



# THE CURRENT

## SPIDERMAN NO WAY HOME: DOES IT LIVE UP TO THE HYPE?



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EDITOR

**S**piderman No Way Home has been a long awaited movie after the cliffhanger that *Spiderman Far From Home* left us with, Spiderman's identity had finally been revealed as Peter Parker. Since then the anticipation has risen for a total of two years until December 2021, when the movie premiered. Critics call this the best Spiderman movie of all time, but does it really live up to the hype?

In the first Spiderman movie, *Homecoming*, Peter Parker is eager to make his mark as a superhero. He ventures around his city finding crime to fight, when he notices an emerging threat. The Falcon is using technology as a selfish weapon, posing danger to innocent people. This is Spider Man's glorious moment, proving he has what it takes to be a real Avenger. In the next movie, *Spiderman Far From Home*, Peter Parker's school trip to Europe is interrupted because of four villains representing the four elements. Nick Fury tasks Peter with a mission to defeat these relentless villains, with the help of Mysterio. Towards the end of

the film it is revealed that Mysterio is the real villain, so Peter Parker kills him in self defense. But just before Mysterio died, he recorded a video, framing Peter as a murderer rather than a hero, and reveals his identity.

The plot of *No Way Home* stems from the cliffhanger left in *Far From Home* when Peter Parker's identity was revealed. Now the world has turned against Spiderman and his friends, negatively affecting the lives of everyone close to him. In hopes to remedy the situation, he asks Doctor Strange for help. There was a mistake in the spell Dr. Strange cast to help Peter Parker, causing all people who know of

any Peter Parker to arrive in his dimension. Villains from the Toby Mguire and Andrew Garfield series begin to appear, leaving everyone on the edge of their seats to see if the other spidermen will also make a cameo. Surly enough, the first spiderman to appear was Andrew Garfield, then in the same scene Toby Mguire emerges. Absolute pandemonium in the theater. Screaming, gasping, and crying simply to grasp the shocking situation. It was a dream come true, all three

spidermen together in the same universe.

This movie had all the components for success: action, surprise, humor, and romance. The wow factor of this movie was the reveal of two previous spidermen, causing chaos and buzz across the fandom. There were many nostalgic moments throughout the movie; parts referring to the other sequels as well. According to a Malibu High student, the most impactful scene in the movie was "Andrew Garfield's redemption of saving MJ from

falling to death". In *The Amazing Spider Man*, Peter Parker faced a tragedy, losing the love of his life

Gwen to a fatal fall. In *Spiderman No Way Home*, MJ was attacked and fell off the side of the Statue of Liberty, Tom Holland couldn't save her, but Andrew Garfield wasn't going to let Peter lose MJ like he had lost Gwen. As shown in the reactions of fans, runner up for the favorite parts of the movie was the relationship between Peter and MJ. "The love between MJ and Peter Parker is so pure and I see their genuine happiness," responded one MHS student. In *Far From Home*, the romance between these young teenagers evolved into the picture perfect marvel couple. Everyone is rooting for them to stay together, despite the challenges that come with fighting crazy villains. The end of the movie came with a plot twist nobody was expecting: MJ would be forced to forget Spiderman. Everyone who knew and loved Peter because he was Spiderman, would all forget him. Tears and heartache were the only reactions.



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### NEW HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS



### NEW YEARS PREDICTIONS



### MASS SUDOKU PUZZLE



## OFF-CAMPUS LUNCH CONUNDRUM

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**C**urrently, off-campus lunch at Malibu High is offered exclusively to seniors. Many licensed students in younger grades feel entitled to this privilege as well. Faculty feels as said by Principle Miller "It is limited to seniors for a couple of reasons, most prominently liability. Off-campus lunch is still a time where the school has jurisdiction for student behavior which is a challenge to monitor off-campus". The freedom of off-campus lunch is considered an advantage to most students, but in the eyes of adults and factually it's an immense liability. While it would be exciting for younger grades to have access to off-campus lunch there are many concerns from the faculty.

From a student's point of view, off-campus lunch is something to look

forward to when entering high school. It enables students to get food wherever they want during the time frame of lunch. Many students despise cafeteria food or don't have time to make lunch themselves. This leads to many not eating at school. therefore lacking the energy to keep them focused and well



energized for their classes. While off-campus lunch may seem trivial it can benefit some kids. Many students can easily go home and make lunch in a time frame that is more manageable than hectic school mornings or homework crammed nights. Although it would be exciting for the younger grades to gain access to this there are many liabilities and issues that faculty has concerns toward.

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For many years, Malibu High School has implemented the California Junior Scholarship Federation and California Scholarship Federation (CJSF or CSF), which is a state-wide organization to give high achieving students scholarships for good grades. It is also supposed to, by description, give service and citizenship to these eligible students.

This would entail that standing students would be encouraged and guided to opportunities of gaining community service and more. But, at MHS all we get out of the program is a scholarship for 4-year participation. We do not have to do any sort of “must-have” service to our community motioned by our CJSF/CSF chapter.

While we lack in that department, we also are missing the part of an organization looking to foster bright students, that is based on, not just scholarship, service, and citizenship, but as well as leadership, and character. All five of these pillars are what make a strong student, which is exactly what the National Honors Society (NHS) introduces and promotes to eligible students.

“Being a member of the National Honor Society shows that you are among the best students in your class, not just in terms of academics but also in terms of leadership, service, and character. It shows a commitment to community service projects and provides you the opportunity to network with like-minded peers”- Unnamed NHS Advisor

The National Honors Society is an elevated version of what we have in place now, it not

only pushes students to excel to be admitted into the club but as well creates new standards. Being apart gives access to mass resources such as LEAD, which are leadership and developmental conferences for NHS members (now virtual due to covid) that allows parties from chapters to network and train their skills.

## WHY MHS NEEDS A NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY (NHS)

Along with that, students have the opportunity to be a part of local summits, which in short are mentorships where members discuss and collaborate to positively impact real-world situations in their local state. A strong benefit are the scholarships NHS provides. Unlike the California Junior Scholarship Federation and the California Scholarship Federation that give few, the National Honors Society provides over 400 scholarship programs to active members. Also, NHS gives many resources for community service projects from their large database and keeps track of your hours to keep you accountable. Their service resources widely range from organizations relating to animals, the environment, and disaster relief to organizations focusing on violence prevention, social issues, conflict resolution, and student and health safety.

If that is not enough reason, the National Honors Society gives multiple outlets to get insight on the college process, looking at the connection to financial aid advisors, how to submit the best college applications and other various webinars that give a detailed look into col-

lege planning, which is majorly important because it gives high achieving students the ability to have college counseling without having to pay obscured fees of a private consultant. With all of that, NHS as a plus looks outstanding on a college application.

“I think that the National Honors Society would be such an amazing outlet and resource for our school to acquire. We need more opportunities like this to excel.”- Ayla

Griffin-Jassby, 10th grader at Malibu High School

A separate factor into the reason MHS needs a National Honors society is based on the fact that our neighboring high school in the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District, SAMOHI, has a long-running chapter of NHS, CJF, and more. This is benefiting their students immensely, as there is the ability for the student body to be a member of both. How is it fair that a school in our district is providing their students with more opportunities? The MHS student body deserves the same extraordinary opportunities and rewards for excellence.

MHS should have implemented the National Honors Society years ago, but that does not mean our student body should have to be content with what our school is lacking. If one or more staff members agree to take the responsibilities of being an advisor of our schools NHS chapter, and students of MHS believe it would be a positive addition, we could start as soon as possible. This would allow for future and present students to be involved in a beneficial commitment that is much more than just an honor roll.

# OFF-CAMPUS LUNCH CONUNDRUM

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*Off-Campus Lunch, from page 1*

Consider the matter from a faculty member’s perspective. When speaking with Mr. Miller, he exclaimed, “Off-campus lunch is one of the few privileges of being a senior...Our lunch period is only 35 minutes and more kids would miss instruction period 4”. Although these kids are off-campus the school is still liable for the student’s well-being. One could argue that due to younger students’ lack of experience in driving they are more prone to an accident or issue outside of school. Seniors have almost three years of driving experience, alongside the fact that they are more mature due to older age. This would automatically make them seem more qualified for off-campus lunch. This being said, juniors have a good amount of driving experience as well, some even more mature or the same age as particular seniors. A majority of the student drivers are already very cautious, especially during school hours or when they know a punishment could follow if something were to go wrong.

If anything, a student is more likely to drive safely during school hours, which counteracts many of the faculty’s concerns. However, the leading question is why not all upper-classmen, with some exceptions? If taken with precaution and close supervision, applying off-campus lunch to both juniors and seniors could be manageable. The school is still accountable for students’ actions outside of school, but many other schools, such as Agoura High School, permit off-campus lunch to all upper-classmen. Students are still responsible for their attendance, safety, and situational awareness outside of school. So what’s the big difference between allowing just seniors and all upper-classmen this. Why can’t the school maintain the policy that off-campus lunch is a privilege, and privileges can be taken away, while also applying it to juniors?

# NEW CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



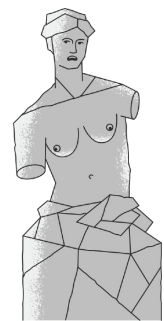
**MALIBU HIGH SCHOOLS TCP CLUB**  
Zoe Pollack '23,  
Linda Morazan '22  
Meetings Tuesday in the ASB room



**BAGPIPE CLUB**  
Tess O'Neil '22  
Makenzie Mulligan '22  
Meetings Monday the in Band room



**ZANMI CLUB**  
Logan Epstein '25,  
Chloe Loquet '25  
Meetings Monday in the library media room



**EDUCATIONAL ARTS CLUB**  
Jade Nelson '23,  
Dylan McGurik '23  
Meetings Thursday in Mr. Evensen’s room

## WANT TO START A NEW CLUB?

Fill out an application on your class’s Google Classroom page by March 4.

## QUESTIONS?

Talk to Zoe Pollack or Mrs. Martinez

# Dear Seniors,

Mrs. Synder  
GUEST WRITER

It's no secret that senior year can be stressful. In addition to your course load, extracurricular activities, family responsibilities, and oh year, the stress and anxiety that comes with the pandemic (what a year it has been!), you are also thinking about college or your next step after graduation. Many of you are awaiting college admissions decisions and this can be overwhelming, so here are some tips to deal with stress.

**Let go of things you can't control-** Okay, you have already submitted your college application. It's in the hands of the folks in the admissions office. Now, the waiting game. No need

to worry about your essay that you have submitted, no need to beat yourself up if you think you forgot to add an extracurricular activity. It is no longer in your control, so just breathe.

**Don't compare yourself (with anyone).** Maybe your friend heard back from a college that you also applied to. Don't stress. Sometimes, admission offices send out decisions in waves, batches, or even read your application based on when you submitted. Try not to compare yourself, especially academically, to someone else if they were admitted and you were not.

**Focus on what you are doing.** Doing theater? In band? Playing

basketball or soccer or track this season? Focus on those activities because you are surrounding yourself with your peers, people who love doing what you are doing, the energy, the endorphins, and time outside the classroom. Maybe consider doing these activities in college. If you were accepted into a college, research what opportunities there are to get involved on campus.

**Practice good health habits.** Stress and wellness goes hand in hand. Practicing good healthy habits is not only good for you, but it will set you up for your time in college and beyond (great way to avoid the Freshman 15). Here are some things

you can try:  
Eat a balanced and healthy meal.  
Drink more water.  
Get more restful sleep.  
Exercise more.

**Use your support team.** When you feel stressed, overwhelmed, or just need someone to talk to, turn to your support team, whomever they are: your friends, family, teachers, counselors, coach... Let them know your feelings or talk it out with them. Sometimes you'll feel better just hearing yourself out loud. Also know that you are not alone and there are people that love you and support you, it just takes you starting that conversation with someone.

**Be present.** In a world where you can access information with a click of a button, put your phone down. Pause on social media. Take a moment to unplug, look up, and breathe. And finally, know that wherever you end up going to college, it is how you take advantage of the opportunities there that will make the most difference during your time there.

You got this seniors! Last year of high school, ever!

-Ms. Snyder



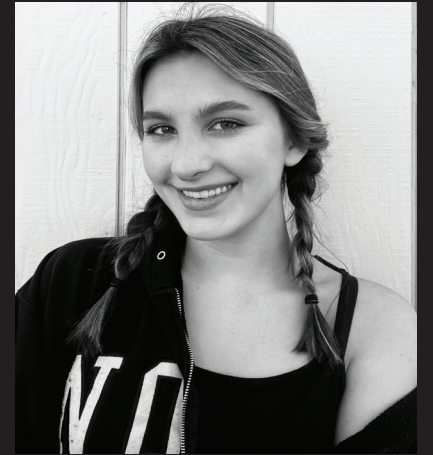
"I got accepted to the liberal arts department of The New School. I'm ready for the fast-paced city life of New York."  
-Gianna Shayne



"I'm really excited for college! I just got accepted to Loyola Marymount and it's my best option so far. Waiting to hear back from my other schools."  
-Nina Berglund



"I'm not going to college anymore, due to my recent passion for investing in Metaverse real estate."  
-Morgan Feig



"I applied to four of the UC's and hope to get into all of them."  
-India Cortese

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## CURRENT COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

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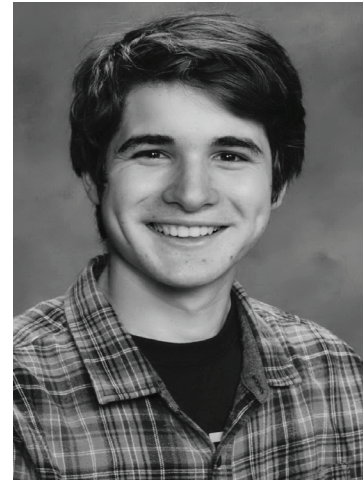
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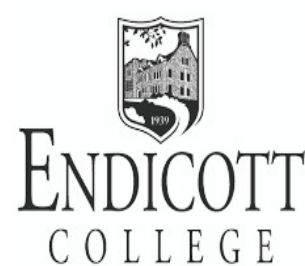
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**Nicole Reynaga:**  
Vanderbilt University



# FIRE ALARM MYSTERY

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The fire alarm at Malibu high school has been going off extremely frequently. This past school year. It has gotten to the point where students as well as teachers don't even get up to walk to the field when a fire alarm goes off. Every time I see someone walk a little too close to the fire alarm, I think they are going to pull it.

The fire alarm went off a lot last semester. I have noticed that every fire alarm that has gone off these past few times has been in my third class. Maybe it's students trying to get out of some test or assignment they haven't done or... a curse has fallen upon Malibu High School every time I walk into my math class. It is as though every time I step

into geometry the universe is telling me that I really shouldn't bother learning math this year. I asked a student at Malibu High, what they thought about the fire alarm situation and they said, "One time when the fire alarm went off, the teacher was in the middle of checking homework and I hadn't done it but when we came back to the classroom the teacher forgot to check the rest of the students assignments. The fire alarm saved me."

I asked another student what they thought about the fire alarm going off and they said, "It's probably someone who is trying to get out of class. I think it is pretty annoying having our time in class be wasted."

Apparently, this method of get-

ting out of class has ancient roots. The good old fire alarm trick has been going on for a while. When there's a big test, students' first instinct is to run for the fire alarm. Ms. Stowell said "students pulled fire alarms and called in bomb threats at my school in the 80's to get out of big tests." Seems like our generation has learned from past generations.

Both students and teachers have just been dismissing the fire alarm going off and just staying in the classrooms. But what if a real fire occurs and our school is so used to not being real so we put ourselves in danger? Whoever keeps setting off the fire alarm might not realize that one day when someone including themselves actually need to pull it for

an emergency, their life as well as everyone else's life is put at risk.

Even with our history of devastating fires cursing hundreds of houses in Malibu to

catch fire, students still think it is funny to unnecessarily pull the fire alarm. So who will solve this fire alarm mystery?



# FOOD TO FUEL BETTER GRADES

**Julien Lescure**  
STAFF WRITER

Most of us can agree our cafeteria food is far below average and in need of major improvement. Good nutrition is the basis of a certain quality of life and school lunches are critical to a student's health and well being. Nutrition affects everything we do whether it is sleeping, playing sports, or studying and this is an indicator that it should be a priority. For a lot of us the school lunches are what supposedly keep us going through the day. Unfortunately, Malibu High Schools offerings don't meet the new, progressive standards for which many schools around the Unit-

ed States are starting to aim for. Hundreds of school districts nationwide have begun locally sourcing their food. In Malibu alone there are multiple local farms that we could both strive to support and use as a resource, making it a win/win for farmers and students. The idea that we should take advantage of our own local, fresh produce is logical.

Around 20 years ago, the USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) began the Farm to School (F2S) program, where the organization attempted to link small farms to school cafeteria meals and encourage them to sell to local schools. The initiative was suc-

cessful. It started a federal farm to school program, and built a following of forty-six states that have suggested and carried out the initiative. In 2015, 5,498 California schools participated in the F2S program. Not only has locally sourcing food been supported and encouraged for the past 20 years, but it's also beneficial for our environment. The burning of fossil fuels for transportation is partially responsible for being the largest source of greenhouse gases. By locally sourcing our food, we avoid shipping meals in ships, planes and other vehicles that burn significant amounts of fossil fuels and reduce our school's carbon

footprint. In addition, small farms don't use pesticides and other unhealthy, poisonous chemicals that other major industrial farms traditionally use. LAUSD (Los Angeles Unified School District) has already jumped to the initiative in efforts to support local farmers, the local economy, and improve the quality of school food.

Malibu High School already offers apples, oranges and bananas at lunch but we could start by replacing them with fruit from local farms and diversify the options offered, depending on what is seasonal. Furthermore, we could implement a salad bar or make pre-made salads using

the vegetables and other produce provided by our Malibu farms.

In all aspects, sourcing school lunches locally will reduce our school's carbon footprint, support small local businesses, and provide healthier, more nutritious food that fuels students throughout their entire day and improve student learning performance.

## Take Environmental Action

**Buy Sustainable Seafood**

When buying fish try to buy species of smaller fish that are locally caught and look for an ASC or MSC label which ensures sustainability. Some examples of sustainable seafood choices on the west coast include cod, rockfish, scallops, tilapia, and catfish.

**Use Reusable Products**

When shopping at a grocery store, bring your own cloth bags and avoid using the plastic bags for produce when possible. Instead of buying plastic bottles, invest in a water filter and a reusable water bottle. Skip plastic bags when packing a lunch or snack and use tupperware instead.

**Recycle The Right Things**

Generally, recycle all bottles, cans, and paper, making sure that the items are relatively clean. Avoid mixing plastic bags with your recyclables. Never recycle styrofoam, bubble wrap, dishes or electronic cords.

**Apply Reef Friendly Sunscreen**

Swap chemical based sunscreens to mineral based ones that don't cause damage to reefs. Check the label and make sure it doesn't include harmful ingredients on the HEL list such as, oxybenzone, octinoxate, octocrylene, triclosan, and parabens.

**Join A Beach Clean Up**

Be a part of the solution in protecting the environment and spread awareness about pollution. The Malibu High School Surfrider Foundation Club hosts beach cleanups almost every month. Follow our instagram @surfridermalibuhs for more information and to stay updated on volunteer opportunities!

# SURFRIDER CLUB



Members of the Surfrider Club, led by Eden Amar '22 and Jaz Abbey '22 participated in a beach cleanup on January 23rd along Zuma, collecting 771 pieces of trash.

For more information about the club, follow @surfridermalibuhs

Photo by Eden Amar

# How Helpful is Walking Really?

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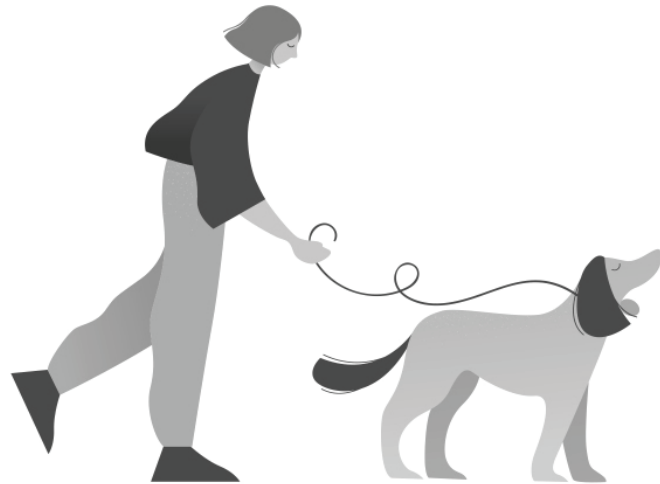
Is walking really more than just exercise? Whenever you may be stuck or blocked on an idea, most people's advice would be to take a walk, clear your head, but is there really a science to back it all up? Has it been proven that there is a cognitive connection between your brain and movement? Well, Science Daily says yes.

"Our research shows that it is not movement per se that helps us to think more flexibly," says neuroscientist Dr. Barbara Händel, "instead, the freedom to make self-determined movements is responsible for it". Surprisingly, even small movements can have this effect, which is why bouncing your leg in class or some sort of fidgeting can also help relieve the brain.

However, not so surprisingly, the thing that has been proven to suppress cognitive creativity the most would be small screens. When movement is suppressed or forced into regular patterns, the brain begins to lose the freedom to utilize its creativity.

Think of it like this, the brain is a muscle, and just like every other muscle of the body, if you don't use it or work it, it begins to deteriorate. Similar to any part of your brain, if you don't continue to use it or expand it, your brain begins to languish.

Especially because of the pandemic, the issue of small screens and not being able to find that creative flow has become more apparent. With strict outdoor safety regulations put in place, and the new extreme and increasing usage of technology to make up for



the lack of in-person activity has begun to shrink the innovative side of our brains. Because of the fact that we continue to spend so much time at a desk, our physical movement is limited. Without being forced to maintain exercise or walk around an office, go to meetings, commute throughout campus, etc... our cognitive thought process struggles to flourish.

Another study done by Stanford shows how walking and other forms of flexible exercise help boost "a person's creative output by 50%" (Stanford EDU). Interestingly enough, the act of walking itself, not the environment, is what boosted imaginative thinking.

In order to access the imaginative process inside ourselves, people need time to brainstorm, contemplate ideas, navigate our emotions, and understand our thought process. By walking, the brain facilitates this process and activates certain parts of our brain that control our thought processes. In turn, the brain is able to develop ideas and begin to generate creative thoughts within your

own peace and enjoyment. While your body is happy from the serotonin of exercise, your brain is therefore given the energy to brainstorm.

And if you still don't believe me, think about some of the most intelligent beings, who were also exercise fanatics. Take Charles Dickens for example. He stated that he walked about 30 miles per day while thinking about his writing and stories - according to entrepreneur.com. Going even further back in time, there's even evidence dating back to Aristotle being an avid walker in the Peripatetic School (the school for walking, and yes that is a real thing).

Despite the fact that the new COVID-19 variant has become more so threatening, the opportunity for exercise has not been taken away. Even though you may not be able to go outside, or let alone leave your room, you always have the opportunity to take a little walk, do a little movement, maybe try some yoga. Who knows? You might just find that it really does help. So next time you're having trouble brainstorming, maybe it's time to take the advice of taking a walk literally. Take a breath of fresh air, walk to the fridge and back, whatever you need to do to get your brain's gears turning.

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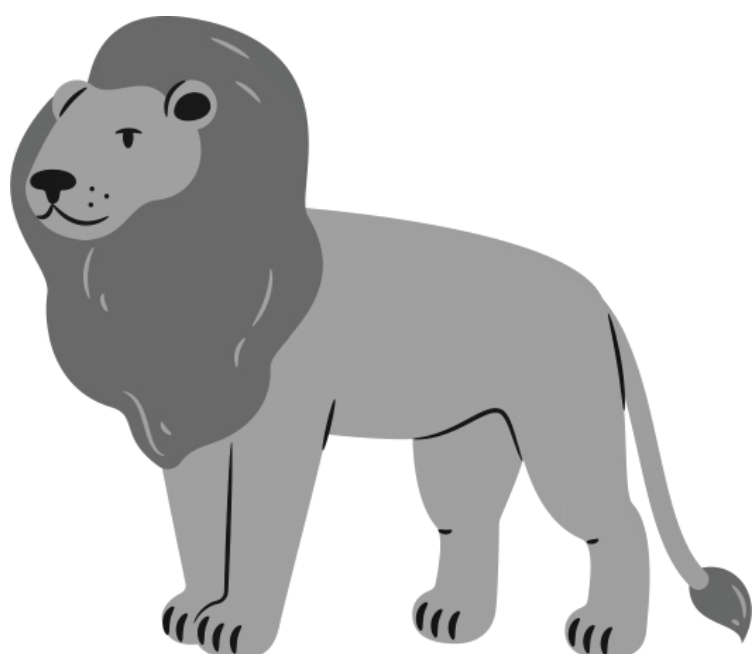
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## DOES IT LIVE UP TO THE HYPE?

So now for the real question: did it live up to the hype? An overwhelming yes. One student said “it had amazing visual effects that added to the action of all the Spiderman verses together.” Because of the success of the last 2 movies, there was no expense spared in the budget for this movie. The execution was

flawless. Another student said “all the villains and allusions in the movie allowed us all to reminisce in the favorite moments of our childhood”. The most touching part of the movie was “seeing the character progression of Peter Parker. His selflessness in letting go of MJ and his best friend for the greater good was

heartbreaking, but real. It’s important to see endings that don’t end in complete happiness” said one student. It especially lived up to the hype for all Marvel fans because of the incorporation of other MCU characters and other references to blockbuster movies. *Spiderman No Way home* has so far earned 15.3 billion dollars,

and millions more fans across the globe. As always, Marvel fans waited anxiously for the teaser at the end of the movie to see if the Spiderman sequel would continue, and they were not disappointed. It looks like a crossover with *Venom* is in store, but *No Way Home* will be a hard movie to beat.

Mathea Lasky  
EDITOR

## ARE REVIVALS WORTH THE WATCH?

While many’s favorite show coming to an end can surely spark feelings of sadness and bitterness over the final ending to the series, should shows be left to the endings given to them or be revived in reboots to give fans another chance to see their favorite show on screen once again? As sites like Netflix and Paramount Plus have recently begun adding more television revivals and reboots to their screens, the debate over whether these new shows are even worth watching if you enjoyed their original series is heating up.

To start off, we should establish the difference between tv reboots and revivals as they may seem indistinguishable, however their similarities are few and far between. Reboots, or remakes, generally share the same title and fundamental premise as their original counterpart, but they typically revolve around a new cast and new characters. Some popular t.v. reboots include *Gossip Girl* (2021) and *90210* (2008). In contrast, revivals are rather a continued series of their original show, made with the same, or mostly the same characters in the show, and many of the same actors and actresses as their original



series. Some popular t.v. revivals include *Sex and The City* (2021), *Fuller House* (2016), and *Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life* (2016).

The idea of bringing back a series you enjoyed in its original form is a discussion worth having, especially considering the multitude of t.v. remakes and revivals currently hitting popular streaming sites and making news for controversial opinions shared and debated amongst viewers.

Some Malibu High students shared their views on the current trend of emerging t.v. revivals,

adding in some of their favorites and least-favorites of the news series. Junior Bebe Bushnell shared her take on TV revivals by saying, “I think that in most cases, the originals are always better than the rebooted series. I think that the reboots and revivals both generally fail to capture the original charm of the show, either as a product of too much time passing, making the entire concept of the show outdated or irrelevant, or because different writers always end up changing the show too much in an attempt to make it feel

still relevant. I would say that the new *Gossip Girl* is a good example of the writers trying too hard to stay relevant and consequently producing a result that is very far from the target, and as far as a revival that I think was executed really well I would probably say that ‘*Twin Peaks: The Return*’ is a great continuation of the original show while modernizing it to an evolved audience.”

This concept of reboots and revivals staying relevant to it’s evolved audience while preserving the charm of the original show

is what could be argued— the core of whether a remake is considered a success with its audience, or a miss. Another Malibu High junior Charley Lewis said that she believed, “the original shows are always better! I think that TV reboots go wrong when the new writers try to recreate the original show instead of developing the plot in a way that makes the new show feel original in itself and more catered to the current time. Looking at the *Sex and The City* reboot that just came out, I think it is awful compared to the original show, simply because the old show cultivated a type of nostalgic charm that the new show tried but failed to measure up to. Rather the writers of the *Gossip Girl* reboot did not try to completely recreate the old show but instead modernized it with a new style that I think feels really relevant to today’s audience, so I definitely think that reboot did a good job.”

Whether you think that the rebooted or revived shows measured up to their classic or failed to hit the target, getting to watch a continued version of the show you once enjoyed definitely has an intriguing appeal, and in some cases, can even be a success in bringing back the feeling of nostalgia connected to the original classic.

Justin Higginbotham  
EDITOR

The *Matrix: Resurrections* stands as a heartbreaking disappointment to fans of the original series. The process of watching this movie was an emotional labor at best and two searing hot metal stakes impaled into my eyeballs at worst. Attempting to decipher and understand the word vomit and mind-numbing visuals that make up the over-complicated labyrinth of a story would give anyone a migraine. In near every respect, this film was a challenge to experience.

The pacing of the story made this film feel as though it were six hours long while watching it, constantly checking the run time to see how much longer before it ended. Despite the two-and-a-half-hour run time, looking back on it felt as though I had just seen a half-hour short film. Despite the plot being convoluted and overwhelmingly complicated with its jutting insertions of exposition, it felt strikingly bare and as though nothing happened through the entire movie. This

plot and story stripped down the most interesting aspects of the original cast and made them hollow shells of the complex and entertaining characters that fans of the original films enjoyed.

The original *Matrix* films were renowned for their innovatively designed action sequences and striking visuals that influence cinematography and the way we use computer-generated graphics in cinema to this day, while *Matrix: Resurrections* was almost a bore to watch and carried a distinct lack of style in the action, abandoning the uniqueness of the previous iterations in the film’s series. Uninspired and lazily designed action works to make this movie seem as though it is nothing more than your average corporate-manufactured action film, that is if this can be considered its own movie at all.

*Matrix: Resurrections* is to the original films as an after-dinner mint is to a four-course meal, worthless on its own and does nothing to enhance or contrib-

ute to the meal. Any film enjoyer would be hard-pressed to call this its own movie, much of its run time being replayed footage from the originals. I recommend no one to see this movie, this is a film that no one wanted and that never should have been nor needed to be made.

## WHY I LOATHE THE MATRIX: RESURRECTIONS AND YOU SHOULD TOO



# MRS RYAN'S BOOK NOOK

Mrs. Ryan, Claire Buran  
TEACHER, EDITOR

**F**ront Desk, by Kelly Yang; “This is a middle school-level book that I loved. The main character, Mia Tang, is a 5th grader who emigrated with her mom and dad to the United States from China. The Tang trio is very close and tight, and they can procure the job of managing a hotel near Disneyland. The hotel owner is also a Chinese immigrant, Mr. Yao, yet he is a nasty, cruel man who has very little empathy for the Tangs and takes advantage of them every chance he gets. Mia goes to school with his son, and he is also someone who makes life harder for Mia. The Tangs begin to hide Chinese immigrants in the hotel for short spurts, showing their compassion while having it controntrastinghe Yaos treat Chinese immigrants. This novel shows the traditions, hard work, fierce love, tenacity, and kindness of the Tangs and makes you root for them the whole way. The novel is one of the most realistic tacklings of racism in a YA book I have read.”

Front Desk won the 2019 Asian/American awards for Literature and has been chosen as the best book of the year by multiple publications, including NPR, The Washington Post, and the New York Public Library. Besies Front Desk, author Kelly Yang has six other published works, her debut novel. The book is loosely based on her own life as a Chinese immigrant whose parents managed three hotels in California. Her family immigrated to the US when she was six years old from China. Yang went to UC Berkeley at just 13 and proceeded to Harvard Law at just 17.

Maurice, by E. M. Forster; “This book has been on my list for a long time but never got around to it, and I am so glad I finally did. Set in Edwardian times in Cambridge, England, we meet Maurice Hall when he is 14, follow him as an undergraduate student, and work at his fa-

ther’s firm. He follows a pretty conventional life except for one thing: he is gay. The novel does not solely focus on his

mosexuality was illegal in the UK until 1967, he did not want the book published until after his death, so it was published

tally torpid, not a bad businessman and rather a snob. Into this mixture I dropped an ingredient that puzzles him, wakes him up, torments him and finally saves him.”

I’ll Meet You There by Heather Demetrios, “This book is a mixture of a coming of age story, love story, and wartime story. Skylar Evans is a recently graduated young woman with big dreams of leaving poverty behind her and going to college to study art. She lives in a trailer park in a small town with her mother, who is dealing with her demons. An older kid in the city,, Josh, who used to be popular, is back from fighting in Afghanistan; there he lost a leg and is now a shell of the young man he was before leaving for the Marines. Skylar seems to have her goals lined up until her mother loses her job and Skylar’s chances of escaping her life for a better one suddenly seem shaky. Skylar starts working at a quirky hotel called Paradise, as does Josh, and an unlikely friendship ensues. Both have many obstacles and significant trauma, but this compelling story is ultimately one of hope. (This book is better for high schoolers than middle schoolers as there is some mature content.)”

As well as being an Author, Heather Demetrios is also a writing coach and certified meditation instructor. She received her MFA from Vermont College of Fine Arts and has published ten works total. Her honors include books that have been named Bank Street Best Children’s Books, YALSA Best Fiction For Young Adults selections, a Goodreads Choice Nominee, a Kirkus Best Book, and a Barnes and Noble Best Book. Her work has appeared in LA Review of Books, Bustle, School Library Journal, and other fine outlets.

sexuality, which is refreshing. It is a story about a man trying to make his way in the world, regardless of whom he loves. Maurice faces heartbreak in a very relatable way, and readers will find this to seem like a much more modern book than it is. Forster, who also was attracted to men, wrote this in 1913/14. Still, since ho-

in 1971. Forster was ahead of his time with his theme and showed that love between two people of the same sex could be happy. “Happiness,” Forster wrote, “is its keynote...In Maurice, I tried to create a character who was completely unlike myself or what I supself to be: someone handsome, healthy, bodily attractive, men-



## VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SEARCH

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Catered By - Hector's Tacos

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Jumbo - Jenga

DJ - Photo Booth

# 10 QUESTIONS WITH CAMERON NWEDE

Lucia Granados  
EDITOR

Cameron Nwede, point/shooting guard and captain of the 2022 Malibu High School basketball team, has been playing for 5 years. He has a lot of team goals and personal goals in his final MHS basketball season. This team is driven and ready to take championship titles.

**1. When did you start playing basketball and how did you end up developing a passion for it?**  
I started playing in 7th grade. The reason I developed a passion for basketball is because I never lost it. I was getting beat all the time so I was competitive.

**2. What training have you done outside of MHS to get to a high level of play?**  
A lot of personal workouts and training. Thanks to my mom I have been able to work with private trainers, but it's mostly self discipline and workouts.

**3. Who are your role models?**  
Michael Jackson and Michael Jordan. Michael Jackson's work ethic was unparalleled in my opinion. The reason why he's called the King of Pop isn't because he was relaxing all the time. Regardless if he had millions or not that

man was putting in more work than anyone else on the planet.

**4. How is the season looking this year in comparison to last year?**  
It's different, there's definitely a lot of new people but I feel like last year's team spent a lot of time, like years, playing together. This team is newer but our chemistry is still parallel to that of last years and I think we're going to go even farther than last year.

**5. What are the team goals for the season given what you've accomplished so far?**  
League Championship, State Championship, and City Championship. We're ambitious.

**6. What is your favorite thing about the team and your teammates?**  
A lot of team members are goofy. They give you a good laugh and are more mentally open. It's weird because I don't think I've ever been on such a goofy team. At the same time we all have goals and are serious about what we want to do. It's a good team dynamic.

**7. I know there are a couple of seniors on the team and it's their last season. How does**

**everyone feel about that?**  
We are excited for sure. Of course we get the sour feelings of the fact that it's our last year playing organized high school ball. But I feel more excited being a senior and having the opportunity I have to accomplish my goals.

**8. Do you have any basketball plans for the future? College or professional?**  
You never know. I'm probably going to play but I'm still thinking about it.

**9. What has been the highlight of your basketball career so far?**  
Honestly for me it's just having the opportunity to play in general. I feel that the highlight for me was starting to play in the first place. I feel very blessed to have found something that I really love and I get to spend a lot of time doing it.

**10. And finally we all know you can dunk so how high is your vertical?**  
It depends what day of the week you're talking to me, you know. Sometimes on Sundays my legs are relaxed but ready to jump and then on work days they get lazy I don't even know. But I can at least reach 10 feet on a good day.



Cameron Nwede '22 and the basketball team playing against Nordhoff  
Photos by Garrett Button

# SPRING SPORT PREVIEW

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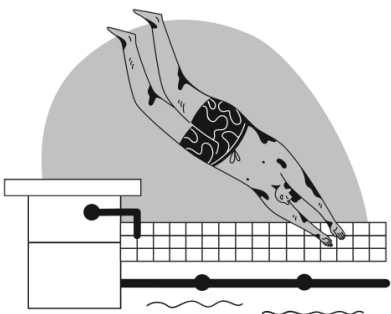
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# GIRLS' WATER POLO FINISHES REGULAR SEASON STRONG

Sophia Pilot  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In their last home game of the season, the Malibu High School Girls' Water Polo team hosted Cate School on January 27. The girls pulled out their ninth win of the season, defeating Cate 12-8 and ending the season in 2nd place in the Citrus Coast League with a 9-6 record.

The girls will continue practicing as they look ahead to CIFs. Coach Hayden Goldberg is feeling confident as they head into playoffs, "CIF is an honor to get to. We have a chance to go and make some noise. I believe we have a really solid team and when we play our best we can hang with anyone. The team has to stay calm in big moments and play for each other, not themselves. I am very excited for CIF and I love coaching in big moments."

Seniors who've played all four years find this season especially meaningful. Lexi Spivack '22 reflected on her water polo career, "My experience playing girls water polo at Malibu High School has been amazing. I have

been playing water polo for ten years and I have been on the girls' varsity team since Freshman year. This season was truly the best year of high school water polo I have ever played. My team has progressed so much since our first practice and I am so proud of every single one of them! I have never felt such a bond with any of the teams I have been on before and this was the perfect ending to my last year of water polo." She also thanked her coach Goldberg for everything she has learned and she "would not be half the person I am today without him!"

Lolita Reynlib '22 said her teammates made this season extra special, "This season by far has outweighed every other season, because of the amount of personality, loyalty, and just overall connection established amongst the team. Every person was unique and we all looked forward to each and every practice. The bus rides will forever be some of the best moments of my senior year, and I am more

than grateful to have played my favorite position this year as a 2-meter player."

For many of the seniors, this won't be their last time in the pool. Eden Amar '22 is looking forward to her last year on the swim team. "I will definitely miss the camaraderie our team had, but I am looking forward to swim team." She also noted that being on the swim team has improved her speed and stamina during the games. "If you want to play water polo, I highly recommend joining the swim team," she added.

With seven seniors graduating, there will be many spots to fill. Coach Hayden Goldberg is looking for more girls to play, "I don't have many girls in middle school playing the sport so it was hard to recruit. The seniors took a week and made signs, posters, announcements and on sign up day we had 15 signatures. Of the 15 we got 6. That is a win!!"

Hopefully, the next recruiting class will have a winning roster.



Photos by Simeon Sturges

## SHARK STATS

### Girls' Waterpolo

Sharks v. Cate  
Jan. 27  
12-8

### Girls' Basketball

Sharks v. Carpentaria  
Feb. 1  
49-25

### Boys' Soccer

Sharks v. Nordhoff  
Feb. 2  
2-3

### Girls' Soccer

Sharks v. Carpentaria  
Feb. 4  
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#### GIRLS' WATERPOLO

Seniors: Tate Miller, Lexi Spivack, Alana Gutierrez, Eden Amar, Lolitta Renylib, Hailey Ceglia, Nicole Reynaga



#### GIRLS' SOCCER

Seniors: Monique Aldrich, Catherine Mills, Nicole Young, Tess O'Neill, Jacqueline Reynaga, Annika Bolander, Ellie Senffner, Camille Anneet

# SENIOR NIGHTS



#### BOYS' SOCCER

Seniors: Morgan Feig, Hunter Shanahan, Drake Dejute-Erikson, Matthew Tarney, Luke Levin, Danner Rondell

# PATRIARCHAL PUNCTUATION!

Lola Weber  
EDITOR

We are always communicating different parts of ourselves through speech. In a more digitized age, where a primary medium is now typed speech, punctuation is more prevalent than ever. The exclamation mark - a tool to convey excitement, passion, or anger - has more recently been translated into a means of 'undermining' ourselves.

I'm guilty of it - attached to every email I have probably ever sent, is a minimum of two exclamation marks. My reason for this? I'm afraid to sound too 'cutthroat' or direct.

In my own experience, this feels like a disproportionately 'female' thing - something that has been thoroughly backed by research. In a 2006 Oxford study, researchers observed 200 professional discussion groups. About 73% of exclamation marks used were by women.

On the other hand, there is widespread criticism posed against the

use of exclamation marks. Since the beginning of the 20th century, many notable figures in the literary world, including Ernest Hemingway and Arthur C. Clarke, rejected the use of it. In fact, *The Old Man and the Sea*, only has one exclamation mark throughout the entire novel. In many regards, it has been a faux pax of sorts, mostly rooted in the fact that women had just begun to use it at the time. A major reason for this is a cultural fear of women feeling a bit too demanding in regards to their male counterparts.

So what is it about the exclamation mark that attracts so many women, but so few men? On the other hand, why does it have such a negative connotation?

There are two very pointed sides to the exclamation mark - if you use it too often the question of sounding unprofessional, desperate, or (god forbid) overly feminine arises. On the other hand, if you steer clear from it, your sentences seem too stern and uptight.

It is a clear reflection of women's scrutiny- there is no way to truly win in this grammatical battle. Both of these notions, either that it is too 'female', emotional, or overused, or that you need to avoid it to not seem overly demanding, paint women in a bad light. Grammar has nothing to do with gender, and exclamation marks are included in that.

What does have a gender bias, is our response to them. Rather than following whatever our culture currently conditions us to think, especially in regards to grammar, it is important that we detach from our current thought process on grammar.

When deliberating on whether or not to use an exclamation mark, regardless of gender, do not let previous concepts that reinforce grammatical inequality prevail. You are the possessor of your tone, and no linguistics can create debate around that.



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# COLLEGE BOARD'S MONOPOLY

Davis Newman  
STAFF WRITER

College is becoming an ever more important part of a student's career, and putting many students into a position where they are almost forced to use the one company which holds a monopoly on processes which gets students into college: College Board. The SAT, PSAT, and all AP classes are all run under the poor administration of the College Board, exploiting tax laws running as a not-for-profit organization despite making millions of dollars in profits every year. Using devious tactics, College Board overcharges students to take poorly proctored tests for AP Classes or the SAT/PSAT, with results coming months later, on a website which has frequent outage issues, giving students a single numerical score with little to no feedback on specifics. If the site is down, don't worry; you can always get your score on the phone... for an extra 15 dollars. If you wish to send these scores to colleges, from a test which was already overpriced to take, there is another fee. It cannot be that

expensive to send numbers from one computer to another, especially when they come from scantron tests which are made to be quickly graded. Despite the issues which plague students who must use college board, profits from the company are not put into improving the quality of college board's services, but rather making the company into a billion dollar company. The money you pour into tests and the obnoxious fees that follow do not go into improving the tests or systems in which they are run, they are put into the pockets of College Board executives. The president of the College Board makes an average of 750,000 dollars a year, and executives make about 300,000 a year - more than many doctors make per year.

The SAT, a test run by the College Board, is commonly used as a benchmark for a student's knowledge, making admissions easier for colleges, and with grades being inconsistent among schools standardized tests such as the SAT are even more important for colleges.

However it has been shown that even these tests are not indicative of academic performance, but rather your families income and willingness to dump money into test prep guides, tutors, and materials, all which can be very expensive. Scores are so strongly correlated with wealth that they can be observed following a normal distribution, or bell curve, where students with family income of \$100,000 or more are more than twice as likely as students with family income under \$50,000 to have an SAT test score between 1400 and 1600.

College Board pretends to be a non-for-profit organization built upon building success for students, when in reality they're a company which has standardized the system for which colleges find eligible students, monopolizing education benefiting as a business at the expense of students, especially those in low income families.

# THOUGHTS ON THE NEW SAT

Lola Weber  
EDITOR



Leila Iredell '22

**1. Did you take the SAT?**  
I did.

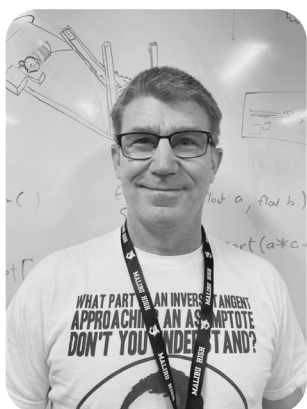
**2. Do you think it's an accurate measurement of intelligence?**

I don't think it is an accurate measurement of my intelligence, but it did help me get a leg up in admissions.

**3. How do you feel about it being digitized and only 2 hours?**

I like the idea that it is a shorter test because it can be kind of mentally exhausting but the digitized aspect seems like it might

be unfair and take out the "standardized" aspect of the test.



Mr. Corrigan

**1. Did you take the SAT?**  
Yes I did back in '85.

**2. Do you think it's an accurate measurement of intelligence?**

Hm. Well it was something I signed up for, back in the day we just took it once you did not have any day prep courses or whatever - so basically all I really cared for was getting the right math score for engineering school. So did it accurately ef-

fect my math knowledge? Hmm a bit. But I think it reflected my math knowledge a bit better than my English knowledge.

**3. How do you feel about it being digitized and only 2 hours?**

I heard of that on the news and I think it's a great idea. Especially if there are less low-level math questions, and more targeted questions.



Zoe Pollack '23

**1. Did you take the SAT?**  
No I didn't.

**2. Do you think it's an accurate measurement of intelligence?**

I do not think it's an accurate measurement of people's intelligence.

**3. How do you feel about it being digitized and only 2 hours?**

I think it's very stressful and makes the whole process harder for people to focus.



Maxim Podgore '22

**1. Did you take the SAT?**  
Yeah

**2. Do you think it's an accurate measurement of intelligence?**

No not in any regard

**3. How do you feel about it being digitized and only 2 hours?**

I don't really have any comments about that, but I think the only thing that it does is make it more accessible, but there still is that aspect of people having to pay for and that always leads to

people who come from more material backgrounds having greater success on the test.

**4. Is it really more accessible if it now would require people to have access to technology & wifi?**

The U.S. in terms of wifi vs transportation shows that an online version would be more accessible, but the College Board as a whole is still very rigged.



Hank Kell '22

**1. Did you take the SAT?**  
No.

**2. Do you think it's an accurate measurement of intelligence?**

Yeah, in some parts.

**3. How do you feel about it being digitized and only 2 hours?**

Well I don't know how it was before.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Henry Stern, California Senator, MHS Class of 2000  
Photo by the California State Senate

Sophia Pilot  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**1. What kind of student were you in high school... Would your teachers be surprised about what you've accomplished?**

Probably not. Many of my teachers actually helped me become a Senator! Well, maybe Mr. Tucker (Sr.) would've been surprised.

**2. If you could thank one teacher from your time at MHS who would it be and why?**

Mrs. Eicks, for empowering me and my class back in 8th-grade social studies, to fight anti-Semitism and racism on campus by bringing to life our studies in the classroom, on tough topics like the Holocaust, slavery, and the Constitution.

**3. Is there anything you learned in math class that helps you in your career today?**

Lewis Leithold taught me in AP Calculus that there are no real limits!

**4. What classes would you recommend aspiring politicians take at MHS?**

Don't be a politician. Politics are a means not an end. Start with being a servant to your community and let your life unfold without over-planning it. Embrace the smallness of MHS and be as entrepreneurial as you can even though school is so stressful. If there's a club that doesn't exist, start it. If there's a subject that needs teaching, push for a new class. If you see one of your classmates slipping through the cracks, help. We are a small town with big power for good. So don't wait to lead. Your time is now.

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## 2022 PREDICTIONS, WHAT'S NEXT?

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The year 2021 held some of the most unique memories of our youth as we faced challenges from a pandemic that put our lives on pause. During such times, we were able to consume media that had become our only source of entertainment. From politics to celebrity scandals, new scientific discoveries, internet currency crazes, and more, we became consumed by the lives of others and outside elements as our own lives became difficult to say the least, to navigate... Though we were still able to find times of light, therefore, here are some silly predictions for the upcoming year that may be the very news we need to tend to as some of the year's most memorable moments.

After being photographed eating street pickles in unglamorous winter fashion one too many times to escape the internet's notice, Adam Sandler will create a fashion brand. Its line will include pre-rumpled shorts, graphic shirts inspired by the stores on the Venice Boardwalk, and a collaboration with Adidas that pairs long tube socks with low-top sneakers. This event holds a likelihood of 74%, considering Mr. Sandler would not want to move the direction of his career into the fashion industry and it may coincide with a future role. Kourtney Kardashian and Travis Barker will welcome their first child together and announce the status of the pregnancy by the end of July or early August. This will kick start a "punk" baby clothing brand, showcasing a line of edgy child wear for newborns and toddlers. This holds a likelihood of 65% as Kourtney Kardashian is already the

CEO of Poosh, a blog where she recommends products and gives advice to her fans; she may create a clothing line through her blog instead of creating a separate production. Kristen Stewart will win an Oscar for Spencer. It would make Stewart the first openly queer actress to take the Best Actress statuette. This holds a likelihood of 92% as the actress is more than deserving of such an award recognizing her recent works. The Queen of England, Elizabeth II, will pass during the month of June due to old age. The Taurus queen is at the current age of 96, for she was born April 21, 1926. The likelihood of this occurring is 82% for the queen may still have a few years ahead of her, all in all, stay hydrated Elizabeth! Pete Davidson and Kim Kardashian will announce their split in early April, due to Pete Davidson's relations with Miley Cyrus to whom he will get into a relationship with in June and travel with during the summer. The couple will announce a comedic podcast together, and tease rumors of an engagement. This holds a likelihood of 40% considering Miley Cyrus seems uninterested in any romantic affairs, and Pete Davidson may be committed to Kim Kardashian. Harry Styles will be caught in a controversial scandal,

whether it may be due to a past partner or of his own doing; he will be forced to make a public statement that leaves fans in distraught. This holds a likelihood of 15% considering the fact that Styles is a very innocent and genuine being, hoped to be incapable of anything that may arise a scandal, though the possibility still lies. Tom Holland and Zendaya Coleman will either announce an engagement or pregnancy in mid-September, naming the child after a close family relative or friend that may have passed. During the marriage ceremony, a tribute will be made to the couple's roles in Spiderman, that will buzz the media. This holds a likelihood of 10% as the couple both have great career demands that may interfere with such plans. Next up, country music will take over music billboards and Stagecoach will have its largest number of crowds, headlining artists such as Thomas Rett, Maren Morris, and Midland. This holds a likelihood of 98%, considering stage coach is expected to occur. Shane Dawson will release a documentary following his journey post cancel culture and the effects it has had on his life. It will receive negative backlash and the youtube will decide to create a company under a masked

name to maintain a steady source of income, something related to farm life. This holds a 45% likelihood considering the influencer is still true to his privacy during this time as the media holds him rightfully accountable. The young star Jojo Siwa will host the Ellen Show and be promoted to starting her own talk show similar to Ellens where young stars, such as singers, dancers, and actors will be asked to participate in games and charity fundraisers. This holds a likelihood of 25%, Jojo Siwa is expected to go on tour in the upcoming year and may not have the time for such an endeavour. Dear 2022, we are counting on you! Let us hope that a new punk baby clothing line will launch, a marriage or two will commence, stars win awards they are deserving of, and new journeys that we will get the opportunity to follow.

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**1. TikTok-** After spending hours on this app in 2021, I think it's time we all step outside and get some air. Not everything is included in 15 second videos, and my screen time is actually embarrassing.

**2. Crumbl Cookies-** The trend is over. Who decided spending that much money on average sugar cookies was okay anyway?

**3. Chunky rings-** Buying clay is less expensive than buying these rings, and they'll probably look better if you make them yourself.

**4. Kourtney Kardashian and Travis Barker's weird relationship with Megan Fox and MGK-** 40 going on 14. Aren't you supposed to go through your emo phase in middle school?

**5. Squid Game-** People only liked this show because there was nothing else to do. Overrated and pointless.

**6. LED lights-** This isn't room decor, and it was fun when everyone got them in 2020. Now it's done.

**7. "Y2K"-** Somehow only the worst parts of the 2000's were brought back with this trend. It could've worked, but Ed Hardy was never cute.

**8. Emily Mariko-** Can we all just admit that the salmon rice bowl is not that good?

**9. Cowboy hats-** Okay fine for a theme, but not a daily thing. This was a trend for way too long and I think we can all agree it's time for it to end.

**10. Covid.**

## THINGS TO LEAVE BEHIND IN 2021

## STUDENT'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

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The tradition of making a New Year's resolution started around 4,000 years ago with the ancient Babylonians. According to History.com, "For early Christians, the first day of the new year became the traditional occasion for thinking about one's past mistakes and resolving to do and be better in the future." I've never taken new year's resolutions seriously or really ever thought about them for more than a minute. This year I've decided to try to make some simple goals for myself such as doing all my homework and taking care of my skin. To make these goals possible for me I

make sure I start my skincare routine by 10 P.M so that I don't get too tired to do it. I'm trying to do the same thing with my homework, starting at an earlier time so I can just get it done.

When I asked Ms. Auer what her New Year's resolution is, she gave me a very matter of fact look and said, "I don't believe in New Year's resolutions because they set you up to fail, but yes I started a diet but it's not going well." The pattern of setting a goal that is unrealistic or hard to keep up with seems to be common. If people began to set easier goals that are more realistic then they would be more likely to succeed and rather than feeling guilt for failing they could feel happiness for succeeding.

I asked two Malibu High students from different grades if they had made any new year's resolutions and they had very different responses. "Ummm I guess stop procrastinating and eat healthier" junior, Aiza Romero I feel eating healthier is a very common resolution to make and that many people start a "New years Diet". It's also one that most people don't keep up with. Senior Lola Weber said, "I'm kinda anti resolution because it makes us look at ourselves in a negative way". I think that Lola is making a very good point and it partially goes along with what I said earlier. It seems as though the tradition of setting new year's resolutions has almost become a n

unhealthy tradition for one's mental health and self image.

Two weeks later after I originally asked Mrs. Auer and Aiza Romero about their New Year's revolutions I followed up with them to see how they are doing. Mrs. Auer said quite passionately "Not great, I'm cheating like crazy I might as well not be on a diet" When I was asking her about it she also seemed quite frustrated which brings me back to the point that setting hard set resolutions is unhealthy and usually does not work out and it makes what Lola is saying seem even more true.

When I found Aiza Romero to ask about her resolution she very nonchalantly said this "I'm eating more and procrastinating wise there's not a lot to procrastinate" This makes it evident that another reality for resolutions is that they just become forgotten and pushed aside. I think a solution to this would be making more realistic goals that you can hold yourself to but making sure you don't get overly hard on yourself if you slip up. Also think It would be important to find a way for you to get yourself excited and motivated about your resolutions.

