're just gonna pretend that nothing happened?" Then on June 18th James posted his first video after the whole Tati Westbrook feud. "It got to a point where it was incredibly toxic for me and my mental health and after everything that just went on social media, I just needed some time to detox and slow it down," he said. "Of course, still do what I absolutely love, which is handling business, playing with makeup, and seeing my friends, but just do it on a little bit of a lower scale...I'm really excited to say that after the last month, I've done a lot of growing and thinking and am now able to leave my phone in another room and walk out and, like, enjoy life." So I guess that means the two of them are cool now? But that was a heck of a scandal, jeez!

# Five Below Turning Into “Ten Below”?

*Should consumers be angry?*

By Jasmine Silvestri

*Team 8 Barker*

If you have been to Five Below this holiday season, you may have noticed a few changes. Throughout the past couple of months, the nationwide corporation has been slipping in a few different shelves that read 10 and below. Not only that, however, even general objects that used to be five dollars are now also more expensive. What is the meaning of this? Are their 17 years of flat

prices coming to an end? The company is raising some products as high as ten dollars! That's outrageous!

Can you really be mad at them though? To be fair, the main items



raising so drastically are electronics, and they have



had 17 years of staying true to their name. In addition, the price to manufacture various

things has raised. Furthermore, the company promises to keep the majority of things under the five dollars as the name suggests. Moreover, the company is keeping the original name being it is a trademark and costs much to change for the 750+ store across America. After all, ten dollars is still a bargain in comparison to many other stores. Is this really an outrage? That's up to you.

By Jasmine Silvestri  
and Kaitlin Stock

*Team 8 Barkers*

## Winter Advice

**How to get better grades, and how do I pay attention in class?**

Well for starters, to help you get better grades, try to pay as much attention to what is happening in the class as possible. Now if you have trouble paying attention in class, I would try by raising your hand to answer/ask questions. Try to be as engaged as possible in class. Also, try taking notes to later help you when studying. Studying is a key part of preparing yourself to get that good grade on the test. Making or even finding Quizlets can be a big help when it comes to studying. Even if you only get to study for 15 minutes, it can really help you in the long run! :)



**How to get a boyfriend/girlfriend?**

Just be yourself. Don't try to act like someone that you aren't. And don't try to impress them by acting weird. The person should like you for you, not for acting like someone else. Just play it cool and eventually, someone will like you for your personality.

**How to deal with life when your world is falling apart?**

This is a tough question to answer because there isn't an exact response to this. Everyone has their own ways of dealing with a rough patch in their life. The most important thing is to reach out to someone that you can trust. Don't hold it in, that will make it ten times harder to deal with. Once you tell someone, it will only get easier from there. ;)

# Disney Plus Review!

By Kaitlin Stock and  
Haven Moore

*Team 8 Barkers*

We bet all of you have heard of someone having Disney Plus, or you may have it yourself! Disney+ is an American subscription video on-demand streaming service owned and operated by the Direct-to-Consumer & International division of The Walt Disney Company. It was launched on November 12, 2019. So it's a recent popularity. And 10 million+ as of November 13, 2019 have had Disney Plus! That is an impressive amount, and for good reason. Any Disney lover would drool over this streaming service. So of course, we had to give it a go, and see for ourselves what the hype was. Here are our reviews:

**Haven:** After watching multiple shows and movies on Disney Plus, I have a clear idea of what it is like. It is perfectly suited for a family watchlist, and kids. As well as some



good throwbacks. It also has a huge selection of movies and their genres to choose from. I especially liked the shows and movies that used to be on Disney Channel, but are older, and

in my opinion, better as the original. Like *The Suit Life of Zack and Cody*...

...classic.... However, they're hard to find on Disney Channel. But with the help of Disney Plus, almost any of that you can think of are on! Disney Plus also offers movies and shows that came from Marvel, Pixar, National Geographic, and Star Wars! So that is a plus (get it?). Altogether, I believe this was a very beneficial, useful, and entertainment filled choice to download on your device. On another note, I

do have Hulu and Amazon Prime, and compared to Disney Plus... it is exceptional!

**Kaitlyn:** After testing Disney Plus out, I think it is totally worth the \$6.99 a month. To be honest, I was skeptical at first. I thought this was just something new and popular. But now, I know why it was popular. It has any Disney, Pixar, or Marvel movie you can imagine. Anything you want, just go to the search bar and type it in. I even liked it so much that I bought it myself. The first night I had Disney Plus I watched at least 4 movies. Even better yet...you can travel with it too. Just download the mobile app, and there you go. Instant entertainment anywhere and any place. So overall, I really liked Disney Plus. I had my doubts, but it was just incredible. So next time you have an extra 7 dollars, consider trying out every Disney fans favorite place to watch movies, tv shows, and shorts.

## Frozen 2 Review

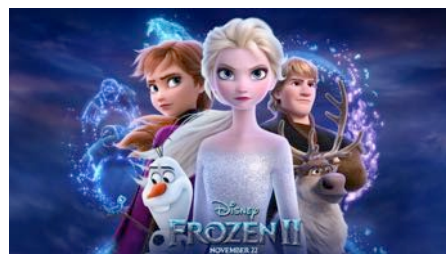
By Ayden Scanlon

*Team 8 Barker*

### SPOILER WARNING!

The original *Frozen* was one of the highest-grossing films of the decade (And rightfully so.) It was considered a masterpiece by many critics and had not only hordes of children, but mothers and fathers across the nation humming hit theme song "Let It Go." Although the classic movie was already "wrapped up with a bow," a sequel was announced that took

the internet by storm... The hype built up for *Frozen's* long-awaited



sequel was derived from publicity ranging from mass analyses of the trailer to supposed leaks of the

movie. However, now that the film has been released to the public, I feel that there was a lot left to be desired. Your opinions may or may not mirror my viewpoints expressed in the article, but as someone who has heard the original movie countless times in the background at my grandparents' house, here is my description/review of the heavily anticipated sequel: *Frozen 2*.



## Frozen, from Page 16

The plot of *Frozen 2* is centered around Elsa being drawn into an enchanted forest because of demonic yodeling sounds she heard from the distance. Why this is the case, I don't know, but it seems like a convenient plot device on Disney's part. The driving motivation of the two main protagonists hinges off of learning more about their past and their deceased parents. Before this, however, the prologue involves a young King of Norway in shock after an unexpected attack on his Kingdom initiated by the restless spirits of the enchanted forest. Once

again, I feel that this is another lazy attempt to drive the main characters into conflict. This attack is mentioned again later on in the movie, but there is still no proper explanation given as to why they attacked during the timeline of the movie. Following the events of the attack on Norway, a recreation of the carriage scene from *Shrek 2* takes place with Olaf taking Donkey's place. Maybe it's just me, but I feel that this was a little too "on the nose," or unimaginative, for the plot on be-

half of Disney. After a long journey, the protagonists Anna, Elsa, Kristoff, and Olaf reach the enchanted forest. However, the forest is protected by a magical barrier of unknown origin that impedes Elsa's path. For the sake of the plot, Elsa parts the barrier and allows another hour's worth of content to be poured into this drab film. After Olaf describes his midlife crisis in song



form, the four main characters reunite and have a pointless conversation that does not impact the outcome of the story at all whatsoever. Regardless of this, the protagonists meet a group of people that are native to the forest and make two whole appearances in the film, all the while displaying little to no character development. At this point in the movie, the story branches into three main parts. The main plot is focused on Elsa trying to find herself and discover her origin and iden-

tity, while Anna and Olaf are trying to recover after leaving Elsa, topped off with a half-baked side plot of Kristoff trying to propose to Anna. Elsa is the highlight/main focus of the people, and, in her storyline, she disregards the moral of the first film and abandons her sister while venturing out to do some soul searching. This is the point in the story where Anna and Olaf are sent away by Elsa and

attempt to convey the feeling of heartbreak for the second time in the series. Keep in mind that, through all this, there is not much to say about Kristoff. If the storyboard artists wanted to do something with this character they should've at least given him a better character "arc" and not just a black and white personality. The last portion of the movie was pretty eventful, so here is a quick summation of the plot: Elsa finds the answers to her past and how she can resolve the problem- The reason the forest is mad at Norway is because the King of Elsa's kingdom killed the leader of the Forest Tribe in an attempt to keep a

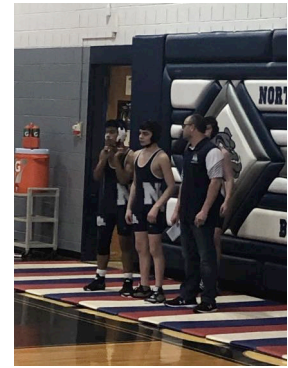
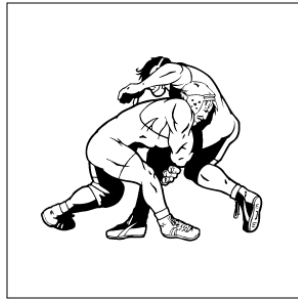
certain dam standing. The reason is unexplained why, but the dam is stopping the forest from surviving peacefully. After Elsa sees this, she is turned into an ice sculpture, Olaf gets "Thanos Snapped", and Anna sees a vision of what her sister saw. (Once again, merely a convenient plot device.) After knowing the plight of the dam to the forest, Anna lures some rock monsters to the dam to destroy it. And, because it's a Disney movie, Elsa comes back to life, Olaf is reborn, and everybody lives happily ever after. Eventually, it is shown that Elsa is a living incarnate of a spirit of the forest. So, after the main conflict is resolved, Elsa abandons her kingdom (Like the responsible woman she is) and lives in the forest with her people. Other loose ends are also tied up, with Kristoff finally proposing to Anna (divorce is inevitable). All in all, it was a fairly rushed movie... The plot was half-baked and none of the individual characters had any personality or "time to shine" on their own. My final verdict: If you have a four-year-old cousin with little to no attention span or concepts of decent movie plots, *Frozen 2* is the movie for you!

# Winter Sports Updates

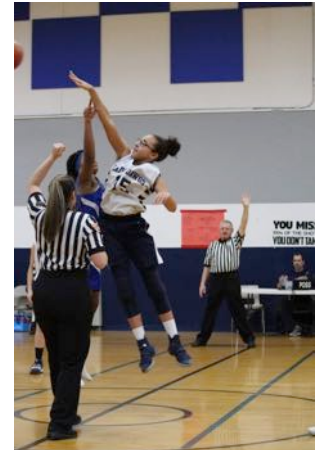
By Haven Moore  
Team & Barker

Although this may have been a tough year for a few of our sports teams, the hard work, determination, and perseverance of the team is certainly paying off.

Great job to everyone so far this season and good luck in all future games!



**WRESTLING:  
4 WINS, 1 LOSS**



**GIRLS BASKETBALL:  
A TEAM**

**12 WINS- 2 LOSSES**

**GIRLS BASKETBALL:  
B TEAM**

**10 WINS- 3 LOSSES**



**BOYS BASKETBALL:  
A TEAM**

**2 WINS- 6 LOSSES**

**BOYS BASKETBALL:  
B TEAM**

**3 WINS- 5 LOSSES**

## Bulldogs Pay It Forward!



Remember smelling the cinnamon sweetness in the hallway? First, a few National Junior Honor Society students created a mixture of dry ingredients. Then, all of the National Junior Honor Society members mixed, spread, roll, ice, and wrap the pumpkin rolls. The National Junior Honor Society made over 600 pumpkin rolls in just three days to help raise money for the upcoming Senior Citizen Prom, which is an event for local senior citizens in our community!

The 7th grade FCS and ELA students teamed up together to spread some holiday cheer by making candy cane Christmas mice and beautiful holiday cards for the senior citizens at Sacred Heart by the Creek Assisted Living in Northampton. The FCS students were extremely busy sewing and decorating the mice, while the ELA students creatively constructed the cards to accompany the mice. This community service activity was a wonderful interdisciplinary activity among the classes, as well as being a heart-felt service to spread some cheer to our community members!

By Haven Moore  
*Team 8 Barker*

## Winter Horoscopes

**Aries (March 20-April 19):** Challenging aspects surround you this month concerning your personal goals and your loved one. Frustration could be part of the picture and a reorientation could be called for, as you could be blowing things out of proportion. Any obstacle could be worked out, providing you follow a middle of the road path to understanding.

**Taurus (April 19th – May 20th):** Someone will give you reassurance in connection to your inner feelings of insecurity. Your higher ideals could be on the forefront this month, bringing some conflicts. You will have to find within yourself some flexibility, which is very hard for you to do, and be alert to a very important learning experience connected to your work area. Keep lines of communication wide open.

**Gemini (May 29- June 21):** Your shared sources of income are very much in the spotlight this month, and you could be voicing your worries in reference to your future in this area. An old friend could be a part of this picture and will be bringing some good news in this situation.. Keeping an open mind should be extremely helpful. Reorientation concerning speculation could help you a great deal in your area of personal income also.

**Cancer (June 21- July 22):** You seem to be on a favorable light for an

increase in your personal income do to a raise or promotion, hard work will be recognized. Mate or partner could bring you some unnecessary worries on this matter. Lack of higher education might present a small roadblock in your way but life experiences could take precedent. Lessons will be necessary in order to adjust your home life with personal opportunities to increase your shared income.

**Leo (July 22- August 22):** Entertainment and desire to take a trip to a faraway place seems to be very much in your thoughts. A lesson very well learned should teach you that there is a proper time for everything and responsibilities must be addressed as a first come first done. Communication with partner or mate could become very animated, but try to refrain from saying too much at the wrong time.

**Virgo (August 22- September 22):** The spotlight this January is on your area of speculation, inner preoccupation concerning this area could be annoying to you. Negotiation should take place. Open communication at your home base should be very helpful as harmony is present in this area. A wonderful opportunity for personal financial gain could be at your doorstep.

**Libra (September 22- October 23):** Home affairs seem to be on the forefront this month, friends could bring some disruption that could create

agitation in your part. A friendly adjustment should take place as this could bring disagreements with mate or partner, but open communication should bring harmony between every party involved. Reorientation on this area could be advisable before jumping into anything — mate or partner will not see eye to eye with you on this matter.

**Scorpio (October 23- November 22):** News concerning your goals could be reaching you this month. Harmonious circumstances connected to a money matter appear to be present. Try not to look at the situation with rose color glasses as you could be led down the wrong path. Your experience and hard work will be a direct cause of news that could mean a good money source offer to you, but do not hurry .

**Sagittarius (November 22- December 21):** A short trip to a far away place for entertainment purposes could be on the agenda for you this month. This could cause some worries on your wallet as desire to travel is greater than your ability to allocate the funds to do so right now, but you will find a way to make adjustments and have your cake and eat it too.

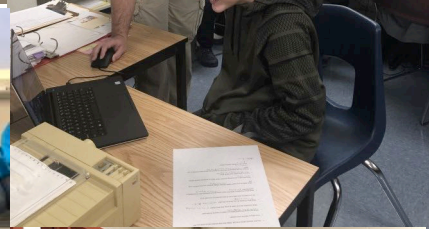
**Capricorn (December 21- January 19):** Your personality will be very much in the forefront this month. You will be judged by your peers according to what you decide to project.

Adjustments in your line of work could be necessary in order to increase your earnings potential, and you will be putting your best foot forward to do so. Emotional desire to get certain things resolved at home will manifest itself; cooperation and understanding should be of the most important to avoid unnecessary friction.

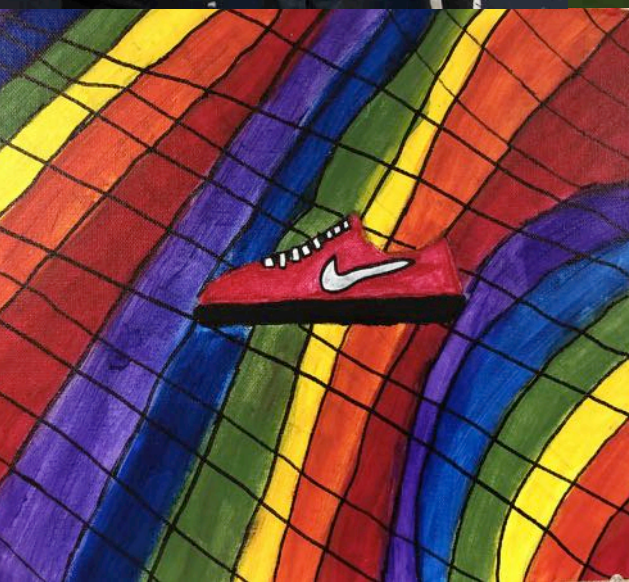
**Aquarius (January 19- February 18):** Your privacy seems to be very important to you at the beginning of the month. An unclear situation seems to be baffling you. These changes could become very favorable to you. Cooperation while communicating with siblings or close relatives should be taken into consideration. Around the middle of January, tension and uncertainty connected to your mate could be a reason to give you worries, but harmonious circumstances will be surrounding you.

**Pisces (February 18- March 20):** A desire for some expensive entertainment will be felt, but an altering of any plans will be necessary. A realistic approach in the matter of personal and shared resources should be taken and be negotiated to everyone's best interest and satisfaction. Your work area could be a reason of pre-occupation on your part, but open communication will be present and favorable results could be attained in reference to your personal income.

# Winter Event Photos!



# BULLDOG ART!



# Bound to Extinction?

By Haylie Fenstermaker

Team 8 Barker



Here are some animals that are most at risk of becoming extinct this year.  
 Top Row (from left): Amur Leopard (Critically Endangered), Cross River Gorilla, and Black Rhino (Critically Endangered.) Bottom Row (from left): Eastern Lowland Gorilla, Bornean Orangutan (Critically Endangered), and the Hawksbill Turtle.

## 13 Ways The World Could End

By Lauren Nichols

Team 7 Barker

1. Giant volcanic eruption
2. Global Warming/Climate Change
3. Nuclear war
4. Global epidemics
5. Overpopulation
6. Supernova
7. The Sun dies



8. Another planet hits Earth
9. The oceans may become acidic
10. Black Hole
11. Catastrophic earthquake
12. Air Pollution
13. An illness that nobody is immune to spreads the world wouldn't really end but life would disappear.

## Lehigh Valley Christmas Zoo Photos

By Stephen Berry

Team 7 Barker



# doghouse fiction



## Planet Pancake...

By Logan Galloway  
Team 8 Barker

Through the dawn of time, space, stars, galaxies, planets, spherical planets have been made and created. The big bang, an event in which a giant radioactive explosion created time and space as we know it. What if I told you this was a lie. Everything we have been taught is fake. A giant cover-up by the government. What if you knew the truth? Well... now you can. All of the cover-ups through history rediscovered and exposed. Let's start at the beginning. The true beginning. What if I told you it all started with a frying pan and a stove. A frying pan greater and more sophisticated than we could ever imagine. The frying pan is in fact space as we see it, and the stars that glow white in the distance are in fact the butter spray greasing the pan. The sun is simply the flame heating the pan... In the very beginning of Earth's history, there was the composition of not magma, but molten pancake batter. It was poured on the frying pan along with the other pancakes (the other planets). All round but not spherical. Flat. Flat pancakes. As the earth cooled and solidified, what was left was the hard "land" and the still liquid "water". Eventually along the lines life started to expand and grow due to the e

coli from the flour and salmonella from the eggs. This was a high point for the pancake because this is where many changes have started to happen. Life has now begun to flourish and dominate the newly formed, cooking pancake. Fast forwarding to the dinosaurs, a point in time in which many different varieties of organisms roamed both "land" and "water". Then huge events happened affecting everything. Huge greasy butter splotches came



hurtling toward the new "planet" at hundreds of miles per hour followed by the giant, massive spatula which flipped "Earth" leaving the dinosaurs on the other side, still alive. This flip did however leave room for a new, exciting, and different ecosystem to dominate the giant pancake in which we live today. While the dinosaurs still live on the other side evolving and living eccentric life style, they also have become smart enough to bury their

dead. This is where we get dinosaur fossils and other prehistoric objects. Hundreds, thousands, millions of years later here we are and this is what we call our home today. When we travel "around" the "Earth" we are not actually going around. The "Earth" acts as a Pac-Man map. Once we reach one side we are teleported to the other. We are faced with many issues that we try to solve ourselves but can't. Global Warming is simply the cooking of the pancake as it slowly comes to an end and will eventually be completely cooked, and all raw mass will be dried up. Or the "sun", slowly ending its great vast life. More like the propane tank powering the stove is slowly draining. Us "humans" have no clue what the truth is. This is only part of it. This is only the beginning.

### The Science Teachers' Opinions of Breakfast v. Science:

*Mr. Meixsell: It was pretty good. If it were true, you might be the savior of human life."*

*Mr. Battista: "I loved it. I like how in depth it was."*

# doghouse fiction



## Bulldog Poetry

### “Sunshine”

By Ashley Moyer

*Team 8 Barker*

sunshine is not there. sunshine is never here. would you, shed a tear? please stay right here. right next to me, dear. cause I feel my rays are near.



### “Sanction of Snow”

By Mrs. Dunham

At last, the snow is finally here to coat the land, Now, I feel, as if winter has finally began, But I know of many people who do not appreciate the snow, Those who wish further delay of Mother Nature’s blow.

Whatever happened to that youthful anticipation? Gleaming eyes held wide,

hoping that temperature falls below 32 degrees to make that fluffy precipitation? Snow, instead, has become a dread, a hassle, an obstruction in transportation, A cause for alarm, and responsible for many frustrations. We waste no time but to clear away that once fulfilling enjoyment... Plowing, shoveling, blowing away the peaceful, Tranquil, Gift of Mother Nature.

Turning her white and pure presence into brown, gravel-mixed muck, Loud, boisterous scraping from the plow-frame on the truck. But let us not forget that the snow is truly a present that has been given, Recall your youth while you look back over the road you have driven.



## More “Explained”..

### By Logan Galloway

*Team 8 Barker*

### The Loch Ness Monster:

The Loch Ness Monster was and still is a living dinosaur. During the various sightings of the wonderous beast, us humans became very interested in what exactly we saw.

The Loch Ness Monster then realized that this was not normal and decided to go back through the passage in which connected our side to theirs because he did not want the publicity. By the time we developed good enough technology to explore the whole loch, the passage

had sealed due to the cooking of our pancake. These types of events happen all the time with other creatures as well.

Ex: megalodon, fish, etc..



**Bigfoot:** Bigfoot, a wonder and freak of nature. Not exactly known or proven to be real. Today I will present new, exciting, and completely plausible evidence. Since the epidemic of the Bigfoot sightings the topic has slowly dwindled

down. This is due to the fact that not many sightings are occurring as often as they used to. The reason the sightings have diminished is due to the fact that so many people were on the hunt for



“The Big-foot”. Since the hunt for “The Big-foot” so widely spread all of the Bigfeet had to go on the run. Eventually they reached a point where they came across water and tried to swim away. This did not work as the Bigfeet had presumed. What did hap-

pen was as they swam their feet were so dense in pulled them into the water, and that caused them to sink to the side in which the dinosaurs continue to thrive and prosper.

### Why Waffles Are Aliens:

The reason waffles are aliens is because we live on a pancake. Waffles are objects in which try to mimic the qualities of pancakes but fail. Waffles are crunchy, oddly shaped rip offs of the almighty pancake, and they will never come close to pancakes and what they have grown to be.



# Letter from the Advisor

By Mrs. Dunham

Happy New Year and New Decade! This edition is jam packed with content! Our writers worked hard to expand our paper to generate different types of interest. We now have a “Spill the Tea” column (for those of us who aren’t in the loop, this is an expression that means “gossip”). We also added horoscopes, and my personal favorite, a BuzzFeed Personality Quiz for students to take to see which teacher they are the most similar to! I am loving all of the new features we are offering. Even Logan’s theory on “Planet Pancake” is quite entertaining, to say the least.

I love that our staff is looking to make our paper even more appealing and relatable to our readers. I am very proud of all of their new ideas.

Feel like joining us this year? *The Bulldog Bark* serves to represent students’ voices at Northern Lehigh, so speak up! *The Bulldog Bark* is always looking for more barkers to add to the pack; even if you would like to contribute to just one issue. This paper serves to represent all of us. I especially would love representation from 7th grade! Hint, hint, cough, cough. Also, I do provide snacks/pizza at meetings, if that’s what will motivate you to join us!

If you have any article ideas or are interested in writing at any point, please see me in Room 30 or send me an e-mail: [bdunham@nlsd.org](mailto:bdunham@nlsd.org). Also, if you are a talented artist, I would love for you to feature your artwork! We have plenty of room to show off your skills!

I would like to take this time to especially thank the following Bulldog Barkers for helping not only contribute to the content of the newspaper, but also took time out of their day to help with the layout and proofreading of the paper. This takes hours of work and plenty of tedious attention! This edition’s VIPs are:

**Haven Moore**  
**Kaitlyn Stock**  
**Jasmine Silvestri**  
**Delaney Szwest**  
**Avery Diaz**

**Have a strong start for Marking Period 3!**

***Let’s do this!***

