



Class Election Season

Senior Elections

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As is the case, the senior class kicked off the Charlotte Amalie High School Class election season. What is rare this year is there were no candidates for secretary. The Presidential and Vice-Presidential races were both hotly contested. The Legacy JSA Chapter, as has become the norm, handled proceedings with Nyeema Henderson moderating and Samara Warner serving as time keeper. Now that the seniors have selected their leadership, next comes the planning the course of their year.

New Border, New Rules:

International Travel Bans

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Traveling internationally has become more complicated as the United States continues to enforce new restrictions affecting travelers from several countries. The rules have raised questions about immigration, national security, tourism and how easily people can enter the country.

In January 2026, an expanded U.S. travel ban took effect, restricting or suspending entry for nationals of numerous countries. The restrictions apply differently depending on the country and can affect both immigrant and nonimmigrant travelers. People who were outside the United States without a valid visa when the restrictions took effect can be affected by the rules.

The government says the restrictions are intended to protect national security and public safety. Officials have argued that some countries do not provide enough information for U.S. authorities to properly screen and vet travelers.

However, the new rules have also created concerns for travelers, families and the U.S. tourism industry. In August, the U.S. Travel Association warned that a visa-bond program could discourage international visitors. Under the program, certain visa applicants from 50 countries can be required to provide refundable bonds of up to \$20,000.

The effects can already be seen in international tourism. Reuters reported that foreign arrivals to the United States were down 4.7% through July 2026 compared with the previous year. Travel industry leaders have warned that stricter immigration policies, visa requirements and other barriers could make the United States less attractive to international visitors.

At the same time, some travel restrictions are being challenged in court. In August, a federal judge struck down a separate policy that had suspended immigration-visa processing for people from 75 countries. The judge ruled that the policy exceeded the authority of the Secretary of State and conflicted with federal immigration law.

The debate over these policies is likely to continue as government officials balance national security concerns with the economic and personal effects of limiting international travel.

As immigration policies continue to change, international travelers are being encouraged to check the latest entry and visa requirements before making travel plans. For many people, crossing an international border now involves more questions, documentation and uncertainty than it did in the past.

Charlotte Amalie High School			
Senior Class Class of 2027			
Election Results			
Class President		Votes Cast	220
1	Mekael Andrew		32.7%
2	Aljeni Galvez		20.5%
3	Ka'Nysha Scatliffe	☒	46.4%
Write In(s)			
Class Vice President		Votes Cast	221
1	Amia Edward		40.3%
2	Joeltica Rogers	☒	59.7%
Write In(s)			
Class Secretary		Votes Cast	109
Write In(s): Kai'Elle Correa			11.0%
Write In(s): Kaytara Daniel			16.5%
Write In(s): Other			72.5%
Class Fundraising Officer		Votes Cast	206
1	Amoricia Augustine	☒	97.6%
Write In(s)			2.4%
Class Public Relations Officer		Votes Cast	201
1	Mehkai Royer	☒	96.5%
Write In(s)			3.5%
For a write in candidate to be identified they must have accrued 10% or more of the vote.			

Did the GTA VI Leaks Affect Rockstar?

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these leaks have shown fans information that Rockstar did not plan to release yet. This can hurt Rockstar because it takes away some of its control over how it promotes GTA VI. The leaks have also caused Rockstar and Take-Two to take legal action, showing that they are taking the situation seriously. However, not everything being said online about CyberLeeks has been confirmed, so some information should be taken with caution.

Even though the leaks have caused problems for Rockstar, they do not seem to have seriously hurt GTA VI (and anticipation for the game). The game is still one of the most wanted games in the world, and millions of people (have pre-ordered) and are still excited to play it. The biggest effect of the leaks is probably the extra work Rockstar has to do to protect the game and deal with leaked information. Overall, CyberLeeks has definitely caused problems for Rockstar, but the leaks do not seem to have stopped GTA VI from being successful or stalled the momentum.

The recent GTA VI leaks (leading up to the official Netflix debut by Rockstar) from someone known as CyberLeeks has caused problems for Rockstar Games. Rockstar is known for keeping its games secret until they are ready to show them. However,

THE ASIDE

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She Lost Her Voice, He Lost Himself: Echo and Narcissus (Part 1)

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Some love stories end with two people finding each other. Others end with someone losing themselves.

The story of Echo and Narcissus is one of the darker myths of the ancient world. At first, it seems like a simple story about a girl who falls in love with a beautiful boy who does not love her back. But beneath the tragic ending is a deeper story about identity, rejection, pride, and what happens when love becomes an obsession. Echo and Narcissus are opposites in many ways, yet both ultimately suffer because they lose their sense of self.

The story most famously appears in Book 3 of Ovid's Metamorphoses. Ovid, a Roman poet, tells the story of Narcissus, a beautiful young man whose mother, Liriope, once asked the prophet Tiresias about her son's future. Tiresias gave a strange answer: Narcissus could live a long life if he did not "discover himself."

For years, the prediction seemed meaningless.

Narcissus grew into an exceptionally beautiful young man. People of all kinds were attracted to him, but he rejected them. His beauty had made him proud, and he seemed to believe that no one was worthy of his attention.

Then he met Echo.

Echo was a nymph who had already lost something important: her ability to speak freely. She had once been extremely talkative, using conversation to distract Hera while

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CALENDAR & NOTICES

The SAT

The SAT cycle of the 2026-2027 school year is well underway. One may ask, "Is the SAT only for juniors and seniors?" The answer to that is "No." It is generally taken during spring of Junior year, and fall or during Senior year, with the PSAT-9, 10, and 11 being used as a pre-SAT assessment prior. The SAT however, can be taken at any point in high school and even exceptionally gifted students under 13 who may need to take the assessment to enter college or university can make accommodations to do so. The fee for the SAT is \$68.00 but fee waivers may be available to offset that cost. The federal lunch program generally ensures all our students at least qualify for a fee waiver.

Remember a fee waiver does not mean you have registered for the SAT. To do so you will need a College Board account. You can (and should) create a College Board account in advance of taking the SAT and I was suggest using a personal email, but if you prefer to do with your school email, it is suggested hat you then change the email to a personal before leaving that school.

You do not have to take the SAT in your school uniform but you will not be refused if you do. It is important to note that you must walk with an ID to ensure you are checked in to the SAT. This can be school, license, registration card, passport etc., but must be a picture ID. The upcoming dates for the rest of the year are provided for you below.

- Test Date: October 3, 2026

Registration Deadline: September 18, 2026

Late Reg. Deadline: September 22, 2026

- Test Date: November 7, 2026

Registration Deadline: October 23, 2026

Late Reg. Deadline: October 27, 2026

- Test Date: December 5, 2026

Registration Deadline: November 20, 2026

Late Reg. Deadline: November 24, 2026

Visit <https://www.collegeboard.org/> or touch bases with your counselor for more information and/or to register for your first/next/final SAT.

ECHO & NARCISSUS (CONT'D)

Zeus secretly spent time with other nymphs. When Hera discovered what Echo had been doing, she punished her by taking away her ability to speak first. From then on, Echo could only repeat the words of others.

That punishment is more than just a strange explanation for why an echo exists. It becomes an important part of Echo’s character.

Echo has feelings, but she cannot express them in her own words.

When she sees Narcissus, she immediately falls in love with him. She follows him, hoping to get close to him, but her curse prevents her from simply telling him how she feels. When Narcissus calls out, Echo can only repeat what he says. She eventually manages to reveal herself, but Narcissus rejects her.

His rejection destroys her.

Echo retreats into the wilderness and slowly wastes away from grief. Eventually, nothing remains of her except her voice.

Her tragedy is not simply that Narcissus rejected her. It is that she had already been stripped of her ability to define herself. Her entire existence becomes centered around someone else’s words and, eventually, someone else’s love.

Narcissus’s problem is almost the complete opposite.

While Echo cannot speak for herself, Narcissus is so focused on himself that he cannot truly see anyone else.

After rejecting Echo and others who love him, Narcissus is punished. In Ovid’s version, Nemesis responds to the prayers of someone Narcissus has wronged and causes him to fall in love with his own reflection. When Narcissus sees his face in a pool of water, he becomes fascinated by it.

At first, he does not understand what he is seeing. He reaches toward the person in the water, but the image disappears whenever he touches the surface. Eventually, he realizes that the person he loves is himself.

That realization becomes his downfall.

Narcissus cannot leave the reflection. He knows he cannot possess it, but he also cannot stop wanting it. He becomes trapped in a cycle of desire and disappointment, staring at something he can see but never touch. Eventually, he wastes away beside the pool, and a flower grows where he dies.

This is where the myth’s earlier prophecy becomes especially important.

Tiresias said Narcissus would live if he did not “discover himself.” In a literal sense, Narcissus finally does discover himself. But instead of gaining wisdom from that discovery, he becomes consumed by it.

The myth suggests that knowing yourself is not necessarily the same as understanding yourself.

Narcissus sees his own beauty, but he never looks deeper. He recognizes his reflection, but he does not develop a greater understanding of who he is. His self-awareness turns into self-obsession.

That is what makes his story more complicated than simply saying, “He was too vain.”

Narcissus’s downfall comes from his inability to form a genuine connection with another person. He has spent his life rejecting others, so when he finally experiences desire, he directs it toward someone who can never return it: himself.

Is Li Shang Secretly Bi, or Just Really Confused

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A lot of Disney fans have a theory that Li Shang from Mulan might be bisexual. Disney never confirmed this, but there are some things in the movie that make the theory kinda interesting.

Shang meets Mulan when she is pretending to be a boy named Ping. As the movie goes on, he starts to respect Ping and gets pretty close to him without knowing that he is actually Mulan. Shang also seems to care about Ping more than just being another soldier. The biggest thing that makes people question his sexuality is that his feelings don’t completely change after finding out Ping is actually Mulan. He already had a connection with the person he thought was a guy. Finding out Ping was actually Mulan didn’t make those feelings disappear. So was he attracted to Mulan because she was a woman, or was he attracted to the person she was pretending to be before he even knew?

There are also moments where Shang seems flustered around Ping, which fans think could be more than just friendship. None of this proves that Shang is bisexual, but it does make the theory possible. Maybe the real question isn’t whether Disney meant for Li Shang to be bisexual, but whether a character can mean something different to people than what the creators originally intended.



LI SHANG (CONT'D)

If Shang could care about Mulan before knowing who she really was, does his attraction have to fit into a simple label? Disney may have never intended to answer that question, but maybe that’s what makes the theory so interesting.

ENTERTAINMENT



Is Mutiny Worth the Watch?

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If you are a fan of action movies and Jason Statham, Mutiny might be a movie worth checking out. The new action thriller follows Cole Reed, played by Jason Statham, after he sees his billionaire boss being murdered and gets blamed for the crime. Reed then goes after the people responsible and discovers a much bigger conspiracy.

The movie has plenty of what fans expect from Statham, including fights, shootouts, chases, and intense action scenes. At about 95 minutes in length, the movie also keeps things moving instead of taking too long to get to the action.

However, the story is where Mutiny starts to struggle. Some critics have said the plot feels predictable and confusing, while the characters do not get enough development. Rotten Tomatoes currently has the movie at 49% from critics, although audiences have rated it much higher at 85%.

Overall, Mutiny is not necessarily a movie for someone looking for a deep or complicated story. However, if you want action, fights, and Jason Statham doing what he does best, it could be worth watching. I would give Mutiny a 7/10 because the action keeps it entertaining, even though the story could have been better.



A Brand New Foray for the Friendly Neighborhood Spider-Man

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Spider-Man: Brand New Day brings Tom Holland back as Peter Parker in a darker and more mature chapter of the Spider-Man story. The movie takes place after the events of Spider-Man: No Way Home, when Peter sacrificed his relationships so the world would forget his identity. Now, Peter is living mostly on his own and focusing completely on being Spider-Man.

The movie does a good job showing how lonely and difficult his life has become while still giving fans the humor and action they expect from a Spider-Man movie.

One of the strongest parts of the movie is Tom Holland’s



BRAND NEW FORAY (CONT'D)

performance. Peter is no longer the inexperienced teenager audiences saw in his earlier movies. He has experienced loss and heartbreak, and Holland shows that growth through a more emotional performance. The action scenes are also a major highlight, especially the creative web-swinging and fight sequences. Zendaya also makes an impact as MJ, while the addition of characters such as the Punisher, played by Jon Bernthal, gives the movie a different dynamic. However, some critics felt that the movie tries to fit too many ideas and characters into one story.

Overall, Spider-Man: Brand New Day is a successful new chapter for Tom Holland’s Spider-Man. Its biggest strength is that it focuses on Peter Parker as a person rather than only on him as a superhero. The movie combines emotional moments, impressive action, humor, and character development to create an entertaining experience. Personally, I would give Spider-Man: Brand New Day 5 out of 5 stars.

THOUGHTS & OPINION

Not our Scene:

BTS rejects Grammy Consideration

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Driven by a desire to be judged purely on their musical merit, BTS is skipping the 69th Grammy Awards. The group’s rejection of the newly created Best Asian Pop Performance category has united fans and reignited a fierce debate about representation in Western award shows.

As a music student who follows industry news closely, I felt confused and annoyed when I heard this. Many in the K pop fandom interpret the Grammys’ move as discriminatory: rather than evaluating Asian artists alongside other global acts, the awards appear to be segregating them into a regional category. BTS wants their music to be judged on how it is perceived artistically, not pigeonholed by a label.



You can argue that the Grammys already have multiple genre categories—Hip Hop, R&B, Rap—that originated in Black communities but have since grown more diverse. Still, the new Best Asian Pop Performance category would likely be dominated by K pop, J pop, and C pop acts, which is why it angered many netizens and BTS themselves. Fans worry the category is a reaction to past controversies—an attempt to sideline Asian artists after criticism for not awarding them—rather than a sincere effort to celebrate Asian music.

I support BTS’s decision to boycott. They have been nominated multiple times, and some people believe the Grammys have at times used the group’s popularity to attract viewers without fully recognizing their artistic achievements. Whether other K pop, J pop, or C pop groups will join the boycott remains unknown, but this moment has sparked an important conversation about how major awards should fairly recognize artists from around the world.



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