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The Common Core Gains Momentum

New PARCC Test May Replace MCAS in Not So Distant Future

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“The Common Core is a great idea, finally America will have widespread requirements,” exclaimed senior Cora Katz. This year marks the beginning of Massachusetts fully implementing the Common Core State Standards.

The Common Core, adopted by Massachusetts in 2010, as a response to Obama’s Race to the Top

contest, is an initiative taken by a coalition of US states to have a clear set of educational standards for Kindergarten to 12th grade in English Language Arts and Mathematics. 45 states, Washington D.C., the Department of Defense Education and four US territories have also voluntarily adopted the Common Core.

According to the their website, “The standards are designed

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History teacher Ms. Otty begins a lesson in her World History II class. Photo Credit: Larry Aaronson.

Why a Four-Day Weekend?

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Muslim students at CRLS celebrated Eid-ul-Adha on Tuesday October 15, 2013. If you are curious, Eid-ul-Adha means “festi-

in 2010 and it was approved in 2011.

Cambridge Public Schools have had the day off for the past two years. Sophomore Ehasanu-

Eid is a Muslim holiday that comes twice a year. Each year, two Eids fall on different dates due to the lunar calendar that Islam follows.

“I wake up early in the morning and go to prayer with my family, and it feels so good ...”

Eid-ul-Fitr means “festival of breaking of the fast,” as it comes after

zzaman Satu states, “I felt really happy that we had Eid off, especially since it’s such a diverse environment.”

Ramadan, the month of fasting. The Eid-ul-Adha is celebrated on

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Members of the CRLS Muslim Student Association gathered together for the annual Eid celebration. Eid is about sacrifice and service, and the student members celebrated by sharing homemade food and planning for upcoming community service projects.

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Students Treated to A.R.T. Play *All The Way* with LBJ

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On October 11th, CRLS students visited the American Repertory Theater in Harvard Square to watch *All the Way*, the hit new play about Lyndon B. Johnson’s first presidential term.

A throng of serious looking men and women sit down in what appears to be a courtroom, or some type of official space.

The lights shut off, and the audience becomes silent. A large, powerful man sits down in a large chair situated in the center

of the stage. The spotlight pierces through the darkness to reveal Lyndon B. Johnson. He begins to tell a childhood story in a slow southern drawl.

The actual man speaking, of course, isn’t Lyndon B. Johnson. It’s Bryan Cranston, star of the critically acclaimed television shows

Malcolm in the Middle and *Breaking Bad*.

Cranston is one of the many draws of *All the Way*, the highly anticipated play now showing at the American Repertory Theater in Harvard Square. *All the Way* boasts, among many other things, a Pulitzer-winning playwright in Robert Schenkkan, and influential actors such as Michael McKean of *This is Spinal Tap* and Christopher Liam Moore of *Friends*.

The play features actors who play many different roles. In fact, the only actors not to play two parts are Bryan Cranston, who plays Lyndon B. Johnson, and Brandon J. Dirden, who plays Martin Luther King, Jr.

CRLS theatre classes had the opportunity to watch the critically acclaimed show on Thursday, October 10th. The next day, actors from *All the Way* and the play-

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Freshmen vs. Seniors: Rindge Newcomers Experience Social Divide

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As the school year begins, hundreds of freshmen enter the realm of high school with perturbation and dismay. For the most part, they are scared of their vulnerability towards those suspected of being the scariest members of their learning environment: seniors. These new students commonly perceive upperclassmen as intimidating and menacing.

According to freshman Jordan Jones, “Most upperclassmen seem scary, judgemental, and exclusive.” Josie Underwood, another friendly face in the freshman community, states, “When I pass them in the hallways, their glares

make me feel like they hate me and think I am annoying.”

Seniors such as Emilia Logan and Alexander Jobin-Leeds believe that freshmen should respect all grades superior to theirs.

“Seniors,” Zander specifies, “being at the top of the high school hierarchy, should be treated with the most honor and deference. Their fear is obtained from their admiration and reverence towards us, because upperclassmen are usually glorified in one’s high school career.”

Caia Lee, another senior, feels empathy for those threatened by her grade because she has walked in their shoes. She confesses, “I was scared of upperclassmen as a freshman as well. It is what hap-

pens in the societal dynamics of high school, but they are all going to be seniors before they know it. It happens so fast.”

Clare McDermott, a Rindge sophomore, admits: “Being scared of the seniors is something that is hard to control when you enter a school being the youngest.”

“I was scared of upperclassmen as a freshman as well...but they are all going to be seniors before they know it.”

Clare claims that the longer she has been at Rindge, the more she has adjusted and feels more comfortable around the seniors, yet she still feels slightly intimidated at their presence because of their vast experience with high school and their levels of maturity.

Julie Campbell, a junior, says, “As a freshman, there were people I looked up to more than people I was intimidated by. Naturally, I am more confident currently than I was freshman year. Becoming more personable with my class has changed where I stand socially.” Some freshmen chose to be indifferent to grade levels, and others chose not to.

Contrastingly, junior Emily Hays shares, “As a freshman I was somewhat intimidated by them. As I have raised up through the grades, I feel as though the freshman are losing a healthy sense of fear and acting too superior. It is good for freshman to feel like freshman and let the upperclassmen have their moment so that they

can move up at their turn.” The seniors are finishing up their high school career, and therefore want to take advantage of having a higher status in the school.

Feeling nervous around seniors has been clearly proven to be a common sentiment throughout the freshmen class. It seems that according to all grades, authority is attained through grade superiority. It is evident that all freshmen have to endure being at the bottom of the social pyramid and earn their way to the top as years pass.

The more one progresses in the high school social structure, the more they feel comfortable being in an environment filled with students of all age and grade. Sooner or later, everyone will have their moment to shine.

Rise of the Word: Poetry Performance Grows in Popularity at Rindge

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Spoken word poetry is a powerful art form in the CRLS community, allowing individuals to spread awareness about issues they care about. It empowers the poet, giving them a space to bring their words to life.

Even Henry David Thoreau, sitting in the woods by himself in the 1850s, felt that words had power way beyond the page, writing, “A written word is the choicest of relics...It may be translated into every language, and not only be read but actually breathed from all human lips...not be represented on canvas or in marble only, but be carved out of the breath of life itself.”

The spoken word movement was born in the South Side of Chicago in the 1980s, growing out of the Harlem Renaissance and African American and West-Indian tradition of dub poetry, sharing these same roots with hip-hop.

Spoken word can be about anything, exploring the gamut of social, political and personal issues and feelings. The poet performs their work, and infuses it with intense emotion using dramatic facial and physical expressions and vocal musicality.

Spoken word poetry is an exceptional way to connect with fellow CRLS students as well. Senior and member of the CRLS Poetry Club Jenny Vernick says, “Spoken word poetry is a great way to draw people together. Writing is a very solitary hobby, and spoken word of-

fers a great way to meet and create a community of writers, as well as an outlet for people who might not feel comfortable speaking out in other situations.”

Expanding the realm of spoken word poets at CRLS would benefit the community, allowing more of our voices to be heard. CRLS senior Solomon Abrams had no knowledge of the poetry club here at CRLS but expressed great interest in poetry, fondly recounting his favorite writers: “Stevens, Whitman, Silverstein...”

Though he said he would not be joining the club here at CRLS, his appreciation for the art was evident. Indeed, students from all walks of life are also interested in the club. CRLS junior Sam Fulweiler says, “It sounds like an ill time, I’d possibly be interested in joining the movement.”

Last year the team attended the Mass Day of Poetry in Salem, and participated in the statewide spoken word poetry competition Louder Than a Bomb in Boston. There, people of all ages and backgrounds competed. Poetry club leader Maddie Payne, a senior at CRLS says, “The most impactful part of the spoken word club for me has been teaching others an art I praise and live by. Also, helping a person harness the energy of his or her voice is hugely empowering.”

The Poetry Club is open to anyone interested, no experience necessary. It meets Thursday mornings at 7:15; the location TBD. For more information, email madeline.rita.payne@gmail.com

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Civil War Continues to Rage Throughout Egypt

By
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As the civil war continues to develop in Egypt, the Egyptian military took control of the country and abruptly decided to ban the Muslim Brotherhood, the largest political party in Egypt.

After years of Hosni Mubarak’s presidency in Egypt, an election was held after which Mohamed Morsi was selected to be the next leader. Morsi was part of the Muslim Brotherhood, a religiously-driven political party. The extreme religious influence that the Brotherhood leader established in Egypt soon resulted in a rebellion propelled by furious civilians; with the help of Twitter and street protests, Morsi was overthrown. Then stepped in the Egyptian military, who have the most recent claim to power.

In response to learning the news, senior Cora Katz said, “I’m actually glad Morsi was removed from power, I think he was really taking advantage of his presidency.” Contrastingly, sophomore Charlotte Eccles says, “Morsi was democratically elected, so I believe he should have finished his term before the military stepped in.”

The military’s leadership has also been receiving negative reactions from the public, who have begun newprotests against military power. Nabil Shalaby, a current citizen residing in Egypt, says that “under the military, living in Egypt is very tense; police patrol the streets with guns and it feels like any move could set one



Supporters of the overthrown President Mohamed Morsi took to the streets in late September.
Photo Credit: Al Jazeera America

off.”

According to The New York Times, due to the current military government behavior, Obama has sent a warning to the Egyptian military that they would lose American support if they continue to crack down on civil society. This scenario would leave the Egyptian population to fend for themselves, which would be devastating considering that previously the civilians had American support when rebelling against Morsi.

Are Rindge students aware of the events going on in Egypt. As a matter of fact, it turns out that few know of the Egyptian civil war and the political disturbances currently happening in

Egypt.

Junior Brennan Lee says, “I don’t really know anything about it, I’ve recently just been watching women’s tennis.” Junior Sophie Gottlieb weighed in by saying that she is in fact one of the few aware, and says that “both the religious government and military government are wrong in any case and hopes that a real election will soon be held to put a responsible leader at the head of the nation.”

In any case, this is a developing story that will continue to unravel, and staying aware of the events should be the responsibility of an average citizen.

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Sixteen-Year-Old Education

Activist Visits Cambridge

By
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“We realize the importance of our voice when we are silenced.”

Malala Yousafazi is a sixteen-year-old Pakistani girl who has defended girls right to education in Pakistan, and was shot in the head a year ago in an attack from the Taliban.

Malala was shot while going to school - and she was shot *because* she was going to school. Because of her determination, she is working to make it possible for all women get an education.

“With so much opportunity for success, we often lose sight of what it truly means to be silenced, minor problems are magnified: missing a bus or receiving a poor grade on a project,” reflected Elizabeth Kubicek, a junior.

She continued, “Ma-

lala is an outstanding person because she is fighting for a basic right, education, but also because she is showing people around the world what it truly means to be silenced. She has given us all something to fight for.”

Ms. Kubicek is not the only person who has been impressed by her work: Malala’s courageous actions have won her the National Youth Peace (Pakistan), Sakharov, and Simone de Beauvoir prizes. Recently, she was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, making history by being the youngest person ever to do so.

Sam Stubbs, a sophomore, contemplated the juxtaposition of the awards and her message: “her awards illustrate how powerful her actions have been. But more importantly, she

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Yousafzai shaking Harvard President Drew Faust’s hand during her visit in late September.
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has become a face of representing courageous young women who do not allow oppressive systems surrounding them stand in the way of their education and opportunity.”

Recently, Malala made a local appearance at Harvard University. In Sanders Theater, she received the Peter J. Gomes Humanitarian Award, and spoke to an audience there.

Ms. Yousafazi also gave a press conference in Harvard Yard with Harvard President Drew Gilpin Faust.

“It took my breath away to see her”, sophomore Ross Baker recalled enthusiastically. “She is an international education mogul and she was in our own backyard!”

The reason that Malala appeals to so many Americans is that she is “perceived as innocent, vulnerable, and normal,” according to junior Caroline Kutcha. Kutcha elaborated by saying, “Malala represents a shift in women’s rights advocacy. She brings issues which are typically viewed as ‘women’s rights’ to a mainstream audience.”

The persistence Malala has shown the oppressive authority in Pakistan has sparked a worldwide conversation around modern inequality around the world. In a year she has, become an “international education mogul” and in the words of freshman Nico Livon-Navarro “an inspiration for so many people around the world.”

A part of Malala’s push for worldwide education for women is the Malala Fund. If you are interested in getting involved with Malala Yousafazi’s cause go onto www.malalafund.org.

Heavy Loans Weigh Students Down

By
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According to *The Huffington Post*, 37 million Americans are buried in debt from student loans. College loans are bogging down young adults far after they graduate, and despite President Obama’s concerns about making sure low income families don’t get “priced out” of higher education, that’s exactly what’s happening.

As seniors work through applications, the cost of college is something that weighs heavily on their minds. Amy DiPace, a senior, commented, “...how much it will cost to go to a certain college is one of the things I look at first.”

Students across the country have taken out hundreds of thousands of dollars in loans in order to receive education at universities and as a result have acquired a debt nearly impossible to pay off, especially with low-paying entry jobs. *The Huffington Post* says that over the past 8 years, student loan debt has grown 300 percent.

As the cost of education has risen, the amount of loans that colleges award to students has as well. Students tend to look at this as a good thing, thinking that their further education will be cheaper as a result. However, a large portion



Many college students complain of crushing student debt.

Photo Credit: edudemic.com

of those students don’t realize exactly how much of that money they will be paying back. Unlike with other kinds of debt, even by declaring bankruptcy, graduates cannot disconnect themselves from what they owe.

Whether young adults actually succeed in paying off the loans or default on them, both the government and schools stand to make a massive profit.

In 2005, an article in the *Wall Street Journal* stated that the Department of Education would make 120% in profit off of students who defaulted on their loans in addition to the fees that go along with that process.

Scholarships are key for all students, but particularly those from middle to low income families who simply don’t have the means to pay

for a college education.

This is even more true for families who will have more than one child in college simultaneously. It is common for college students to accept scholarship money and take out loans as well.

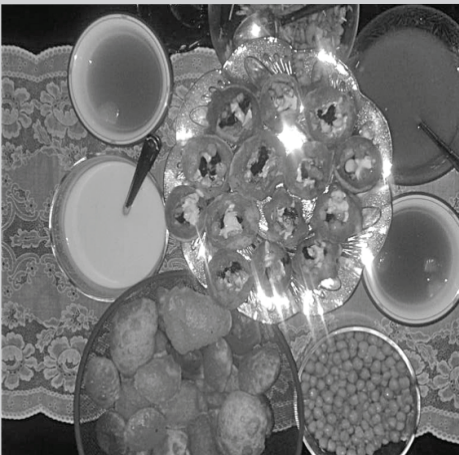
Senior Solomon Abrams stated, “I’ll attend a school that will give me more so I won’t have many loans.” Junior Jenny Curran noted that a college’s ability to help her pay for her education will most definitely influence which school she chooses to attend when she applies next fall.

Applying for scholarship money to limit loans is an option for all seniors who are looking at colleges that they might want to attend next year. CRLS students can use their Naviance pages to seek out scholarships in addition to talking to their guidance counselors.

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Henna is made from a flowering plant. It represents happiness. People around the world put henna on Eid, weddings, and other cultural events.



Many Muslims cook cultural dishes such as Gol Gappay, pictured above, a dish that is popular in Pakistan during Eid-ul-Adha.



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the 10th day of the last month, Dhul Hajj, in the Islamic calendar.

On the day of Eid-ul-Adha, Muslims sacrifice animals in remembrance of the prophet Abraham. According to the story in the Quran, the Muslims holy book, Abraham was tested by God to sacrifice his first-born son Ishmael. “I wake up early in the morning and go to prayer with my family, and it feels so good to see so many Muslims all together in one place,” expresses senior Sabbir Hossain.

During the day of Eid, people dress in their finest clothes; some decorate their homes with lights, give treats to children, and exchange gifts by meeting friends and family. As a senior Nazmuz Shakib says, “food is the best part of Eid. You eat different kinds of food that you might not get a chance to eat during the year.”

If a Muslim family can afford to do so, they are encouraged to sacrifice a lamb, a sheep or a camel. The meat gets split into three parts: one-third for the needy, one-third for friends and family, and one-third for themselves. Many Muslims families cook meat from the sacrificed animal and eat it as a family.

Muslims in other countries celebrate Eid-ul-Adha differently than Muslims in America. According to junior Sajjad Hussein, “Eid in Bangladesh is a lot more fun because everybody celebrates it and you have three days off from school which gives you a chance to get close to your family.”

In Pakistan and other countries around the world Muslims celebrate Eid-ul-Adha for 3 to 4 days. During this holiday stores are closed and Muslims attend morning prayers. After prayer they sacrifice the animals.

“In India you get to see the sacrifice in front of your own eyes, which could be terrifying, but you get to experience something that is not available in the United States very often” states senior Heena Gulam. Muslims celebrate this holiday worldwide. Some traditions might be different but the devotion of sacrifice is the same.

Since there are two Eids, senior Ismail Uddin at CRLS shares his opinion that “if Eid-ul-Fitr is during the school year then there should be a holiday for Eid-ul-Fitr, if it’s not then we should get another day off for Eid-ul-Adha, since it’s a three-day event. But I’m already grateful and happy for this one holiday.”

Understanding the Importance of the Recent Government Shutdown

By
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“Kid, you can’t shut the government down,” says senior John Dillon. Like John, many students at Rindge have little understanding of what a government shutdown actually was and how it can ultimately affect us.

The government shutdown that began October 1st has come to a close after sixteen days. The House and Senate could not agree on a bill to fund the government after a disagreement on Obamacare, and their time has run out, and as a result, the government, for the first time in seventeen years, was forced to close down.

It wasn’t until October 16th that a bill postponing spending reforms well into the New Year was introduced, bringing the shutdown to a close.

A government shutdown occurs when a government discontinues providing funding for services that are not considered “essential.” Typically, services that continue in spite of a shutdown include police, fire fighting, armed forces, utilities, and corrections.

National security and public safety are also



A federal worker outside the Capital Building shortly after the shutdown was announced in October. Photo Credit: baltimore-

priorities that remained active. Medicare, air traffic control, and food inspections continued to run, as well as self-funded operations like the U.S. postal service.

However, non-essential workers and programs were furloughed with no assurance of back-pay. Veteran and social security

The Education Department funds many events and programs, if the shutdown had continued for an increased amount of time, grants and loans may have been delayed as there would not be enough people to process the payments.

Numerous students at Rindge rely on financial aid they would not have been able to receive if the shutdown continued. This includes reduced lunch, fee waivers, basic things that students rely on every day.

Tommy Ward responded to the issue by saying that “There’s not much I can do about it.” Unfortunately, Tommy was proven right. Shutdowns have taken place in the past and Americans have had to wait it out until Congress comes to an agreement, and that’s indeed how things ended this time around.

“...national parks, museums, and monuments in Washington were closed.”

checks were also delayed, seeing as there were much fewer workers to complete that job. Numerous programs and applications are put on hold; national parks, museums, and monuments in Washington were closed.

Although public schools remained open, the U.S. Education Department discontinued the majority of its operations.

President Obama’s Fight for Stricter Gun Control, Revisited

By
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The fight for stricter gun control laws resurfaced on Sunday, September 22nd during President Obama’s speech memorializing the victims of the September 16th Navy Yard shooting in Washington, D.C.

This is the fifth mass shooting that Obama has spoken about during his two terms as president, but his previous proposal including the reinstatement of the Ban on Assault Weapons and thorough background checks was rejected by the Senate on April 12th, 2013.

“The politics are difficult,” Obama stated in his speech, in reference to his past attempt to change gun control, “and that’s sometimes the resignation comes from- the sense that our politics are frozen and that nothing will change.” The USA is currently ranked number one in private gun ownership of both legal and illegal guns, according to gunpolicy.org, with 101.05 guns per 100 people. The popularity of gun ownership causes many Americans to be skepti-

cal of Obama’s proposals.

According to a 2013 Gallup survey, 49% of Americans prefer stricter gun control regarding the sale of firearms, 37% want gun control laws to remain the same, and 13% want gun control laws to be less strict. The nearly half-and-half divide in viewpoints has caused progress to seem stagnant in D.C. Anti-gun control advocates claim that gun control would deprive responsible gun owners of their right to bear arms, which is stated in the second amendment of the US constitution.

Many believe that shooters such as Adam Lanza (primary Sandy Hook suspect, 2012), who used a gun legally purchased by his mother, and Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold (Columbine High School attackers, 1999), who purchased their firearms from an unlicensed vendor, would have acquired guns even if there had been stricter gun control laws in place.

“The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun, is a good guy with a gun.” argued Wayne LaPierre, executive Vice President of the National Rifle Association (NRA), in his speech one week after the Sandy Hook elemen-

tary school shooting, later stating that “ [when] politicians pass laws for gun-free school zones. They issue press releases bragging about them. They post signs advertising them, and in doing so, they tell every insane killer in America that schools are the safest place to inflict maximum mayhem with minimum risk,”

However, pro-gun control advocates argue that attackers such as Seung-Hui Cho (Virginia Tech Massacre, 2007), and James Eagan Holmes (primary Aurora, CO suspect, 2012), who both obtained firearms legally despite their social and mental disorders, could have been stopped by stricter laws.

“It’s impossible to ignore the pattern of senseless murder when guns are placed in the hands of irresponsible people,” commented CRLS senior Lilly Sandberg in expressing her support for gun control. “My hope is that stricter laws will keep other communities from experiencing the same type of tragedy as there was in Cambridge.”

Obama’s fight will continue as he urges Americans to support the implementation of stricter gun control laws in the USA.

CRLS RESPONDS:

What’s the craziest costume you’ve ever worn for Halloween?



Jake Heller
Class of 2014

“My finest Halloween moment was when I dressed up as a grape.”

Honora Gibbons
Class of 2015

“Once, I was a hippie lumberjack!”



Emily Olick-Llano
Class of 2016

“I’ve been a cat for Halloween every year.”



Hugo Schutzberg
Class of 2017

“A few years ago, I dressed up as Buddy the Elf!”



Reflecting on the Innovation Agenda's Second Year

By
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As the second year of the Innovation Agenda's upper school system commences in Cambridge, opinions still vary amongst the CRLS community.

The term "upper schools" refers to the four 6-8 grade schools that are now administered separately from the eleven K-5 schools and high school. In the early twentieth century most K-8 schools transitioned to an upper school or middle school system in order to cater emotionally and academically to a specific age group.

The discussion over whether or not the innovation agenda should be passed was tense, but resulted in a near unanimous 7-to-1 school committee vote in favor of the Innovation Agenda and the switch to upper schools.

Along with reorganization, the switch to upper school required professional development for all teachers and provided

middle grade students with more extra-curricular activities.

The three primary goals of the agenda are "Improving achievement for all students," "Building a safe, supportive and nurturing environment in schools," and "Instituting long-range planning."

However, many who stand by the K-8 structure are hesitant to agree that an upper school system will actually help Cambridge reach these objectives. And according to a Johns Hopkins University study on Philadelphia's public school systems, K-8 schools were more beneficial to student achievement.

Either way, this is a significant transition that changes the education most CRLS freshmen will have coming into Rindge. Current opinions still vary on whether the Innovation Agenda was a good idea.

"K-8 schools were a defining part of Cambridge; they really connected all grade levels and created a welcoming environment," said CRLS senior Danielle Heims-Waldron, a 2010



CPS Superintendent Jeff Young, pictured above with former editor-in-chief Kevin Xiong during his visit to The Forum last year, has been a champion of the Innovation Agenda. Photo Credit: Larry Aaronson

graduate of the Baldwin school. She feels K-8 communities foster responsibility in its students and encourages a relaxed social atmosphere, saying, "These middle schools encourage 'teenage-dom' too early."

Some critiques are more logistical.

"The timing didn't make sense. For example, too many classes were squished into one day," reported Sky Heller, a CRLS freshman and graduate of the Cambridge Street Upper School.

However, the innovation agenda was well-in-

tentioned and is not without support.

Emily Gray, one of CRLS' representatives to the school committee and a Kennedy-Longfellow graduate was not as critical, "in general, the first year of the new system resulted in

inal proposal, a transition to an upper school system was needed both to remedy a situation that provided students with unequal experiences depending on which school they attended and also to enhance the middle grades' academic rigor.

Mr. Adkins-Sharif, Head of the Vassal Lane Upper School, is looking positively into the future.

"We can learn from the successes, trials, and mis-steps of the first year, and put more energy into a focus on instruction for Year 2."

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mixed reviews, but this is to be expected. Everyone involved is strongly committed to improvement."

According to a Cambridge Chronicle article that reported on Superintendent Jeff Young's orig-

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to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers".

For the states who have adopted the Common Core, there will be consistent English and mathematics requirements for each grade. Math teacher Mr. Benson commented that he believed, "It is a good idea to have national standards that give students the same basic opportunities".

At the beginning of this school year, Massachusetts English and math educators will be adhering to the Common Core. This change has affected high school classes to varying degrees depending on how different the Core was from what was taught previously.

As part of the Common Core, the MCAS test will eventually be replaced by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (also known as the PARCC) exam. The PARCC is an effort of 18 states that will be taken entirely online. "If we have to have a statewide test, one that is standard throughout most of the country is good," commented sophomore Lily Keats.

The public has expressed both negative and positive opinions towards the Common Core. Senior William Feeney expresses his opinion about whether he thinks it is a good



Economics teacher Mr. Kells watches over a group discussing its city-planning project. Photo Credit: Larry Aaronson

idea by saying, "In short, yes and no. Yes, because realistically with such a huge nation, we need clear, shared standards to make sure that everyone stays on the same level. No, because I'm betting this leads to more standardized testing, which I'm in no way in favor of, even though it's a necessary evil".

"It is a good idea to have national standards that give students the same basic opportunities."

Enhanced Senior Year teacher Ms. Fitzgerald furthered this by saying, "Communities, educators, parents and students all need to surface the issues of educational inequities and work toward alleviating them. Thinking about standards and assessments are just a part of the equation".

Next spring will mark the beginning of a PARCC prototype, with the goal that for the 2014-15 school year students in grades 3 through 11 will take the PARCC exam.

A Promising Discovery: The Future of Nuclear Energy

By
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The quickly depleting sources of energy are becoming more and more apparent everyday. According to the US energy information administration, the United States consumes over 18 million barrels of oil a day, at 42 gallons a barrel that’s over 750 million gallons.

The UN Climate Change report was issued in late September, and it places the majority of the blame for rising global temperatures on human releases of carbon dioxide (CO2) into the atmosphere. Burning oil for fuel creates quite a bit of CO2, and will have a devastating effect on the environment if continued at this pace.

From reading the above words one might find his or herself certain that all is lost for humanity and the comfortable way we live.

However, the startup company TerraPower has begun a project to produce the first nuclear waste reactor. This would in theory use nuclear waste as its own renewable energy source and refrain

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from releasing CO2 into the air.

The majority of nuclear waste is not used once it is created. Only approximately 1% of nuclear waste can and is being utilized to create energy. With this reactor, almost all nuclear waste could be utilized once created.

The idea is to take uranium 238, the product that makes up 99% of nuclear waste, and place it into a large column in the ground beneath a reactor. The waste would then essentially burn like a candle through the column, providing a reliable and sustainable source

of fuel for quite a while.

This process should eliminate the dangerous act of refueling nuclear reactors. A large part of what makes nuclear reactors unstable is their need to be refueled, and their energy intake and output depends on the fuel that a human puts in the reactor. This reactor

would give a fuel source that needs to be replaced less often as well as one that is provided in a medium that can be used evenly and at a constant pace.

Unfortunately, there is still a downside to this reactor. Uranium is still being used as energy, and a by-

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product is radiation around the reactor; because of this, the reactor would need to be isolated from densely populated areas. However, radiation in a controlled area is

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much safer for the planet than the absurd amount of CO2 being released into our environment.

Radiation can be very detrimental to nearly everything, but it is a better alternative to the constant release of co2 that humans live with today. A nuclear reactor can be separated from society, and isolated from most life; whereas co2 blankets the entire world and is only getting worse the more the

population increases. Using nuclear waste reactors would be a good step forward towards saving our planet, and ourselves.

This innovation should not only be something to look forward to, but something to build off of. From environmental clubs to the global challenge, CRLS students are getting involved in saving our planet. This future project shows the fruit of those labors, and should provide motivation to uphold the commitment

How the Eurozone Has Failed to Keep Its Promises to the World

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The European Union is a club consisting of twenty-eight countries in the European continent, seventeen of which who have adopted the a single currency, the Euro.

Adoption of the currency Euro let countries such as Greece, Spain, Italy, Portugal and Ireland enjoy its benefits – but to the degree of bankruptcy. With Recession hitting the Eurozone in late 2009, and it has done well to get out as of the recession, which happened as recently as August 2013.

The 0.3% growth might have been a big relief to the Eurozone, but has the Eurozoneit lived up to its expectations of a good, friendly, debt ridden, united Europe?

The Euro has not been able to live up to its hype. It has disappointed many people and has made Europe less united. The Euro has been a disappointment for a lot of countries in the Union.

It has not done as well as the Euro could economically. Since the formation of the Euro, countries in the EU have had the

option of joining the Eurozone. Countries such as Spain, Greece, Italy, Portugal, and Ireland chose to join the EU and the Eurozonemade that choice.

With the new currency in place, the governments like Greece decided to go on a spending spree. The government of Greece could not manage the amount that they spent. The decision proved to be very costly as the countries started to accumulate large amounts of debt. They eventually had to ask their fellow European members and the IMF to free them of their debts through bailouts.

The mighty German economy was the only economy fit enough to even assist a country under such heavy debt like Greece, but even nowthen the Greek economy remains at an all-time low. It does not help when some people in Greece hit out at the Germans by calling them Nazis because they have not rescued Greece from the recession.

Nor does it help the Germans when their own money is being spent to aid fellow EU and

Eurozone members without any acknowledgement, without even being felt credited by the people they are helping.

The EU wants to promote European unity, but when countries do not support each other why should the other country help them and especially support the idea of who will support it European unity?

Ironically, the very idea of unity throughout Europe is destroying alliances between countries. Being united and lending money to a neighboring country is breaking those alliances.

This does not mean that there will be a war, but the idea of unity that the EU has implemented will be will start to get damaged because of opposing views.

The Eurozone might be recovering, but countries such as Greece are as bad as ever. Greece still needs bailouts from their fellow Europeans and the IMF. The Greek finance minister, Yannis Stournaras, said that Greece will not need another bailout immediately after conceding that Greece will need another bailout.

However, the IMF estimat-

ed that Greece would need another 11 billion Euros in 2014/15.

This recession might not rise again until for another few decades, but that does not hide the fact that many families were absolutely destroyed. The unemployment rate in the Eurozone is 12.2% and has remained steady at that rate, and it’s even higher in Spain and Greece.

This again does not hide the fact that unemployment in Greece and Spain are 27.6% and 26.83% respectively. With unemployment, it brings the population under the poverty line in Greece to 31% and in Spain to 26.4%.Spain to 26.4% and Greece to 31%.

These facts are a cause for concern in countries like Greece and Spain and this will take a very long time for the Eurozone to fix especially as they have to still help the other debt stricken countries.

The Eurozone has done well for the German economy, but what about the others? It has left them to spend more than they could manage. Even the Germans have to help out their fellow Euro members, which does not help their economy.

Eurozone is on the rise, but it will not be on the rise until everyone does not rise together. The Euro is a good idea, which has not been implemented properly.

The Rise of the Cronut

Dominique Ansel's Glazed Claim to Fame

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Bizarre modern day food combinations are a trendy feature of human culture. Fruit hybrids such as the Tayberry (a blackberry combined with a raspberry), and the Pluot (a plum combined with an apricot) are just two examples of edible crossbreeds.

In May of 2013, a new hybrid food was concocted - but this one is a baked good.

The Cronut, created by French chef Dominique Ansel, combines the flakiness of a croissant roll with a classic doughnut hole, forming a truly unique pastry.

Ansel began his culinary training in Paris at just sixteen years old. After serving in the military for a short period of time, Ansel began his culinary career at Fauchon, a bakery in Paris, where he worked for seven years opening shops worldwide.

The aspiring chef then moved to the USA and began his job as Executive Pastry Chef at Daniel in New York City. During his six years at Daniel, Ansel was nominated for a "James Beard Award," finishing as a finalist as an "Outstanding Pastry Chef."

Today, Ansel is ranked among the top ten pastry chefs in the United States, and owns the Dominique Ansel Bakery in SoHo New York. It was there that the Cronut was born.

But what exactly is a Cronut? The croissant doughnut crossbreed is made from what one would

typically expect to be included in a pastry: butter, flower, eggs, milk, salt, sugar, and yeast. However, according to the bakery's official website, it took two months and ten recipes to land the perfect combination.

To achieve the flaky croissant effect, laminated dough is fried. Then, to give the pastry its doughnut-esque characteristics, the dough is rolled in sugar, filled with cream, and glazed. The entire process takes three days to ensure perfection.

According to an interview with Ansel published on eater.com, the inspiration for the treat came solely from a need to switch up the bakery's menu.

"I thought that taking a twist on a doughnut with a croissant would be fun" said Ansel. "Everything we do at the bakery, we try to be innovative, we try to create a lot of new things."

Reactions from CRLS students are critical. "I don't know how I feel about light, airy bread with a denser and richer donut," commented Charlotte Eccles, sophomore and aspiring pastry chef. Federico Roitman, CRLS senior and food skeptic, feels similarly, arguing that "doughnuts are good on their own, so why change them?"

However, residents of SoHo and New York tourists feel differently. Cronuts have begun a local food craze. According to Ansel, the bakery sells all of the 200 prepared Cronuts daily, and even turns people away. "I've seen people crying," claimed Ansel in his interview. "But I want to keep the quality very consistent. So quality over quantity."



A fresh cronut.
Photo Credit: dominiqueansel.com



One of Cambridge's new favorite pastimes? Photo Credit: crafterall.wordpress.com

DIY Culture Experiences Surge

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Through the streets of Cambridge and surrounding towns, trees are preparing for the cold winter by sporting colorful knitwear. The cuteness factor of an ordinary walk around the block has skyrocketed, as the results of Do It Yourself or DIY projects blossom. From home decor to garden art, from food canning to homemade jewelry, Cantabrigians are becoming Martha Stewart clones.

Margaret Ryan, a Somerville resident and artist, spends her Sunday afternoons knitting sweaters on trees. She constantly collects scraps of fun materials to incorporate into her unusual woolly creations. "I work in many different media but my new favorite is something I began last year for the first time, says Ryan.

In describing what appeals to her about this new fad, Ryan declares, "When winter comes I like to be surrounded by warmth and color. This project cozifies my whole neighborhood."

Others prefer to create smaller and more personal items. Sophomore Jesse Simmons has utilized a common household item as

her favored medium, saying, "I once made my mom fuzzy slippers with duct tape." Eliza Klein, a junior, gifts her friends with homemade bracelets while Charlotte Eccles crafts a variety of items including decorating t-shirts with stencils and iron on images. "I love being able to say I made it when someone's like, 'OMG, where's that from?'" says Eccles.

However, not all CRLS students are as dexterous as these crafters. Senior Federico Roitman admits "I am clumsy with my hands. Legos were a challenge as a kid, and from that moment I knew working with my hands was not in my best interest".

The recession of 2008 gave rise to creative money-saving habits and occupations. True to form, capitalism has adapted with an explosion of DIY kits, websites, apps, magazines and books to help people feel as though they are saving money and in many cases, they are. The-Do-It Yourself movement is a return to a particularly American brand of self-sufficiency which originated during periods when citizens were less affluent.

For too long, crafts have been misrepresented as time-wasters, but today they are useful and available for all.

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ALL THE WAYPLAY

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wright, Robert Schenkkan, visited the classes for a question and answer session.

The play follows LBJ's first term, from the assassination of JFK to his re-election. Playwright Robert Schenkkan calls this "accidental presidency" a "hinge point in American history," he explains, "it shows the birth of contemporary American politics. It shows the rise of the modern Republican Party, and how the Democratic Party lost the support of the south."

On October 11th, CRLS students got the opportunity to learn more about the making of *All the Way*. Brandon J. Dirden, who plays Martin Luther King, says that he learned that "the political process is messy, confusing and painful."

Although *All the Way* has finished its run at the A.R.T., expect to see it on Broadway sometime in the future. During one of the Q&A sessions, playwright Robert Schenkkan hinted at a possible sequel involving LBJ's controversial "Great Society" program.



CRLS drama students pose for a picture outside of the A.R.T. Photo Credit: Larry Aaronson

THE 20/20 EXPERIENCE - 2 OF 2

The Return of Justin Timberlake, Round 2

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With a total of six Grammy awards, fourteen Moonmen, and the success of three solo albums; Justin Timberlake is back at it again with the release of his newest album, The 20/20 Experience – 2 of 2.

The sound and feel of the album compared to the first experience has certainly

changed. The first experience was different from Timberlake’s

previous albums because it featured Sinatra influences and a classical affection while focusing on slow string orchestras and a hint of soul music. Perfect for the spring season.

In part two, Timberlake trades his elegance for an edgier sound resembling the music from his previous albums of, Justified and FutureSex/LoveSounds. He’s bringing it back to his upbeat pop music, with soul music and R&B influences. Timberlake’s also successfully introducing us to country aspirations with the track “Drink You Away” and rock

aspirations with the track “Only When I Walk Away.”

But with all of these new sounds in his new album, it’s hard to say that they all complement each other. For example, you have your classic Justin Timberlake song “TKO”, with a great intro, catchy hooks, and resemblance to FutureSex/LoveSounds. And then you have a more country aspired song with acoustics, “Drink You Away”. They’re both great songs that don’t lack

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creativity in any way, however, they also doesn’t seem to work together or fit under the same umbrella.

The structure has been a clear focus, and one of the strongest elements in both parts. Timberlake plays around with the structure of the songs throughout the whole album. A great example would be the song “True Blood,” which starts off with the bridge before working its way to the pre-hook and hook, all while changing it up throughout the song. The song finishes with a strong three-minute outro. Most of his songs have been played around with, creating different moods.

The album features great outros on most of the songs, which changes the sound and the feel to the music. A perfect example would be the song “Amnesia;” the song is a great reflection of the first part, of classical influences and elegance. It then jumps into pop before ending it softly with a great two-minute outro. Most of Timberlake’s songs are done this way, giving it more of a creative outlook.

Jay-Z makes yet another appearance on Timberlake’s latest track “Murder,” a song very different from their previous collaboration on the more soul-influenced “Suit and Tie.” Rap guest Drake swings by as well on the pop track “Cabaret.”

Both collaborations, although good, are not much different from one another. From the structure of the song to the

feel of the music, the two songs are very much similar. The songs itself don’t lack creativity; however, as the only two rap collaborations in the album, they should be different from one another. This is the only low point in the whole album.

For years, Timberlake has been defining pop music, setting the stage for many upcoming artists, and following in his footsteps.



The album cover to Justin Timberlake’s latest project.

Photo Credit: celebuzz.com

Justified and FutureSex/LoveSounds had defined a whole new era of pop music. With the release of his new albums, he has to redefine pop music - but will he be able to accomplish a new era in pop music, with a more mature sound and a focused outlook on his music?

Because his fan base has evolved and grown with

music. But in some cases, it seems as though he is trying too hard, and sometimes goes overboard. You see that with the song “Not a Bad Thing”. It starts out as a classic pop song, hits a 20 second pause, and then dives right into a new song, all under the same title. It’s another clear example of overdoing it with all the

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collective interludes, and languid ballads. Although it sounds beautiful, it can sometimes be too much for a song.

With his latest, Justin Timberlake shows yet again that the President of Pop never fails. All of the pieces on his new album don’t lack for creativity; he introduces us to elaborate sounds, and provides a great feel for pop music.

THE CUD LIFE TOUR

Kid Cudi and Friends are Thrilling, Brilliant on Their Nationwide Kick

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On September 27th, *The Cud Life Tour* made its way to Boston’s Bank of America Pavilion, where Cleveland rapper Kid Cudi delivered an exhilarating performance along with his opening acts, Tyler, The Creator and Logic.

The least known of the three, Logic, started the night off. Although he was being held to high standards, the Maryland rapper did not fail to get the fans excited for the main events. The outstanding highlight of Logic’s set was when he dropped an instrumental and proceeded to belt out an impressive freestyle, conjuring images of Kendrick Lamar.

The intermission following Logic’s performance was dreadfully long. However, it only made Tyler, The Creator fans more excited to see his performance. Tyler opened his set thunderously, diving right into his material. After his first song, he declared his dislike for the seats

in the Pavilion, and told everybody to crowd up into the front rows of the venue.

Pandemonium ensued as the crowd obliged, pushing and shoving to get to the front row. Cudi himself was forced to make an early appearance, telling everybody to go back to their seats.

After that ordeal was settled, Tyler returned to finish his set. He performed three more songs, including the now infamous “Yonkers,” rattling the Pavilion with bass. Tyler brought ridiculous energy to the Pavilion, and it was only fitting that he got shut down for the second time in Boston.

Following Tyler’s performance was another lingering intermission, while stagehands configured Cudi’s elaborate set.

When the lights finally dimmed and the curtain opened, it revealed a massive mountain, straight from outer space. The wobbling bass of “The Resurrection of Scott Mescudi” immediately signaled for fans to jump out of their seats and scream for Cudi, who obliged by emerging from the mountain slowly.

Cudi is a natural performer, and it seems as if he is as comfortable on the stage as he would be in his own living room. Sticking with

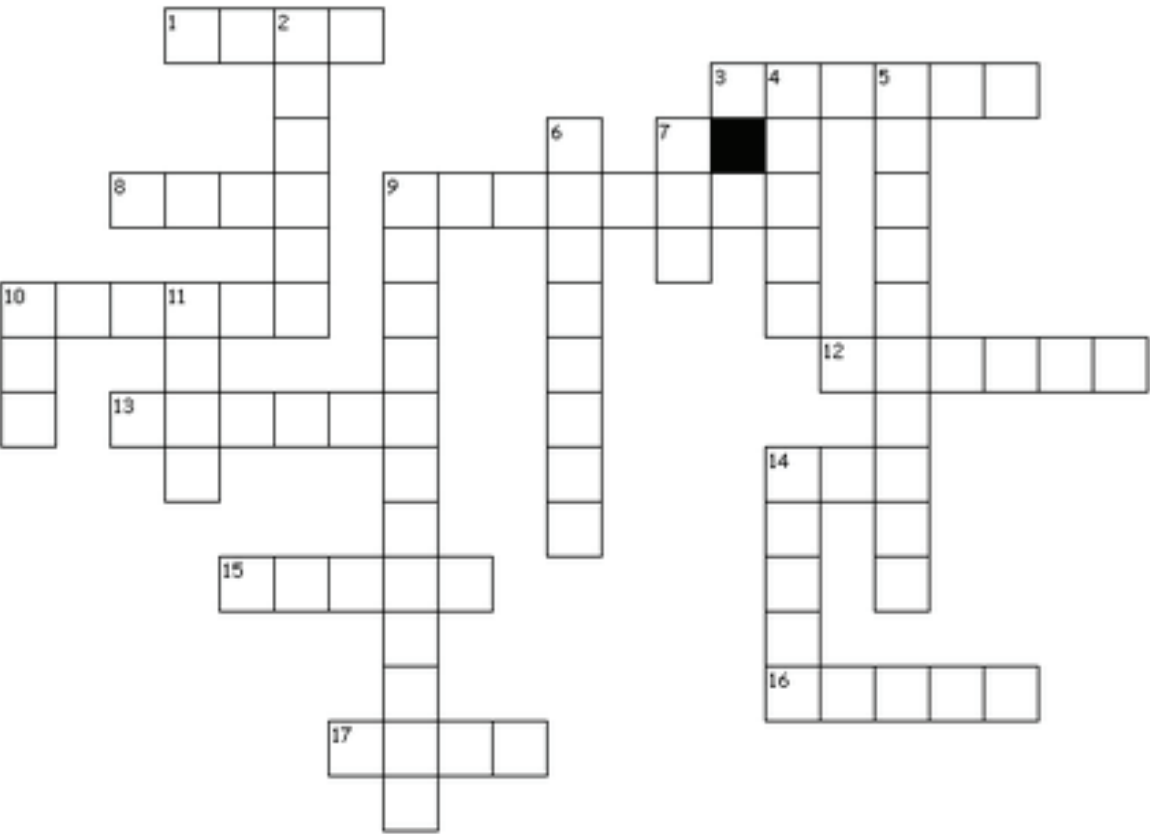
the outer space theme, his outfit was a custom space suit, with various flashing lights and dials. Cudi’s eccentric outfit was a perfect fit for his equally unique set list.

The old classics such as “Erase Me” blended marvelously with the ominous synths and atmospheric vibes of Cudi’s new album, *Indicud*. Although the mix of sounds was appealing, it was clear that the older classics were much preferred by the Boston crowd. Cudi delivered an exciting and unpredictable performance, even bringing out rapper King Chip (formerly known as Chip Tha Ripper) to join him in “Ask About Me”. After a long set, Cudi closed the night with “Pursuit of Happiness (Steve Aoki Remix)”, a pounding electro remix of his classic hit that

got the whole audience jumping to the beat. Ultimately, Kid Cudi did not disappoint. His performance was unique and atmospheric, and it was especially interesting to hear the evolution of Cudi’s music live. Cudi has clearly changed as a musician and a performer since his first albums. Although he’s tended to stray away from his older work in his recent songs, he hasn’t abandoned the original style that brought him his fame.

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Falcon Crossword



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- 1. The Closer
- 3. Unaffected by Innovation Agenda
- 8. Growing by 300%
- 9. Red Sox Playoffs
- 10. Pride Day
- 12. Nations Where Malala Spoke
- 13. “Hurry up with my [darn] crois-sants”
- 14. Authority is Gained with
- 15. The Creator
- 16. Opening Act
- 17. Shoutout to Ms.

Down

- 2. “Sexy Back”
- 4. Last Egyptian Leader
- 5. Budgets are Tiring
- 6. 49% Prefer _____ Gun Control
- 7. October 29th
- 9. 1-2 Minute Recaps
- 10. 12.7 Million Watching
- 11. Common
- 14. Creator of Cronut

AUTUMN
BY EMILY CHAN



Girls Volleyball Bumping, Setting, and Spiking to Victory



Sophomore Yuleska Ramirez rises up above the net in a recent game against Malden. Below: the girls volleyball team poses for a team photo. Photo Credit: Larry Aaronson

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The CRLS girls varsity volleyball team is taking fall athletics by storm, posting an 11-4 record to start off the season. Coming off a solid season last year, this year’s volleyball squad look to overrun their competition in the GBL and leave their mark in the state tournament.

With a handful of returning veterans coming back to play this season, the bar was set high for this team. “Coming into this season, I expected to see a strong, hardworking and successful team,” said junior Sophie Martin. She

continued, “We have eight seniors this year, the majority of which are fourth year players.” After starting the season a little bumpy, the Falcons went on a tear, winning nine straight. The key to such success? “There are many factors to our success. We have great communication, trust, skills, and a great coach who pushes us for greatness,” said senior Meron Woldemariam.

As the team looks to continue their strong play as of late, they also work to improve as much as they can. Woldemariam continued, “But one thing I believe we could work on is fighting for every single point. We have had a successful season so far. But if we keep fighting for every point,

we could win all our games 3-0 instead of going more than 3 games.” As this is the last year of the Greater Boston League, the Falcons look to put up a strong showing in their next few games to win their very last GBL title. Senior Neha Bagga had this to say about the remainder of their schedule: “We are striving to win our final three games and win the GBLs as we do every year”. On October 19th, the Falcons hosted the

“Cambridge easily takes the GBL every year...We’re the leaders of this league.”

GBL tournament. Coming into the tournament with first place under their belt and a first round bye, the Falcons were ready to take down their competition.

“Cambridge easily takes the GBL every year. Since our head coach, Kelley Leary, got her job eight or nine years ago, we’ve only lost the GBL once,” Martin said. “We’re the leaders of this league.” And indeed, the defending champions secured yet another title, not dropping a single set against Malden and Medford en route to a season worthy of the ones that came before.



Boston Strong: The Story of the 2013 Red Sox

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October is a time of many great things: Halloween, fall foliage, new TV shows, and fantasy football being just a handful. But there’s nothing that beats the Major League Baseball playoffs. And what’s a better place for baseball than Boston, the home of the Red Sox?

October, better known as Soxtober, has been home for 2 World Series rings in the past decade. For 86 years, the Sox did not win a World Series, but in 2004 their fortune changed. After a heartbreaking 69-93 record last year, many people had very low expectations for the 2013 season. Management was a big issue for the Red Sox. After losing the beloved

Terry Francona in 2011, the Red Sox were in need of the right manager. Bobby Valentine was not the man for the job in 2012, as many believe that he played a huge role in the Red Sox’s demise. Former pitching coach John Farrell brought in the experience they were looking for.

A team that was crafted of heart, more than any other type of skill. Many

table when well-respected closers Joel Hanrahan (Plan A) and Andrew Bailey (Plan B), were forced to sit out due to injury. But when the Sox really needed someone, Koji Uehara stepped up to the mound. With a high-80s four seam fastball and a dominant splitter, nobody knows why this man is so good. But truthfully, who cares? Posting a 1.09 ERA for the 2013 season, he is one of, if not the, best closers in the whole league. At one point, he set down thirty-seven straight batters and threw twenty-five scoreless innings, which is not something seen very often.

Although every player on the Red Sox roster contributed to the team’s success, one man really stood out. Fan favorite David Ortiz recorded yet another 30 home run-100 RBI



David Ortiz addresses Fenway Park in an emotional April pre-game ceremony after the Boston Marathon bombings. Photo Credit: boston.com

season, bringing his grand total to seven and tying him with Ted Williams for the most seasons with those statistics in Red Sox history. The Red Sox finished the season at 97-65, tied for the best record in the whole league. After finishing twenty-six games behind first place in the AL East last year while being tied for the sixth worst record in the league, the team was called a joke and an embarrassment. If anyone, even the

players on the team, had been told that the Red Sox would have the best record in the AL in 2013, they would have thought of it as absurd. From the worst to the best, this team has seen it all, with a league-leading eleven walk off wins. This group is lovable from the players to the staff, and whether they win the World Series or not, they will have proved to many people that Boston can never be counted out.

CRLS Victorious at Homecoming 2013

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Most of Rindge’s student body came out on the night of October 18th to support the varsity football team in their homecoming game against Medford. By kickoff at 7 pm, the cold bleachers of Russell Field were full of enthusiastic CRLS fans sporting their all-black attire.

The fans were not only out to support the football team, but also the nominees for homecoming king, queen, prince, and princess. Most students had already noticed the signs and placards paraded across the hallway bulletin boards advertising different candidates for the different places in the court.

The homecoming elections tend to stir up a lot of excitement and school spirit. As homecoming prince nominee and sophomore Yonathan Alemayehu put it, “The elections really bring the school together;



Senior RB Shaquille Andersom zips past the 10 yard line on his way to a touchdown. Below (left to right): Cheerleaders skyrocket their support; the homecoming court poses with Freddy the Falcon; the crowd gets rowdy for the surging Rindge team. Photo Credit: Larry Aaronson

everyone is campaigning and having fun.”

While the homecoming nominees waited nervously for halftime, when the winners were to be announced, the football players put forth everything they had.

Medford showed early in the game that they were no match for CRLS. After scoring the first touchdown,

they were quickly robbed of any momentum as CRLS pushed towards what would be a large lead by halftime.

“The elections really bring the school together; everyone is campaigning and having fun.”

As minute after minute ticked away, cheers ripped through the throngs of CRLS supporters.

Halftime came and the honourable members of student government made their way into the middle of the field along with the nominees. After a short ceremony, the winners were announced: Clyde Valentin was crowned king alongside Jordan Poindexter as queen, while Eric Smith-Sokol was prince and Alexandra Rodriguez was

princess. Valentin was all smiles leaving the pitch. He smiled even more broadly along when he said, “I want to thank all my fans and friends for helping me win this crown. This is by far one of the finest moments of my high school career.”

Poindexter was equally bubbly with excitement, thanking her sister and her friends for making the victory possible as well as confirming that winning was a marvellous experience.

The game came to a close with CRLS on top 34-20. The players left the field, preparing to celebrate such an important victory, and the fans left the stands feeling satisfied. Overall, it was a momentous day to be a CRLS student, with the school’s football team showing their class and the student body really coming together to show school pride. Following spirit week, CRLS students have to be rejuvenated and proud of their school.



Technology and Baseball’s 162-Game Rain Delay

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In 1986, over 36.5 million televisions tuned in to watch the Boston Red Sox battle the New York Mets in a thrilling seven-game World Series. Unfortunately, it has only been downhill from there.

Over the past several decades, ratings have plummeted as people appear to have lost interest in the game. According to *Baseball Almanac*, Major League Baseball hit rock bottom in 2012, when FOX only managed to capture the attention of 12.7 million fans a night during the World Series.

For a few brief years as television ratings rose and radio ratings fell, baseball seemed as if it would be okay. However, the recent years have shown that neither television nor radio, which helped baseball become America’s pastime, could create a fan who would watch or listen to every game.

Baseball has always had a legacy as America’s pastime, which is why the decline in popularity is rather surprising. When asked

about his viewership habits for baseball, sophomore Matthew Scarlett commented, “I used to watch all the time, but now the game is just too slow.”

A common complaint is the time commitment. With 162 games a season, or approximately 486 hours, people no longer have to patience to sit down and watch. “I used to follow the team closely, but recently I just haven’t had time,” said senior Ethan Brazo.

Junior Jackson Damon agreed with Brazo when he told a member of *The Register Forum* staff, “I used to watch the Red Sox all the time; however, I recently have started to only watch what’s on *SportsCenter* because it is so much less time.” With the creation of shows like *SportsCenter*, people rely on one-to-two minute recaps of a game to get their information instead of tuning in live.

Another factor that has had an impact on baseball is the decline in radio. As the radio grew in popularity and became accessible to all

Americans, baseball grew with it. The radio allowed information to be spread faster than ever before and became heavily intertwined with sports. The radio allowed listeners to hear the ball game, whether they were at work or in the privacy of their own homes. The problem with this is that people don’t listen to the radio anymore.

While junior Emily Hays said, “I would definitely listen to a game rather than watch it on TV,” she would be hard pressed to find somebody who agreed with her.

In a poll that asked a male and female student in every grade at Rindge whether they preferred to watch baseball on TV or listen on the radio, Hays was the only student who actually preferred radio.

In an age where technology has become so prevalent in everyone’s life, baseball has started to suffer. Radio helped baseball become America’s favorite pastime, and now as the radio loses popularity, so does the game that rose with it.

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