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RANDOM RAMBLER

2014-2015 R.C.S. School Year

By: Ryan Polce



Now that the school year has had a decent, headstrong start, we've all begun to adjust with to rules and regulations this year has brought to everyone. Probably the most unpopular rule is the amount of passes needed for one to use the facilities, which makes for an unhappy situation. You want go to the library to do some work? Well, you better obtain a pre-signed pass, or hope you're one of the lucky few chosen to be sent. The seniors? Yes, we all understand you want your senior lounge, but whining like a seventh grader won't solve anything. Sure it's a let down because we have seen the previous graduating class lounging it up. I think we will be just fine. If you're late to class? Better not do it again. This is your only warning. Students will argue they don't have enough time to get what they need from their lockers and sometimes they don't, but that excuse doesn't work every day. Now teachers? They are simply just en-

forcing the rules. You could say they are similar to police officers. Some are understanding, and won't bother anybody unless you are seriously doing something idiotic, and some abuse their power and try to reign terror on the classroom. Sure a portion of students are attempting to be the "cool" kids in school, but they instead come across as immature and we all know it. In need of someone to point a finger at, students will blame the principal for their actions. That is just human nature. Point fingers at anyone who fits the character to be blamed.

"The rules this year are much worse than it's been in all the years I've been in high school," says high school senior, Sabastian Bullard. In comparison to the very first year the class of 2015 was in high school, the rules were different. Coffee, colored drinks, iPods, music or mid-class travels to another destination were all either allowed or teachers looked the other way. Without a legitimate excuse, all of the above can mean a possible after school detention with today's rules.

In the past, the foods class would run "Bakery" every year. "Nothing better than just getting to your homeroom class in the morning, and having the door open behind you and hear a foods student announce themselves. 'Bakery!' is what they'd yell. The choices were awesome and it brought a lot of money to the graduating class of that year" says Remsen 2008 alumni, Danny Polce.

For Seventh grader, Ashlyn Vanhook, the rules are perfectly fine. Comparing her first year of high school to elementary school, there are a lot more privileges offered once you hit 7th grade.

"We can chew gum, we can talk in the halls, we can sit wherever we want, we can walk to lunch or class or anywhere without standing in a line. There is a lot more freedom in high school," says Hailey Jewett, another student in the seventh grade.

If someone asked how I felt about this whole situation this is what I would say. Pretend you were minding your own business on public (or state) land, and you come across someone burying a box approximately three feet under the surface. The person doing the burying looks like your average guy. Black suit, red tie, low cut hair, and glasses. He politely asks if you could do him a favor and he requests your assistance lifting the box. You think, "Sure why not?" and begin to bend over to assist. After you've done your good deed you ask, "Hey what's in that box anyway?" He stares at you a while and politely says, "Don't worry about it, but do me another favor and don't ever open it, talk about it, or come back to it."

Now, what would anybody's reaction be? You would either do all of those things the man

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asked you not to do or at least do one. It'd be hard not to, let's be honest. So you do one of the three, the guy discovers you double crossed him and for some reason or another you get a ticket. The fine isn't a large amount, but you still have an unanswered question. So after several days you take a trip back to the spot where the box was buried and contemplate digging up the box. Just then the guy shows up and again, for some reason or another you receive another ticket. You've had enough this time. It's public access and there is no reason you should be fined for this nonsense. You go back and dig up the box. The man shows up yet again, and this time you get sentenced to some jail time. Now you are furious and continue to rebel one way or another until you've found yourself in some serious trouble.

Now, if you are intelligent enough to actually think about that story you'll understand what I'm getting at. If the guy had just said from the beginning what was in there, none of this would have happened. Being that you were told not to do something that had little or no consequences, you're going to do it, then the anger builds up and you lose sight of the whole situation. If you tell a teenager they can't do something, they're most likely going to prove you wrong and do it.

Homecoming Dance
Theme:
Halloween Masquerade



Fall is Finally Here

The leaves are finally changing color from that forest green to that apple red and golden yellow and orange color. The petals are finally falling off the flowers slowly, and the breeze is getting colder and colder.

Raking piles of leaves just to jump in them
decorating for our favorite fall holiday
Halloween
By picking out that perfect pumpkin to
carve into that special jack-o-lantern to

light on that sweet fall air night. To baking
pies and finally starting to dress warm
I can officially say
Fall is finally here!
Written by: Hope Inslee

Halloween Trick-or-Treating
At the High School



10.31.2014
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Center State Conference League Cross Country Championship Meet
22 Schools are competing!
Saturday, October 18th
2:00 - 5:00
Remsen High School

ACTIVITIES

FFA

During the month of September and October the FFA will be selling country meats. If you would like to purchase a country meat please contact one of the FFA members. Also the FFA officers will be visiting the FFA convention on October 29th to November 2nd in Louisville, Kentucky. Recently the officers have been elected. This year the positions are:

- President- Aly Atwell-Chwazik
- Vice President- Austin Graves
- Secretary-Alex Opperman
- Treasurer- Jason Hefner
- Reporter- Even Matt
- Sentinel- Gus Comfort



Written by Jeffrey Klossner

NEWS FROM STUDENT COUNCIL

Katie Runniger and Ethan Kenny ran for President and Vice President against Kate Roos and Alex Opperman. Katie and Ethan won the election. Student council will be hosting a Homecoming bonfire on Friday night and a Homecoming dance on Saturday, October 25th from 7:00 - 10:00. Katie Runniger and Jeffrey Klossner will be sitting in on School Board Meetings once a month for student input. If there are any concerns that you would like addressed with the school board, please see Katie or Jeffrey. The new representatives for each grade are below:

- 7th Grade: Sydney Boucher
- 8th Grade: Shaun Graves
- 9th grade: Jeffrey Klossner
- 10th Grade: Ethan Kenny
- 11th Grade: Alyssa Scott
- 12th Grade: Alex Opperman



HOMECOMING

- Spirit Week:
10.20.14-10.24.14
- Monday - Flashback Day
- Tuesday - Twin Day
- Wednesday - Animal Day
- Thursday - Teacher Impersonation Day
- Friday - Spirit Day
- Friday Evening - Bonfire
- Saturday Evening - Dance



GO REMSEN RAMS!
"CHARGE!"



REVIEWS



This Month's Page Turner: The Penderwicks

Author: Jeanne Birdsall

Well everyone, it looks as if October is upon us. The hype of the new school year slowly wearing off and the last tan lines of summer fading away, but for those of us still craving a last slice of summer, I recommend picking up The Penderwicks. This charming story brings the reader to a vacation cottage located in the Berkshire Mountains where the four Penderwick sisters, Rosalind, Sky, Jane, and Batty, along with their father and trusty dog Hound, unleash all sorts of havoc on the pristine grounds of Arundel Hall. Many of their adventures include bulls, rabbits, camouflage hats, and

a boy named Jeffrey. This novel is the perfect mix of adventure, mystery, surprise, and of course a little summer romance. It reminds me of what summer is really about. People of all ages, boy or girl can enjoy this book. I know it will always have a place on my bookshelf. If you enjoyed the Penderwick family's first adventure, be sure to check out these other titles: The Penderwicks on Gardam Street and The Penderwicks at Point Mouette, both just as amazing. I hope you enjoy this summer tale and happy reading!
-Julia Roos

Flick of the month: If I Stay

Starring: Chloë Grace Morteaux, Jamie Blackley

Director: R.J Cutler

Rated: PG-13

Released August 22nd, 2014 *If I Stay* is the story of 17 year old Mia Hall (Chloë Grace Morteaux) a cellist player who thought her most difficult decision would be to leave her true love Adam (Jamie Blackley) a rock singer/songwriter to go to Juilliard which was the college of her dreams. Her other option was to stay with Adam. Her life was then forever

changed in a split second by a car accident. Now Mia's choice of life or death is in her own hands. *If I Stay* is an intense and emotional roller coaster, which I would recommend for anyone who likes stories of true love and hard decisions. -Amanda Bolos



SPORTS



Written by: Morgan Murray



Girl's & Boy's Local

The Girl's and Boy's Varsity soccer season is almost over. Just a few more games until sectionals start.

Tomorrow the boys will be facing off against Old Forge and as senior Devin Ossont said, "It will be a battle." This will be a game to watch.

The girls soccer team is taking a break from their successful season this Saturday to watch SUNY-IT's team and former Remsen stopper, Brittany Waterbury, play.

Cross Country's kids are fast flying toward their sectional meet. They placed well at the E. J. Herman race. Just to name a few, Shaun Graves and Michael Roberts finished 22 and 26 respectively.

National

The national sports news is revolving mainly around Derek Jeter, the New York Yankees Captain and shortstop. The Captain finished his last game as a DH (Designated Hitter) hitting a chopper to Boston’s third baseman and beating out the throw for one final base hit. He also drove in Ichiro who had tripled at his at bat. The Yankees won 9-5, but are (unfortunately) not going into post season play.

Jeter finished his career with 3,465 hits, 1,131 RBI’s, and a cumulative batting average of .310. He goes down in history as possibly one of the greatest Yankee players and maybe even best Baseball player ever. He has changed the game and will be missed.

So long, Captain.



Derek Jeter source Google images

TRENDING NOW

If you haven’t heard of the newest advancement in



Apple products, I would have to ask you if you’re living under a rock, so let’s hope you’ve heard about it or I would feel particularly awkward. For anyone who doesn’t know, Apple has released the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus which is coming in three colors, gold, silver and space gray. The only difference between silver and space gray is that space gray is probably a shade or two darker than silver.

The iPhone 6 and 6 Plus are also one of the thinnest phones on the market today. The 6 has a 4.7 inch display while the 6 Plus has a 5.5 inch display. Like the iPhone 5s, the 6 and 6 Plus also have the touch technology to access your phone, which means using your own unique thumb print to unlock your phone, but now you will be able to use your thumb print to approve purchases on iTunes and the app store without having to enter your password.

To me, the most impressive thing is the improvements

Along with the hype of the new phones, there’s also hype with the new operating system. Last year, I remember sitting on the couch downloading iOS 7 and thinking that it was crazy. Now a year later, we have iOS 8 downloading worldwide. (As long as you have enough space or fourteen hours for it to download on your computer then proceed to download it to your phone.)

You can add voice recordings or a video to a message, name group chats, share your location, and mute or leave a group conversation when you just aren’t feeling it or want to go to bed. You can lead a healthier lifestyle with the brand new iOS 8 health app, so you can keep track of your health and fitness in one place, as well as create an emergency card that’s accessible from your lock screen.

You can now quick type, which means the keyboard will guess what you are trying to type (similar to the Android SWIPE option), think of it as a modern T9. Six members of your family can share purchases from iTunes, the app store, and iBooks without having to share an account. So



MEET THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT!

You may have seen her walking around the halls at school but whether or not you have actually talked to her, you still don't know everything there is to know about her. Her name is Maité Petré and she comes from Arlon, Belgium, which is right on the Luxembourg-Belgian border. She speaks four languages, Dutch, French, German, and English. She is now learning to speak Spanish. Her desire to learn doesn't stop there. She loves the sciences and is planning on becoming a Bio-Medical Engineer. Maité is the type of person who doesn't limit herself to just one thing, she likes to reach out and try everything. Because of her adventurous personality, her interests are far and wide. She likes being involved in Drama Club, and in her down time she likes to dance or watch "The Voice". (She has a special talent for figuring which coach the singer is going to pick.)



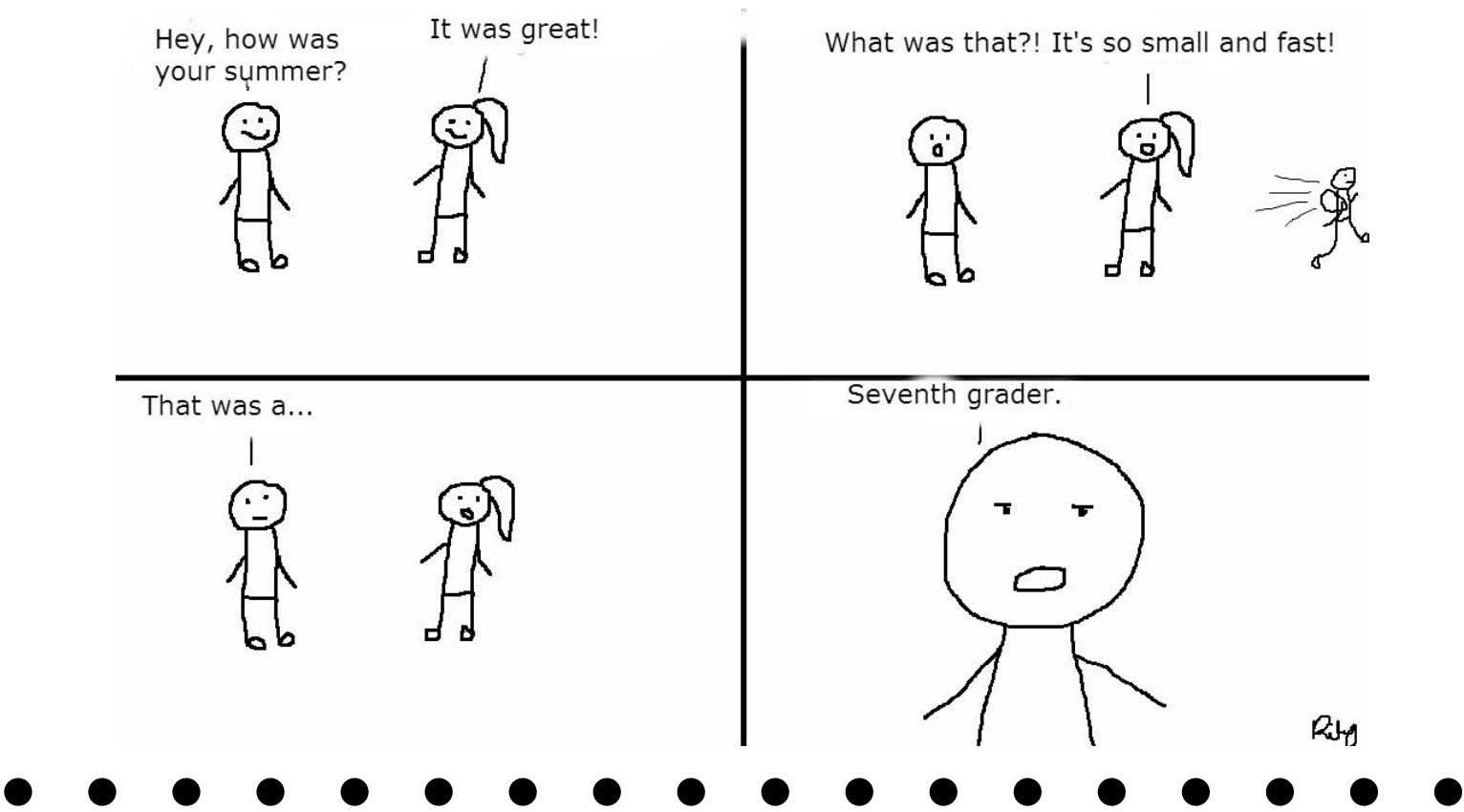
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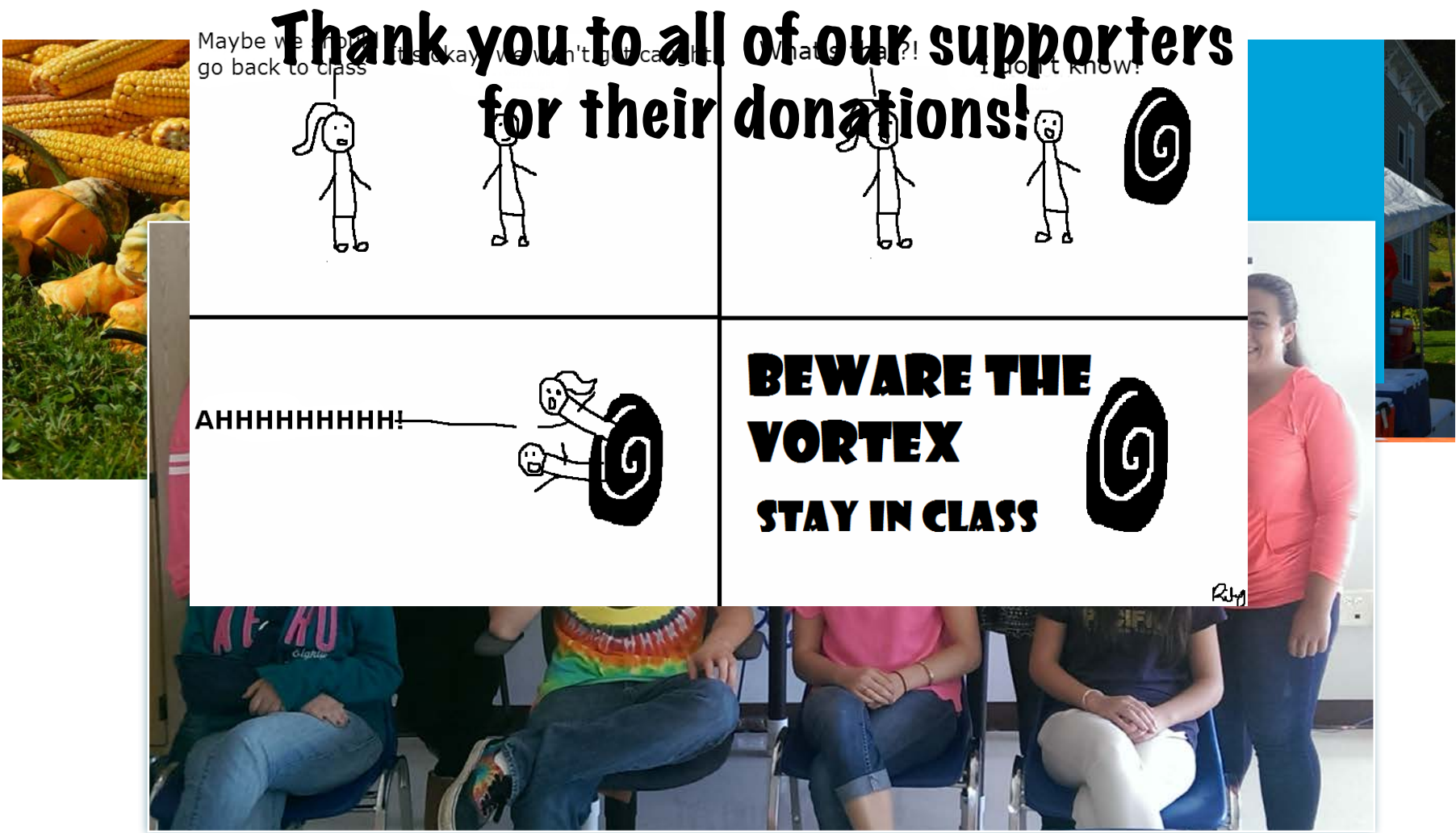
Maité's favorite genre of film is comedy and she refuses to watch anything remotely violent because it is too scary and she would rather spend her time laughing. Maité is the type of person that brightens your day as soon as she walks into the room. She is a person who likes to experience new things and that is what has brought her here, not only to the United States, but particularly to Remsen. We have something here in Remsen that she would be hard pressed to find anywhere else. We have a community that does everything it can do to make this town great and a school that is able to give individual students the attention they need to succeed. A fun closing fact about Maité is that her favorite color is blue!

Written by Meghan Corrigan

COMICS FROM RILEY



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