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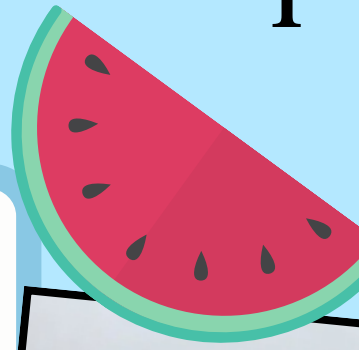




Crazy and Creative Promposal Ideas!

By: *Gianna Manderichio*

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Prom season is coming up for Jonathan Dayton High School, meaning promposals are the popular topic of conversation for many students! Promposals can be extravagant with a poster and flowers, or as simple as a box of donuts with the word, "Prom?" written on the lid. Here are some of the craziest and creative ideas to get that special person to say yes to prom.



The first promposal requires some commitment to the act and love for the Minions! To begin, you have to find the perfect overalls, yellow shirt, and goggles. Next, you write on your sign, "You're one in a minion...prom?" To top it off, get them a bouquet of bananas that look like flowers. This "Despicable Me" themed promposal will definitely make anyone say, "ba ba boy! (Yes, in English)."

This promposal is the perfect idea for someone who likes to prank people, but make sure your victim will find it funny! You can use Post-its spelling out "Prom?" If you want to add an extra sense of creativity, create a sign that says, "Will you stick with me at prom?"



If your prom date is a foodie like I am, this simple yet funny idea will blow them away. Order them their favorite wings from Wingstop and write, "I'm gonna wing it...will you go to prom with me?" If you want to get crazy, put some barbecue skewers in the wings and make a wing-themed bouquet.

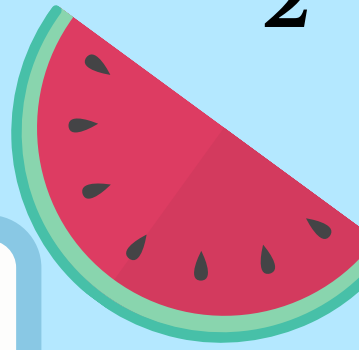




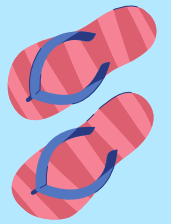
How To Actually Rest (NOT JUST SCROLL) This Summer

By: Brianna Arias

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We wait all year for summer, since it's supposed to be a break, but it's so easy to waste your entire summer scrolling through useless apps, and the next thing you know it's already September, and you're still exhausted. Real rest isn't staring at your phone all day long; it's doing things that actually recharge you mentally, physically, and emotionally. That could mean sleeping, while knowing you don't have an alarm set, going outside for a stroll, or just taking time to be alone without constant notifications. The first thing many people do in the morning is pick up their phone, immediately becoming so intrigued by other peoples' fake lives, that they don't even pay attention to their own. Try starting your day without your phone for just 30 minutes and become productive early in the morning, so the rest of the day you can take for yourself. Over the summer many people pick up various hobbies such as reading, drawing, a new sport, gardening, bike-riding, etc. Staying active and keeping yourself busy in any way possible is a great way to spend your summer instead of scrolling. This does not mean ditch your phone entirely, however, mixing in real rest and real life activities will help you get your head into the right state of mind for school again.

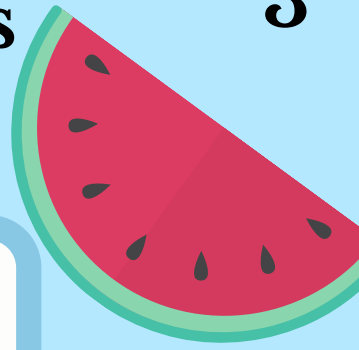




Summer Bucket List Ideas

By: Lila Carroll

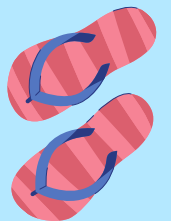
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Each year, there is always the pressure of making sure you have the perfect summer, with crazy plans and exciting destinations. To help achieve this goal, you should make a summer bucket list! Grab poster paper, markers, and fun decorations, and begin your planning!

To start your perfect summer bucket list, let's start off with some thrilling spots:

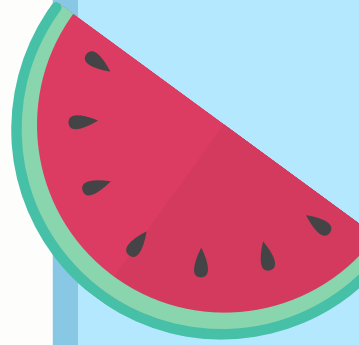
- **Essex County Treetop Adventure Course:** The Essex County Treetop Adventure Course is an exhilarating obstacle course designed for both adults and kids (Adult Course and Junior Course). At the adult course, one can climb up to 35 feet high, navigating through 30 different obstacle challenges. The junior course reaches up to 10 feet high, offering 15 obstacles. Additionally, you can soar through the air on the Zipline! The Treetop Adventure Course is a great way to enjoy the outdoors!
- **Cranford Canoe Club:** On a glistening, shining summer day, you may want to do something involving water. This rental service offers both canoes and kayaks available to rent for a couple hours on the water! While traveling on your boat of choice, you will get exposure to the calm Rahway River! You can kayak/canoe on your own or you can bring someone along with you!



Even if those two options do not sound appealing to you, here are some other simple ways to spend your summer days:

- Mini Golfing!
- The Beach!
- Community Pool!
- Homemade Slip and Slide!
- Pickleball!
- Picnic!
- Visit a Garden!
- Attend a Concert!
- Hiking or Camping!
- Cookout with Friends!

With these fun ideas, your summer will be completely filled! Enjoy!

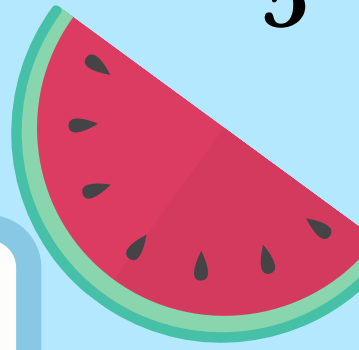




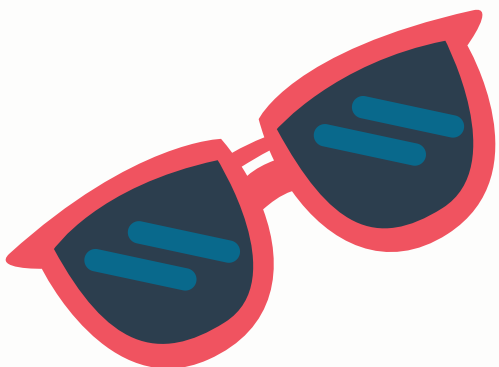
Summer Watchlist

By: Talulah Whelan and Ava Pallitta

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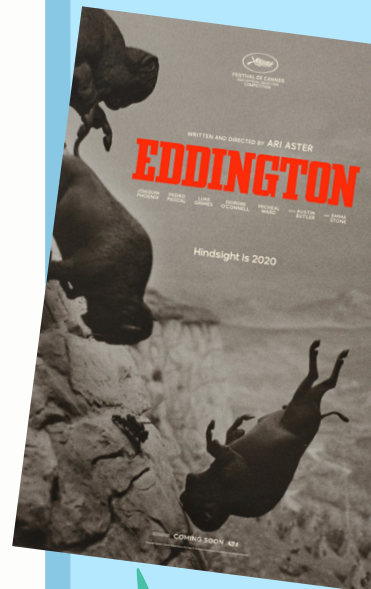


“Materialists,” directed by Celine Song, is set to hit theaters on June 13th. A romance and comedy, “Materialists” is described as a toxic love triangle between a matchmaker (Dakota Johnson), her ex-boyfriend (Chris Evans), and a surprisingly perfect match (Pedro Pascal). Instead of creating matches, Johnson’s character finds herself searching for her own for a change. Accompanying her brilliant cast is newly famed director, Celine Song. Coming off her stunning 2023 drama, “Past Lives,” Song has made a name for herself in the industry with two Oscar nominations under her belt. Ever since, Song’s audience has been waiting to see what she will do next. Questions about whether one could expect another devastating bilingual dialogue have been circulating from the moment it was announced Song was curating her sophomore film. Even though a rom-com may be considered a risk after such a significant film like “Past Lives,” “Materialists” is sure to be a success with its star-studded cast and intriguing plot. Could it be the summer movie of 2025?



“Freakier Friday,” directed by Nisha Ganatra will be following up its predecessor of 22 years “Freaky Friday” on August 8th. The prequel, starring Lindsay Lohan and Jamie Lee Curtis, as a mother and daughter duo who unexpectedly switch bodies, was a heartwarming staple of the 2000’s Lindsay Lohan “It girl” saga, and the golden age of teen comedies (“Mean Girls,” “She’s the Man,” “Bring it On”). The original was a massive hit in the box office, and the hearts of mothers and daughters everywhere, so the question is: “will the combined star power of the reprised roles be enough to outdo the previous movie?” In the time between the series, Jamie Lee Curtis has certainly remained a respected household name, receiving an Academy Award for her role in “Everything Everywhere All At Once,” in 2023. Her costar, Lindsay Lohan’s infamous fall from the spotlight and into controversy has seen redemption in the past few years, and her notoriety certainly hasn’t declined. “Freakier Friday” is sure to draw fans both old and new to see the expansion of a favorite franchise, and it just might have all the makings of a smash hit.

Ari Aster’s “Eddington” is set to release on July 18th. This western and comedy takes place during the COVID-19 pandemic in the small town of Eddington, New Mexico. The climax of the film occurs when the town sheriff (Joaquin Phoenix) and the mayor (Pedro Pascal) stand off on the hysteria surrounding the townspeople, as well as the political and social issues gripping the nation. Other notable cast members include Emma Stone, the sheriff’s wife, and Austin Butler, a townspeople thrown into the circling drama. One might assume curating a film about the COVID-19 pandemic, only five years after its occurrence, is a risk. In this case, they would be right. “Eddington” premiered at the 2025 Cannes Film Festival on May 16th, with mixed reviews. While some audience members celebrated the mention of such issues as race, political identity, social media, and conspiracy theories, others found the film to be hard to swallow. Nonetheless, “Eddington” touches on the current situation the American nation is trapped in, and brings up questions on how to overcome its issues. But, the only way for one to truly form an opinion on the film is if they go out to a theater on July 18th, and see for themselves!

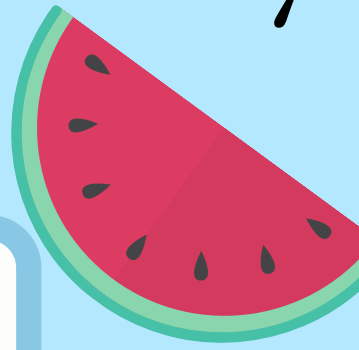




Think Piece Alert: Would Glee Work Today?

By: Talulah Whelan

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“Glee.” You either love it, hate it, or you’re unaware of it because you had a boyfriend in high school. No matter, here’s my take on the majorly camp show choir soap opera thus far (I’ve just recently hit season 3, and as I understand it, it’s all going downhill from here).

As a prerequisite: I’m a gleek...I’m seriously a step away from making a (season two) Kurt Hummel altar in my basement that I can sacrifice designer suspenders to, and you can catch me next Halloween in my Sue Sylvester costume. I unironically love this show and hold enormous respect for the voice and space that it gave to generations of plucky, diverse, weird, annoying Kurts and Rachels alike. I believe that this impact that far extends past its limited time on air can be held separately from some of the elements that show its age.

Suffice it to say that this early seasons review and look at the show through the modern lens comes from a place of love, adoration and respect for everyone and is an objective look at its relevance and likelihood of success now with an admiration for what it did in the space and time that it existed so prevalently in pop culture.

So the question persists- “Would ‘Glee’ Work Today?”- and as much as it pains me to do so I have to admit defeat and digress that the community the show created is not enough to justify the tone deafness that it traded for cheap laughs. The top three “Glee” atrocities are as follows:



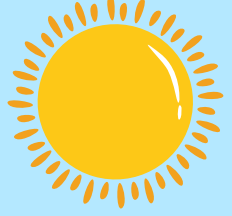
- The 'Mercedes is lazy plotline.' "Glee" being an ensemble comedy focuses on the members of the William McKinley High School Glee club with a spotlight on Broadway-bound virtuoso Rachel Berry often holding her in direct comparison to Mercedes Jones, an equally talented and dynamic diva who is Black. In the show Mercedes' constant frustration at Rachel's not at all humble-hogging of the spotlight although they perform at the same level is shared by the viewer, quelled by the assumption that Mercedes will eventually get her due. However, when the two go up against each other in a cumulative audition in season 3, Mercedes' constant rejection from the limelight is revealed to be due to the belief that she is 'lazy.' For a show that at its heart is about the people beneath the stereotypes, "Glee" often finds itself towing the line and falling into them.
- The controversial casting. In the cult-classic series, an original member of the William McKinley Glee Club is Artie Abrams, a nerdy, sometimes smug high schooler with big dreams of being a director, who also happens to be "handicapable" (as he is referred to in the show). The inclusion of Artie's character in itself is a great success in "Glee's" mission of acceptance and visibility for every kind of underdog. His storyline is handled, for the most part, with care and sensitivity, however, the issue arises in the actor that plays Artie, Kevin McHale. McHale is not wheelchair bound, which when taken into consideration with the beliefs the show preaches seems completely at odds with its message. Would it not have been much more meaningful to give an actual handicapped person this role and the opportunity to exist in the mainstream media? Wouldn't that truly have been in the spirit of real world, not fictional, inclusion?



- Casual racism, violence and body shaming (main culprit: Sue Sylvester). “Glee’s” approach to any forms of discrimination can only be described as tongue in cheek. Because of the show’s premise, high school losers coming together to collectively value their own and each other’s worth and uniqueness, it seems that the showrunners have decided no discrimination is off limits. Their inside jokes which are often at the expense of minorities and include: casual racism, homophobia, and less than subtle body shaming, are more often than not delivered by a gleefully cruel McKinley High cheer coach- Sue Sylvester- who sees no significant consequences throughout the series. The show’s tasteless cracks were certainly never in an attitude of exclusion, more in a misguided pursuit of representation. However, even if the show itself was so much of an underdog, at some point it felt justified to make these quips, its emergence into the mainstream means that some of the people laughing are taking the jokes not as satire, but for face value. Having a Jewish character named Jacob Ben Israel may be funny to some people, for all the wrong reasons.

It’s no doubt that “Glee” made strides in the time it was on air. Its sensitive portrayal of mental health crises, realistic coming-out storylines, queer visibility, and diversity were all enormously touching and important in the purpose that they served, but it’s certain that some aspects should be left in the past.





Senior Word of Advice

Briana Polanco

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As a writer and now chief editor of “The Dawg Print,” I was glad to join this club in the 11th grade. When I had joined, I thought it would bring me back to the time in my life where I would write articles in my 3rd grade Saturday School Club, having the same creative liberty and the fun articles I would write based on whatever I felt like. I’m glad to say that “The Dawg Print” rekindled all of that my junior and senior year. As I reflect on my senior year as a chief editor, a DCA student, a Dayton girls’ tennis player, and a student with many leadership positions, how could I do all of this?? And to that I say, I couldn’t.

I would often be so overwhelmed that I would close my computer and not reopen it for four hours, after taking a mental cool down. And after four years of doing that, I am glad it was needed. Senior year was admittedly challenging, but being able to hold myself together the other three years got me through my senior year without completely losing it. Getting waitlisted at your dream school in NYC, not getting the scholarships you needed –in the end, once you look back at all of it, and when you get the degree, you know it was still worth it.

And whether you find yourself in the same overwhelming situations, it’s ok to breathe. It’s ok to stop, because the whole world is going too fast for you. If AP Art History’s 250 art works jumble in your brain, AP Government class makes you want never to watch “Hamilton” again, or after APUSH you can’t tell one war from another, and AP Stats has you thinking you know how to solve a problem, until you get your test score back – it was all worth it, once that diploma hits your hand. And even if you don’t have an emotional support system to back you up, a good friend to lean on, or a family that won’t understand why you **MUST** stay up till 1am to study, you rely on yourself. And to rely on yourself, you need to let yourself stop and breathe.

Thank you to “The Dawg Print” for an excellent year of being able to write articles and eventually becoming the editor-in-chief. And to future editors, writers, or really ANY students, take a breath and enjoy the ride!

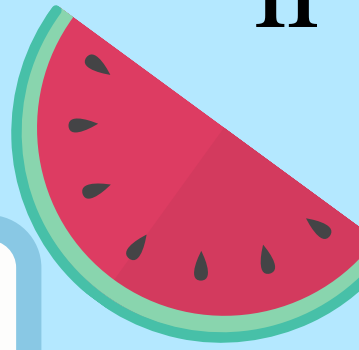




TikTok Craze: Glow House Outfit & Mukbang Ratings

By: Gianna Manderichio and Lila Carroll

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TikTok is one of the most popular apps available for teenagers with over a billion active users. From lip syncing your favorite song to getting ready on camera, TikTok has many categories that tailor to your For You Page. With the popular rise of influencers, there has been an increase in shared content creator houses. One of the more known and newer houses is the Glow House. In order to promote their content and involve other creators in their house, they hosted a party claiming to spread positivity.

As fashion reviewers, it is only fitting to rate the best and worst outfits of the party. Starting off strong with my favorite look is by 13-year-old Zuza. Her approach for a look to the party is nothing short of classy and fitting for the event with a sparkly black dress and a white shawl. She included pearl beads, earrings, and silver matching jewelry. Her look is by far my favorite alongside her best friend Samara. Samara similarly went with the classic look with a red dress and brown fur shawl. I must admit, I am a huge fan of Samara's style regularly and her GRWM (Get Ready With Me) videos but this look absolutely blew me away. On a lower note, Julia Hill (aka Mysterious girl) disappointed me with a simple blue dress that looked like a garbage bag on her. The dress was baggy in all the wrong places and did not flatter her in the slightest. The color was suitable for her darker hair color and eyes, but overall didn't excite me.

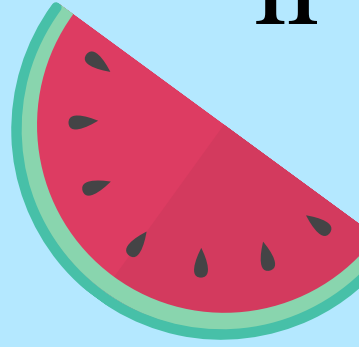
- TikTok Mukbangs:

Throughout the globe, TikTok has captured the attention of people of all ages. One category in particular, granted the name "Mukbangs," is a video of a creator eating food in front of a camera for views. These videos have blown up on the internet, and created a new form of entertainment for viewers. I am going to review some of the most popular Mukbangers, and what I think of each one.



First is the popular creator “Jane Mukbangs.” This TikTokker is known for her food Mukbangs and reviews. Jane Mukbangs most famously eats Chipotle, with her extra-large burrito in one hand, and side of queso or guacamole in the other. Jane has also broadened her horizon as she now enjoys other foods. One of her next most popular foods is Wingstop. Personally, I really enjoy her Mukbangs. Jane does not speak that much during her videos, and mostly focuses on eating. She also is not a messy eater, which makes it more satisfying to watch. Jane makes sure to include each bite, and explain to us what she is eating.

Second, another popular Mukbanger named JellyBeanSweets has taken over TikTok. JellyBeanSweets organically posted Just Dance dancing videos during COVID-19, and has recently switched over to the Mukbang side of TikTok over the past year. Although I have no problem with her, I do not personally enjoy her Mukbangs. She makes videos where she tries to eat a large amount of food in a short amount of time, and I do not enjoy these. The better mukbang videos, in my opinion, are the slower ones. She also orders a large amount of food and is a messy eater, which makes her videos unappetizing to viewers.



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