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The Midnight Library part 2

By Giovanni White

The young Ms. Elm looks to Nora in shock that she's there, but still says nothing. Nora, confused and a bit angry, asks her what she is doing at this library. Ms. Elm politely explains to her that this is the Midnight Library, a place for second chances. After she explains it to her, Nora then decides she wants a life where her dog is safe and well. Ms. Elm gets down from her high chair, and goes behind a bookshelf. When she gets back, she's holding a book. The book has no title, but its cover is navy blue. She then hands it to Nora. As soon as she opens it, she gets teleported to an alternate life.

When she wakes up she's at her house. The book is still in her hand. Immediately she goes to check on her dog, but sees him lying down. She then picks him up but there is no movement at all. She then realizes her dog is dead. She then opens the book and gets teleported to the Library. Mad that her dog is dead, she goes to Ms. Elm and demands an explanation. Ms. Elm then calmly explains she wished for a life where her dog is kept safe. Nora then explains she wants a life where her dog is alive. But Ms. Elm says there is no universe where that happens. She also explains that there are only universes with lives she could've led. One where her dog is alive simply does not exist.

This book has many different outcomes, which is a great thing to read about. With their many endings and beautiful stories, some were sad and some were good as well. Over all this was a great book to read.

*: Part 1 can be found in the previous Newsletter, published on November 4th.

The True First Thanksgiving

By Julia Smolinski

When you think of Thanksgiving, you probably think of stuffing yourself with mashed potatoes and turkey, but the true first Thanksgiving wasn't like that. The true first Thanksgiving was not peaceful, and the Native Americans marked Thanksgiving as a solemn day of remembrance. While the settlers at Plymouth and allies from the Wampanoag tribe did gather in 1621 for a three-day feast to celebrate the settlers' first successful harvest, that's not the entire story. There was fighting before and after the first feast. At least 90 Native men and 50 Englishmen came to the feast. The Native people dined sitting on the ground like they did at home, and the English ate at the table like they did at their home. Then, the natives violated the treaty they agreed on by starting a fight, and the settlers retaliated. That set off fighting that ruined the first Thanksgiving for many Native Americans and settlers not involved.

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The World's Leading Gaming Devices

By Gabe Depue

1) PS5 came out on November 12, 2020, and has sold 20 million units. It has a Blu-ray DVD player, 825 GB of storage, and 16GB of ram. It is very powerful but costly, coming at 499.99 dollars, but it is rare and is averaging 900 dollars on eBay. Each controller costs 70 dollars. Still, that's not it. You also need to buy some games. In total, you will probably spend almost 1,000 dollars on the PS5 (depending on where you buy things).

2) PS4 is a great device to play on. It has a DVD drive and 500GB of storage. It is very cool looking, and only costs 200 to 300 dollars. It has been out for a while now, with it being released in 2013. Games for it are usually really cheap, and so are the controllers.

3) Xbox Series S/X are high-speed gaming consoles built for intense gaming. They are cool-looking devices, but everybody thinks that they are bad gaming devices and that Playstation is way better. Still, the X has 800 GB of storage, and the S has 400 GB. They actually run 120 fps, while the PS5 most of the time only runs 60. They are still last on this list because it doesn't have the edge on storage or the insides.

If you want a gaming device that is powerful and relatively cheap, ask your parents to buy the PS4. If you think your parents are nice and willing to spend a lot of money on you, you could also ask for the PS5. Overall, any game station is good, and also fun to play.

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Easy Recipe: Chicken Wing Dip

By Savannah Wells, recipe made by London Becerril

Ingredients

- 2 cups shredded cooked chicken
- 1 package of cream cheese
- ½ cup hot sauce
- ½ Hidden Valley Ranch
- ½ cup blue cheese crumbles

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit
 2. Mix all ingredients into a bowl
 3. Add into a oven safe dish and sprinkle cheese or blue cheese crumbles on top
 4. Bake for 20 minutes (I recommend only 10)
 5. When you take out the chicken wing dip, stir, then enjoy!
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Advice from Ms. Hennessey

By Giovanni White and Jeremyah Costner



Q:

How do I keep from being distracted while other students are pulling me off track?

A:

A common complaint amongst students is that others are distracting them, annoying them, preventing them from working, and other things like that. It's hard to believe, but this is something that is under YOUR control, and you can entirely avoid this. Stop placing the blame on others, and take responsibility for your own behavior.

First and foremost, don't react to the situation. This can take many forms, such as teasing, physical intimidation, and other talking with a group negatively about you. Understand that it's very amusing for them when they irritate you, and provoke you to argue and fight back. When the entire class descends into chaos, that is a bonus. (Remember that if anyone gets physical with you, always report that to a teacher.)

Yes, it is difficult with annoying behaviors in others but you can master this. The absolute best method is to FOCUS ON YOUR OWN WORK. Direct all your energy and attention into what you are currently doing, and block the rest out.

Practice focusing every day until you are successful in blocking out noise and distractions. This will become easier over time, and if you concentrate, you can fully master it. Remember, we can't control others, but we can completely control ourselves.

Buffalo Bills News (continued)

By Jamir Smith

Week 7 (Bye Week)

Week 8

The Buffalo Bills face off against the Green Bay Packers. Josh Allen threw for 218 yards, with 2 touchdowns. Stefon Diggs caught one of the touchdowns, he had 108 catching yards and 6 catches. The Bills won, and are now 6 and 1

Week 9

The Buffalo Bills face the New York Jets. Josh Allen threw 205 passing yards. Von Miller had 2 tackles and 1 sack. The Bills lost 17 to 20, now making them 6 and 2.

Week 10

Sadly the Bills lost 33-20 to the Vikings, 30-33. Josh Allen threw for 330, and made 2 interceptions. Stephon Diggs caught 12 passes, and had 128 yards.

An interview with Mr. Valvo.

By Amellanie Miles, edited by Jeremyah Costner and Jamir Smith

To watch the interview, scan the QR code below on your phone!



The End of the Postseason

By Jeff Gilbert

It leads up to the World Series

Here in the playoffs we have had some of the saddest games for the Yankees. The NY Yankees barely made it out of the Division League alive. It became an elimination round between them and the Cleveland Guardians. The two star players of the series are, from the Guardians, Jose Remeirez, and from the Yankees, (there is with no doubt about it) Aaron Judge. He is a monster of a player, he batted 311 with 62 home runs. That is the most home runs by an MLB player in the American League in one season. (The actual most is Barry Bonds, but he used steroids.) The winners were the Yankees because of Nestor Cortes. Nestor Cortes was an amazing pitcher. He was an all-star player, and almost has a Cy Young award. The Cy Young award is an award for the best pitcher in either the American or National League. Not only that, but the Yankees got completely swept by the Houston Astros! It's safe to say this was not the best postseason for the NY Yankees. However, the opposite happened for the Houston Astros, as they swept the Mariners in the Division League, and then the Yankees in the championship. They used their star pitcher Justin Verlander as their secret weapon. He had a whopping 1.75 era. They almost lost their losing streak to the Mariners, but had a clutch walk off home run by Yorden Alveres. The crowd went wild as Yorden Alveres hit a three run upper deck home run to secure victory for the Houston Astros! Now he can get into the saddest thing for San Diego Padres fans. In the NLCS it is the Padres and the Phillies, and Bryce Harper hits a walkoff home run, so they go to the world series!

Game #1

Game one happened on Friday, October 28. The pictures were on the Astros star pitcher Justin Verlander, and the Phillies used Aarone Nola. The game started off strong for Verlander, as he easily struck out star player Kyle Shwarber. The Astros continue to become amazing as Tucker hits a home run to start off the Astros' reign over the Phillies. Tucker then hits yet *another* home run, and extends their lead to the Phillies. They didn't get completely slammed because Cationoes hit an RBI single to left field. Bohm then made a one run RBI making the score 5-2. Then a possible comeback starts to become a reality, as well as a lot of relief for Phillies fans. The score is now 5-5 in the bottom of the third. Then Harper hits a walk-off home run!

The End of the Postseason (Cont.)

By Jeff Gilbert

Game #2

The pictures were for the Phillies, and it was Wheeler. For the Astros it was Valdege. The Astros won, and here are some highlights. Pena scored on a hit by Yorden Alvarez to left center field. That was after another person scored. The score was 2-0 Astros in the bottom of the first. Yordan Alvarez scores, and Valdez has a scoreless inning. The Phillies are getting destroyed, but they have Bryce Harper, so you never know what they can do. Harper has hit 4 walk offs, and 3 of them in the postseason. He is insane, and a top five player for this year. Breg then hits a 2 run bomb barely getting a home run and making the score 5-0 Astros. Schwarber finally got the Phillies onto the score board, with a solo bomb making the score 5-1 in the 6th inning. It's not looking too good, and then the Astros take out Valdes and then sub in another pitcher to relieve him. That pitcher is Presley, who gets over with the 9th inning and wraps up game two.

Game #3

Game three has started, and the series is tied. Pitching for the Phillies is Suarez, and for the Astros its Mcollers and his cursed breaking ball. It starts off right with the action as Altuve hits a pop-up to right field, then Nick Casteonose makes a diving play to save the hit in the first inning. Speaking of Altuve, he is a very good contact hitter and may have won a World Series MVP, but he ended up not. He was a runner up, and so was Yordan Alveres. However, rookie Jermy Pena ended up winning. I feel it is agreed, because he had a grat postseason with multiple home runs and a lot of RBIS. Now here comes McCullers... and he did not do well. He started off with a walk, and then with *one pitch, yes one pitch*, Bryce Harper hits a 400 foot nuke on his first pitch. I'm surprised that they didn't take him out when he did, but they did not and they regretted it. Remember when I said cursed breaking ball? I said it for a reason. The walk and the home run by Bryce Harper was on a breaking ball. He then let in 7 runs with his breaking ball. At one point, the manager of the Astros came up to the mound and said, "Stop throwing breaking balls or I will take you out." His breaking ball was so bad that he was banned from throwing them. If he said that before, then they would not be losing by 7. Anyways continuing back to the 3rd inning he throws another breaking ball, and I think you can guess what happened. HOME RUN!

The SJUS School Store will be returning soon! Your favorite items from last year and some new ones will be incorporated into the cart! Look out in December for the announcement!



The History of American Girl Dolls

By Lizzie Mettilla

We all know American Girl Dolls. We used to play with them as little kids, but do we really know the history behind them?

Pleasant Rowland founded American Girl Doll because of her longstanding interest in history. A visit to Colonial Williamsburg led her to think that young girls might become interested in history through identifying with dolls based on historic periods.

The first 3 dolls were Kirsten Larson, Molly McIntire, and Samantha Parkington. Kirsten Larson is representing the middle 1800s Western European immigration/pioneer era. Samantha Parker is representing the Progressive Era/Early 20th Century in America. Molly McIntire is representing the late World War II era.

Today, there are more historical characters, including the new doll Claudie Wells, representing African Americans during the Harlem Renaissance of the early 1920s. There are also Truly Me, Willie Wishers, and Bitty Baby, As well as Dolls of the year. They were introduced in 2001 with Lindsay Berman. This year the doll of the year is Corrine Tan, who is accompanied by her younger sister Gwyn Tan, who is a Wellie Wisher.

American Girl Dolls are fun and they teach us about history. The dolls are fun to play with and their characteristics are adventurous and brave, and the stories are fun to read. American Girl Doll is really just amazing.

Turn in the completed word search to Mr. Stillman's room, and you will have a chance to receive a prize!

Word search: Countries

Countries

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The New Alpha

By Xavier Ramos

...“Hey, who are you? This is not the regular world you know. How did you get here? Only alphas are allowed here, other than me.”

“Why are you here though? Multiple alphas have been disappearing, dying. So why are you here? Wait, there is one legend about a missing link. Someone who could travel through the multiverse, a replacement for 5 of the best alphas.”

“Does that mean that you are the new alpha! Woah woah woah, oh boy, hold your horses Samuel.”

“Wait, your names samuel?”

“Well, the little boy talks.”

“Yeah, my name is Samuel. What do you care huh? Nobody else does anyway... They think im just some stupid welcomer for everyone sent here. Well how about they try and do the very complicated process of making people not get distracted, just walking up to alphas they don't know that could blast them to dust!”

“Well now it's all coming back to me! Yeah you're supposed to be a myth just like all of the. Alphas! Wait if im here does that mean, I'M THE NEW ALPHA!!!! This can't be, I-I-I don't want to be an alpha saving the universe for the rest eternity. But if I'm a superhero, who are my villains!??

To be Continued...

The Lost Sisters

By Savannah Wells

Jass looked up at the sky, and began to sing a soft lovely melody. *We've only known each other for a few months, but I can tell you love me already*, Jass thought to herself as her twin sister Monica painted the beautiful scene they were at. Why did she say that you ask? Well, let's look at their life before this.

Jass was adopted at 3 months, and lived with a modern family. They had a good amount of money, and were loved by many others in her adopted family. Monica was adopted at 2 months, and lived with a wealthy family of a multi-million company, and had grandparents that she loved dearly.

"Jass! Come get breakfast!" said Miria, Jass's adoptive mom. "Or I'll eat it", said Paul, Jass's adoptive dad, jokingly. "Noo! Here I come, mom and dad!", Jass said as she bolted down the stairs. She then sat at the table and ate her toast and tea.

"Are you excited for your first day of high school?" Paul says, as Jass finishes her tea and toast. "Yes!" Jass said happily as she grabbed her guitar and sweet band from the couch she put them inside her backpack. She said goodbye to her parents, and ran out the door to the corner, where the bus picked her up.

The History of Ballet

By Justyce Adams

Ballet is a type of dance. It is very elegant and graceful. We all know ballet, but do we really know the history behind it?

Ballet originated in the Italian Renaissance courts of the 15th century. Terms like “ballet”, and “ball”, stems from the Italian word “ballare”, which means “to dance”. At first, ballerinas wore masks, layers upon layers of brocaded costuming, pantaloons, large headdresses, and ornaments. Imagine having to dance around wearing all of that! Dance steps were composed of small hops, slides, curtsies, promenades, and gentle turns. Dancing shoes had small heels, and resembled formal dress shoes rather than any contemporary ballet show that you might recognize today.

The official terminology and vocabulary of ballet was gradually coordinated in French. Professional ballet dancers were to perform at court functions after King Louis and fellow noblemen had stopped dancing. A whole bunch of instruments evolved during this time, and many court dances grew in size.

From Italian roots, ballets in France and Russia developed their own stylistic character. By 1850, Russia became a leading creative center of the dance world. Certain new looks and theatrical illusions caught on, and became quite fashionable. Dancing en pointe (on toe) became very popular in the 19th century. Women would perform in white, bell-like skirts that ended at the calf. Dancing en pointe was only for women at the time.

In the early 20th century, there was a group with the most talented dancers, choreographers, composers, singers, and designers. This group was called the Ballet Russes. The Ballet Russes toured Europe and America, presenting a wide variety of ballets. Here in America, ballet grew in popularity in the 1930s. George Balanchine is one of the best known artists, who was firmly established in America by founding the New York City Ballet.

'We Lit' - Jeremiah	'Hi my name's Rihanna'
	- Rihanna

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