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WALKOUT OVERVIEW

By Gabi Lamb

March 14th marked the day of the National School Walkout to memorialize the seventeen victims of the school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. West rose to show support for our fellow students by participating in this event. Some students came advocating gun control and other students came in opposition, advocating gun ownership, but the core purpose of the walkout was to remember the victims of Parkland. After walking out to the flagpole, students then went into the gym for a ceremony. At the ceremony, seventeen students stood in the front of the room holding signs bearing the names of the victims-- each was given a rose in honor of their respective victim. After the roses were handed out, student speakers read the names of the fallen, following a solemn moment of silence. In honor of the fallen, speeches were made by fellow students, including Humna Rub, Betsy Watson, Drew Cox, and Cailyn Hoyt. Sophie Griffiths also paid tribute by singing a beautiful rendition of Andra Day's "Rise Up." This event demonstrated not only the strength of the West community but also the solidarity among students all across the country.



Each school handled the idea of the walkout differently. Central Bucks East also had a school-supported walkout, in which students went to the stadium, listened to student speakers, and had a moment of silence-- like West's walkout. The situation differed at Central Bucks South, where students were prevented from walking outside and instead had to write sympathy letters and give speeches in the gym. At Council Rock South, students could not leave the building either and resorted to merely walking out of the classrooms and gathering in the hallways. Council Rock North and Pennridge, in particular, faced extreme opposition to their protests. At Council Rock North, teachers and tables were used to barricade the doors to prevent students from gathering outside. Most notably, at Pennridge over two hundred students were given Saturday detention for their participation in the national walkout. These detentions had to be split up to accommodate the sheer number of students receiving this punishment for walking out. West did a fantastic job hosting a peaceful, respectful walkout, truly reflecting West's spirit of togetherness.

By Drew Cox

On March 14th, Washington D.C. and citizens around the country heard the cries of America's youth as thousands of students walked out of their classes in response to the tragic Parkland school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, as well as the other 15,590 fatalities resulting from gun violence in 2017 alone. Our message was clear: enough is enough.

The Columbine High School shooting of 1999 sparked a horrific trend of mass shootings that our generation has been born into and has learned to fear. Since middle school alone, we have endured tragedy after tragedy: the fatal Batman film shooting in 2012, Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012, Orlando Pulse Nightclub in 2016, Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Carolina in 2015, and Las Vegas, the deadliest mass shooting in United States history, just this past year. The list goes on and on.

The underlying cause of this unfortunate reality is gun violence. It appears that, as a generation, we have grown numb to the headlines that report the latest gun-related tragedy, as it has become such as common occurrence.

However, the national walkouts triggered by the Parkland shooting indicate that change is in demand, and the voices of the public will not be silenced until they are satisfied. Although the primary purpose of the walkouts was to mourn the losses of the seventeen Stoneman Douglas students, the actions and words of students across the country demonstrate the growing intolerance of our society towards gun violence. With the passion and political maturation of countless ambitious young individuals, this movement could be the stirrings of real national change. The walkout was a tool for students, as the future leaders of America, to demonstrate what we value and what we will not tolerate.

As high schoolers, some of us can already vote, and the rest of us will be eligible to register shortly. Our vote is our voice as a democratic society. We are the future. For those who wish to see change in the world, go out and exercise your civic duty and right. You can and will make a difference.

POINTS OF VIEW

By Conner Garrison

I would have participated in the walkout if it was strictly a memorial to pay our respects for seventeen minutes for the seventeen kids that were killed. When I heard that most people were going to make it a political, anti-gun rally, I decided that it was not worth it.

There is violence created all over the country by means other than guns. People who own guns legally have been through a clear process and understand the responsibilities that come with being a gun owner. It is disappointing that these days if a person says he/she owns a gun, people immediately draw a conclusion that they are not good moral people and could possibly be harmful to our society. Many people own guns for the purposes of hunting, self-protection, and the joy of target practice. As a gun owner, I advocate for all of these.

I do agree that we need to change our background checks and make them more effective, but I do not think gun control is the immediate answer we should be looking for. Guns will always be prevalent in our modern world. Unfortunately, even when implementing more restrictions on gun ownership or banning them altogether, people will find a way to obtain them illegally.

It is our constitutional right to own guns, but now that violence has become ever so common in our society today, I do believe we should have more restrictions and take more precautions in certain situations so that atrocities like Parkland could be prevented in the future.

NEW REPORT FINDS 112 CASES OF SENIORITIS

By Eric Conor Lutts

D-Hallway, 4th Block: In a new report released last night, the Center for Grade Control (CGC) has found over one hundred documented cases of Senioritis in the Central Bucks West class of 2018.

“These are some troubling findings,” says lead researcher and guidance counselor Mrs. Valerie D’Alonzo. “In the High Honors population alone, we are seeing drop-offs of two, sometimes even three-hundredths of a grade point.”

“It’s a truly chilling sight.” She elaborated.

For those unaffected by this horrid disease and unaware of its side effects, Senioritis targets 12th grade students exclusively, with signs of illness appearing in early-January and worsening until mid-June. Symptoms include inactivity in class, lack of homework completion, rapid onset drowsiness, and, in some severe cases, late arrival. The cause of Senioritis still remains unknown, though some attribute it to social-cultural changes, such as the sudden influx of college acceptance letters.

“You just have to take certain measures to protect yourself,” warns an aspiring valedictorian, putting on a surgical mask. It is a precaution he has been taking since Early Decision replies started coming back late last December. “You just can’t let yourself be another victim.”

CB WEST BOYS’ BASKETBALL PLAYOFF

By Drew Cox

Congratulations to the CB West boys’ basketball team on a tremendous season and playoff run. In a thrilling overtime affair, the Bucks defeated the defending state champions, Reading High School, 60-47 in the second round of the PIAA Class 6A state tournament. Unfortunately, the Bucks’ fantastic season came to an end with a loss against Roman Catholic High School in the Class 6A state quarterfinals. With a compelling 23-8 record this year, the boys showed off their immense talent and should be very proud of their accomplishments.



Pictured: Collin MacAdams
[Photo Credit: Rick O’Brien, Philadelphia Inquirer]

SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW: BASEBALL

By Eli Baylin

The Central Bucks West Bucks baseball program looks to do well on and off the diamond this Spring. With a loaded roster, the Bucks are due for success. Returning all-league players Daniel Clayton, Trevor D’Arcy, and Matt Cooper look to spark the offense at the top of the order. The Bucks infield is possibly the best infield they have had in recent years. Around the diamond they have many impressive players. Rhys Nicholas and Josh Hannon will lockdown the middle of the infield and form a solid double play duo. Matt Cooper will start at the hot corner and Tyler Dalzell will anchor the infield at first base. Senior pitchers Jake Boehm and Dom DiCicco will look to eat up innings on the mound and give West quality starts. The addition of Matt McCarthy to the team will provide the Bucks with a powerful bat in the middle of the order. Coach Tracy looks to improve upon the 7-14 record from last year’s skid to end the season and qualify for the District playoffs. West also hopes to beat their arch rival Central Bucks East, unlike last year when they lost on both occasions, 9-0 and 4-3, respectively. The Bucks face the Patriots twice this year, on April 12th at CB West and May 3rd at CB East, and will be sure to come out hot looking for vengeance. Make sure you show to support the baseball team this Spring. Go Bucks!

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL-STAR EDITION
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MR. WEST
18
APRIL 20th, 2018
 @ 7pm in the CB WEST Auditorium
 Ticket sales start April 11th
 \$10 before the show
 \$12 at the door

A Night Under the
Stars
Junior Prom 2018

April 28, 2018
 7-10 pm
 Keenan Motors
 3664 N Easton Rd,
 Doylestown, PA 18902
 Buy tickets online at
 mypaymentsplus
 \$40

THE REVIEW

MOVIE REVIEW: READY PLAYER ONE

By Conor Lutts

Ready Player One, also known as 'That One Friend Who Makes All Those 80's References: The Movie,' is that rare movie that I both wholeheartedly recommend yet cannot recommend to anyone. To those who have not read the Ernest Cline novel the film is based on, the book is about a group of teenagers in a downtrodden futuristic Columbus, Ohio using a virtual reality gaming platform called the Oasis, a game the size of the universe with the popularity of Fortnite, on a treasure hunt to find a lot of money hidden by the game's late creator. The first key, to those who have seen the movie, is particularly egregious. The fact that no one in *five narrative years* thought to do what the main character figured out in five minutes is astonishing.

If you haven't read the book, this movie is one I can recommend. The action scenes and the CG scenes (disclaimer: prepare for a lot of CG scenes) are honestly some of the best I have ever seen. The actors are pretty good and the voice acting is phenomenal. If only it were tied to a better script.

CSP Rating: 7/10

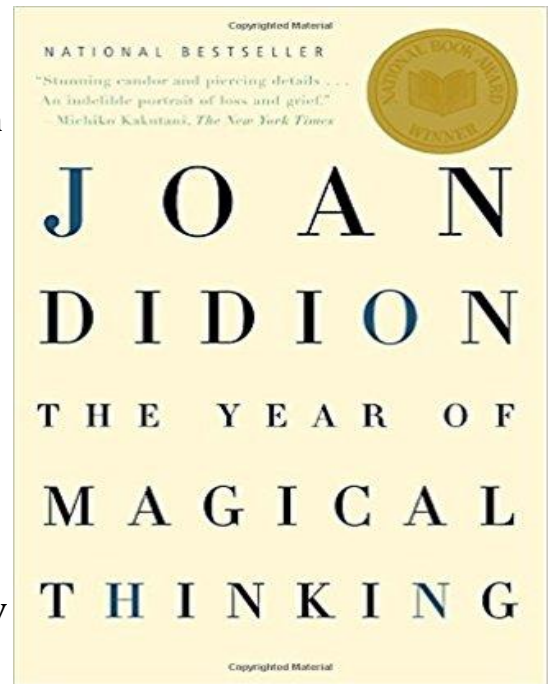


BOOK REVIEW: THE YEAR OF MAGICAL THINKING

By Amanda Dunn

In Joan Didion's novel, *The Year of Magical Thinking*, she reflects upon the year after her husband's passing, going to great lengths to express all that accompanies death from the perspective of the soul left behind. Didion shares the relentless remorse, pain, and disbelief that she endured following her husband's passing. She analyzes the torture her husband faced at the end of his life and the burden she faces now for the rest of her life. This is the first book about grieving that accurately loss. Didion's husband dies suddenly one night at their dinner table. He was speaking to her one moment, and in the next moment, the silence seemed to fill her whole world as he slipped away from it. After the confirmation of her loss, she insists on spending that night alone, so that he can come back. While this initially seems irrational, it is also understandable. The situation is surreal. How could she go from sitting across from her husband, to never seeing him again, all in the midst of a few moments? She is aware that he died, but the immensity of that void is incomprehensible, which is why she believes for split second that she lives in a world he can come back to. Three months after her husband's death, the only words Didion could scribble down were that "Life changes in the instant. The ordinary instant. You sit down to dinner and life as you know it ends." This novel stands as a companion to anyone dealing with loss or the fear of life's end. It's a story everyone should read at least once in their lifetime.

CSP Rating: 10/10



THE SOUND OF MUSIC

By Gabi Lamb

CB West was filled with the sound of music as the efforts of the Harlequin Club finally came to the stage in West's production of *The Sound of Music*. Taylor Mitchell shined as Maria, a free-spirited former-nun and the show's star, as did the Von Trapp family, played by Jacob Janik (Captain Georg von Trapp), Emma Gogol (Liesl), Patrick Meeks (Friedrich), Lily Bunce (Louisa). The minor characters were all excellently played, and the work the students put in to the play was truly illustrated in their stunning performance.

Other significant contributors to the show were those students who worked lights, sound, stage crew, and those in the pit orchestra. "The Sound of Music had a cast of 45," says Emma Gogol, president of the Harlequin Club. She outlined the many rehearsals culminating in "Tech Week," two weeks before the show, where students in the musical "spend every waking minute in rehearsal; all day Saturday, Sunday, and after school all of that week, plus the following week." This year became hectic for the show, with snow days on Wednesday, as well as Thursday, the supposed date of the first scheduled show. The Thursday show was cancelled due to the inclement weather, and instead, the students added an extra performance on Sunday.

The Harlequin Club is known around West for inspiring deep emotion in its audiences by putting on compelling shows with its passionate, dedicated performers. Emma Gogol cites her favorite play moment as when "the whole cast and crew would gather backstage and dance to 'No Way to Stop Me,' one of the most fun songs in the show." This just proves the love members of the musical have for it, because even in their little free time, they still incorporated the show in fun activities. Thanks must also go to the staff of the musical, including vocal director and pit orchestra conductor, Dr. Ohrt, pit orchestra director, Neil Delson, producer, Sherri Brinkman, technical director, Cheri Snook, assistant director and choreographer, Emma Howard, business manager, Regina Dudo, and director and choreographer, Lauren Bagnick.

CB WEST HARLEQUIN CLUB PRESENTS

The Sound of Music

THE SOUND OF MUSIC
 Music by RICHARD RODGERS
 Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
 Book by HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE
 Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp
 Lyrics for "I Have Confidence" by Richard Rodgers
 Directed/Choreographed by LAUREN BAGNICK
 Vocal Direction by DR. JOSEPH OHRT

MARCH 22, 23, & 24, 2018
 7:30 PM 7:30 PM 2:00 PM 7:30 PM

TICKETS <https://cbwestmusical.bpt.me>

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: ROMAN DOYLE



By Alex King

CSP: You are relatively well-known around West for Chatterbux. Anything special in the works with that?

RD: Chatterbux has been interesting lately because we haven't been able to get that many segments on air because our weeks have been so short due to the snow days. Outside of Chatterbux, Josh Safran and I have a short film coming, "Memphis Two: Lost in New York." If you want to check it out, that'll be on YouTube or follow Josh Safran on Instagram!

CSP: What is the best thing about CB West?

RD: I like that most of the people here at West are positive, and if they're not positive, they're at least quiet about it, so it's a good environment here. I think the teaching here at West is pretty good; there are teachers who are willing to do alternative things and differ from the norm, which is cool.

CSP: What is your favorite subject and who is your favorite teacher at West?

RD: I'm an English and History guy, but I think I have more fun in history class. Mr. Mancini and Mr. Weaver are two great teachers with different styles. It is like comparing apples and oranges, I can't choose one of them, they're both great.

CSP: What has been your favorite memory so far in 2018?

RD: The Eagles winning the Super Bowl, that's got to be it! I just remember being a little kid and dreaming about the Eagles beating the Patriots in the Super Bowl.

CSP: What are you most excited about for your senior year?

RD: I'm looking forward to senior year because it won't be as serious as junior year, as they say, so I'll be willing to take a few more risks, academically and socially, you know, looking forward to that.

CSP: Do you trust "The Process"?

RD: I trust "The Process" one hundred percent! Seeing Markelle Fultz coming in and balling out, the year just keeps getting better, and better, and better, and better. If you didn't trust already, we have another reason to trust!

CSP: What do you wish you knew more about?

RD: I think, looking forward, I wish I knew more about videos and editing because I'm doing a lot of that right now.

FROSTY SPRING WEATHER MAKES SPRING SPORTS A CHALLENGE

By Kristen Rice

The snow will not stop. Every week we are surprised with another shower, covering our dreams of green grass fields and blue skies. Losing motivation and inspiration for academics, only going to school three days a week limits academic success. The feeling of cabin fever in homes, classrooms, gyms, and hallways will have consequential effects by May for the West sports teams. As a lacrosse player, the dusty school floors and the slush-filled fields limit the intensity of our practices and cancelling games and school days packs the season into a stressful period. We are in a bad cycle. And we are the lucky ones--at least lacrosse can use the gym and hallways. Other sports like baseball have a hard time hitting and running in confined areas, while track feels like a hamster on a wheel with the snow on the track. Despite the unfortunate predicament, our sports teams will continue to work hard with what we have. But please, Mother Nature, we have had enough!

SPRING RECIPE: REFRESHING RASPBERRY LEMONADE

By Kristen Rice

What you will need:

- 4 cups fresh lemon juice
- 3 cups sugar
- 1 bag frozen raspberries
- Ice cubes or some slush from the street for serving

Squeeze the lemons and pour the juice into a pitcher. Mix together the sugar with 3 cups water and stir to dissolve to make a syrup. Add the syrup to the lemon juice and top it up with 8 cups water. Taste to make sure it's sweet enough for you, and then add the raspberries. Mix the lemonade together and let chill in the fridge.

Fill mason jars or giant bucket with ice cubes and top them off with the lemonade.

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