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Sneakers at the Snowball

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Most of us have probably observed some changes in fashion at both the 7th and 8th grade Snowball Dances. This trend in particular hasn't just changed an outfit. It's also affected a big fundraiser for Harrington.

Instead of looking in front of you, try looking down. Yes, at your feet! At the Snowball Dance of 2023, a large number of students in dresses wore sneakers and other flat shoes, instead of heels like in previous years. The last Snowball was in 2020, meaning Harrington hasn't had one in 3 school years. Over the course of these years, is it possible sneakers have been worn with dresses at times that we just haven't noticed? Or, has this trend just come into play recently because of the dance? Or is it that people just want to be more comfortable so they don't have to walk around in heels?

The bigger question is, why does this matter so much at Harrington? Well, because in previous years most people would wear heels, then kick them off and toss them in the corner to be more comfortable. Of course, no one can be walking around barefoot. The staff and PTO at Harrington decided to make a fundraiser of selling socks at the Snowball. This way, whenever someone chooses to take their shoes off, they can purchase a pair of socks to put on instead.

The socks sale at the Snowball was a big fundraiser for the school because so many 7th and 8th graders bought them. Typically, most, if not all, of the socks were sold out in the first 30 to 45 minutes of the dance. However, since not many socks were bought this year, the fundraiser wasn't a success. This year, barely any of the socks were sold in the entire two hours of the dance. And this applies to both 7th and 8th grades together.

We can already make some predictions for next year based on what has already happened this year. Are heels going to come back in style in the near future, to help Harrington's sock fundraiser? Or are sneakers going to remain a popular trend for a long time to come? If so, Harrington is going to need a new dance fundraiser.

Gun Violence in America

By Joyce T.

America. When we think about the country we see it as the land of opportunity, freedom and a better life. As a country we face struggles such as poverty, climate change, inflation, racism, and many

more. One issue I believe we don't talk enough about is gun control. The United States is very open about the 2nd amendment and it has become a controversy over the past couple of years. More mass shootings occur especially in K-12 schools. In 2020, more Americans died because of gun related injuries than any other year on record.

This is insane. It seems like as time goes on more shootings occur and more lives are lost. Guns are affecting the future generation positively and negatively. Positively because more kids have a deeper understanding that guns are not good, and they shouldn't use them. Negatively kids are now being exposed to them because their parents own them. For example in 2021, Ethan Crumley who was 15 years old at the time came to school with a gun and shot 11 people, 4 were killed and 7 were injured. Can you imagine how crazy this is? Imagine you're in class and your classmate pulls out a gun on you. I would feel absolutely terrified.

Just a couple of weeks ago on January 6th, a 6 year old shot his teacher. Fortunately the teacher survived and is now currently stable. It's so shocking to know that a 6 year old who can probably barely read can hold a gun and shoot their teacher. It's as if the younger they become it just gets worse.

Valentines Day 2023 will mark the 5 year anniversary of the Parkland Shooting. If you don't know about this, it was when 19 year old Nikolas Cruz entered Stoneman Douglas High School and took 17 lives. His motive was revenge. Every single time there is shooting it's "I was bullied," "People didn't treat me right." If everyone thought that then the world would be a terrible place.

As a country we need to realize that the more we just sit there and don't do action the more we are setting a terrible example for the future generations. How many people are going to die in order for us to realize this? How many little kids need to die? We need to stop this because history is just repeating itself over and over again.

Cheesy Pick-up Lines



- Are you Australian? Because you meet all of my koalafications.
- Do you like Star Wars? Cause Yoda only one for me.
- If you were a Transformer you'd be Optimus Fine!
- Do you play Nintendo? Because I think Wii look good together.
- Do you have any Neosporin? I just scraped my knee falling for you.
- Did we just board the Hogwarts Express? Because it feels like we're headed somewhere magical.
- Is your name Ariel? Cause we mer-made for each other.

How to Host a Palentine's Day Party

By Liv A.

Valentine's Day is a holiday best known for romance and love. You're supposed to take your significant other out for dinner or do something nice for them to remind them of how much they mean to you. Valentine's Day might have its romantic traditions for people in relationships, but it doesn't mean we Single Pringles can't party either. Palentine's Day is a pun from the name Valentine's Day, where instead of spending a romantic night with your special someone, you can invite all of your buddies over and have fun together! February 14th is a day for celebrating relationships, and there are a few variations like Palentine's Day for all kinds of relationships we form with other people.

These parties should be casual, just a fun get-together with your best friends that reflect upon your relationship with them. It shouldn't be too complicated, but to host a good party, here are some suggestions about how to go about it:

Pick a Theme & Call Them Up!

You don't have to keep the classic fancy-dinner, red-and-pink Valentine's Day theme. You can set any theme you want for your party, it's probably better if you pick a theme tailored to your guests. It doesn't have to have a theme at all! Keep in mind that Valentine's Day is on the 13th of February, so make it fairly close to then.

Food Tips

Like I said before, this is a casual get-together with your best buds and whatever dinner/snacks/food you serve doesn't have to follow strict rules. Cooking and spending time on a nice, hot, homemade meal can be a good way to show your guests that you care about them though. Maybe you can cook or bake with them as an activity! Making homemade pizzas and other things are very good and loads of fun to make with friends.

Activities To Try

This might be the hardest part of planning your dream Valentine's Day party. But not to worry, here's a short list of awesome family activities that are perfect for hangouts with your friends and family.

- Play games - board games, video games, or active games like tag or Twister are nice activities, especially when all of your friends have to do silly things in the game. Funny/humorous games like Say Anything, Hot Seat, and others great too.
- Movie Night - grab your popcorn and pick any movie, but try to make sure everyone agrees. If you want, it's a fun idea to watch a movie with romance in it since it's close to Valentine's Day. If you have trouble picking or can't find anything, don't be discouraged. Anything can be settled with a game a rock-paper-scissors (or rock-paper-scissors-lizard-Spock) if it really comes down to it!
- DIY - craft with your buds! You can make things like hearts for Valentine's Day or you can craft things that go with your chosen theme. Anything from Rainbow Loom bracelets to origami are nice for your guests to enjoy.
- Dance Competition or Karaoke - this is a blast to do with other people! Grab a microphone (or craft one... see DIY ;D) and dance the night away to some of your favorite songs. One particular kind of Karaoke/Dance-off you could try is Teams, where you divide into two groups and whoever's got the best moves wins!
- DIPPING THINGS IN CHOCOLATE - okay this one might be pretty specific but it's super fun. Get chocolate wafers, microwave them in a bowl (Pyrex or something similar works best), and dip strawberries, graham crackers, marshmallows, cannoli chips, vanilla wafers, oreos, pretzel sticks, and other things into it while it's still hot and leave them out to cool/dry. Getting chocolate on Valentine's Day is good, but making and **eating** chocolate on Valentine's Day is even better. Nonpareils are great too, here's how you make them:

<https://www.marthastewart.com/332774/nonpareils-candies>

Party Favors/Gifts

When it's time for your friends to leave, send them on their way with a little something to let them know you care about them. Something made by you to them just might do the trick. You could put a sweet note in there along with some candies like Hershey Kisses or Sweethearts to fit the holiday or perhaps you have a hobby and can make them something unique for them. Whether you choose to create your gifts based on the theme or your guests pack all of the crafts and snacks they made that night in them, it's a nice way to show your appreciation for them attending the party!

February Book Review

By:Kaley U.

This Months Book: *Lovely War* by Julie Berry

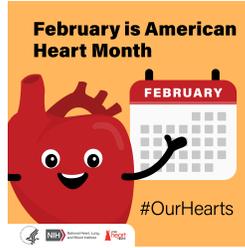
Genre: Fantasy Romance

Lovely War is a sweeping romance set in WWI and II told through the eyes of Greek gods. After Aphrodite gets caught cheating on her spouse Hephaestus with Ares, she is put to trial on Mount Olympus. She tells the love stories of 4 mortals Hazel, James, Aubrey and Colette. Throughout the story we get to see the POVS of Ares, Apollo, Aphrodite and Hades. Don't let the number of pages discourage you, most people will get roped in, hanging on every word. It is a good read for anyone who loves Greek mythology and romance, a perfect combination of the 2.

Star rating: 4 out of 5

American Heart Month

By: Rana Naseer



February, a month that is mostly associated with love and Valentine's Day, is also *American Heart Month*. This month is dedicated to being more aware of our cardiovascular health, and to encourage many Americans to join the battle against heart disease. The annual celebration first originated in 1964. According to the Red Cross, "President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first proclamation declaring February "American Heart Month." Each year, this is a time to spotlight heart disease, by bringing awareness and sharing how to take steps to prevent this deadly disease."

Some actions you can take to prevent heart disease are:

- ♥ Know your risk
- ♥ Eat a healthy diet
- ♥ Be physically active
- ♥ Check your blood pressure and cholesterol regularly

♥ Raising awareness ♥

National Wear Red Day is the first Friday in February. On this day, wear red to encourage others to do the same, and help raise awareness that heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S.

This Month in Science



By: Sanchita S.

Taking it to the sky...

Coincidence? On February 14, 1932, Ruth Nichols successfully flew the Lockheed Vega aircraft to an altitude of almost 20,000 feet. This set a new record for airplanes powered by diesel.

A competitive aviator, Nichols set numerous records during her life, flew every type of available aircraft, and was one of the founding members of the organization for female pilots, called "The Ninety Nines".

Indeed, this could be a Valentine's Day planned special or just a plain ol' coincidence. But one thing is for sure: February 14, 1932, will be a day to remember in flight and science history!

Look forward to more of *This Month in Science*! If you have any suggestions, please email

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Country of the Month: Bulgaria

By: Nitya R.

The Lucky Country of this Month: Bulgaria!

Fun Facts:

1. Bulgaria has a government yogurt company. Government microbiologists were sent across the country to find the best and healthiest homemade yogurt.
2. Bulgaria is the second oldest country in Europe. It has been named Bulgaria since 681 AD.
3. Bulgarian men dress up as Yetis to perform dances and rituals to ward off evil spirits.
4. Bulgaria is famous for rose oil. Almost 70% to 80% of the world's rose oil is made in Bulgaria.
5. Bulgaria invented the Cyrillic Script. It was invented in the late 890s by Saint Clement of Ohrid.



Valentine's Day Around the World

By: Aarav S

Armenia celebrates a holiday similar to Valentine's Day called Trndez on January 14th. Most people go to church on this day taking lit candles with them. The churches will light a huge bonfire on Trndez which would be made using the light from the candles. Afterwards, people jump over the fire. Afterwards, people (mainly the children) will sing and dance around the fire. It is typical for children to wear the traditional Armenian dress called the Taraz. The whole purpose of making the fire is to honor the newlyweds. People will go and also set tables full of food. The Armenians will go and make a toast to congratulate the newlyweds and then everybody will drink in hope that their wishes will come true. People usually will go and tell interesting stories and legends around the table and eat.

Finland and Estonia celebrate a holiday similar to Valentine's Day. Finnish people call it Ystävän Päivä and Estonian people call it Sõbrapäev. In English it is called Friend's Day. It is celebrated on February 14th too. In this holiday people gather to have a meal together and they also go and play sports such as sledding and skiing. People send cards and decorate the streets using love themed decorations. People exchange gifts and get engaged or married. In

Finland's high schools, people wear red if they are in a relationship and green if they are single. In Estonia, for people who seek love, they can ride love buses. Love buses are buses specifically made for single people.

In South Korea, for the 14th of each month there is a different love-themed holiday. In January, Diary Day is celebrated. People give each other black diaries. Special occasions are recorded in black journals. On February 14th, they celebrate normal Valentine's Day. Women give men gifts. So, the traditions are pretty similar to Valentine's Day in the US. On March 14th, it is White Day. On White Day, in return for women giving men gifts, men give women gifts. The only difference is that the men give women specifically white gifts. People follow a rule called "Rule of Three" where the men's gift is supposed to be 3x the value of the gift the man received from the women on Valentine's Day. On April 14th, it is Black Day. People who are single and didn't get gifts on Valentine's Day on White Day, go out to dine and eat Jjajyangmyeon which are black noodles with their friends. On May 14th, it is Yellow Day or Rose Day. Couples dress in yellow and give each other yellow roses. Singles eat yellow curry with each other. On June 14th, it is Kiss Day. On this day, people confess their love to a crush and kiss them. On July 14th, it is Silver Day. Couples give each other silver rings and they go and discuss future plans of marriage. They are given before their spouse meets their parents. On August 14th, it is Green Day. On this day, people drink soju which is a type of alcohol made with rice. Then, they take a walk in the woods. On September 14th, it is Photo Day and Music Day. People go to photo booths and Noraebangs, which are karaoke rooms. October 14th is Wine Day. Couples drink a glass of wine over dinner. November 14th is Movie Day. On this day, couples rent movies, give each other DVDs or, they can go to a DVD room. On December 14th, it is Hug Day. Couples hug each other. Singles answer polls on which celebrity is most huggable.

Girls Basketball Team Interview

By: Kai D.

The Harrington Middle School basketball season has ended, and I have the chance to interview Keilee C., the girl's team manager. Here's what she had to say about this season:

Question: *What was a memorable moment from this season?*

Keilee: "Definitely when we won our first game."

Question: *Do you think your team succeeded this season?*

Keilee: "Yeah, I think we did. We won a lot of games, and when we went through hard times we persevered."

Question: *What were some triumphs your team overcame?*

"When we lost our first game. But we knew what mistakes we made, and we knew how to improve."

Question: *What are some of your responsibilities as team manager?*

"I take down the scores. I see if anyone made any fouls. I administer med kits, and I take care of the basketballs."

Question: *How did your team bounce back from losses and hard times?*

“By practicing and reflecting. When we made a mistake, we knew what we did wrong and improved on that with our practice.”

Question: *What is your favorite thing about basketball?*

“It’s an active sport that keeps you healthy. I do it because it helps me keep my head clean, and it’s a lot of fun.”

What You Read Says About You

By: Joanna L.

Babel or the Necessity of Violence: An Arcane History by R.F. Kuang

If *Babel* is on your bookshelf, you are automatically superior to everyone else. Unless you’re the “literary critic” that gave it zero stars because the point of the book just absolutely *flew* past your head (*cough cough @wayfarewithbooks on ig *cough cough*) I am amazed by your brain capacity to understand the greatest masterpiece ever written. I wish you luck in therapy, because you’ll need it after you read this book.

Any Colleen Hoover book

If you have read any of her books and actually *liked* it, I would never trust you with book recommendations. Please don’t talk to me...ever. You’re the most basic type of person who has ever branched out of BookTok recommendations. I bet you’re the type of person who heard about the *It Ends With Us* coloring book and pre-ordered it.

Shatter Me by Tahereh Mafi

You never grew out of your 2010 dystopian era, did you? This book puts the “young” in Young Adult. But let’s be honest, all is forgiven simply because of Aaron Warner and Kenji Kishimoto. If you’ve read this series, you either hate it with every fiber of your being or love it with all your heart. No in-between. You probably re-read this series just for nostalgia (and Aaron Warner). It’s okay if you never understood Warner’s extensive vocabulary in his insults.

The Silence That Binds Us by Joanna Ho

Did you even read this book if you weren’t sobbing by the first page? You probably related so hard throughout the story, or just sat there confused the entire time. Honestly, one of my favorite books of all time. I would trust you with most of my book recommendations.

♡Valentine's Day Survey♡

By: Nitya R. and Anika V.

With Valentine's day looming ahead, we decided to do a survey about how our Harrington peeps feel about this special day. Here are some of our favorite responses:

Are you celebrating Valentine's Day, or are you a single pringle?

"Single Pringle"



"Voluntarily single because nobody is good enough for me"

Do you believe that Valentine's Day is overrated?

"NO! Self love ❤️"

"Obviously 😬"

Candy or Flowers?

"Neither"

"Reese's"

Do you decorate for Valentine's day?

"A little bit. We also put paper hearts on our children's doors and we write what we love about them (and give them treats)"

"Yes! I have a blow up Valentine unicorn in front of my house"

Milk, Dark, or White Chocolate?

"60% dark"

"Dark or white chocolate makes me happy!"

What is your favorite movie to watch on Valentine's Day?

"None - like most days in my house, I'm sure *The Office* will be on the TV"

"Read a book you fiend"

February happenings!

Yasmitha B.

Feb 1 - National Freedom Day	Feb 12 - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 2 - Ground Hog Day	Feb 13 - Employee Legal Awareness Day
Feb 3 - Doggy Date Night (I know, What?)/ National Wear Red Day	Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
Feb 4 - World Cancer Day and National Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day	Feb 15 - Singles Awareness Day
Feb 5 - World Nutella Day	Feb 16 - Do a Grouch Favor Day
Feb 6 - Safer Internet Day and National Frozen Yogurt Day	Feb 17 - Presidents Day
Feb 7 - Harry Potter Book Night	Feb 18 - National Hate Florida Day (I know, Why would you hate Florida?)
Feb 8 - National Boy Scout and National Kite-Flying Day	Feb 19 - National Chocolate Mint Day
Feb 9 - National Toothache Day and National Pizza Day	Feb 20 - Washington's birthday
Feb 10 - National Flannel Day	
Feb 11 - National Inventor's Day	

The Best Romance Books

By Anika V

(In my opinion which is 100% accurate)

Valentine's Day is finally here and it's a time for love and partners and all things romantic. But for you single pringles who spend it all alone, I have a solution for you! Don't be miserable all day and just live vicariously through one of these romance books!



They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera is a heartbreaking novel that follows Matteo and Raphael on their last day alive. In this futuristic world everyone gets a text the day they die, but they don't know when or how. Matteo and Raphael meet and spend their last day on earth falling in love with each other. If only they had more time...



The Summer I Turned Pretty by Jenny Han may be a basic read, but is still my favorite romance book of all time. Isabella(Belly) Conklin goes to a summer house every summer with the Fisher family. Ever since she was little she's dreamed of dating Conrad, but he's never shown any interest in her. This summer that changes, and Belly finds herself having to choose between the two Fisher brothers, Jeremiah and Conrad.



The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid is an absolute masterpiece. Evelyn, a renowned actress from the 1900s who has kept a majority of her life hidden, finally agrees to an interview with journalist Monique Grant. Throughout the story Evelyn recounts her love life with her seven husbands, but what nobody expected to hear about was her wife.



Five Feet Apart by Mikki Daughtry, Rachael Lippincott, and Tobias Iaconis is a heartbreaking book about two chronically ill teens, Will and Stella. Will and Stella have cystic-fibrosis, a genetic disorder that causes breathing and digestion issues. The two patients must stay five feet apart at all times, or else they are at a much greater risk of getting and spreading more germs and bacteria. Will and Stella, despite the physical barriers between them, fall in love and try to navigate their relationship with cystic-fibrosis.

Top 5 Netflix Shows To Watch!

By Siena S.

Have you run out of things to watch on Netflix and need some suggestions? Well, here are *my* top 5 Netflix shows to watch. Maybe these can help you.

5. *Anne With An E*

Anne With An E is about an orphan living in Canada during the 1800s. Her name is Anne, and she gets adopted by these 2 siblings. They live in a small town in Prince Edward Island. Anne is different. She always has been. So when she moves into this small town, no one likes her because she is weird. Anne is carefree, and doesn't care if she isn't proper, or polite, while everyone else is the opposite. As people become fond of Anne, she begins to change the town, and make it a better place.

4. *Gilmore Girls*

Gilmore Girls is about a single mother and daughter living in a small town in Connecticut. Lorelai had her daughter Rory when she was 16, so Lorelai and Rory are best friends. Rory is really smart and it has been her dream to get into Harvard ever since she was little. While it is very funny, it shows many different backgrounds, and life experiences people have to go through. This is a classic show, and I definitely recommend it.

3. *Ginny And Georgia*

You probably know what *Ginny And Georgia* is about. If you don't, it is about another single mom and daughter who move to a historic town in Massachusetts. Georgia had her daughter Ginny when she was 15. Georgia has been abused her whole life. In order to survive, she has had to steal, kill, and run away from home a lot. Because they moved around a lot, it has been hard on her kids, Austin and Ginny, especially Ginny. The show is really crazy, but also interesting at the same time.

2. *Never Have I Ever*

Never Have I Ever is about an Indian-American girl named Devi. Devi has had a lot of traumatic stuff happen to her in her Freshman year of high school. She isn't the most popular kid at her school, especially after what's happened to her. It is her mission to become one of the popular kids at school. After the first season, it isn't really about being popular anymore. It's more about trying to be a good person, and do the right thing. This is a really diverse show, and talks about a lot of different ethnic backgrounds.

1. *Stranger Things*

Stranger Things is my all time favorite show. A lot of people think it's about kids fighting monsters, but it's more than that. It starts off in the 80s with these kids who are outsiders. They aren't popular or cool. Their nerds. One of the kids goes missing one night. Nobody can find him, until they find out he is stuck in another dimension called the upside down, with a bunch of *monsters*. So yes it is about kids fighting monsters, but that is not what it's *all* about. If you pay attention closer, it is really about being there for the ones you love, but also being yourself. *Stranger Things* really shows that you shouldn't change who you are for anyone else. I promise you that as soon as you start watching *Stranger Things*, you will feel like your home.

I really hope these recommendations helped. These are some of the best shows to watch on Netflix because you can relate to them, or even learn something that you didn't know before. Shows can help us relax, but they can also keep us questioning at the same time.

10 Ways To Celebrate Valentine's Day If You're Single

Abigail A.

If you're single you will yearn for Valentine's day to be over. Here is a list of things you can do to help make the day painless.

1. Be your own Valentine

No matter what, the person you love the most will be yourself. So treat yourself as good as you can. You are your own valentine.

2. Spa Day

There is no better feeling than being treated great. Spa is one of the best ways to be treated better.

3. Don't Use Electronics

As we all know social media will be filled with people posting things they did with their Valentine on Valentines day. You don't need to see that!

4. Movie Marathon

Ignore everything and watch your favorite movies nonstop.

5. Bake A Sweet Treat

Baking is one of the most fun things to do if you're bored. From cookies to cake you have many options.

6. Make A Vision Board

It has only been a month since the year started you still have time to make goals for this year.

7. Eat Chocolate

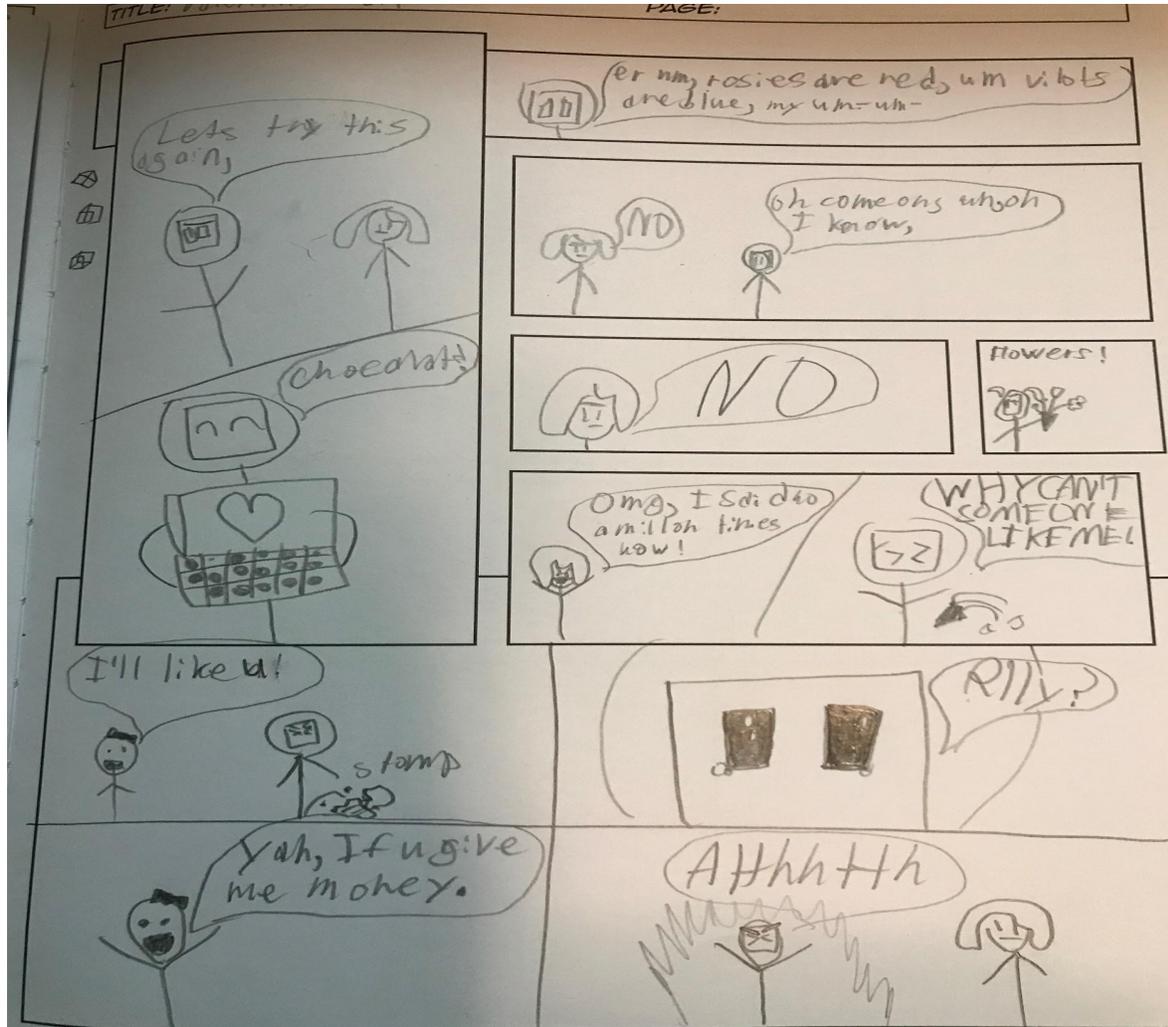
There is no other sweet treat better than chocolate.

8. Write a love letter to yourself

Show yourself that you love yourself



Monthly Comics
By Jayden C



Valentine's Day Gift Ideas 2023

Mom	Dad	Significant Other	Siblings	Friends	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Jewelry -Perfume -Bath&Body -Cleaning services -Let her get some rest -Massage -Favorite Chocolate -Handmade -Gifts Flowers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cologne -Nike socks -Robe -Water bottle -Slides -Running shoes -Key chain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Gift basket of their favorite things -Photo collage -Jewelry -Date night -Cook a meal -Bath&body products -Favorite snacks -balloons -A visit from you/ special attention -Stuffed animal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matching crocs -stuffed animal -Game for their console -matching phone case 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Friendship bracelet - Perfume -Matching crocs, or shirts -Face masks -Heated Blanket -Favorite Candy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Edible Arrangements - Gift cards -heart cake -Dog toys -Rose bear -Enchanted Rose

A Quick History Of The Super Bowl

By Jules G.

Although the NFL was founded in 1920, our story starts in 1960 with a man named Lamar Hunt. It was his dream at the time to own an NFL franchise, but after multiple attempts, he was denied one. But it still wasn't over. Hunt came up with a brilliant idea to gather other wealthy businessmen with the same aspirations and create their own rival pro football league that goes by the name of the AFL. This group of men would be nicknamed the foolish club.

Suddenly the NFL would have some competition when it came to stadium attendance, TV slots, and signing players. This made such an impact that in 1966 they agreed to merge. For the next 4 years, they would operate separately but, at the end of the season, the champions of each league would play each other in the AFL-NFL World Championship Game. The first of these games was played between the Chiefs and the Packers. Tickets were sold for \$6 on average. It was the only Super Bowl to not be sold out. The Packers ended up winning 35 to 10.

Note: they did not officially play each other in the regular season til 1970.

How they Got the Name:

If you were wondering how the Super Bowl got its name, here's how:

Names like "The Big One", "Pro Bowl" and "World Series Of Football" were being tossed around leading up to the game but the NFL commissioner at the time decided to call it the AFL-NFL World Championship Game. They called it that for the next 2 seasons but by the time the next season rolled around, the popular nickname for the AFL-NFL World Championship Game, the Super Bowl, would become so popular that it became its official name.

The Arguably most important Super Bowl:

Super Bowl III might be the most important Super Bowl by far because it put the AFL on the map. Before the NFL had dominated the AFL teams in these championships but in 1969 there was a change-up. The Jets (AFL) played the Colts (who were a part of the NFL at the time) and won 16 to 7. Leading up to the game the Colts were highly favored and many people thought they were guaranteed the win. The Jet's win showed that the AFL could put up a fight. After the AFL got its second championship the next season, the two leagues began to play each other during the regular season and created the two conferences AFC and NFC.

The Trophy:

Ever since the first Super Bowl a large sterling silver trophy has been given out to its winner. At first, it was called "The World Championship Game Trophy" but in 1971 was renamed to the Lombardi Trophy to honor the legendary coach (who coached the Packers during the first Super Bowl) after his death.

Why are Super Bowls counted in Roman numerals?:

Lamar Hunt came up with the idea to clear up any confusion that may occur because the Super Bowl is played in the year following the regular season. Roman numerals were adopted for Super Bowl V and used ever since then. Super Bowls before that were counted in the year that it was being played. If Hunt hadn't suggested roman numerals we would be calling this season's Super Bowl, Super Bowl 2023 instead of Super Bowl LVII.

Even More Fun Facts:

- Line Backer Chuck Howley is the only player from a losing team to win Super Bowl MVP. This happened in Super Bowl V when the Cowboys lost to the Colts.
- In Super Bowl XII, the Broncos committed 8 turnover against the Cowboys (most turnovers all time)
- Super Bowl XVII was the first Super Bowl to ever be internationally broadcasted. 4.5 million british viewers watched the Redskins beat the Dolphins
- In Super Bowl XXII, rookie running back Timmy Smith ran 204 yards against the Broncos which is a record that still stands today. Also in that super bowl, Doug Williams, the quarterback for the Redskins, became the first african american QB to start in and win a super bowl.
- Jerry Rice holds the record for the most receiving yards with 215 yards in Super Bowl XXIII when the 49ers came back to beat the Bengals.
- The only Super Bowl to be decided by less than 3 points is Super bowl XXV when the Giants defeated the Bills after the Bills missed the game winning field goal. The final score was 20 to 19. This loss added 1 to the 3 Super Bowl losses (in a row) the Bills had leading up to the game.
- The only time we saw the same two teams play back to back in the Super Bowl was in Super Bowl XXVII and XXVIII when the Cowboys played the Bills both seasons.
- The first team to have 5 Super Bowl wins were the 49ers. They got their 5th win in Super Bowl XXIX. In that game, Steve Young set a record for the most pass TDs with 6. That Super Bowl is also the highest scoring Super Bowl of all time with 75 points combined
- Packers KR Desmond Howard is the only player from special teams to win Super Bowl MVP. This was in Super Bowl XXXI.
- The only Wildcard teams to win a Super Bowl are the 80' Raiders, 97' Broncos, 2000 Ravens, 05' Steelers, 07' Giants, and 2010 Packers.
- The Packers in the 60s, the Dolphins and Steelers (who won two in a row twice that decade) in the 70s, the 49ers in the 80s, the Cowboys and Broncos in the 90s, and the Patriots in the 2000s are the only instances when teams won back to back Super Bowls. No one has ever won three in a row.
- There was only one opening kickoff to be scored for a touchdown. The Bears' player Devin Hester had a 90 yard kick return for a touchdown against the Colts in Super Bowl XLI. The Colts still won though.
- Miami has held 11 Super Bowls, the most to be held by a city.
- The Texans, the Browns, the Jaguars, and the Lions are the only teams to have never been to a Super Bowl. For teams that never won, you can add the Chargers, the Titans, the Bills, the Bengals, the Panthers, the Vikings, the Cardinals, and the Falcons to that list I stated before.
- The Kelce Bowl is the first and only time two brothers who were NFL players, played each other in a Super Bowl. Don't get that mixed up with Super Bowl XLVII which is the only Super Bowl to have two brothers who were head coaches played each other.

Thanks for reading!

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The Anything Article

By Aiden, The Writer

For the article, I am going to talk about:

Matilda the Musical (on Netflix)

(Email ideas to pawprints@mtlaurelschools.org)

If you couldn't tell by the name, it is a **MUSICAL!** So if you hate them, go to the next thing on the paper because my opinions are "obviously" wrong to you.

We got everyone who likes musicals now? Great! The movie is excellent. There were some very hilarious moments. Most of the songs are a good listen. The characters were written very well, and I was rooting for the hero to win. Now for people who like to go to movies completely blind, stop reading now because I'm going to go into more detail.

Do you want to know a little about the movie? Great, I'm the same. The movie is about a young girl, Matilda. You would assume for a brilliant girl like her she would have the best pair of parents in the whole wide world! But they are more-than-what-you-would-imagine-what-parents-who-neglect-their-only-child-to-a-comedic-extent parents, who are dumber than the people that are dumber than a sack of bricks. The dad is a corner-cutting-to-the-point-of-doing-stuff-that-is-probably-illegal car salesman, and the mom is a very-stereotypical-dumb-blonde-from-the-18th-century-but-is-also-so-ugly-somehow stay-at-home mom who "takes care" for of her kid. They both never wanted her, but not for the same reasons. The dad wanted a son, and the mom never wanted a baby in the first place. They hate that she is a good girl who points out their evil deeds. They hate that she reads books. They hate that "she can't take care herself" even though she tries to barely interact with them.

One day they were forced to send her to school, so they picked the worst school on the planet. They tell the awful principal, Miss Trenchbull, that she is a no-good, spoiled little girl. At ~~prison~~, kids are taught that they aren't a special miracle. They are all bad and no good. Luckily, Matilda's gets Mrs. Honey, she seems like the only good person in the school, and sees the potential of Matilda.

What is so special about Matilda? Will Matilda, even survive her first day of school? Watch to find out.

How Not to Celebrate Valentine's Day

By Cosmo

Hello to the world, or just whoever even reads this. So in fact, it is now February, and there is only one thing that everyone knows that happens at this time of the year.... Valentine's Day. This is the time of the year that people think they need to give their supposed loved one something special. Then you get dumped at least 1 month later, maybe less. So, here is how you should NOT spend your Valentine's Day. Both as a person with a loved one, and one without. I'm with you, the without ones. Then again, who's even dating at this type of level?

Rule numero uno is to not even stress about it. Come on. No one is even going to be MAD at this stage. It's just Valentine's Day. If someone gets mad that you didn't give them something, then that's just sad to me. Some people don't even care about this day. Some even forget about it! Get for real here, please. Most people don't even give one brain cell to think about this day, so don't even think about stressing about it.

Numero dos, is being really romantic. This is only to the ones who are somehow dating someone else. Look it's not my fault that I don't understand. This is your own situation to be explaining to someone else. So being really romantic can either be really weird, or really funny. Don't get me wrong, it's nice that you can even show affection unlike me. But please. This is wrong. Too much romance can be really awkward, sometimes. Also, take this one to a grain of salt. I know it's not my word to be telling you what to do, so just enjoy yourself.

Next, just please don't buy some random 100 dollar Valentine's Gift for someone. Honestly, it's just not worth it. It's going to be worth it maybe if you marry your partner... But I highly doubt that is even going to happen. These middle school relationships never make it that far, trust me. So if you really want to show your affection in a small way, buy some sort of nice, but not costly gift. Maybe just a small plush bear with a heart. I hear those cost only 15 dollars. If you're broke and don't have money, then that's just sad. Not that you can't buy a gift, because you're broke.

Here's my final suggestion. A lot of people do this, so let's be real. Send an anonymous Valentine's Day card. This is your time, you people who fear the one on one interaction with your crush. It's fine if you get rejected, or if you don't have the guts. If you send an anonymous card to someone because you don't have guts, then alright! It's going to be fine. To be honest, I'm going by a different name myself, so there's no judgment here people. It's all going to be okay.

So, here's the Cosmo Corner of the article. Good job for making it this far. I'm not very proud of myself for not writing as much as I'd like to or as much as I would have before, but whatever. It's February. There's nothing I can do to tell you, "Hey, you're doing it all wrong!!!" Because if you don't want to do Valentine's day, then do your thing. I'm getting off track here. Happy Amethyst month to those February birthday people. Oh, and it's the dragon month as well (thank you Chinese Calendar for giving me something to add)

Have a good (and maybe romantic, but it won't be for me) Valentine's Day, and for those who aren't big fans of Valentine's Day, just have a good day people. Now for your

message of the month, or the day, or however you want to put it. Have a good day, and please just treat yourself right. Bye.

Who's a Good Boy?

By Aiden, The Writer

Yes, I finally gave it a name.

Find Chapter Two in [January's](#) Paper.

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Chapter Three

What if Fiction isn't so Fictional?

Emily and Bingo went to first period, ELA class. Bingo sighed in relief because it was much quieter. Everyone was reading their books. Emily handed Bingo a book called *Finding Serendipity*. (This is an actual book!) The bell rang for class to start. The teacher, Mrs. Cat, made Bingo sit next to Emily and then started to teach, "Alright, class, we are going to start to read a fantasy novel. Does anyone know the characteristics of fantasy?" Bingo's hand shot up. "Ahhh, Bingo Sleeper, can you list them out?"

"Magical elements, talking animals, and whimsical adventures." Bingo said in almost one breath.

"Great Bingo, some additional things I want to add..." Mrs. Cat continued.

Bingo tuned her out. He began to think to himself, magic was something that he had thought about a lot. *Why do I seem like the only person who is magical? What if I was swapped with someone else? What if...* Emily tapped Bingo's shoulder, just noticing that her brother zoned out.

"...and does anyone have any questions?" Mrs. Cat said.

"What if magic was real?" Bingo asked, "What if magic was just hiding in plain sight and has always been part of our lives?, without anyone noticing!" Bingo continues to fantasize.

Emily forced a smile on her face. What could she do? If she stopped him, people might think that he is magical for asking, but on the other hand, he might prove it to everyone if she didn't stop him. All she could do is wish that ELA might somehow just end right now. Before anything worse could happen, Mrs. Cat answers the unusual question. "That is great Bingo! That is a great question we should be thinking about while we read this book" Emily sighed with relief and gave a glance to Bingo. A few minutes later, they started reading.

At the end of class, everyone read up to chapter 3. This was the part in the book where one of the characters, Milo, turns out to be one classmate's dog because a magical potion he got from a witch ran out. Milo thought to himself We were around the part where Milo and everyone else was going into a dark alleyway to get where all the magical things live. At this point, Milo sneezed, and dog ears and a furry little tail popped out.

That went better than I thought. Emily thought to herself. As the bell rang a minute later than normal. Their next class was on the opposite side of the school.

"I get the dog ears, but why the tail? It doesn't make any sense," Bingo asked her around the door.

In a joking tone, she said back, "And how would you know anything about magic?"

"Just don't get how you can partly shift into something."

Emily looked at him, "It's just a story."

Bingo tilted his head back, "But Milo can do what I do, so I *could* do that,"

Emily pull out the dog whistle from under her shirt, trying not to let this continue talking about this. Bingo frowned.

They both made it to World Language. Three kids in the back of the class start going off as if right on queue. "Hey, there's Emily," one of them said with a wide smile, "that stupid dog lover."

Bingo growled before he could even open his mouth to defend his sister.

The second one continued the taunting, "Want a treat, little doggy?" Bingo was about to walk up, but Emily grabbed his shoulder and shook her head a little. But that was all before the three burst into laughter. Bingo growled but quietly. Emily frowned. *And everything was going kinda good before this.*

Valentine's Day jokes

Marlee L.

warning:may contain cringe

*Who always has a date on Valentine's day? **A calendar.***

Happy Valentine's Day! I know it's cheesy but we're meant to brie.

*What did the calculator say to the pencil? **You can count on me!***

*What did the paperclip say to the magnet? **I'm so attracted to you!***

*What did the love-obsessed candle say when it was lit? **"I found the perfect match!"***

*What do you call a colorful heart that loves books? **"Well-red."***

*How did the orca ask the other to be their Valentine? **"Whale you be mine?"***

PAW PRINTS February Puzzles

By: Liv A.

Solve the crossword, those are the words to the word search!

For the crossword, words can go in any direction. Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

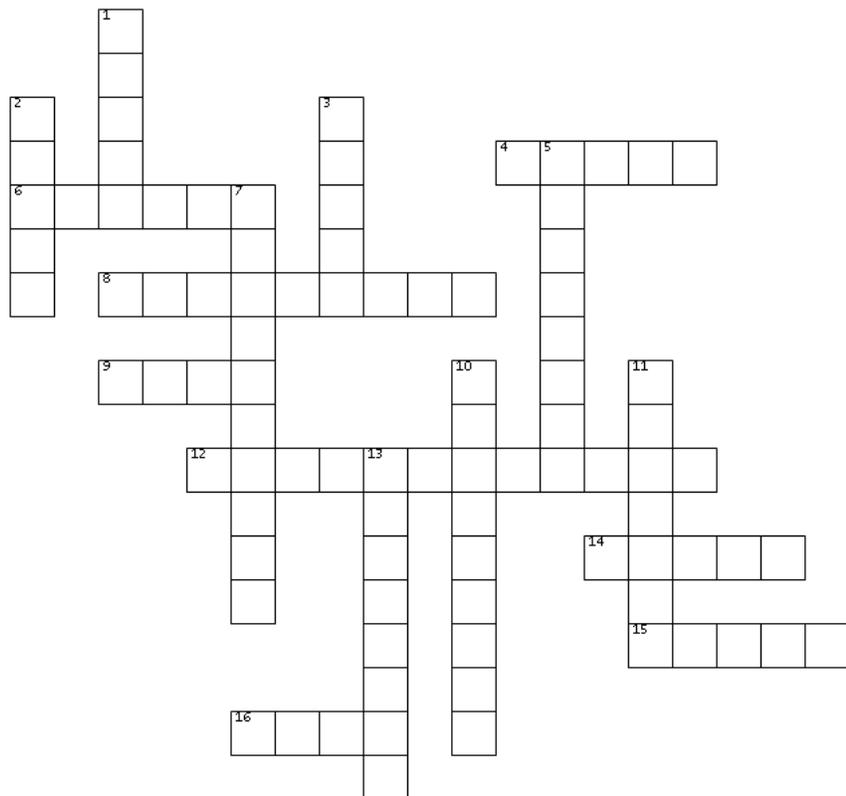
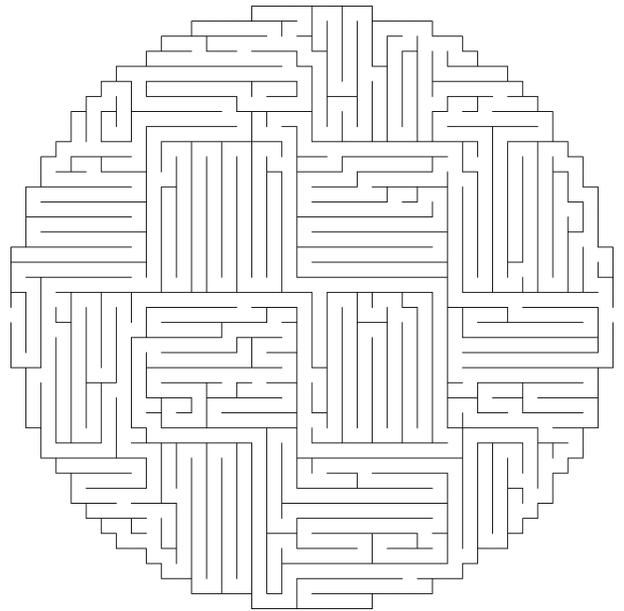
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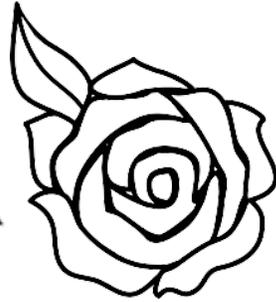
4. google-dictionary "confectionary" and you'll get this 5-letter word (if you know what it is then great)
6. February 19 to about March 20
8. your special someone for a holiday; kind of like a date
9. you give it to someone, I guess
12. I can be healthy or toxic, a long distance away or close, and I'm always changing. What am I?
14. a winged spiritual being believed to be associated with God
15. decode this: . . . - . --- .- - .- (morse code)
16. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only _____ can do that." Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

DOWN

1. white or grey birds symbolizing peace
2. a being usually associated with Valentine's Day
3. <3
5. January 20 to about February 18
7. candies that read "Be Mine" & "Kiss Me"
10. you might get a box of these on 2/14 from a friend
11. your best buds, closest pals, the people you hang out with
13. alone is the polar opposite of this one



COLOR THE PICTURES!



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