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Aloha to the Class of '18!

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Friday, September 12th was CRLS' annual Aloha Day. High energy and beach wear filled the school. Aloha Day was meant for seniors to receive free leis to pass down to freshmen as a means of welcoming them into their home for the next four years.

Along with the exchanging of leis, the annual door decorating competition also took place. Leading up to the event, teachers frantically strung up streamers and signs on their doors in hopes of winning an elaborate breakfast filled

with muffins, coffee cake, fruit, and more.

After considerable debate, this year's chosen homeroom winner was Ms. O'Reilly, who has also won the two previous years. Ms. O'Reilly continued to impress by having decorations popping off the doors and stretching across the hallway.

Sophomore Hugo Shutzberg said, "My homeroom didn't try as hard as some others but seeing the different decorations around the school was still entertaining, even if my homeroom didn't win."

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During Aloha Day, door decorations (and fun outfits) could be found everywhere.

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Boston Magazine Top School List: Why the CRLS No-Show?

By
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Boston Magazine compiles data about public schools in Greater Boston and creates an annual list used to compare and contrast them. CRLS, which was ranked #25 in 2011, fell to #88 in 2013, and is #103 this year.

The school rankings are based on student-teacher ratios, district per pupil expenditures, graduation rates, the percentage of students going onto 4-year colleges, and average scores on MCAS, SAT, and AP tests.

The rankings do not tell the whole story, however. Dover-Sherborn High School, which ranked #1 on this year's list, has a student-teacher ratio of 11.5:1, while CRLS has a student-teacher ratio of 9.4:1, even though CRLS has more than twice the number of students as Dover-Sherborn. CRLS also spends on average \$27,018 per student, whereas Dover-Sherborn spends only \$16,434.

Many CRLS students do not understand the falling ranking.

Carmen De Benedictis, a sophomore at CRLS, responds, "I think those statistics are really odd because we continue to send many students to Harvard and other prominent schools. In terms of academics I think we are on a pretty good track."

In September 2010, CRLS was featured on the magazine's "Honor Roll" for giving its students "unprecedented opportunities to excel" in the arts. According to the

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Back and Better Than Ever: Journalism 2 Revived By Dedicated Team of Students

By
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Thanks to a strong effort by editors, contributors, and readers of the *Register Forum*, CRLS' school newspaper, last June, and a willingness to listen displayed by the CRLS administration, Journalism 2 will be once again offered this year to CRLS students as a class.

Initially, because of a small enrollment, Journalism 2 was not scheduled to return this year. Last year, J2 had two students during semester one, and eight during semester two -- both below the recommended minimum of 10 for classes at CRLS.

However, a team of students wanted to ensure that it would return, because of the experiences they had

in the class and their memories of the newspaper itself. They were also confident that they could increase enrollment in the class by getting students excited about the paper.

"Journalism II, as anyone who's been in it can attest, is a special class," stated Sun-Ui Yum, last year's Editor-in-Chief who

"My time in [J2] taught me more about independence and organization and teamwork than the rest of my four years at CRLS combined."

spearheaded the restoration effort. "My time in that class taught me more about independence and organization and teamwork than the rest of my four years at CRLS combined."

One of last year's A&E editors, Andrés Bullock-Puckett, declared, "*The Register Forum*, for me, is

more than a school newspaper. It's a community -- an essential part of my identity at CRLS. Losing the paper would've been like losing a small part of myself; a part of my CRLS experience."

Many students also joined the effort because of the impact J2 has on the quality of the *Forum* itself. Journalism 2 provides class

time to a team of editors, and this class time has become invaluable to the creation of the newspaper each month: for example, total yearly page output has increased 206% since the inception of the class four years ago.

J2, moreover, hasn't simply increased the quantity of production, but the quality of the publication as well: Yum, using his own personal experience watching the paper grow, said that

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A Whole New World Class of 2018 Enters the Realm of High School

By
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Freshman year. Although many of us would rather erase it from our memories, we all faced the new challenges of high school at one time.

This year’s freshman class is bigger than ever. Breaking a CRLS record at 509, its population beats the Class of 2017 by 33. The first day of high school is an overflow of emotion for many. First, freshmen are greeted by the labyrinth hallways of Rindge, equipped with little but their schedules.

“It’s huge,” freshman James Kubicek described the school. “It’s pretty overwhelming and intimidating, but I feel like I’m getting used to it.”

This overwhelmed feeling is justified, and is unanimous among most freshman in their first few days. Freshman Thinley Shatsang felt similarly, stating, “The experience as a whole is new to me. It’s like going from 0 to 100 really quickly in a huge leap.”

It certainly is 0 to 100 in terms of the immense opportunity that Rindge has. CRLS boasts over 50 clubs, 31 sports teams, and an amazing selection of core classes and electives to cater to the entirety of the massively diverse student body.

“Our goal is to help freshmen smooth their transition to Rindge.”

Dedicated to helping steer freshman in the right direction, 150 upperclassmen spent eight hours of their summers in training to become mentors.

Ms. Lozada, coordinator of the mentoring program, summed up the objective of the program by saying, “Our goal is to help freshmen smooth their transition to Rindge, to help them navigate what it means to be a freshmen, and make the most of their CRLS experience.”

Ms. Lozada feels as if guidance from fellow students can be far more effective than a teacher’s advice. “Freshmen need to get the message from real life students who have had the same experience. To them, peers are much more

relatable than adults.” Plenty of upperclassman felt that they had sufficient words of wisdom, including junior Griffin Andres who said, “I wanted to do freshmen mentoring because I feel like I have a lot of advice to offer. I want to do my part in ensuring that the grades below us are comfortable and know how to succeed here.”

The combined forces of peer mentors, faculty, and curriculum are the motivation that freshman need to excel. The mentoring system shows the epitome of respect that CRLS students have for one another.

Ms. Lozada remarks, “I think kids mentor because they want to make everybody’s freshman year great.”



Freshmen, like these in Ms. Giacchino’s CM, seem excited to face the challenges of high school.

Photo Credit: Tomek Maciak

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the *Forum* before J2 was not nearly as impressive, and that the articles were often “ridden” with grammatical errors.

Yum summed up this sentiment by continuing, “J2 is the reason the RF has become an award-winning publication.” Two years ago, the *Forum* won third place in a competition run by the Harvard Crimson for high school papers.

To spread awareness about the importance of the class and make sure the class was available for future editors, the group drafted both a letter, sent to members of the administration, city council, school committee, and a petition, which was spread on social media.

After just two weeks, the petition had amassed 331 signatures, many from CRLS students.

CRLS junior Oliver Tiu, who signed the petition, shared two simple reasons for supporting the effort. He declared, “My friends are in [J2] and I feel like they do a great job with the [Register Forum].”

Like with Tiu, having friends on the paper, or having a good experience reading the paper, seemed to be a throughline with the reasons listed for signing the petition. For example, sophomore Catie Eiref shared that she signed because she “was thinking about taking Journalism 1 and 2,” but also because she knew people who had positive experiences with the Forum.

“The petition was a beautiful demonstration that the student body...saw the paper as something worth saving. The petition proved that the RF was something that an entire student body cared enough about to get behind,” ex-



A group of students spoke in front of the School Committee on June 17 in support of Journalism 2. The meeting was taped and televised.

Photo Credit: Cambridge School Committee

plained the alumnus Yum, who is going to Harvard this year.

Soon after the petition, the class was reinstated by the administration.

Yum commented, “There’s this idea that once the administration puts its foot down, it’s down for good. But the J2 saga proves that isn’t the case: we reporters fought for what mattered to us, the administration heard out our reasoning, and ultimately changed its decision.”

In order to reaffirm the importance of Journalism 2 for future school years and thank the administration, the group of students also spoke in front of the School Committee on June 17, again proving their dedication to the cause.

Patty Nolan, a member of the school committee, supported the students throughout the process. When asked why she helped with the effort to reinstate the class, she said, “What convinced me, honestly, was...the student advocacy. The petition, the work [the editors] did, it

influenced me.”

“[*The Register Forum*] seems like a really good thing for students to be able to participate in,” she continued. “This is a quality product of our schools which we should support [and] there are a lot of students who recognize it and think that it’s important. [It’s] fantastic for us to be able to have a class where students get experience writing.”

However, she concluded by speaking to the initial class size issue by acknowledging, “[As a district], we can’t really have an elective class like Journalism have only five kids in it, because it’s not sustainable.”

Luckily, thanks to the support drawn up by last year’s group, this semester’s J2 class has nine editors.

If you want to learn more about Journalism 2, stop by Mr. Matteo’s room (2309) or sign up for the class, which is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Fighting Animal Extinction,
One Wednesday at a Time

By
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Today, almost all sea turtles found in US waters are federally listed as endangered. Human activities have tipped the scales against these ancient mariners. The goal of the Marine Conservation club at CRLS is to raise awareness about issues like these.

The Marine Conservation Club at Cambridge Rindge and Latin is an extracurricular which focuses on the importance of environmental awareness -- specifically pertaining to marine biology. In the club, hosted by CRLS students on Wednesdays after school in room 3402, veterans encourage new participants to show up and fund-raise for their yearly cause.

CRLS senior and MCC Vice President Susan Gonzales explains, “The goal this year is to raise awareness within CRLS, because while fund-raising is important, we really want students to understand the cause as well. We’re raising money for sea turtles; we did them last year, but we want to raise more money.”

CRLS junior and MCC Treasurer Anna

“The goal this year is to raise awareness within CRLS.”

McCarthy gives a concise definition of the club and its purpose: “We are a student run club at CRLS. The ocean and its ecosystems are experiencing accelerating loss of populations and species so we hope to help by raising awareness. We also strive to raise money for donations to broader efforts.” It is inspirational and admiring to hear about high school students taking action in outside of school issues as well as helping spread awareness and raising money to donate in hope of a solution.

The success of the club is detailed by

club advisor, Mr. McGuinness: “The club has been going on for three years. All of the topics discussed in it are linked to the ocean; this year the members are concentrating on sea turtles. After school on Wednesday, usually the students breakdown into different promotion and fund raising groups. They also do a lot of things not involving the central topic. Two years ago, the students created a whale week video and displayed it in ‘The Word’.”

If you don’t already know about marine conservation and are interested in marine biology, go check the club out when it meets on Wednesdays.



This year the Marine Conservation Club’s focus is once again turtles.

Photo Credit: Boncia.co

Shivering for a Good Cause
Ice Bucket Challenge Goes Viral Around the World

By
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This past summer, everyone’s Facebook wall was teeming with videos of friends and celebrities dousing themselves with a bucket of water filled with ice. They were not doing it because it was hot outside; it was to raise awareness about Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, commonly known as Lou Gehrig’s disease.

ALS is a condition in which a person’s nervous system gradually weakens, causing muscular atrophy. Additionally, the deterioration of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord can cause the affected person to have trouble walking, speaking, and even breathing.

The trend of people pouring water over their heads has gone viral; people all over the world have participated in this phenomena to raise awareness for the disease. Even someone in North Korea has performed this ritual with the bucket.

According to the

ALS website, the ice bucket challenge “involves people getting doused with buckets of ice water on video, posting that video to social media, then nominating others to do the same, all in an effort to raise ALS awareness. Those who refuse to take the challenge are asked to make a donation to the ALS charity of their choice.”

After hearing about the challenge, some people question the idea of pouring water over their head. They argue that people would prefer to douse themselves

People all over the world have participated in this phenomena to raise awareness for ALS.

in ice water rather than donate to a great cause. Many people who are ostensibly performing the ice bucket challenge forget to explain why they are performing these actions, or do not mention where to donate for the ALS association. Thus, they forget the whole point of carrying out this endeavor.

However, people who support the challenge argue that this movement has succeeded in raising both awareness and dona-

tions. The ALS association raised over \$100 million from July 29 to August 28, compared with \$2.7 million during the same period last year.

According to Noah Adamson, a senior at high school who participated in the challenge, “The ice bucket challenge likely has led some individuals, who may have ALS and have felt marginalized or that others do not care about their condition, to realize that, in actuality, they have the support of people around the world.”

So far, it seems that this trend has had an overall positive effect; challenges like this one may be the new way to raise awareness about certain diseases or other causes. People seem excited to perform abnormal but interesting behavior and post it online, so it will be interesting to see what new viral challenges arise to raise awareness about different issues.

Remember, if you are doing the ice bucket challenge, make sure you mention ALS and remind people that they can donate at alsa.org.

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go to Ms. Madden’s homeroom who plastered up a Hawaiian skirt in her doorway which was surrounded by tiki torches and Ms. Samuels whose decorations involved a colorful variety of paper cut-outs of flowers, fruits, and palm trees.

The first Aloha Day only had 20 homerooms that participated compared to a whopping 60 homerooms last year but the amount of homerooms has continued to escalate each year to this year’s total of 72 homerooms.

Student Government supervisor Mrs. Cesario reminisced, “Aloha Day was a tradition created by Student Government exactly four years ago, so the seniors this year were actually the first freshmen to ever receive leis.”

Seniors strolled through the halls kind-heart-

edly searching to raise the spirits of a freshman with the mere action of passing on a lei. “My freshman year this senior randomly asked me if I was a freshman, then gave me a lei. At first I was confused, but then I realized the recognition was actually nice,” Student Body President Sydney Fisher revealed.

Student Government also hyped up students during Lunches A and B by collecting a crowd to participate in the limbo contest in front of the school. Students who could shimmy under the limbo stick, that was held only a few feet above the ground, received free school gear.

Regardless of class, Aloha Day was a celebratory day for all. Junior Emily Olick Llano gushed, “Aloha Day is my favorite day of the year. I’ve kept a lei since freshman year and I’m hoping a future freshman will continue to pass it on their senior year!”



Students participate in a limbo contest during lunch time.
Photo Credit: Stella Yeung

Join the Family!

By
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Put on your dance shoes! This year’s Modern Dance Company is gearing up for yet another mind-blowing production this January 9th and 10th. Auditions begin the end of September and everyone is invited.

Ms. Divelbliss, one of the dance teachers at CRLS who is also in charge of the upcoming production, encourages all students to give it a try.

Just like in recent years, the company plans to invite past and present students as well as professional choreographers to help students grow in every aspect of dance. From West African, to hip-hop, to Modern dance styles, the opportunities are endless.

According to Ms. Divelbliss, the company has grown both inside and outside of school, and she has

personally seen the development of this course. She states, “When I first started working here in 1999 there was nothing after school, and now it’s this super active place with a lot of love and joy.”

With everything Rindge has to offer it’s easy to get overwhelmed. However, if dancing is something you’re interested in, you should definitely get involved in this company.

Senior Captain Sofia Engelman wants every CRLS student to know that this is a place where you can “explore artistically” no matter your experience in dance.

Although the company consists mostly of female dancers, the male dancers also play a huge



Farewell to last year’s seniors in the Modern Dance Company.

and perfect the moves just as well as the girls do, arrive on time, and put in the effort.”

It’s the same expectations for everyone, but sometimes those expectations aren’t easy to live up

to. Being a dancer in the Modern Dance Company isn’t just a walk in the park for some students.

Former member

Roxanna Higginson states, “One of the most challenging parts was learning different styles of dance. Modern Dance Company is filled with all these great dancers. And then there’s me. I have never been trained in my life. I did struggle a bit in learning these new styles.”

These struggles do pay off in the end for most students. You get out of it what you put into it, and that was certainly true for Roxanna.

Despite the chal-

Photo Credit: Cheyenne Wade
lenges she ensures, “At the end of the day, I still enjoyed it, and I’m glad I took that opportunity because it’s completely different from what I do.”

If you’re looking for an extracurricular activity to get involved in this year, the Modern Dance Company is a good place to start. Trying something new can be scary, but Ms. Divelbliss makes sure to create an environment where every student can feel safe and welcomed by all.

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role in its success.

Senior member Brandon Joseph confirms, “We get treated the same way as the girls do in the sense that we have to learn

Speakers for the Future: Debate Club Flourishes

By
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If you like current events, philosophy, or even acting, then the speech and debate team is the place for you. The team travels to tournaments all over Massachusetts, and even occasionally forays into New York, Connecticut, and other New England states. At tournaments, lots of different events (or competitive activities) are offered.

There are three different types of debate. Lincoln-Douglas debate focuses on philosophy which involves two people debating each other. Policy debate focuses on public policy and involves two teams of two. Public Forum is also two-on-two and is meant to appeal to average citizens. Example topics include civil disobedience, alternative energy sources, and cyber-security.

Speech consists of events like humorous interpretation, original oratory, Congressional debate (a cross between speech and debate), and more. Students perform speeches, plays, and short stories. Like debate, it’s a great way to improve public speaking skills and win some trophies at the same time!

If you’re interested in joining the CRLS Speech and Debate Team, come to the CCRC (next to the media caf) after school on Fridays or before school on Thursdays at 7:20!

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magazine, “Our school has 16 performing and visual arts teachers, and a course selection to rival a small college.” The Modern Dance Company puts on at least two performances per year and our theatre program has won at the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival a record-breaking 14 times.

RSTA, another hidden gem of CRLS, is a technical program that provides students with hands-on skills that can be directly applied to the workplace. There are 13 programs, as diverse as Engineering, Health Assisting, and Culinary Arts/Hospitality. Seniors, who have completed all the pre-requisites in their technical specialty, are even eligible to participate in paid co-ops during school hours!



Dover-Sherborn High School, which ranked first in the 2014 Best Schools edition of Boston Magazine.

Photo Credit: Dover-Sherborn



The cover of the controversial 2014 Best School Issue.
Photo Credit: Boston Magazine

However, in 2014, only 78% of CRLS’ graduating class went onto college, compared to a whopping 91% of the graduating class at Dover-Sherborn. Average SAT scores of Dover-Sherborn students are consistently in the 600s in each section, whereas at CRLS, the average student scores about 500 in each section.

After much commotion from school teachers and principals, as well as from competing newspapers, the list of “Best Private Schools” of 2014 was revised on September 9th. After even more attacks on the magazine for allegedly publishing erroneous data, the list of Best Private Schools was retracted three days later, on September 12th.

Best of the Best: Why Babe Ruth is the Unsurpassed King of Baseball

By
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Whether you follow baseball or not, you’ve probably heard of Ted Williams. He is often regarded as the best hitter of all time. I think otherwise. To me, the best hitter of all time has always been Babe Ruth. There are many reasons why I believe this.

First of all, there are many more great hitters that one could argue are the best of all time. Players like Roger Hornsby, Lou Gehrig, and even Barry Bonds could make a strong argument for being the top hitters of all time. However, for the sake of this argument I’m only going to compare Ted Williams and Babe Ruth, simply because although many people can’t agree on who is the best hitter, they can almost all agree that Williams and Ruth are the top two.

One of Ted Williams’ most popular achievements is being the last player to bat over .400 in a season. It’s easy to think that Williams was a better batter than the average player. However, Williams’ career average of .344 is only .002 points better than Ruth’s .342. There



Babe Ruth eyes one of his 714 home runs fly out of the ballpark.
Photo Credit: ESPN

is a great argument to be made for why Williams is better. He had more walks, struck out less, and got on base more often. However, one thing Ruth could do better was hit home runs. Ruth was not far behind on the things that Williams did so well.

Actually, Ruth hit almost 200 more home runs than Williams. Ruth also invented an entirely new way of hitting. There was never anyone before him who hit as many home runs. The man hit more home runs in

a season than entire teams! The things Ruth excelled in, like hitting home runs, he was by far the better player. In what Williams did best, Ruth was close behind.

Another argument people make for Williams is he missed three prime seasons of his career to fight in WWII. To that, I can only say this: baseball is a game of circumstance. Josh Gibson, with no color barrier, might have hit even more home runs than Ruth. Pedro Martinez might have had a 30 win season if he was in

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4th and Inches: NFL Turns It Over on Downs

How the NFL Has Been Coming Up Short in Player Discipline

By
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31 suspensions have been given out by the National Football League this season, 27 of which have been related to illegal drugs or PEDs (Performance Enhancing Drugs). It may only be the beginning of the 2014 - 2015 NFL season, but this season the NFL has already made nearly \$20,000,000 off of player fines alone, according to spotrac.com. In my opinion, the NFL is being extremely forgiving in terms of how they punish their players, and needs to be more consistent and less lenient in their punishment.

The NFL should be doing more with the punishments of its players than just preventing them from playing football. Some NFL players have gotten away with sexual assault, illegal drug use, and

most recently domestic violence, and have only gotten an “indefinite” suspension. However, if they weren’t in the NFL, they would be facing prison time and a fine that wouldn’t be so easy to pay without a multi-million dollar paycheck.

For example, Ray Rice was originally suspended for only 2 games for knocking his wife un-

[The NFL] needs to be more consistent and less lenient in their punishment.

conscious and dragging her inert body out of the elevator, a punishment which I think is absolutely absurd. I’m not saying crimes like this happen all of the time in the NFL, but they definitely need more severe punishments which would lead to instances like this happening less and less.

However, in some cases a punishment may not be so easy to

give to a player, especially in the case of Adrian Peterson. Peterson turned himself in to authorities for beating his 4-year-old son with a tree branch. In his case, he could only be suspended for a few games because hitting your child is legal to some extent. Some people could possibly say that Peterson was raised with similar forms of parental discipline.

While that may be accurate, Peterson easily surpassed what is acceptable, considering his 4-year-old son went to the hospital due to bruises and cuts all over his body from being hit with a tree branch.

Other major sport leagues in the United States (the NBA, NHL and MLB) have very different policies surrounding player discipline, most of them being much more strict and defined. The NFL needs to take the lead in player discipline and set a precedent across all sports.

Most avid fans of the NFL

hadn’t missed those years, but he did. We can sit around and speculate all we want on things that could’ve been, but from what truly happened, Babe Ruth was the better hitter.

The disciplinary reactions to these players have been three things: lenient, inconsistent, and forgiving, which is simply unacceptable considering the crimes that have been committed.



NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell
Photo Credit: The Times-Picayenne

Obama: “Degrade and Destroy” ISIL

POTUS Outlines Plan of Attack, CRLS Students Share Opinions on Intervention

By
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On September 10th, President Barack Obama announced that he had authorized air strikes on ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and Levant) targets in both Iraq and Syria, part of a detailed plan to weaken and ultimately destroy the militant organization.

Throughout 2014, ISIL has launched an offensive in north Iraq and eastern Syria

with the aim of establishing a caliphate, *“There is a paper-thin margin between being selfless...and being selfish”*

an Islamic State with a supreme religious leader.

Many CRLS students have come out in support of United States involvement in regard to ISIL, due to the nature of the militant group. CRLS senior Loudji Charles stat-

ed that the United States “should attempt to stop ISIL because they are taking people’s lives away just to get power.”

The president also called on Congress to provide additional support to rebels in Syria, in an attempt to weaken ISIL militants taking advantage of the Syrian civil war as well as helping them in their fight against the Assad regime.

Some students, however, have mixed opinions on the matter, citing the ab-

sence of a threat to the United States: the lack

of which being even confirmed by the president in the address to the American people. “I agree with the decision to help with a humanitarian effort, but since there has been no direct attack [on the United States], I don’t think a military effort

is necessary,” said CRLS senior Katraya Wier.

Recently the group, designated by the United States as a terrorist organization, has come into the spotlight due to videos of the beheadings of three Western journalists, as well as reports of atrocities committed in Iraq and Syria.

Although the president stated that his ISIL strategy had received bipartisan support in Congress, he also said that as Commander-in-Chief he has the authority to “eradicate a cancer like ISIL”.

Nevertheless he said that he will “welcome congressional support for this effort in order to show the world that Americans are united in confronting this danger.”

Despite Obama addressing American fears about a long term ground war by committing only 475 non-combat service members in addition to



Obama gives ISIS speech on live television.

Photo Credit: The Wire

those already in Iraq, some CRLS students have raised concerns about the risks involved with United States intervention. Alanna Saunders, a senior at CRLS, said, “The civilizations in [Iraq and Syria] might be hurt and ISIL might attack the United States.”

In his speech, Obama stressed the importance of forming a coalition of US-allied countries as well as working together

with the Iraqi government and its people to mobilize them against ISIL.

CRLS history teacher Mr. Landwehr summed up the difficult situation by commenting, “You have to be careful: there is a...paper-thin margin between being selfless, which is what those ideas are,...and being selfish: in terms of the United States looking out for its own interest.”

Overthrowing the Minister

Pakistan’s Recent Political Struggles

By
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On August 14th, Pakistan’s independence day, hundreds of thousands of protesters marched from Lahore to the streets of Islamabad, the nation’s capital, to overthrow the Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

This Tahrir square style protest was lead by cricketer turned politician Imran Khan, and his political opposition group Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), and Canadian-Pakistani Cleric Tahir-ul-Qadri alleging that the Prime Minister committed fraud in the 2013 general elections.

Khan has gained major political support even as a third party candidate in the 2013 general elections. Even though he lost to Sharif, he managed to win seats in Parliament. Additionally, many Pakistanis see him as the nation’s first true leader since the founder of Pakistan.

Former CRLS student and Pakistan native Rabia Khalid says, “Imran Khan can bring change, be-

cause he has no corruption charges, his political party has no family interference, and more importantly he is protesting so Pakistani people can have a better future.”

By late August the protesters fled the highly guarded Red Zone in Islamabad, which is the residential and work area of most of the political officials, the parliament, and foreign embassies.

Authorities responded by shooting citizens with rubber bullets and throwing tear gas. Three civilians were killed, but over six hundred were injured.

Imran Khan may have lost the 2013 general elections, but he gained massive support while still getting a position in Parliament.

Junior Kabir Singh comments, “I feel it is unjust to directly try and overthrow a leader without a more formal approach, but I also disagree with how the prime minister had allegedly been behaving”.

Khan wishes to rid of Sharif and his family, who run the political party Pakistan Muslim League (PML). Sharif was arrested for tax evasion in 1999 and attempting a military coup against the president Pervez Musharraf the same year.



From top: Khan addresses his supporters during a large scale protest; a protestor deals with tear gas in the streets of Islamabad.

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In 1997, he also attacked the Pakistani Supreme Court.

Kalid also claims, “Nawaz Sharif should step down because he became prime minister as a result of rigged elections. They stole the mandate of the people and imposed their government on them.”

Khan’s initial promise to his supporters was the resignation of Nawaz Sharif; however, so far he has not achieved this.

Many have been praying for his success, but some are also questioning his approach of attacking such a fragile democracy.

Three civilians were killed, but over six hundred were injured.

We Got the Beat!

By
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This school year, Rindge has a staggering amount of unique opportunities offered through our expansive music department. These opportunities range from percussion, strings, wind instruments to vocal ensembles. As well as having many returning programs, the department is excited to welcome a new member, Mr. Nathan Powers.

Mr. Powers grew up in Rhode Island and studied music at the University of Rhode Island. He is a man of many talents, demonstrated by the fact that he can play the trumpet, the piano, the guitar, the bass, and sing. He’s extremely excited to be in Cambridge because of the vibrant culture and music found here.

At Rindge he will be heading the Jazz Ensemble, the Big Band, the Concert Band and teaching piano. He is ecstatic to not only lead but to expand these different groups saying that, “Ensembles are a great place to meet people and create something students couldn’t usually do, plus colleges love seeing multifaceted students with not just sports on their resume.”

If you’re interested in joining the band, go see Mr. Powers in room 0602. Junior Will McArthur, a member of the Concert Band last year, articulates the vast benefits band has to offer: “I’ve started to appreciate the music I listen to a lot more, and music is always more fun when you play it with other people.”

In addition to the numerous bands Rind-



Music opportunities, like the drum classes above, are everywhere at Rindge.

Photo Credit: Guillermo Nojehowicz

ge boasts, there is also the String Orchestra run by Ms. Laura Umbro, who also teaches piano. Sophomore Ella Korkmaz gushes about both the positive environment and the excellent learning experience in Orchestra: “You get to learn how to play different types of music, learn about the history of music, and the teachers are just absolutely fantastic and wonderful, both in class and out. The orchestra just opened my mind to so many things and made me more confident about my skills.”

Another integral part of music, lead by Guillermo Nojehowicz, is getting down with the rhythm, particularly drumming. Mr. Nojehowicz believes that “drumming and rhythm is the most primal way of communication. Rhythm is basically ev-

erywhere.” If you’re interested in joining, you can take either Foundations of Drumming as a class or audition for the Drumline/ Percussion Ensemble. Alternatively, if you’re unable to fit drumming into your schedule you could join the Drumline Club which meets after school. Go see Mr. Nojehowicz in room 0606 to explore your percussive talents further!

“The orchestra opened my mind...and made me more confident.”

And if instruments aren’t your thing, there are a wide variety of vocal opportunities to take advantage of. Dr. Ivan Stefanov leads the Vocal Ensemble and Chorus. There is also the A Cappella Program, which is student run. The captain junior Chelsea Darwin, explains it as “a great way to do something you love, while making new friends.”

Running In Place: A Boyhood Movie Review



By
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All of my movie-watching life I have been programmed to expect heroic adventures, to expect beautiful woman to unconditionally fall for the likable underdog, to expect explosions, to expect the worst or the most outrageous. Sometimes I get so swept up by the excitement and intrigue of the fictional characters I see on a screen that I become disillusioned with my own teenage life. It creates a feeling of disappointment about my utterly average existence.

A new movie, Boyhood by Richard Linklater, takes the artificial thinking that can easily swallow you up, and turns it on its head.

It takes the unstaged beauty of ordinary moments that are too easily dismissed, and magnifies them

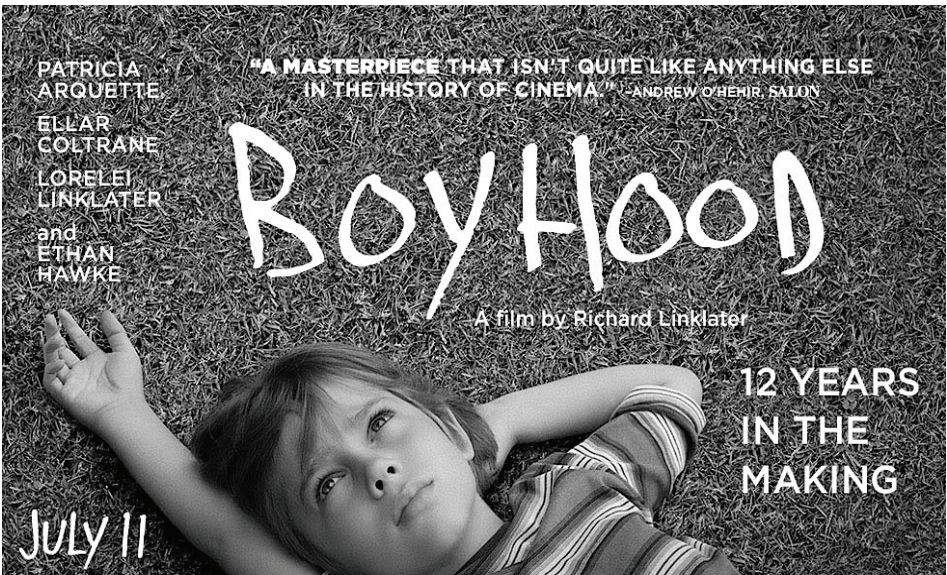
Richard Linklater takes that artificial thinking that can easily swallow you up, and turns it on its head.

by a thousand percent. Through this process, it reminds the viewer that the truly remarkable life is actually

not measured in dramatically cinematic events but by the familiar hum of everyday events. Even the writer and director of the picture has said that “not much” happens in the movie and that’s why he thinks so many people have found such beauty in it.

It tells the story of a boy named Mason Evans Jr, played by talented newcomer Ellar Coltrane, growing up from the age of six to eighteen. The detail that differs this film from other “coming of age” flicks is the fact that it was filmed over the course of 12 years. There is no CGI and no fancy makeup; you see Ellar and the supporting actors’ faces, attitudes, and haircuts change. This creates a comforting illusion of personally knowing and caring about the characters choices and consequences. It is completely original in terms of its idea and is Tolstoy-esque in its refreshingly minimal yet massive scope.

This feeling of connection should be amplified for current CRLS students (born between 1995 and 2000,) it was for me, because Mason is growing up in our world, or the world we grew up in. This is reflected by the



Boyhood’s promotional poster.

Photo Credit: IFC Films

shift from dial up computer games to conspiracy theories about the brainwashing power of Facebook or the move from Britney Spears to Bright Eyes. This human connection could also be felt in more subtle ways, like Mason discovering his art in photography or his parents moving through partners and through no fault of their own leaving Mason to pick up his own pieces. In a memorable and relatable scene, Mason sits down at a desk in a new school, and it mirrors a shared frustration that all of us have felt, the feeling of being trapped in a place that is teaching you how to succeed at the things you don’t even know that you want to do. In the scene, a kid with a mischievous smile leans

over to reassure a visibly nervous Mason and whispers, “Welcome to the suck.”

All throughout the movie you are overwhelmed by the paradox of adolescence, the feeling of running in place. The dreams that you see everywhere you go, that seem to be just an arm length away, but you can’t manage to reach them because you’re stuck in your room under lock and key, or in your classroom guarded by the fear of not getting into a good school.

Boyhood encapsulates all this and more. It’s more than a movie: it’s a feeling that you simply can’t shake. This is why I’m giving Boyhood four out of four falcons.

Welcome to the Suburbs

CRLS Joins the Dual County League

By
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After nearly 25 years of athletic participation in the Greater Boston League, CRLS has joined the Dual County League for all sports, a change that went into effect this fall.

CRLS had been a member of the GBL since the collapse of its old league, the Suburban League, in 1990. However, over the course of Rindge’s participation in the GBL, the number of schools in the league has dwindled from a healthy nine to a minuscule five, following the departures of Arlington, Waltham, Revere, and Peabody.

According to CRLS Athletic Director Tom Arria, the school’s departure from the GBL was due in a large part to the league’s small size, stating, “We find that league schedules have always been very hard to come by in the GBL because there are so few teams.” Arria affirms

that the Dual County League has “a full complement of schedules for the teams that we have.”

Another large reason for the move, as Mr. Arria notes, is Rindge’s similarity to other schools in the DCL in terms of funding. Most schools in the GBL budgeted around \$450,000 for athletics for the 2015 fiscal year, while several DCL schools spent over \$750,000, a number much more in line with Rindge’s \$1,026,363 athletic budget.

For CRLS senior Brennan Lee, who has already competed in both the GBL for Soccer and the

“It’s evident that we will have a harder time making state tournaments, and proving that we’re athletically adept.”

DCL for Volleyball, the move to the new league doesn’t come without downsides.

When asked about potential concerns over the switch to the DCL, Lee states, “It’s evident that we will have a harder time making state tournaments, and proving that we’re athletically adept.”

A higher level of competition is to be expected in the DCL, a fact which CRLS junior Jonah



Dual County League Logo

Photo Credit: Dual County League Handbook

Neugeborn, a member of the Varsity swim team, understands and welcomes. Neugeborn declares, “I think its going to be a good challenge for us to start competing in a new league. Its going to really push us to play better in all our sports.”

The move also helps strengthen the level of competition for non-Varsity teams, namely Junior Varsity and Freshmen. Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Phil Fousek explains, “I think it’s also great as far as our sub-varsity programs [are concerned].” Fousek references the fact the number of games for the

Freshmen Boys Soccer Team has increased from 11 last year in the GBL to 18 this season in the DCL, a change almost entirely due to the larger pool of DCL opponents that Rindge is able to draw from.

Ultimately, though this is the school’s first year in a new league, Mr. Arria gave clear and simple goals for all CRLS athletes this year. “We want to make sure that people know we’re very committed to the league...and that when we go to these sites, people will have a better understanding of who we are and what we have to offer.”

Girls Soccer Enters Season CRLS Strong

By
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The CRLS Girls Varsity Soccer Team came into the season prepared and ready to transition from the Greater Boston League to the highly competitive Dual County League. Last year, the girls did well making it to tournament after a successful winning season. This season, the majority of the varsity team consists of upperclassmen along with a few talented underclassmen easing into the varsity level.

In their first game of the season, they crushed Somerville with a score of 3-0 . “So far, this is the best varsity soccer team that I have seen since I was a freshman,” said senior Kristen O’Loughlin when asked about the transition to the new league.

The team fully recognizes the higher level of competition that the DCL carries, yet they feel ready to take on the challenge. The varsity

team has been playing together in teams since before high school. They value the strong chemistry and collective experience as a strength of the program.

So far the varsity team has only competed with two teams in the DCL including a 2-1 loss against Bedford and a strong 3-1 win over Boston Latin. Co-captains Katy O’Loughlin and Mo Nelson are both committed to maintaining the team’s focus as the season progresses and opposing schools become more intense.


Nelson wants to see the team, “improve aggressiveness and overall mental toughness so confidence is built and players feel in control of how the results pan out.” Possessing the ball well and staying composed and positive earned them another win against Lowell with a 4-0 score. The captains hope to maintain this exact mentality and apply it against the strong teams in particular. Come out to Danehy Park for home games to support the girls!



Girls Varsity Soccer in action vs. Newton South on September 19th.


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September Scoreboard




Girls Soccer: 3-3-1
Notable Results:
W 3-0 vs. Somerville
W 3-0 vs. Boston Latin

Golf: 1-6
Notable Results:
W 52-47 vs. Boston Latin









Football: 0-3
Notable Results:
L 6-28 vs. Acton-Boxborough

Boys Soccer: 0-6-2
Notable Results:
T 1-1 vs. Bedford
T 0-0 vs. Malden Catholic





Girls Volleyball: 2-2
Notable Results:
W 3-0 vs. Somerville
W 3-0 vs. Waltham