



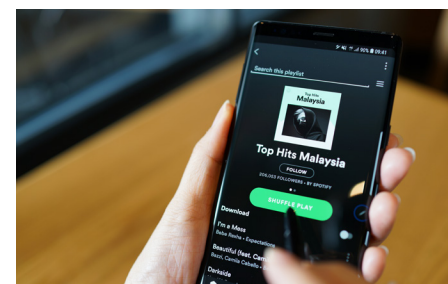
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# An Afternoon With Ruth Bader Ginsburg

By Sophie Clark

Shelter Island juniors and seniors recently took a trip to Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor to see the play "All Things Equal" written by Tony Award winner Rupert Holms. The play, chosen this year as a part of Bay Street's "Literature Live" series, was a free event open to high school students all over Long Island. The one-woman show "All Things Equal" is about Ruth Bader Ginsburg's path from high school valedictorian to Supreme Court Justice. Coming into the play, some students did not know exactly who RBG was, this made them excited and intrigued to learn more about her legacy. Shelter Island fortunately sat front and center and had the best views of the dynamic and fast-paced show.

The actress playing RBG had an incredibly complex role; over the course of the two hour play, she "aged" considerably and had a massive amount of dialogue, as she was solely

responsible for taking the audience on a journey through RBG's life. During the talk back after the show, she shared the responsibility she felt for doing her best work. She took the role to heart and learned everything she could about RBG in order to give the most authentic performance possible; one that would honor RBG.

The play took the students through RBG's life from graduating at Cornell to attending Harvard Law where she was one of very few women enrolled. Ginsberg later transferred to Columbia University, which her husband attended. Ginsberg's path was not easy. While working through law school she tended to both her newborn daughter and her husband who was stricken with cancer. She ultimately received her law degree from Columbia.

Ginsberg struggled to launch her career at first because she faced sexism in the world of law; no one



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would hire a female lawyer. She often helped her husband, Martin, on his cases in order to gain experience and build a solid reputation in the law world. Ginsberg worked tirelessly for the rights for all discriminated people. She made her most notable impacts in women's rights. After decades of hard work and impressive law work and trial wins, Ginsberg was appointed to the Supreme Court of the U.S. by President Bill Clinton in 1993. She served on the Supreme Court for 27 years despite multiple cancer battles. Ginsberg died in 2020 at 87 years old; she was still a member of the Supreme Court at the time of her death.

This play was not only about getting out of class; it was a chance

to learn more about an important historical figure. Junior Leonardo Dougherty shares, "I enjoyed the play very much because I learned a lot about an important figure and it was cool to be at Bay Street and experience a show." Junior Harper Congdon also felt the experience was valuable, saying, "I learned basically everything about Ginsberg's life and what struggles she went through and how she pushed through whatever was in her way. I like how the play was like having a conversation with her." This performance really left an impression on students and now they have a better understanding of a pioneering woman in American history.



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# WE LIVE IN A WORLD THAT IS FAST, IS IT TOO FAST FOR A YEARBOOK?

BY LEONARDO DOUGHERTY

I recently found an old yearbook from 1953 and while flipping through the pages, I was amazed at all of the book's personal details. Next to almost every person's photograph there was a note saying how much they would miss them, best of luck, or a funny memory together. Reunion stickers from the 25th, 40th, and 50th were also inside. When looking through my own yearbook, or any other Shelter Island students', there is nothing to be found. Through the decades the yearbook experience has been left behind, but why, how, and what does that mean?

Yearbooks are a collection of memories; they put together all the moments worth remembering between the pages. Yearbooks give you a chance to look back on your high school years as well as past classmates, staff members, sports seasons, school events, senior pages, and more. They give you a sense of pride in your school and show what the school community is made of. Mr. Miedema says, "A yearbook is a

wonderful reminder of past glory." So, what seems to have changed?

While attending last year's graduation, I noticed that many students did not purchase a yearbook, often it was the parent who wanted the book, not the student. I think this is because students felt there was no need to own one.

Because of our online world, physical visual media has become increasingly less popular and is being replaced by digital visual media. Social media apps are one of the largest ways we do this. While I realize social media and yearbooks are not in the same realm, they do draw similarities in that they both are meant to capture memories. When using social media you can instantaneously keep up to date with the people you follow which could be your school, classmates, or school organizations you participated in. Events can be recorded and shared among students as they're unfolding. Today's students' school memories are stored in their camera rolls, social media, and messages; there is no

need to wait for the publication of a yearbook. This constant state of living and reliving of our experiences has become normal, making a yearbook feel to current high school kids like an overpriced, late-to-the-party rehashing of events we already have pictures of if we wanted them.

During a single day it is common to see hundreds if not thousands of videos and pictures, especially with social media. The ability to consume engaging media at any second is accepted and well used within today's teenagers. We have gotten so used to this fast paced media that anything else seems to be dull. Our instagram feeds, camera rolls, and snapchat stories are now the "yearbooks" of our lives.

Having this profuse library of digital media also applies to the making of the yearbook, in which the integration of digital software to create the books has become a deteriorating factor. When using software to create a yearbook there are an endless amount of page layouts, styles guides, stock

photos, and digital art to choose from. With the click of a few buttons you can change almost anything in the book. There are so many options and combinations it becomes impossible to pick something that truly works for the yearbook. Personally, I find it hard to believe that themes such as Back In Action produce an aesthetic that has meaning to that year. These cookie-cutter stock themes are an antiquated way of showing media and it does not seem to work in our dynamic digital age.

This is not to say yearbooks are easy to put together; they require a large amount of effort over the course of the year including photography, layout and styling, funding, printing, writing passages, and running the club itself. With all of this effort there seems to be little payoff. I can't say there is a clear cut better option, but what I do know is that the world, as well as our minds, are moving away from physical media.



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# HAYDEN'S HOT LIST

BY HAYDEN RYLOTT



**“SMILE”** In this new horror movie, Dr. Rose Cotter witnesses a traumatic event that involved one of her patients. As a result, she starts to experience terrifying occurrences that are incomprehensible and take over her life. Rose soon must confront her own troubling past as it’s the only way to escape her terrorizing reality. This movie has you on the edge of your seat ready to run the entire time. It feels as if the moments to catch your breath as a viewer are few and far between. This movie is full of unexpected twists and turns, which I loved. If you have Paramount +, then this is a movie I highly recommend watching...that is, if you like horror.  
**RATING: 4.5 / 5 STARS**

**“WEDNESDAY”** “Wednesday” is a new Netflix Original that follows Wednesday Addams from the Addams Family. In this eight episode show, Wednesday begins using her psychic powers while also attending Nevermore Academy, an academy for students who possess supernatural abilities. The show is a great new adaptation of the Addams Family. Jenna Ortega does a phenomenal job as Wednesday Addams and is spot-on with her character. “Wednesday” gives a modern spin to a classic and mixes a bit of horror with the supernatural. If that sounds like your thing, give it a watch; you’ll enjoy it.  
**RATING: 4.5 / 5 STARS**

**“ANDOR”** “Andor” is the newest Star Wars show on Disney +. This 12 episode show follows Cassian Andor, a rebel spy, and his dangerous missions for the rebellion. If you’re a fan of Star Wars or just sci-fi in general, then I recommend watching this show. However, if you are like me you might find the show boring and slow at the beginning, making it difficult to want to keep watching, but it does pick up eventually, so hang in there. The show does a fantastic job showing just how cruel, ruthless, and corrupt the Empire truly is. I am a Star Wars fan, so for me, the story did seem a bit unimportant overall, but if you’re in need of something to watch and Star Wars is your thing, then I suggest giving it a try.  
**RATING: 3 / 5 STARS**

**“FALLING FOR CHRISTMAS”** It has been awhile since Lindsey Lohan has starred in a film and we now know why considering her performance in this Netflix movie. In this cheesy and predictable Christmas story, Lohan’s character is a spoiled heiress who loses her memory in a skiing accident and is cared for by a small town widower and his daughter over the Christmas holiday. The movie wants to be funny, but isn’t. Lohan wants to pull at our heart strings, but she doesn’t. Skip this one and I promise your Christmas will be merrier for it.  
**RATING: .5 / 5 STARS (THE HALF STAR IS ONLY BECAUSE THE SETTING WAS PRETTY.)**

## ESPORTS CLUB WITH MR. THEINERT

BY CHARLIE MURRAY

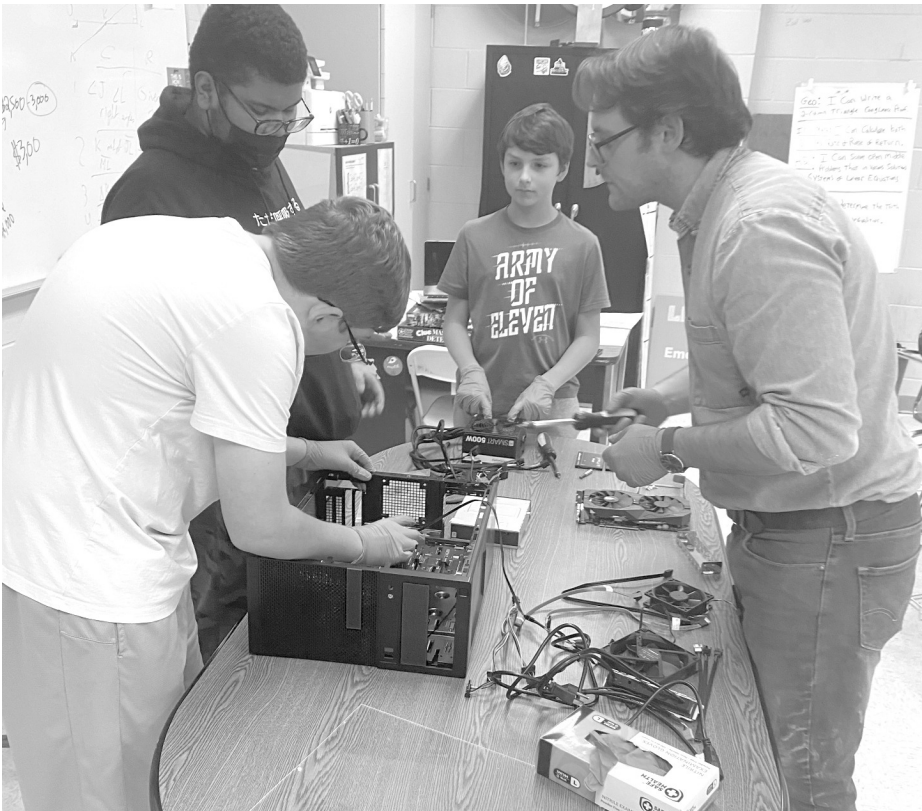


PHOTO PROVIDED BY MR. THEINERT  
MEMBERS OF THE ESPORTS CLUB ROBERT BECKWITH, JEREMY SABATEL, AND THOMAS BECKWITH WORK WITH TECH TEACHER MR. CONRADY TO DISCOVER WHAT MAKES THEIR FAVORITE GAMING SYSTEMS OPERATE FROM THE INSIDE OUT.

The esports club is a competitive video gaming club that has 12 members. Mr. Theinert decided to start up the esports club because “after the success of the ‘Mystery Monday’ last year, where did a ‘Smash Brothers’ tournament and we played ‘Mario Kart,’ it was really obvious to me the student interest in esports, so I thought it would be a good chance to start an esports club.” Mr. Theinert eventually hopes to have kids compete with other kids outside of our school district, but is still currently “building as we go.” Mr. Theinert further explained, “In our first few meetings, we got to know each other and saw what games people play. We try to always have one device setup, if not multiple.”

The club has been lucky enough to partner with the public library, so members have been able to use consoles such as the Nintendo Switch and the PS4. Mr. Conrady

was also generous enough to supply the esports club with computer parts, which the club members then tried to build back together. One of Mr. Theinert’s goals for the club is to make the club very “student driven,” he thinks that it is very important for students to have “ownership” over the club. As for his future vision for the esports club, that is still being determined. As he put it, “I dont know what the capabilities are of this, I’m learning a lot as I go; in the last couple months of being the esports advisor, I found out there is a major in esports at the University of New Haven, so I’m still trying to figure out all of the possibilities for esports.” If videogaming is your thing and you have not checked out the esports club, see Mr. Theinert for details!

## CATCHING UP WITH THE CLASS OF 2022

BY LUCA MARTINEZ

As someone at the doorstep of the college experience, I wanted to know what to expect, so I thought the best way to do that would be to catch up with last year's senior class! I reached out to them and asked them a couple of questions to find out how their first year is going.

### **Myla Dougherty: Attending Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts**

**ON ACADEMICS:** “I think I was pretty prepared. I knew college would be a lot more intense than high school and it is, there is a lot more work, but the work is really worthwhile, not busy work. And obviously, there are a lot more topics available to study in college, which is really exciting! Everyone here is really excited about academics, which makes me more motivated as well, and I feel much more invested in my work because I have more choice in what I study and am really interested in all the classes I’m taking.”

**ON SOCIALIZING:** “Orientation was super helpful for making friends, everyone was very welcoming and friendly and open to new friendships, and I made my best friends in the first couple weeks. My orientation backpacking trip also created some of the deepest friendships I’ve made here, and with people, I probably wouldn’t have been friends with otherwise. My roommate Luna and I were also fast friends because we’re so similar, and we have become best friends which I feel so lucky for. I’ve also become close with the people in my hallway.”

**ON HER FAVORITE CLASS:** “My tutorial on ‘cults of personality,’ which is cross-listed as a comparative literature and Russian class. A tutorial is a class that consists of the professor and two students, so my partner and I switch every week on who writes a paper and who critiques the paper. It’s been a super interesting class because of both the content and the structure, which I think has improved my writing and speaking skills a lot.”

**ON IF SHE FELT/FEELS HOMESICK:** “I honestly never felt homesick, Williams felt like my new home immediately and I felt super comfortable here.”

### **Dayla Reyes: Attending the University of Connecticut in Mansfield, Connecticut**

**ON HOW THE FIRST DAY WENT:** “My first day was very scary because I had no clue where any building was, but as soon as I walked out to go to my first class, I saw about every person I walked by looking down at their phone and using google maps to find their classes, which I was doing too, that made me feel a little less overwhelmed because I knew all the freshman had no clue where they were going. Once a couple of weeks went by, I was able to find my way around campus just fine.”

**ON IF SHE FELT/FEELS HOMESICK:** “No, I’m a big believer that if you find good friends to hang out with all the time, you won’t have time to think about things you miss, and it will help you with focusing on the present! Although, I do miss my dogs all the time when I walk past Jonathan the husky on campus.”

**ON WHAT THE TOWN/CITY IS LIKE:** “My residence hall is right next to the downtown stores area where I have many options for food like Moe’s, Starbucks, boba, burgers, Domino’s, etc. But I don’t go there because I’m trying to help out my non-existent bank account. My campus is huge so it kind of feels like its own little city. We have a horse barn hill where I like to go say hi to the horsies and go on a nice walk. UConn reminds me a lot of Shelter Island if it was placed in a more busy town.”

**ON WHAT THE FOOD IS LIKE:** “I have 8 dining halls and to be honest, they aren’t the worst. The only downside is they all close at 7, except for 2 of them that close at 9:30, but those are about 15-20 mins away from me. I have gotten tired of dining hall food, so I have found other options on campus that are part of my meal plan that I swipe with on my UConn card. I have started going to fewer dining halls as the semester is coming to an end because I have to use up all my flex passes, which is basically free money that we paid for in our meal plan that we can use for meals at the student union.”

**ON WHAT SHE DOES FOR FUN:** “I like to go to any sports events, especially women’s basketball, sometimes I go to the UConn Rec and take a yoga class or just play volleyball with my intramural team!”

### **Daria Kolmogorova: Attending the University at Albany in Albany, New York**

**ON HER CHOSEN MAJOR/CONCENTRATION:** “I’m an Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security, and Cybersecurity Major with a concentration in Emergency Preparedness.”

**ON HER FAVORITE CLASS:** “Writing in Critical Inquiry’ because of the professor, but my most interesting class is ‘Human Trafficking’ because of the content (the professor is boring though).”

### **Emmett Cummings: Attending Binghamton University in Binghamton, New York**

**ON WHAT THE TOWN/CITY IS LIKE:** “Binghamton is mostly a college town, the city has a good number of events and restaurants. There are lots of fraternity and house parties pretty much every weekend.”

**ON HIS FAVORITE CLASS:** “‘Japanese Cinema’ or ‘Engineering Design.’”

### **Valeria Reyes: Attending Colgate University at Hamilton, New York**

**ON WHAT SHE IS HAVING A HARD TIME ADJUSTING TO:** “Having too much free time. How dark it gets at night. How many rich people there are on campus.”

**ON IF SHE FELT/FEELS HOMESICK:** “Not at all. I think it’s because I did a summer program and was already prepared for the transition, etc.”

### **Evan Shack: Attending SUNY New Paltz in New Paltz, New York**

**ON SOCIALIZING:** “Once I made friends with my roommate, which didn’t take very long, I started learning how to talk to people, and found that while not everyone will talk back, there are certainly people who love to get lost in a conversation. I’ve staked myself as a midpoint between these two extremes, and so far I’ve made quite a few friends in this manner.”

**ON IF HE FELT/FEELS HOMESICK:** “It varies from day to day. I like living in college, but there are some things I vastly prefer, which are back at home. My remedy for this is simple: visit often!”

**ON WHAT THE FOOD IS LIKE:** “The dining hall food is....actually good!? What black magic is this? Jokes aside, it’s very sustainable and also very well-balanced too, with several smaller cafes dotted around the campus in case one ever gets the hunger for something a little less standard.”

**ON IF HE HAS CHOSEN A MAJOR/CONCENTRATION:** “Right now I am leaning towards Digital Media Management, although I may change that in future semesters once I learn about all of the perks of the different majors directly from people who have HAD those majors.”

### **Ariana Carter: Attending the University at Albany in Albany, New York**

**ON HER FAVORITE CLASS:** “‘Women and The Media’ (a class that focuses on how women are represented in music/politics/movies, etc).”

**ON HER CHOSEN MAJOR/CONCENTRATION:** “Psychology with a minor in women’s studies or Portuguese.”

### **Izzy Fonseca: Attending SUNY Oneonta in Oneonta, New York**

**ON ACADEMICS:** “The academics are a lot easier than what I expected. Professors are willing to work/reason with you and are always there to help. In a way, I feel like I was underprepared. In high school, teachers are constantly nagging you for your assignments, whereas, in college, you’re on your own. You have to complete it by the due date unless you’re able to ask for an extension.”

**ON HER FAVORITE CLASS:** “Currently my favorite class is my ‘Women and Gender Studies’ class. We talk about various topics that range from feminism, sexual assault, homophobia, sexism, and heteronormative societies. It’s really interesting, even though there’s a lot of reading. It’s a class that is based on participation/discussions.”

**ON HOW THE FIRST DAY WENT:** “My first day on campus after moving in was a lot of orientation stuff, being split into smaller groups with a dragon guide who is supposed to help you fit in on campus and get accustomed to being a college student. The first day of classes consisted of reading the syllabus or immediately diving into a lecture.”

**ON WHAT THE FOOD IS LIKE:** “Not the worst, but not the best. It’s better than cafeteria food on Shelter Island. One of the dining halls has a marketplace where you can grab whatever you want like ramen, chips, milkshakes and smoothies, sushi, pizza, and sandwiches and you can pay with dining dollars (they give you like \$300 to spend per semester) or dragon dollars (your own money put on your ID card) or with whatever payment method. Also, that dining hall has its own little kitchen you can cook in with a chef that helps you.”

### **Olivia Overstreet: Attending the University at Albany in Albany, New York**

**ON WHAT SHE HAD A HARD TIME ADJUSTING TO:** “At first, I was having a hard time adjusting to not seeing my family, but I’ve grown out of that now and I’m used to it.”

**ON SOCIALIZING:** “My social life is very good. It was easy to make friends because there were so many of us in the same boat, so there were just random people coming up to you making small talk and getting your socials and such. I’ve luckily clicked with a group of friends that I hang out with every day.”

### **Lily Page: Attending Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona**

**ON SOCIALIZING:** “As someone who just isn’t very social, I found it a little difficult to make new friends. Luckily, I came here with friends already. After a little while, it wasn’t hard for me to make new friends. I mostly just made friends who were in the same classes as me.”

**ON WHAT THE TOWN/CITY IS LIKE:** “I’m completely surrounded by and am on top of a mountain/mountains. It is absolutely beautiful here. The town is like something you would see in New England or kind of like Greenport, but in the mountains and more outdoorsy.”

**ON IF SHE FELT HOMESICK:** “At first I didn’t really at all, but now that it’s close to finals, I kind of just want to be in the comfort of my little island with my friends and family.”

INSIDE TIPS FOR APPLYING TO COLLEGE  
BY SOPHIE CLARK

Since I am in my junior year and starting to think of the college process ahead, I interviewed new guidance counselor Ms. Erin Jordan for some top tips on applying to colleges. College applications can be very overwhelming and stressful. Ms. Jordan gave me great pieces of advice to take the painful application process and turn it into a somewhat easy experience.

Firstly, Ms. Jordan stressed that when it comes to college visits, timing is everything. She explained, “The best time to visit a college is when our school is closed, but the college campus is in session. You want to see the campus in action, this way you can see how active the campus is. If you go on a weekday you may be able to observe a class.” When you go and visit a college while it is in action, it is sure to give you a more authentic experience. To start exploring colleges that interest you, Ms. Jordan says that there are search engines that can specifically narrow down your choices with filters for things such as, in her words, “size of the campus, if a college is a reach, target, or safety school, majors, location (urban, rural, suburbs), 4 years or 2 years, public or private, campus support services, disability support services offered, and price/affordability.” These variables are key parts of launching your search.

The most dreaded part of the application process for many students is the college essay. Ms. Jordan shares the best tips for conquering the essay. “Brainstorm...what topic best encapsulates your skills and life story/future goals? (It will be different for each one of you.) Utilize the amazing resource of working on your college essays with Ms. Treharne and Ms. Colligan in your senior English class. It is a gift that you are able to work on it during school and have your teacher proofread and provide feedback. Write on more than one topic and see how you feel, sometimes the essay that is hardest to write will be your best work.” These tips definitely put the essay in perspective and are so helpful in figuring out how to start. Another important part of the process is determining if you are eligible for financial aid. Ms. Jordan says, “If you are a U.S. citizen with a social security number you should apply for federal student aid no matter what your income is. Let the college tell you that you do not qualify for aid, DO NOT TAKE YOURSELF OUT OF THE RUNNING.” Great advice! Federal Student Aid is applied for using the FAFSA forms, which are available starting in November each year.

Does applying to colleges early really give you an advantage? Ms. Jordan says, “Early Action and Early Decision applications can sometimes

give you a better chance of an acceptance, but it is not a ‘rule.’ In fact, sometimes the Early Decision or Early Action pool of applicants is more competitive. If a school has rolling admission, apply AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. In the case of rolling admissions, the school is making admission decisions as they are receiving applications, there will be more available spots at the beginning of the application cycle vs. towards the end.” So, it is key to pay attention to the different types of application deadlines once you start making your college lists!

Ms. Jordan shares the best thing to do to prepare for the application process is, “Don’t be afraid to ask for help, come to guidance for assistance. Also, don’t procrastinate, your application process begins when you are in 9th grade. Join as many activities as you can manage, try your best academically, go to extra help to improve your grades, find a passion outside of school and develop it over the years, give back to the community. Take challenging classes—the rigor of your classes has a lot of merit. Push yourself to try new things. Think outside the box. If you are a sophomore, junior, or senior reading this thinking, ‘I’m definitely not getting into a college, it’s too late for me,’ I am here to tell you there is a college or university out there for you

if you are willing to be open minded.” Thinking of preparing for college starting freshman year might sound scary, but all of the activities we do here at Shelter Island are great boosts to our future resumes and applications! Regarding this, Ms. Jordan says, “A lot of high schoolers don’t keep a record of all their activities and community service. It can be hard to remember all the extracurriculars you committed to over the years. I would advise students to keep a yearly log of what you participated in and when. This way, when it is time to apply, you have something you can refer to. That will help you manage your stress, cut down on time it takes to complete the application, and ensure you have a thorough record of all your hard work/ commitments. The same goes for AP scores and College credits. You want your application to show that you worked hard and committed to activities/organizations and given back to the community.” Here at Shelter Island School we are fortunate to be able to participate in so many community and school activities; don’t forget to write them down!

Applying to colleges is hard, overwhelming, and long, but Ms. Jordan’s tips give me hope. With some organization, motivation, and a willingness to ask for support, we can do this Class of 2024!

THE CLASS OF 2023 IS COLLEGE BOUND!  
BY HAYDEN RYLOTT

It’s that time of the year again when seniors are starting to hear back from some of the colleges they applied to. Everyone is still waiting on some schools, but here is where students have been accepted so far. Congrats to everyone on their acceptances!

**HAYDEN RYLOTT:**  
Siena College, Quinnipiac University

**ELIJAH DAVIDSON:**  
Siena College, SUNY Polytechnic, SUNY Albany, Salve Regina University

**LUCA MARTINEZ:**  
University of Michigan-Dearborn

**MARGARET SCHULTHEIS:**  
Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), Pratt Institute

**ALEX BURNS:**  
SUNY Buffalo State College, University at Buffalo

**MARY GENNARI:**  
Connecticut College, Keene State College, University of Hartford

**JEREMY SABATEL:**  
SUNY Old Westbury

**MADISON SPRINGER:**  
College of Mount St. Vincent (CMSV)

**ANDREA NAPOLES:**  
Fordham University, Ohio State University, Buffalo University

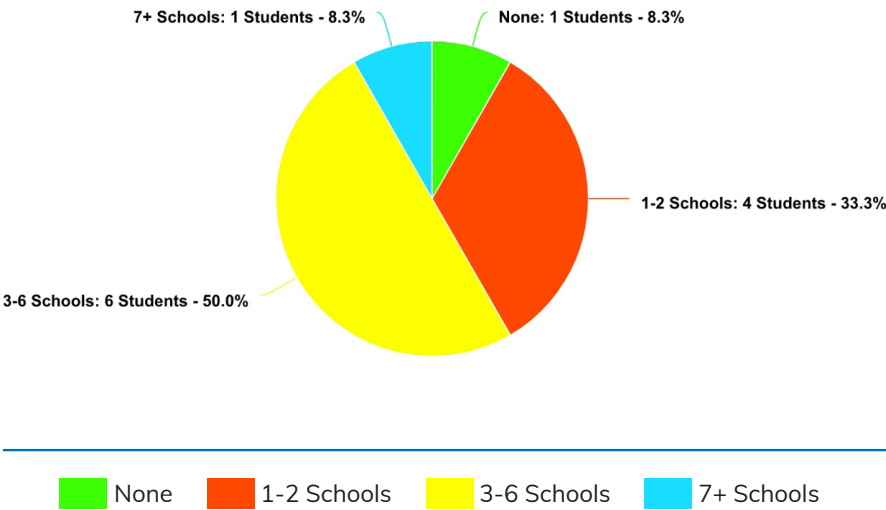
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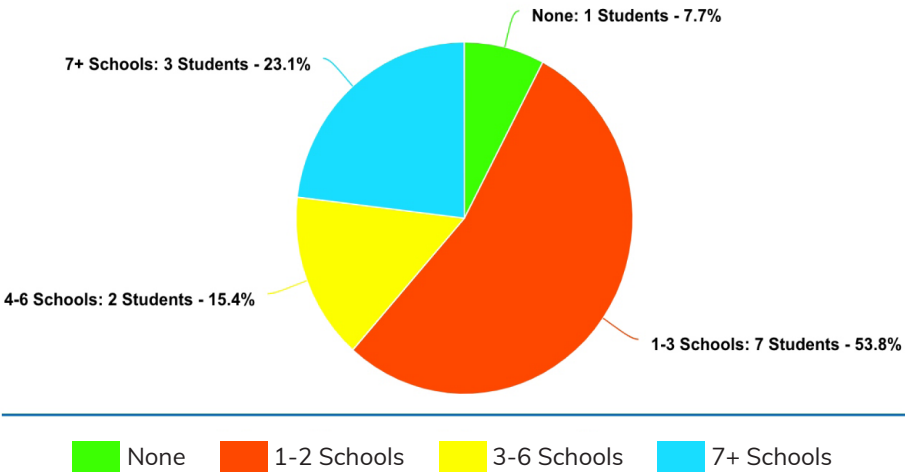
BY LUCA MARTINEZ

This year’s senior class is ready to apply to colleges, but I wanted to know what everyone had in mind, so I asked my fellow classmates for some insight into their college application process.

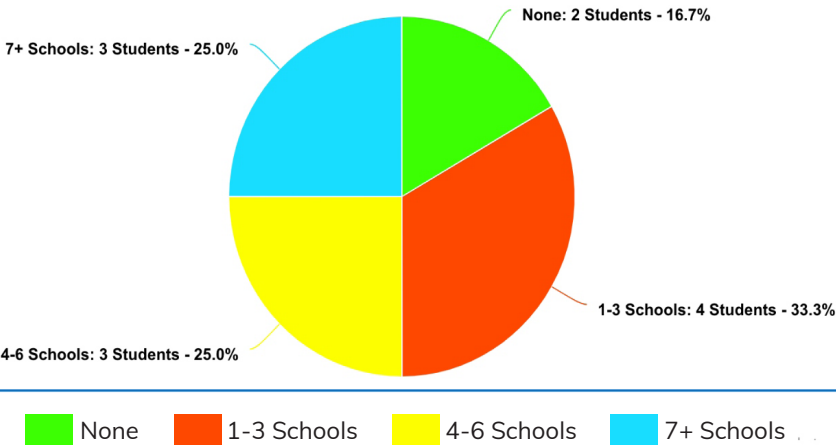
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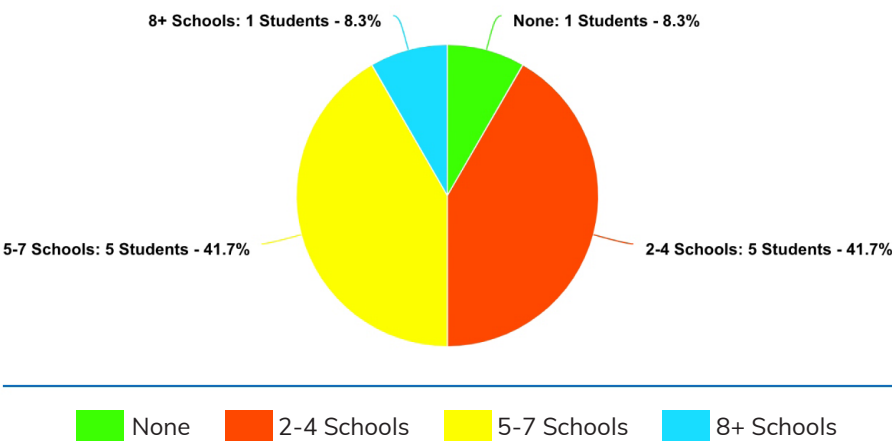
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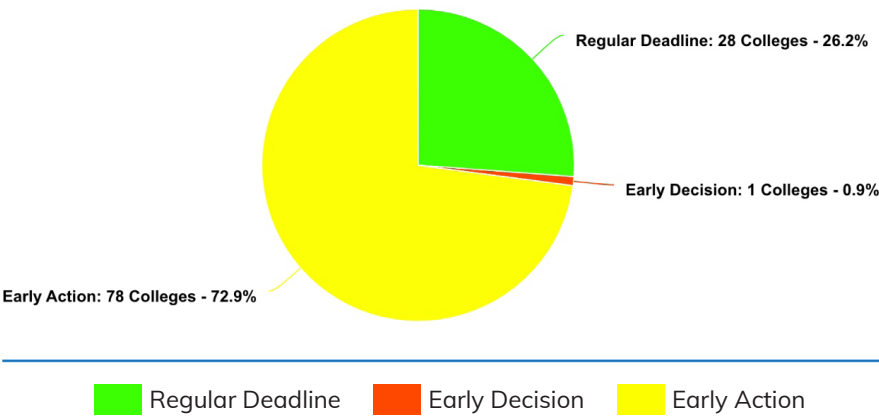
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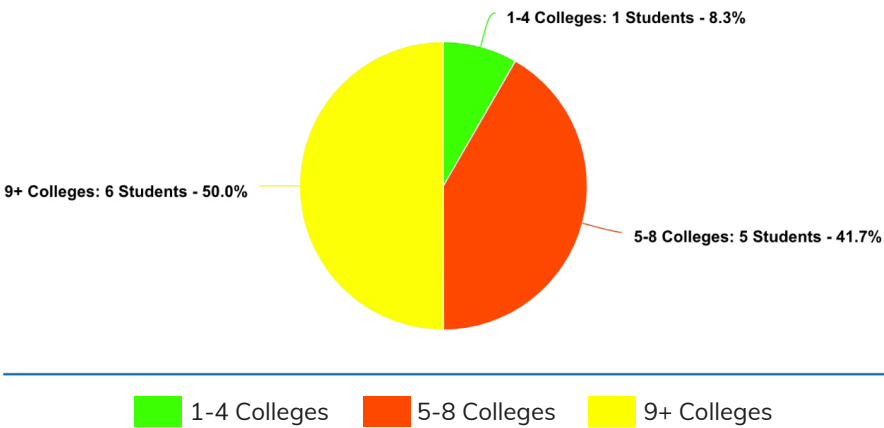
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## Wrapping up the music-filled year!

By Luca Martinez

Every year the music streaming app “Spotify” releases a summary of the user’s listening history throughout the year (January 1st - October 31st), and every year around the beginning of December, people make their Spotify wrapped their whole personality (me included). This year’s Spotify wrapped was released on November 30th, so I decided to see what everyone was listening to this year.



**Top Artists**  
1 grentperez  
2 J. Cole  
3 Sleepy Hallow  
4 Kanye West  
5 Drake

**Top Songs**  
1 Freaking Out the...  
2 Prom Night  
3 Pain  
4 505  
5 Low Key (Bonus)

**Minutes Listened**  
**24,972**

**Top Genre**  
**Rap**



**Daniel Hernandez:** “I don’t listen to half the artists I had on my top anymore.”



**Top Artists**  
1 Frank Ocean  
2 Kanye West  
3 Lil Uzi Vert  
4 Playboi Carti  
5 Drake

**Top Songs**  
1 Self Control  
2 Fire in the Hole  
3 You Was Right  
4 Helmet  
5 Lens

**Minutes Listened**  
**8,581**

**Top Genre**  
**Rap**



**Hayden Davidson:** “I love Frank Ocean”



**Top Artists**  
1 The Smiths  
2 Home  
3 MGMT  
4 Green Day  
5 Playboi Carti

**Top Songs**  
1 We’re Finally ...  
2 There Is a Ligh...  
3 Sky  
4 This Charmin...  
5 Looking Out f...

**Minutes Listened**  
**22,595**

**Top Genre**  
**Indie Pop**



**Kat Austin:** “It doesn’t have as many minutes listened as I thought it would be because I listen to music all the time, so I thought it would be more.”

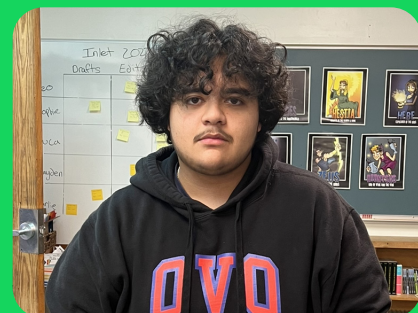


**Top Artists**  
1 Jack Harlow  
2 Drake  
3 Baby Keem  
4 Pop Smoke  
5 Kanye West

**Top Songs**  
1 Secrets  
2 Nail Tech  
3 PUFFIN ON ZO...  
4 Tyler Herro  
5 16

**Minutes Listened**  
**44,773**

**Top Genre**  
**Rap**



**Luca Martinez:** “I did a complete 180 in November when it came to my music listening. So I was pretty surprised when none of those artists were on my top 5, so I did some research and found out Spotify wrapped is based on the music you listen to from January 1st to October 31st.”



**Top Artists**  
1 Sleepy Hallow  
2 Kanye West  
3 J. Cole  
4 21 Savage  
5 Drake

**Top Songs**  
1 ball w/o you  
2 Father Stretch...  
3 No Role Modelz  
4 Lord Knows (fe...  
5 a lot

**Minutes Listened**  
**2,264**

**Top Genre**  
**Rap**



**Madison Springer:** “I listen to a lot of Sleepy Hallow, so I was not surprised”



**Top Artists**  
1 Tyler, The Creator  
2 Playboi Carti  
3 Lil Uzi Vert  
4 Frank Ocean  
5 Kanye West

**Top Songs**  
1 NEW MAGIC W...  
2 Shoota (feat. Lil...  
3 In The Stars  
4 Substance  
5 Flashing Lights

**Minutes Listened**  
**2,322**

**Top Genre**  
**Rap**



**Mandy Marcello:** “I was not surprised by my wrapped at all.”



**Top Artists**  
1 The Beatles  
2 The Lumineers  
3 David Bowie  
4 Taylor Swift  
5 Nell Benjamin

**Top Songs**  
1 Captain Crow - f...  
2 The Family Mad...  
3 Surface Pressure  
4 Touch The Sky...  
5 What Else Can I...

**Minutes Listened**  
**31,569**

**Top Genre**  
**Rock**



**Mr. Theinert:** “I wasn’t surprised by my Spotify wrapped, because children’s songs are shorter than adult songs, and although it may say I only listened to it like fifty times, it felt like way more.”



**Top Artists**  
1 Taylor Swift  
2 Zac Brown Band  
3 Luke Combs  
4 Harry Styles  
5 The Lumineers

**Top Songs**  
1 Someone I Used...  
2 Island Song  
3 Same Boat  
4 Anti-Hero  
5 Maroon

**Minutes Listened**  
**8,898**

**Top Genre**  
**Country**



**Mrs. Treharne:** “The whole thing was a surprise to me because I share my Spotify account.”

# EARLY WINTER STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

BY HAYDEN RYLOTT

This year’s student council President, Harrison Weslek, and Vice President, Lio Napoles, have been working together since their election to plan upcoming events for this school year. So far, Student Council successfully pulled off “Anything Goes” for Halloween and is planning on having “Reindeer Games” before holiday break. Harrison Weslek, Student Council President, gave further updates, stating, “We’re planning to buy new vending machines and servicing them ourselves. This would help us keep the money made from the vending machines in the school, allowing the Student Council to have the budget to put on new events we haven’t ever been able to do. We want to put on a winter/spring dance, hopefully collaborating with another school. Also, along with “Reindeer Games” as usual, we want to bring back field day for high school. Overall, Student Council is going great.”



# SUSIE KANE: NEW TO THE CLASS OF 2024

BY LEONARDO DOUGHERTY

Although Susie Kane just joined the junior class at the start of the school year, she’s been on the Island since August. She moved to the island from Bay Ridge, Brooklyn to work for her godmother, Stacy Soloviev, at the Shelter Island Heights Pharmacy and Santa’s Christmas Tree Farm in Cutchogue the North Fork. Susie is the middle child of 5 siblings. Susie has a black cat and her favorite food is Indian food—a cuisine hard to come by on the east end of Long Island! Her favorite thing to do is dance and she listens to a variety of metal, indie, 80s, and reggae music. Susie says she is enjoying school so far, even though it is “very small and quiet.” She looks forward to meeting new people as the year continues to progress. Her favorite class so far is AP US History because she finds Mr. Miedema very funny. This year Susie is most looking forward to making connections with new people and working toward her long term goal of studying law in college. Welcome Susie!

# METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE TRIP

BY LEONARDO DOUGHERTY

On October 21st, made possible by the generosity of the Shelter Island Education Foundation, Ms. Farkas, Mr. Conrady, and Ms. Mahoney brought 10th and 11th grade students to the Metropolitan Opera to see La Traviata, an Italian Opera by Giuseppe Verdi. While some students found the opera hard to follow, most agreed they enjoyed the story of the opera and the impressive setting of the Metropolitan Opera House.



# GETTING INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

BY SOPHIE CLARK

Classroom doors were beautifully decorated before the break as a part of contests aimed at boosting holiday spirit. The elementary school in particular showed some great creativity.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS!

BY LEO DOUGHERTY

This year's Science Fair saw hypotheses dealing with everything from plant growth to phone bacteria. Everyone worked hard on their projects and some won big. Congratulations to 8th grader Jackson Rohrer for "Best in Fair" in the Junior Division and 9th grader Lexi Jernick for "Best in Fair" in the Senior Division! Medalists in the Junior Division included: Lily Potter, Danielle Rasmussen, Juliana Medina, Sadie Green-Clark, Natalie Mamisashvili, Rosie Hanley, and Lydia Brigham. Medalists in the Senior Division included: Mae Brigham, Harrison Clark, Daniel Hernandez-Rivera, and Grace Catherine-Lim. Congratulations to all!

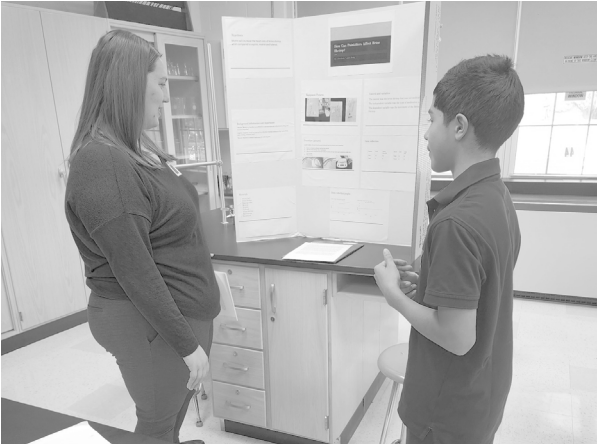


Photo provided by Mr. Dan Williams  
8th grader Abie Roig discusses his science fair project with his judge.



Photo provided by Mr. Dan Williams  
8th grader Nate Sanwald answers questions posed by Mr. Bramfeld about his project.



Photo provided by Mr. Dan Williams  
Medalist in the Senior Division, Mae Brigham, shows off her hard work and the fact that she leaves no detail unattended to...her outfit even coordinated with her poster board!

# MARINE SCIENCE HEADS OUTSIDE

BY LEO DOUGHERTY

This fall, students from Mr. William's science classes headed to Ram Island and spent a few hours surveying various plant life and measuring tides. Students also used specialized instruments to record the PH, oxygen, and salinity of the water. See pictures (provided by Mr. Williams) of their adventures below.



# MYSTERY MONDAYS ARE BACK AND THE FIRST ONE WAS QUITE A HIT! DESPITE IT BEING A RAINY DAY, THE SURPRISE ARRIVAL OF AN ICE CREAM TRUCK TO SCHOOL BROUGHT PLENTY OF SMILES!



# NHS (AND LUCA) THINK "OUTSIDE THE BOX" TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

BY LUCA MARTINEZ

It has been an ongoing tradition for the National Honors Society to host the "Cardboard Campout" to raise awareness for unhoused people, whilst also raising money to donate to Habitat for Humanity—a foundation that builds houses for lower-income individuals and families. This year's Cardboard Campout consisted of juniors and seniors. Every person who decided to sleep outside (we had a great bunch!) had to fundraise \$100 for Habitat for Humanity. Junior Leonardo Dougherty was one of the happy campers, and shared, "My friends and I did a lot of engineering to build a super cool house, complete with 2

secret doors, skylights for stargazing, and a snack corner. Also, we brought a lot of coats." This was Leo's first year, and he seemed to have enjoyed some quality time with his friends, while still making a difference with his fundraising. In total, 12 students camped out, so a little over \$1200 was raised.

Students are not blind to the fact that although the "Cardboard Campout" might be a challenging night, it is not what a typical night looks like for unhoused people. When asked about how the "Cardboard Campout" compares to actually being homeless, junior Sophie Clark expressed,

"I don't think it compares at all, I think being homeless is ten times worse, and we only got to experience a fraction of what they feel." As much as the "Cardboard Campout" is a way to give back, it is also a learning experience, Sophie shared, "I learned to not take things for granted." During the "Cardboard Campout," all of us had the privilege of having blankets and a dry place to sleep, something many unhomed people may not have.

As the night wore on, the campers played "Manhunt," and sat around the fire and talked with each other. In the morning, Mrs. Mahoney

woke the campers up with an annoying, BUT sweet wake-up song. We all had the privilege of going back to our homes to sleep in the comfort of our beds, however, we all learned an important lesson of not taking things for granted, while also doing some good for those less fortunate. So, if you are thinking about joining the "Cardboard Campout" in the upcoming years, I say go for it, you will learn some important lessons, whilst also making a difference.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY MRS. JANINE MAHONEY  
JUNIOR LEONARDO DOUGHERTY PLAYING WITH FIRE.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY MRS. JANINE MAHONEY  
HAPPY CAMPERS POSE FOR A PICTURE BY THE FIRE.



## The Davidson Family Grows by One

BY LUCA MARTINEZ

On November 21st, 2022, at 8:36 p.m., the Davidson family welcomed a new baby girl, Marley Wren Davidson (who goes by Wren). Until November 21st, it had been 11 years since parents Matt and Kate Davidson brought home a new baby. Mrs. Davidson chose Wren's name completely randomly and then added Marley last minute. Wren's siblings are senior Elijah Davidson, junior Hayden Davidson, and sixth grader Aisley Davidson. Although Elijah and Hayden seem fairly chill about the new addition, Aisley on the other hand, is very excited to be an older sister, as she had been wanting to be one for some time. Elijah reports the age difference between him and Wren makes him feel old. He

says, "When Wren is my current age, I will be 34!" Regardless of the age difference, Elijah is still very excited to be an older brother once again.

Mrs. Davidson shares with us that she is, "Finding it much easier to cope with the sleepless nights and no longer having free time." She also expressed excitement for Aisley getting to be an older sister, and that the first two weeks of having Wren in the family have been a breeze, as they are already, "pretty good at this newborn stuff" and baby Wren is also an "easy" baby. All in all, the Davidson family seems to be having a great time with their new addition to the family. Congratulations to the Davidson family.

WINTER SPORTS

BY SOPHIE CLARK

After a successful end of the 2022 fall sports season, it's time to prepare for and look ahead to winter sports. This year, a full girls varsity basketball team has been fielded, which is great news for the lady Islanders. Girls varsity basketball has an 11 woman roster and will be coached by Ms. Erin Mulrain. The girls are more hungry than ever to prove their worth on the varsity circuit. Freshman Mae Brigham adds, "Ms. Mulrain is leading our team with determination and dedication. She consistently motivates us by reminding us we have a duty to leave a legacy behind."

Boys JV basketball is coached by Mr. Matthew Dunning and assisted by Mr. Michael Mundy this year. The boys are looking forward to improving and working on key elements to make their season memorable. Freshman Harry Clark shares a goal they are hoping to accomplish this season, "My goal is to work better as a team and try our hardest." Boys varsity basketball is coached by Mr. Michael Mundy and assisted

by Matthew Dunning. Varsity is working hard on making this season count and looking to improve tremendously from last season. Senior Bazy Quigley Dunning will be "happy if this season goes better than last" and is looking ahead to some hopeful wins.

Girls varsity track coached by Mr. Kevin Bary kicked off their first meet on December 3rd at Suffolk Community College and have states in mind as a major goal for the end of the season. Boys varsity track coached by Mr. Toby Green, though small, has proven to be mighty in past seasons. The boys look forward to hopefully getting some PR's (personal records) and recruiting some more members to really make a difference for the team. Varsity cheerleading is being coached by Ms. Adrienne Pitch. The team is hard at work learning new routines and cheers to inspire school spirit and support the boys and girls basketball teams. Good luck to all of the winter sports teams during their seasons!

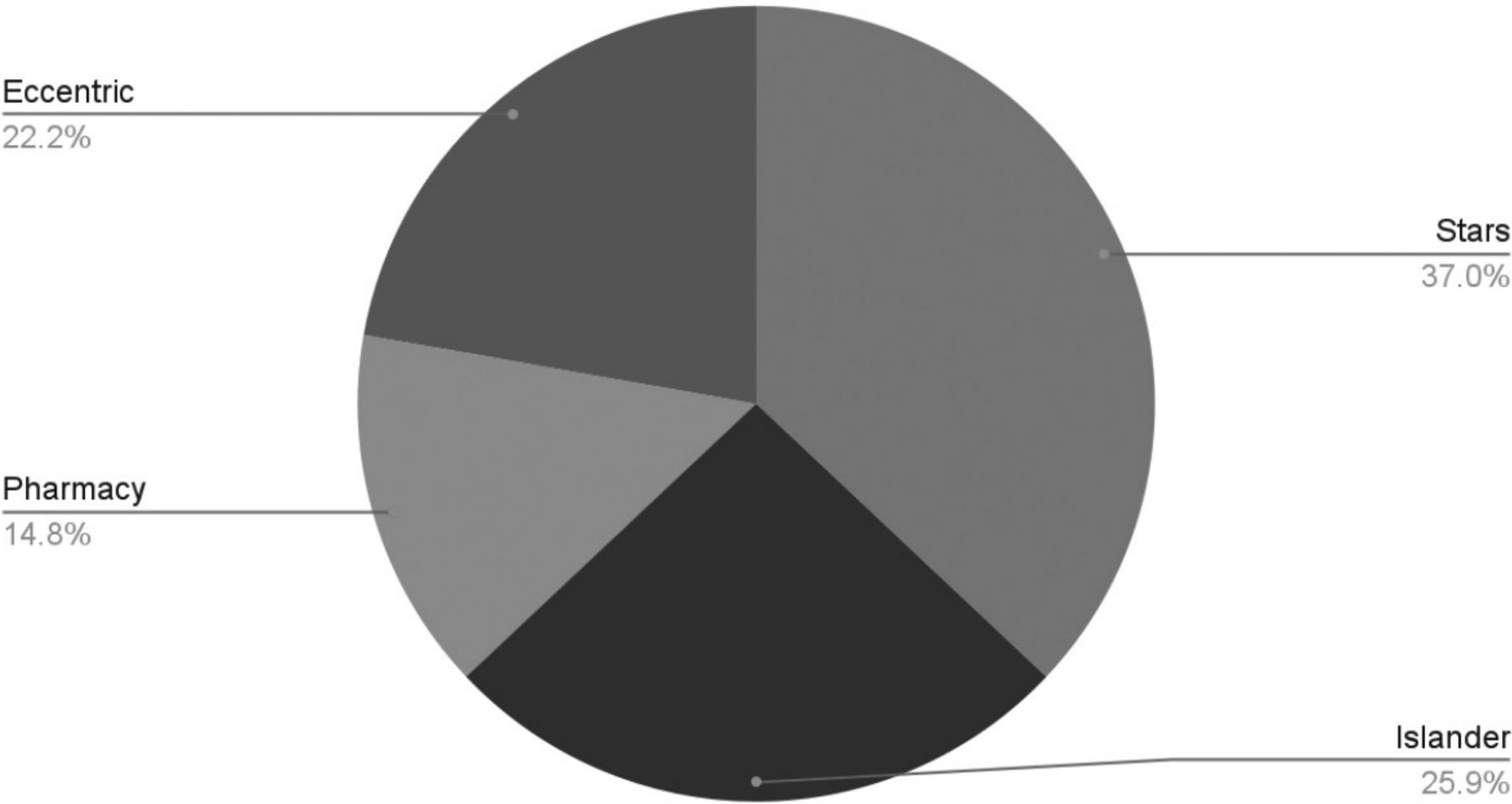


S.I. BREAKFAST SPOTS RANKED

BY SOPHIE CLARK

Some say breakfast is the most important meal of the day and here on Shelter Island we have some quality breakfast spots. After surveying high school students, here is how our favorites break down.

TOP BREAKFAST SPOTS



'TIS THE SEASON! SO, THIS ISSUE'S "AROUND THE HALLS" ASKS:

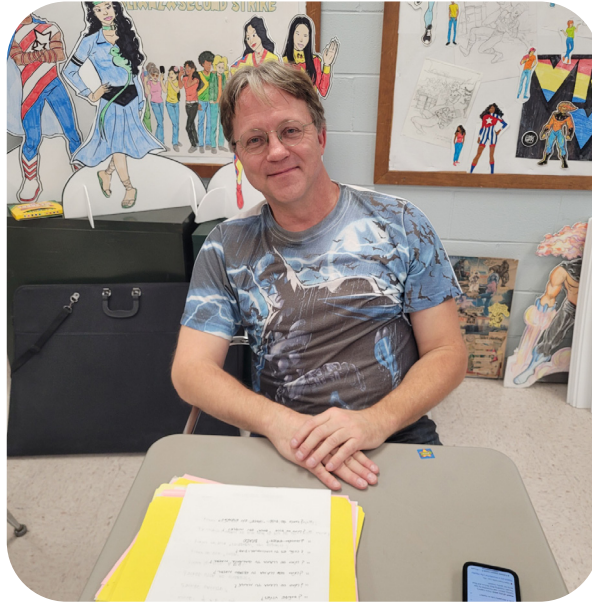
*What is your favorite holiday movie and why?*

BY CHARLES MURRAY



**HARRY CLARK (GRADE 9):**

"ELF, BECAUSE WILL FERRELL IS THE G.O.A.T."



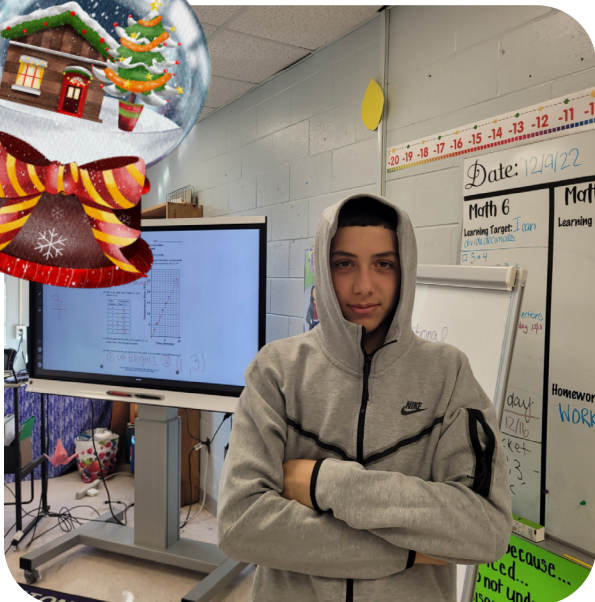
**MR. VROOMAN (SPANISH TEACHER):**

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE," BECAUSE JIMMY STEWART IS ONE OF THE BEST ACTORS AND PLAYED THE PART PERFECTLY."



**MRS. GOFF (MATH TEACHER):**

"THE SANTA CLAUSE," BECAUSE BERNARD IS VERY COOL."



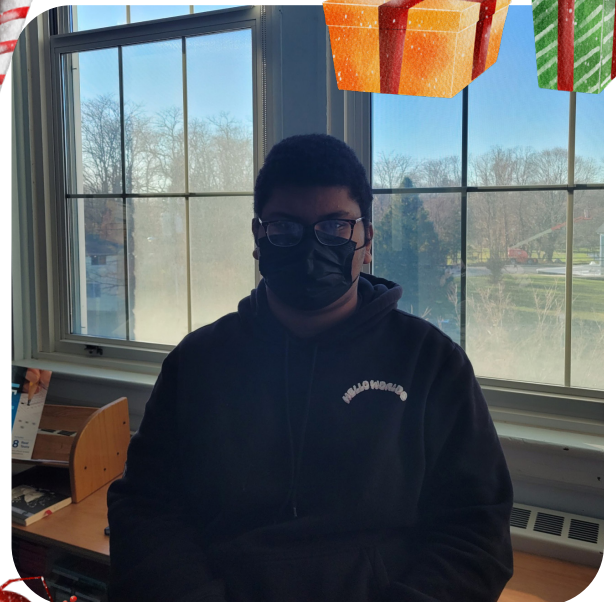
**EVAN WESLEK (GRADE 8):**

"THE GRINCH' BECAUSE MY FAVORITE CHARACTER IS CINDY LOU HOO."



**JONATHAN ORTIZ (GRADE 10):**

"THE GRINCH' BECAUSE I LIKE THE DOG A LOT."



**JEREMY SABATEL (GRADE 12):**

"THE GRINCH' MOVIES ARE MY FAVORITE, I GUESS IT BECAUSE I JUST LIKE SEEING THE GRINCH."



**LUCA MARTINEZ (GRADE 12):**

"THE POLAR EXPRESS BECAUSE I FIND THE DYNAMIC BETWEEN THE KIDS REALLY FUNNY."



**MRS. COLLIGAN (ENGLISH TEACHER):**

"MY FAVORITE MOVIE IS 'A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS,' BECAUSE IT REMINDS ME OF MY AND MY GIRLS' CHILDHOODS."

