



To Use. or Not to Use ChatGPT?

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Have you seen the students in class using ChatGPT? Well, if so, today I'm going to talk about whether ChatGPT is a good school resource, or if it's a bad resource.

ChatGPT is known as a chatbot and it's capable of understanding and works like a human brain, and it gives you answers to basically anything. Ever since AI has came out, a lot of students have been using it. ChatGPT could be used in many different ways, and here is some pros and cons

PROS

- I use ChatGPT so I could get extra help, just like a tutor, so this is one-way students could use ChatGPT
- It can help students understand what they got wrong on a quiz or a homework assignment.

CONS

According to my research ChatGPT has so many cons, so I'm going to list 2 of them. For example. . .

- ChatGPT has privacy and security risks, which can cause data leakage.
- ChatGPT can cause accuracy issues which makes it prone to hallucinations, generating false, biased, or outdated information.

What Might Happen Next in Venezuela?

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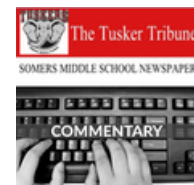
You most likely know about what happened to the president in Venezuela, or maybe you don't, and if you don't, I will be talking about what happened.

To start off the president of Venezuela's name is Nicholas Maduro. Nicholas Maduro was captured by the U.S forces on January 3rd. Now let's talk about what happened and why he got captured. First, the U.S forces carried out a military operation inside Venezuela and captured Maduro and his wife, Cilia.

Meanwhile president Donald Trump had been pressuring Maduro to step down and accusing him of backing drugs cartels that are behind thousands of American deaths linked to illegal drugs. Now Nicholas Maduro is reportedly being held in a detention center in New York, awaiting a court appearance on drug charges. After that all that happened, President Trump says the U.S. will be "running" Venezuela, even while Venezuela's vice-president was sworn in as president. The U.S will also look to have control over Venezuela's oil sector.



Why New Years Resolutions are Counter-Intuitive



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Listen, I am all for growing as a person, as it is important to prepare for the future, but new year's resolutions really do not work.

The majority of resolutions made for the next year fail, and while some try to find ways around it, I just really don't think it is suited for everyone.

The main reason it really does not work is because people are not consistent, so here are some ways to achieve your goals for next year.

1. Don't wait until the new year to start your goals, since the fact that it is during the winter can certainly hinder your ability to get places.
2. Make reasonable goals. You will not achieve your goal if it is too unreasonable, but it should still be challenging for you to be successful.
3. Lastly, don't forget to put your all into your goal. Your resolution represents what you want to be at the end of the year, so put in some effort.

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SPCA Adoptable Pet: Bucky



This puppy's name is Bucky. He is a sweet, loving dog who just turned 4-months-old! He is large dog, going to grow to be 61-100 pounds. Bucky is a male but neutered. He is not house trained though. But remember, he is just 4 months old so he will have to learn from his new adopters. Also, yes Bucky is indeed vaccinated. Now on to Bucky's story!!!

Meet Bucky! This adorable ~3½-month-old Bulldog mix is full of puppy joy. With his happy spirit, he's sure to be a wonderful companion.

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All Bucky needs now is his forever home where he can grow up surrounded by love! To adopt, you must complete an application, have a valid photo ID, and be 21 years of age or older. Adoptions are first come, first served based on best match. To find the most appropriate home for each animal and best fit for each family, SPCA Westchester reserves the right to decline an adoption.

Please go to SPCA Westchester pet finder for more info.



England is Well Worth a Visit



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England is a very historic country located in Northwestern Europe, part of the United Kingdom and is bordered by Scotland and Wales.

England is known for its rich history and fascinating landmarks. Major cities in England include London, Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, and Birmingham. Iconic sites and attractions in England are Stonehenge, Buckingham Palace, Roman Hadrian's Wall, Tower of London, Big Ben, the giant clock that's in Elizabeth Tower, the London Eye, and the Houses of Parliament.

England has a lot of rain but is the driest and sunniest part of the United Kingdom. The United Kingdom is known for its pubs and holds over 60,000 of them. A whole English breakfast includes fried eggs, sausages, bacon, tomatoes, mushrooms, baked beans, buttered toast, black or white pudding and tea or coffee, which is usually served with milk and sugar on the side.

The London Library is the largest library on the planet holding over 170 million books. When visiting England, you will expect a lot of rain but many fun adventures, too.

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Portugal Has Something for Everyone

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Portugal is a fascinating and stunning country. Portugal is located in Southwestern Europe on the Iberian Peninsula bordering Spain. Cities include Porto, Faro, Coimbra, Sintra, Algarve, Braga, Évora, Ponta Delgada, and Lisbon as the country's capital.

Iconic and stunning landmarks in Portugal include Belém Tower, Douro Valley, Pena Palace, Jerónimos Monastery, and Benagil Cave. Portugal is known for its amazing coastlines and the stunning views. Many people visit the unique islands in Portugal which include Azores and Madeira as well as other small island groups. Delicious traditional Portuguese dishes include Caldo Verde, Bacalhau à Bras, Grilled Sardines, Francesinha and many others.

Mountains in the north like Serra da Estrela, Serra do Gerês, Serra de Sintra, and Serra da Arrábida provide an amazing spot to hike, explore, relax, and take in the breathtaking views.

Portugal always has something exciting to do like visiting historic sights, taking a stroll through the charming streets of Lisbon and riding the historic trams that create memories you'll remember forever.



The Rise of AI. Does it Hurt, or Help?

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In the modern world, many technologies are used, whether that be physical or on a computer. While other forms of technology are important when it comes to discussing the topic, a new form has been developed rapidly. The name given to this form of technology is artificial intelligence, or AI for short.

Simply put, AI is a machine that is programmed to simulate a human, or a pattern recognizer that uses the data left by humans as its guide. It can be used for many things such as processing large amounts of data without human surveillance, or keeping track of sales, marketing, and operations when it comes to creating or maintaining a business.

The reason why AI has grown so quickly is due to the number of breakthroughs it has caused when it comes to investing and social media. More people use AI because it is just easier, which causes even more people to use it in a perpetual loop. Another reason for its popularity is due to the number of kids that use it today.

When schoolwork or any other challenge is presented to some kids, they tend to use AI to skip the work that they would have had to do. When kids use AI, however, it does not give them any experience dealing with the subject, so they will be less likely to be prepared for the future.

Another flaw with AI is that it is energy inefficient, especially when the resources, mainly water, could be used for other, more important purposes. Every time someone enters a prompt to an AI source, it averages to use around eight ounces of clean water. That might not seem like a lot, but several studies estimate the total amount of water used to be 500 billion cubic meters of water. For reference, that is around 1/20 of every Great Lake combined, and that number is rising.

Overall, AI can seem like a cool new tool, but it is really hurting the world more than helping it. Thanks for reading!

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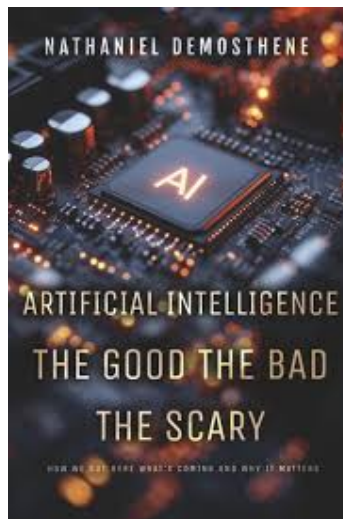
The digital age has made many great resources to help humans with all they need. We have made high-tech I-phones, to small microphones that spies use.

One of our most helpful online resources that people have made is AI, or artificial intelligence. While it helps us with things like writing lesson plans, poems, and studying, it is also used for foolishness and more importantly, it uses a lot of natural resources.

According to “Business Energy UK” using ChatGPT to draft a whole 100-word E-mail, it takes about 16.9 fluid ounces of water (as proved by The Washington Post and the University of California. It also uses 39.98 million kWh per day — enough to charge eight million phones.

This is a lot of energy that costs a lot and is taking a toll on our world. It is also a lot of energy that our world cannot produce fast enough.

Please, I am not saying that AI is the biggest problem in our world, and that we should completely cut it out of our lives; it is a valuable tool. I am only stating that if we keep abusing this new tool, we are just taking an astronomical toll on our earth that we might later regret. I am just saying that we should only use it as necessary or what we need it for.



Microplastics Impact Every Part of Our Lives

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Microplastics can be very harmful for our environment. Microplastics are very small particles of plastic ranging from 1 nanometer to 5 millimeters. They can lead to pollution, kill animals, and even harm us. Microplastics can get to humans through many different sources, and studies have shown that they can increase the chances of getting colon or lung cancer.

Microplastics are in almost everything, from clothes, to even food. At a lab workshop I attended at the Columbia University extension, we tested seafood and laundry samples for microplastics. They can be found in both.

Microplastics were found in the organs and tissues of shrimp that are available for purchase at supermarkets, showing how microplastic pollution is increasing, and may have a large effect on humans soon. Microplastics were also found after filtering water from the laundry samples, where microplastics and microfibers were in the water. The water would either go back to our environment, or to be filtered where it would still be rare for the plastics to be removed. This shows how our water is not as safe to drink as we think it is. One reason why so many plastics are found left in the water from the laundry is because there are so many plastics in clothes that we wear today. Nylon, Spandex, Rayon, Acrylic, and Polyester all contain microfibers and microplastics, and shed them in water that will eventually be consumed by us, other people, other animals, and even plants. This means that our pollution will lead back to us and can harm humans.

So, what can you do to help decrease the microplastics in our environment? First, you can stop buying clothes made of materials that contain plastic like Nylon, Spandex, Rayon, Acrylic, and Polyester. These shed microfibers in our laundry and into our environment and can get into our water. You can also get a microfiber/microplastic filter for your laundry machine which can help to filter out the microplastics so that there are not as many in the water.

Another thing you can do is reduce single use plastics. If you can, try using reusable water bottles, Tupperware, utensils, and straws if you can. Plastic straws and bottle caps are some of the plastic pollutants found most often in our environment. One more thing you can do is pick up plastic pollution and trash when you see it. This helps to not let it spread where it should not be like on beaches or in forests. There are many beach cleanups you can join to make our world a cleaner place with teamwork from the community.

Don't just keep it to yourself! Spread the word about microplastics and stopping them to as many people as possible. Ask communities, clubs or schools to sign petitions to ban single use plastics like plastic bags, bottles, utensils, and straws in your school or community. Ask others to pledge to stop using single use plastics and ask them to use some methods from above. The more people helping to stop plastic pollution equals a larger effect. The more people who can contribute, the better.

By making small changes in our daily lives and by spreading awareness, we can bring down microplastics. This will make the world a better place for plants, animals, people, and Earth, too.



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Could AI Make Careers We Can't Even Imagine?



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Recently, the world has experienced a HUGE AI boom! Many people have discovered that AI is a helpful tool that is becoming more popular every day.

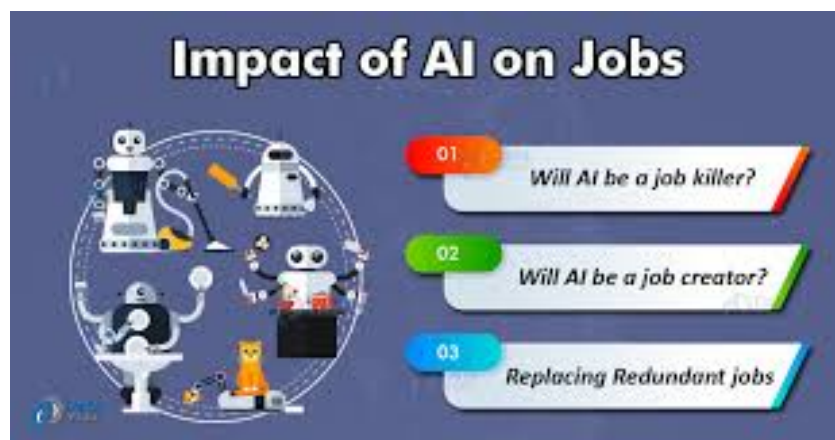
For students like us, AI can be used to help study for tests by creating practice quizzes, flashcards, and even turning studying into fun games. These tools can make studying easier and less stressful. After thinking about this, it is important to consider what AI will be capable of in the future. When it comes to jobs, will humans still be needed? Currently, many people are concerned that AI may take over their jobs or perform them better than humans.

In the past, before the internet, social media, and smartphones existed, there were many jobs that no longer exist today. For example, travel agents helped people book flights and hotels; photo lab technicians developed camera film into physical photographs, and bank tellers helped customers withdraw cash. You might not have even heard of some of these. These jobs disappeared due to improvement in technology. However, a positive outcome of technology is that it has also created new careers that did not exist before, such as social media influencers, cybersecurity analysts, data scientists, and Uber drivers.

Some jobs that exist now, such as truck drivers or garbage collectors, may be replaced by autonomous vehicles. Factory workers may also be replaced by robots, and people who work as dispatchers or call centers could be replaced by AI systems that can answer calls more efficiently. Additionally, grocery store jobs are already changing, as many stores now use self-checkout machines and even robots to help clean the store and check inventory.

Although AI may replace some jobs, humans will still be needed, and many new careers will be created in the future. I often think about what jobs will exist 10 years from now when we enter the workforce. There will still be doctors and nurses, but those interested in the medical field may find new types of positions that combine medical knowledge with skills in AI and robotics.

Have you ever stopped to think that when we start our careers we could be doing jobs that do not exist?



The Great Reveal--We Find Out 'The Great Outdoorsman's' Identity!



**By The Great Outdoorsman
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Hello and welcome to The Great Outdoorsman! My name is Lucas Mejia. I decided to reveal my real name since I have been writing with a pen name for almost six months.

I think a lot of you suspected the person behind this article was not me. And yes, here I am! I may not be a sports guy, but I am an outdoorsy guy. I have been skiing for four seasons, fishing for some time and my family likes to hike, ride bikes and visit national parks.

So recently, I made a trip to South America, as I have family in Colombia. I went fishing while there so on this article I would like to talk about the experience.

One thing I noticed is they have a lot of the same fish species we have here. I personally caught a carp, even though we are trying to go for trout.

A lot of the fish we have here in the United States, we also find around the world with a different name. For example the Baltic Pike. In Brazil, it's the same fish, but called by a different name, El Dorado trout.

In Colombia, I fished in a town called Guatavita. They have a pretty high lake, called Tomine, which is where I fished. Tomine, sits at a high level elevation of around 8,400 feet above sea level. They have carp and trout and a fishing club called PISPESCA.

At left is a picture of me in Tomine and my carp, which I released. I did have trout for lunch!

On another topic, if you are in the ski club, hopefully you already signed up! You should have also received the merch. The first trip is January 19, to Mohawck Ski Mountain. The bus list is posted outside Mr. Sav's classroom door. Make sure to pick a buddy.

Thank you for reading The Great Outdoorsman and we'll see you next time.



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Yellow,
A burst of sun, a joyful gleam
It blooms like a dawn on a wonderful horizon.
A tender light,
A cheerful color,
A happy color,
That plays happy songs,

Yellow,
Is like a bee buzzing through the sky,
With a golden wing,
A beautiful that's a sunflower tall,
A burst of sunlight,
That comes from the sky,
Every single day,
The burst of sun,
Always brighten the world,
And it could brighten you up!

Yellow,
A very happy color,
That always smiles at you,
Mostly a friendly smile,
A laughter of light,
Can be shown across the sky,
It follows the sun across the sky,

Yellow,
A bold color,
And a true color,
Making the world feel warm,
And bright,
Like the sun.

I hope this poem brightens you day today, and maybe it will even brighten your week, I might come out with more poems soon, so stay tuned.