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Usher's Super Bowl performance wows crowd

By Lilyana Ramos, Editor in Chief, 12th Grade

Sunday, February 11th, was the annual Super Bowl, this year being the 58th running of this fan-favorite event. We love the Super Bowl for the teams playing, this year being the Chiefs vs The 49ers, but the thing people look forward to, the thing that catches their eye (besides the commercials) is the star-studded halftime performance. This year, R&B artist Usher took the stage. After 12 years, Usher came back to perform and that is definitely what he did. In Super Bowl XLV, Usher was a special guest of The Black Eyed Peas, which was well performed, so the question many asked was "Is the hype still there?"

The performance started a little slow, with songs *Caught Up*, *You Don't Have to Call*, and *Love in This Club*. While this was a good start, fans wanted more hype. Then, kickstarting Usher's special guests, Alicia Keys came on screen playing the piano and singing *If I ain't Got You* and *My Boo* with Usher. Following this slower song, *Confessions pt.2*, *You Got It Bad*, and *Burn* got the crowd moving and singing along. Millennials (and moms) everywhere were fan-girling!

Lights, smoke, and fire fill the stage while a guitar solo by artist H.E.R was played to distract the audience from Usher putting on skates. Skating onto the stage, Usher sang *OMG* with Will.i.am starting off the hype part of the show. Lil John crowd surfing and singing *Turn Down For What* was the best part of the show! This was when the crowd was at its peak and the show was ending with a bang. The last song was *Yeah!* and Ludacris joined the duo. Although Justin Bieber did not make the cut, the performance was still very exciting and fun with acrobatics, a live marching band spelling out USHER, and lots of special guests.

What were your thoughts on the Usher halftime show?



Black History Month

By Raymien Gutierrez, 11th Grade

During the month of February, we celebrate Black History Month. This month is meant to celebrate the history of African Americans and their role in U.S history. Carter G. Woodson is the person who helped contribute to the making of Black History Month by at first creating Black History week to coincide with Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass' birthday. This soon was expanded into the month we now know as Black History Month.

There are many people who we can celebrate and look up to, no matter what they do, such as Michael Jordan, Barack Obama, Oprah Winfrey, Michael Jackson, and many more. Black History Month isn't just celebrated here in the U.S, it's celebrated in Canada as well. It is also now being observed during October in places such as Ireland and the United Kingdom. Every year there is some sort of theme associated during the month. Last year's theme was "Black Resistance", while this year's theme is "African Americans and the Arts." This invites us to explore and celebrate the contributions of African Americans across multiple cultures and genres.

Stop by our library to check out their selection of African American writers and artists.



Aaronetta Pierce

Her Advocacy for the African American Arts

By Ashton Deemer, 11th Grade

Art is something that's been around for ages and something that'll be around long after we're gone. The paintings of Leonardo da Vinci are still admired and shared, as are William Shakespeare's writings. Life was given to Aaronetta Pierce in 1953. She was born to Clementine and David Hamilton in Nashville Tennessee. She went to college at Tennessee State University, studying in French and receiving a BA in English and Social Science. However, little did Aaronetta know that her adult self would advocate for African American art. At the age of 37, while giving a tour at the San Antonio Museum of Art, Aaronetta overheard an African American girl state there weren't any blacks represented in the museum. Ever since then, she has been putting an effort to get African American art to be represented here in San Antonio and Texas.

Aaronetta was appointed by Governor Mark W. White Jr. as the first black woman to serve on the Texas Commission of Arts in 1985. Just FIVE years after hearing that little girl's statement. She states "We (her and her husband) had to elevate this great legacy we cherished... the books and art of African Americans... and help it find its deserved place in American history." Aaronetta Pierce changed things substantially in the San Antonio Museum. She was able to bring African American culture to the museum because she had access to arts and culture from her old universities, Tennessee State University and Fisk University. She was instrumental in bringing the first African American art show to the Museum titled Hidden heritage: Afro-American art, from the years 1800-1950.



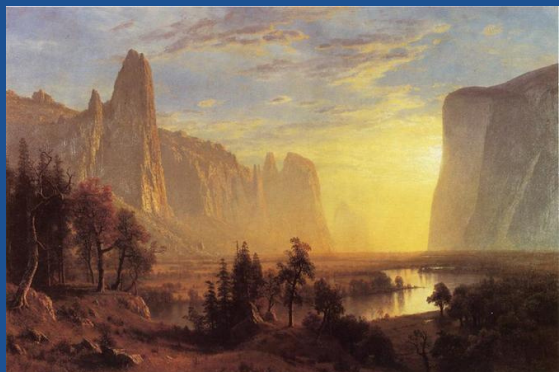
Elizabeth Catlett- African American sculptor known for sculpting the black American experience in the 20th century.



Jacob Armstead Lawrence -American painter known for portrayal of African American historical subjects.



Grafton Tyler Brown - painter/lithographer.



Henry Ossawa Tanner - First African American paint to gain international claim.

TOP SONGS

FROM THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Songs:

1. Y\$, Kanye West & Ty Dolla \$ign - "CARNIVAL"
2. Beyonce - "TEXAS HOLD 'EM"
3. Benson Boone - "Beautiful Things"
4. Creepy Nuts - "Bling-Bang-Bong-Born"
5. 21 Savage - "redrum"
6. Taylor Swift - "Cruel Summer"
7. YG Marley - "Praise Jah In The Moonlight"
8. SZA - "Snooze"
9. Bryson Tiller - "Whatever She Wants"
10. Jack Harlow - "Lovin On Me"
11. Noah Kahan - "Stick Season"
12. Teddy Swims - "Lose Control"



What is Leap Year?

By Alicia Mendez, 12th Grade

It takes approximately 365.25 days for Earth to orbit the Sun — a solar year. We usually round the days in a calendar year to 365. To make up for the missing partial day, we add one day to our calendar approximately every four years. That is a leap year.

SAVE THE DATE



JUNIOR RING CEREMONY

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World Day of Social Justice

By Raymien Gutierrez, 11th Grade

World Day of Social Justice is an important day every year. On Tuesday, February 20, everybody should be reminded that the world isn't fair, but that we should help promote fairness to better ourselves and the world around us. Though social justice isn't really taught in school, many people could have encountered it as a child or randomly in their life. For example, it can be seen when driving by and seeing a homeless person, or a protest of some kind; everybody has had an encounter with something that isn't fair. There are many ways where you can help promote this; it doesn't have to be said and done only in person, but it could also be said on social media, attending events such as peaceful protest, demonstrations, and you can even donate to organizations that can help. It doesn't matter whether its one dollar or .50 cents, as long as you helped contribute to something that promotes fairness and justice is the main point. There are many ways where you can help support social justice; you just have to do what's right!



A big congratulations to Evelyn Pardo on being the first to qualify for state in the history of girls powerlifting at South San Antonio High School! Evelyn finished 5th in the region and earned a medal. Go Bobcats! #PawsUp



Congratulations to Mr. Trevino's 1st period Electrical Trades class for winning the February Attendance Challenge! The class had 100% attendance for the last 21 days! Students were treated to a taco breakfast.



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Lady Bobcats Soccer Season

By Lilyana Ramos, Editor in Chief, 12th Grade

Current Scores - 2-2-7

Upcoming Home Games:

March 1st- SW Legacy
March 8th- Southwest
March 19th- Southside

Upcoming Away Games:

March 5th @ Eagle Pass Winn
March 12th @ McCollum

We are right in the middle of the 2024 Lady Bobcats soccer season. There are about 5 more games left for the season to be complete. So far, the ladies have won 2 games, tied 2 games, and lost 7. After the game against the SouthSide Cardinals, we will not be making the playoffs. The ladies on the team have worked very hard and showed themselves to be strong and hardworking throughout the games. Seniors Stephanie Hernandez, Dayanara Mendoza, Aaralynn Alvarado, and sophomore Diana Perez are this year's captains. They have shown their dedication and leadership to the game and the team. Coaches Issac Waldron and Merary Davila gave us some insight on the team. "I feel that we have a tough and gritty team. I feel we haven't reached our full potential." With the last game being 4/19/24 here at Bobcat Stadium, senior night will be taking place. Come out and support your senior Lady Bobcats at their last game!



Senior Stephanie Hernandez sets the ball up for her teammates during a home game.



Junior Daphny Jaimes prepares to punt the ball back into play.



Junior Carolina Reding takes control of the ball.