

YC SPECTATOR

John 8:32: Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

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Classes to Look Forward To

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As YC continues to open as many educational doors for the benefit of its students, there are many new classes being added to the course catalog for the 2021-2022 school year that offer new and exciting opportunities for all. There are so many new options for students in their class selection, as a wide variety of enticing and beneficial courses are being added.

AP Language and Composition (APLAC) by Mairin Landis-

I cannot recommend this class enough. Not only is it my favorite course I have taken at YC, taught by Mrs. Henson herself, but it is the most entertaining; every day is a good day in room 105. In true Mrs. Henson fashion, you can expect to spend between 30 minutes and 90 minutes on English homework, 4-5 days a week. Emily Danczyk(11) approximates that by March 2021, each of us have written and submitted around 75 essays for the class. That's a lot. I can personally guarantee, though, that your writing quality will skyrocket after taking it, which will help you in all of your other classes as well. If you plan on taking classes like APUSH, which require a lot of fast-paced writing, the skills you pick up in this class will be extremely worthwhile. Don't get it twisted, though, this class is a lot more than just reading and writing.

The countless debates, discussions, and games make period 5 my favorite of the day. You will read really good books (I've read 20+ since the start of the school year), have really good conversations, and make really good friends. You will also learn how to find adjectives other than 'really good' to describe your favorite class. Also, your work will be publicly critiqued often. There is very little privacy in this room-- I have looked through my classmates' backpacks, read their personal reflections, and watched each of them grow into excellent writers.

Fair warning: you will not have a 100. If you know Mrs. Henson, you know this already. Keep in mind that AP classes are weighted, though, and you have a good chance at earning college credit through the AP testing. This class is worth every second of hard work, and besides, there

are more important things than grades (just ask Mrs. Henson).

Creative Writing by Laura Laux-

Creative Writing is a brand new class beginning next year, taught by Mrs. Henson. This class will include- you guessed it- writing creatively. For any and all prospective Juniors/Seniors who this appeals to, or who are just looking for some sort of creative expression, this could be the class for you. It will alternate every second letter day, so it is perfect to pair with Journalism (where students work together to create our favorite school newspaper, the YC *Spectator*).

The class will include workshop days, where we publicly critique one another's work just like they do in college. Although it will be a private environment, the class will also be extremely personal. Mrs. Henson described it in an exclusive interview as "very enlightening;" room 105 will at all times be a place where you have to be "respectful and honest." On non-workshop days, students will do creative writing exercises and will look at examples of successful writing in order to improve their own personal style. Don't expect tons of homework, but you will need to give this class your all while you are there.

AP 2D Art and Design by Jack Stromberg-

For those who have never taken an art class, it is an evolutionary experience. It is an escape from the average school day cycle, allowing the mind to be unconfined in the box of logical thinking. Though taking a 4 year journey sounds daunting, I promise you, especially those frustrated with school, will learn to love the craft, it just takes consistency and an open mind.

The art room is brimming with color, conversation, and activity; standing apart as immensely unique when standing aside other classrooms. Ms. Grippi is a phenomenal art teacher in her relaxed teaching style, and emphasis on creativity, rather than perfectionism. After Art I-III taught me the mastery of technical skills, I was frightened to take the next step into a college art course, but what occurred shocked

me. AP 2D Art and Design taught me to take the desire for perfection akin to most aspiring artists, and return to the elementary school days of arts and crafts.

Around every corner, there is a new medium to create art and plenty of time for the mind to craft a masterpiece. There is more freedom given, and more trust from Ms. Grippi, so it will facilitate the best art of your high school career. It epitomizes an enjoyable, yet engaging senior class, plus granting college credits for any future Vincent van Gogh's or Pablo Picasso's. For any student with an artistic mind, or looking for a 40 minute escape, I recommend taking the 3 years of art to reach this destination of creative triumph.

American Cultural Studies by Grace Hatchard-

American Cultural Studies was a new class added this year, and was highly underrated and not taken advantage of due to the lack of awareness about this highly enriching class. In this semester-long class, Mr. Triggs cultivates an open environment of discussion and debate on topics like politics, diversity, and gender. The entire duration of the class is used to enlighten ourselves on societal issues through collaboration and investigation into different problems and ideas.

A large amount of the class time is spent debating--students discussing and challenging each other on topics they are passionate about. Mr. Triggs really stresses the weight of our opinions in this class, as it is crucial to the success of the class if everyone contributes and shares their thoughts.

American Cultural Studies was by far the most rewarding and enriching class I have taken at YC, as it is like no other class YC has offered before. Issues and viewpoints that have not been explored in other social studies classes in the past are now being encouraged to be looked at-- American Cultural Studies delves into issues like diversity and gender in order to aid students in becoming aware and passionate about these pivotal real-life issues.

a letter from the editors...

That's a wrap on our 2020/21 series of *The Spectator*! Much thanks to our fellow editors, Grace Hatchard and Laura Laux, without whom this issue would never have been possible. Learning to navigate the world of Journalism was daunting, but we have had the blessing to do so under their wings. Next year will be lonely without our favorite seniors, but they have taught us everything we know (and will hopefully never forget). Next, of course, we must thank our talented writing staff, without whom there would be nothing to edit. This group of students, making up two class sections, assured that this year was full of laughter, excitement, and surprises every 9th period.

Last but not least, we also must thank our beloved faculty advisor and emotional support, Mrs. Henson, for her dedication, patience, and teachings. If not for her guiding words of wisdom, *The Spectator* would never have reached the caliber it has achieved this year. As you can tell from this Juniors-only paper, next year is looking great. The class is already full of talented student writers, and we are so excited to bring *The Spectator* into 2022!

We are sure you'll all be anguished to hear that everyone's favorite lifestyle staple, Joe Zelis, is graduating-- but never fear! OverZelis Advice will continue with his sister, Mary (10), stepping up to the plate. Its immediate future is undecided, but for now, Moseley Driscoll (11) will be

taking the place of our much-needed student advice column with The Driscoll Diaries. A preview of this feature can be found on the Lifestyle page, where you can read all about what it takes for a Driscoll to stay above water. If you have any questions or problems, keep them coming!

Another brand new column we plan on adding next year is the Kenny G Chronicles, written by none other than Kendel Conolly (11). These articles will be comedy-- which is no surprise if you know Kendel-- and will give a sneak peek into the life of a self proclaimed comedic genius. Make sure you keep up to date with her 'sit-down comedy' by picking up a copy of the *Spectator* each month next year!

This year's paper has been a privilege to work on, and although we are saddened to leave behind our positions as Junior Editors, next year is going to be an even bigger (but even more rewarding) challenge; we cannot wait to start working with next year's staff. That brings us to our next point-- we are excited to announce next year's Junior Editors: Sean Warren, Sophie Fraser, and Mary Zelis! Both were hand-picked by the editing team and Mrs. Henson, and after a rigorous application process were selected for the position. The 2021-2022 school year is looking to be one for the books, and our paper certainly will be.

See you all next year,
Mairin Landis and Mia Citrone

THE BEST YARD GAMES

by ANDREW ADAMS

Most athletes loathe summer for many reasons: weekdays are spent training and getting ready for sports seasons in blistering hot weather, leaving them tired and sore with embarrassing sock and shirt tan lines. Worst of all there's hardly any competition--this is not the best condition to be in for optimal summer fun. School sports teams end in June and aren't allowed to meet again until the second week in August, leaving a 2-month gap devoid of games or practices. Most pro sports, besides baseball, are enjoying their hard-earned breaks over the summer months and will resume play in the fall. Without these, the inner competitor within might be screaming to get out, pumping just enough adrenaline into our veins for it to seem like a good idea to fight over a lawn chair, just for the sake of winning something.

Enter lawn games. The perfect excuse to go outside, trash talk family and friends, and earn the coveted bragging rights that go along with winning. Lawn games are a staple to summer activities. The rules are often simple, so just grab a group of friends and get playing.

Spikeball has taken over yards and beaches across the country in recent summers. Spikeball is essentially vertical volleyball, consisting of 2 teams who compete to see who can keep the ball from hitting the ground the longest. Set-up is simple, only including a circular net and a small hand-sized ball. Rules for the game are as follow: teams set up standing beside each other and facing an opponent. Serves must be made standing five yards from the net, and have to hit only the net to count. After that, the team receiving the serve has three attempts to get the ball back onto the net. No player can hit the ball twice consecutively, and the ball cannot bounce on the net twice consecutively. Play continues until the ball either hits the ground, bounces on the net twice, or a player touches it twice. Of course, rules in yard games are only a suggestion. Rules can be added in or removed based on how your group wants to play. Spikeball can be played anywhere there is enough space to fit everyone, though competitive Spikeball is best played on a soft surface, as diving onto concrete hurts a little bit.

Another fairly new yard game is CanJam. CanJam is a combination of horseshoes and frisbee. The game comes with 2 plastic cans, with a slit cut through the top third of the can, and the top is left open. Players set the

cans the desired distance apart, and play begins. Players stand next to an opponent, while their teammate is at the opposite can. The reason for this is so your teammate can help hit your frisbee through into the can, hence the open top. CanJam is a game that the rules are determined more by players than by a written set of rules. Most commonly, any throw of the frisbee that hits a can is worth 1 point, a hit into the can is with 2, and making it into the front slit is worth 3. Some players can elect to not allow assists, or allow discs that hit the can to count. Sometimes the scoring is done like in horseshoes where points cancel out, or for a faster game players can count every point.

There is also ladder ball! Ladder ball consists of 2 ladders being set up with distance from each other. The ladders have 3 rungs: the top one is white, the middle one is red, and the last one is blue (some colors may be different, but you get the point). The top rung is three points, the middle rung is two points, and the last rung is one point. Both teams get 3 strings, each with a weighted ball on each end. This structure allows the ball to flip as it propels in the air, and catch onto the rungs. The players take turns trying to throw their ball onto the rungs to get points. The rules vary in these fields: how far apart the ladders are from each other and how many points determines the winner.

This wouldn't be a proper list of fun summer games without talking about the longtime champ of fun lawn games: cornhole. Variants of cornhole have been around since the 14th century and got its modern era reboot 20 years ago at Cincinnati Bengals tailgates. Cornhole spread from tailgate to tailgate, and soon it was sweeping the nation. Groups of 2 stand around leaning wooden boards, and take turns throwing bean bags towards them. The boards have circular holes cut into them, with three points being awarded for each beanbag that passes through it. Cornhole is another game where rules can vary from game to game, making it perfect for young and old alike.

Lawn games like these are really what put the fun into summer. Swimming can be fun, as can hanging out with friends and family, but once those activities get boring, there's nothing like competition to get everyone going again.

I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Sunscreen!

by GRACE DOYLE

One of the most enjoyable things about the summer is the nice tan you get after being in the sun all day. Whether you are tanning by the pool, going for a stroll in the park, or even doing yard work, seeing tan lines is one of the best feelings in the entire world. Though a suntan is commonly sought after and adorned by careless teenagers, it is imperative that today's youth has caution.

Though sunscreen helps to protect against UV radiation and sometimes prevents one from tanning, it is still very important for a person to wear it. Not only is it important to protect one's skin, but it is also very important to protect the world. You may be thinking "what does this have to do with sunscreen?" Did you know that companies make green sunscreen? Not the actual color green, but eco-friendly sunscreen that does not destroy the planet, especially ocean life.

Green sunscreen is an up-and-coming cosmetic product, especially in the 21st century. The idea behind these particular sunscreens is to avoid damage to the coral reefs. With rising climate change and damage to the environment, we must protect the coral reefs and the surrounding environments, and green sunscreen can do this.

The first natural sunscreen is the Badger Sport sunscreen. It only has five ingredients, all of which avoid the chemical formulas. It has a great smell and keeps the zinc on your face, avoiding a burn. This sunscreen is probably one of the most popular out of all organic, and natural sunscreen and is a great option to help avoid damaging coral reefs.

Another sunscreen that is extremely popular and affordable is SunBum Sunscreen. SunBum is a very popular brand, not only for the fantastic smell, but also because it is safe for the environment. When looking for sunscreens, it is important to look at the ingredients. Always check the back of the bottle to see if there are any chemical formulas in the cream. The major chemical in harmful sunscreen is the chemical oxybenzone. This particular chemical causes coral bleaching, and kills coral all around the ocean. When looking for the perfect sunscreen make sure it has these two important ingredients: zinc oxide and titanium oxide. Both are safe for the planet and both are safe for the skin! Save our seas and don't forget your green sunscreen this summer!

Should We Fear Sharks?

by MIA CITRONE

There is one defining obstacle that prevents many from entering our oceans each year: sharks. Although big sharks with many rows of sharp teeth are a rare occurrence in the shore, it still manages to be a leading fear in the United States. With summer coming up, this question must be asked: is it valid to be afraid of sharks?

Thanks to renowned movies like *Jaws* and *Soul Surfer*, sharks have a negative stigma in society. These movies normally paint a person floating above the murky home of a great white awaiting their interaction with the monster. Normally this scene has an anxiety-inducing song in the background that still haunts many people to this day. These common images of sharks cause most people to steer clear of the water at the beach because of the slim chance a shark will eat them. I understand this worry, I mean look at them. The average shark is 20 feet long and can have as many as 3,000 teeth at one time (Bolano). It is hard to discern whether or not their anatomy is scary or magnificent, but that is for many of the York Catholic juniors to decide.

Delaney Murphy (11) believes that the fear of sharks is absolutely ridiculous. Delaney is "a big Shark Week fan" and is more amazed than afraid of sharks. She believes "you have a better chance of being killed by a cow than a shark," and look around--there are still cows roaming York. The likelihood of being eaten by a shark is "one in seven million," so Delaney swims in the ocean every chance she gets (Dean).

Little did you know that junior Andrew Adams is a shark connoisseur! He says he "doesn't fear sharks because [he] respects them" for their prowess. They have "night vision, can smell blood of a prey miles away, and don't have bones for the maximum power-to-weight ratio," as well as their impressive predator skills. An animal with

such a high level of intelligence is worth reverence, not repellent. Andrew would "be honored to die at the fins of the shark," and so should you.

On the other hand, Helene Cox (11) has the opposite opinion; sharks are her biggest phobia. Most people's favorite ocean activity is riding the boogie board to shore, but not for Helene! She "won't go on a boogie board because [she's] afraid of looking like a seal to a shark." Along with her anxiety, she avoids wearing "shiny or red swimsuits" in case she resembles a reflective fish or blood. Helene will not go more than two feet into the ocean, because "once you don't see your toes there is no going back," a shark "could suddenly bite you at any moment." Although sharks are unlikely to swim up to shore, and Helene's paranoia may be a little over the top, there is still a chance that people boogie boarding, boating, fishing, or anyone doing another aquatic sport may encounter a shark.

Chase Ford (11) says that "sharks are terrifying because of their strong jaws and stealth" that could sneak up on you when you least expect it. These majestic monsters sometimes give away their presence by their "sharp pointy fins." If I saw a rigid fin propelling its way towards me in the ocean, I would swim away for dear life.

The second scariest part about sharks is the mystery attached to them. The megalodon, an extinct shark, most likely bred some ginormous ancestors that could still creep in the depths of the ocean to this day--but no one will ever know.

It is still up to debate whether or not sharks are worth being scared of, but you should make up your mind before you reach the beach this summer! Maybe you will take the risk and catch some waves, or tan in the sand safely; this is a decision you have to make when dealing with sharks!

A Plea to YC Boys

by MAIRIN LANDIS

As the weather grows warm, and the snow melts away it soon becomes clear that the sun’s here to stay, and while the girls of York Catholic wear skirts all year round, it seems like there’s something weighing the boys down. While it may not be obvious to everyone at first glance, upon closer inspection, you’ll find the legs of their pants.

Boys, I know it seems tempting to let go of the weight, to let your legs show, I know it sounds great, and I know that it’s hot out and your legs need to breathe, but welcome to high school-- we now have AC. Even as the weather grows warm, and we’re all out of sorts, please, we’re begging you, don’t wear uniform shorts.

To the middle school boys: this doesn’t apply to you. These are your transition years, that much is true. But I’m warning you now, by the time you reach ninth grade your closet should be halved (but your pants doubled in length). And to the boys over 14, I will only recommend that this fashion faux-pas comes to an end.

I just think that maybe you should listen to the masses because every single girl in every one of my classes has responded in the same way when I proposed the question: “Do the uniform shorts plunge you into a deep depression?” “Yes,” they assented, and this should be kept in mind when carving out your wardrobe, please don’t act like you’re blind.

The leg hair, the flair, the youthful silhouette-- I promise, looking good is worth a little sweat. Those Flynn O’Hara shorts aren’t doing you any favors-- at least in the winter, the guys’ uniform has flavor. And listen, I know, you don’t dress for us-- there are more important things, there’s no reason to make a fuss,

I just thought you should know because I care about you. Please just wear pants (I would if I were you).

Drive-In or Drive-Out?

by HAYDEN MOUL

Drive-ins have been around for the past 60 years. Although many of these American relics are going out of business, there are still a few around to give teens that retro feel. When you think of drive-in movies, most people think of sparkling string lights, luscious green grass, and the amazing smell of buttered popcorn. All of the cars face the big screen, and fireworks explode from behind when the two main characters kiss. This classic summer experience sounds like a dream; who wouldn’t want to make memories with your best friends in the back of an old pickup truck, surrounded in picnic blankets and candy? Somehow, I had the complete opposite experience.

After finally graduating the 7th grade, my parents wanted to take my sister out for the nice celebratory night. I had never been more excited to see the never aging Paul Rudd on the big screen in *Ant Man*. We arrived and parked the truck and set up the blankets while the sun was still going down, and my sister and I could not have been more excited.

Right before the movie was about to start, I became aware of my surroundings. There was not a dreamy smell of buttered popcorn I had imagined, but rather of gasoline. All of my opinions and expectations about drive-in movies were based on movies like *Grease*, and *Jurassic Park*. There weren’t any dinosaurs, though.

We tried to tune in on the radio, but my dad refused to leave the car running, and the speaker we brought was not even close to loud enough. My dad, after messing with the sound, decided that he was going to take a breather and bring us back a snack. After nearly an eternity, he came back from the very long line with hotdogs, popcorn, and candy for our family.

I was starving and went for the hotdog first. After arguing with my sister about who was taking up more of the blanket, we settled in for the movie. I finished my hotdog and popcorn and all the sudden, I did not feel that well anymore. I tried to focus on Paul Rudd, but all I could think about was how terrible I had felt. Finally I could not take it, and I ran to the bathroom where I got sick. I was so upset that I spent the next 30 minutes in the bathroom. Finally, I went back to the truck and fell asleep in the passenger seat. I do not remember *Ant Man*, or the movie that played afterwards, but I do remember the anger I felt when my parents woke me up and I had to move to the back seat. This was not the Haar’s Drive-in experience I had wanted.

Other people may have 10/10 reviews about the drive-in movies. Kelly Ngyuen (11) went with her friends towards the end of September, and she said that she had “a good night with friends,” and the popcorn did not make her sick. I guess some of us are not as lucky as her. I hope that no one else will have to share my harrowing drive-in experience, but the world can be cruel. Maybe one day, I will give the outdoor cinema experience another shot, but for now, I think I’ll stick to watching movies at Regal Cinemas or on the comfort of my own couch.

Barbeque Bonanza!

by KENDEL CONNOLLY

Having been born and raised in America, I have come to know and love the foods commonly dubbed as staples for decades passed. From cheese-burgers to chicken wings, Americans have certainly created some interesting foods-- chicken/buffalo wings were invented in Buffalo, New York, and the first cheeseburger was made in 1926 in Pasadena, California.

Though these oddball inventions are impressive, one of the most famous Southern staples is barbeque food. Although this cuisine didn’t originate in America, it is a major part of American culture and holidays. Barbeque foods like chicken, pork, and mac and cheese are some of the most popular to have during holidays like the 4th of July, Memorial Day, and Labor Day; an all-American cookout cannot be complete without at least some form of grilled meat or grease-based product!

America has a way of absorbing other cultures into its own, which makes it a diverse place full of hundreds of different cultures. Barbeque foods actually originate from the Caribbean, but Americans have since changed it so much that it is virtually unrecognizable. Nonetheless, it is still delicious and you can find me stopping at Mission Barbeque every once in a while.

To truly describe my immense love for barbeque foods, I have decided to go on a quest to find the place that makes it just how I like it-- the perfect BBQ restaurant. I will be ordering the same thing from every restaurant in order to accurately compare all the choices. For my first restaurant, I stopped at Mission Barbeque because it has been a favorite of mine for years. I always get the lean sliced turkey with the mac and cheese and green beans, and of course a complimentary piece of cornbread. The turkey might not be as juicy as others like it, but with a little smokey mountain barbeque sauce it’s a perfect 10/10.

Now about the mac and cheese-- it’s okay by itself, but a little secret of mine is putting some barbeque sauce in the mac and cheese for an explosion of flavor that is indescribable. The green beans are very good, although they are not what draws me to the restaurant. I really appreciate the sweet cornbread they provide to combat the spice of the sauce.

My next stop, of course, was Smokey Bones. I was very happy with the aesthetic of the restaurant and the menu, which was definitely more extensive than Mission BBQ’s. However, they did not have green beans on the list of sides. I was a bit puzzled by this, because I think of green beans as common American food. The service was good and the food didn’t take too long to get out to me, and I was quite happy with the meal overall. Admittedly, though, I will always miss the special barbeque sauces that Mission Barbeque has to choose from.

The next and final location I visited on my quest for the best barbeque was the Stewartstown Smokehouse. I got the pit turkey with green beans and mac and cheese, as per usual, and was not disappointed. The meat was so tender and juicy that I think it has a fighting chance against Mission Barbeque’s. The mac and cheese has 5 lbs of cheese in it, and let me tell you, it sure tasted like it. As a cheese lover, I was very happy to hear how seriously they take their dairy products. The green beans were garnished with bacon bits, which is a nice touch (especially when the bacon is cooked perfectly). The only thing missing from this wonderful establishment are the legendary barbeque sauces of Mission BBQ.

York is home to many worthy barbeque restaurants, and I was impressed by the range and quality of the locations I visited. It is clear by now, however, that my love for Mission BBQ is never ending, and it would take an extremely good chef to top it. Tragically, I have yet to meet that chef, so my search for a better plate of turkey, green beans, and mac and cheese will continue for another summer. For now, if you are looking for BBQ in PA, do yourself a favor and head to Mission BBQ-- you won’t regret it.

Artwork by MAIRIN LANDIS



SUMMER JOBS

by GRACE DOYLE

The adage “money can’t buy happiness” may be true in every famous work of literary merit, but in the life of a teenager, it doesn’t always carry the same sense of verity.

As teenagers on the bridge between youth and adulthood, money often equals autonomy. Choices that were once dependent on parental cooperation, like what to eat for dinner or where to go after school, lie in the hands of the adolescent if she has \$20 and a car and decides she wants to go to Fujihana.

But for most of us, such pocket money comes at a price: employment. Without a job, we can’t stop at Dairy Queen every week or fill a hefty online shopping cart. While having a job during the school year may be impossible for many students due primarily to extracurricular activities and the need to do well academically, summer time is the perfect opportunity to join the workforce.

Over the summers, I work in a quaint little crab shack— if you love food as much as I do, a job in the restaurant industry might sound appealing. Most of my days are spent sitting at a bench taking orders, and counting money, and when I am not doing that, I mostly just sit there and smile. The crab shack which I work is not like most restaurants, but is quite literally a shack. Though it is not the most common, I highly recommend working in a place like this as a first job.

Not only is it an easy job, but it is also really fun and relaxing. The pay is adequate and most of the time you are just having fun. Though this is a great summer job and there are many great things about it, there are also some cons. The biggest problem is the heat, which I believe is the most obvious as it is the summer, however, if one can overlook this obstacle, then this is the perfect job.

Do you, like Andrew Adams, enjoy a good farmer’s tan? He believes that his summer landscaping job is one of the best jobs to partake in over the summer as it has very flexible hours, has good pay, and it is a great workout to keep someone in shape. Though there are a bunch of benefits in this job area, there are also some downsides. Though the farmer’s tan is an ultimate flex, it sometimes can be annoying and will ruin any chance at wearing a mus-

cle shirt. Additionally, the allergies and the itchiness of the grass can be irritating. Though there are some things that are not fun, landscaping is a really great first job and can be really fun if you do it with your friends.

Grace Hatchard (12), an expert in the summer camp industry, says working at a summer camp is “really easy” and “is a good starting out job.” Though the hours are manageable and the work is easy, Grace mentioned that she is not paid enough to deal with kids and you shouldn’t work a summer camp if you are not fond of children. Though she did not appreciate the low pay and did particularly enjoy working with children, Grace says that it is the perfect opportunity for a summer job and an easy way to make money.

Junior Delaney Murphy is a full time babysitter over the summer. Unlike Grace Hatchard, however, she loves it. Murphy says that it is definitely a job for someone who likes kids, and it is also an easy way to earn money. She also mentioned that pay is actually really good, especially if you can find a consistent family to continue babysitting for. She sees no problems with babysitting, but she did say if you do not like kids, this is not the job for you.

Since so many teens love clothing, it is no surprise that another popular job among teenagers is that of retail. Lindsey Beck (11) says if you want a good summer job, working in retail is the place to be. Though the money is nice, Lindsey did have some problems, and it is my duty as a journalist to warn you of the challenges in this particular industry. Always be ready to work with entitled customers who think they know more than the employee.

Lindsey faced customer issues at least once a day, and they were so bothersome. She also stated you must be willing to give up some free time as the hours are long. Though the cons outweigh the pros, she made really good money, and it was a good job to start out with.

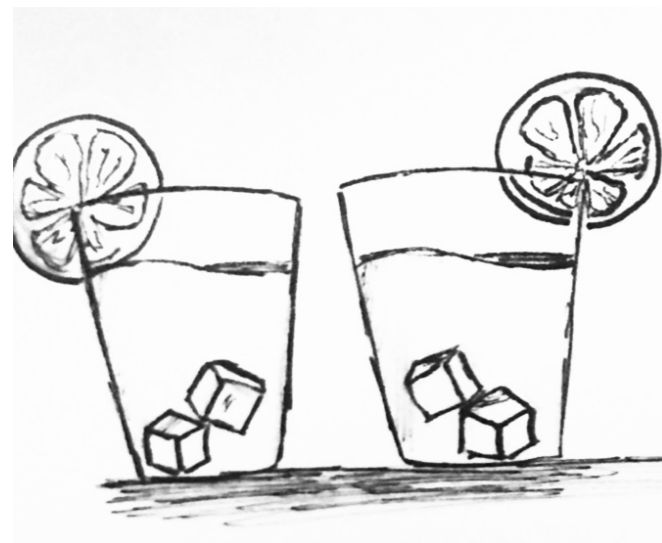
These are just a few from the plethora of summer jobs a teen can have. Though there are some irritations while working, getting paid and making money is the ultimate goal and it all pays off with that first bite of Fujihana Hibachi chicken and steak.

An Ode to Lemonade

by MOSELEY DRISCOLL

On the topic of lemonade:
The drink of the summer,
Once school begins to fade,
Mouths begin to water,
In the midst of a heatwave,
And the days only get hotter
As children ask for aid
In making a refreshment
That quenches and persuades
Everyone to come running
To underneath the shade
Of a tall maple tree,
In the breeze it gently sways,
As we all wait patiently
For a glass of lemonade.

A symbol of summer,
A triumph of the homemade--
For that sweet and sour drink,
our wonder will never wane.
And I hear the streets sing
of the merit of lemonade,
And as the ice melts down
I am suddenly dismayed.
Empty glass in my hand,
Like a dream still unmade,
I think of the summer
And how somehow, it always fades.



Artwork by KELLIE MCKNIGHT

Driscoll Diaries: How to Not Drown

by MOSELEY DRISCOLL

The date is the sixteenth of May, the year is 2008, and I have just celebrated my fourth birthday with my mother, father, brother, and sister (who is still just an infant). The weather, continuing the trend it has been following for the past few weeks, is fair, with sun and a comfortable temperature of 70 or 72 degrees Fahrenheit. Spring has finished dawning, and as is a tradition in the Driscoll household, the pool has been opened and cleaned in preparation for the summer.

I do love the pool. It has a way of taking the weight of being alive and human off of your shoulders as you drift about the water, usually in Mother’s guiding arms. Saturday has finally rolled around the corner after a long and hard week at Preschool, and I am more than ready to enjoy being carried along the surface to bask in the sun. But today I see a new device, I believe it is called a floatie, next to Mother as she applies her sunscreen.

I walk gingerly over to her to inquire about the new objects, but I knew I wouldn’t need them when I already have her arms to keep me afloat. To my disgust, she said she would allow no such thing and I would no longer be permitted to lie lackadaisically in her arms, but instead would begin learning to swim on my own.

And so began the perilous trials of my athleticism, launching me head-first into a world of chlorine bleached hair and shaved legs (for aerodynamicism). From the words of a Driscoll herself, here are the steps of how not to drown: a Driscoll Diary.

The ability to swim comes not only from being able to propel oneself forward, but also to simply stay afloat, which contrary to popular belief takes priority to the actual... swimming. Floating can be done in a number of ways for a number of different reasons. For example, just wanting to float in the ocean requires one only to extend one’s limbs and relax because of the salinity of the water. In a freshwater body, treading by either scissor, frog, or swirly kicking is required.

Floating may be one of the easier parts of learning how to properly swim, but it is undoubtedly the most important. Apart from obviously keeping you from drowning, it is a foundation for learning how to make journeys from one side of the pool to another, without requiring assistance! Kicks are only half of it too, with it being necessary to move your arms in a circular or side to side motion to keep your head above the water and staying balanced.

Now that step one has been thoroughly explained, allow me to continue to the next step: the actual swimming. Swimming may be difficult, but don’t worry about imitating Olympians and other world-class athletes. These are the basics of swimming, the steps to being able to stay afloat and stay alive in perilous conditions-- even Michael Phelps had to start somewhere.

Swimming comes with four major strokes, those being a butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle (or front crawl), but for the sake of just being able to swim, freestyle is the only necessary stroke. It uses the least amount of energy to get from point A to point B, and it is vital for an inter-side of the pool swim. In reality, you don’t need to worry about the rest of those unless you decide to swim competitively.

The placement of your head and where your eyes are looking is critical. When you swim freestyle, try to look down and focus your eyes on the bottom of the pool. Your neck and your head should be in a neutral position, straight above your shoulders. You should not lift your head or eyes up in front of you.

This will allow for a successful swim to the other side of the pool, ideally without causing any damages. The Driscolls have been swimming for generations, and these steps have been passed down as family heirlooms.

Sincerely,
Driscoll

FAKE VS. NATURAL TAN

by MADDY PERRY

Although healthy, natural skin is obviously beautiful, many people have spent decades trying to obtain a golden sunkissed look. When it comes to tanning, the only question that comes to mind is how one should acquire this look: by sunbathing or tan in a bottle? Brands such as Coppertone feed into this controversy by selling both tanning oil and fake tan, but fail to explain the best mechanism. Both tanning by sun and product have pros and cons in their delivery of a perfect golden complexion.

When discussing product comparisons, the first thing that should be taken into consideration is the healthiness of the two. Healthy skin can easily be damaged by the sun, therefore the better option in this case would be the tan in the bottle. This option keeps people away from harsh UV rays that can cause detrimental health effects as a direct result. According to the FDA, tanning can cause side effects as minor as sunburn to some major like skin cancer. Some other risky consequences are premature aging, eye damage such as cataracts, immune system suppression, and burn scars due to sun poisoning. Due to all of these possible reactions, people are encouraged to wear sunscreen of SPF 15 or above everyday, not just while tanning on the beach or by the pool. Dr. David J. Leffell, Professor of Dermatology and Surgery at the Yale School of Medicine, says that “if you're getting enough sun to get a tan, then you're getting too much,” so if you want to save your skin choose fake tan over natural tans.

UV Radiation is also a problem in a tanning bed! The American Association of Dermatology says, “tanning beds are not safer than the sun” and “just one indoor session can increase the risk of developing skin cancer” (AADA). A tanning bed is very dangerous to your skin; it makes stretch marks more noticeable and quickly ages the skin, as well as the aforementioned risk of developing cancerous cells. The sun provides Vitamin D, whereas the tanning bed promises a tan with the only benefit of a temporary bronze look. Many teenagers and adults are addicted to indoor tanning, which is a serious problem. If you want to artificially tan, use a bottle— not a bed!

However, these respectable health experts may not be as honorable if they get a noticeable fake spray tan. Mr. Gilbert can attest to the severity of a

poorly executed fake tan, saying that “nothing is worse than when a girl gets a bad spray tan right before prom.” This “cheeto dust look” is not one that appeals to many, and the embarrassment of looking orange and splotchy after a failed attempt at getting a summer glow in the cold months of December and January is something that deters many from even attempting. As formulas of fake tans improve and begin to look more and more natural, this may be a risk that many are not willing to take.

Natalie Neiman (12) self-tans because “it gives [her] more self confidence.” Society’s beauty standards for bronze skin has affected people for years, even students at York Catholic. Even the older generations follow the trend by going outside and getting some sun. Next time you see the overly-bronzed senior citizens at the beach, consider the wrinkles hiding under their glowing skin. Shannon Staples (12) believes that people should “embrace their skin tone if they are pale.” So next time you're feeling self conscious in your egg colored skin, remember Shannon’s words of encouragement, or go buy a bottle of fake tan.

That brings another con to fake tanning: the money. Mr. Triggs, a man of wise words, says, “why should I pay for something that I can get for free in the sun?” His argument is valid in a way that no avid self tanner can refute. The money that goes into self tanning is simply ridiculous at times, especially if you buy a quality one that will look less streaky. The sun is a free ticket to a tan, so I say we let nature take its course and go outside instead of heading to the tanning salon.

Although this approach is not for everyone. Some people do not get tan, rather they turn red. The embarrassment of sunburn is even more than that of a bad fake tan. Also sunburn can be unbearably painful, making clothes or even laying in bed extremely uncomfortable. If you are vulnerable to the sun's beaming rays, self tanning may be a better option for you.

Your decision on methods of tanning should be based upon your personal preference. Our beloved school nurse Mrs. DeLuca says, “always use sunscreen, remember to reapply, and stay covered!” So consider her wise words this summer, and remember bronze and orange is always better than red!

2020-2021 SPORTS RECAP by ANDREW ADAMS

With the school year coming to a close, now would be a great time to look back at the athletic prowess our classmates have achieved. The practice of adding banners to the gym and trophies to the glass case is a tradition at York Catholic, and luckily this continued in our 2020-2021 school year. The hard work of York Catholic students should never go unnoticed, so why don't we recognize the exceptional efforts of our sports teams this year!

Fall Sports

The cross country team was the first team to bring home gold at the PIAA District 3 Cross Country championship, both boys and girls. The boys’ win was spearheaded by Moseley Driscoll's blistering pace, earning him 4th overall. The team also placed 2nd in the league championship!

Our girls’ volleyball team also made a deep run into the postseason, competing for a District Championship against Trinity. The girls had an exceptional regular season, going undefeated through 13 games of in-conference play. Many considered them a favorite going into the District championship, but a late hit from COVID meant the loss of several starters. Next season the girls return all but 6 of their 17 players, leaving them in a good position to pick up right where they left off.

Both soccer teams also played exceptionally well, with the boys team going undefeated in the regular season, only losing to the powerhouse Camp Hill team in the first round of playoffs.

The football team was considered an underdog heading into the season opener against Littlestown due to their underwhelming performance in the 2019 season, finishing 5-5. Many thought that their lack of experience and size might affect how their season goes, but they shocked the county! The boys were seated first in the district before their District championship game against Camp Hill. After only losing one game in their 7 game regular season run, they placed 2nd in the division and took home silver at the District championship against Camp Hill.

Winter Sports

Girls basketball had no trouble returning to where they belong: in a district championship game. This year makes 10 District final games straight for Coach Bankos, an impressive accomplishment. They too lost in their district championship game, but took home a medal nonetheless.

Boys basketball was coming off a district championship season, and though it was rough starting the year off in quarantine, they finished the season 7-6 with a playoff game against Columbia. They fell 79-46, but had a remarkable season.

Spring Sports

Our softball, baseball, girls and boys lacrosse, and track teams are still playing! We wish them the best of luck as they continue their seasons! In total, York Catholic teams appeared in 5 district championship games this year, winning scores of games along the way, and making the Fighting Irish feared across York and across the state. Hopes are high for next year that we can get back to having fans in the stands and do what we do: Win.

Fun in the Sun

by HAYDEN MOUL

Summer has always been one of my favorite seasons; warm weather, longer days, and no school. Over the summer there is not a worry in the world and students finally have some freedom. Once June passes by, it is easy to run out of fun things to do--so these are my go-to summer activities!

Swimming is definitely a go-to activity, but it does not pertain to me. If you are lucky enough to have a pool in your backyard, then you always have something to do. Even though my family lives on 200 acres, my mom thinks we do not have enough room for a pool. Swimming in a water trough that is made for cows isn't exactly thrilling, so I had to find a better way to cool off.

If you like being outside, finding a good hike with a waterfall or lake at the end is a good way to spend time outside, while not being unbearably hot. Mill Creek Falls is a trail in York that goes along the Mason Dixon Trail. Although it is not for swimming, following the trail, it takes you through the creeks and very close to the waterfalls.

The White Cliffs of Conoy are right by the Wrightsville Bridge near Route 30. The original trail takes you to a beautiful view of the Susquehanna River, and is not a challenging walk. When you are done enjoying the view, there is a beach right underneath that some people swim in.

If being in nature is not really your thing then go to Central Market for lunch or breakfast with your friends. It is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday until 2pm. It is a great way to eat locally and still spend time outside. There are a lot of food options and seating inside. If you pick up your food and exit out of the back of the market, there are tables and other outdoor seating on Cherry Lane. After you eat, you can do a little shopping at the boutiques and support small local businesses.

If you want to stay at home for a night then host a movie night. Invite all your friends and have them bring their favorite snacks and candy to share. Hang a sheet up somewhere in your yard with outside blankets and pillows laid out. Ask around for a projector and make sure you find a night that the weather will be nice. Play your favorite movies, and enjoy the night outside.

Having all your friends over for a game day is a great way to spend the day outside. Setting up a volleyball net or cornhole is a good way to stay competitive and get exercise. Have people come up with teams before everyone gets there. Play good music, have snacks and make dinner. Finish the day with a bonfire which would complete the perfect day.

Summer is a great way to get closer to your friends, and stay active outside. Even though we do not live close to the beach, it does not mean we cannot find good ways to stay cool and have fun.

Y(C) (E)L(E)B(R)ITY LOOK-ALIKES

While many celebrities abound with acting chops and vocal adrenaline, there is no doubt that most people step into fame due, at least in part, to their looks. Celebrities are touted as the most beautiful people in society and held up as the standard to which we all secretly aspire.

Nothing, then, serves as a better compliment than to be told you look like someone famous (provided it isn't Danny DeVito). And walking among us each day are some YC students whose faces look eerily familiar. Check out these celebrity look-alikes to see if you agree.

Do you know another YC celebrity doppelganger we missed? Email journalism@yorkcatholic.org with suggestions. If we agree (or maybe even if we don't), your suggestion will appear in *the Spectator* next year.



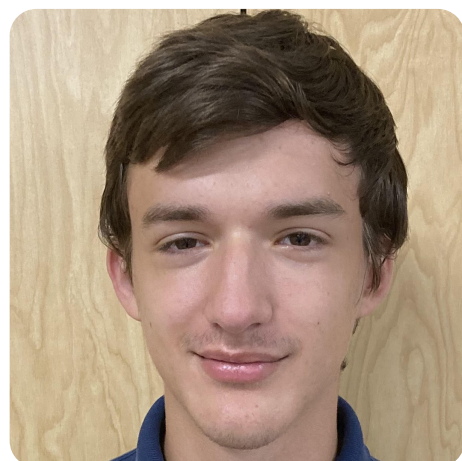
https://gilmoregirls.fandom.com/wiki/Rory_Gilmore

Mikayla Quaid (11) shares Alexis Bledel's gorgeous blue eyes and long, flawless hair. Given that Bledel played a parochial school girl in the early 2000s on *Gilmore Girls*, she and Mikayla look even more alike when dressed in their plaid skirts.



<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/16466354863398671/>

Joe Zelis (12) and young Patrick Dempsey are nearly identical. Does this mean Joe will grow up to have McDreamy-level hair and star in endless rom-coms? Probably not.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Lennon

John and Dominic Marinelli (12) bear a striking resemblance to the iconic Beatle John Lennon--all they need is some tiny round spectacles and longer hair. While they're not as outspoken as Lennon, they do also his passion for peaceful mindfulness.



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/ellasportfolio/8227738813/>

We're a bit biased on this because she's our beloved Sports editor, but Mia Citrone (11) could definitely pass for Katy Perry; they both have expressive eyes and a near-constant smile.



<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000222/>

Hayden Moul (11) shares a striking resemblance to former Calvin Klein model, Brooke Shields. Their long blonde hair, sculpted eyebrows, and blue eyes are nearly indistinguishable.



<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0331516/>

If you're a female, hearing the words "Ryan Gosling" probably makes your heart skip a beat. Gosling is known for his charming smile and rugged jawline--features he shares with senior Nick Phillips (though we think Nick is funnier).



<https://www.mixedarticle.com/emma-chamberlain/>

Is that Emma Chamberlain, everyone's favorite Youtube/ Instagram star, walking through the halls of YC? No, it's just Ali Barta (11)— but we can see how you'd confuse the two. Their blue eyes and smiles make the two look like twins.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billie_Eilish

Is it just us, or can you not stop staring at Drew Kile's (11) *Ocean Eyes*? Famous singer Billie Eilish is known for her unique hairstyles and light eyes— one for two isn't bad! Seriously though, these two have a lot in common.

Guess the Teacher's Favorite Summer Spots!

by BELLA PEARL

We asked five teachers— what is your favorite vacation spot? You might see them every day in school, but where do they go over the summer? See if you can guess all five correctly! Answers are located at the bottom of the page.



1. Henlopen State Park



4. Colorado Campsite



A) Mr. Euclide



2. Gretna Glen Camp and Retreat Center



5. Cedar City, Utah



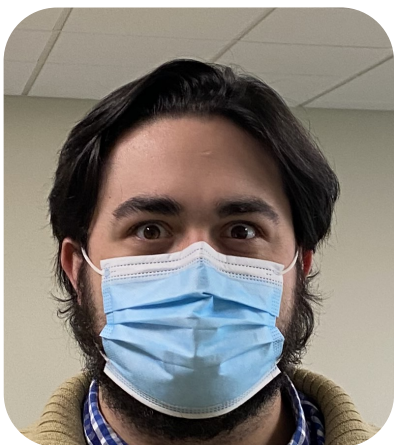
B) Mr. Triggs



3. Serengeti National Park



D) Mrs. Krueger



C) Mr. Gilbert



E) Mr. G

Summer Word Search

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See if you can find all these summer themed words! Good luck, and have a great vacation!

- Shark
- Vacation
- Summer
- BBQ
- Tan
- Beach
- Pool
- Spectator
- Lemonade
- Sunblock

22 Things to Look Forward to for 2022

by MADDY
PERRY
ft. Class of '22

This year was a struggle for many students, including myself. After living in a pandemic for the last year, I think we're all ready for a change. We have all felt the repercussions of COVID-19, but the graduating classes of 2020 and 2021 lost so many things that make senior year special. 2020 spring athletes never got a full season or senior night, Prom was cancelled in both 2020 and 2021, the list goes on. This affected not only the school year, but negatively impacted summer 2020 (which was not able to live up to the iconicness of its name).

While the class of 2022 is not guaranteed anything regarding their senior year, we can hope that things will get better and back to normal for next school year. Regardless of whether Covid is still affecting us a year from now, we will make the most of the time we have left together. Our school is ready to make this the best year yet, so let's have faith in the many things to look forward to.

1) Football games- Friday nights have not been the same this year and it took a toll on everyone: the football players, the cheerleaders, the marching band, and the student section. Next year, everyone will be so glad to be able to go to games again. The student section will be at full capacity (with reserved spots in the front for seniors of course), and the themes will be unforgettable.

2) Homecoming- The thought of actually dressing up and leaving the house is crazy at this point after months of isolation and sweatpants. As a bonus, our class gets the chance to nominate Homecoming Court and vote for the King and Queen. Right now, even just the concept of a school dance sounds so weird since we're not even supposed to be within six feet of each other, but I'm pretty sure we would all give anything to be packed into the hot cafeteria next September, dancing the night away.

3) Spirit Week- Arguably, the days leading up to Homecoming are more fun than the dance itself. Each day is a themed dress down, filled with contests and (usually) a reduced amount of school work. The week closes with a Pep Rally, then the iconic football game.

4) New Clubs- 2022 is already loaded with brand new clubs and activities like the Humanitarian Society, Film Club, Diversity Club, and maybe even Karaoke Club. There will be no shortage of things to do after classes next year, and we're excited for all of them.

5) Elective Classes- As seniors, we can finally take Psychology, Cultural Studies, and all the other classes we've been looking forward to since freshman year when we first got our course registrations. Say goodbye to required english and history classes, and hello to creative

writing, child development, and intro to theater!

6) The Musical- Nobody knows yet what the spring musical will entail for the senior class, but the thought of either auditioning for a role, playing an instrument in the pit, or even just watching and supporting the crew from the comfort of the auditorium seats is insanely exciting.

7) Mini-THON- Playing minute to win it games, standing for hours on end, watching girls cut off their long hair, and awkwardly trying to do a choreographed dance are all things that I never thought I would miss until now. Next year not only will we be raising money for a great cause, but we will also be making up for last year's loss. I have a whole new appreciation for brightly colored t-shirts and room temperature Chick-fil-a. Also, our class will finally be able to participate in the Mr. YC not-a-pageant male-talent-contest. I can't wait to see who is nominated and who takes home the crown of Mr. YC.

8) Prom- Prom is like the mature and classy version of Homecoming. There are no freshmen trying to get in the middle of the dance floor, and no York Catholic cafeteria. Prom is something that most high schoolers look forward to, and now cherish. While Covid may have taken away our first year of prom, we will have even more fun at our second.

9) Desk Arrangements- I didn't realize how much I missed sitting at tables and in groups until they were gone, and I am praying that our desks are allowed within 6 feet of each other next year. That alone will make classes 10x more fun.

10) Class Video- It's been a few years since we had a real class video, but we're excited for it to make an official comeback. The senior video is always nostalgic, and although we are all excited for bigger things post-graduation, the halls of YC will always be filled with memories. With the video, we can relive them all over again one last time.

11) Turning 18- This is an iconic milestone that most of the class of '22 will reach between August and May of our graduating year. Most of us have been together since 7th grade or earlier - we grew up next to one another, and now we are entering this new stage in our life as legal adults. Time flies.

12) College Sports Signing Day- All athletes know that getting recruited to play in college has been a struggle for everyone due to Covid. However, the struggle is going to make signing feel like even more of an accomplishment next year. All the hardwork and dedication athletes have put in will finally pay off.

13) Painting the Windows- Art Club is paint-

ing the windows next year for holidays, events, and other themes. It's no secret that the walls of the school have been a little plain since the renovations, but we are finally going to have student artwork and color back in the building!

14) Testing out of finals- Senioritis can be fatal to a GPA, but there is one thing to motivate everyone to get good grades. For the first time ever, an A on a report card can earn you more than just your parents approval. An A can instead get you out of taking another test.

15) Senior Sunrise- This one only applies to seniors-- sorry underclassmen-- but we get to kick off the year all together. We might have to wake up really early, but there will be some great photo opportunities.

16) Senior Superlatives- Everyone is always curious how their classmates perceive them, and senior superlatives are a great indication of your public persona. This in combination with the *Spectator's* castings in next year's senior edition of *The Spectator* will be very telling.

17) College Visits- Due to Covid, college visits have turned into virtual tours for many. This doesn't allow for many of the experiences that come with a real in person visit. Unlike much of the class of 2021, we will be able to see our college campuses in person before making one of the biggest decisions of our lives.

18) Sports and Band- We already talked about how spring sports were changed in 2020, but both musical and athletic activities have been changed the last couple years. Hopefully by next year, we will be able to come together for friendly, mask-less, competition.

19) Getting out of school early- June already feels like summer when we're in school, but as seniors, it actually will be summer. Seniors have the great opportunity to get out of school in May and have three months to appreciate the warm weather and summer activities before heading to college in the fall and starting a whole new chapter of our lives.

20) Senior Week- Shortly after graduation, thousands of seniors will congregate at beaches and vacation spots all along the east coast-- Covid permitting. After over a year with so many limitations on public interaction, that sounds a lot like Heaven.

21) Yearbook- Getting our last ever yearbook, signing everybody's, writing notes and drawing pictures in our friends'-- we have one last year to make all these high school memories.

22) Graduation- Even if worst comes to worst and none of these things happen, we will at least get to graduate. Great things lie ahead for us, the class of '22, and I can't wait to see where life takes us. But for now, we are all just looking forward to one last year of high school.

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SHAKESPEARE & STAR WARS

Join Mrs. Henson on a journey through a galaxy far, far away as she guides you through the intersection of Shakespeare and Star Wars. Polish your acting, elocution, and analysis with this fun, free, five-day affair.

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