

Pirate Press Chest



AP 8th Grade English

January 2019



January 2019 Important Dates

Jan. 9 8am 2nd Quarter Awards Assembly
3pm Pie at a Teacher Assembly

Jan 25 TSA to Denver

On Most Wed. @7am Coffee & Curriculum



January Student of the Month

By Mattie Lewin

Student of the month for January is Kylie Smith. Kylie is a 7th grader at Vineland Middle School, and her favorite subject is social studies. Kylie plays two sports, basketball and dance. Her favorite book is *Tangerine*. After high school and college, she plans on becoming a second grade teacher. When asked if she could travel anywhere in the world where would you visit, she responded, "Italy."

Kylie has always lived in Pueblo Colorado. Kylie's favorite movie is sandlots and favorite music is pop or country. Her favorite food is pasta, and her hobbies consist of dance and basketball. Kylie has a dog at home named Murphy who is a Jack Russell Terrier. When asked who is her hero Kylie responded, "My mom, because she helps me with everything and she is there for me."



Dance Team Lights It Up!

Vineland Middle School's Dance Team consists of the following members: Emily Crouch, Allissa Hancock, Chloe Mondragon, Samantha Baker, Gabrielle VanZandt, Lola Hickman, Liz Garcia, Victoria Sigler, Shania Martinez, and Hannah Sais.

Not only have the girls been practicing for three months but they have also been performing at at least one game a week. The team has been working on technique, artistry, and synchronization. Conditioning and working out at practice is also a big part of their preparation.

The girls competed this last weekend at Chaparral High School in Parker, CO hosted by Dance Team Union. Their category was Middle School Hip Hop. Not only did they win their division but they also got the opportunity to take a one hour workshop from a professional dancer.



The Cherry on Top

By: Kenny Shorten

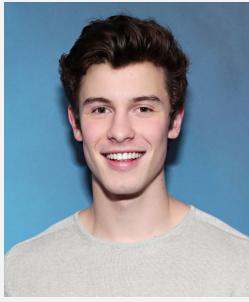
On January 9th, 2019, following an amazing performance by our dance team, the My Life Program held a 'Pie in the Face' assembly. The assembly was a huge success as students screamed with joy after pelting their favorite teachers with whipped cream. The staff who volunteered as targets were Mrs. Payan, Mr. Mandarich, Mrs. Gibbs, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Knecht, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Richie, Mrs. Scott, and Mrs. Bulman. Astonishingly, so many tickets were sold that many students were refunded their money, as there was not enough time for all that pie! The assembly was a huge success, and we hope they do more in the future!



January Music

Review

By:Olivia Baker



Shawn Mendes has the hearts of millions. Mostly, Elizabeth Paul. She’s an 8th grader at Vineland Middle School. His music is upbeat and fun to dance to. He is a pop star that blew up overnight.

His first album, called *Handwritten*, made everyone go crazy the first time they heard his voice. Shawn’s first hit was called *Life of the Party*. Every fan knew that that song was going to be a hit. The first songs that went on the radio and everyone was singing would be a tie between *Mercy* and *Treat You Better* from Mendes’s second album *Illuminate*. Everyone all over the world knew who he was when those songs hit the air.

They were played non-stop. Then in 2018, Mendes came out with an album called *Shawn Mendes*. He should continue to be an important music artist for the 21st century.



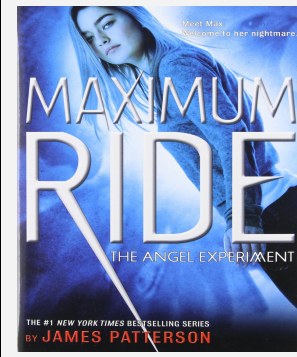
“New Year’s Resolution”

By: Gianna Manzanares

Moms and dads love to stuff everyone on a Christmas day with the huge meal. But New Years is always around the corner. The normal phrase is “New Year, New Me”, when people love to come up with ridiculous resolutions that they never end up committing to, such as losing weight or eating healthy. A lot of people choose physical resolutions but some people set mental goals that help with the physical goals, like thinking before you act helps with weight loss and choosing what foods to eat and choosing to exercise or not.

But scientists say that most people don’t keep their resolutions. Sometimes it’s either the convenience of being healthy or the hard work it takes like signing to a gym if you have the time or buying the organic foods if you have the money.

To all those people I would say not to let the setbacks set you back because people love to make excuses to the point that they just give up. Make sure that those things don’t hold you back and you’re able to set your goals and achieve them.



January Book Review

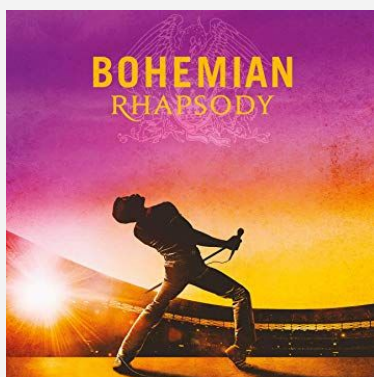
By Roman Dominguez

Many books will draw you in by their cover, and when you read them, they are horrible. I’ve read a couple of those books.

But maybe you don’t read the book when you see the cover. Maybe you read the back to see if you want to read it. Whatever you do when you’re looking at books you’re trying to read, you definitely want to read this one.

Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment. James Patterson is a great author and one of his book series that’s good and captures your attention are the Maximum Ride series. Involving plot twists, action, mystery, and just a tinge of romance, the Maximum Ride series will capture your attention. It’s about a girl and her group of friends, or flock as she likes to call them, trying to escape from these scientists doing experiments at a place called the School. They experimented on Max and her friends when they were young, and turned them into human-avian hybrids. Crazy right?

Anyways, if you want to read this series, you won’t regret it. In The Angel Experiment, Max and her friends are running from the school while getting chased by Erasers, half wolf hybrids. As the story continues it tells you how Max needs to find a way to save the world. But how does a 14 year-old kid go about doing that? You’ll have to read the series to find out. Basically, what I’m trying to say is, the Maximum Ride series is amazing and you should definitely get around to reading it. Believe me, you won’t regret it.



Bohemian Rhapsody Movie Review

By: Emma Newsom

Bohemian Rhapsody was a huge hit in the last few months of 2018. This movie is a biography/drama about famous singer Freddie Mercury of the band known as Queen. Based on a true story Bohemian Rhapsody was a phenomenally written film. This movie tells the incredible story of the band known as Queen, and how their journey started, the many struggles they had and so much more that even myself as a Queen fan did not know. The lead role of Freddie Mercury is Rami Malek. The cast of this movie had the amazing opportunity to work with the members of Queen (those of which who are still alive and part of the band.)

The Live Aid Concert that Queen played on July 13th of 1985 was one of the most important parts of their careers, and one of the biggest moments of their lives as well as one of the most important if not the most important part of the movie. This scene took the cast and crew a number of tries and hours to film it just right. In the end it took a little over 5 days to film this part because this was such a long scene.

Overall, it took the filming crew, writers, and cast a total of 10 years to create this movie but the outcome of all of the hard work definitely paid off. I truly believe this movie displayed the true heart behind Queen as a band and family. It also showed the true heart of who Freddie Mercury really was as a person and as a performer.

Flat Screen - How It Works

By: Allisson Hancock



Have you ever wondered how a common household electronic works? Well, I'm here to tell you how a flat screen TV works.

There are 3 types

of Flat Screen TVs. There's LCD (Liquid Crystal Display)TV, PDP (Plasma Display Panels) TV, and LED (Light Emitting Diode) TV. I am going to explain to you how a LCD TV works.

The very first TV was invented in 1927 by a 21 year old by the name of Philo Taylor Farnsworth. Taylor lived in a house without electricity until he was 14. The first TV networks were NBC, CBS, and ABC which are still around today. The LCD TV was invented by George H. Heilmeier in 1988. The first 14 inch color LCD TV model was called Crystaltron. The first flat screen TV was sold in 1997 and was sold for \$15,000.

A LCD TV and a plasma TV use the same technology of switching pixels to produce a moving picture. Each of these pixels is colored red, green, or blue. In a LCD TV, a colored picture is produced because the pixels use liquid crystals that rotate polarized light. A LCD TV works when a bright light turns on when the TV is turned on. In front of the light, there are millions of pixels that are further separated into sub pixels. When the light is turned on in the back of the tv, the liquid crystals are also turned on. These crystals rotate to permit rays of light to pass through the polarizing filters.

Depending on what pixel the light touches, the pixel produces a certain color. Well, that finishes up how a LCD TV works. I hope you learned something!



Backwards Day

By: Hattie Dunn

Backwards Day is the day when you do everything backwards, wear your shirt the wrong way or even eat dinner for breakfast. On January 29, 1961 Sarah Nicole Miller and Megan Emily Scott created Backwards Day. But that was only when it got the title that we call it. Backwards Day was called Saturnalia in Rome and they took it really literally, masters would serve slaves and gambling was allowed. Other cultures also took part in this holiday. Romans would elect a "King of Saturnalia" and he would give orders and watch the gift giving. The gifts were commonly little wax or pottery figurines that they called sigillaria. Saturnalia has elements of Christmas and Backwards day, because they would give gifts and switch roles.

Some ways to celebrate Backwards Day are by wearing your shirt backwards or even wearing pajamas. You can say bye instead of hi. You can walk, talk, and write backwards. While this doesn't make crimes and gambling legal, it is a silly holiday to celebrate and can lighten up the month of January and start the year off on with a good start. All you have to do is a simple wardrobe change or mix up the way you walk or speak. This holiday is simple but fun and makes a holiday for January, and you don't have to spend money or take time to plan a party to celebrate it. You can even make pineapple upside down cake. Be silly and fun during Backwards Day and have fun with the ideas.



How Popsockets Were Made?

By: Izaiah Padilla

It all started with glued together buttons that David Barnett glued to the back of his Iphone back in 2011. He used them as a holder for his earbuds. The earbuds would get tangled up in his pocket and would drive him insane. So later his family and friends had a little gathering and everyone was making fun of Barnett for the weird buttons behind his phone.

Later that year Barnett had a tough year with his house burning down due to Colorado wildfires. The fire was bittersweet for Barnett because it gave him money to design and make what he wanted to be named the PopSocket. He learned simple CAD for the assembly. He kept sending China sketches to make it and they sent him back 60 models of his sketch.

Barnett was born and raised in Boulder, Colorado and is a former professor there. The company is still in the Fort Collins area. Barnett started to sell Popsockets out of his garage back in 2014. Now PopSocket is a worldwide company that is sold at Amazon, Target, Best Buy, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Walmart. The company has grown from only selling 30,000 PopSockets in a year to selling more 35 million Popsocket to 40 countries. Many customers love this wonderful invention because it is a life saver from dropping on concrete and is a big help for teens taking selfies.

PopSockets are a big help to many people worldwide. I think it is cool that gluing buttons to the back of your ear phones can become such a big invention. David Barnett really worked hard on making his product great.



Pineapple Upside Down Cake

By Tyler Prater

Ingredients:

- 25 Pineapple Slices
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 2/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 10 maraschino cherries
- 1 pkg. (2-layer size) yellow or pineapple-flavored cake mix
- 2/3 cup of pineapple juice

How to Bake The Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

- 1.Cut your pineapple into 25 slices
- 2.Stir together melted butter and brown sugar in 12-inch skillet with heat-proof handle. Arrange pineapple slices in sugar mixture. Place cherry in center of each pineapple slice.
- 3.Prepare cake mix according to package directions, replacing some of the water with the 2/3 cup of juice that is needed to prepare the batter. Pour batter evenly over pineapple.

Bake at 350 F°, 35 to 40 minutes. Cool 5 minutes. Loosen edges and invert onto serving platter.



6 Things you Should Know About Shawn Mendes
By: Elizabeth Paul

Shawn Mendes is a singer-songwriter that is very popular today. Shawn has some shocking facts that may blow you out of your seat. The first interesting fact is: when he was young, at about 13 years old, he began to teach himself how to play the guitar. The young boy watched YouTube tutorials and practiced everyday and gradually got better.

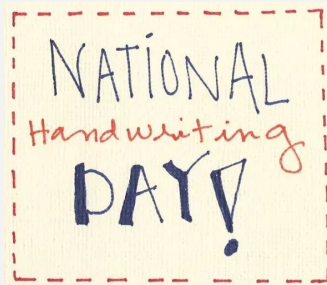
Second, Shawn Mendes is actually a Canadian. Born in Toronto, Canada on August 8, 1998 and today is 20 years old.

Fact number three is a good one! Shawn actually became famous within just days. He posted a few short videos of himself singing covers of popular songs on an app called Vine. With Shawn's 6 second cover, hundreds of people mouth dropped when they first saw Shawn's natural talent, and his social media started to blow up instantly. Thats crazy, right?

Going on to number four, Mr. Mendes dropped his first single "Life of The Party" in June 2014 at age 15. After he released his song, Shawn began to go on tours and sometimes even nationwide tours with other famous people such as Austin Mahone.

Fact number five is more about his homelife and family. Shawn has a mother and a father, as well as a little sister. His mother is Karen Mendes, his father, Manual Mendes and his sister is Aaliyah Mendes. Shawn went to school at Pine Ridge Secondary School for his education.

The last fact, fact number six is about his hit albums. In 2016 he released an album called "Handwritten" and it was on the Billboard 200. Within the first week he sold over thousands of copies and his album was ranked 4. In 2017 he then released another album called "Illuminate". That album ranked number one. He is now one of the most famous pop singers.



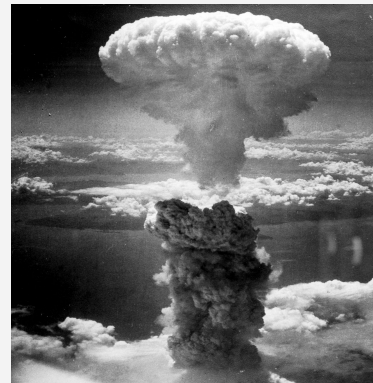
National Handwriting Day
by: Seth Fitzsimmons

National Handwriting Day is an unofficial holiday that we celebrate writing with a pen or pencil. This day falls on the day of January 23 which is also John Hancock's birthday! Even though this was invented in the 1970's, it is considered a holiday that is growing importance with each passing year. Why you ask? The art of handwriting is losing stability because of the use of computers, tablets and phones via text messaging. Now here is some history on handwriting.

The ancient Romans were the first to develop a written script for correspondence based on aspects they borrowed from the Etruscan alphabet. In its early form, it was a simple method of recording transactions and communicating with other people but by the fifth century, it had started to evolve into a form that flowed quite a bit like modern cursive writing does. However, the development and discipline of handwriting would eventually come to rest with various monasteries after the Roman Empire fell. This was especially true in Christian monasteries, who continued to crank out classical texts all over Europe.

A photo that changed history.

By: Allissa Hancock



One of the most iconic photos of our lifetime is that of US forces dropping the A-bomb, called "Fat Man". This picture was taken by Lieutenant Charles Levy.

In World War II, the United States dropped two atomic bombs in Japan. Nuclear bombs are weapons of mass destruction. They harness the forces that hold the nucleus of an atom together by using the energy released when the particles of the nucleus (neutrons and protons) are either split or merged.

The bomb had great impact as it took the lives of over 80,000 people. Three days after an atomic bomb nicknamed Little Boy destroyed Hiroshima, Japan, U.S. forces dropped an even more powerful weapon named "Fat Man" on Nagasaki. The explosion shot up a 45,000-foot-high column of radioactive dust and debris.

36 Hours in Costa Rica

By: Alex Apodaca

A remarkable place to visit this new year is Costa Rica. Costa Rica is country located in south America for its beautiful rainforests and active volcanoes. This region with such magnificent venues has activities everyone will enjoy.

So to start out the day simple at 12:00pm a mentional place to visit is the Pre-Columbian Gold Museum. The museum is locally known by the name Museo del Oro Precolombino with the museum actually located underground. The museum contains over 1,600 fragments of artwork dated from 500 A.D. to 1500 A.D. Some of the pieces of artwork being gold animal figurines, amulets, jewelry pieces, and some famous paintings by the famous Costa Rican Artist Lola Fernandez.

The next activity starting at 2:00pm is snorkeling at the Tamarindo Diving. The average snorkeling tour lasts for about four hours. During the snorkeling tour you may observe many types of exotic fish, sea stars, even whales during migration. Some of the exoctic fish include Sailfish, Marlin, Yellowfin tuna, Rooster Fish, and even Red Snappers.

Another activity starting at 6:00pm is the Rainforest Explorers at Arenal Volcano National Park. The trip includes hiking, wildlife, and hot springs. The wildlife in the area includes Ocelot, Three-Toed Tree Sloths, Toucans, Whited Headed Capuchin Monkey, and Strawberry Poison Dart Frogs. The national park is open till 10:00pm leaving up to four hours of hiking and exploration.

To begin the day starting at 10:00am a wonderful place to visit is the Alturas Wildlife Sanctuary. Tours lasting about an hour and a half will inform you of the history, biology, and needs in captivity. The animals seen in the wildlife preserve includes various types of Monkeys, Toucans, Jaguarundis, and Macaws.



Starting at 12:30pm another place to visit is the Zipline in Jacó. The average visits lasts up to two hours and includes lots of local Costa Rican culture. The visit includes sight seeing well zip lining and plenty of quick wildlife observations. The only problems with the trip is you must have at least two booked for riding the zipline, you cannot have heart problems, the venue is not wheelchair accessible, and is not recommended for people with back problems.

Then to continue the trip starting a 3;00pm would be the Black Stallion Eco Park and Estate. The visit includes a group horse riding tour lasting up to five hours with a meal included with lots of sightseeing with lots of wonderful views and plenty of wildlife sightings.

To conclude the trip Starting a 8:00pm is a walk along the Punta UVa Beach. The beach has a fantastic view of the surrounding waters and peaceful environment. The walk is recommended to be about two to three hours long based of common preference.

There was the best way to spend 36 hours in fantastic Costa Rica.

Meet/Dual/Tri	Place	Time
Fri. Jan. 11th Centennial MS Tourney	Centennial Gym	1:00
Tues. Jan. 15th PAA @ West ECMS @ CIMS La Junta, Roncalli @ Heaton	Risley @ Craver	5:00
Wed. Jan. 16th East MS Tourney	East Gym	4:00
Tues. Jan. 22nd Heaton @ Risley Craver @ CIMS La Junta, Roncalli @ Heaton	Roncalli @ West Heroes @ ECMS	5:00
Sat. Jan. 26th DHPH MS Tourney	DHPH	8:00
Tues. Jan. 29th Roncalli @ Craver CIMS @ Heaton West, Heroes @ La Junta	PAA @ Risley County @ ECMS	5:00
Fri/Sat Feb 1st/2nd Open		
Tues. Feb. 5th Risley @ Roncalli CIMS @ La Junta ECMS @ Heaton	Heroes @ PAA	5:00
Thurs. Feb. 7th County West @ Craver D70 Classic	Rye HS Gym	1:00
Fri. Feb. 8th South MS Tourney	South Gym	1:00
Tues. Feb. 12th Heroes @ CIMS Roncalli @ PAA Craver, La Junta @ Risley	ECMS @ West Heaton @ County	5:00
Tues. Feb. 19th PAA @ CIMS West @ Heaton La Junta, ECMS @ Roncalli	Risley @ County Heroes @ Craver	5:00
Mon. Feb. 25th City-County Meet	Central Gym	3:00

Wrestling

By: Justin Sciumbato

Wrestling started on January 7, 2019 for the Mesa team between Vineland middle school and Pleasant View middle school. Their first match is on Friday the 11th against Heros at Centennial high school at 3pm. They practice Monday-Thursday from 3:45 to 5:45 pm at Pleasant view middle school. They won city last year and are looking to do the same thing this year. They are dedicated to the team and are looking forward to the season ahead of them. They are all excited for the match on Friday the 11th to see how they will react to their title.

Stay open minded. Things aren't always what they seem to be.

Why do humans just assume?

By Gavin Kimball

Humans assume because it's like an answer to us because we can never be 100% certain about an answer. So in other words it is like an answer that we can truly believe. Us humans also want to be able to decide something so we decide by making an assumption about an object or another thing like an emotion that isn't physical. It's a very rude or mean way to decide something but it's completely natural for humans we've been doing this action since the stone age. Everyone assumes about some nature of a person just by their appearance because of stereotypes. Stereotypes are like something that usually goes along with your appearance such as people with tattoos being aggressive. It's just a normal action that humans will do in order to have an understanding that makes sense to them.

Assuming is also a way of humor that can be used in comedy shows. The only thing that's bad about using it as comedy is you have to have the right type of humor or thinking to really find it funny. The people who don't find it funny and don't see it as a joke tend to say it goes with stereotypes and that is not a very cool thing. If you're going to joke about something like this you'd have to be around the right group of people so you don't get yelled at or in trouble. In the end just don't assume ask people about something you're confused about don't go with stereotypes or anything that is in the same category as that..



Girls Basketball, Vineland Middle School

By Mychael Jones

Practice begins

1/7/19. Varsity-A's first game is Wednesday, January 16, 2019, Roncalli Middle School, 5:30 P.M. Varsity-B's first game is Wednesday, January 16, 2019, Roncalli Middle School, 4:30 P.M. Up-to-date physical forms are required for player participation. Each practice is held at 4:30 P.M.

Mr. Miller will be one of the Vineland Middle School basketball coaches. He is also a math teacher for standard eighth grade math. He has played basketball ever since middle school, and definitely has a knack for it, because he has won a state championship alongside the current principal, Sandy Gibbs. Our coach is looking forward to a great season. He has been the basketball coach for two years at Vineland, and is a fantastic coach. He is gradually improving as he gains experience, and soon he will bring the Vineland team a great season.



Thesaurus Day

By: Emily Crouch

Friday, January 18, 2019 is Thesaurus day. People on this day carry a thesaurus around with them all day. They use it anytime they talk to someone. There are also many synonym games people play on this day. Impress your family and friends with big, complicated, and fancy sounding words to celebrate this lexicographic holiday. It is to make your vocabulary more professional. You can impress many different people with big words. Most libraries have tons of activities. They play games describing people. The object of the game is to say as many words as you can describing the person in a minute. They have multiple games that teachers love because it teaches the kids about synonyms. They have some books on display too about synonyms and antonyms. The library is a very good place to go if you would like to celebrate this day.

