

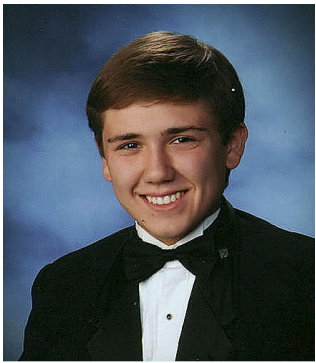


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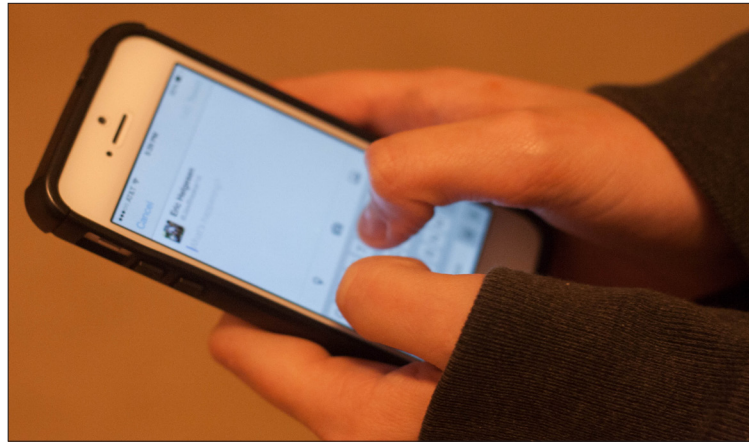
Senior Joe Henrikson passed away during winter break. The Magruder community remembers him on P2 (photo: Jostens)

A call for cyber civility

BY BETH KAMUYU

Montgomery County's superintendent Joshua Starr wrote an open letter to parents during a wintry day when a couple of students contacted him on twitter asking him to close school so they can get their homework done and sleep in.

The Superintendent found some of the tweets "clever, funny, and respectful," but many of the tweets were offensive and went as far as threatening his family. This made him want to take action, and writing the



It is important to think twice before posting on social media sites. (Photo: Eric Helgesen)

letter was a way to inform parents of what children can do in the cyber world without supervision.

It is both the parent's and the teacher's responsibilities to make sure students are aware of the dangers of posting things on the internet without thinking of the consequences.

Starr says "[he has] spoken at length about the importance of social emotional learning, giving our students the skills they need to navigate their lives in a healthy, positive way."

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Edison: inventing the future

BY MARIA AMARO

The Edison program at Thomas Edison High School provides students with 18 different career programs. Students fill out an application for the Edison Program and are selected by the review committee. The program is available to rising freshmen and juniors.

The school looks for students who are passionate about a certain career.

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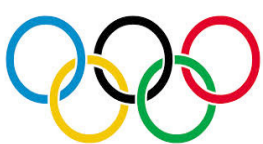
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Hairspray is in demand

BY CHRIS MARTIN



Tyler Goldsborough, Erin Panken, Fletcher Olson. (Photo: Katherine Ortega)

Hairspray, opening in March, is this year's Spring musical. When it was announced, people wondered for many reasons how we would be able to pull it off. However, the crew has been able to put those troubles away and power through.

Hairspray tells the story of love, change, fame, and hair-care products using 1960s Baltimore as a backdrop. It follows Tracy Turnblad (played at magruder by Senior Erin Panken), a young girl with some radical new ideas for

television, as she leads a campaign against segregation in a time rife with prejudice.

The show features many songs that you may have heard once before (even if you were unaware where they were from). The most famous hit is "You Can't Stop The Beat." Performed at the climax of the show, it brings a raging torrent of rhythm, song, and dance, promising to sweep the audience off their feet.

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Community responds to proposed change of bell times

Concerns voiced at meeting by parents, students, staff

BY EMILY GOO

Not too long ago Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) considered changes to school starting and end times. Their goal is to help high school students to get more nightly sleep. Recent studies by The Bell Times Work Group have shown that teens need an average of 8.5 to 9.5 hours of sleep, but on average, students only sleep 7.6 hours of sleep. The lack of sleep may be due to extracurricular activities, jobs, and heavy workloads that they have to tend to after school.

Surveys taken by current MCPS students, report that on average high school students get about 7 hours of sleep or less. Researchers have proved that insufficient sleep correlates with teen obesity and depression.

That contributes to their lack of motivation and attentiveness during school hours. Although it seems like the change in bell times may be favorable and advantageous, MCPS has held community forums in favor of receiving feedback from the community.

The community forum that took place was at Richard Montgomery High School. The large presence of parents, teachers, staff, and students was highly unanticipated. Many people were interested in bringing about their opinions to the floor, as well as voicing their concern for young students ranging from kindergarten to middle school students.

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In memoriam of Joe Henrikson

BY PETER ROUSTON

Last December 27, 2013, two days following Christmas, beloved senior Joe Henrikson passed away suddenly and untimely to the surprise of the students of Magruder High School.

He was "wise beyond his years," said English Teacher Mary Middendorf.

Joe was an amateur cartoonist and great artist overall.

He had even illustrated his notes, said English teacher Michael Kline.

He also loved making videos with his friends Nicky Laios and Stefan Van der Eijk

for the purpose of reviewing video games and making short films about whatever seemed to grasp his fancy.

His more in-depth film was named "Project New World" for which he got many huzzahs from his friends.

He not only liked to film videos for YouTube, he even wrote scripts for some of his videos like "Terra," "Project New World," and one he never got to film by the name of the "Roma Files."

He was a fan of folk music, so much so that he had even written a few singles with the chords by his friend Nicky Laios.

He loved the out of doors and wide open spaces, like the corn country of Nebraska.

He was to be studying engineering at the University of Nebraska in the Fall after graduating.

Joe was a much like a young entrepreneur, going so far as to build his own lawn

care business by the name of "Joe the Mower" starting from square one and onward.

Joe was never afraid to think big. In his mind the sky was the limit, but not even that could stop him. He was actively thinking of pursuing creating a colony on the moon on which he was in charge.

In a word, he was a "visionary," said senior Nicky Laios. He was quite ambitious, somewhat of a dreamer and outright inspiring. He planned to "finance a house in the Midwest, have a simple job, save money little by little."

Mrs. Middendorf and Joes' third period class of last semester have decided to leave his seat open for him.

Mrs. Middendorf said, "His seat has been left open so he cannot be forgotten." Students, teachers, and family still think of him and that trademark smile of his every day.

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Parents were worried for their children's safety, with middle school students coming home earlier than high school students. Also, if MCPS are to change the start times, that may affect elementary school student's sleeping pattern.

Another concern shared by both students and parents is the availability and convenience of attending extracurricular activities. By ending school later, it may not be as convenient for high school students to participate in the after school activities. By partaking in extracurricular activities, students are gaining experiences and broadening their resume, something that colleges take highly into consideration during the admission process.

Throughout the forum, parents, students, and teachers talked about the possible disadvantages and advantages if MCPS adopted the proposal in the change of bell times. All of the issues brought up definitely changed some of the minds of the people who were for changing the bell times. Overall, the forum brought new perspectives and a chance for the community to contribute to the education of their children, students, or themselves.

SMOB elections

Calvin Yeh and Dahlia Huh are the two nominees for the 2014-2015 Student Member of the Board (SMOB).

Each delegates students who seek to run for office in January. School delegations voted to narrow down school candidates after a nomination convention.

Dahlia has served on the SMOB advisory council (SAC) in the outreach department for two years, has been a Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) trainer for two years and now serves as the secretary of the Montgomery County Student Government Association (MCR-SGA).

Calvin currently serves as the chief-of-staff of the Montgomery County Regional Student Government Association MCR-SGA and was appointed by SMOB Justin Kim as chief-of-staff of SAC. Last year, he served as legislative committee co-chair of Martin O'Malley's Maryland Youth Advisory Council (MYAC), lobbying coordinator of SAC and lobbying deputy of MCR-SGA.

The SMOB election will occur on April 30 during the school day.

Cyber civility

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What people write or how they respond to a post on the internet says a lot about the kind of person they are and how they think. A person's involvement to certain things on the internet can affect them later in life either in a good or bad way depending on what career they choose to take on.

As technology continues to evolve, young children are getting more exposure to the internet without understanding how much effect a post can have on someone.

Some questions to ask yourself before posting something online: Is what you are posting worth letting other people? Will it hurt anybody? Will it come back to ruin you? If so, it is always best to stay away from posting certain comments or questions, or just stay away from the internet until you are calm.

The namesake of MHS: Col. Zadok

BY PETER ROUSTON

On the road by the name of Muncaster Mill Road stands a proud and regal structure of near epic proportions. This place has the name of Magruder High School.

Many people know some things about Colonel Zadok Magruder, but not everyone knows the whole story.

Starting off with the basics, the colonel was a revolutionary war era patriot and farmer. He was born in Prince George's County in 1729.

He inherited 600 acres near Norbeck in the year 1745 and eventually after about five years finally completed the construction of "The Ridge" in Redland where its population was about 50 people.

The high school was named after the colonel because "he was famous locally for what he did," according to Vivian Eicke, an archaeol-

ogy volunteer from the Archaeological Society of Maryland Potomac chapter.

He was also a member of the Maryland Committee of Correspondence. He was a part of the foundation for independence and freedom in Maryland.

In 1749, he married Rachel Pottinger Bowie and had fathered 11 children, eight of whom were girls and three of whom were boys.

One of his sons eventually became a doctor after attending the University of Maryland in 1825.

This same son bought a 308 acre farm by the name of Oakley down the road a stretch in Sandy Spring.

This property includes the national heritage site named Oakley Cabin, which was the center for post-emancipation freed slaves.

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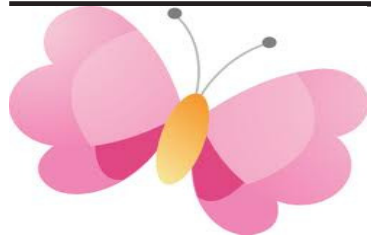
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SPRING BREAK



Dates and Times	Event/Info	Description
Open Daily 8am-Sunset	Hiking up Sugarloaf Mountain Map of Routes - http://www.sugarloafmd.com/	Looking for some exercise over Spring Break? Gather up your friends and hike up Sugarloaf Mountain. Climb up the rock wall or take the trails to the top to enjoy a beautiful view.
Open Daily 10am-5:30pm	Museum of Natural History Website for calendar events in April - http://www.mnh.si.edu/	The museum has a vast variety of exhibits for you to take a look at! Be sure to visit the Sant Ocean Hall for a look at Living on an Ocean Planet, an exhibit about the ocean and its critters and how we can save it. Also stop by Unintended Journeys, which takes a look at the challenges for environmental refugees after a natural disaster.
Open Daily 8am-8pm From April 12 th -April 19 th	International Spy Museum Website- http://www.spymuseum.org/visit/ Tickets - \$20.95	Slide into the world of spies and take a look at the lives of spies around the world! Learn about their gadgets and learn about historic events in the world of spies!
Open Daily 10am-6pm March 20 th through April 13 th	Tidal Basin Paddle Boats \$12.00 per hour - 2 passenger boat \$19.00 per hour - 4 passenger boat Cherry Blossoms	Enjoy the beauty of the Tidal Basin by paddle boating through the waters. You can even enjoy a view of the cherry blossoms from the water in a swam shaped boat. Take a walk around the Tidal Basin while enjoying the beauty of the Cherry Blossoms
Open Daily 10am-5:30pm	The National Archives	Look and learn about the famous documents that shaped American History including the Declaration of Independence on display!
Everyday	The National Mall	After visiting the museums, take a stroll through the mall and stop by the carousel or admire the George Washington Memorial. Grab a bite at the variety of restaurants and popular food trucks!

Spring Break: Maryland

BY YZELLA VIDAURRE

Rather than staying home not knowing what to do, check out these locations to see if one interests you. These are fun ways to spend your time doing something other than watching TV on the couch. You can bring your family to these locations and spend a fun day outside. Go big or stay home!

Baltimore Inner Harbor: Top attractions surrounding the area include the National Aquarium, Camden Yards, Port Discov-

ery, Baltimore's Historic Ships, and Pier Six Pavilion. There is something for everyone at the Inner Harbor. The rundown port used to be only for sailors, dockworkers and other brave souls. But now the area is full of stores and shops and places for people to relax and explore.

Six Flags America: The adventure parks are located at 13710 Central Ave, MD. They features more than 100 rides and have the area's largest

water park. The park is open from April through October. Kids of all ages come to enjoy the numerous rides and your younger siblings can enjoy the Looney Tunes Movie Town.

Strathmore Music Center: The state of the art music center is located at 5301 Tuckerman Ln, North Bethesda, MD. The concert hall brings world-class performances and arts education to Montgomery County, and they are open throughout the year. The week of Spring break they are performing

Bach Mass in B minor, Israeli Specialty Tea, Classical Guitar Technique in Modern Rock Music, and Gabriel Kahane & Rob Moose Duo. Concerts and children's performances are held outdoors on the lawn during the summer months.

AFI Silver Theater and Cultural Center: The American Film Institute (AFI), located on 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland. The movies are made by Small Independent film makers

that are enthusiastic to display their movie creations to you so that you might enjoy it.

The Adventure Park @ Sandy Spring: Is located at 16701 Norwood Road Sandy Spring, MD 20860. They have numerous fun activities that you can do in the trees and have 13 different levels of advancements that allow you to go higher up in the trees. You can also climb at night which is a great family outing or a perfect first date.

Spring Fashion

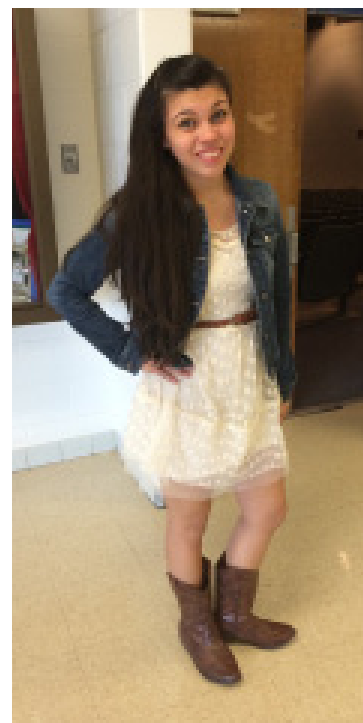
BY MARIA AMARO

With spring on its way, comes a flood of new fashion trends. What's hip in the fashion world right now? Vintage has made a comeback with polka dot prints and peplum tops. For a colorful, neutral outfit, pair a pale colored top like yellow or pink with a dark colored bottom. This will make your outfit colorful

but not too flashy. For more of the latest fashion trends, pick up a Glamour magazine or Vogue and brush up on fashion tips.

Looking for a cheap way to buy cute clothes? Check out bargain stores such as Uptown Cheapskate and Buffalo Exchange. They sell a variety of brand

name clothes for unbelievably low prices. Also check out H&M and Forever 21 for cute tops and dresses just in time for spring. Don't forget to sign up for their emails and receive special discounts! If you want a pair of perfect fitting jeans, visit American Eagle and pick from a variety of washes and colors.



Sophomore Mariana Zuniga sporting a dress by Pinky and jacket by Mudd (Photo: Isabel Amaro)



Senior David Luc wearing a hat, shirt, and pants from H&M (Photo: David Luc)



Edison program

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The programs at Edison provide real life experiences in the classroom. Students in the Automotive Technology program work on cars in the garage. They work on engines and fix car bodies. The students' work pays off when they have a garage sale and get to sell the cars that they fixed.

"It provides students hands on experience and that makes learning fun," says Mr. Bergmann, one of the Automotive Technology teachers.

In Interior Design, students design floor plans and create model homes that are later built into real houses. Yes, real houses! Students from a mix of the programs work together designing and

building a real life house. Plumbing, Masonry, Heating Ventilation/Air Conditioning, Electricity, Carpentry, and Interior Design work together to build a house that will be sold for about \$500,000 at the end of the year.

"Electricity works on lighting, Carpentry builds the house and we design the interior," says sophomore Tamia Sneed, an Interior Design Student. "All the programs come together as one."

In the Professional Restaurant Management programs, students learn how to run a restaurant.

"We have a café opening in 2 weeks, where people come to eat and we get to serve them. It's like a real restaurant" says Jordan Novak,

Restaurant Management student. "I love being in the program because I can gain as much knowledge about cooking and get better." Cosmetology welcomes the folks from Leisure World to come and get a haircut from Edison students.

"It provides student with an authentic learning experience," says Wilson. It teaches students a variety of life skills that they can apply to life after high school such as how to apply to jobs and a look at what some jobs are like. For more information about the Edison Program, talk to Mr. Austin.



A broad overview of a unique work room at Thomas Edison Tech School. Photo credit : Michael Greene (top left photo). A view of the culinary arts room and design workshops. Photo credit: John Ortega (Top right and bottom right photo)

A day in the life of a security guard

BY COLLIN RIVIELLO

Security guards are a vital part of this school's success. The security teams ensure that students and staff can peacefully cooperate with each other, but problems do occur.

Team Leader Mr. William Seested handles most of the many altercations during a school day with assistance from his co-workers on the security staff. Ranging from verbal accusations to fist-fights, the security team has a handful of things to do every day. Mr. Seested has 36 years of Police training under belt, and over time has developed a careful eye to watch for signs of trouble.

Seested commented that most arguments tend to "result from gossip around the communi-

ty. Students need to first understand, and then lock in the facts."

Avoiding altercations altogether is the best way. Only then will a security team keep a school safe & secure. The team has the job details all under control.

Seested stated, "Students want to interact in a safe community every day, and a school is a community."

Within a community, though, there are limits to the protection available. If the team were to encounter a disruptive student in a class, the 1st amendment "protects various forms of political speech, anonymous speech, and school speech." Therefore preventing the restrictions of speech.

Student spotlight: Kristan King

BY SCOT EHRHARDT



Kristan King persists through challenges to succeed at MHS. (Photo: Scot Ehrhardt)

Kristan King ('14) is a believer in second chances.

King un-enrolled from Magruder in 2010, pulled down by a negative social group involved in at-risk behaviors. At the age of 20, she took it upon herself to improve her life and return to high school—to do it right this time.

"I realized I wasn't getting any younger. Everyone around me was moving forward," King said.

King called her counselor, Ms. Ruth Ragsdale, and voiced her mission. She proved her determination by consistently responding to emails, arriving on time

to meetings, and filling out forms. Ragsdale and King met with Assistant-Principal Ellen Hudson, and Principal Lee Evans to discuss the option of re-enrollment.

"They saw I was stronger, more mature. They knew I was ready," King said.

Hudson said, "I was a little surprised—excitedly surprised—that she wanted to return to us. I wanted her to understand that she had a mountain to climb."

In her first semester back, she suffered a serious illness and the loss of a family member. Despite these events, she passed all of her courses. "I was eligible, but I didn't get the grades I wanted. It wasn't enough for me," King said.

King is officially a 12th grade student now. She attends classes with students far younger than her, but she does not allow it to lessen her commitment to success. King said, "I'm trying to turn my life around. If you're trying to be something in life, being focused and motivated comes with it."

Ms. Jane Cocker,

the Career Preparation teacher, said, "She's an incredible role model, to have turned her life around, and to do it so young."

Seeing high school a second time has also changed the way she views Magruder. She began by apologizing to staff members she was disrespectful to years ago. "I blew them off, but now I see them. All they wanted to do was help me and teach me. I wish I saw that before," she said.

King requests to sit in the front row of each of her classes. "I don't need anyone to distract me or the teacher. People can hate on me, say, 'She's trying to be Ms. Smarty-pants,' but I'm just trying to get the work done."

Cocker said, "Kristan has maturity and wisdom beyond her years. It's hard won. She has a positive outlook, that nothing cannot be overcome."

King is scheduled to graduate this May, and has made honor roll each quarter this year. "This is the first time I ever chased something that I really wanted," she said.

Memorable moments

BY TYLER KOSSIN



Olympic Heat

The 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics has the reputation of being the warmest site ever to host the games. The average temperature, that was around 50 degrees Fahrenheit, was higher than any other previous venue known to host the games. Some tourists and spectators didn't even have jackets for a few of the outdoor events. As a matter of fact, a few spectators and athletes were caught sunbathing in between events! (Photo:NBC)



During the opening Olympic ceremony in Russia, a complex entrance of snowflakes morphing into Olympic rings went horribly wrong. A glitch in the system ended up preventing the final snowflake from turning into an Olympic ring. (Photo:NBC)



Hubertus von Hohenlohe, a skier Mexican descent qualified to compete in the Olympics and although he didn't medal, he was an astounding 55 years of age. Being the oldest athlete to compete at the games, he also spoke 5 different languages fluently. (Photos: NBC Sports)



An important ice hockey game between the United States and Russia was certainly one to remember. The United States got four goals from T.J. Oshie in an eight-round shootout to defeat Russia by a final score of 3-2 on Saturday to move atop Group A in the Olympic hockey tournament. (Photos: NBC Sports)

SOCHI W OLYMP

The 2014 Winter Olympics were certainly a series of events to remember. Athletes from all around the world from 88 countries came to Sochi, Russia in order to compete for the ultimate prized possession, an Olympic medal. The 88 countries participating shattered the previous record of 82 countries competing in the games. Ninety-eight events were hosted throughout 6 different sports: skating, skiing, curling, ice hockey, biathlon, and the luge.

The 16 day event was the first

Sochi security

BY HANNAH REED



Russian security officials patrol the olympic grounds to keep the peace and to search for possible terrorist activities.(Photo:NBC)

Surprisingly the 2014 winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, began and ended without a security issue or terrorist act. Numerous threats caused concern, but heightened security and multi-nation collaboration made sure these games went on without a hitch.

Usually the events and the athletes are at the center of the Olympics, but that was not the case at this year's 22 winter games. Security concerns headlined this year's games, located in Sochi, Russia. Issues with security first arose when over the 2013 summer, leader of the militant group, Caucasus Emirate, urged Islamic separatist to disrupt the games. He wanted to seek revenge due to numerous

years of ethnic and religious tensions between the native Islamic people and the Russian forces. Concerns increased when, two months ago, two suicide bombings killed 34 people in Volgograd, only 400 miles away from Sochi. And then, only a week before the games opened, everyone's fear became even more heightened following reports that three "black widow" suicide bombers were reported to have gotten inside the village. These women were seeking revenge against the Russian security forces that had killed their husbands. Luckily, these women were never found and presumably the threat was thought of as a hoax.

Security concerns at the Olympic Games are nothing new. Previously, Britain parked missile batteries on apartment block roofs and a warship on the River Thames before the 2012 Games. The Salt Lake City Winter Olympics in 2002 were held amid heightened security only months after the 9/11 terror attacks in the United States, and the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta were subject to a terror attack.

The games continued

without an incident, that many acknowledged to the enormous police presence. Russia was reported to have drafted some 37,000 police and security officers to handle security in Sochi. To increase protection, the Russians have created partnerships with other countries, including the U.S., to attempt to stop any possible threats. Some athletes, including the U.S. ski and snowboarding teams, have gone as far as to hire private protection. U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said the US would be ready to remove citizens in the event of a catastrophic terror attack, and that two Naval ships deployed to the Black Sea are at the ready should the need arise for a mass rescue.

Though security was a huge concern at the beginning, many athletes felt safer as the games continued on. Before the games started, American skeleton racer Noelle Pikus-Pace, was nervous to bring her two young children to Sochi. But now that she is here, she says, "We've felt very secure, very safe, the security is high, and that makes me feel a lot safer, too. We just haven't

had any issues since we've been here." Echoing her opinion was U.S. bobsledder Chris Foltz, who is one of four U.S. Army soldiers competing in men's bobsled in Sochi, saying "I think that they are trying their hardest and they are doing everything they can." To increase protection, the Russians have created partnerships with other countries, including the U.S., to attempt to disrupt any possible threats. Some athletes, including the U.S. ski and snowboarding teams, have gone as far as to hire private protection. U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said the USA would be ready to remove citizens in the event of a catastrophic terror attack, and that two Naval ships deployed to the Black Sea are at the ready should the need arise for a mass rescue.

The games ended without an issue, thanks to the huge Russian security force. Though there was fear of an attack at the beginning, but as the games continued on, it was obvious that an attack would not be happening. The athletes and the events were at the center of attention, and security concerns were all but forgotten.



WINTER OLYMPICS PICS

Olympics Russia has hosted since 1980. Out of the 295 medals given out, Russia took home the most medals out of any country with 33. The United States wasn't so far behind, finishing second with a total of 28 medals. The U.S. also had the highest number of athletes to qualify with a total of 230, beating Russia by just four athletes. Another notable record set was the amount of television channels around the world broadcasting this year's Olympics with 464. The 464 channels covering the games shattered the previous record of 240 in Vancouver.

MEDAL COUNT		
RANK	COUNTRY	TOTAL MEDALS
1	RUSSIA	33
2	NORWAY	26
3	CANADA	25



Team Sweden with their silver medals after a 3-0 loss in the gold medal game against team Canada. (Photo: NBC Sports)



Team Finland waving to the cheering crowd after beating team USA 5-0 in the bronze medal game. (Photo: NBC Sports)



Team Russia warming up before their preliminary game against Team USA. (Photo: NBC Sports)



Sochi

The site of the 2014 Winter Olympics is home to around 400,000 people. Sochi is located on the western coast to Russia and is relatively close to Europe. 51 billion U.S. dollars were invested into the Olympics from Russia. The incredible amount of money has beaten the previous record of most money invested in Vancouver by over 40 billion dollars. (Photo: CBS)



TJ Oshie of Team USA, high fives his team mates after scoring a goal in the shootout against Team Russia (Photo: NBC Sports)

Olympic ice hockey

BY HANNAH REED

Russia was expected to dominate on home soil, but shockingly fell short, losing in the quarterfinals to Finland. Their many individually skilled players were unable to come together as a group, contributing to their downfall. They have not won an Olympic ice hockey medal since the USSR team placed first in the '88 Calgary games. Their surprising poor performance showed that Russian coaching is falling behind and must be desperately updated if the country wants to win a hockey medal.

The US team entered these games with high expectations, not "allowing anything less than gold". A stellar start with high offensive power, ended in heart break when the team failed to even medal at all. Some contributors to team US's downfall include massive defensive failure, and shared frustration, usually from an opponent scoring, led the players making many questionable penalties. The strong offensive team was undefeated until the semifinal Canada game. In both the semifinal and bronze medal games, both teams had very evenly matched first periods, but once opponent scored, the US team shutdown. The drained US team lost to Canada 1-0 and lost the bronze medal to Finland 5-0. The US not even winning any medal shocked the world.

A tentative start by Canada ended in joy when the team won gold for the second consecutive Olympic Games in a row. The team never once trailed during the games, once again showing the world that they are the best team in the world. Their extremely strong defense, which only allowed on average 21.5 shots on goal, easily shut opponents down, giving the offensive the motivation they needed to score a whopping 14 goals in 5 games. They were the hardest working team competing that stuck to their game plan throughout the competition. Goalie Carey Price was superb,

having shutouts in both the semifinal against the US and gold game against Sweden, and only allowed 3 goals on 106 shots. Canada showed that they are in fact the best team in the world, and made winning gold look easy. The Canadian women's team also won gold in a thrilling OT game against the US.

Sweden was a consistent strong powerhouse, having many shutouts in the prelims. They won silver, losing 3-0 in the gold medal game against Canada. Throughout the competition, team Sweden overcame many bad injuries to many important players. Without these key players, it was hard to imagine the team's success, but they overcame that, and a medal. A few hours before the gold medal game, the team was notified that center Nicklas Backstrom would be unable to participate because he tested positive for taking a banned allergy medicine. His suspension was controversial because he had been allowed to play in the games before while taking the medicine. Due to his suspension, he was not awarded a silver medal, and the team did not play as well as they would have if he was in the lineup.

Not even thought to medal, team Finland proved critics wrong and won bronze. In the quarterfinals, they shockingly knocked out the home team favorite Russians, and continued on to the semifinals. Just as the Sweden's, the Fin's overcame huge injury loss to win bronze. They shut down the US team by scoring two goals in 11 seconds, beating the US 5-0 for the bronze.

These games were also notable because this is the first time that Slovenia qualified to compete in the games. The new team won a notable 2 games, remarkably beating Slovakia and Austria. They had a stellar showing for a nation's first time in competing in Olympic hockey.



Team Canada posing with their gold medals after beating Sweden 3-0 in the gold medal game. (Photo: NBC Sports)



Fitness: the battle between nutrition & exercise

BY TYLER KOSSIN

Have you ever come to ponder the thought of America being the most obese country in the world? Well for those of you who don't already know, the United States is indeed the country with the highest percentage of overweight people on the planet, by far.

just believe in eating right before or after a workout. He stated "Whether it's three hours before a big game or twenty-four hours before, it's always important to be taking care of your body and eating foods that help, not hurt you." Eating high energy foods with carbs



Eating right and working out is the key to living a healthy life (Photo: Eric Helegesen)

Well, the answer for the most part is nutrition. It's not solely the fact that we as a country tend to be lazy, but it's the cheap, fast food coated in saturated fats and calories that are able to put a few pounds on a person quicker than you may think.

A new study confirms that dietary change, specifically eating less fat, calories, and carbs produces more weight loss than changes in exercise. On top of this, many studies have compared weight loss resulting from changing diet versus increasing activity. Most often, weight loss during programs focused on dietary change produced two to three times greater weight loss than programs focused on exercise.

However, in order to get the maximum results in losing weight and gaining muscles, it's without a doubt in your interest to practice both! Cutting calories doesn't necessarily have to mean going on a "diet." It can just mean avoiding or limiting one or more foods high in calories from fat (such as high-fat meat, cheese, or snack foods, or too much added fat), lots of sugar (like sweets or sweetened drinks), or alcohol. While shaping up your diet, you will even get more out of your exercise because of the calories and proteins will be burned off into your muscles.

Varsity basketball Coach Harwood doesn't

such as spaghetti a few hours before a big game or workout may be helpful too. Harwood also discussed how he's had a few players who've lacked energy late in an important game. Was the lack of energy caused by not eating healthy foods prior to the game? Well, that's certainly a possibility. So for example, if you're trying to build up your physique, you can't just pick one over the other and hope for the best. In order to achieve the best results, you'd have to consume high protein foods while burning them off simultaneously. This gives your sore and stretched out muscles a reason to always be taking in calories and proteins as you are consuming them.

One last possible question one may be asking would be if one is able to take in more calories because they are exercising more than one who isn't.

Well, the answer is quite simple. If you're lifting weights and exercising at a moderate level it is certainly a good thing to take in a few extra calories, especially proteins. This is because after you're done exercising, your muscles need to recuperate and rebuild minor tissues you tear when putting stress on them. The extra calories and proteins you take in can really come into effect here, as your body is constantly burning them off for your own good.

Poms shines at annual competition

BY COLLIN RIVIELLO



MHS poms team performing at the annual Poms performance at Paint Branch High School. The team placed fourth. (Photo: John Hsu)

The Liberty Belle poms' captains Reilly Merriam (14') and Rebecca Chiartas (14') led the Liberty Belle Poms to a fourth place finish at the County competition on February 1st.

Magruder entered the competition leading Division I. Ready to "Knock on Wood," a silent cheer they use to pump themselves up, they quickly amassed a whole quarter of Magruder supporters in the bleachers. The enthusiastic crowd with their uprising perpetual bursts of shouts helped the girls to focus & start off with a Broadway entrance onto the floor. From there, it was

a creative approach in style whilst adding in eye catching formations, and twirling sparks of cheer. Several rhythmic routines, a couple of group formations later, & a 3-2-1 Posing leap into the air led the the Poms to their final performance together. An orchestrated lineup of prancing leaps, well-grounded kicks, and circular floor movements finished the Girls' last season together. Kneeling in a circular formation on the ground with hands raised high; the Lady Colonels embraced the Magruder crowd's applause with the help of the other school's spectators and participants. The Liberty Belle

Poms hoped to have had better 6-minutes than Blake HS and long-time rival Sherwood HS.

"Blake & Sherwood are teams we need to beat so bad. So Badly!" Both Reilly & Rebecca expressed.

The Liberty Belle Poms worked hard and gave a good run to the competition this year, as Magruder started off their 2013-2014 season in the top ranks of the Division 1 Pool. Though with tremendous effort, Blake took the top though, followed by Sherwood HS. And Northwest HS. closing the circle.

Both Rebecca Chiartas & Reilly Merriam graduate from Magruder this year, but leave with words of encouragement and enthusiasm to their team: "Keep up with being a good student at school & place your hands evenly!" Both Captains look forward to joining the elite ranks of the Universal Dance Academy (UDA) by Towson University's Dance Team in the Division 1 category this fall.

4A-State track championship

FINALIST	EVENT	TIME	RESULTS
Alex Fuksenko	500m Dash	01:08.00	5th - EST.
Bethany White	55m Dash	07.07	1st - EST.



Senior Bethany White sprints to the finish line. (Photo: Life-touch)



Hannah Barr in the pain against Sherwood. The girls rose to the Maryland State Semifinals for the first time since 1985



Hardwood urges his players into action. (Photos: Kaci Gossard)

GIRLS 4A-WEST Regional

ATHLETE	EVENT	TIME	PLACED	QUALIFIED FOR STATE?
Bethany White	55m Dash	7.37 sec	1 st	QUALIFIED
Keila Robertson	55m Dash	7.97 sec	14 th	
Bethany White	300m Dash	43.96 sec	6 th	
Ayanna Lynn	300m Dash	45.39 sec	16 th	
1 st Leg - Ayanna Lynn 2 nd Leg - Shelby Trout 3 rd Leg - Keila Robertson 4 th Leg - Bethany White	4x200m Relay	01:52.33	5 th	
1 st Leg - Ayanna Lynn 2 nd Leg - Delight Dzansi 3 rd Leg - Susanna Yeh 4 th Leg - Shelby Trout	4x400m Relay	04:42.97	14 th	
1 st Leg - Susanna Yeh 2 nd Leg - Paola Silva 3 rd Leg - Mara Estb 4 th Leg - Delight Dzansi	4x800m Relay	11:27.07	11 th	

BOYS' 4A-WEST Regional

ATHLETE	EVENT	TIME	PLACED	QUAL TIME NEEDED
Madiba Massey	300m Dash	39.60 sec	13 th	
Alex Fuksenko	500m Dash	1:11.18	4 th	QUALIFIED
Chris McKoy	55m Hurdles	9.05 sec	12 th	
1 st Leg - Emmanuel Aayemana 2 nd Leg - Donte Speight 3 rd Leg - Chris McKoy 4 th Leg - Madiba Massey	4x200m Relay	01:40.09	7 th	
1 st Leg - Alex Fuksenko 2 nd Leg - Madiba Massey 3 rd Leg - Emmanuel Aayemana 4 th Leg - Donte Speight	4x400m Relay	3:44.68	6 th	

Food review: Founding Farmers

BY JAEJUN CHO

Brunch is the first word that comes up to my mind after I wake up on Sunday morning. The first restaurant that comes up to mind is Founding Farmers in Potomac, Maryland.

I still remember the first time I went to the restaurant. I was fascinated by the revolving door and the neatness of the place. There were numerous decorations that made this place look like one of the most modern yet original restaurants I have ever been to.

I've never had to wait in line to get a seat on a Sunday morning. It would have been a different story if it was a Friday or Saturday night, but

waiting for a brunch was a first.

Naturally, all the wait and the exterior of the place brought my expectation much higher. While looking at the menu, I noticed that they made their own sodas which displayed Founding Farmers' originality. I ordered ranch popcorn as an appetizer, and a plate of fried chicken, waffles and eggs as the main meal. The ranch popcorn was not the best appetizer that I have had. It just tasted like normal popcorn with barely any ranch flavor added to it.

However, the main dish made me glad to try the place. The chicken was very juicy and well-

fried, the waffles were crisp and crunchy, and the eggs were fresh and not greasy. The food portion was perfect because I was able to finish the entire plate but still felt full. Plates were not too expensive, and there was a diversity of people in the restaurant.

This restaurant is the perfect place to go when you are craving for brunch foods with a couple of friends or your family because the environment is quiet enough to chat with others. I give this restaurant 9 stars. The serving time was a little slow, but the food and the environment were excellent.



Founding Farmers Restaurant in Montgomery County. (photo: Founding Farmers webpage)

Freshman perspective

BY SADIE LULEI



(Photo: Jennifer Esperanza)

Whether you are not yet a freshman, already are one, or past being one, there is one thing you know. Being a freshman is hard. It's the perfect age to be treated like a baby and expected to fulfill adult-like responsibilities.

I'm not asking you pity freshman, I'm just allowing you to see inside of our heads during this difficult year. So what's so difficult? I asked a few freshmen what their experience as a freshman has been like.

"It wasn't a huge transition like it's cracked up to be. You have to try harder just to get worse grades," says one freshman at MHS. And in most cases, she's right. Freshman come out of

easy-peasy middle school thinking high school will be the same, and therefore applying no effort. Imagine the surprise when semester one grades are Ds and Es. "School isn't about being smart, but the effort you put into your work," says another freshman.

New friends, new classes, new expectations. Starting high school is like restarting everything. "I think I took what my old teachers said for granted. It does get really stressful at times and I just don't feel like doing any work at all. Socially, getting accepted by people can be pretty hard," says a freshman. But changing isn't always a bad thing. Sometimes changing is exactly what you need.

There is one thing that gives every freshman a little relief: they are less than four years from freedom. "I will be free from the education system, and I can start having a life," one freshman predicts. Being a freshman is hard. Consider it before you judge someone for being a freshman; they've got a lot on their plate.

No time for wrest

BY CHRIS MARTIN

On April 6th, 2014, another year of the best male soap opera will reach its climax. Legends will fall. Friendships will be tested. The announcer table will be smashed. Somewhere along the line, a steel chair will be thrown at another person. WrestleMania has come.

Professional wrestling has been a part of my life since I was about 6 years old. It was Thanksgiving, and while the relatives began to file out after dinner, I moved downstairs. That was when I turned on the TV. I didn't know what channel it was, but it had these strange men in a square throwing each other about. I was instantly hooked.

Unfortunately, I could never set up a solid viewing schedule, so professional wrestling fell out of my mind. I would hear about it now and then from various sources, but I never bothered to watch.

Recently, I have been getting back into wrestling, partly by chance, but mostly through youtube. I was reintroduced when I first found a series called "Botchamania." The series catalogues the most ridiculous moments and failures in the pro wrestling world. However, after seeing a great deal of people that I had never seen before I decided that now was the time for my return. I did not receive what I was expecting.

A lot of my old favorites were still around. It felt good to see my original numero uno, the masked luchador Rey Mysterio still flipping around the ring.

One of my new favorites became CM Punk, a wrestler who in a lot of ways I feel that I can relate to. Naturally, as is my luck, Rey and Punk began a feud shortly after.

Another more recent wrestler that I have seen become popular is Daniel Bryan, a funny and technical wrestler that always manages to put on a great show. He takes a great

deal of risks, and he is always charismatic in his promos. There is a great deal of hype building around Bryan in the community as well. However, the management of World Wrestling Entertainment, also known as the WWE, seems to have taken a nosedive. This has all led to the bottom of the barrel. I am referring to the January 26 Pay-Per-View, the Royal Rumble.

It has been hailed as a legendary craptastrophe. Out of five total matches, only one was any good. That's not just me saying it, though. The crowd was incredibly vocal throughout the night. Boos echoed through the stadium for almost the entire show. Even Mick Foley, a classic member of the WWE, tweeted after the event that he was disgusted with the tone-deafness of WWE's management.

The show opened with a very mediocre showing with The New Age Outlaws (a team from the late 90s who are now older than almost anyone they compete with) winning the title of Tag Team Champions.

Then there was a match featuring Daniel Bryan and a long-time nemesis of his, Bray Wyatt. It was a great match with many twists, turns, and slams. The crowd absolutely loved it and I did too.

Then there came a match between the incredibly muscular Brock Lesnar and the incredibly large Big Show. This was actually one of the quietest matches of the night. Not because the crowd didn't want to boo, but instead because they didn't care enough to boo. Eventually, crowd members wound up doing the wave because they cared so little about the match.

In the match just before the main event of the show, poster boy John Cena and other poster boy Randy Orton had their

100th final match. It had the promise of being an actual fight, but it turned into the exact same schlock that every other Cena vs. Orton match had turned out to be: a 30+ minute snorefest that not even the most hardcore fan of either cared about.

Remember: this is all before the actual main event.

Then came the actual main event, the Royal Rumble. A legendary all-out brawl where 30 people enter and only one can leave the winner. A place where legends are born and torn down. The biggest disappointment of the whole show.

Wrestler after wrestler ran down to the ring. Wrestler after wrestler fell out of the ring. And finally they reached number 30. The audience wanted Daniel Bryan, and he wasn't even there any more.

Now, you've probably asked me in your mind, "Chris, why did you go off on this long tangent about this disastrous event?" It's because that's what WWE has been fairly recently: a long series of bonehead moves that people don't want to see that were only made up because the creative team isn't smart enough to come up with something else. New faces spring up, but the management has ignored the audience's cries for new things. To put it lightly, they've flatlined.

People don't want to see John Cena vs. Randy Orton: The Really Final Battle. They don't want to see the Big Show get smacked around by a muscly sellout anymore. They want skilled newbies like Daniel Bryan to get their time to shine. But the WWE refuses to let that happen.

I love the WWE. I really do. They're a huge show with a rotating cast of characters that has numbered in the hundreds. But if they don't step up their game, they're going down for the count.

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An open letter to the students of Magruder

Recently, I attended a meeting with professionals from your community. The pre-meeting discussion turned to talk of the horrific car crash that killed your fellow students Johnny Hoover, Spencer Datt, and Haeley McGuire. I am a native-born resident of Derwood and an original resident of Rolling Knolls. As I have lived out of the area the past 15 years, I didn't know about this incident, but I could see on the faces of these adults that they were deeply disturbed by this crash.

A reputable professional at the meeting explained that Magruder now has a reputation of having "a real problem with underage student drinking," and, is considered by the public to be "a wild party school for teen drinking."

Later, I saw your school newspaper in a store.

I was surprised to see your front page article recalling this same deadly drunk driving crash (Drive Without the Drink), and your own printed admission that "Students [at Magruder] still drink, and students still drive under the influence [of alcohol]." I was stunned to learn that this deadly crash occurred nearly three years ago, but because of its horrifying nature, the drunken, endangering behavior of the driver, and the high death toll, the community is still reeling from this searing loss of young life.

I was reminded of my own experiences when I attended Magruder. My transition into high school was very bumpy, and because of the cliquish environment, I had a terrible time fitting in. My first thought upon hearing about the alcohol drinking by Magruder students was, "If I could resist drinking alcohol in high school, any kid should be able to resist." I did not drink at all. I did not turn to alcohol to either make me fit in with some drinking crowd, or use it to numb myself.

My older brother Jimmy, on the other hand, had a wonderful time at Magruder. Jimmy thrived at Magruder. He played music in every band the school offered, and performed at prestigious events in the Washington area. Jimmy's life at Magruder was filled with friends and successful academic studies. He did not drink either; none of his activities included alcohol, or the threat of drunk driving. The major influence in our law abiding behavior was our father. He was a WWII army officer, who had a stereotypical tough military demeanor. When we were growing up

he worked in military logistics. When I turned 16, like every kid, I wanted to get my driver's license. However, my father informed me that I would not be allowed to get my driver's license. He had known me since birth, and it was his paternal and professional opinion that, at 16, I was not ready to handle a 3,000 pound car, under all of the dangerous circumstances drivers face on our winding country roads. There was no discussion about it. He would not permit me to drive, and that was that. No amount of my whining would change his mind. Although I did not realize it at the time, he was doing his job as my father. He was protecting my life.

My brother was permitted to get his license at age 16. However, when Jimmy turned 13, our father began to teach us, in a

very specific way, about our dangerous local roads filled with sharp curves. Growing up on Muncaster Road, our father knew that we had never known anything but the narrow, winding country roads of our area. He knew that we had no idea of the potential dangers that these sharp curves presented to young, reckless drivers. So, three years before his son was driving age, our father started doing this:

When he drove with us on Muncaster Road, and the surrounding areas, as our father approached each sharp curve in the road he would say, "Do you see this curve? This curve will put you in the hospital." But, as he approached a more severe curve, our father would say, "Do you see this curve? This curve will put you in the cemetery."

No further explanation was needed. We got the lesson. We understood that our father was informing us that there were curves so severe, that if they were approached at high speeds or while driving drunk, we would very likely be killed in a crash on that curve.

This became a game with us as we would ride with our father. He would start his mini lecture at the approach of a curve, and Jimmy and I would chime in saying, "Do you see this curve? This curve will put you in the hospital." At the most dangerous curves we'd



say, "Do you see this curve? This curve will put you in the cemetery." Our father wanted it drummed into our heads where the critical danger points were located on our local roads. And, he wanted this information drummed into our heads years before we would ever get behind the wheel of a car. He was doing his job as our father, preventing us from creating a potentially deadly situation for ourselves or others.

There's another element of your teen drinking that is incomprehensible. If any of us as teenagers had stayed out past 3:00 in the morning, it would have caused an emergency in the entire neighborhood. If any teen was out partying long past 12:00 midnight, the mothers and fathers would circle the wagons. Mothers would call their child's friends' houses in a panic-stricken attempt to find their child. Fathers would drive around looking for their kid, including checking local hospitals to see if the missing teen had been admitted. Granted, we did not have cell phones, but cell

phones do not justify teenagers staying out all night drinking alcohol illegally.

There is nothing cool about anything that alcohol does to your brain or body. When you go for your job interviews, a potential employer is never going to ask you to tell them about the drunkest night of your

life. Or, about your worst hangover, or about the night you stupidly took your chances and drove a car drunk—filled with your own friends.

Your potential employers—the people who run the companies that you dream of working for—will want to know what you did in school that is your greatest achievement to date. They will want to know what your

“The adult world is filled with sharp curves, hairpin turns, peaks, and valleys, and you have to learn to negotiate and navigate these things for yourself”

extra-curricular activities were. They will want to know how you have bothered to help make this world a better place. And, yes, they are even going to ask you about your personal health, and if drinking and drugging is, or has been, a part of your life.

Even now, in high school, you are absolutely laying the foundation that will determine if you go on to have a successful life. Alternatively, you may be creating a bad start for a life filled with struggle, prob-

lems, and failure, because all you wanted to do in high school was get to the next party so you could wipe out your brain on alcohol. Or even worse, like the tragic fate of your school mates, die in the prime of your lives and never live to see even one of your dreams come true.

As a student body, you need to step back from this behavior because your public reputation in your own community is that you are a bunch of dangerous drunks who need to be avoided. Come on, Magruder. You're better than this.

You students who do not drink and drug, you should be the ones to take leadership of this issue and inform your community that you are aware of your bad reputation. Then, tell the community what steps exactly, as a student body, you are taking to correct this dangerous behavior.

The adult world is filled with sharp curves, hairpin turns, peaks, and valleys, and you have to learn to negotiate and navigate these things for yourself, if you are ever going to survive and succeed in life. Nobody in the adult world is going to straighten out the road for you to make it easy for you. You have to learn to navigate life's challenges yourself, and you also have to look out for others along the way, so that you cause no harm to anyone else as you progress through your own life.

From the center of their hearts, your own mothers and fathers do not want to have to dedicate a bench in your memory. They do not want to have to plant a tree, or hang a plaque in your school in your memory. The only thing they truly want is for you to come home to them every night, healthy and in one piece. But every time you go out drinking alcohol and joyriding in your cars, you significantly increase the odds that you will never come home to your parents again.

You don't realize this yet, but you will never again be as spectacular as you are right now, as a teen in this exciting time of your life. This is one of the very few times that life is filled with both, the excitement of today, and the thrill of potential for all that you dream of for your future. Those dreams that are so very real and exciting to you, the dreams so personal you don't dare to share them with even your best friend, those dreams really can come true. You really can grow up to live the life you so desire. There's just one catch. You have to be alive to experience it.

Teresa Foley Kochowicz

Hairspray

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To make sure that happens, the cast and crew have been working double-time in order to make a great show even greater.

The production has recovered despite all the snow days. It is on its way to rock-and-rolling the school. Actors and technicians alike are hard at work almost every afternoon to ensure that they put on the best show possible.

Jeremy Goldberg, a senior playing IQ the council kid had this to say about working on the show. "The show, being filled with fun, poppy show tunes and dances, shows a lot of potential. The cast, crew, and even the orchestra have been working extremely hard to make this happen. We hope that with good practice and hard work we can make this musical come alive."

The Spring musical is the icing on the drama cake for most members of the crew. It is the culmination of a year of development and skill.

Of course, the spring musical brings everyone closer to the end of the school year as well. (Senior Name), a senior, is not so excited to see their drama days coming to an end. For Kate Hedges, a junior, the thought of being an outgoing senior is almost as bad as being one herself. "It's sad. It's terrifying. I wouldn't want to leave. Magruder Drama's like a second family to me."

Despite all the sorrow about the end coming, the drama club has put on a show hailed as a "triumph" by the Chris Martin fan club.

The show opened on Saturday, March 8th. It received an enthusiastic 5 star review from DC Metro Theater Arts. Further performances will also occur on the 13th, 14th, and 15th.

Meet

Thrill The Messenger

BY BRANDON WITHERSPOON



Thrill The Messenger- Members from left to right (Peter Argauer, Thomas Kidd, Gordon Scofield, and Justin Kriger) (Photo: Julia Keane)

Thrill The Messenger, a high school band in the Derwood area, is comprised of Justin Kriger (lead vocals and rhythm guitar), Thomas Kidd (lead guitar), Gordon Scofield (bass guitar and backup vocals), and Peter Argauer (drums and percussion). In 2013 alone, the band played the Rock the Lot block party, Band Kamp, MHStival, and various other events.

The band was first formed under a different name: A Fall for the Scene. When original members left A Fall for the Scene, the remaining members began Thrill the Messenger.

Thrill the Messenger's music is "pop music with an edge," as Kriger and Kidd said. The quick pace and power chord guitars give their songs a punk vibe.

In 2012, Thrill the Messenger released a self-titled EP. Catchy riffs and a smooth tenor voice project a tone similar to bands like All Time Low. When the group goes acoustic, Scofield's harmonies raise the music to a level of polish and complexity.

Though Scofield and Argauer have graduated from Magruder, the band continues to play in the Rockville region. "We're always going to be playing music together," Kriger said.

Thrill the Messenger's EP is available on iTunes and Bandcamp. The band looks forward to playing regularly in the Teen Coffee House series at Sandy Spring Museum.



Marcus Kroese (Gold suit), The Council Kids (Those behind the gold suit, holding spray cans) (Photo: Katherine Ortega)

Woodruff to fame

BY BETH KAMUYU

English teacher Mr. Woodruff has been accepted for publication for his second book, "The Dwarves of Ancor." The book is part two of his series, "The Woods of Areth." The books are about a family of four children who find a door to another dimension. He plans on making the book a four-book series. He is also working on other books, some on fiction and others on fantasy.

On February 28, Mr. Woodruff had a Skype session with students ranging from first to sixth

grade. He said, "The session was amazing. The students asked wonderful questions, like 'What's your favorite color?' Also, some asked about the characters of the book."



Mr. Woodruff has been accepted to publish his second book. (Photo: Scot Ehrhardt)

E-reader or paper book?

BY YZELLA VIDAURRE

The debate between traditional books vs. electronic books may not be a political debate, but it's a dispute frequently talked about. There are many pros and cons for each side that can stir a person one way or the other. It can be argued back and forth about which is the better opinion, but they will always be equally matched.

Sarah Seyed-ali surveyed 825 people at Magruder, and found that 351 people preferred to read electronic devices and 378 people preferred paper books. Sarah says, "I was not surprised that paper copies and electronic readers had very close scores. However I did not know which one would win out. I was surprised to find out it was paper. I thought that there would be a greater demand for electronic readers." Students surveyed in Seyed-Ali's study reasons for choosing their side are below.

Those who support traditional books preferred them over e-books because they simply enjoy

the actual feel of a book in their hands. Most don't want to deal with the software updates, glitches, and distractions that come with an e-book. A few felt it was more traditional to read paper books and others just had a desire to collect novels.

Those who are for e-books prefer it to the traditional books because it is more convenient and less heavy to carry around. It is simpler than going to the library and forgetting when its time to return the book. One can be sure it won't tear overtime plus the adjusting font size and backlight make it easier on the eyes.

Diehard paper book fans will argue that no matter how handy an e-book is, its immaterial texture strips its ability to incite the evocative memories that a grimy, tattered paperback can provoke. Ms. Mader, an English teacher, says, "I like the feel of a real book. I like to hold a book in my hands. Some of it is just that I'm resistant to the notion of read-

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The purpose of the *Magruder Messenger* is to inform and express views the student body.

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Ms. Mader also states, "Eventually books even in school settings are going to be passé. Students are going to have their books downloaded on their e-readers and we are all going to get used to working that way." She believes that sooner or later it's going to change and everybody just has to get adjusted to the new way of doing things.

Just as vacation photos illustrate where we've been, books show where our minds have journeyed. This debate will affect schools and libraries.