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Book Fair Supporting Emphasis on Reading

by Alissa Pham 8-509



Annex Library Update 21st Century Learning

by Sara Shllaku 8-509

This year, the principal, Mr. Muccino, has decided to make independent reading a major initiative at PS 83. He has called this push for more reading by all the students to be "Free Read Friday". Every Friday, during their last ELA period of the day, students are directed to read a book of their choice for at least twenty minutes. This suggests that they will need more books as the year progresses.

One way to get more new books to read is to come check out the school's Book Fair which will run from October 31st to November 4th which includes the day and night of the Parent Teacher Conference on November 3rd.

The Book Fair which will be located in the Annex Gym will be staffed by parents and school personnel. The theme of this year's Book Fair is "Pirates". Not only will there be books but goodies such as kits and decorations which will reflect the theme.

Because it is a school fund-raiser with the money benefitting the students, every purchase will count. Some of the featured books include The Enemy Above by Michael P. Spradlin, Shadow House by Dan Poblocki and The Scourge by Jennifer A. Nielsen. For lighter reading, books like Diary of A Wimpy Kid: Double Down by Jeff Kinney and Ghost by

Raina Telgemeier will be for sale as well.

Books also make excellent presents for those who want to get a jump on their holiday shopping.

See you at the Book Fair!

NYC Public Library Providing Free Hot Spots for One Year

by Adriana Cabral 7-408



Parents or guardians of New York City school students can sign up for free Wi-fi for one year. To register, they may visit their local library to participate in a Patron Lending Event or register online.

The local library for this area is located at 985 Morris Park Avenue. The phone number is (718) 931-0636.

All electronic devices will be due back at the public library by July 5, 2017.

Recently the morning announcements told the PS 83 community that this year the money from the fund raiser was going to be used to renovate the Annex Library. This modernization is the first major improvement to the Annex since it was build in 1999.

According to Ms. Lana-Etzel, one of the school's assistant principals, many of the books in the library are over ten years old. Many are outdated especially in the area of non-fiction. They will be replaced with books that will contain more current and relevant information. There will be upgrades when it comes to technology which should include ipads which will be used to read ebooks. This will help the students become more skillful when using the latest technological devices.

Ms. Capella, the annex librarian, stated that the new library will have "a new SmartBoard, new furniture and new books". She hopes that the annex students will benefit from a place that "will seem fresh, modern, and student friendly".

Students and teachers in the middle school should not be too envious. Plans are in the works for similar work to be done in the main building library in the future.

These improvements will help the students of PS 83 become college and career ready in the 21st Century.

Mars Spacecraft Lost Mission Critical

by Erand Rugova 7-409



The European Space Agency (ESA) has confirmed that the Schiaparelli spacecraft scheduled to land on Mars' surface on October 20 has been lost. Scientists stated that the spacecraft "stopped transmitting around fifty seconds before the expected landing" according to CNN. The purpose of the Schiaparelli was to "test whether they could successfully land a probe on Mars". The problem is suspected to be caused by a faulty parachute ejection. (cont'd on page 3)

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2016 Presidential Debates Reality TV Gone Wild

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Some of the most important events in this year's election has become, in my opinion, a series of comical performances. The 2016 Presidential Elections seem to me to be a battle between an outright bigot and a scandalous politician. The Presidential Debates are supposed to outline many important issues that each candidate address with different plans and ideas. This year's first, second and third debates leave me astonished. How does the future of our country lie in the hands of such individuals?

During the first Presidential debate, which was rated as the most watched, both candidates went back and forth with offensive and immature comments. The main focus was supposed to be centered on three main topics, America's direction, achieving prosperity, and securing America. There was very little discussion about these important issues at any time.

Donald Trump declared about Hillary Clinton's husband, the former President, Bill Clinton, "What he's done to women, there's never been anybody in the history of politics in this nation that's been so abusive to women". The debates are full of such trash talk and hostile comments. Moreover, when Trump and Clinton stumbled upon the subject of Benghazi, the conversation got clouded by accusations and insults. Clinton stated, "It's just awfully good that someone with the temperament of Donald Trump is not in charge of the law in this country". Trump quickly shot back, "Because you'd be in jail".

Hillary Clinton has also her share of appalling comments. She stated, "... people can draw their own conclusions at this point about whether or not the man in the video or the man on the stage respects women. But he never apologizes for anything to anyone". Instead of not stooping so low to Trump's level, Clinton proved that she can be just as bad. Her words were clearly unprofessional. (cont'd on page 3)

My Candidacy

If I Were President....

by Angelica Persaud 8-509



November 8, 2016 is Election Day, a day that many are eagerly awaiting. Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump are coming to the end of their contest. However, with many differences between them, both have their own handful of flaws and benefits. With strong disagreements and points of view, the people of America, including myself, do seem to have their own ideas of what should go on inside the White House. If I were running for President, I would do things differently.

As many have seen or even experienced, there is a great deal of violence and crime going on in America. Although statistics prove it to be decreasing, I believe it is possible to lower it even more. The first step in doing so is lowering the sale of guns. The second amendment supports "the right of the people to keep and bear arms". Although, by law, people can bear arms, some have taken advantage and use such weaponry for more than self-defense. If I were President, I would enforce gun laws and eliminate arms trafficking. Background checks would be a must and security in public places would be strengthened. Gun violence is a major problem in America and it must be taken care of soon.

Another topic I would address if I were President is the health insurance and costs for the American people. Today, there is still no universal health care in America. Thirty-three million people in this country don't have health insurance and that is a problem that must be fixed. There is also the issue of minimum wage. The pay that so many get provides them with barely enough to support themselves and their families. Forced to live in poor conditions and have to pay a great deal of money each time you need medical care is no way to live. If I were President, I would fix this problem. The only drawback, however, is the need to raise taxes. Higher taxes need to be placed on those who make greater salaries. It is obvious that lower classes don't have enough money and cannot support themselves with only the minimum wage that they earn.

Another crucial topic that must be acknowledged is immigration. With terrorism and smuggling of illegal items, many have come to the conclusion that the solution to the immigration problem is deportation. Be that as it may, if a mass deportation takes place based on race and religion, many innocent immigrants will be deported as well. I believe that the next president should prevent that from happening. If I were President, I would make sure that if anyone is to be deported, they will first have their day in court. America is a place that refugees see as a place to be free and safe. We cannot take that away from them. The President should raise security at our border and welcome those who look only for a better life.

Being President of the United States is a stressful job and require a great deal of intelligence and diligence. I believe the topics of crime, taxation and wages, and immigration should be acted upon first.

Although I don't see myself as being someone involved in politics, I hope that our next President will be capable enough to make the right choices that will help our country.

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Mars Spacecraft Lost Mission Critical

(cont'd from page 1) "The ejection itself appears to have occurred earlier than expected, but analysis is not complete", the agency has stated. They also experienced problems with the thrusters built to soften the landing. According to CNN, "the agency believes they switched off sooner than expected". The bigger picture for the ESA is to send the Exo-Mars Rover to the Red Planet in 2020.

Schiaparelli's sibling ship appropriately named the Trace Gas Orbiter is safe in Mar's orbit. Its mission, as CNN describes it, "will investigate the source of life on Mars, which could be a sign of life or geological processes". The presence of methane is an important discovery on Mars because the source of the methane could hint to a sign of life from the past or the present. Adam Stevens, a researcher in astrobiology has stated that the mission will help "rule out some possibilities". The Trace Gas Orbiter has an expected lifespan of four more years.

On the other hand, the United States has the aim to send humans to Mars. As depicted in the 2015 movie, "The Martian" astronauts will be sent to the surface of the chaotic planet in the near future. The goal, according to President Obama, is to put humans on Mars in the 2030's with the eventual aim of staying for an extended period of time". The two current rovers on Mars, Curiosity and Opportunity, are still in operation. Private companies such as SpaceX plan to send humans to the planet in the next ten years. SpaceX has tested its new engine named Raptor which will be used for interplanetary transportation. Elon Musk, CEO and creator of SpaceX, has announced his plans to use the Interplanetary Transport System (ITS), the rocket planned for Mars. The ultimate goal for the future is to colonize Mars which could be the next home for humankind.

Presidential Debates Reality TV Gone Wild

(cont'd from page 2) They showed that she could not resist the temptation to be almost as bad as he is.

In the third debate, there was almost no important information that was discussed. Trump was asked if he would accept the results of the election if he didn't win. He said that "he would look at it at the time". He has repeatedly say that he felt that next month's election was rigged against him. This became the issue that was the lead story from this debate.

We are so unfortunate to have two candidates that didn't use these opportunities as ways to show us a better America. Instead, they bashed one another and gave us a new reality television entertainment series called "The Presidential Debates of 2016".

The Big Apple Becoming More Like The Big Wheel

by Eli Balidemaj 7-409



Imagine a day at an amusement park as a child, running towards lines, about to explode from the excitement of wanting to go on a ride. For many people, the ride that they like the best is the ferris wheel. Some enjoy rocking the seats at the very top of the wheel when, all of a sudden, it stops. The beautiful sight and the thrilling feeling can make the memory unforgettable. For New York City residents who want to experience this feeling, there is usually a long car ride involved. This will not be the case in the future.

New York City has recently created a blueprint to recreate the excitement of riding a ferris wheel by constructing one in Staten Island. According to these planners, "New York Wheel promises to become one of the city's and the world's great landmark attractions. It will be located in St. George, Staten Island, in New York Harbor.

The wheel is designed to be 630 feet tall, far bigger than the typical childhood amusement park ride. There will be thirty-six pods which are the vessels that hold the riders. Each pod can accommodate forty people. Visitors will be able to ride the ferris wheel for about forty minutes during which time they will take in the beautiful, inspiring views of New York City. It will attract an estimated thirty-five million visitors per year according to the website which guarantees that this ride will be known throughout America and the world.

To make the experience even better, New York Wheel will be equipped with \$7 million worth of LED lights which will add to the already amazing New York skyline.

This new iconic image for New York is scheduled to be completed in 2017. It will be something brand new to represent the greatest city in the world.

Will History Being Made? How Many Will Vote?

by Bernard Juncaj 7-409



In a few short days, all of the debating and noise will come to a conclusion. There are those who hope that there will be a female President in the United States for the first time in history. Most other developed countries have been led by women. It is only this country that has never been able to take this historic step.

But maybe a more important question is whether or not people will go to the polls and vote. The United States is usually at the bottom of the list of countries who actually vote. In the 2012 Election, the percentage of eligible voters who voted was 53.6%. At this time, there has been so much fighting between people from the major political parties. Could some of this be avoided if more people become involved in the process of electing their national leader?

American youth and other countries are waiting and watching for answers. Voting will be the first step.

Last-Minute Halloween Costumes Ideas for the Procrastinator

by Samantha Ulaj 8-508

LAST-MINUTE
HALLOWEEN
COSTUMES



With Halloween just days away, some might have their costumes all ready to be worn. But for the readers who have a tendency to procrastinate, here are some costume ideas for both guys and gals to quickly get from things that are around the house or even just a fast visit to the corner store.

Vampire - A vampire costume can be worn by both genders. Simply dress in all black and get some fake fangs at a local store which should be easy to find this time of year.

A Pin-Up Girl - Unlike the first idea, this suggestion is mostly for girls. There should be some clothes lying around the house especially in the closets of adult females to help create an outfit that resembles a 50's model.

Ghost/Angel - A middle school student should avoid the convenient option of putting a sheet over his/her head. It is just as easy to dress in all white and concentrate on accessories that shouldn't be too hard to get together depending on the imagination of the trick-or-treater.

Country Representative - Everyone comes from somewhere. If not the child, then maybe the parent or grandparent, has immigrated from another country. Find clothing including hats that represents that nationality and use face paint to complete the look.

The secret to a good costume is to think outside the box. If all else fails, just allow the imagination to run wide. Any idiom or phrase like "outside the box" could be a great costume and make you the talk of the party.

Evolution of Halloween Homemade to Commercial

by Eric Vuu 7-409



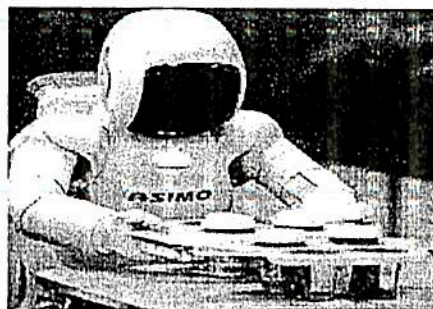
Today most people know that Halloween has evolved over the centuries from a religious to a secular celebration. Originally it was known as All Hallows' Eve or the day before All Saints' Day. What might be less well known to the young readers of the Barking News is how much the holiday of Halloween has changed in the last fifty years.

For one thing, Halloween used to be one of the least expensive holidays. Years ago, there was not the money spent on decorations and parties that are common today. Today, Halloween is one of the most expensive holidays and a huge commercial event. According to the experts, Americans these days spend billions of dollars each year on Halloween and the spending is increasing a great deal every year. In 2015, it was \$6.9 billion and it is estimated that this year, the price for Halloween in America will rise to \$8.4 billion.

Years ago, Halloween costumes were usually homemade. The costumes, for the most part, were more unique because they were not bought at a costume store. It was unlikely to see someone with a similar costume. Today, there are thousands of copies of the same costume sold in shops across the city.

Finally, the "treats" of today are certainly more plentiful and varied than they were when many of today's adults were children. There was a time when it was not unusual to get homemade candies and cookies when children went trick or treating. Now the only type of acceptable treats are those that are individually wrapped because of health and safety concerns.

Enjoy Halloween! Trick or Treat!



Forget Monsters - Robots Are Taking Over the World

by Nora Krasniqi 7-408

Have you ever imagined being attacked by a monster? Of course, this is fantasy usually caused by watching too many scary movies this time of year. But, across the world, an equally scary development is taking place. People are being replaced by robots. Science fiction is becoming science fact.

This is mostly taking place in China and Japan. Many countries started to build robots to replace their workers. They think this is an advantage because they don't have to pay workers. This is happening in an electronic factory in Shanghai, China. It is using a robot arm to work in the factory. Another advantage is that the arm does not tire the way a human might. It can work constantly and never take a break. On the other hand, there are some disadvantages. One is that robots are difficult to maintain. When they break down, they are hard to repair. As a result, the factory bosses started to give the robot an easy job such as placing stickers on boxes that contain routers in them. They hope that eventually they will be able to give the robots more difficult jobs in the future.

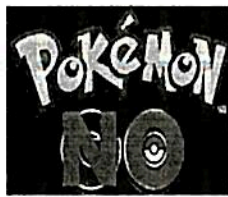
Wages in Shanghai have doubled over the past seven years. This has created a problem in many factories and other companies there including the company that owns the factory, Cambridge Industries Group (CIG). There is strong competition from other high-tech factories in Japan, Germany, and the United States. To help solve this problem, the company wants to replace two-thirds of its workers with robots. This is a problem because these robots are not always reliable. There can be breakdowns and accidents with some of these robots.

In addition, replacements by robots obviously affects people's lives tremendously when they lose their jobs. They cannot bills and support their families. This affects many other companies that depend on the buying power of these people. With a global economy, loss of jobs in one country can also affect the economies of other nations rather quickly.

The future does not look good. Within the next ten to twenty years, more than half of the working populations of China and Japan will be replaced by robots. This trend might eventually spread to other countries in Europe and the United States. For the American worker, this is truly a scary nightmare.

Pokemon Go-Virtual Reality A New Addiction for America

by Adriana Cabral 7-408



Pokemon Go is an addicting game in which people try to look for Pokemon characters in virtual reality and the real world. It is possible that a person could see a pokemon character on his/her living room couch and then try to throw a pokeball at it to capture it.

It has been reported that one man in the United States has actually caught all of these virtual creatures. This is seen as an amazing accomplishment. But, to me, the most outrageous part of that story is that, for all his effort and skill, he has nothing to show for it.

This doesn't seem to be a productive use of time. This app brainwashes people's minds. Once people start playing it, they play more and more and the price of playing goes up and up. It is ridiculous to me that people spend countless hours and money for really no reason. Niantic, Inc. and the Pokemon Company has made over 15,000 downloads and is the most popular game in mobile history.

When people play Pokemon Go, they go on an adventure in the real world with Pokemon characters in it. They spend money for the coins to buy the pokeballs. The creators of this obsession-causing game has made virtual reality on a personal electronic device. Since it was released on July 6, 2016, it made \$200 million for them in its first month out.

Ever since the game was introduced, users have been sent on a quest to capture all the Pokemon characters. Central Park is overcrowded with the people of all ages addicted to this search.

Sometimes, there is even violence involved. Some people who are playing the game get into fights as they compete. One man was so distracted while he was searching for Pokemon that he was a victim of a crime.

If you are spending your time playing Pokemon Go, I personally think you should find something better to do.

iPhone 7 Headphone Jack What Happened To It?

by Justin Cruz 8-508

Great News for Gamers Gaming Is Good For You!

by Xavier Fonseca 8-508



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Hello there, Folks! Xavier here and I just wanted to say to you that you might not believe what I tell you but games are good for you! Non-Gamers would never believe this and even some Gamers might not think this is true but it is. Many people who do play might have suspected it.

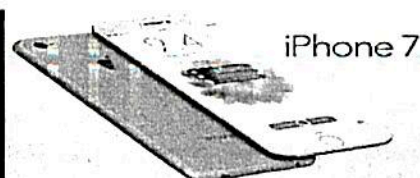
Here are the facts. Super Mario Bros. (I'm talking about the "Super Mario 64" You know...on the N64. Please tell me you know about this game.) Anyway, many websites have been talking about this game. Huffington Post states that "Super Mario 64" can actually develop a kid's brain faster. It might even help some adults. Playing this game thirty minutes a day can develop the parts of your brain that are called the right hippocampus, right prefrontal, and the cerebellum. These parts of the brain help with navigating and planning strategies.

Another game that helps people is Call of Duty Games. It has been found that Call of Duty Games actually help your eyesight by making it stronger. Now games are actually being found to help people with dyslexia which is trouble with reading and attention span. Many games can be helpful with this condition because they increase mental attention which can also make reading easier.

Another fact is that, as you probably know, games are stress relievers. "Grand Theft Auto" can help relieve stress. It might help you cope with anger issues and calm you down. Other games like "Rayman Legends" might just engage you enough that your angry mood can pass while you are playing them.

Finally, when the whole day has gone bad and no one can understand why you are angry and upset, many quiet and artistic games can help do the trick.

I hope you enjoyed this article. I have more to say in coming issues. Let me know what you think. I would like to know.



Every year, a phone comes out and adults and children are happy. When the new iPhone 7 came out, the removal of the headphone jack was controversial. Most Apple customers were expecting small improvements to the new phone. Instead, they got more of what people saw as a downgrade. People are asking what were Apple's reasons and was it worth the outcome.

Apple wanted to have an advantage in phone so they removed the approximately nine-year-old phones. They felt that having wires would be old school. Instead, now customers have to take money out of their pockets to buy bluetooth headphones or buy lightning port wired headphones. This led to many angry customers. To replace the headphone jack, they added a speaker. Most people don't use their speakers in public so this wasn't a very good design idea.

My complaint is that iPhone 7 users spend about \$400 and now they have to buy accessories that should have already come with the device. Overall, in my opinion, Apple expects the user of its produce to be without a feature that has been through all of the generations of iPhones up to this one.

6 Nature Is So Beautiful When Predators Protect Their Helpless Prey

by Nora Krasniqi 7-408



Nature is very beautiful and it includes many beautiful plants such as trees, plants, and flowers. But, to me, the most beautiful part of Nature is its animals. We thrive on animals and they are very magnificent creatures. Many people turn away when animals eat other animals in a predator/prey relationship. They understand that it is usually the way Nature survives but it is truly amazing when predators protect their prey.

This was the case when Graham Dyer, a leading professional in agriculture, was in a central Kalahari game reserve in Botswana. After weeks of searching for lions to photograph, he noticed an injured fox on the road. He wanted to save it when he heard lions approaching. The fox couldn't move because of an injury to its spine.

The lions stopped and then the queen of the herd began to observe the fox very closely. The king was about to pounce when the queen began to protect the fox. He backed off when he realized that the queen was guarding the wounded prey. The rest of the herd then began to pounce and, again, the queen protected the fox. The fox was safe for the time being.

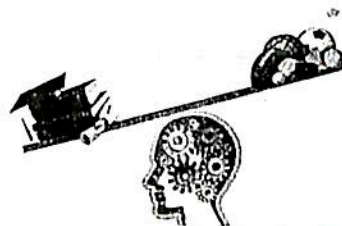
The next morning, two jackals appeared on the road and chased the fox. The fox tried to escape. Although Dyer thought the fox would be killed, he later came back untouched.

As time went on, the lion herd needed to eat. Again, Dyer assumed that the fox, the obvious prey, was gone. But, again, the fox appeared under the protection of the herd.

This was a miracle. The fox was protected and safe. This story was beautiful and showed that sometimes predators do indeed protect prey.

Athletics & Academics Are A Balancing Act

by Zunnara Shahid 7-409



Some students who participate in sports and hope it become a career have to juggle the sports commitments and the academic demands of their lives. Some athletes will tell you that participation in sports can actually help them do better in school.

Swimmer Kelly Wong of Class 7-409 is one such athlete. She hopes to represent the United States in the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. On the road to the Olympics, there are stops in between such as the Junior Olympics, Zone Qualifiers, Eastern Zone, and Speedo Sectionals. Getting to these milestones, she has had to push herself to constantly attend practices and swim meets. Kelly states that, at the very least, she must spend two hours a day practicing.

These workouts put a drain on a person's energy. In addition, there is the issue of time management. Kelly had to develop these skills in order to manage all of the demands that she faces from school and sports. She has a planner in which she plans out time for homework assignments and school projects. By writing all of the things she has to do into a planner, she is able to procrastinate less. Kelly knows she has to keep herself on task and on time. Over time, she has seen herself improve with her time management.

This type of commitment is the only way to succeed if one expects to compete on a world stage like the Olympics and do well in school. One of the reasons it is such a popular event when it comes is that people recognize the commitment of time and energy that it takes to do well in both academics and athletics.

On behalf of the PS 83 community, we wish her good luck!

Plus Size Models

Taking A Stand

by Enesa Dedinca 8-508



Lately, women who are plus size models have taking a stand and fighting for what they believe in. Before modern times, a fuller figure was seen as a sign of wealth. A person who was thin was obviously too poor to eat well.

In the recent past, things shifted and people, usually women, who were larger than the average person were made to feel bad about their physical appearance. This is known as body shaming. Advertising celebrated the size 0 model and the real world struggled to cope with the fallout. This has been particularly hard for young girls and women.

Things seem to be changing. This change is coming from the place where the skinny craze started in the first place. 2016 has been a breakout year for plus size models. They are showing up across all forms of the media. There has been a certain amount of backlash as certain people refuse to accept this latest expression of what is attractive. Jordyn Woods, a close friend of Kyle Jenner, is leading the way to have body confidence. She doesn't let the hatred stop her and actually uses it as motivation to be more comfortable.

This attitude is a good one for all of us who have to cope with the negativity of others. We should all learn to be comfortable in our own skin and not let others define us.



“Bilal: A New Breed of Hero” A New Brand of Movie

by Safiyah Alghashmi 8-509

Everyone has heard of Superman, Batman, and other superheroes in pop culture. Any day now, a new hero is coming to the big screen. The difference is that unlike those other high-flying champions, this hero is real. “Bilal: A New Breed of Hero” is based on the true story of the legendary man, Bilal Ibn Rabah.

The new movie, “Bilal: A New Breed of Hero” is the story of a young boy, Bilal, who had to stand up to the injustices that were thrown at him and his sister. It takes place 1,000 years ago in Arabia, far from his home in Ethiopia, where he and sister were forced to work as slaves. The hero decides to follow Muhammad and become a Muslim as he struggles to find the courage to be the master of his own fate.

The fact that this film has been produced is amazing. The fact that this movie is airing in America is even more remarkable. It will be the first animated motion picture created in the Arab Emirates that will be shown in the United States.

This event will give representation to Muslims, more specifically, Black Muslims, who have been underrepresented in media for the most part.

“Bilal: A New Breed of Hero” has been shown internationally and is about to be released in the United States. This will be a chance to see a new type of superhero and a new type of film.

“Doctor Strange” : A New Member of the Marvel Cinematic Universe MCU

by Andrew Huynh 7-409



Doctor Strange, a new movie directed by Scott Derrickson, is about a surgeon named Stephen Strange. He is played by Benedict Cumberbatch, the star of the British drama series, “Sherlock”. After a car accident takes away the use of his hands, Strange seeks treatment for his badly injured hands.

From there, he meets the Ancient One who knows that Strange is the real Sorcerer Supreme. Once he learns the art of magic, he sets out to fulfill his destiny. So, Dr. Strange, after having been an accident victim himself, goes to Hogwarts and gets magic powers which he will use to defend the world.

This movie will be released on Friday, November 4th, in time for the weekend. (cont'd on page 8)

Harry Potter & The Cursed Child: Biggest Letdown of the CENTURY?

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by Nikole Rajgor 8-508



As someone who stood in line at midnight at a local Barnes & Noble bookstore along with approximately a hundred people for the new Harry Potter book, it is safe to say that Harry Potter holds a special

place in my heart. Waiting in line with fans (mostly in cosplay) for the new Harry Potter book was a thrilling moment that kept me buzzing on my feet. (This also could have been due to the “Passion Potion” drink I got from the Starbucks located in the store.) I, as a Harry Potter enthusiast, would never have expected Harry Potter and the Cursed Child to be such a disappointment.

When opening the book the next day, I felt as if a great honor had been bestowed on me. I could now know what one of the Harry Potter’s children, Albus Severus Potter, did at Hogwarts, along with the offspring of the other characters. I didn’t know what to expect as J. K. Rowling collaborated with writers, Jack Thorne and John Tiffany, to debut the play and book. However, the second I closed the book around eight hours later, I could sense that something was off and now I know what that was.

For starters, the original Harry Potter characters seemed off-character. An aged Harry Potter seemed hostile and more temperamental toward others when angry especially towards his son, Albus Potter. Reading the books, it was evident to me that Harry who had grown up in an abusive household would have tried to treat his children with patience and respect even when he was upset. I believe he definitely wouldn’t have told his child that “he wishes he weren’t his son”. Another concern I had is with the character, Rose Granger-Weasley, the child of Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger. She barely appeared in the book but she can be seen as rude towards Albus. Possibly because he lived in a different house, she ignored him throughout the book. I think that Ron and Hermione would never raise their child to be so unfeeling especially to family members.

Those two problems I had with the book were just the beginning. One of the biggest flaws in the book was the creation of Delphi Riddle, the supposed daughter of Voldemort. This contradicted basic logic that any Harry Potter reader would think. Voldemort was literally incapable of love. (cont'd on page 8)

Looking into the Future of High School Choice and Life

Starting to Look Into the Future

by Mahnoor Sultan 7-409

Seventh grade is the time to start seriously thinking about the high school a student will attend. This is the time to get good grades and knowledge that will impact the academic future that a person wants. High schools select students based primarily on their seventh grade marks. The work that is done now will determine the types of opportunities that will be available next year.

Since there are so many schools to choose from, it is never too early to narrow down the choices. The location of the school is one of the first things that goes into a decision. Schools that are within reach in terms of academic success is also a good way to reduce the number of potential sites. Of course, it is always important to find a school that is a good "fit". A school should meet the interests of the applicant. It is important to feel comfortable and connected to the chosen school.

A good resource for information is the 2017 New York City High School Directory. It is also good to talk to students who attend the school to get their opinions.

Harry Potter & The Cursed Child: Biggest Letdown of the CENTURY?

(cont'd from page 7) This was due to the fact that he was conceived under the effects of a love potion. Because of this, I doubt that he would want children or be attracted to anyone. Also, for Delphi Riddle to be the age she was, she was most likely born during the time of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. There was no hint of this happening.

Another issue with the plot I had was with the time-turner logic used in the book which was part of the storyline. In Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, time-turners could only go back hours at a time. This "faulty" time-turner could go back years which doesn't even make sense. I could go on about the problematic tendencies the book seemed to have, but those are the main problems I had with the book.

As someone who has been a fan of Harry Potter for over four years, I'm extremely sad to be disappointed with the book. I'm glad I got to go to my first midnight release party. I also enjoyed the character of Scorpius Malfoy very much but the whole book seemed to feel like poorly written fan fiction with cheap plot-twist tactics. I personally think that it should have stuck to a play rather than an official Harry Potter book. This work had too many plot holes to be a book.

Getting Down To Making The Choice

by Stacey Hoxha 8-509

The season of Fall is a stressful time for an eighth grader in New York City. New York City is home to some very selective high schools. Schools like the Bronx High School of Science and the Beacon School have admission requirements that can make a student's head spin. But like most new and important decisions what seems to be most intimidating can be examined and handled.

When applying for high school, the first think to understand that specialized high school aren't the only choices. Now that the SHSAT are over, there really is no point worrying about it now because it is already over and nothing else can be done.

The next step is to pick twelve other public high schools. There are many different ones to choose from so it is important to narrow down the choices. One thing to take into account is how long will it take to get there, what will be the time to wake up to get there on time, and the ability to join after-school clubs based on the distance from home. Another important consideration is the graduation rate of the students at the school. Anything above 75 % is ideal. Of course, an applicant must be sure that he or she has the marks that the school is looking for. It is good to go to as many open houses and information sessions as possible because some schools will like to make contact with potential students if possible.

Keep these tips in mind when filling out the applications. In March, the process will be over. A school is an institution that is designed to help a student learn what he/she needs to know to go to college and/or have a satisfying career. What is learned at a school is the most important question.

"Doctor Strange" : A New Member of the Marvel Cinematic Universe MCU

(cont'd from page 7) This movie will be unlike other movies in the MCU since it revolves around magic. But like other movies in the MCU, there was a great trailer but it just might be a bad movie after all. The trailer was just amazing but the story elements seem to be quite lacking so much so that the viewer does not know what Doctor Strange's actual goals are.

Although the special effects look great, the plot of the movie is unexpected and promotion of the movie seems to be neglected by Marvel itself. It is almost as if the company is waiting for the "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" or "Spider-man: Homecoming" (2017). So probably the best bet is to wait until the movie comes out to decide if the movie is worth seeing by reading the reviews. However, if you really don't care about reviews, you could just watch it anyway and decide for yourself. So, really, it's up to you, if you want to see one of the "stranger" entries of the MCU. (Pun intended)