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The annual Head of the Charles, which takes place on the Charles River, was established in 1965 and attracts thousands of competitors annually.

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CRLS Cautious About Ebola's Danger

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The first patient diagnosed with the Ebola virus on American soil died in a Dallas hospital on October 8th. The man in question had arrived from Liberia nearly two weeks earlier, and was transported to an intensive care unit once symptoms developed.

Officials declined to give much information on his treatment or how he caught the disease, but did cite their feelings that it is unlikely this will stem into a larger epidemic. However, the efficacy of the virus in travelling into this country, despite the increased security around airports in affected regions, makes many individuals affiliated with CRLS uneasy.

The current strain of Ebola, whose first reported case stems back to last December, and has been officially an epidemic since March, causes a strong fever and heavy internal bleed-

ing, but these symptoms only develop a few days after exposure. This leaves ample time for West African travellers to inadvertently bring the virus from abroad via flight, before realizing their affliction.

"I think that developed countries have not been investing enough into protecting themselves" says CRLS Epidemiology teacher Barbara Dorritie. and perhaps those who fear the threat of a larger outbreak do so reasonably. The

Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia has reported the virus' mortality rate to be roughly 50%. While this can be improved by medical treatment and

care, the risk is far from being completely eliminated.

The CDC has also reported that, if left unchecked, the disease could affect a maximum of 1.4 million people by the start of next year, and that number would only skyrocket if the US became an affected area. Despite this, some

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The Troubling Side of Halloween's Culture

By
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Halloween is the one day of the year where anyone can dress up and pretend to be whoever they want for one night, but when is it overstepping the limit?

A controversial issue that has surfaced in contemporary society, but has not surfaced to CRLS, is whether Native American costumes are offensive. For years, students have come to school dressed in their costumes on Halloweens and a few students have dressed up as the stereotypical image of a Native American. Costumes are supposed to be fun and people can dress up like anything -- from Spider-Man to Beetlejuice to a pumpkin.

Why are Native American costumes considered to be inappropriate? According to Shelly Lowe, the Executive Director of the

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The new student-written fight song will make its debut at next month's pep rally. But why was it made?

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By
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RF: How did you become interested in working with Illustrator and Photoshop?

Young: I first got involved with creating digital art in college. I was a painting major at the Rhode Island School of Design but one day, out of procrastination, I decided to try out this app I had found on my computer, called Photoshop. I fell in love with the program and I have been making art on my computer ever since. Both of my parents were teachers who loved to use

In The Spotlight: Ms. Young

Roller Derby, Photoshop, and Non-Verbal Education

technology in their lessons, so they were always borrowing new technology from the school and bringing it home. So, from a very young age, I learned to love technology, but it was not until college that I began to mix technology with art.

RF: What is your favorite thing about your job?

Young: I love showing students how to express themselves in non-verbal ways. I get to show interesting people how to make cool stuff. I also help people become more comfortable with computers, which is definitely a skill we need in this century. Some people believe that you either have the talents or you don't. But, I love seeing kids discover that they can learn how to create beautiful art mastering these computer programs. My favorite part about teaching is seeing a student do something that they did not think they would ever be able to do.

RF: What is the coolest project students have done in your class?

Young: My favorite project was the superhero/supervillain project. Students worked in pairs to create portraits of a superhero and supervillain team. These characters also had to embody the student in some way or another. Students designed and came up with this project idea all on their own, which I am very proud of.

RF: What do you do outside of school?

Young: I played competitive roller derby for about four years. I think that contact sports are very healthy and that there should be more opportunities for women to participate in contact sports. I also love to make costumes. I made a Captain Jack Sparrow costume last year, which I entered into the comic contest at Rhode Island Comicon, and now I am working on a costume of a character from the Hobbit.

New CRLS Improv Club Seeks Out Class Clowns

By
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Annemarie Ullman, director of last year's musical, Ragtime and Monica Murray, director of the highly esteemed musical, Hairspray, now bring you CRLS' brand new Improv Club.

The Improv Club meets on Thursdays before school at 7:00 a.m. in the Black Box Theater, which is in the basement of the Arts Building. Meetings began on October 9th. As an extra incentive, donuts are provided for a little morning treat.

What is improv or improvisation, in terms of dramatics? According to Viola Spolin, one of the founders of modern improv theatre, improvisation is "spontaneity [which] is the moment of personal freedom when we are faced with reality, and see it, explore it, and act accordingly." Or, as an anonymous CRLS freshman puts it, "It's basically just acting or doing something from the top of your head."

Even if you are not currently a part of the theatre department at CRLS, you can still get in on the action. Bee Zircher, a freshman at Cambridge Rindge and Latin, confesses, "I would love to be in theatre but I am not sure how to get in. I have never been involved in theatre before."

The Improv Club is the perfect way to get yourself involved. Just show up!

No acting experience? No problem. Club advisor Annemarie Ullman advises that, "students joining do not need ANY acting experience. Any and all [students] are welcome."

For those of you with acting experience, improv is a great way to shake off the summertime rust and stay on your toes for college auditions, monologue contests, or just to keep your head in the game.

Roxanna Higginson, a senior at CRLS and currently Morticia in the musical production of The Addams Family, shares that "[Improv] helps me as a performer because I have the ability to be in any situation and it's always interesting because we never know where the scene will take us."

The Improv Club is a great place to meet new people and to start your day off in a great environment. Whether you're there to brush up on your skills, develop some acting chops, or just have a great time, the Improv Club is the perfect fit for you.

Students Create New School Fight Song

By
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If you're anything like the average CRLS student, you probably did not know we have a school song but, we do. It's "On, Wisconsin," a common tune at school rallies nationwide, but because of its frequency at sporting events, it does not foster a sense of identity.

Sophomore band members Jacob Bowker and Liam Simons, with the help of CRLS' band director Nathan Powers, put Cambridge athletics themed lyrics to the song's stale melody, breathing new life into a storied tradition. They have been working on the anthem since mid-September.

Simons wanted to use his passion for music to

revitalize school pride. "The school has been playing the song for a while. Jacob and I thought that creating new lyrics would give the song a more communal feeling. It would become our song rather than a song."

In the words of Cambridge Public Schools'

"FORWARD FALCONS" BY LIAM SIMONS & JACOB BOWKER

Forward Falcons! Forward Falcons!
Go make Cambridge proud!
We'll be cheering from the stands;
We'll be cheering clear and loud!
(Go Falcons!)

Forward Falcons! Forward Falcons!
Soon as we begin,
We'll run it down the field/court.
We will win! GO!

Visual Performing Arts program director Elaine Koury, "I think it's fantastic that we are going to have a fight song that the whole

school can learn and sing at basketball games, football games- you name it." She added that she was "so glad that Jacob and Liam took it upon themselves; showing wonderful initiative."

No one is more enthusiastic about this endeavor than CRLS' new band director Nathan Powers, who worked closely with the lyricists. Speaking on behalf of the school's musical department, he said "The CRLS band is extremely excited to bring the song to the school's pep rally as well as to play it at the Thanksgiving day football game against Somerville!"

Hopefully these verses will mark the beginning of a long and familiar tradition at Rindge and Latin sporting events. The official new fight song will debut on Falcon Pride Day.



The authors of the song stand with Mr. Powers, who consulted on the tune.

Photo Credit: Diego Lasarte

Show Your Stripes!

Spirit Week Takes Over CRLS

By
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Get ready to show off your falcon pride because Spirit Week is here! The first Spirit week of this school year is the second to last week of October, and the CRLS community found many ways to represent their school logo, colors, and values.

Spirit week is one of the many traditions here at CRLS and every year the students and faculty certainly dress to impress. From jerseys, to sweatshirts, there is no shortage of pride and love for the school. However, don't be too overwhelmed if you don't have any school gear because there is an alternative... you can just wear some of the school colors! Black or silver is the way to go.

Every Spirit week is a new experience, so you can expect the unexpected. For the class of 2018, it is their time to join in on the madness. Freshman De'Adsha Cruceta says, "I know that Spirit week is supposed to be fun and I am pretty excited to be at Rindge this year." Spirit week is

"[Spirit Week] is community building. It brings us all together."

definitely something to look forward too.

Seniors have experienced this frenzy for a while now, and for some it is one of the most exciting times of the year. Senior Halima Vegamwala states, "I love the atmosphere and being able to represent your school and your class." Cynthia Major, also a senior, recognizes the importance of Spirit week to the school. She informs, "It's community building. It brings us all together and shows the lengths that people go to represent the school."

It's a time where the members of CRLS unite through every aspect of Rindge; that in-

cludes sports, class, faculty, and more. Junior Elyisa Correia agrees and says, "My favorite part about spirit week is seeing people in their school gear and taking pride in being a part of the CRLS family." This is the time for everyone to get involved. Yes, even teachers recognize the importance of Spirit week and what it means to the school.

Every year Spirit week raises its expectations, and this year looks to be no different. If you are a teacher, student, coach, dean, or any member of CRLS get ready to show your spirit for the first time this year, and remember that at the end of the day it is all about opportunity, diversity, and respect.



RF Correspondent Ben Austin showed pride in his roots on Where You're From Wednesday.

Photo Credit: Liam Greenwell

The Hip Hop Club's Inception

Hip-Hop music is undeniably a staple of Rindge culture. Whether through a portable speaker or blisteringly loud headphones, it is hard to walk a day in these halls without hearing the raps of Drake, Bobby Shmurda or Migos. Well, rap listeners rejoice. Formerly the Music Education club, the Hip-Hop Club is making a return to Rindge.

The club's goal is to provide

students with a space to write, listen and talk about all things hip-hop. Club founder and president Evan Harris (junior) said, "I created the Hip-Hop Club because I think that [hip-hop] represents a large portion of the student body, it would be crazy not to have one."

Want in? Come to Ms. Bannon's room (2405) on Wednesdays at 2:45 to join the discussion.



The Vocal Ensemble and Chorus performs on October, 14 in the auditorium.

Photo Credit: Desiree Campbell

CRLS RESPONDS:

What is your favorite Halloween memory?



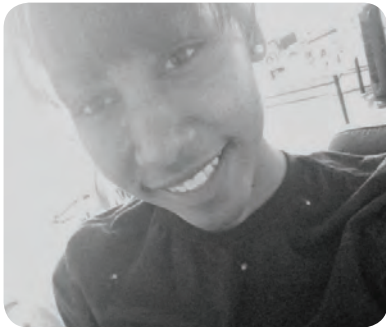
Ana Gonzalez
Class of '18
"I brought my friend from the Dominican Republic to her first Halloween ever."

Jonathan Dauphine
Class of '17
"My freshman year my friends and I egged houses!"



Gregorio Leon
Class of '16
"At my old school everyone would wear their costumes in the halls."

Cynthia Elacin
Class of '15
"Dressing up fully as a vampire out to trick or treat and truly feeling the spirit."



The History of Halloween

CRLS Students Learn the Little-Known Past of the Year’s Sweetest Holiday

By
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Most people see Halloween as a time to get candy and dress up in silly or scary costumes, but not many know the origin of the holiday. Where does this American custom come from? Why do we celebrate it?

Hallowe’en, All Hallow’s Eve, All Hallow’s Day, and Halloween are all names associated with Halloween. When asked, only 9 out of 29 people had somewhat of an idea of its history. CRLS senior Elsa Mark-Ng believes, “It was called Hallow’s Eve” -- not far from the truth.

The definition of the word “Hallow” is to “make holy” or “set apart for holy use.” All Hallow’s Eve (Hallowe’en) is celebrated on

October 30. All Saints’ Day (also known as All Hallow’s Day or Hallowmas) is a Catholic holiday to honor all saints.

Originally All Saints’ Day was celebrated on May 13 in 609 CE, but in 835 Pope Gregory IV switched it to November 1, the same day as the Celtic Holiday Samhain.

Samhain was the celebration that marked the end of the harvest season and the coming of winter. Celts believed this was time where the dead would cross over to our world. November 2, All Soul’s day, closely related to the Mexican holiday Día De los Muertos (Day of the Dead), was a holiday celebrating prayer for the dead.

Halloween was therefore named All Hallow’s Eve, for being the day before All Hallow’s Day.

Modern day Halloween isn’t much like that anymore; parents, teenagers, children, and those of



Depiction of British ducking for apples on Halloween.
Photo Credit: Wilson’s Almanac Book of Days

all ages participate by wearing costumes, having parties, passing out candy, and going trick-or-treating.

The controversial topic concerning whether Halloween is suitable for kids and teenagers constantly reoccurs. It was discovered different CRLS students have mixed feelings towards this topic. CRLS freshman Jon Fitzgerald II says, “Halloween is for anyone who wants to do it” while senior Kathe

McCormick-Evans believes, “It’s not appropriate [for teens] to trick-or-treat, but dressing up is okay.” Comparatively, underclassmen generally felt that Halloween is for everyone while upperclassmen believed trick-or-treating is for kids.

This year Halloween is on Friday, October 31. As a tradition at CRLS, many students and teachers will be dressed up for the annual costume contest during lunch.

Model UN Club Gains Additional Advisor

By
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The CRLS Model United Nations club is getting an additional advisor this year, Mr. Racki, who will share responsibilities with history teacher and current advisor Mr. Kells.

This is Mr. Racki’s first year teaching history and social studies at CRLS. Asked why he decided to be a co-advisor this year, he responded that he had “heard good things” about the club and was excited about the content.

This year, the club is planning to visit two Model UN conferences, as in years



Club members can visit the UN as part of the NHSMUN conference.
Photo Credit: United Nations

past: the Harvard Model UN conference (HMUN), which takes place in downtown Boston in late January, and the National High School Model UN conference (NHSMUN), in midtown Manhattan in early March.

Both conferences attract around 3000 high schoolers from around the world and are an opportu-

nity for club members to put in action what they have learned, while practicing diplomatic strategies. At each conference, the student delegates represent the views of one specific country and attempt to resolve difficult real-world issues.

If you want to learn more, meetings take place in room 2320 on Friday mornings at 7:30.

China Care Raises Money and Awareness for Orphans in China

By
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Members of the newfound CRLS China Care Club strive to raise money for special need orphans in China by raising awareness and holding frequent fundraisers. The club’s goals include hoping to attend local events pertaining to the China Care Foundation and holding frequent fundraisers.

China Care Club was established by juniors Sam Stubbs and Milo De Jong at the end of last year whereas the national China Care Foundation was created in 2000 by sixteen-year-old Matt Dalio, who eventually attended Harvard University.

Stubbs, lover of the Chinese culture, and De Jong, who has a sister adopted from China, travelled to Beijing over the summer for two weeks to provide hands-on help to the Foundation.

If you’re interested in helping the cause then stop by Mr. Haverty’s room, 3120, where the club meets every other Wednesday at 7:30!

OFFENSIVE COSTUMES

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Native American Program at Harvard University, “costumes are offensive because the pieces that [some] costumes include, the feathers and the headdresses, are given to Native Americans on special occasions and are sacred to Native American culture.” She strongly believes it’s inappropriate to flaunt the sacred pieces as if there is no significant meaning.

Most of the costumes contain a fringe dress, feather headdress, and other accessories like beaded belts, headbands, and necklaces. According to the National Congress of American Indians, there are 562 federally recognized

American Indian Nations in the United States. All tribes are culturally different when it comes to clothing and traditions.

Halloween is a culture of it’s own and CRLS recognizes it every year, but is there boundaries of this celebrated culture? Freshman, Emma Andrews believes so. Emma believes “Wearing Native American costumes are disrespectful no matter the holiday or event. Cultural outfits should not be Halloween costumes.”

CRLS interprets Halloween as a day to be whoever you want to be. Senior Marquis Taylor says, “Everyone just randomly dresses up as anything they want on Halloween.”

Mystikal Scalzi, a junior at CRLS states, “Some people may be interested in the Native

American culture and want to express their love for it by dressing as a Native American and there is nothing wrong with that.”

Recently, there has been controversy over the NFL’s Washington Redskins and whether or not their team name and mascot is offensive to indigenous people. In recent years, Native American costumes have become more of a controversial issue that has just begun to surface.

When asked why society has not given much thought to the controversy, sophomore Emmanuella Fedé stated, “Others might think it’s okay because the stereotype is there and usually it’s hard to break from a stereotype. Especially when that’s what you’ve lived life knowing.”

Preserving the Balance

By
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The Israel and Palestine conflict has gone on for almost six decades, an estimated twenty thousand people on both sides, have lost their lives since its inception on both sides, and hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced as a result of the conflict.

It is time for the citizens and politicians of United States and the world to stop offering blind and unrestrained support for either Palestine and Israel, and instead support both the Israeli and Palestinian people. It is the right of the Israeli people to live in peace, without fear, without the threat of missiles raining down on their homes, and in an internationally recognized state. However, the Palestinian people have those same rights making it necessary to support neither

Palestine or Israel as an individual, but rather to support peace.

Death is death, missiles are missiles. Israel has contributed to the continuation of the conflict. Palestine has contributed to the continuation of the conflict. Meanwhile people have died, homes and buildings have been destroyed, and people have been forced to flee. Human suffering is human suffering, and it must

The biased support for either side must end, and any support should be focused on ending the conflict.

Many, including Chris McGreal of the reputable British newspaper *The Guardian*, have shown concern at the American media bias in favor of Israel. This and any bias, including favoring Palestine, must be erased if there is ever to be a peaceful resolution to the Israel-Palestine conflict.

Instead of alienating either side it is necessary for the American people to understand both the situation of Israel and that of Palestine. Both peoples simply want a state where they can live without fear, and both have the right to establish such a state. To say that either side is without blame is ridiculous; in order to peaceful solution, the unyielding and biased support must come to an end and both sides must make concessions.

Human suffering is human suffering, and it must end no matter who it was started by.

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Many politicians have claimed that it is the right of Israel to defend itself, to protect the well being of their people, even if it means sending rockets and destroying homes in Gaza and killing civilians. However when Hamas responds with identical attacks they are called “acts of terror”.

US History is Not Solely the History of the US

By
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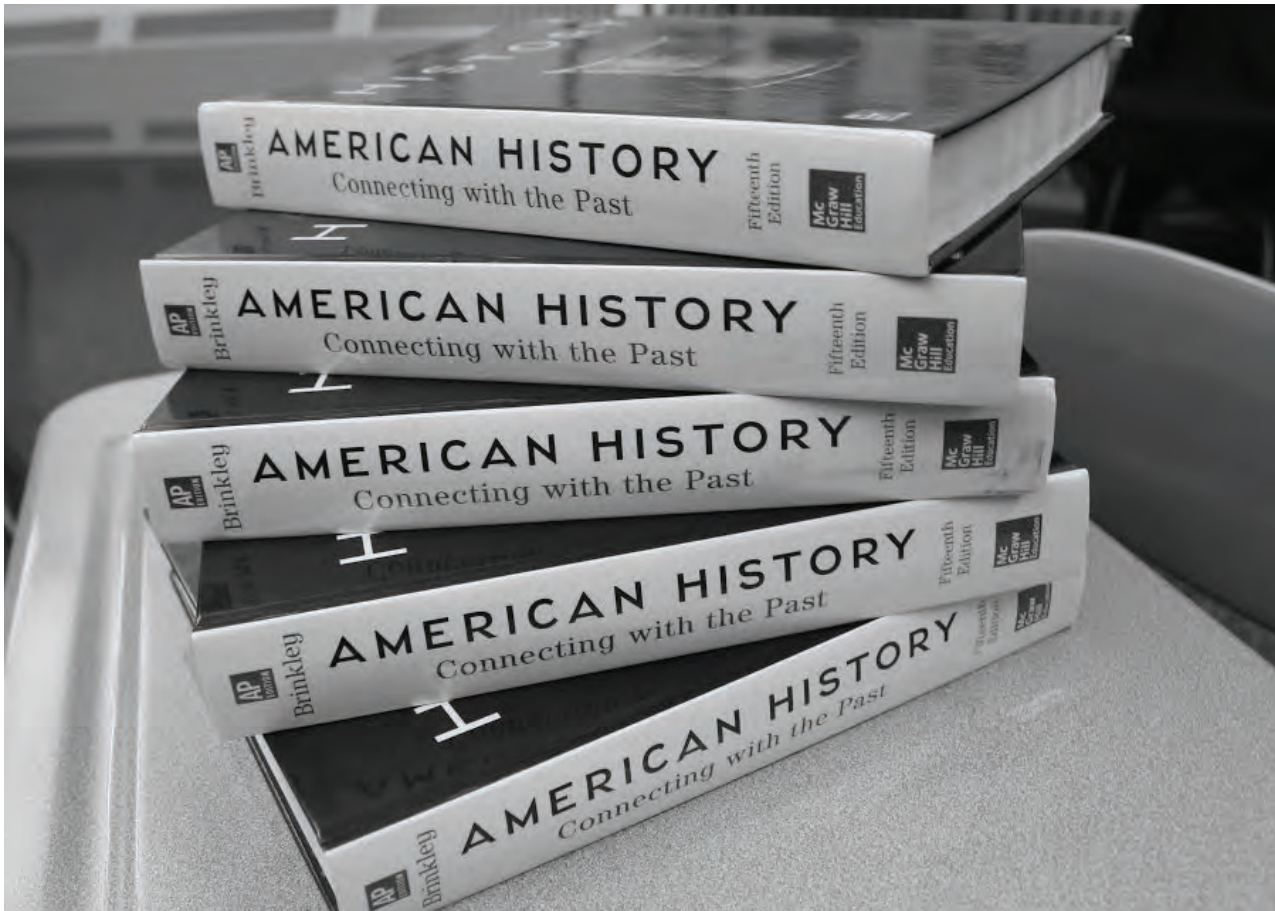
This fall, the College Board revealed a new AP US History (APUSH) curriculum, causing an uproar from Jefferson County, Colorado’s patriotic school board and in turn from students who have left school in protest of the school board’s decision to forego the curriculum. The protests bring up a long-disputed controversy: how should US history be taught in public schools - and who should decide?

The College Board has immense power, because of its power to regulate AP course curriculums, to decide what thousands of high school students learn about. Since history is such a vast topic -- and inherently interpretive -- it is difficult to create an unbiased curriculum.

This revision of the curriculum began in 2007, and was greatly affected by the ideals of Thomas Bender, a historian from NYU who advocates for “internationalizing” US History. He argues that the old curriculum emphasized American Exceptionalism, and by doing so, it made students unable to see themselves as citizens of the world. By teaching American History from an international standpoint, students would have a more complete knowledge of the United States, and would be able to empathize better with people of different cultures.

[The old curriculum] made students unable to see themselves as citizens of the world.

The negative response to the new curriculum, which was first released in 2011, was immense. In the words of Stanley Kurtz, a writer for the National Review,



APUSH classes at CRLS generally embrace worldliness and a wider viewpoint on the world.

Photo Credit: Tomek Maciak

“The old U.S. history forged a shared national identity [and the new curriculum does not].”

Insofar that national unity is important, Mr. Kurtz is right -- looking at US History from an international viewpoint could lessen a sense of American pride and rapport.

I don’t understand, however, how placing ourselves as Americans in the greater scheme of the world could have any negative effect -- or

why it’s unpatriotic. Is patriotism thinking that your country is the best in the world, has no problems, and has done nothing wrong? In that case, patriotism is simply a belief in false, one-sided ideas.

What patriotism should be is seeing how we, as a country, have done wrong, and how we can improve ourselves. It may not be right that the College Board gets to say what we learn, but in this respect, at least their curriculum might lead to some awareness.

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Despite Opposition, Catalan Decides to Hold Vote

By
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Catalan officials have announced their intention to proceed with a non-binding vote next month on the independence of the Catalan region from Spain as decreed by the region's top official, despite fierce opposition within the Spanish government.

Artur Mas, the regional leader of Catalonia, signed a decree for a referendum in late September which was to determine whether Catalonia, a region within Spain, would become independent; Spain's constitutional court stopped that referendum, declaring it illegal.

Mas has since canceled the referendum but has said that an unofficial vote will still take place,



Catalanians show their support for the independence movement by protesting in the streets of Barcelona.

Photo Credit: AlJazeera America

much to the objection of the Madrid-based Spanish government, which claims that such a vote must be conducted within all of Spain, not a single region.

CRLS senior Rose C-W believes all of Spain should participate in the vote, stating, "the secession of Catalonia will impact the

entirety of Spain, and as of right now there seems to be no pressing moral issue that would dictate an immediate secession." Polls show that an estimated 60% of Catalans want the region to be an independent state.

CRLS junior Kabir Singh declares, "If a majority of people in a region

feel truly oppressed by an overarching authority then [an independence vote] is a just attempt to gain sovereignty."

Much of the region's drive for independence stems from its peoples distinct culture and society. Furthermore, about 3 million in the region speak

Catalan, a distinct language from Spanish.

Sophomore Micah Wilson worries, however, about effects of secession: "It seems economically that [secession] would negatively affect both the Catalans and Spain, [because of] the tourism revenue that may have helped the Spanish economy."

The Catalan region is the most indebted region in Spain and owes an estimated 42 billion euros to the EU. Additionally, according to the European Commission, the region ranked as one of the worst in terms of government corruption.

Senior Beau Rideout summarized, "Secessionists will have to ask themselves if their lives will be better or worse in a potential new state, and if that's a risk they are willing to take."

Protests for Democracy: Hong Kong's Recent Civil Disobidience Discussed

By
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Starting in late September, a mass movement, dubbed Occupy Central or the "Umbrella Revolution," emerged in Hong Kong. The core of this movement has been composed of young people and students whose goal is to achieve democracy which they argue China has denied them.

England, in 1997, gave Hong Kong back to China under an agreement. China has since applied the principle "one country, two systems." Hong Kong, although part of China, is allowed its own governance enabling Hong Kong to have free elections.

However, China announced in late August that the elections in 2017 for the city's chief executive, which is Hong Kong's top leader, would be vetted, meaning that candidates must be approved by China.

This serious curtailment of their democracy greatly angered many citizens whose disdain towards China has been festering for almost two decades. This has particularly been the case for young adults and teenagers who have spent most of their lives under Chinese rule.

In late September, protests comprised of students from two groups, the Hong Kong Federation of Students and Scholarism, set up blockades in the Admiralty District. This section of Hong Kong is where many of the most important government institutions are located.

On September 28 a campaign was officially launched known as Occupy Central With Love and Peace, organized by university professor Benny Tai.

Joshua Wong, a student leader voiced the movements wishes on his Facebook page, "For the protests to remain peaceful, that demonstrators would maintain the willpower to continue fighting for their cause, and that Beijing would revoke its strict electoral reform package, giving Hong Kong genuine universal suffrage."

On October 1, the young leaders and the members of their groups were staging a peaceful protest when police brutally used pepper spray and batons to disperse them. In response, the student protesters brought umbrellas as defense against the spray, which led to the name Umbrella Revolution. The police brutality stimulated a much more widespread awareness of the demonstrations. Citizens of Hong Kong ranging in age and profession joined the students, swelling the ranks of the protesters to over 100,000.

In response China has filtered social media and slandered the movement. A newspaper, Wen Wei Po, accused the movement of "being a puppet to American ideology."

Another aspect of the movement is the major online presence. Junior Alexis Rabkin notes that, "Protesting and demonstrating is especially important since most of how we learn and share ideas about issues is online through platforms."

Two of the key leaders of the movement, 24-year-old graduate student Alex Chow and Wong, also have a major online presence.

Wong also started the group Scholarism in 2012 to fight a plan proposed by the Hong Kong government that would implement patriotic propaganda into curriculum.

Adrienne Ashe, a sophomore, declared, "It's really inspiring to see students in the forefront of such a massive and important protest."

EBOLA OUTBREAK

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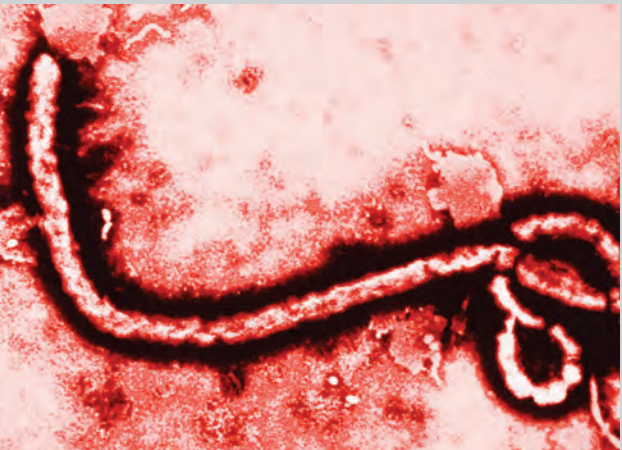
CRLS students, like junior Andrea Smith, have gone on record saying that "while it's definitely concerning, it doesn't affect me so I don't really feel threatened."

That being said, some CRLS students aren't worried in the slightest. Despite being the largest outbreak of the disease in history, many medical professionals and employees of the CDC believe that a significant outbreak in the US is impossible, leading students like CRLS senior Chisaku McVey to have doubts about our government's prioritization process.

"I don't think there is any reason to be afraid of [Ebola]," McVey claims, "particularly with the situation in the Middle East, I think there are other things that our efforts and troops could help more."

Regardless of the merit of US intervention, new cases are being reported daily primarily in places like Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone, and while unlikely, the probability of an outbreak closer to home is non zero.

The Department of Defense, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the National Institute of Health have all put funding towards developing treatment options, and have high hopes for eradicating the disease before it reaches its potential. For more, keep tabs on the Massachusetts DOH at www.mass.gov/dph.



The microscopic Ebola virus has caused thousands of deaths.

Photo Credit: Huffington Post

The Company That Beat Amazon and eBay

China's Alibaba Group Announces Biggest IPO in History

By
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On September 19th, the Chinese e-commerce company Alibaba announced the biggest IPO in the history of Wall Street, raking in \$25 billion. Prior to the IPO, the company was valued at \$68 per share, but after its first day public, the stock skyrocketed to \$93, an increase of over 30%.

Usually, companies announce their "Initial Public Offering," better known as an IPO, because they plan to increase their operations and need to attract more investors to the company. Thanks to the capital raised from this announcement, China-based Alibaba has the potential to grow its markets worldwide. Reacting to the IPO, Lamisa Jahan, a freshman, says, "I do not know what an IPO is and I have never heard of this company before but I want to know more about the company's operations and why it is so successful."

Alibaba, which was founded in China by Jack Ma, is leading the e-commerce industry, outperforming both Amazon and eBay combined. However, prior to its IPO, Alibaba was a relatively unknown entity abroad. According to The Guardian, a recent US poll found that 88% of respondents had not heard of the company.

However, the IPO of the Alibaba Group was of great interest to many CRLS economics students due to the possibility of earning a lot of profit from buying its stocks. When asked about the recent attention focused on Alibaba, Daniel Roth, a senior economics student, comments that the attention is "well-deserved because the company serves as a direct competitor to giant American companies like Amazon."

Alibaba's success can be traced to Chi-



Alibaba's CEO, Jonathan Lu, shows his support for the company's record-breaking success.

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na's enormous population, which boasts around 600 million internet users. Because of this, Alibaba completes more trades per day and has greater sales than any other e-commerce company.

According to the Wall Street Journal, Alibaba's predicted sales for 2014 are estimated at \$420 billion, significantly greater than the \$90 billion sales of Amazon and eBay combined. Reacting to this fact, Roth asks, "I'm curious whether or not Alibaba's success in America will pave the way for other Chinese companies to come to American markets."

Additionally, Mr. Brendan Kells, an economics teacher at CRLS, points out, "To investors, they don't just see Alibaba as a profitable

company, but its potential to tap into the consumer market in China as an enormous asset." Alibaba's IPO highlights the rising importance of Chinese markets. Because of China's huge population, Chinese businesses cater to an incredibly large market share, thus increasing their net worth.

However, not everyone is buying into the Alibaba hype. Kells observes that, "[Alibaba]

"Alibaba completes more trades per day and has greater sales than any other e-commerce company."

definitely deserves attention, but I also think it is trading at an artificially high price right now. I don't think they currently have the rev-

enue to justify their stock price, but the stock market doesn't always react in rational or predictable ways."

Supreme Court Refuses to Rule on Same-Sex Marriage

By
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On Monday, October 7, the Supreme Court issued a surprise decision to not hear cases arguing the constitutionality of same-sex marriage this term. The governments of five states, in which lower courts have struck down gay marriage bans, were appealing said decisions to the high court.

Paving the way for unions to begin in Virginia, Utah, Oklahoma, Indiana, and Wisconsin, the court's decision lets stand rulings by the lower courts; instead of getting clearly involved, the high court refused to issue a long-awaited sweeping decision which could have affected all fifty states. However, now over half of the states in the US recognize same-sex marriage with this move.

Although she supported the outcome of the decision, junior Joanna Elder thinks that it didn't go far enough. "The courts should take control and put [same-sex marriage] in place for every state...because [marriage] should be a [universal right]."

Some on both sides of the issue seem to agree that the court should take a more active stance and issue a nationwide verdict: recently, outspoken opponent of same-sex marriage Tony Perkins called the choice to not hear the states' appeals a "back alley maneuver."

This month's move was the latest in a long string of victories for same-sex marriage advocates, who last summer won a Supreme Court case declaring DOMA (the Defense of Marriage Act) unconstitutional. That case allowed same-sex couples to receive



A flag is waved in front of the Supreme Court supporting gay rights.

Photo Credit: The Week

federal benefits and other rights previously afforded only to straight couples.

Senior Seamus Donaldson acknowledges that "some laws should be dealt with state-by-state." However, he claims, "this is just not one of them."

Sophomore Aiden Malenfant, however, believes there could be adverse outcomes to such an all-encompassing verdict: "[The US] is a very diverse

place as you move across the different states. Each [state] has different...beliefs about different situations. While some would accept [a sweeping decision] easily, some would be outraged, causing some kind of riots or mobs to break out."

Since the decision was not a formal ruling based on a lawsuit, and was simply a choice made as to which lawsuits to discuss, the court did not explain its

reasoning behind the move. Of the 10,000 cases which the Supreme Court is asked to hear every year, oral arguments are only presented in around 80. In the rest, the lower court decisions stand.

As of now, this decision only affects the five states whose appeals were being considered by the court; fourteen other states have had lower courts declare their bans unconstitutional, but are pending appeal. Only seventeen states' same-sex marriage bans remain completely intact after this month's decision -- the fewest number since the first ban was enacted.

Donaldson spoke to this trend, concluding, "Ten years down the line no one is going to think anything of [same-sex marriage] because it will become something that is normal and that everyone is [accustomed] to."

The Secret Service’s Lack of Service

By
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On October 1st, Julia Pierson, who has been head of the Secret Service for the past 18 months, “stepped down” from office amongst much recent controversy.

Pierson’s leadership was called into question -- again -- after a scandal on September 19th. On that day, Omar J. Gonzalez, from Texas, jumped over a fence at White House and ran through the front doors to the East Room before finally being tackled by an off-duty guard on his way out of the building.

Senior Younathan Alemaheyu voices his concern: “When I imagine the Secret Service, I think of well-trained and fully capable agents... This does question the legitimacy and effectiveness of the Secret Service.”

Secret Service spokesman Ed Donovan initially reported that Gonzalez had not gotten as far into the White House as he actually did, calling into question the reliability of their reports. They also originally claimed he was unarmed, although apparently, he had a knife.

Facts like these prompted the Washington Post to publish a story with the title: “Julia Pierson puts the ‘secret’ in Secret Service.”

Many senators and representatives have asked for her to step down or be fired, even on social media. Senator Lindsey Graham of South

“If the most powerful person in the country can be that easily threatened, it makes me wonder how safe every other average person in the world is.”

Carolina even tweeted: “I appreciate the Director’s service, but it’s time for new leadership at the agency...Now is not the time for our enemies to believe we cannot protect our nation’s Commander in Chief.”

Freshman Ana González vocalizes an even more uncomfortable truth: “If the most powerful person in the country can be that easily threatened, it makes me wonder how safe every

other average person in the world is.”

Unfortunately, The Secret Service has had a bad reputation for much longer than just the past 18

months. In 2011, shots were fired into the White House through a window, and it took four days for anyone to notice. It was only discovered when a housekeeper found the broken glass.



Secret Service Director Julia Pierson speaks at a Congressional Hearing on Capitol Hill.

Photo Credit: Reuters

Additionally, in 2012, at the 6th Summit of the Americas, hosted in Cartagena, Colombia, multiple Secret Service guards brought prostitutes to their hotel prior to the arrival of President Obama. And earlier this year in Amsterdam, three agents charged with keeping watch over the President got drunk on-duty and were sent home for, according to Ed Donovan, “disciplinary reasons.”

Junior Ross Baker has a genius solution: “I think that Obama should just fire the current Secret Service and hire some Cambridge policemen!” Sophomore Nico Livón-Navarro has a similar reaction: “Mr. Smith is better protected than Obama.”

We can only hope that the Secret Service will get its act together under interim director Joseph Clancy, the retired former head of the Presidential Protection Division.

Educators, Students at Center of Colorado APUSH Protests

By
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Starting the week of September 22nd, more than a thousand high-school students in the Jefferson County school district, near Denver have staged walk-outs to protest the school board’s proposal to avoid material about “civil disorder, social strife, or disregard of the law” in AP U.S. History classes and to instead “promote patriotic material, respect for authority, and the free-market system.” Four high schools in the same district were forced to close schools for one day on account of an organized teacher “sick – out.”

The Colorado school board is reacting to the College Board’s recent redesigning of the AP U.S. History course and exam.

Starting in Spring 2015, the number of multiple-choice questions will be reduced and short-answer



Colorado students protest proposed changes to the AP US History curriculum.

Photo Credit: Associated Press

questions will be added, in an attempt to better assess “thematic understandings and the use of historical thinking skills.” Multiple-choice questions will ask students to apply their content

memorize facts.

Until this year, the College Board, the organization that administers and creates AP courses, had

“We can’t just make history more beautiful because it sounds better that way.”

knowledge in order to interpret historical evidence, rather than force students to

published a list of suggested topics APUSH teachers should cover. Now, the cur-

riculum outlines specific concepts that must be covered. For example, a class is learning about Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal.

Before the changes, a teacher would try to teach about every program of the New Deal, which, could lead to an encyclopedic approach.

But, in the new, revamped course, students would focus deeply on just a handful of New Deal programs. The College Board claims this gives students more time to look at different interpretations of events.

Conservative school-boards across the country, including the Jefferson County School board, argue that the new curriculum portrays the U.S. in a negative light. But, students nationwide claim that this school board is trying to censor their education.

CRLS Senior Yoonjin Seo thinks that “it’s right for the students to protest because history should not be distorted or romanticized because of a group’s political beliefs. We can’t just make history more beautiful because it sounds better that way.”

The College Board has since responded by saying that if a district censors parts of the AP curriculum, the course can no longer be designated as “AP.”

Facilitating Dissent

How Social Media Has Made the Umbrella Revolution International

By
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Social media has played a vital role in recent protests, such as the Arab Spring, the Ferguson protests, and most recently those in Hong Kong. The people of Hong Kong, primarily students, have been peacefully protesting since late September in hopes that they will be able to vote democratically in the 2017 Chief Executive Election.

Social media is proving to be quite powerful in these protests, because it makes images and information about the protests available for the world to see and makes organization and execution of the protests and more effective. China censors all posts on social media to make sure that its citizens aren't sharing anything negative about the People's Republic of China.

As a result of the of the protests, China has completely shut down Instagram in the mainland because of the pictures posted of Chinese police firing 87 rounds of tear gas in Hong Kong at protestors (send-

ing 165 people to the hospital). Although Instagram has been blocked recently, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube were blocked even before the protests because China holds censorship in such high regard.

"I think by showing many of the images of the crowded streets and outraged people, they spread the magnitude of the event to show how critical this election is for Hong Kong," said junior Raina Williams.

Through all the turmoil and commotion, a symbol of the protests has taken social media by storm: the Umbrella Man.

The Umbrella Man is someone walking through tear gas holding up an umbrella with a surgical mask on. The image has become a symbol

throughout the protests and the protests themselves have come to be known as the Umbrella Revolution or the Umbrella Movement.

The power of social media was put on display by news of police brutality against peaceful protestors spread much quicker than it



Protesters wave their smartphones in the air as a signal of defiance against the government.

Photo Credit: Getty Images

would have otherwise.

Freshman James Kubicek stated on the power of the internet and social media, "It's a quick and easy way to communicate with people on a large scale."

Hong Kong was also the site of another

mass communication and social media, the Hong Kong protests have been very organized. The protestors have effectively blocked major highways, and been occupying the streets for weeks. Facebook, Twitter and other social media outlets may be blocked, but that hasn't stopped

any of the communication. Many of the protestors downloaded FireChat -- an application that uses Bluetooth to communicate and not the internet--- making it near impossible for the Chinese government to

block it.

"If people truly care about what they're protesting, they'll do whatever it takes to organize it," stated junior Gabriel Lubbock, "regardless of the censorship."

Protesters recently blocked off major roads with strong barricades, and the Hong Kong police used sledgehammers and chainsaws to break through them. With these roads reopened, Hong Kong government buildings and the financial centre can once again operate.

However, this revolution is still going strong and doesn't seem like it's going to end anytime soon.

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protest, with the same motive, in 2003. This protest wasn't as internationally recognized because social media hadn't yet taken off to the level of mass communication that it is today.

With the availability of

Curiosity Taught the Cat

Study Reveals How Curiosity Improves Learning and Memory

By
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Recently, on October 2, 2014, researchers at University of California at Davis conducted a study which tested the effect of curiosity on the ability to absorb and retain new information, according to the online journal Neuron.

Presumably, people learn better in a topic that is interesting to oneself, but the study reveals an improvement in general learning as well. Freshman Abbott Gifford agrees, stating, "Information that challenges what I thought to be true or comes as a surprise instantly makes me curious and more likely to remember."

Participants of the study were asked to rate

their curiosity level about trivia questions and answer them. An unrelated picture of a face was displayed for fourteen seconds until they received the answer to their question. Afterwards, when participants were asked the answers to the trivia which they had previously been given and asked to remember the faces, those who were curious proved to have had better memories overall.

Students from CRLS can relate through firsthand experience similar to this study. Junior Griffin Andres believes, "The class I'm doing the best in while getting the most out of for the long term is definitely Environmental Science because it's what inter-

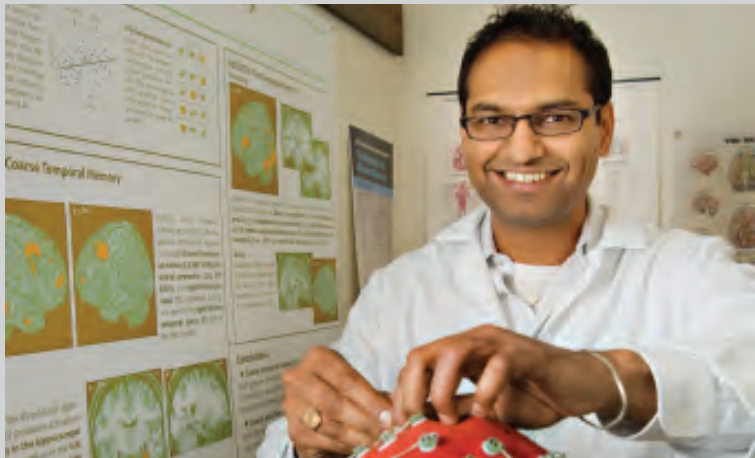
ests me and I can apply it to everyday life."

MRIs showed higher activity in the midbrain and nucleus accumbens in high-curiosity states, particularly in parts of the brain pertaining to motivation and the dopamine reward circuit. Results were also seen in the hippocampus, the part of the brain that creates new memories. This experiment was repeated 24 hours later,

"We focus far too much on just getting through material rather than really giving ourselves the time to fully comprehend it."

showing the same results.

These discoveries could potentially inspire new teaching methods. Senior Emily Vartikar relates,



Charan Ranganath, one of the study's authors, researches curiosity and brain function.
Photo Credit: UC Davis

"I think that the need to get good grades can often hinder learning. We focus far too much on just getting through material rather than really giving ourselves the time to fully comprehend it or question beyond the standard."

The study concludes that curiosity, essentially the intrinsic motivation, performs better overall when extrinsic motivation, the desire for external rewards such as wealth or praise, is

involved.

Sophomore Emily Larabee vouches, "I know I work harder when there is something tangible at the end. Long term goals, like college or a job, make me keep up a long term effort."

Charan Ranganath, study author and neuroscientist at UC Davis, intends to electrically shock certain parts of the brain to recreate artificial curiosity. Soon, researchers may focus on the new-found importance of curiosity to potentially create new medications.

Finding Neverland Dazzles at the A.R.T.

By
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Once again the American Repertory Theatre has produced a stunning show headed for the Broadway Stage: joining *Pippin*, *The Glass Menagerie* and *All the Way* is a new musical *Finding Neverland*. *Finding Neverland*, written by James Graham, Gary Barlow and Eliot Kennedy, directed by Diane Paulus and choreographed by Mia Micheals, opened this July and just recently closed on September 28th. Experiencing a stellar run, *Finding Neverland* sold out every performance.

The show is based on the true life story of James M. Barrie, author of Peter Pan, and his friendship with the mother and four sons of the Llewelyn-Davies family who inspired his writings. The show begins with Barrie under much pressure and stress from his boss Charles Frohman to write a new play after his most recent one failing, but with no idea what to write. He finds inspiration when he meets George, Jack, Michael, and Peter Llewelyn-Davies in the park and discovers the importance of thinking like a child and using one’s imagination. He begins to write his play about a boy we all know: one who could never grow up. The story of J.M. Barrie’s life in *Finding Neverland* is carefully and thoughtfully interwoven with motifs and aspects of Peter Pan itself, to further illustrate the



The cast of Finding Neverland puts on a captivating performance.

Photo Credit: WGBH

story and make it come alive.

The most impressive performance is that of eleven-year-old Aidan Gemme, who plays Peter. Even though he is so young he puts forth on stage a moving and encapsulating believable work of art, and has a singing voice so full of innocence that it brings the audience to tears.

The music, choreography, and set design of this show all work in tandem to make it truly magical, like the story of Peter Pan. The most moving song is a duet between Peter and James titled “When Your Feet Don’t Touch the Ground,” highlighting the contrast between them in how they deal with the things that make them sad, by facing them and by facing the other way.

Sophomore Wini Austin added, “The dance numbers were really impressive and it was fun

figuring out all the connections between Peter Pan and the story of the author’s life.”

The sets are incredibly transformative, such as in one scene where three doors, some poles, and a couple of mirrors work to form a merry-go-round. Each scene exhibits a new palette of bright colours -- at one point the stage even goes dark so all you see is stars. Junior Kendrick Bellan says, “I like the way they approached the story, and how they put great use into the environment and used it to its advantage. Every set piece was there for a reason, and used in many different ways.”

Even if you missed *Finding Neverland* in its debut here in Cambridge, you will be able to catch it on Broadway in Spring 2015. This fantastic show is expected to take the Tony awards by storm.

“Arts In The Bridge” Club Revs Up for a New Year

By
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Does taking advantage of the abundance of art festivals, museums, and performances in Cambridge and Boston appeal to you? The new club, Arts in the Bridge, offers this and more. The club enables students to immerse themselves in the numerous opportunities that are offered. It brings attention to interesting events, and provides free or reduced tickets. If your schedule is all booked up, have no worries, there are no mandatory meetings. If an event being offered by the club appeals to you, your only job is to go and enjoy it!

Last year, the club was able to attend Witness Uganda, a moving musical put on by the renowned American Repertory Theater, the Urban Nutcracker, a performance that combined different styles of dance into the well known Nutcracker, and a performance by Din and Tonics, a Harvard acapella group, all through reduced-price or free tickets.

Cam Lindsay, the club’s founder and leader, urges students to get involved, saying, “Events that are usually considered ‘uncool’ or ‘boring’ can turn into the new thing to do on a night out on the town!” If you’re interested join the clubs Facebook page or contact Cam.



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ARTIST OF THE MONTH
Casey McKinney



The cast has raved about his excellent talent and genuine kindness.

Photo Credit: Casey McKinney

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Casey McKinney has been an avid member of the drama department ever since he was a freshman at CRLS in 2011. McKinney is a renowned singer and actor around the school, and has been ever since he got the lead role in *Hairspray: The Musical* when he was cast as Link Larkin.

McKinney has been in *Hairspray*, *Urinetown*, *Ragtime*, and has also landed the lead role in this year’s musical: *The Addam’s Family*.

According to the Fall Musical director, and beloved acting teacher Mr. Cramp, Casey McKinney is the perfect recipient for this award. The nomination of Casey McKinney was a result of several VPA (Visual and Performing Arts) department teachers and staff mem-

bers coming to agreement. Among every student in the VPA department, Casey McKinney stands out amongst the rest not just for his superb singing and acting ability, but for his unparalleled dedication, energy, and focus, which makes him a role model for all high school actors, according to junior Kabir Singh.

“Casey is fantastic at helping people, ... and making them love what they are doing,” said senior Robbie Kelley,

“which is one of the reasons that he is an overall wonderful person to work with.”

Nothing but positivity has come from The Addam’s Family cast about their very own Casey McKinney which makes him a perfect recipient for this award. The cast has raved about his excellent talent and his genuine kindness, and is excited to put on the play soon.

“He is an overall wonderful person to work with.”

CRLS Introduces New PE Athletics Class

By
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This school year, the CRLS Athletic Department has established a new, mandatory physical education class, PE Athletics, for its large student-athlete population.

For many years, the Athletic Department’s policy had simply been to hand out gym credit to any student who signed up for a school-sponsored sport. However, due to increasing concerns over the actual student attendance at sport-related events, CRLS set about creating a new class, designed to track the participation of approximately 462 student athletes.

With regards to the class itself, all student-athletes will be issued an attendance form every two weeks, which they are expected to have their coaches sign at each sports-related event. After the season’s close, if the student has attended 90% of the team functions, practices or games, over the course of the season, that student will pass the class.

Some students, such as CRLS senior Rachel Ruwe support the new policy on the grounds of equity. Ruwe voiced her view that, “If this sport we do is meant to count as PE credit, which is still a class, a student shouldn’t be allowed to just coast through a sport and still get credit while some other student has to actually work in a normal PE class. It makes sense for fairness’ sake.”

Chris Aufiero, the Cambridge Public Schools Coordinator of Health & Physical Education and one of the champions of this change, echoes Ruwe’s view on the matter. He argues

that the class, “is just a way for us to make sure that if we’re going to allow this practice, which is not allowed in many high schools ... we’re gonna make sure that the student athletes are actually earning the credits.”

As Aufiero notes, the opportunity for student athletes to not have to take an in-school gym class is very rare in Massachusetts. According to the Massachusetts Department of Education, students’ participation in sports, even school-sponsored ones, cannot technically be substituted for the mandatory gym classes that all Massachusetts high-schoolers must participate in. In creating PE Athletics, CRLS has found a way to both follow the DOE guidelines as well as reward its athletes with an extra period in their schedule.

However, many student-athletes are not entirely pleased with this new policy. Junior

Will MacArthur, a three-sport athlete, expressed his displeasure with the new policy, stating, “it creates unnecessary

obstacles to playing sports, and causes inconvenience for students and coaches.”

Furthermore, some students have voiced their concern over the actual implementation of the new class. Senior Rachael Harkavy supports the policy but believes certain changes need to be made, stating, “I think that the guidance counselors had to know more when they signed us up for the class and I think that the coaches need to be more aware and proactive about it.”

While certain student concerns are well-founded, the Athletic Department has been thorough in its attempts to communicate information to athletes. There was an informational meeting

about the class in mid-September and representatives from each fall Sports team met with Athletic Department officials about the subject. Ultimately, however, the onus falls on each athlete to take control of the situation.

Sports Check-in

Varsity Crew (boys)
Consistently getting 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in their races!

Varsity Crew (girls)
Above average success rate on the river.

Varsity Golf (co-ed): 2-13
Ended the season with a win over the GBL champs, Somerville.

Varsity Soccer (boys): 2-11-3
The team has had a hard time in the new league, but they’ve had some highlights to the season.

Varsity Soccer (girls): 5-6-3
The girls have a handful of wins and they look forward to future matches to continue the success.

Varsity Football: 0-6
They’ve also struggled in the new league, but they seem to be improving as the season has progressed.

Varsity Volleyball (girls): 5-8
The DCL switch has taken its toll on the team, but they sport a respectable record considering the new league’s competition.

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ATHLETE OF THE MONTH *Jeremy Astesano*



Photo Credit: Jeremy Astesano

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When asked to nominate one of his players for the Register Forum’s Athlete of the Month award, Joshua Bartholomew, an Assistant Coach for the Boys Varsity Soccer Team, had a simple response, “Asti.”

Senior Jeremy Astesano has been the starting varsity goalie for three years and is one of the team’s captains this season. Prior to injuring his hand against Acton-Boxboro on September 17, Astesano had only let in seven goals in five games, good for a 1.4 goals conceded per game average.

However, after suffering from the afore-mentioned injury on a brilliant save, Astesano refused to consign himself to the sideline until he healed. Due to Jeremy’s constant

pressuring to play in attack, Coach Phil Fousek eventually gave him the opportunity to play on offense and Astesano has rewarded Fousek with consistent hard work.

Simon Silvan-Recht, one of Jeremy’s teammates, states that Jeremy has, “taken on his new role as forward with an admirable tenacity.” His tenacity has paid off, with Jeremy leading the team in goals, having scored three in his four games.

Another key quality that Jeremy brings to the team is his intense leadership. Fellow captain, Manu Bonder, notes, “He always puts the team before himself and works with complete humility as he focuses on becoming better each day.”

Jeremy’s dedication, intensity, and leadership combine to make him the October Athlete of the Month. And, as Simon cheekily points out, “Plus he’s a handsome devil.”

“[Jeremy] always...works with complete humility.”

Leading the Pack: CRLS Boys Cross Country Team Sets Golden Standard With Undefeated Record

By
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The record is 4-0. 6-0 if you count the two statewide meets that they won with ease. At this rate, the CRLS Boys Cross Country team is on their way to their first state title since 1999.

Previously competing in the Greater Boston League, the boys are one of the only Rindge teams that have seemed to handle the Dual County League switch smoothly. With two 30 point wins -- one over Newton South (15-44), another against Westford (15-46) -- the boys seem to have encountered inferior competition in the new league.

Sophomore James Blanchard, however, thinks otherwise. "There is definitely a higher amount of quality runners and teams in the DCL, but that's a good thing because it challenges us."

The higher caliber of athleticism in the new league pressed the CRLS



The CRLS Boys Cross Country team celebrates their Ethiopian roots.

Photo Credit: Cameron Lane-Flehinger

team to raise the bar. Junior Cameron Lane-Flehinger attributes the team's success to sheer skill, but more importantly, dedication:

"Obviously having some very talented runners helps us, but I think that the commitment this year is as strong as it has ever been. A bunch of guys have even been going to the pool after practice

some days to get extra work in."

There's no doubt that the team has a fast top 5 runners. Sam Inger-

season to keep their flawless record. Most have been running since freshman year. However, some players argue that there are stronger

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roots to their success. "Our coach [Scott Cody] is always

pushing us to be the best that we can be," junior Danny Aschale remarks, "more than anything, he pressures

us to be great."

Speaking of pressure, there has got to be some stress in having the best record at CRLS. Junior Sam Stubbs attests to that stress: "There are definitely some pressures on us as an undefeated team. We are expected to keep the record clean. But more than anything, we put pressure on ourselves to run at the high standard that we have set."

Stubbs elaborated that half of the team has been swimming in the pool after practices merely to get a more effective workout.

The admirable level of dedication that the boys have exhibited could potentially propel them to the state championship.

CRLS alumni Michael Scarlett assessed the boys' prospects by saying, "I feel confident that the guys will do a lot of damage on the state and regional level. They have the most talent in Massachusetts as well as the best looking hair styles, and between that and their work ethic, they are close to unbeatable."

Why the Head of the Charles is Important to CRLS

By
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The CRLS boathouse is located down by the Eliot Bridge, and is part of the Cambridge Boat Club. In 1965, the Cambridge Boat Club and Harvard decided to host a 3 mile long "head piece" (regatta) heading down from the waters of Boston University. The competition stuck, and became the most viewed weekend regatta internationally, now holding a spectator count of about 300,000, a competitor count of 9,000, and a CRLS first-varsity boat count of 2.

Every year, CRLS gets at least one spot for the 1st Varsity to shine in this regatta. CRLS' spot in the high school men's "4" race this year was occupied by juniors Nate Dempsey, Colin Lee, Alex Shulman, and Zach Rothenberg. Now, after the race, new boats have been purchased, and the team is excited to continue to train for future races to come.

A common theme between new and old CRLS rowers is that they can't separate themselves from the team and the seven day rowing week. For this reason, National Honors Society secretary and two year rower Jonah Schwartz says that the "brotherhood" and "perfection" of the team is contagious.

Crew captain Alex Shulman exclaims that this atmosphere is present because CRLS students "give everything for the sake of their team, since their team's glory becomes their own."

International traveler and college junior Christopher Roderick, who was a CRLS rower for four years, a 2012 graduate, and a former competitor in the Head of the Charles, says that he still rows for good health. To Chris, the CRLS crew team had an atmosphere that always exemplified "dedication, friendship, and camaraderie."

A few weeks ago, the CRLS crew team went door-to-door and raised \$15,000 to pur-

chase new boathouse equipment for The Head of the Charles. Just this October, the team purchased a new men's four boat and a new women's four, which has cost the team somewhere between \$40,000 and \$60,000.

Second time participant in The Head of the Charles and team captain Nate Dempsey shows pride that the CRLS crew team is "a free public program [and] it's something special to beat high-priced private teams who have the odds stacked in their favor."

The Head of the Charles can not simply be summed up by the enjoyment that one gets from analyzing and speaking about the sport, and from indulging by the banks of the river. The Head of the Charles is sincerely popular -- particularly to CRLS rowers -- because of the unity and joined prowess of teams, who, literally and figuratively, row in the same boat. This year, the CRLS men's four boat ranked 41st out of 85 boats in the high school section; the women's four boat ranked 57th out of 84 boats.



Left and right: the Head of the Charles Regatta attracts over 300,000 spectators per year. Center: CRLS' male four boat team row during the regatta.

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