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Happy November, Spartans!

Hey Spartans! Our names are Sophia Jiang and Olivia Zhu, and we are the Co-Student Life Editors for the Sword and Shield. We hope you are having a great school year so far! If you have any ideas or opinions you want to share, please email memorialwordandshield@gmail.com--we'd love to hear from you! In this month's issue, we'll take a glance at art that is going on at Memorial and at the Overture Center, have some club updates, summarize Homecoming week, cover international news, celebrate Latinx Heritage Month, and provide some news in the football realm! We hope you enjoy this month's issue!



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- 3 — Orchestra Concert 7-9
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- 7 —
- 8 —
- 9 —
- 10 —
- 11 — Birth of Baha'u'llah: Religious Holiday
- 12 — Birth of Baha'u'llah: Religious Holiday
- 13 — Birth of Baha'u'llah: Religious Holiday
- 14 —
- 15 — JMM Jazz and Percussion Ensemble 7:30-8:30
- 16 —
- 17 — No school
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- 24 — No school (Thanksgiving)
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

OVERTURE CENTER PERFORMANCES IN NOVEMBER

By: *Olivia Zhu*

Curious about what's going on in the Overture Center for the Arts? Then this is the article for you! Here are 5 performances you can watch/listen to in November.

The Amateurs

A play written by Jordan Harrison, the Pulitzer Prize winner for drama in 2015, this Wisconsin premiere is definitely one not to miss! The premise of this play takes place in 14th century Europe, following a woman named Hollis and her troupe of pageant players as they attempt to flee the Black Death. Praised for its comedy and wit, this play simultaneously touches on a deeper meaning as Harrison explores human response, especially in artistic expression, in the face of a crisis.

Lucia di Lammermoor

Whether you're interested in classical opera or not, *Lucia di Lammermoor* offers a dramatic plot line that all viewers will enjoy. The main character *Lucia* falls in love with a man named *Edgardo*, but the drama and tragedy is set up when *Lucia's* brother forbids them to marry and weds *Lucia* to another man--and to top it off, *Lucia's* and *Edgardo's* families are sworn enemies!

Mike Birbiglia Live!

Mike Birbiglia, a comedian best known for his work in *Sleepwalk With Me*, *Orange is the New Black*, and *Don't Think Twice*, will perform standup comedy live at the Overture Center!

National Geographic Live: When Women Ruled the World

This live lecture with Dr. Kara Cooney, a professor of Egyptology, will dive into the history of women rulers such as Cleopatra, Neferusobek, and Nefertiti.

Come Alive!

Presented by the Wisconsin Singers, students of UW-Madison will present their newest show, *Come Alive!* It will feature singing and dancing that celebrates American contemporary and classic pop. If you plan on going, expect to hear artists like Elvis Presely, the Four Seasons, Lady Gaga, and Elton John, and even Disney songs from movies like *Frozen* and *Peter Pan*. If you have younger siblings, this is a great show to see with the whole family!



ADELE'S NEW SINGLE

By *Amy Qiao*

Adele hasn't even released her new album yet, but she's already breaking records. Her new single, *Easy on Me*, debuted on the Billboard Hot 100 within the first five hours of release and broke the Spotify record for most streams in a single day.

Her new song "*Easy on Me*" immediately became a fan-favorite, as the new single stayed true to the piano ballads she is known for while her voice only became more beautiful. The new single is also incredibly vulnerable, something we can expect in her upcoming album. In an interview with *Vogue*, Adele explains that she spent a lot of time confronting herself and has "been on my journey to find [her] true happiness." On this journey, Adele is not afraid of admitting her own flaws and insecurities, even in her new music. In "*Easy on Me*," Adele does this by reflecting on her misguided intentions with a tone of acceptance and self-compassion. With an already amazing hit, "*30*" is going to be an iconic album.

DUNE PREVIEW

By: *Felipe Rey*

Out of the many exciting upcoming films in the next few months, *Dune* stands out as one of the most anticipated of the year. *Dune* is directed by Denis Villeneuve, someone often considered to be the greatest working director alive, and director of recent critical hits such as *Arrival* and *Blade Runner 2049*. The film is based on the novel of the same name, a sci-fi epic taking place on the desert planet of Arrakis. The film tells the story of Paul, the son of Duke Leto Atrides, whose family takes control of



Arrakis. Arrakis is the only place in the universe where melange can be found, a rare substance that enhances life expectancy and mental capacity, and therefore is a highly coveted area, despite its otherwise barren land.

This is the first film of the two-part *Dune* movie adaptation, and is reportedly very faithful to the book,

hence why it was split into two movies. Though it has already succeeded critically at Venice International Film Festival, its financial success is up in the air, as

it is being released on October 23rd in theaters and on HBO Max simultaneously, which will likely damage its box office numbers. Denis Villeneuve is also known for previously making *Blade Runner 2049*, an excellent (and expensive) movie that flopped financially, and some suspect Villeneuve may repeat this effect with

Dune.

Despite the concern, many still eagerly await the release of the book adaptation packed with a stellar cast, fantastic effects, and a story that many have been waiting years to see properly executed on the big screen.

NO TIME TO DIE REVIEW

By: *Felipe Rey*

After almost 2 years of postponements, on October 8th, Eon Productions released *No Time To Die*, the 25th film in the James Bond series, and the final Daniel Craig bond film. Starring Daniel Craig as a more worn down Bond, as well as Ana de Armas, Rami Malek as the villain, Lea Seydoux as Madeleine Swann, and Lashana Lynch as Nomi, the new 007, the new Bond installment thrills much more than its previous entry, even if at times it struggles with pacing.

The story begins with Bond in retirement with Madeleine Swann, his girlfriend, where after he is seemingly betrayed by Madeleine, he leaves her behind. The story continues 5 years later, when a deadly virus that can kill based on DNA information is designed by the British government and subsequently stolen by the villain, Safin. Safin hatches an evil plot, and Bond is called out of retirement to stop him before it's too late.

The movie's plot can feel a little by-the-numbers at times, especially with the villain's final plan, but it still has its fair share of twists and turns that will keep viewers enthralled, despite some predictability. Thought at times it stumbles under the immense pressure of wrapping up the Daniel Craig era of Bond, and though with its whopping 163-minute runtime, it tends to drag a little bit (particularly in the third act), the movie still manages to come to a solid conclusion that gives an emotionally satisfying end to Daniel Craig's 15-year Bond run.

If you're looking for a well made spy film that excites and entertains, be sure to check out *No Time To Die*. It may not be a big award contender, but it's still fun enough to warrant at least one viewing from die-hard Bond fans and casual viewers alike.

HOROSCOPES

By: Rowan Schreiber



Libra (Sep
23-Oct 22):

Seek your balance, and control just what you can. If you move, change, or travel, the planets offer you success.



Scorpio (Oct
23-Nov 21):

Do not let doubts stand in the way of being your truest self. Move on, and allow your head to become clear. Do not set your standards too high, be considerate to yourself.



Sagittarius
(Nov 22-Dec
21):

Good news! Your projects will be slowed down so that you can achieve clarity in your work. Do not be impatient, for you are on the right track.



Capricorn
(Dec 22-Jan
19):

Don't expect too much from this month, you may be disappointed and remain hungry. Make yourself discreet in the month's start amongst shaky situations.



Aquarius
(Jan 20-Feb
18):

Instead of losing your energy and becoming overwhelmed, take a step back to decompress. You will be okay, and you will get back on track.



Pisces (Feb
19-March
20):

This month, the sun shines on you. Your projects pump energy into your veins and create a good atmosphere to live in. A collaboration will enlighten the middle to end of your November.



Aries
(March
21-April 19):

Get in touch with your creativity this month! Set your goals high; be an achiever. Continue trusting your instincts when making decisions, it will serve you well.



Taurus
(April 20-
May 20):

Focus on your current projects and getting out of your comfort zone. You may be put under some pressure this month, or made to be a leader in an unexpected situation.



Gemini
(May 21-
June 20):

It is easy for you to become fussy during this time, be kind and patient with those around you. Don't isolate yourself, you have many family and work responsibilities to attend to.



Cancer
(June 21-
July 22):

Challenges arise at the start of this month, but you must learn to tune it out. Disconnect and distance yourself, be your own company. Meditation might be on the to do list.



Leo (July
23-Aug 22):

Your future holds immense luck! Find your balance as your hard work comes to fruition. Watch out, your commitments may affect your private life in a negative manner.



Virgo (Aug
23-Sep 22):

You're a fighter this month, battling the day to day and coming out on top. Be sure to be gentle with yourself, try your best on any given occasion.

WORDSEARCH

By: Nadya Konadu

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Autumn
Black Friday
Celebrate
Corn
Cranberry sauce
Creamed Onions

Fall
Family
Feast
Gravy
Green Peas
Harvest

Mayflower
November
Plymouth
Turkey

NEWS

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ANGELA MERKEL STEPS DOWN, ELECTION FOR NEW CHANCELLOR

By: *Olivia Zhou*

On September 26th, citizens of Germany voted in Germany's 2021 Federal Elections to elect members into the Bundestag (a federal representative body in Germany's government that is much like that of the United States House of Representatives), which then elects a new incumbent for Federal Chancellor. This year's elections were definitely game changers to German politics as impending and immediate issues such as the COVID-19 pandemic and global warming heavily influenced the demands of Germans and the campaigns of the candidates.

In order to learn about current German politics, it's important to understand the system of Federal Elections. Every four years, citizens cast two votes during this time: one for who they want to represent their district in the Bundestag and another for choosing which political party they want to hold the remaining seats in the Bundestag. This year's election has engendered a clear decline for a formerly long reigning party--the more conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU) lost 9% of votes compared to the elections in 2017. Still, the race was close between it and the leading Social Democratic party (SPD): The Social Democrats, a historically unpopular party, surprisingly gained 25.7% of the votes while the CDU yielded 24.1% (the lowest since 1945); the other top parties were the Christian Social Union and the Green Party. This four-some party split is an unprecedented landscape for German politics, as much of their political history is dominated by two, not four, major opposing parties.

The elections for Federal Chancellor are a bit more complicated. The chancellor is the chief executive of Germany and acts as the Commander in Chief of the German Armed Forces if the country is engaged in war. In order for a candidate to be elected, they must gain more than half the votes of the Bundestag, which often requires parties to cooperate and vote for candidates outside of their party. Angela Merkel, who has been the Chancellor of Germany since 2007, is the only chancellor to have stepped down from running again, marking the end of her 16-year career. This year's candidates included Armin Laschet of the CDU, Annalena Baerbock of the Green Party, Olaf Scholz of the SPD, Christian Lindner of the FDP, Jörg Meuthen and Tino Chrupalla of the AfD, and Janine Wissler and Susanne Hennig-Wellsow of The Left. Olaf Scholz is named to be the next Chancellor, however, he still has to form a coalition within the Bundestag in order to govern. With that, until the newly elected Chancellor has been announced, there is an infinitesimal possibility that Armin Laschet will succeed Merkel, which is why he is also forming party alliances within the Bundestag.

Until the new incumbent is officially sworn in, Merkel will stay as the Chancellor of Germany. Results will likely come in mid-October officiating Scholz as Merkel's successor--with that in mind, who is Scholz, and what does he stand for? Formerly the Vice Chancellor and Minister of Finance, Scholz is a center-leftist who is known for overseeing financial aid during the COVID-19 pandemic and for directing emergency aid for the severe floods in west Germany over the summer, but is also criticized for his handling of police and protesters clash during the 2017 G20 Summit and the Wirecard scandal.

Regardless of who wins, Germany will welcome a new era of government with a new chancellor.

PEPPA PIG AND OTHER SHOWS BANNED IN CHINA

By: *Anvika Annyapu & Jian Wang*

In a move that upset many residents, Chinese authorities have banned Peppa Pig, as well as other “violent, vulgar, and bloody” cartoons. This comes as the Chinese government cracks down on the entertainment industry, specifically media that encourages “unhealthy content”.

Officials have rolled out a series of policies that seek to discontinue shows that they believe are promoting negative content. The agency that enacted this law has since stated that cartoons should portray “truth, good, and beauty” while shows that portray vulgarity, violence, and blood have since been labeled as undesirable. Many are shocked at this statement, seeing as the four Chinese classic novels and their modern-day interpretations include murder, civil war, and government corruption, yet the novels aren’t considered to be a threat to the Chinese youth. Peppa Pig, a seemingly innocent show, has

been banned due to claims by Chinese officials that the show encourages gang subculture. This came to be due to a Peppa Pig fan group known as the Society People after they had expressed gangster attitudes, and anti-establishment views.

These regulations follow a pattern that emerged as of June 2021. Following a statement from the Cyberspace Administration of China near the end of August, which singled out celebrities and enforced salary limits. The government has also started to rein in fandoms, citing that fan culture had “disrupted the pure and healthy online ecosystem” and “harmed the mental and physical health of young people” and was meant for a legal restriction. The National Radio & Television Administration has also released a statement with an eight-point plan that regulates the employment of entertainers that have “incorrect” political stances, media that promotes unconventional beauty standards, materialistic views, and the monitoring of entertainers social media activities.

These actions have gained widespread criticism and continue to be debated as childhood favorites are removed from Chinese pop culture.

SEA OTTERS, KEYSTONE SPECIES, DWINDLING IN NUMBERS

By: *Anvika Annyapu & Sophia Jiang*

Before they were hunted to near extinction, sea otters were flourishing. But when oil leaks, fishing nets, hunting, and habitat degradation decreased their numbers, the entire marine ecosystem started to fall apart. Sea otters are keystone species (a species that others in the ecosystem depend upon) and are listed as endangered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (US FWS).

Kelp forests are the savior of many sea animals. They provide shelter, nursery homes, and food for an abundance of fish and other species. Sea urchins are among these species that eat kelp to great amounts. Sea otters, the main predators to sea urchins, keep urchin populations controlled. However, when sea otters are



endangered, sea urchin populations multiply concerningly, therefore depleting the kelp that so many species depend upon. US FWS Sea Otter Recovery Coordinator Lilian Carswell states, “With the near extinction of sea otters during the fur trade, our coastal ecosystems were radically downgraded and simplified. The organisms sea otters had evolved alongside suddenly lost the main predator that kept them in check.”

The primary cause of this issue is human pollution.

Whether it be direct contact through fishing and shooting, human interactions with sea otters have been majorly negative. First, human oil spills have played a role in hurting sea otters and their habitats. This damage to their habitat has led to overall ecosystem damage, and in turn affected humans again. Plus, sea otters and humans share a food source of shellfish.

So, as fishermen place nets for shellfish, sea otters get caught in them, endangering their lives.

NATIONAL NEWS

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET DECISIONS: POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

By: Olivia Zhou

On Thursday September 30 2021, President Biden signed a spending bill extending the federal funding until December 3rd, averting the United States from a government shutdown. As a refresher, a government shutdown occurs when the Congress is unable to decide on a federal budget for the next fiscal year. The context of this avoided government shutdown comes from Biden's proposed \$3.5 trillion economic bill to cover goals in the economy, education, infrastructure, and foreign policy.

The bill provides \$6.3 billion for emergency funding aid to Afghan refugees, covering costs for resettlement, emergency housing, and English language education. It also includes \$28.6 billion to help repair infrastructure damage caused by natural disasters in the United States, including destruction from hurricanes, tornadoes, and wildfires. The majority of this bill will be funded by attempting to raise taxes on wealthy individuals and corporations. In fact, the bill includes a proposal increasing the tax revenues by \$2.1 trillion. This economic package initially resulted in more moderate Democrats disagreeing on the specifics of the package as the funding it requires and

the breadth of its purpose is immense. On the other hand, liberal Democrats claim that the \$3.5 trillion will not be enough to solve national problems. After Biden held discussions with different democratic leaders, the vote was still split when it came to Republican support--one main cause of this dissent was the proposed provision to raise the debt ceiling. The debt ceiling is the maximum limit that the federal government can borrow money, so raising it would allow the government to borrow more money than what was previously allowed. As a result, Republican Senators blocked the passage of the bill on September 27th. Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky expressed clear disapproval of the proposal, citing

that it would be reckless to do so and argues that bipartisan agreement is not something that should happen to the convenience of Democrats. Democrats, however, believe that repaying the national debt can be done, even with the extended debt ceiling.

Agreement was

reached when Democrats conceded to exclude the provision for raising the debt ceiling.

The government stays funded up until December 3rd; by then, Congress must agree on a federal budget in order to avoid a government shutdown. If the federal budget is not decided on, thousands of nonessential government employees, such as those working in the Transportation Security Administration or in agencies like the National Weather Service, will have to work without getting paid.



THE IMPACT OF HURRICANE IDA

By: *Ava Kahn*

Hurricane Ida, a Category 4 hurricane, arrived in the United States in late August of 2021. Ida has had major effects along the East coast. Ida killed people and destroyed homes and businesses in its path. The hurricane had a significant impact on people's lives, as well as the economy and the environment.

Hurricane Ida tragically took 82 lives in a multitude of ways. Many people died because of the excessive heat during the power outages. Some people also died because of direct storm related reasons. Ida has also destroyed numerous homes and structures. There has been damage to 941,392 houses in Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi alone. There have also been 110,000 power outages and problems at 60 water plants.

Ida has had a major impact on the economy. Ida has been named one of the most costly hurricanes in the U.S since 2000. The storm has cost at least \$95 billion. This includes damage to houses and cars, as well as work and travel disruption, the halt to tourism, and the cost of clean-up crews. Overall, businesses have faced severe problems with lack of power, water, and internet connection. These businesses had already been struggling due COVID-19.

Another effect of Hurricane Ida was on the environment. Hurricanes generally weaken after reaching land, but Ida did not follow this trend. Ida maintained a Category 4 hurricane for six hours after landfall, displacing and killing many animals. Ida also resulted in a great deal of litter, debris and flooding. Many pipelines were damaged. There were also major oil leaks into the Gulf of Mexico.

6-WEEK ABORTION BAN FACES LEGAL CHALLENGES, UNCERTAINTY

By: *Amira Pierotti*

Since the Texas legislature and governor passed a ban on abortion past six weeks of pregnancy, the court battles have increased exponentially. Abortion advocates hope Courts could strike down the restrictions while proponents of the bill have sued multiple abortion providers who have broken the law. Although all parties hoped for swift resolutions, the legal complexities have just begun.

In September, Texas passed the strictest abortion laws since the passage of *Roe v. Wade*. Individuals past the first six weeks of pregnancy will no longer have the option to terminate the pregnancy, despite most people learning of pregnancy status after this date. Anti-abortion advocates claim this date is the first time a fetal heartbeat can be heard, a claim debated among health care officials. While some people have been able to travel to other states to get the desired health care, multiply marginalized people— including BIPOC, poor, transgender, and immigrant pregnant folks —have been disproportionately impacted by the law.

Citizens rather than the state of Texas enforce this law. Any individual can sue an abortion provider for practicing after the six-week deadline. The plaintiff can live anywhere in the United States, not just Texas. Numerous health care workers have already been sued. While most did not seek a lawsuit, Dr. Alain Braid wrote an op-ed for the *Washington Post* sharing that he violated the law. He stated that it was his responsibility to take this risk to protect the “fundamental right to receive this care.”

On October 7th, U.S. District Judge Robert L. Pitman temporarily blocked the law. The Biden Administration asked for a temporary block, arguing the ban violated previous court rulings on *Roe*. Judge Pitman concurred, lifting the ban. Abortion supporters were elated that pregnant people unable to receive an abortion before the law took effect would be able to receive such care. But with the legality of the ban in question, many providers were concerned about resuming their work.



GOOD NEWS

MAN EARNS RECORD AFTER CATCHING 35 GRAPES IN MOUTH WHILE JUGGLING

By: *Jonathan Buscher*

David Rush, a man from Idaho, worked alongside an associate named Jonathan “Hollywood” Hannon in order to break the Guinness World Record of most grapes caught in the mouth while juggling within a minute. Juggling three balls, and attempting to beat the previous 27 grape record, Rush could move only his head to catch Hannon’s grapes while retaining his juggling form. This record isn’t David Rush’s first either, as he currently has over 200 of them, which he uses to support STEM education. While another team took the record with 32 grapes before the two men could get their record approved, David and Jonathan still ended up on top, with an impressive 35 grapes being caught.

YELLOW 4.38-CARAT DIAMOND FOUND BY VISITOR IN ARKANSAS STATE PARK

By: *Jonathan Buscher*

On September 23, 2021, Noreen Wredberg and her husband Michael from Granite Bay, California were visiting Arkansas’ Crater of Diamonds State Park as a short side trip from Hot Springs National Park. Following an inch of rain a few days before, soil had been shifted and dried on a clear and sunny day. Consequently, after only 40 minutes of searching, Wredberg discovered a prize, and was unsure whether it was a diamond. After heading to the park’s Diamond Discovery Center, the yellow diamond was properly identified and weighed. Per park rules, Noreen is able to keep her diamond, although she has stated that “I don’t even know what it’s worth yet. It’s all new to me.” Even still, this is the largest diamond found in the park since the previous October.

ON EBAY, COLLECTORS PAY THOUSANDS FOR POKEMON OREOS

By: *Jonathan Buscher*

Pokemon, the incredibly popular collectable card game, collaborated with Oreo earlier this month, releasing a limited edition of Oreo x Pokemon cookies on September 13, 2021. Each cookie depicts a Pokemon and, much like packs of actual Pokemon cards, there are more common cookies, and insanely rare wafers as well. One of these rare Pokemon, Mew, is selling in Oreo form from anywhere ranging from \$50, to \$100,000, with some even being graded for condition, similar to actual Pokemon products. Individual packs of Oreos are being sold by collectors as well, and prices continue to rise following the end of production.



STUDENT LIFE

5 RELAXING NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES YOU SHOULD TRY!

By: *Sophia Jiang*

Are you stressed out about school? Do you feel like work just keeps piling up? Unfortunately, it's only November and you've got a long year ahead of you! But don't fret! Although I can't make time pass faster, I can give you some de-stressing November activities that will help you get through the autumn!

1. Take a Walk Outside

It's the perfect time to go outside before it gets cold! With the beautiful leaves, comfortable weather, and fresh air, you can be active and enjoy the scenery at the same time.

2. Experiment with New Outfits!

Organizing new fits for November not only makes you look good, it also taps into your creativity. You can customize your own looks for autumn! Be creative! Try out new color combos! Bring out the jeans and sweater!

3. Read a Book!

Reading is always a great way to unwind. Let the tensions of your world melt away, and tap into the beauty of the imaginary universe. When it comes to reading, do what works best for you! Read wherever you want to, whether it be on your front porch or indoors by the fireplace! If you want to eat snacks or read out loud, then do that!

4. Bake!

If you aren't into outdoor activities, then try baking! It's a perfect time for apple pie, pumpkin spice muffins, cranberry cheesecake, and other seasonal desserts! And if autumn food isn't your thing, then feel free to go with the classics, such as chocolate chip cookies! You can create any mood you want with baking.

5. Try Photography!

Photography allows you to do whatever you want to and just go crazy with your ideas! Although it may seem like photography is a clear cut procedure, it isn't! Instead, it is a way for you to spend more quiet time with yourself and capture a special moment. With the beautiful leaves falling, now is a perfect time to capture the colors of autumn!



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# SENIOR ADVICE COLUMNS: JOINING NEW CLUBS!

By Amy Qiao

As an incoming freshman or sophomore, it can be intimidating to join a new club, especially if you aren't sure what type of club you're looking for yet. But joining clubs is a great way to get involved, meet new friends, and learn about what you're interested in. When I was a freshman, I was scared to join so many clubs that I look forward to every week now. For example, Sword & Shield is an awesome way to get better at writing, conducting interviews, and collaborating with others, but as a Freshman, I was hesitant to walk into the first meeting. After joining Sword & Shield, I know that all it takes is a little bit of courage to discover which clubs are the right fit for you. Here are some tips to push yourself to join some new clubs!

### Tips on going to the first meeting:

The first meeting is always a bit scary because you don't know anyone or you don't know what your place in the club is yet. But there are so many ways to make this less scary. Going with a friend, even if your friend isn't looking to join the club, can make the experience less awkward, and you won't have to worry about sitting alone. And another important thing to keep in mind is that you don't have to come back for the second meeting. While it's great to join clubs, it's also great to realize that a club might not be right for you. It is totally okay and expectable for students to show up for only one or two meetings and then decide that the club isn't the right fit for them.

### Send emails

If you aren't sure how a club works or if it's too late to join, send an email! Emails are a really easy and non-frightening way to introduce yourself to a club and its members. If you're unsure about who to email, ask any of your teachers, and they will help you find the club advisor or student leaders.

### Join the Google Classroom

I've joined so many clubs through the Memorial Extracurriculars Google Classroom by using it to find out who to email, which clubs relate to my interests, or when clubs are meeting. If you haven't already,

email Ms. Wilcox at [acwilcox@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:acwilcox@madison.k12.wi.us) for the Google Classroom code!

All of these tips can help you get started with joining clubs, but the only way to really find clubs that are right for you is by stepping out of your comfort zone and going to that first meeting. Remember that it's always okay to stop going to a club (as long as they don't specifically state otherwise), so take the first step, email a few people, and sit in a few meetings. Trust me, it won't be as scary as you think it is!

# HOMECOMING FAVORITES

By: Sophia Jiang

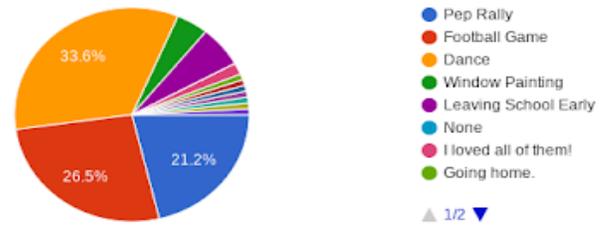
### Favorite events (Top 3):

1. Dance: 33.6 %
2. Football game: 26.5 %
3. Pep rally: 21.1 %

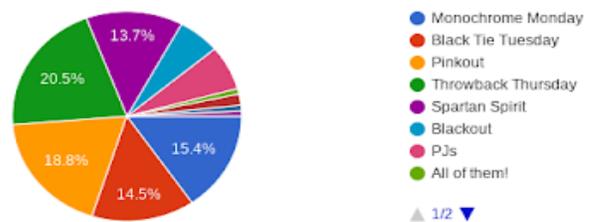
### Favorite Dress-ups (Top 5):

- Throwback Thursday: 20.5 %
- Pinkout: 18.8 %
- Monochrome Monday: 15.4 %
- Black Tie Tuesday: 14.5 %
- Spartan Spirit: 13.7 %

What was your favorite event?



What was your favorite dress-up?



# MEETING TIMES FOR CLUBS

By: *Olivia Zhu*

**Acappella Choir** - not currently running, contact Ms. Shawn Weber McMahon

**Anime Club** - Fridays, 3:45-5:30, Room 611, Ms. Vuong

**Asian Club** - Thursdays, 12:00, Wolf Neighborhood Center, Mr. Vang

**Astronomy Club** - Tuesdays, 12:30, Room 661, Mr. Holt

**Black Student Union (BSU)** - Wednesdays, 12:00, Wolf Study Hall

**Chemistry Club** - Wednesdays, 12:15, Room 672A, Ms. Comins

**Chess Club** - Tuesdays, 12:00, Fox Study Hall, Mr. King

**Digital Animation** - starts second semester, contact Ms. Teri Parris Ford

**Drama, Debate, and Forensics (DDAF)** - Tuesdays, after school, Theatre 300

**Society of Women Engineers (SWEN)** - Fridays, 12:15, Room 661, Ms. Stec

**FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)** - Thursdays, 12:00, Room 514

**FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)** - Wednesdays, 12:00, Room 856, Ms. Janssen

**French Club** - Mondays, 11:30, Room 604, Ms. Zupan

**Gaming Club** - time TBA

**Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA)** - Thursdays, 3:45-5:00, Room 801, Ms. Rongstad

**Gender Equity Association (GEA)** - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00, Room 856

**Green Club** - Mondays, 12:00, Room 665, Ms. Murphy

**Hip Hop Club** - time TBA Room 202 Mr. Jaeger

**Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA)** - first meeting on October 26, Ms. Costello

**Basketball** - MSCR, after school, Field House, Mr. Robinson

**International Soccer Club** - Fridays, 12:00, at the fields near the tennis courts, Ms. Knezevic

**K-Pop Club** - Fridays, 12:00, Room 619, sometimes dance studio, Ms. Pierce

**Key Club** - contact Ms. Glaaser

**LaCrosse Club** - starts late winter/early spring, in the fields outside, Mr. Spencer

**Latinx Student Union** - Thursdays, 12:00, Ms. Barrientos

**Latin Music Club** - Tuesdays, 12:00, Band Room, Mr. Jaeger

**Math Team** - contact Mr. King or Ms. Yahr for Google Classroom code

**Medicine, Education, and Development for Low Income Families Everywhere (MEDLIFE)** - Wednesdays, 12:00, Room 863, Mr. Mawer

**Memorial Music Sets** - Mondays, 11:30, Student Services, Mr. Mormino

**Music Appreciation** - Wednesdays, 12:00, Band Room, Mr. Jaeger

**Nordic Ski Club** - runs November 29-March 3, contact Ms. Oler for more information

**Open Jam** - every lunch, auditorium, Mr. Jaeger

**Pathways Ambassadors** - third Thursday of the month, 12:00, Room 807b, Mr. Guziewski

**Pep Band** - Wednesdays, after school, starting in November, Mr. Jaeger

**Raise Your Voice (NAMI)** - Tuesdays, 12:00, Lit Center, Ms. Conway/Ms. Anderson

**Science Olympiad** - contact, Ms. Stec, for Google Classroom code

**Ski and Snowboard** - MSCR, time TBA, Ms. Angyl

**Social Justice Book Club** - Wednesdays, 12:00, Room 815, Ms. Mitchell

**Spartan Awareness** - Fridays, 12:15, Room 615

**Spartan News** - Tuesdays, 12:00, Room 521, Mr. Frontier

**Spartan Youth Service (SYS)** - Mondays, 3:35, on Zoom, contact Ms. Wilcox for Google Classroom code

**Speed and Strength** - Tuesdays-Thursday, 4:00-5:15, lower weight room

**Superhero Club** - MSCR, Wednesdays, 3:45-5:30, Room 815, Mr. Robinson

**Sword & Shield (Student Newspaper)** - Mondays, lunch, Room 521, Ms. Teri Parris Ford

**Table Tennis Club** - Fridays, after school, Field House, Mr. King

**Ultimate Frisbee** - tentative, contact Ms. Rongstad

**Volleyball** - MSCR, Tuesdays, 2:45-4:00, Field House court #1

**World Culture Exchange** - time TBA, Mr. Mormino and Mr. Vang

**Wrestling Club** - Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:00, Upper Gym, Mr. Rogers

**Writing Club/Memorial Spotlight** - Thursdays, 12:30, Room 800, Ms. Guse

# FRESHMEN / SOPHOMORE GUIDE: HOW TO PROPERLY WALK IN THE SCHOOL HALL

By: *Nadya Konadu*

Listen up, this is dire. Walking. It's the simplest task, and yet people keep screwing it up. I know it sounds funny, me making a big deal about walking in the halls, but it's a bigger problem than you think. Over the past three and a half years, I've unfortunately been stuck in the worst traffic jams in school, been behind the slowest students, and gotten bumped into on numerous occasions. The most frustrating part is that the kids don't seem to realize or understand what they are doing, why it is wrong, and how their actions affect others. I just try to get to class on time and with only 5 minutes, even the smallest thing can make us late.

It can get very frustrating. No one likes to drive in traffic, so what makes you think we like walking in traffic? So, to help teach all those who are guilty, here is my guide on how to walk properly in the hallways!

## Step 1: Don't huddle.

When I get to school in the mornings, I like to walk around with my friends. The pleasure in doing so, however, dissipates when the entire width of the halls is crowded with huddles of people.

I mean, is it really necessary to stand side by side by side? You end up blocking all potential passages, making it impossible to get anywhere. Save the huddles for the field.



## Step 2: Don't stop.

Hallways have a purpose in any and all buildings you will ever set foot in, and that is to allow people to move from one place to another.

By stopping in the middle of such a place, you prevent those who are trying to use the hall for its intended purpose from doing so. You also risk being knocked into by those of us who are trying to get to class. If that happens, do not, I repeat, DO NOT give me the dirty look. It was YOU who wasn't moving, therefore it is not my fault.

## Step 3: Walk on the right side

The hallway is like the road and the people are like the cars. We drive on the right and we walk on the right. Everyone who walk in one direction should all

be on the same side of the hall therefore, making room for people who are walking in the opposite direction (their right) and preventing collisions.

## Step 4: Don't take up the entire hall

Many friends like to walk in groups all together, but they tend to line up horizontally so they're can all walk next to each other. Don't do this. We get it you want to be with your friends, but if you're all taking up that space, you're affecting all those behind you and those walking towards you. You make it difficult to pass or break through the line, and then stop to move and make way for others. If you're one to do this, well you can't get mad if someone knocks into you because, you and your friends are at fault. Just walk behind each other, you aren't missing out on anything with your friends.

## Step 5: Do not walk at a speed of .0005 mph

Please do not walk slow. When you're barely walking, you're giving everyone behind you a headache. Every-

one is just trying to get to their class and you're the one who is about to make them all late. We all walk our own speeds, but you need to be aware that there are a stream of people behind you. If you're going to constantly walk at a slow speed you have to at least make room for people to pass you.

### Step 6: Do not stop in the middle of the hall

I have to be honest, this one makes no sense. There is no reason for you to come to a dead stop in the middle of the hall. There is no reason to scream and stop to talk to your friends- you can talk to them whenever you want, you can even walk and talk at the same time. When you come to a brief stop everyone behind you has to stop and find some way around you and your friends taking up the entire hall.

### Step 7: No one likes hugging the corners

For no reason should you be hugging the the corner, especially when you're walking in the hall during class time. There is no one in the hall, but you decided it's okay to hug the corner. There's an entire hall to walk in. The worst is when you're just walking and turn the corner and someone just ramps into you. Why would you ever do that?

### Step 8: Let people merge

The hallways mirror roads minus the stop signs and lights. The main staircase is the most congested area I've ever been in. People can't make it to the staircase from lunch, or people decide once the lunch bell rings that you can walk down both sides of the staircase, not leaving any space for people to get up the stairs- if they're even able to make it to the stairs. You have to squirm your way up the stairs against everyone and direction of traffic. Just let people by, we don't want to all collide with one another.

I'm not going to lie to you and say I haven't made any of these mistakes because I have and it's actually pretty easy to do so but you have to realize your mistake and try to do better instead of downplaying it and continuing it because we share these hallways and we have to be able to do it in an orderly fashion.

## 8 THINGS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR THIS YEAR:

By: Nadya Konadu

**1. Waking up:** As we all know, some people don't wake up to see another day. Be grateful that you did and those that you care about did as well.

**2. Making it to the end of the day:** One of the things I always reminded myself during difficult days was to just make it to the end of the day. I was and still am grateful whenever I can do that.

**3. Education:** School helped us to know what we need to know to make it in this world.

**4. Seasons:** It's beautiful to see the colorful leaves come down in Autumn. It's also nice to see green leaves growing in the Spring. There are many wonderful visuals we get from the different seasons.

**5. Medicine:** We're lucky in this time that many ailments can be healed by the medicine we have.

**6. Memory:** As we get older, our memories may not be as good as they are now. Be grateful you can still remember the things that you want in your day.

**7. Earth:** No other nearby planet in our solar system could allow us to live comfortably quite like Earth does.

**8. Trees:** Studies have proven being in nature is good for our overall well being. Be grateful if you have lots of trees around where you live.





## YEARBOOK UPDATES: SENIORS PHOTOS AND MORE!

By: *Mihika Shivakumar*

### Senior Photos

Senior photos should be a vertical head and shoulder shot. The image should be sent to [jmmhsolympian@gmail.com](mailto:jmmhsolympian@gmail.com) as a high resolution digital image, at least 2"X3" at 300 dpi or higher. Files can be JPG, PNG, TIFF or PDF. Images sent too small will not be printed. Please keep in mind the MMSD dress code when getting the pictures taken. The Olympian reserves the right to refuse publication of any image that does not meet yearbook requirements and MMSD dress code policies. If a photo is not supplied by November 8, the student's Lifetouch ID photo may be used.

### Senior Superlatives

The Senior Superlatives Survey was emailed to your school email address. Senior quotes should be filled in that survey. The survey is also due on November 8.

### Senior Tributes

Senior Tributes are due December 17, 2021. Anyone can recognize senior students in the yearbook with a tribute. Group or team tributes are welcome. Contact Teri Parris Ford, advisor the yearbook advisor, with any questions and concerns.

## HOMECOMING RECAP

By *Mihika Shivakumar*

Homecoming. Every school's pride and joy. Football, dances, pep rallies, parades, all adding up into a cumulative dance. This year, in order to enact Covid-19 safety protocols, the dance was split into two: underclassman and upperclassmen.

The upperclassman dance was lots of fun for everybody there. Split into two parts, a junior half and senior half for social distancing safety, the dance was a safe way for the grades to recreate their typical homecoming. It was held on the football field, but centered around the DJ booth, set up on the edge by the track. With the typical jumping and not good dancing of a high school dance, it almost recreated the feeling of a dance before the pandemic, and felt like high school again.

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*Mondays, during lunch  
in the Photo Lab!*

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**Can't wait to see you
there!**

SPORTS

WHAT HAPPENED TO WISCONSIN FOOTBALL?

By: *Nolan Sullivan*

Despite closing out the 2019 season with a devastating loss in the Rose Bowl against Oregon, it seemed as if the sky was the limit for the future of the Wisconsin Football program. Head coach Paul Chryst and offensive coordinator Joe Rudolph seemed to have figured out the offensive woes from past seasons, their incoming recruiting classes ranked the highest ever for Wisconsin on a national level, and the future at the quarterback position was brighter than ever with Graham Mertz ready to take the helm.

Yet, since that game, Wisconsin has gone 7-6, and any Badger fan would jump on the opportunity to complain about the lackluster performances from Mertz or poor play calling from Chryst and company. On top of that, UW has seen a handful of skill position players, including four star class of 2020 running back commit Jalen Berger, either enter the transfer portal or be dismissed from the program in recent months. Most recently, redshirt freshman wide receiver Devin Chandler opted to enter the transfer portal for his own reasons. In an interview with the Athletic, Chandler said, “we have plenty of receivers in our room who just straight-up make plays and very rarely throughout the game will they be given opportunities for that.”

Wisconsin is often considered to be ‘RBU’, or running back university, due to their ability to consistently pump out NFL talent at the tailback position. This year, while they have received decent production at that spot, their game plan to consistently run the foot-

ball and rely on a short passing game has backfired, especially with the offensive line being underwhelming as a unit. While there have been a few bright spots in this season so far, including 17-year old early enrollee Braelon Allen showing flashes of excellence in his few appearances at halfback and the defensive unit continuing its’ excellence under Jim Leonhard, Wisconsin will have to clean things up if they truly want to compete for the Big Ten West this year.

JMM SPORTS UPDATE

By: *Nolan Sullivan*

It has been quite a chaotic month for our Spartan athletes. In the blink of an eye, fall sports seasons are about to wrap up, but not before some competitive postseason matchups take place. Let’s take a look at how each sports’ seasons have gone!

The Football team finished the regular season strong, with back to back wins against Madison West and Beloit Memorial. Coming in at 5-4 overall, they drew a first round playoff matchup against Middleton, who came out victorious in the conference matchup earlier this season. Despite that, the team doesn’t plan on their season ending at the hands of the neighboring Cardinals.

In Boy’s Soccer, the group capped off the regular season in 5th place in the Big 8, earning themselves a nine seed in the playoffs. In the first round against Mukwonago, they fought hard for a 0-0 scoreline at the end of regular and extra time, which ultimately led to penalties, where the Spartans advanced in dramatic fashion, winning 8-7. Their second round matchup against top-ranked Verona looks to be a tough task, but the boys have done their fair share of knocking off higher ranked opponents already this season.

Both Boy’s and Girl’s Volleyball placed impressively in their conferences at the end of the regular season, at 2nd and 3rd, respectively. The Boy’s face Madison La Follette in their first playoff game, and look to have a repeat of their first matchup, which ended 3-2 in Memorial’s favor. Similarly for the Girl’s, they will face off against Madison West in their first round playoff game, a matchup that ended in a sweep for the Spartans in conference play. Both teams are looking to end the season on a high note and make a deep playoff run.



GAME, SET, MATCH: REFLECTION ON A HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS CAREER

By: *Elfin Wiriyana*

For many students at Memorial, sports play a huge role in their high school experience. When they've graduated and moved on, many will still think back to their days as a Spartan, reminiscing about the glory they might have found. I sat down to chat with Nikita Remesh, a four-year varsity tennis player, about her time playing tennis for Memorial.

When asked about her favorite memory from the past four years, she recalled a baffling moment with Coach David Olson during a tough match against Middleton during her freshman year. "...I found myself down...1-6, 2-5. At that changeover, Coach Olson comes to me, ignoring my tears and directs me to the court. The words he said was, "Nikita, just a reminder- this is the court... the ball goes in the court. Just a reminder!" and leaves." But clearly, Olson's unorthodox words of wisdom had a positive effect; she would then go on to win the match 1-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Of course, there have been a lot of highlights throughout her time on the court, but one moment stands out for her. "My proudest moment has been ending my sophomore season with a 32-0 record," Nikita said. "...It was a moment where I knew I was good at my sport, and it made me feel it was worth the hard work." Even more impressively, during her 4 years at Memorial, Nikita has racked up an astonishing 105-11 record overall.

However, in her junior year, Nikita would face an opponent unlike any other she'd faced before: herself.

Suffering from a stress fracture in her back, she was constantly reminded of the consequences of pushing herself too far. "The back injury was at its peak...during the state tournament," Nikita admitted. "Every match was like a gift for me as I didn't want to let go of playing just yet. The thought of missing out on my senior year... pushed me through recovering."

Nikita made the difficult decision to switch from singles to doubles for her senior year in order to take some of the stress off her back. When asked about what the switch was like, she responded, "It was really a different game on the same court. I was a single player for the last three years and sharing that court with another player was frankly tough for me." However, after 33 incredible matches with her doubles partner, Elizabeth Wu, she's clearly figured things out. In describing her partnership with Elizabeth, she said, "I have a very competitive mindset, while Elizabeth tends to be the calming influence. Working with those different approaches and the different game styles was a challenge we both had to overcome- but it succeeded as making it to the state tournament was a wonderful accomplishment."

And, of course, I had to ask Nikita if she had any advice for the underclassmen currently on the team. Without hesitation, she replied, "My advice would be that off-season is your best friend. Nothing is harder than trying to pick up a racket again, out of shape and out of form to try and play 30 something matches. Playing a minimal amount is better than not playing at all. Off-season is meant to prepare you both physically and mentally for the season, so hit with friends! Play some fun practice matches! Being active during the off-season will make the season so much more successful, and so much more fun."

Good luck with whatever you do next, Nikita!

NFL CANCER AWARENESS

By: *Nolan Sullivan*

Every October, you may notice something different about the uniforms worn by your favorite NFL players. While most fans immediately think of the trademark pink accessories that used to be adorned league-wide, the majority don't know of the new initiative that the league has in place, A Crucial Catch. With this program, players are still more than welcome to wear pink

to raise awareness for breast cancer, but now a wider variety of cancers are being brought attention to. The NFL has partnered with the American Cancer Society to help support early detection and risk-reduction efforts for cancer through screenings, a practice that has drastically declined amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.

Since the two groups teamed up in 2009, over \$23 million has been raised towards helping people access these screenings, which have aided over a million people in communities of need across the country. As part of the partnership, NFL players and coaches around

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the league who have been personally affected by cancer are selected to be ambassadors for the program. Among those selected include Arizona Cardinals running back James Conner, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma whilst playing football at the University of Pittsburgh.

Conner's diagnosis came only due to an unfortunate MCL tear at the start of the 2015 season. During rehab for that injury, he began to experience trouble

sleeping and fatigue, which led to further testing. In an interview regarding his cancer, Conner recalled a discussion he had with his doctor, saying, "he told me, if you didn't get this treated, you had about a week at the rate it was growing." While no injury is something to cheer about, looking back, that knee injury can be seen as a blessing in disguise for the NFL star, and further stresses the importance of cancer screening.

MEMORIAL WINTER SPORTS INVOLVEMENT

By: Lydia Lenz

For all the Memorial student athletes, winter sports are about to begin! While many sports are coming to an end for the season like girls swimming and boys and girls cross country, there are plenty of new opportunities to get involved through winter sports.

Boys and Girls Basketball- Both boys and girls basketball have their first games coming up on November 23rd. Be sure to show up for tryouts for girls basketball on November 8th and boys basketball November 15th. If you have any questions feel free to contact the schools athletic director Jeremy Schlitz.

Girls Gymnastics- gymnastics is another great program offered here at Memorial. Coach Michele Fuller runs the program offering the earliest practice planned to begin November 8th, the earliest meet is as soon as December 2nd. Don't be scared to show off your skills and secure your spot on the team!

US FIGURE SKATING UPDATE: NEBELHORN TROPHY, FINLANDIA TROPHY, AND AUSTRIA CUP

By: Amy Qiao

With the 2022 Winter Olympics approaching and several US Junior skaters making their mark, a lot is happening with US figure skating. Here is the breakdown of three big competitions from the last month. First, at the Finlandia Trophy in early October, Jason

Boys Hockey- November at Memorial also means the start of our boys hockey season! The first game looks to be this coming December 30th, so look out for more information on both practices and tryouts.

Boys Swimming- While girls swimming is coming to a successful close the boys team is just getting their season started. The first few sessions are rolling in from October 25th through November 11th Monday through Thursday, from 8:30pm to 10:00pm.

Boys Wrestling- Get the mat's rolled out and ready for Memorial boys wrestling! Open mats are already taking place in the upper gym. don't miss the chance to join this great group in time for wrestling season. The boy's first match starts as soon as December 10th.

JMM Cheer- What's a better way to show school pride than representing the green and white during this Fall and Winter cheerleading season! Show up and go all out. Become a student leader and present your dancing talents while performing at upcoming winter Varsity basketball games and other events.

Brown boasted two beautiful programs to take the gold medal. Coming in at second place after the short program, Brown delivered an amazing performance to "I Could Have Done More" by John Williams to take the top score of the competition. Karen Chen placed 6th overall, with a strong double axel and a stunning triple lutz-triple toe in her free skate. In pairs, Ashley Cain-Gribble and Timothy Leduc placed 3rd, with Jessica Calalang and Brian Johnson following in 4th place. Ice dancers Madison Chock and Evan Bates placed 2nd overall, scoring all positive grades of execution on their elements. Siblings Oona Brown and Gage Brown scored another silver medal

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for the US in ice dance.

The Austria Cup Junior Grand Prix featured many up-and-coming skaters from the US. Ilia Malinin scored gold for the US in the Junior Men division, and in the Junior Women division, Isabeau Levito skated away with a silver medal. Anastasiia Smirnova and Danylo Siianytsia placed 6th in pairs skating. Ice dance duo Oona Brown and Gage Brown scored another silver medal for the US in ice dance.

At the Nebelhorn Trophy in Oberstdorf, Germany, Alysia Liu and Vincent Zhou both placed first in their respective events. Liu was in first place after her short program, and, although she popped her triple axel, she sealed her gold medal win with a free skate featuring six triple jumps. Vincent Zhou also placed first after the short program and delivered a brilliant free skate to music from the Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon soundtrack. Zhou opened his free skate with a stunning quad lutz and went for three other quads and two triple axels in the program. The two gold medal wins also mean that Liu and Zhou sealed the 3rd Olympic spots for their respective divisions. The US can now send three women, men, and ice dance teams plus two pairs teams to the upcoming 2022 Winter Olympics.

So much has happened in figure skating this past month, and there's so much more to come. Follow the Sword & Shield figure skating update to keep up with the NHK Trophy and the Warsaw Cup coming up in November.

SOCCKER UPDATE

By: Donghyun Vince Kim

The UEFA Champions League is a stage where top-division European football clubs compete for the title of Europe's best football club. Filled with memorable goals, iconic ceremonies, and stunning upsets, the players and teams in the world's most prestigious football tournament paint a panorama of unforgettable moments, and the latest UCL matches show they haven't failed at doing so once more.

Mid-August, football star Lionel Messi made a surprise entrance at Paris after signing with Paris Saint-Germain F.C. while saying a tearful farewell with his former club F.C. Barcelona, where he had resided for more than two decades. Almost four months after his last goal in Barcelona in May, Messi scored his debut goal with the new club and PSG pulled off a 2-0 victory against English top-tier club Manchester City.

Moldovan football club Sheriff Tiraspol managed to pull a stunning upset against top-tier Spanish football club Real Madrid, writing a new chapter of possibly one of the most stunning upsets in Champions League history. Sheriff's opener in the match came with a reply from French footballer Karim Benzema's penalty that tied the game 1-1. However, Real failed to hold until the end after Sheriff's Sebastian Thill pulled a late winner in the 89th minute, effectively bringing Sheriff to a "miracle". With this match victory, they have risen to the top spot in Group D of the tournament and hope to bring this new energy and confidence along with them throughout the tournament.

Real isn't the only Spanish football club who is experiencing a slump. Messi's former club F.C. Barcelona is on its downfall. Barca has not won a single UCL tournament since 2015, but their underperformance can be clearly seen in a comparison between their performance in La Liga and UCL a few years ago and now. A club that has long dominated La Liga while racking up multiple UCL titles in the late 2000s, Barcelona has now fallen to 9th out of the 20 La Liga teams and lost 3-0 to Benfica and Bayern Munich in both UCL matchups, falling into the last spot in Group E of the table.



OPINIONS



THE GREAT PIE DEBATE: WHICH IS BEST?

THERE IS NOTHING LIKE A GOOD RHUBARB PIE

By: Amira Pierotti

I have been told I am a pie snob. I have to agree. My grandfather would bake half a dozen pies from scratch every year when my family gathered over winter break. I do not eat pies in restaurants anymore because compared to his recipes they taste like artificial fruit or vegetables and sugar. His crowning achievement was his rhubarb pie.

I don't mean sugary strawberry rhubarb pie, but pure and simple rhubarb. Make the crust from scratch, put the bottom crust in the glass dish, and add one giant heap of fresh rhubarb. Add your sugar—the pie is tart, but it's still desert—and cover with a perfect lattice. Bake and voila! Underneath your crispy crust is a mass of unctuous rhubarb goodness.

The rhubarb will cook down perfectly and seep onto your plate and into the bottom crust. Paul Hollywood will eat his hat when he sees that soggy bottom, but even he hasn't had a pie like this. To cut through the tartness, add a scoop of vanilla ice cream. Instead of the pies so sweet, you could only stand a single bite, you could happily eat rhubarby goodness forever.

Pumpkin pies are too bland and just a paste. Strawberry pies lose all their flavor. Cherry pies too often taste like bad artificial flavoring. And the rinds in lemon pies have the worst texture. Rhubarb is the one flavor of pie that remains reliable and the one pie Americans have not processed to death. So take an afternoon this fall and make yourself the best dessert.

PUMPKIN PIE IS THE BEST PIE

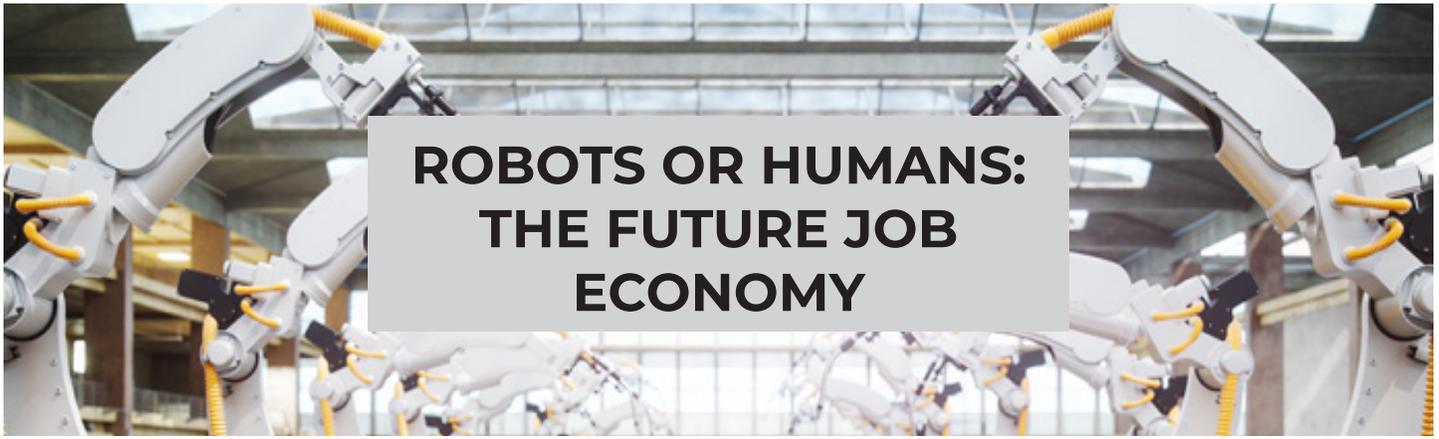
By: Amy Qiao

Every fall, I look forward to getting the best pie—pumpkin pie. The iconic pumpkin pie has become so associated with the Fall season, you almost can't avoid it. And that's probably not a bad thing, as pumpkin pie is the most delicious and delightful pie out there.

The taste of pumpkin filling is always perfect, and I never get a headache from too much sugar after eating it. Pumpkin filling contains the sweetest spices: cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and more. The pumpkin filling also has a great, creamy, and smooth texture. Pumpkin pie can be deliciously served at room temperature or cold, making it the perfect treat for when the weather is still a little warm but getting chilly. In the fall season, filled with so many different pies, pumpkin pie serves as a nice counterpart to the overload of fruit pies that can sometimes be too sweet or sour. Finally, it matches with so many different toppings, such as whipped cream, ice cream, chocolate, nuts, caramel, and more.

An often underlooked benefit of pumpkin pie is its various health benefits. Pumpkin is known for having an abundance of vitamin A, among other vitamins and minerals, while still having a low-calorie count. Vitamin A can improve eyesight, support your immune system, and help with bone health.

With a great taste and texture and a myriad of health benefits, pumpkin pie is just the perfect pie for Fall, and honestly, any time of the year.



ROBOTS OR HUMANS: THE FUTURE JOB ECONOMY

PEOPLE SHOULD RE- TAIN THE MAJORITY OF JOBS

By: Jonathan Buscher

Following the introduction of robots into the workplace, such as FANUC Robotics' industrial manufacturing machines, concerns have arisen regarding the safety and usefulness of these new innovations. Research suggests that for each robot added in a group of 1,000 workers, the percentage of workers employed compared to the population drops by 0.2% and that wages decline by 0.42%. Therefore, adding robots to our jobs has a significant impact on the general population, with a decrease in pay. Additionally, automatons are unable to replicate crucial human behavior, meaning that they could be less effective at some jobs. According to a PBS article regarding a study by Carl Frey, director of the Technology and Employment program at Oxford, Frey said that "Robots also can't keep up with human creativity: the ability to form new and valuable ideas such as poetry, music, recipes, jokes, fashion design or scientific theories." In jobs such as customer service, automation simply can't compare to the almost instant reactivity of the human being.

ROBOTS SHOULD TAKE OVER MOST JOBS

By: Vince Kim

The introduction of automation into the workforce has introduced new possible benefits in terms of productivity and economic growth. The pandemic has shed more light on how robots have already replaced a significant number of jobs and plan to serve as a smooth transition to economic growth. A paper from economists working at Boston University and MIT predicts 2 million more workers in manufacturing will be replaced by robots in the next 5 years. On top of that, a study from Oxford economics suggests that if robots are enlisted in the workforce by at least 30% more than its baseline prediction by 2030, it would lead to a 5.3% increase in GDP that year. Additionally, machines have become more practical with the pandemic at hand. In order to create workspaces that aren't vulnerable to COVID infections, robots have substituted those originally in the workforce, which has given them the opportunity to show their efficiency at basic tasks and immunity from sickness and error, which are bound to happen when human workers are present. Humans can't compare with robots at such basic, repetitive tasks.



PUBLICITY IN SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES

By: Amy Qiao

Sexual assault and harassment cases have unfortunately been increasingly on the news, with congressional hearings or old photos from dinner parties on the front of these articles. With these sexual assault and harassment cases have been an outpour of support for survivors and their stories.

Many influential figures have tweeted or commented on these stories, applauding survivors for their bravery and vulnerability. But even with kind encouragement from others, survivors are facing another aspect of sexual assault and harassment cases that has become more prevalent in recent years: publicity.

The bravery of the US Gymnastics team has been broadcast through interviews, congressional hearings, and social media posts. In an interview with *The Daily Show*, Aly Raisman, a two-time Olympic gymnast, explains that she is “continually blown away by the support that [herself] and [her] teammates... get,” and that it has personally helped her “get out of bed on the toughest of days.” But she adds, “What [she] didn’t realize before coming forwards was [she] hadn’t processed it on [her] own.” She elaborates that it was never the goal to deal with such a personal process publicly, but she felt that she couldn’t “sit back and watch these organizations do nothing... it feels like an open wound that won’t heal.” With the lack of action from major organizations in power, Raisman tries to focus on the support she receives with publicity and

recognizes that not everyone can get that support. Raison continues, stressing the importance of using her platform to give a voice to other survivors.

But in the entertainment industry, publicity might be an integral part of accountability. Shelley Ross, a former TV news anchor, wrote an opinion piece for *The New York Times*, sharing her story of sexual harassment. Ross explains that at a party in 2005, Chris Cuomo greeted her “while lowering one hand to firmly grab and squeeze the cheek of [her] buttock.” Ross states that while doing so, Cuomo said, “I can do this now that you’re no longer my boss.” Although Cuomo apologized in an email afterward, saying he felt “ashamed,” Ross explains that she sees the apology as “an attempt to provide himself with legal and moral coverage to evade accountability.” Ross elaborated that she does not want Chris Cuomo to be fired from CNN but hopes that he will “agree on air to study the impact of sexism, harassment and gender bias in the workplace, including his own, and then report on it.” Accountability can only be achieved if he, as a person in the entertainment industry, publicly acknowledges what happened.

Publicity is a complex concept, especially with the seriousness of sexual assault and harassment cases. As we continue to read stories of survivors coming forward, we need to use this aspect to help rather than hinder accountability and justice.





MOTT'S vs. WELCH'S: WHICH FRUIT SNACK IS THE BEST?

MOTT'S IS BETTER

By: Sophia Jiang

Mott's are superior to Welch's. Mott's are both healthier and more delicious, providing consumers with 3 grams of fiber and 54 mg of Vitamin C, almost double the value of Welch's Vitamin C amount, per serving. Furthermore, Mott's displays a wide assortment of flavors, including apple, grape, pear, and even carrot. The juicy essence of these flavors is much finer than the lackluster, sugary taste of Welch's limited number of flavors. Most importantly, Mott's does not fool customers. According to a study conducted by USA Today, the images of fresh fruit displayed on the Welch's fruit snack box are "misleading and they are no more healthful than candy." The front labels on Welch's packets are simply a scheme to persuade customers to buy their product. Welch's also has a notorious history of creating bad quality fruit snacks due to their poor execution of mass production. Customers have reported molding, burned fruit snacks, and even insects lodged inside their fruit snacks. Mott's, on the other hand, are made of 100 % natural flavoring. Compared to Welch's, Mott's are of much greater quality due to their natural ingredients, quality production, and delicious texture.

WELCH'S IS BETTER

By: Mihika Shivakumar

Welch's fruit snacks are the better-tasting fruit snacks. Instead of tasting bad, they taste like candy, like childhood, like love. Mott's stick to your teeth, and their first ingredient is corn syrup. Welch's are drier, tastier, and healthier, with their first ingredient being fruit purees. The company is a grape business, based, in fact, in Concord, Massachusetts. Children involved in taste tests tend to choose Welch's over Mott's: that says something, doesn't it? The company is owned by a co-op of natural grape growers, so it's practically a small business. On the other hand, Mott's, a known applesauce corporation, decided to branch out and start making fruit snacks: a realm they were not familiar with and ultimately failed at. Mott's is also typically more expensive than Welch's, and when fruit snacks are supposed to be an easy snack accessible to all, why is it that Mott's tends to cost several more dollars? Seems classist, if you ask me. Make sure you buy your Welch's today!

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