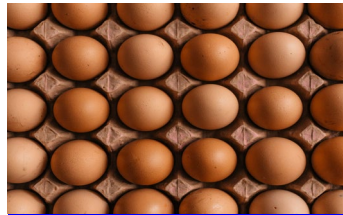


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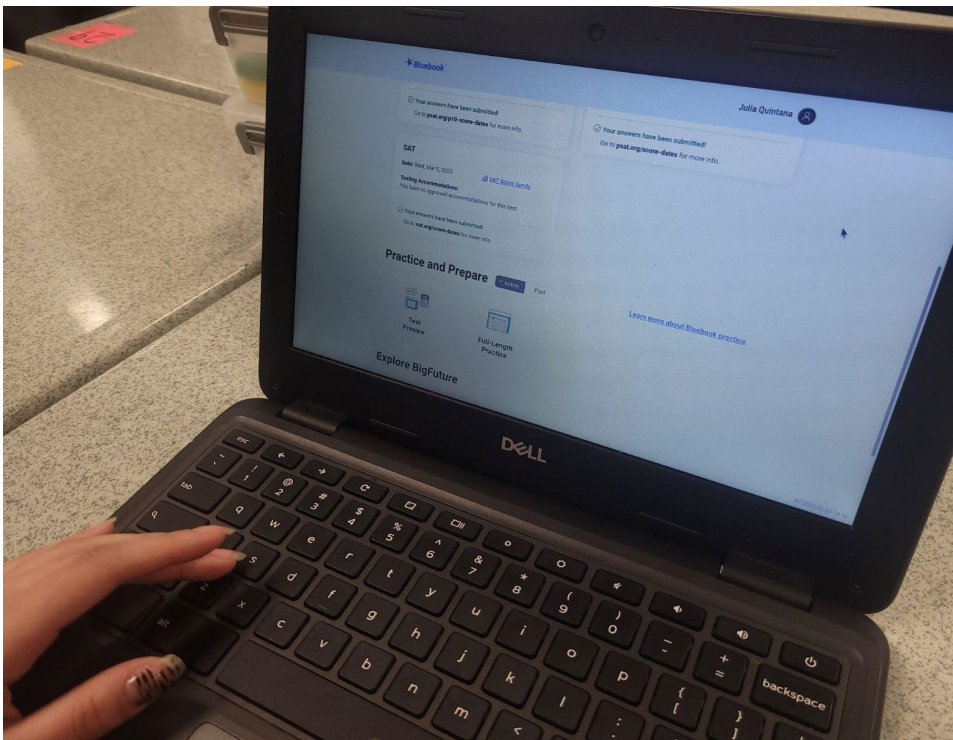
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SAT and Prep

By: Stephanie Vaughan



[Photo Credit: Mercury News]



The Scholastic Aptitude Test, commonly known as the SAT, measures students' skills in critical reading, writing and math. Taking the SAT is important because your scores are a necessary requirement for certain college admissions as well as college course placements.

At LLA, our Juniors took the SAT on March 5th in either Mrs. Mondragon, Ms. Rojero, or Ms. Hickey's class. The College Board website offers a variety of different resources.

Students can prepare for the SAT by going to the College Board website which has a variety of ways to prepare.

Such as, building a study plan, taking full length practice tests, or by solving practice problems through Khan Academy.

Julia Quintana, a junior who took the SAT, said "I was really nervous at first,

but then realized there was nothing to be worried about."

Julia said she was nervous because she hadn't studied before although she said "taking AP courses prepped me a lot".

If students happen to miss the SAT day, they can talk to their counselor to see if they are able to schedule a different date to take the SAT outside of school.

School Life

Winning the Game

By: Diamond Lynch

On February 7, 2025, Stem Fuse's Got Game Competition winners were announced, and 3 out of 4 students were winners from Mr. Ortega's video gamedesignclass

The competition, which celebrates creativity and skill in game design, drew entries from students all over the country. But, it was Mr. Ortega's students who dominated the leaderboard. "I'm beyond proud of my students



Finalists of the Got Game Competition

for the dedication and creativity they put into their games".

Eighth grader Jashawn Jenkins was one of the Got Game competition finalists with his game Escape the Castle, junior Miguel Ramirez and senior Matthew Vega's game Predators Vs, Prey won first place, junior Aileen Moreno's game Simply a Dream won third place, and sophomore Julian de la Torre won the people's choice award with his game Tiny Square Parkour.

"This competition allowed me to work with friends on something I enjoy creating. Even though we ran into glitches and bugs, we worked through them together and made something we're really proud of" said junior Miguel Ramirez.

Their games ranged from tower defense and puzzle games, to parkour and strategy games that each showed a unique style and different mechanics.

"I've been working on this project since the 8th grade. I'm super excited for what's to come, and winning feels nice. I definitely

would love to add more cutscenes in the future," said junior Aileen Moreno.

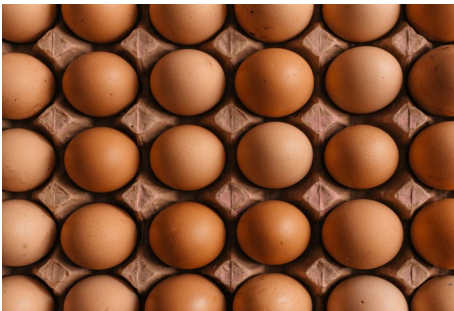
Along with recognition, winners received prizes. First place winners took home a \$50 Amazon gift card, second place got a \$30 gift card, and both third place and the people's choice winner won \$25 gift cards. Aside from the giftcards, the students left with a sense of accomplishment and the motivation to keep creating games.



First place winners: Matthew Vega and Miguel Ramirez

Egg Shortage "Scrambles" Everyone, Including You

By: Mario Robledo



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A nationwide egg shortage is affecting lives in more ways than you'd think. Grocery stores and customers alike are seeing an increase in egg prices and a huge decrease of eggs themselves since the beginning of 2025.

Dating back to 2022, H5N1 – also known as the Bird Flu – has had a major impact on the egg industry. A single chicken infected can result in forced slaughtering of the entire flock to prevent any further spreading. Farmers have started to take precautions in order to prevent future outbreaks.

Amidst the crisis, the political world has gone back-and-forth about egg

prices, with a report from the USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) claims that egg prices increased 13.8% in January 2025 and predicts that it'll increase about an estimated 41.1% this year.

Many democrats blame the Trump administration for doing too little to address the situation; Meanwhile, advocacy groups and lawmakers are pleading for an investigation of the egg industry and their practices. What does this mean for our school?

"We don't use raw eggs at all," said Mrs. Lacey, head of the cafeteria. "We hardly use any eggs, so it doesn't really affect us all." According to Mrs. Lacey, the breakfast items served on campus are pre-cooked and frozen so they're safe to eat.

We can expect this safety at home too, with everyone in the egg industry providing grocery stores with clean and safely consumable eggs. The USDA has announced a \$1 billion dollar plan to combat the situation; however, the process could take a long time. At this time, it is best for us to eat other breakfast food like tofu, oatmeals, and yogurts that provide our daily nutrients.



Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

By: Dyanara Chavez

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th because of the anniversary of St. Patrick's death.

Saint Patrick is a patron saint of Ireland who spread Christianity to Ireland in the 5th century by explaining the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and using the three leaves of a native Irish clover.

The Irish celebrate St. Patrick's Day with parades and ensembles. St. Patrick's day is a day where many people wear green attire because of Celtic folk tales, in which they will be invisible to leprechauns and won't be pinched.

The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland but in St. Augustine, Florida.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated all around the world; such as Japan, Singapore, and Russia.