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Class of 2025 gathered at the beach together for the annual senior sunrise.

New Heights: Senior Sunrise

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF & EDITOR

The class of 2025 gathered on August 29th for the annual senior sunrise at Toronita Beach. This is a tradition that symbolizes the beginning of their final year of high school. Although students had to wake up at 5 AM, the early morning air was filled with excitement and joy, ready to watch the sunrise.

This was a moment of reflection and realization of how far they had come. This year will mark many lasts of high school — the last first day, the last homecoming, the last prom and the last time walking the halls as students. These moments will soon be cherished as they prepare to close this chapter of their lives and step into a new and exciting future.

Students woke up as early as 5 AM and gathered on the beautiful beach together.

Breakfast was being cooked and served right on the spot with drinks available for students. Students took pictures together, took pictures alone, and took pictures of the sunset, while some just enjoyed the moment with their friends. The air was filled with laughter and joy. Finally, all the seniors gathered to take a huge group picture which is shown above.

It was a very bittersweet moment for many as the realization that this would be their last year together sank in.

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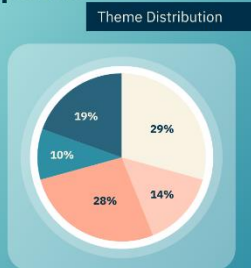
Senior Backpacks!

Jessie Harris
STAFF WRITER

The first week of school kickstarted and seniors wore wacky backpacks for the first week of school. These backpacks were ranging from Spiderman to Hello Kitty and we wanted to see what the most commonly worn backpack theme amongst the seniors was this year. On the right, you'll see a pie chart of different themed backpacks.

Senior Backpacks

- Minecraft
- Minions
- Barbie
- Pokémon
- Hello Kitty



SUGGESTIONS?

If you have any suggestions for next month's issue or any in-club activities, let us know! We have a suggestion box located in **Brinkerhoff's classroom, C-20**, or you can contact the Creative Writing Club President, **Jacqueline Born!** Your suggestions are valued and appreciated!

Hawk Representatives: Girls State & Boys State

Jacqueline Born & Hafsa Khan

STAFF WRITER &

Nine SCHS hawks soared to new heights of service this summer as Florida Girls State & Florida Boys State delegates at FSU. These students ran a mock Florida government where they were immersed in competitive campaign processes, became elected officials in the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, and prepared a bill with true legislative potential.

Our Girls State delegates were Jacqueline Born, Amaris McGrier, Ava Broome, and Kiera Myers. Our Boys State delegates were Pujan Patel, Matthew Sanders, Benjamin Kim, Parker Lindsay, and Adnan Dasouki. Spruce Creek had two delegates win the Governor primary elections out of hundreds of delegates from across the state of Florida. For Girls state, it was Jacqueline Born and for Boys state, it was Benjamin Kim. Congrats to both students for becoming Nationalist Party Governor Nominees! These two summer programs are hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary and they are only open to rising seniors. **Juniors who are interested in becoming delegates next summer can visit Mr. Griffith in room C-9. Go Hawks in future politics!**



Facing Freshman Fears: Senior Advice for a Smooth Transition into High School

Zoe Miranda

STAFF WRITER

Starting high school can feel like stepping into an entirely new world. With a bigger campus, new faces, and a heavier workload, it's natural for freshmen to have a few jitters. But fear not many seniors have walked the same path and are here to share their wisdom. Here are three common fears freshmen might have about starting high school, along with some advice from seniors who have been there and done that.

FEAR 1: Getting Lost in a Big School

One of the most common worries freshmen have been navigating a larger campus. The hallways might seem like a maze, and finding your classes can feel like an impossible task. But as one senior puts it: "Everyone gets lost at first! Don't stress about it. Just ask someone for directions students and teachers are super helpful. Plus, after the first week, you'll know your way around."

Getting familiar with your new surroundings is just a matter of time. Don't be afraid to ask for help, and remember, you're not alone most freshmen are in the same boat.

FEAR 2: Not Making New Friends

High school is a fresh start, and while that's exciting, it can also be nerve wracking if you're worried about finding your group. But making friends might be easier than you think:

"Join clubs, sports, or any activities that interest you. You'll meet people with similar interests, and friendships will naturally form. Be open and approachable and remember that everyone's looking to make new friends too."

High school offers a lot of opportunities to connect with others. Whether it's through extracurriculars or just striking up a conversation in class, there are plenty of ways to find your crowd.

FEAR 3: The Workload Being Overwhelming

The jump in academic expectations can be intimidating, especially if you're used to a lighter workload. However, seniors have some advice on how to manage.

"The workload can seem intense, but it's manageable if you stay organized. Use a planner, do your homework on time, and don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it. Teachers understand that freshmen are adjusting, so they're usually pretty supportive."

Staying on top of your assignments and reaching out when you need assistance can make a big difference. High school is a step up, but with the right strategies, you'll handle it just fine.

Starting high school comes with its challenges, but it's also an exciting time full of new opportunities. By following this advice from seniors, you can ease those freshman fears and make the most of your high school experience. Remember, everyone was a freshman once, and they've all made it through so will you!

CATCHING WAVES: Akers in Africa

Dema Rostom
STAFF WRITER

One of our students, Corbin Akers, recently traveled to Africa for a very exciting, free surf trip. This trip which he took on was not just about catching waves in a unique location; it was a testament to his passion and commitment towards his sport: competitive surfing. Earlier in the summer, Akers competed in a national high school surfing championship, in which he placed 5th place at Salt Creek Beach, located in Orange County, California.

When we asked about his biggest tips for beginner surfers who want to get into the sport but are too scared to start, Akers shared very valuable advice, stating: "I would tell newer surfers the number one secret to learning to surf is perseverance. Surfing takes a lot of time and dedication. You are dealing with a constantly changing playing field and you need to put in a lot of time to improve. It's definitely worth the time though!"

Akers' experience ultimately highlights the importance of commitment and resilience in a sport. Despite all the challenges surfers may face, the reward of conquering the waves make it worth it. With his potential, we may see one of our Hawks soaring and surfing in the Olympics someday!



Corbin Akers surfing
PHOTOS BY CORBIN AKERS

brat REVIEW:

Allison Ahmed
STAFF WRITER

Real music and pop stars are back thanks to Charli XCX's newest hyper-pop release: *Brat*. The Bimbo Summit is definitely on her Pinterest board with the way her whole album gives that Y2K nostalgic feeling.

Starting off strong, "360" celebrates internet culture with the help of "it" girls in the music video, including Emma Chamberlain and Alex Cosani, all while sounding like a catchy electro-pop ringtone. The phrase "So Julia" is now engraved into our vocabulary.

"Von Dutch" has EDM-inspired beats that add to the dance-including nature of the album; it is the perfect boiler room opener. The iconic 2000s trucker hat brand, Von Dutch, might be Paris Hilton's biggest fashion regret, but Charli begs to differ; She thinks it's a cult classic.

I think we can all agree that the takeover of the "Apple" dance on TikTok has etched the song in all our minds. Overall, I love the idea of "Brat Summer" and that lime green is trendy. Thank you, Charli XCX, for making 2024 a year for the girls.

Practice Makes Perfect: Papillon & Band Camp

Aubree Moorhead
STAFF WRITER

August 12, 2024 marked the start of the school year, and class is back in session. Pep rallies and school spirit performances are coming up soon for the entire school to attend and enjoy, but what the audience may not realize is that before school even began,

Spruce Creek High School's performing arts units have been rehearsing to bring entertainment to these events.

Two weeks before August 12, the Papillon Dance Ensemble was hard at work in the dance room. There are many events in the near future, and barely enough time to prepare. Hence, the last week of July was spent choreographing and learning dances for the pep rally, homecoming game

and our November performance at Sante Fe College in Gainesville, FL. The week of dance camp is an important week because it is the first time the team dances with new members; It is a huge opportunity to bond as a team.

Grace Lopez, treasurer of Papillon, says "Camp forms a bond like no other very quickly, and we have so much fun in only five short days." In addition to choreographing and dancing, our dance teacher, Mrs. Storms, takes the time and thought to plan activities and competitions to bring everyone closer. Papillon's leadership believes the team dances better when everyone feels comfortable with each other.

Similarly, Spruce Creek High School's Band holds extensive rehearsals to prepare for the school's pep rally and football games. You can see this hard work paying off at the upcoming homecoming game's halftime show where they will be showcasing their skills in support of our football team.

Leadership is one of the many values that are important to band members. Tilanna Peterson, a band student in leadership shares that the "most important quality to have as a leader in the band is respect. Not only respect for your section but respect for yourself.

That one quality can be the powerhouse for attributes such as discipline, attentiveness, and zeal!"

We can't wait to see our talented hawk dancers and musicians show off their skills this year!



PHOTOS BY AUBREE MOORHEAD



PHOTOS BY TILANA PETERSON

New York, New Nancy

Jacqueline Born

STAFF WRITER

The SCHS IB junior Nancy Lin took on The Big Apple at the School of the New York Times Summer Academy. With NYC as her classroom and renowned New York Times reporters as her teachers, she explored the heart of the city and world of journalism.

Nancy and her fellow student reporter paired up to cover a story on immigration issues in NYC and the adversaries' immigrants face. Their story included an in-depth exploration of immigration history in NYC as well as interviews with immigration support organization "Voces Latinas" regarding their firsthand experiences.

Through this immersive experience, Nancy gained valuable insights into the field of journalism and she demonstrated the power of illuminating critical, real-world issues through storytelling



Japan Trip of a Lifetime

Allison Ahmed

STAFF WRITER

This summer, some students at SCHS had an unforgettable experience as they traveled across the globe to Japan, a country rich in culture, history, and adorable characters. Compared to Japan, our home country may be falling behind in both technology and standard of living.

We asked IB senior Norah Singletary if she found anything different in Japan that you wish we had in the U.S. and she said the biggest difference was "how clean the big cities were" and she was amazed at how much they cared to keep things in good condition.



She would love to visit for a second time to see native landmarks, saying "The first place I'd go back to see again is Mount Fuji because it was so beautiful there. I would also go back and see the Great Buddha Hall and the Lawsons Gas Stations."

The 2024 Presidential Election

Hafsa Khan and Dema Rostom

EDITOR IN CHIEF & STAFF WRITER

As the U.S. elections approach, candidates are intensifying their campaigns, and key issues are coming into sharper focus. This is a pivotal moment in our American history.

The 2024 presidential election will take place this year on November 5th. The race for the presidency is between Kamala Harris, the Democratic candidate, and Donald Trump, representing the Republican Party. At this moment, both candidates are working hard to present their visions for the future of the country.

One important event to mark on your calendar is the upcoming debate which ABC News will host on September 10th at 9 PM. This is a crucial opportunity to hear directly from the candidates about their policies and plans.

If you are of voting age, participating in this election is vital. Registering to vote is very demure and very mindful! Every vote contributes to shaping the direction of the nation and your voice matters – even if you feel like it doesn't. One vote can change everything. For those who are not yet eligible to vote, which is many, staying informed about the candidates and their platforms is equally as important.

Understanding their proposals will help you stay engaged with current events and prepare for your future role as an informed citizen. The outcome of these elections will shape the future that you live in and by staying updated, you can better understand the long-term implications of political decisions and how it may affect your life and your community. Even if you can't vote, encourage those who can around you to vote!

Staying informed about the candidates and their policies is crucial, whether you're voting this November or preparing to participate in future elections. By tuning in to debates like the one on September 10th, you gain valuable insights into the direction our country might take.

Let's do our part in contributing to a well-informed and engaged community!



Former President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris, Getty Images



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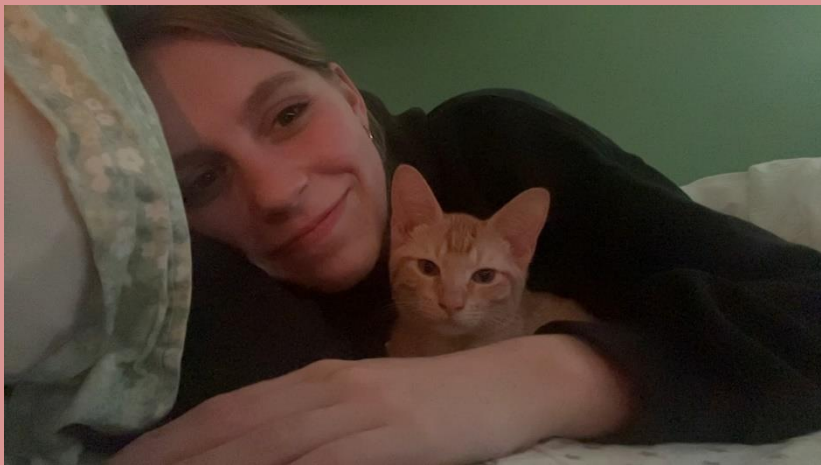
PET OWNER LOOKALIKES!

Jessie Harris
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever noticed how some pets look awfully like their owners? Studies have shown that people often choose pets that mirror their appearance and personality. This psychological phenomenon shows that we tend to pick things that are familiar to us, which may explain why your furry friend is your “mini-me”.

These similarities can create a stronger bond between owners and their pets. Emery Birch (12) and her dog, Leon, share similarities of light hair and dark eyes. Sydney Redding (12) and her cat, Leo, share the same green eyes and warm complexion.

Pet and owner similarities are not solely a result of the owner’s choice of a pet; spending lots of time together can lead to shared expressions and behaviors, which further enhances both physical and behavioral resemblances. When it comes to personality, a more laid-back person may have a calm, relaxed pet, while more animated individuals may have an energetic pet. Overall, these matching traits between pets and their owners are a fascinating reflection of the bond they share.



This Month’s Watch: Love Island

Morgan Peterson
STAFF WRITER

Love Island is America’s #1 show about finding love. The cast this season has easily been some of the most relatable, funny, and dramatic cast I’ve ever seen on a dating show. The PPG with Leah, Serena, and Janae were the best cast members of all time. They always supported one another throughout the show and they supported their other friends in the villa, especially Kaylor. Kaylor was coupled up with Aaron who always gave her grief and drama, which caused her to cry throughout the WHOLE show. The storylines were amazing, and you could tell we were seeing real, raw emotion.

The Reunion

Everyone’s excitement about the reunion has finally come to fruition! At the reunion, Kaylor finally stood up to Aaron and called him out for his lies about CASA AMOR. Also, we heard Andrea’s take on things in the villa after all her cringy posts online, which caused Rob to get the ick. For a cast member who was only on the show for 3 days, she had a lot to say online. Lastly, Jana pulled out receipts on everyone in that villa. This was one of the best seasons of Love Island of all time. And remember,

“You can’t have your cake and eat it too.” –Serena.

There are many different perspectives and controversies surrounding Kendall and Nicole’s relationship. Throughout the summer in the villa, some people thought their relationship was ingenuine, and that they were only there to play the game. Also, bombshell Liv was made out to be a “mean girl” even though Liv always spoke her truth in the villa. Unfortunately, she never found love on the island.



Pictures from Love Island Season 6 on Peacock and Deadline.com



'The Flyer' News Team – Brought to you by the Creative Writing Club

The President: Jacqueline Born

Name: Jacqueline Born

Position: President

Grade: 12th

“Hi! My name is Jackie and I am so excited to be President of Creative Writing Club! I am very involved at school as I am in NHS, a Mu Alpha Theta Tutor, Mock Trial, and the IB advocates membership chair. I love to read, write and figure skate. I also love music and movies.”

The Vice President: Morgan Pearson

Name: Morgan Pearson

Position: Vice President

Grade: 12th

“Hi I’m Morgan and I am so excited to see you guys for Creative Writing Club. You may know me from track, Student Government Association, NHS, or NEHS.”

Secretary: Jessie Harris

Name: Jessie Harris

Position: Secretary

Grade: 12th

“Hi my name is Jessie and I’m from Pennsylvania originally, but mainly grew up in Florida. I love staying at home and watching Grey’s Anatomy and hanging out with my friends. I love cats more than anything, especially mavis.”

Treasurer: Allison Ahmed

Name: Allison Ahmed

Position: Treasurer

Grade: 12th

“My name is Allison And I’m from California but I grew up in Florida. I love to travel and spend time with family, friends, and you’ll never catch me without my AirPods because I’m always listening to music. I don’t have a favorite genre because I like a little of everything but my favorite people to listen right now are The Weeknd and The Neighbourhood.”

Membership Chair: Dema Rostom

Name: Dema Rostom

Position: Membership Chair

Grade: 12th

“Hi! I’m Dema, a senior in the IB program. Currently, I’m serving as secretary in Key Club. In my free time, I like to read, sleep, and hangout with my friends. I’m so excited about what the upcoming year holds for all of us and I can’t wait to contribute to the growth of our club!”

Chief Editor: Hafsa Khan

Name: Hafsa Khan

Position: Chief Editor

Grade: 12th

“Hi! My name is Hafsa and I’m super excited to be the Chief Editor of Creative Writing Club this year! I am an IB Senior currently and I enjoy taking pictures, listening to music, and baking.”

Artistic Director: Zoe Miranda

Name: Zoe Miranda

Position: Artistic Director

Grade: 12th

“Hey guys! My name is Zoe and I am a Senior, I love to draw and anything that has to do with creativity. I enjoy being outdoors in nature and of course catching up on sleep whenever I can, so I’ll never be taking a good nap for granted. I’m also very active in clubs such as being part of SNHS as one of the chapters co-president, NHS, SGA, Beta Club and a couple others. I’m so excited to be part of this club as the Artistic Director and I can’t wait to have a great year!”

Historian: Aubree Moorhead

Name: Aubree Moorhead

Position: Historian

Grade: 12th

“Hi! My name is Aubree and I am this years historian for Creative Writing Club! I am a senior this year and I love taking photos and being creative. I have two cats and I love movies and music. I am a dancer and also co-captain of the papillon dance team here at Spruce Creek High School. Looking forward to a great year!!”



Would you like to submit your very own piece to next month's issue?

You can become an editor of "The Flyer" by joining the Creative Writing Club and contacting the President or the Chief Editor regarding publishing an article for the next issue of The Flyer.

You can showcase your artwork, or document your school adventures, discuss your favorite music or shows, and more.

Bring something **CREATIVE** and showcase your skill to the entire school!

COMING SOON TO THE FLYER....

NEXT ISSUE, we will be introducing club advertisements and friend shoutouts.

Clubs of Spruce Creek High School will be able to own a spot in The Flyer to advertise and showcase their club and meeting dates. If you are a club leader and are interested in this, please contact the President, Jackie Born or the Chief Editor, Hafsa Khan. Provide images and a description, make it creative and enticing!

A new section of The Flyer will also be releasing soon called Friend Shoutouts. Shoutout a friend or send a message to them through the newspaper. You can even write a special happy birthday message for them. More information will be releasing soon. Keep an eye on the Creative Writing Club Instagram.

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