

Students' Point of View on Homework

Gianna Grumer

Unami students from 7th, 8th, and 9th grade were surveyed on how much homework they get. Other than asking for each student's grade and team, they were asked how long their homework takes them (on average) and whether or not they exceed the recommended amount per grade level. There was also an additional comment box for students who were interested in leaving other thoughts. General homework recommendations suggest 10 minutes per grade level, meaning 7th grade should receive 70 minutes, 8th grade should receive 80 minutes, and 9th grade should receive 90 minutes. A whopping 56% of the students surveyed believe they are receiving too much homework! 36% percent of the surveyed students think they are getting the right amount of homework, and 8% of students believe they aren't receiving enough homework.

An anonymous 7th grader on Ignite said, "I would like there to be less homework, so students have more time to do extra activities." 7th graders from Spark used the comments for what they believe teachers should consider. One student said, "I feel like our teachers should talk to each other more and try to coordinate with each other better. Some nights, I'll have a five-paragraph essay, a three-paragraph essay, twenty math problems, and a social studies poster for homework, and they're all due the next day. But other days, I'll have almost no homework. I wish that our homework schedule was more consistent and

that teachers would consider that we, as students, are still getting used to this new schedule." This calls to mind the issue of time management and procrastination. Middle school is characterized by more long-term assignments than middle school and many students struggle working on things ahead of time, and thus find themselves overwhelmed when several long-term assignments are due on the same day. Other Spark students think that "Resource isn't that helpful because it's the first class of the day." and "we should still have less homework because we also have to study."

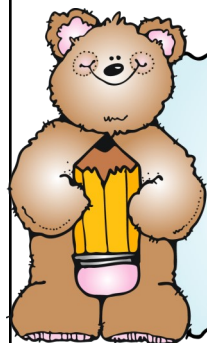
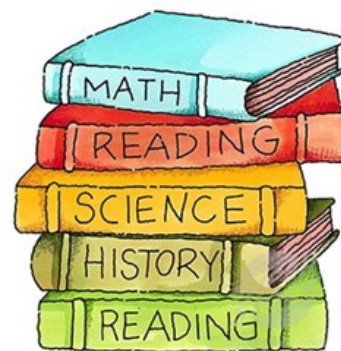
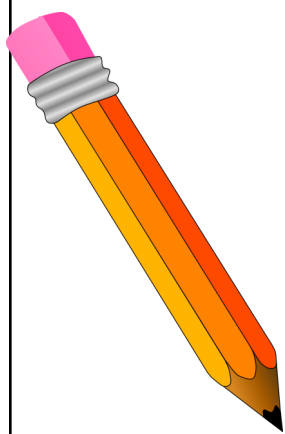
An 8th grader from Hope says, "having so much homework stresses me out extremely and takes away from time to sleep" Backing him/her up is a student from Journey who says, "I stay up until almost 2am every night try to complete my homework, which only leaves me with about 4 hours of sleep and makes me wake up sick and not prepared for school" Also from Journey, a student asks, "Why do some people have so little when I have so much. System seems sort of broken."

A 9th grader believes "That middle school students receive too much homework" Another freshman agrees with stu-

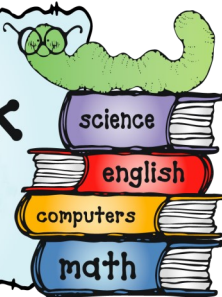
dents in 7th and 8th grade and said, "It's kind of hard to average since some days have hardly any homework and others have tons".

Based on student responses, it seems like one interpretation is that teachers should coordinate homework better and make a limit, as many students believe they get too much homework and have less time for extracurricular activities. But it also seems that learning to manage long-term assignments, avoiding procrastination, and staying organized can help students feel less stressed and more in-control.

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Unami and Community News

Model Congress 2018

Mehir Badlani

Model Congress is an opportunity for 9th Grade students to experience what Congress is like. Model Congress was held at CB East this year. 11 students were chosen from Unami to attend on November 28th; Tessa Miller, Sean Burke, Mehir Badlani, Madeline Tantum, Nicole Hang, Allison Shin, Marissa Pereira, Caitlin Goldberg, Allie Wills, Julia Schofield, and Harini Shankar. Students wrote a bill that their assigned Congress member may have written based on (one of three) respective committees they were in – Ways and Means, Education and Workforce, or Armed Forces. Students had the opportunity to present their bill to the full congress (composed of 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders throughout the district) and try to amend and ratify the bill. Model Congress is a great opportunity for students to experience the process of making a bill and the effort and debate that goes into passing it.

I went and really enjoyed it. I was on the Ways and Means committee and was able to get my Bill passed to the General Assembly. Even if my Bill didn't get passed, it would have still been a great experience because we had the opportunity to learn how people speak in Congress.

People say, "I move to...", "point of inquiry...", "second", and more. It is really interesting because everyone has their own agenda and so even if a Bill is for the good of everyone, it may not get passed due to the fact that the representative is Democrat or Republican. I would highly recommend attending Model Congress.

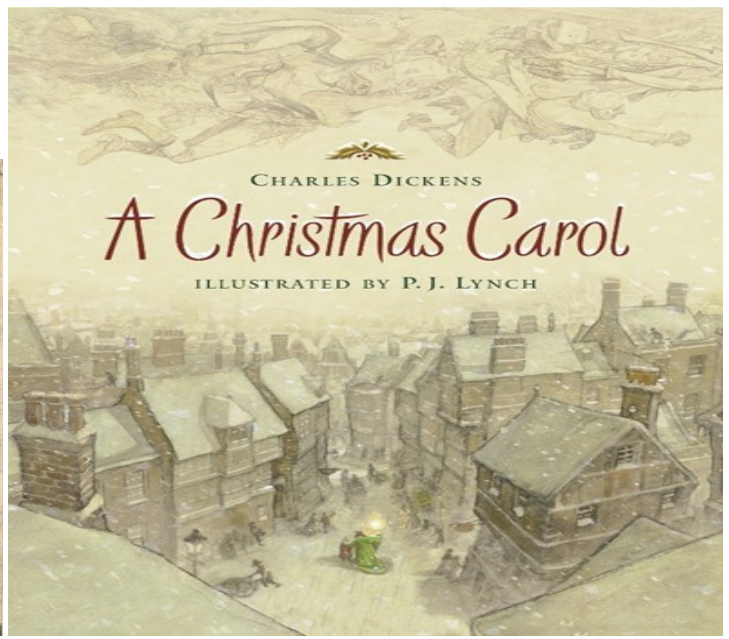


A Christmas Carol: The Reason for the Season

Alexa Haidacher

On December 19th, just a few short days before many students' favorite time of the year (the beginning of winter break), the Unami seventh graders will be embarking on an exciting field trip. Bright yellow buses will transport teams Spark and Ignite to the Bucks County Playhouse, where they will be viewing an amazing reenactment of Charles Dickens's classic novel, *A Christmas Carol*. Seventh grade students have been carefully analyzing and fusing together the puzzle pieces of this complex text to fully understand the lessons to be learned throughout it. With countless essays written and each chapter examined thoroughly, the students have certainly earned the opportunity to watch each stave of Dickens's novel come to life in this breathtaking play.

Each holiday season, the Bucks County Playhouse puts on a spectacular production of *A Christmas Carol*. If you have never read this novel, it was crafted in 1843 by Charles Dickens, a famous writer. He is the author of countless other famous books such as *Oliver Twist*, *Great Expectations*, and *David Copperfield*. This classic tale has been retold time and time again by many major companies including Disney and Hallmark. In the original writing, a greedy, self-centered man by the name of Ebenezer Scrooge is taken on an elaborate journey through his life to learn the true meaning of spirit during the holidays. The seventh grade is so excited to watch this fantastic novel come to life on the stages of the Bucks County Playhouse!



Freshman Ice Rink Field Trip

Mehir Badlani

The first Freshman House Field Trip of the year will take place on December 20th – the last full day of school before Winter Break. The Freshman Class will be at school for a short period of time in the morning and then head out to Hatfield Ice Arena to “ice skate, eat, and be merry.” Have fun!



Unami and Community News

A Pep-Filled Pep Rally

Katherine He

900 students. Countless teachers. 3 grades. One Unami. All of us sat just inches away from one another in the brightly lit gymnasium. November 20th, the half day before Thanksgiving break, marked the very first Unami pep rally of the 2018-2019 school year. Spirits were high as we surrounded ourselves with our peers, chatting about the joys to come over the long weekend. We all knew that just a simple hour remained before our relaxation time would begin. But little did we know that the last hour would be filled with such spirit and fun. We had filed down with our sixth period classes -- amidst laughter and conversations -- to the gym at 9:45. It was the first time this year everyone had united into one space, and it was wonderful to see so much of the student body truly together. Eighth and Ninth graders had enjoyed several of these rallies before, but to the seventh grade, this experience was completely new. After being situated in our seats, the activities began with performances from our chorus and orchestra. Both ensembles sounded incredible and prepared us for the joyous activities that followed. Our fellow student council board spoke to us about the many accomplishments of our Unami athletes throughout the fall season. All sports members certainly deserve a round of applause for representing our school and showing our warrior strength. In between announcements, we desperately attempted to catch the merchandise thrown into the crowd -- though only few were victorious. We participated again when Dr. Boyle led a school wide cheer of “warrior strength” and “Unami pride” that filled the atmosphere with such great spirit. They also took time to recognize the Boomerang Award nominees and winners, and these outstanding students received certificates and applause. After all the necessary announcements, some of the teachers and students engaged in friendly competition. The goal was to have their entire relay team

complete the challenges through the course before the opposing side. Everyone involved showed passionate determination, but I can't say I'm not disappointed to announce that the teachers did, in fact, finish triumphant. Sadly, all good things must end at some point, and it had then reached the point where we had to conclude the rally and go home; however, it is important to mention all the hard work that many students and staff members put into making that event -- and every day at school -- enjoyable for us; your effort does not go unnoticed. We look forward to what else is in store for the school as the year continues. The memories that we built that day should not leave us, and it is these moments that should make us all grateful that we can call ourselves Unami Warriors.



Stan Lee: Death of a Legend

Tommy Balkir

This past month of November, Marvel comic and movie fans alike all over the world have mourned the death of one of the greatest superhero-creators of all time: the one, the only—Stan Lee.

Real-life superhero Stan Lee passed away early in the morning on November 12th in Los Angeles from heart and respiratory failure. He had lived to be 95 years old, and during his long life, with the help of Jack Kirby, Steve Ditko and others, he had transformed his small comic company known as Marvel into a multi-billion-dollar franchise that took the world by storm.

Lee had been responsible for the creation/co-creation of innumerable iconic characters including Black Panther, Spider-Man, the X-Men, the Mighty Thor, Iron Man, the Fantastic Four, the Incredible Hulk, Daredevil and Ant-Man. After Marvel became the #1 comic book publisher in the world, film franchises, such as Disney and Fox, developed countless film adaptations of Lee's beloved characters. Lee himself even made over 50 appearances in Marvel TV shows and movies.

During his career, Lee had been focused on creating a new kind of superhero that his readers could relate to. With the likes of all-powerful characters like Superman (of DC Comics) becoming house-hold names, Lee surrounded his writing around Spider-Man and other once-ordinary people that wanted to do some good. During his cameo in *Spider-Man 3* starring Tobey Maguire, Lee told Peter Parker, Spider-Man himself, "I guess one person can make a difference... 'nuff said."

Speaking of Spider-Man, you can catch one of Stan Lee's final cameos in the upcoming animated movie *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*, releasing on December 14th.

May the legendary Stan Lee live on forever in our hearts as well as in our Comic-Cons.



Black Friday Madness

Diya Hundiwala

When you think of Thanksgiving, you may think of spending time with family, eating good food, and relaxing on your time off. However, things are changing. For starters, Thanksgiving is no longer cherished – shoppers are at the stores or online before the table is even set. Instead of waiting in the frigid weather in the long lines at the crack of dawn, more people have chosen to go digital.

As a result, Black Friday may have lost its appeal to some customers this year. According to the Wall Street Journal, there were 5% less shoppers this Black Friday. Retailers began offering deals earlier and customers decided to spread their shopping out across the holiday season. The gap between Thanksgiving and Christmas – 32 days – gives procrastinators the perfect chance to put off their holiday shopping until later in the holiday season. The weather was also a huge aspect which effected shopper's decisions. The cold, wet weather kept the shoppers bound to their homes and phones. Nevertheless, millions of shoppers across the country still showed up to get their hands on the retailer's best deals.



By far, Cyber Monday was more of a hit with Americans rather than Black Friday. Who would want to wait in long, cold lines when you can easily shop from the comfort of your home? Additionally, retailers had their best deals on their websites. Over the 24 hours of Cyber Monday, all Americans combined spent a total of 95 million hours – or 11,000 years – shopping online. This year, Cyber Monday was the largest shopping day in U.S. history: “Cyber Monday sales topped \$7.9 Billion according to Adobe Analytics data, making it the single largest shopping day in U.S. history,” said John Copeland, head of Marketing and Customer Insights at Adobe. In spite of all the holiday cheer, some hate still managed to weasel its way in.

A Thanksgiving night shooting at Alabama's largest enclosed mall left a gunman dead and two people -- including a 12-year-old girl – injured. The grave incident was supposedly triggered by a fight between the gunman and another shopper. The gunman opened fire, shooting the other customer twice in the torso. A 12-year-old bystander was also shot, but it is unclear by whom. Terrified shoppers ran through the large mall, trying to find some place to hide. We truly need to look over our priorities as a country, as even shopping malls are proving to be a danger to us.

In today's generation, Thanksgiving is all about shopping, scouting the best deals, and of late, shootings. Our culture as Americans truly needs to be altered in a way that the holiday of Thanksgiving is not neglected.

The Brexit Divorce Deal

Chakrika Aluri

More than a year after the people of Britain voted to break off from the European Union (EU), the United Kingdom Prime Minister, 62-year-old Theresa May, and the leaders from the remaining EU members consented to a hard-fought, 585-page treaty. This wasn't just any ordinary agreement; this treaty set out the terms of the U.K.'s separation from the bloc (The group of 28 European countries that run as a cohesive, tight-knit economic and political group). However, that's not all that has to do with this controversial topic. May faces the most difficult, most complicated fight in order to win backing for the agreement in her own Parliament. It is speculated that this vote will take place in early



December. Many of May's fellow Conservative party members, including the opposition Labour Party, have threatened to turn down the deal. If May does not win, she will be racing against the clock to negotiate the pact—and to make sure its approval is secure—before the United Kingdom is set to leave the bloc on March 29th. EU figureheads warned that if the British parliament votes against the agreement, more sufficient conditions will not be offered. May implored lawmakers to back the Brexit pact. May said the following in a press conference: “If people think there is another negotiation to be done, that is not the case. This is the only possible deal.”

Record Number of Voters Turn Out for Historic Midterm Election

Holly Mirales

On November 6, 2018, voters hit the polls to decide on representatives for their states, cities, and districts in government. Both the Republican and Democrat parties were aiming for control of the House and Senate in this election. The midterm election is especially important because it often reflects whether people are happy with the current president. More people than ever came to vote in this election, with an estimated 113 million Americans voting in what would become the non-presidential election with the highest number of votes.



The Democrats took the House (now holding 234 seats to 200 seats held by Republicans) as of November 28, 2018. One seat still remains in contention. Republicans held the Senate with 53 to 47 and the last vote being resolved on November 28. Many seats were still being battled over after the original elections had long passed.

A runoff election for the only undecided Senate seat was held on November 27 for a Mississippian seat. The second election had to be held because neither the Democratic nor Republican candidate secured the majority of the vote. Mississippi is a deep red state, so many assumed it would be an easy win for Republicans. However, Democrats had hoped for a high turnout of African-American voters as their candidate, Mike Espy, is African-American. One third of Mississippi is African-American. The Democrats' hopes were not enough, as Republican candidate Cindy Hyde-Smith won with 53.9% of the vote. Even though he did not win, Espy performed better than the past 30 years of Mississippian Democratic Senate candidates.

There were four districts whose representative in the House were undecided two weeks following the election. New York's 22nd and 27th districts both still had to count absentee ballots and add them to the overall vote. Democrat Anthony Brindisi won the 22nd with 50.4% of the vote and Republican Chris Collins won the 27th with 49.4%. Both defeated their opponents by slim margins. Georgia's 7th district had a recount because the victory was won by less than 500 votes, but the original count was correct and Republican Rob Woodall had won. As of the writing of this article, California's 21st district is still undecided as they continue to count provisional ballots.

Our district, Pennsylvania's 1st district, re-elected Republican Brian Fitzpatrick as our representative. Pennsylvania's districts elected nine Democrats and nine Republicans for the House, splitting the state in half. Democrat Tom Wolf was re-elected as governor, as well as his party-member Bob Casey for senator.

The Democratic House and the Republican Senate could provide problems for many bills hoping to gain traction and be passed. Stalemates will most likely be seen on both sides, with the House passing a bill aligned with the Democratic agenda but the Senate rejecting it, and vice-versa. Now that the Democrats control the house for the first time in eight years, their newly-found subpoena powers will allow them to gain access to documents and emails they previously could not. Many predict they will look into issues that impact the credibility of the Trump administration, such as reopening the investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election, the business relations between President Trump and his daughter Ivanka Trump with China, and the relationship between Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, with Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. Even with the record number of voters, there still was not a clear referendum on Trump's presidency. Democrats made significant gains within the House, but Republicans held the Senate. The impact of these elections is still in the working, though, as only time can tell what the new set of American law-makers will bring to the table.



Jimmy Butler to the Sixers

Varun Rao

In a move that shocked the NBA world, Jimmy Butler was traded to the Philadelphia 76ers. In exchange for Dario Saric, Robert Covington, Jerryd Bayless, and a 2020 2nd-round pick, Jimmy Butler was shipped to Philly along with Justin Patton. This creates a Big 3 for Philly, which includes 2018 Rookie of the Year Ben Simmons and All-Pro Joel Embiid. Many were shocked about this trade, especially since not many were considering Philadelphia as a trade destination for Butler. But, it seems to be paying off for the 76ers. As of November 27th, Butler is averaging 20.9 PPG and has proven himself in clutch moments. The addition of Butler makes the Sixers a real contender in the East, but will he prove himself useful, or will he cause problems within the team during the long-run?



Jimmy Butler was drafted with the 30th pick of the 2011 NBA draft by the Chicago Bulls. Immediately, he proved himself as one of the top players in the league with his great defense and scoring ability. Then, in a trade, he was shipped off to the Minnesota Timberwolves to partner with Karl-Anthony Towns, one of the rising stars in the league. Butler was traded amid rumors of tension between the team and coach. And yet again, after only one season, Butler asked for a trade during the offseason and was away from the team for months. It escalated when Butler came back one day and began yelling at coaches and players during practice. He “confronted” and “screamed at” Coach Tom Thibodeau and GM Scott Layden. He later said that “all his emotions came out in one moment.” Timberwolves couldn’t find the right trade partner for a while, so they held on to him. But after 5 straight road losses it became seemingly clear that Butler was on the way out. So, a whole month after the tension-filled practice, Butler was traded.

It seems that Butler has a history of leaving teams after not cooperating with teammates. This leads to many questions about the long-term effects of the trade, along with many other subjects. Will this trade give the 76ers the talent to beat the Celtics and Bucks in the East? Did Philly sacrifice too much for Butler? And finally, one of the most important questions: is Butler finally at home in Philadelphia? Or will the trade fall into a disaster like his previous 2 teams? All that’s left for the Philadelphia 76ers and their fans is to wait and see.

UConn: Record-Breakers Return

Tommy Balkir

It all began on November 23rd, 2014 when the University of Connecticut’s women’s basketball team clutched a win over Creighton University. It was all smooth sailing from there as this elite UConn team continued to clean up ranked teams, leading to a 111-game win streak through four seasons, during which they achieved three national championships. UConn’s hopes for a fourth undefeated season in 2017 were destroyed during a Final Four game on March 31st when Morgan William of Mississippi State hit an impressive buzzer-beater three during over-time and put the game out of reach for UConn. This was the longest win streak in all of college basketball history, and it was led by coach Geno Auriemma and several phenomenal athletes including Katie Lou Samuelson, Kia Nurse, Napheesa Collier, and rising star Gabby Williams.

After another last-second loss in the Final Four (this time to Notre Dame) in the 2017-2018 season, the UConn team has returned to the court for the 2018-2019 season hungry for another national championship. Their season began on November 4th with a victory over Vanguard, and they will go on to face eight teams that made the NCAA Tournament last season, including No. 1 ranked Notre Dame, No. 4 Louisville, No. 6 South Carolina, and No. 9 Baylor. Personally, I have seen these incredible athletes play in-person, and I have witnessed the extreme potential that they possess. Coach Auriemma said himself that the team has a challenging season ahead, but with the skill and leadership of returning stars, such as Samuelson, Collier, and top-tier point guard Crystal Dangerfield, nothing is impossible for this team.



Super Smash Bros. Ultimate & New Amiibo

Mehir Badlani



Super Smash Bros. Ultimate is the next game in the Super Smash Bros. Series. It was released for the Nintendo Switch on December 7th. It features every fighter that has ever been in the series all in a single game. It also includes new characters like Incineroar, Piranha Plant, Ridley, Ken, Wolf, Inkling, King K. Rool, The Ice Climbers, Isabelle, and more! This version of the game adds in a story mode where you must use Kirby to free the other characters and utilize new items called “Spirits” to assist you in your quest. The game

is set up in a standard format with most items and modes remaining the same from Super Smash Bros. for WiiU. As a new feature for Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, multiple Switch consoles can be linked together for a tournament style gameplay experience.

Nintendo says there are 74 fighters in total plus DLC (if you count Pokemon Trainer as one), over 100 stages, new Pokemon and assist trophies, an all-new adventure called “World Of Light,” and over 800 soundtracks featured from other games “to heat up the battle.” All players will start off with the original characters and will have to work to unlock the rest. Let’s hope this game lives up to all of our expectations!



Top Seven Things to Do During the Holidays

Grace Neumann

The winter is a time for celebration and fun. The break is coming up very soon, and there are many wonderful things to do on your days off. Here are just 7 of the many activities to partake in over the holidays.

1. Nothing quite puts you in the holiday spirit like playing in the snow. A good old-fashioned snow ball fight or making a snowman is a great way to keep you entertained.
2. In the winter it gets very cold. Curling up by a fire and drinking hot chocolate will surely keep you warm and cozy. Also, grab a book or watch a TV show while the fire roars beside you.
3. If you celebrate Christmas, finding the perfect tree is always a thrill. Bring some friends and family with you and debate over which tree you think is best. Decorating is one of the most exhilarating parts. Having a tree covered in all sorts of lights and ornaments really puts you in the Christmas spirit.
4. Another fun thing to do is to build a gingerbread house. Every person’s design is unique, and the colorful candies give it personality. It is rewarding to have a finished, beautiful house to use as a holiday decoration.
5. Whether you’re at the mall, in the car, or in your house, holiday music will always brighten the mood. You and your friends could get together and sing Christmas carols while decorating the house.
6. Light a fire in the fireplace, grab a hot cocoa and a bowl of popcorn, and settle in to watch your favorite holiday movies. My personal favorites are *Elf*, *Home Alone*, and *A Christmas Story*. These movies are always lighthearted, enjoyable, and put anyone in the Christmas spirit!
7. This is the time of year to celebrate togetherness with friends and family, share traditions, and create new memories. Hanging out with loved ones is an amazing way to spend your break!



iPad Pro Review

Samuel Kim

Apple has done it again. Making the iPad Pro would be one of the greatest accomplishments for the multimillion dollar company. It has 64 GB of memory which allows you to store many applications and files. It might even be the better version of a PC considering featherweight factor it won't be as heavy as past versions of the iPad. It is big with an 11-inch screen and 5.9-mm aluminum shell around the edges of the tablet. Now, the iPad Pro can use Face ID like the other Apple devices. You can also create a unique access key acting as a two factor authentication. Gestures are literally key to this device. With a four-fingered pinching gesture you can start a Skype call or film on the screen. The iPad Pro also gives twice as much as power. This gives high quality to watch Netflix in HD, playing Fortnite, and for business and work. The graphics are beautiful on this device and you won't even have to complain if your "graphics won't load" while playing Fortnite. An extra feature you might want to know about is that the sound adjusts throughout the iPad's four speakers as it rotates. You might even say it's "intelligent." The camera is proficient for selfies, Animoji, and video calls. Life, however, isn't filled with fold-out trays. A clip-on keyboard still feels like a prosthetic stop-gap and - unlike a laptop, which is more easily perched - finding a flat surface to erect it on can be heavy. Here lies the iPad Pro's main problem. The hurdles to PC status are more habit than design; can the consumer get used to the Diet Laptop offered here? The battery life lasts longer than previous iPads. The iPad Pro lasts for 10 hours. It is also one of the longest charging times of these devices, which is 4-5 hours. To conclude, there are several desirable tablet devices on the market right now, but the iPad Pro might be the right one for you due to it having many strong suits and some limitations.



Rumor: Next Xbox Console Release Window Leaked

Rishi Suresh

Console manufacturers are constantly working on new systems, creating prototypes and internally testing the next consoles. Considering this, it's no surprise or secret that Microsoft has a new console in the works in some form, but a new rumor suggests that the console may launch much sooner than expected. According to YouTuber DreamcastGuy, a YouTuber who took a sneak peek at Microsoft's plans, the next Xbox console is currently slated for release in 2019. DreamcastGuy reportedly has a source within Microsoft that leaked this information to him. We have reason to believe DreamcastGuy's source exists, which gives his claims a little more legitimacy than they would have otherwise, but it's entirely possible his source is giving him inaccurate information. So, it's important to take this news with a massive grain of salt. Assuming DreamcastGuy's source is leaking accurate information, the question is, why would Microsoft launch the Xbox One's successor in 2019? What many gamers may not realize is that the transition from the seventh to eighth generation of consoles was abnormally long, with an eight-year gap between the release of the Xbox 360 and the Xbox One. Most console generations tend to last around five years, so the Xbox One's successor releasing in 2019, six years after the Xbox One's launch, is certainly not outside the realm of possibility. Of course, there is the Xbox One X to take into account. The Xbox One X launched just a couple of months ago, and is touted as the most powerful video game console ever made. If Microsoft releases the Xbox One's successor in 2019, then it would presumably be even more powerful than the Xbox One X, rendering it a largely obsolete system. Furthermore, the Xbox One X is priced at \$500, meaning that the next Xbox would likely be around the same price or even more expensive if it released in 2019, which could be a big roadblock for consumers. Then again, the Xbox One has clearly lost this console generation sales race, and Microsoft may want to get a head start on the next generation by launching its next console before the PlayStation 5. They did something similar with the Xbox 360, and while rushing that console to market resulted in it suffering from some rather catastrophic technical issues - like the Red Ring of Death - it was still a major advantage for Microsoft in the seventh generation. Ultimately, it's hard to say at this point if DreamcastGuy's information is accurate or not.



Reviews

Wreck It Ralph 2 Review

Vibha Iyengar

When I first watched the movie as a child, I fell in love with the story of Wreck-It-Ralph. It was enjoyable to me when I was young, and I still love it to this day. Even after all of these years, when asked what my favorite movie is, Wreck-It-Ralph is most often my answer. So, when I heard that Disney was making a sequel and revisiting the world after all of these years, I was filled with childlike excitement at getting to see my favorite characters go on an adventure once again.

Ralph Breaks the Internet AKA Wreck-It-Ralph 2 hit theaters on November 21st. The story follows Ralph and Vanellope 6 years after the first movie as they go through their daily routine. Nothing changes for them until Sugar Rush – the game that Vanellope is in – is broken and unplugged, leaving all the characters that previously resided in it without a home. Vanellope feels sad and lost without her game, so Ralph strives to make her feel better by trying to find the broken part. He does this by going to the Internet in hopes of purchasing the part on Ebay. However, when they get to Ebay, they learn that they don't have the money to purchase the part. So, they embark on an adventure through the Internet in hopes of making over \$27,000 in 24 hours.



The movie is what you would expect from a Disney movie – filled with bright, colorful graphics and tons of silly, funny moments as well as a handful of emotional ones. However, Wreck-It-Ralph 2 takes on more mature topics than I expected. The movie talks about finding your passion in life and the ups and downs of friendship. Friendship is an incredibly over-used topic in entertainment, but Wreck-It-Ralph 2 shows it to the audience in a way that I hadn't seen before. The unexpected maturity of the themes allows it to be relatable to many age demographics, so if you're hesitant to watch it solely because it's targeted to children, you might want to give it a chance. The movie also has many references to things on the Internet. Even someone who doesn't use the Internet often would be able to spot a few – but for people who use the Internet in their daily lives, it's exciting to see references to some famous celebrities, companies, and characters.

Of course, the movie isn't perfect and certainly has flaws. Even though there were quite a few moments that were hilarious, some of the moments that were clearly intended to be funny simply weren't. But overall, for people who saw and enjoyed the first movie, Ralph Breaks the Internet is something I would recommend. If you didn't enjoy the original Wreck-It-Ralph or don't enjoy Disney movies in general, this movie isn't the kind of thing you would enjoy. Personally, this movie isn't going to be a coveted favorite of mine, but I did enjoy watching it. If you think that you would enjoy this movie as well, I would certainly recommend going to watch it.

Reviews

The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina Review

Marissa Pereira and Sarah Hamer

The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina is a Netflix original series based on the Sabrina the Teenage Witch comics. It is also a somewhat spin-off of the popular CW show, Riverdale, as they take place in neighboring towns (Greendale). It is a 10-episode series, that follows the main protagonist, Sabrina. She is a sophomore in high-



school who holds a secret. She's half-witch, half-human; she must make a choice between being part of the human world or the witch world. A big part of this decision is her boyfriend, Harvey, played by Ross Lynch (we love Ross Lynch), who is part of the

human world. If she chooses to be a witch, she must leave him behind along with the rest of her friends. As the show progresses, Sabrina continues to do what she believes is right. This show is full of great characters and an amazing plot that keeps the audience entertained. We would rate this show 10/10 because of the unique plot and amazing characters.



‘Somebody to Love’: This Movie is All You Need

Ava Harvest

You can feel the bass thumping in your chest as millions upon millions of fans scream, united for one cause, with one song, as though even their heartbeats have fallen into syncopation. Freddie Mercury—portrayed by Rami Malek—seems to breathe again, the movements and spirit of the legendary star brought to life on screen. Bohemian Rhapsody, though dramatized, shows the life, love, and glory of Queen from the very beginning, orchestrating the sometimes ugly but refreshingly raw truth of fame.

This movie provides an inside look and the rise and fall of the legendary Mercury, letting the viewer in on everything from his struggle with his sexuality to the hardships of being in the public eye to disagreements over musical decisions. It is full of revolutionary musical achievement as well as intricately woven nuances that embody everything that Queen is and was. It is a story of navigating self-expression and your own internal journey while the whole world is watching.



Some argue that the movie is over-dramatized and too fast moving to be realistic, but Malek's portrayal of Mercury is true to life and is what I believe truly makes Bohemian Rhapsody a triumph. The soul of Queen is alive and well in this heart-wrenching telling of Mercury's reality. You discover a unique unity that Queen was able to create: a palpable connection that manifests a sense of belonging across generations of lost souls grappling with themselves and searching for a way home. Bohemian Rhapsody will make you laugh, cry, and understand what it feels like to belong. It's a breath-taking orchestration of love, loss, and the drive to take the world by storm—no matter how much time you have left.

Reviews

Boy Erased

Vibha Iyengar

If you thought that *Boy Erased* was going to be anything like the LGBTQ+ romantic drama that came out earlier this year – *Love, Simon* – then you were unmistakably wrong. *Love, Simon* is a romantic comedy that shows coming of age in a significantly lighter tone than *Boy Erased* whereas *Boy Erased* is a dramatic story riddled with tragedy and pain and no attempt to hide that fact. The story is dark, deep, and will leave you breathless and in tears at the end of it. It is the kind of movie that makes you feel empathy. It is the kind of movie that makes you feel gratitude towards all that you have. It is the kind of movie that makes you feel like you are lucky while also making you feel heartbroken for those who aren't as fortunate as you. It is the kind of movie that grabs your attention in its claws and keeps it until the movie is over and you are awestruck at the power of the story.

Boy Erased is about Jared Eamons, a gay college student who has a preacher for a father and a dedicated Christian for a mother. When he comes out to his parents, they give him two options. He can either be kicked out, or he can go to conversion therapy. He chooses the latter, opting to go to conversion therapy and have people try to change his sexuality so that he can become 'free of his sins.' The movie tells a story of his experience in conversion therapy and how it impacted him and his relationship with the people around him. He meets many new people, all of which are suffering due to conversion therapy alongside him.

The movie featured a handful of stars such as Nicole Kidman, Russel Crowe, and Troye Sivan. It employed lighting, sound effects, and music to truly enhance the story that it was telling. Of course, it did have flaws. The pacing was awkward at times and the ending felt a little rushed compared to the rest of the story. There was also an abrupt time skip in the movie that could have been transitioned into something better. It was also an adaptation to a book, and you could tell that some things were probably explained more in the memoir whereas they were skimmed and lightly touched upon in the movie. Aside from those few flaws, the movie was well-written, and the acting was incredible. Almost everything in the movie provided an engaging experience for its audience.

The movie is rated R, meaning that people under the age of 17 need to be accompanied by someone over the age of 21. The movie also has language and scenes that are most likely not appropriate for all ages and levels of maturity. If you are sensitive to scenes that involve rape, violence, and suicide, I would recommend staying away from this movie. However, if you can find someone willing to accompany you that is over the age of 21 and you can tolerate scenes of violence, rape, and suicide, I would recommend watching it. Of course, if you don't enjoy movies that are on the serious side, this is most likely not the kind of movie you would enjoy. However, if you enjoy dramas and movies with darker plots, *Boy Erased* will likely be a movie you enjoy, and I would certainly recommend it.



Reviews

The Crimes of Grindelwald

Luke Mingacci

The new installment of the wizarding world universe, *Fantastic Beasts the Crimes of Grindelwald* is an amazing movie in my opinion! This movie answers many questions the audience may have from the previous *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* while still being thrilling and exciting.

It also provides more development to old and newly introduced characters. Credence Barebone searches for his true family through the film, and at the end, the reveal of his family tree will leave your jaw dropped throughout the end credits.

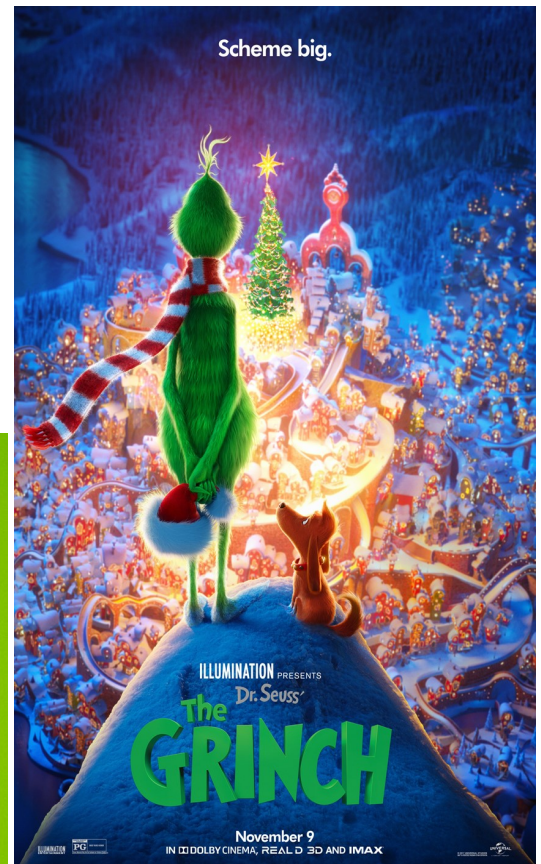
Leta LeStrange is a new character to be added to the *Fantastic Beasts* universe and is one of the highlights of the movie. Even though she is not in both movies, she leaves a huge impact on the story nevertheless. The climax of the movie is filled with well-done special effects and many unexpected plot twists. All in all, I found this movie a great addition to the franchise, and I definitely recommend seeing it.



The Grinch

RJ Pittman

The movie *The Grinch* is an exciting and “heart-growing” story about the book “How the Grinch Stole Christmas”. The movie was great and it reflected the treasured book on the big screen. The only few changes I saw in the movie was there was a reindeer, Cindy Lou had siblings, and the Grinch didn’t have his insanely horrific smile that stretches across his face. Overall, the movie was more than what it was first cut out to be; many thought it was going to be a funny twist on a classic book, but it was more than that.



Get to Know the Staff

Ms. Prendergast

Gianna Grumer

I had the pleasure of learning more about one of the newest additions to our Unami community this year. Ms. Prendergast teaches seventh and eighth grade social studies, and her classroom is room number 231!

Ms. P grew up right here in Chalfont. She attended Butler, Unami and CB South growing up. When she studied at Unami, she was actively involved in chorus and NJHS! She received her degree at Millersville University, and is studying for her master's in public policy at Delaware Valley College. At only eight years old, Ms. P had decided that she wanted to become a teacher. She grew up watching documentaries and reading historical fiction, gaining an interest in social studies at a young age.

Ms. P has been teaching for about 3 years. One of Ms. Prendergast's favorite experiences at Unami so far this year was helping out at Link 2 Unity. "I had such a great time watching all of the kids become leaders. It was just such a positive experience for everyone there!" she told me. Speaking of positivity, Ms. P already has started an amazing club! She runs the Unami Positive Warriors, a group of students that help spread kindness throughout our school. "We want to make Unami not just a school, but a community," she quotes, "All we want is for kids to feel comfortable and safe!". The Unami Positive Warriors spread kindness by leaving uplifting notes on lockers and writing chalk messages near the entrance of the school. If you are interested in joining, feel free to ask Ms. Prendergast any questions!



Some of her favorite things to do in her free time are bake, workout, and spend time with her family and friends. She loves dogs (especially golden retrievers) and the color purple. Ms. Prendergast is an amazing teacher who always has a smile on her face. She is kind, dedicated, and loves her students! If you see Ms. P in the hallways, make sure to give her a smile and welcome her to our Unami family!

Games

Christmas Crossword

Luke Mingacci

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