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MARCH AND APRIL ACTIVITIES

-A Cappella on Fridays from 2:30-3:30, see Mrs. Maio

-Chess club on Fridays 2:30-3:30, see Mr. Spyra

-Talent show is set to take place April 29

-Breakfast Club for grades 2-6 starting on March 14th for the next 10 Mondays

-World Famous Popovich Comedy Pet Theater Date: March 25th, 2016

-Saturday-Thursday. Fat Brain School Break. Fatten up your brain through play. Follow the trail to find favorite Fat Brain toys throughout the museum including Twig, HexActly, Squigz, Tobbles, and more.

-April 22nd Superintendent's conference day

-April 27th Celebration of Learning

DESTINED FOR STATES

BY: ALEX BRUNELLE, MARRAI MILLER, TALIA COMEGYS, AND IAN CONNOLLY

Recently, World of Inquiry School has had the honor to send an athlete to States for two different sports. This is a first for our school.

Isaiah Shepard, senior class of '16, participated in the States tournament with the Griffins Soccer team last November (2014), where the Griffins fell to Rhinebeck in the state finals. This year, Shepard committed his talents and effort to a different sport: Track and Field. He spent the winter season practicing and training hard in order to earn his spot in the Sectional meet. Throughout the season, Shepard continued to improve, breaking the school record and placing second overall in sectionals with a height of 6'2". When asked how he felt about holding a school record, Shepard shrugged it off claiming that it didn't phase him too much. Isaiah went on to place 15th in states, matching his 6'2" jump in sectionals.

Shepard believes that all great athletes are created in practice. "The coaches help and tell you how many times to do something, or how many reps in a set, but it always comes down to you," he says. His preferred training



method was (and is) Air Alert, a workout designed to improve lower body strength and increase an athlete's vertical jump.

When asked about the pressure that is often associated with competing in States, Isaiah simply said that the States meet is just another meet, and while he strived to be the best, his main competition was himself.

After his stellar performance in States for the indoor season, Isaiah plans on beating himself again and winning sectionals AND states for his event.

Q: Who has been your biggest inspiration?

A: Coaches Cooper and A.J.

Q: Who has been your biggest supporter?

A: My biggest supporter(s) are my mom and my big sister Deene' because they are always there.

Did you know...

1,294 Americans were killed in the year 2014, 1295 in the year 2015, and 239 currently in the year 2016 due to police brutality.

The 2016 Griffin PROM is 8:00-11:00 on Friday May 6th at the Memorial Art Gallery

Tickets are on sale for \$50 following the 18th of March.

Tickets will be sold in all high school lunch periods.

Get your tickets now!

"The important thing is to not stop questioning; curiosity has its own reason for existing." Albert Einstein

Griffin Sports

50 Years of Pool Pride

By Alexander Ortiz

Mr. Charlie Dean, of Rochester, New York, has been involved in the sport of swimming as a swimmer, a coach, a parent, an official, and a fan since 1959. For over 50 years, he hasn't stepped a foot away from the sport. Charlie Dean found his talent at the age of 12 and instantly fell in love. Dean swam for John Marshall High School in the 1960's and won 13 Section V titles.

He set a city record in the 100 yard breaststroke with the time of 1:06.5 in his junior year. This record lasted several years. Then the following year he won the Class A 100 yard breaststroke at sectionals. Years later, in 1992, his own son

swam the same event, beating his father's time by over 6 seconds!

Charlie went undefeated in the 200 yard breaststroke for all four years in college, including the NCAA College Division Atlantic Coast Championship in 1967. He also set the state record in 200 yard breaststroke with the time of 2:19.9 in 1967. He has coached for many years, ran the City Championships, sponsored the Gerace Award, and donated a lot of money for the timing system and repairs through the years at East High School.

Charlie Dean wants to encourage youth swimmers to work hard and set goals, but also have fun. It's never too late to join this popular sport. Remember, Dean was a non-swimmer until he was 12 years old, and won sectionals when he was 16! So you don't have to know how to do a sport at a young age to be successful. Hard work pays off.

Varsity:

- Boys Tennis
- Outdoor Track and Field
- Baseball (with Franklin)
- Softball (with Franklin)
- Golf (JV)

SPRING SPORTS

Requalification forms can be found outside the P.E. office in the gym, and outside Ms. Enright's office near the Senior Commons. Please return your completed paperwork to the nurse as soon as possible.

Modified:

- Baseball
- Softball
- Tennis
- Outdoor Track
- Lacrosse (with East)

Go Griffins!

SECTIONALS SEASON

by Ian Connolly

Winter sports season has come to an end and once again the Griffins varsity teams all had very successful seasons. First, for Boys Varsity basketball, the team qualified as the 8th seed in sectionals and defeated the 9th seed Canisteo Greenwood at home 58-50. From there, they moved on to play a tough East Rochester team, who had qualified as the 1st seed in Class C. Unfortunately, the Griffins weren't able to overcome East Rochester's fast paced offense, losing 64-60 and bringing the boys basketball season to an end. In Bowling, the boys varsity team qualified for sectionals as a 9 seed in Class D. At sectionals, the team was very consistent in their final scores and climbed up to seventh place by the end. This was the highest the team had ever finished at sectionals and 8th grader Michael Ross finished the high game with a score of 235. In varsity swimming, the team finished 14th in sectionals. The 200 yard medley relay finished 13th with a

Shout out to Isaiah Shepard for winning high jump and coming in 15th place in States for high jump!
-Coach Cooper

Shout out to Alaysia Henderson for coming in 2nd place in the 300m dash!
-Coach Cooper

Shout out to the girls 4x4 relay (Destiny Smith, Nazjahe Boswell, Evamiguel Gutierrez, and Alaysia Henderson) for doing so well in the relay!
-Coach Cooper

time of 2:25.50 and the 200 yard freestyle relay finished 12th with a time of 1:54.6. The 400 yard freestyle relay finished 14th with a time of 5:07.96. Alex Brunelle competed in the 50 yard freestyle and the 100 yard breaststroke and finished 25th overall in the 50 with a time of 24.88 and finished 34th in the 100 Breaststroke with a time of 1:18.03. Brunelle was also awarded the Gerace Award for Academic Excellence by Mr. Charlie Dean. Lastly, the Varsity Track team brought home a number of sectional titles. Destiny Smith won the 55 meter dash with a time of 7.73 seconds. Nazjahe Boswell won the 300 meter dash with a time of 42.75 seconds, 3 seconds ahead of 2nd place. The girls 4x400 meter relay ran a time of 4:30.25 which gave the Griffins another sectional title. The girls 4x200 meter relay came in first with a time of 1:53.20. Cameron Cintron placed first in boys shot put and Isaiah Shepard placed second in high jump. All together, the Griffins track team won 5 sectional titles.

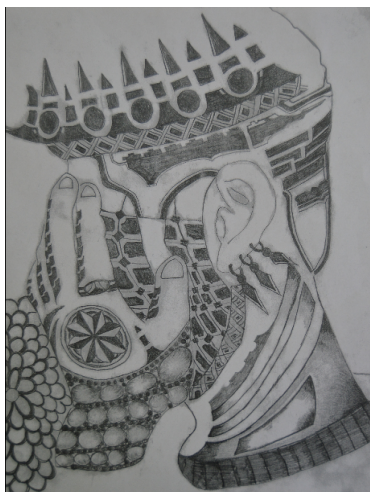
Compiled By Alex Brunelle



PJ Davis

Zentangles are a new method of creating beautiful images that can be fun and relaxing. They increase focus and promote creativity. Mrs. Funk's art classes have been working on Zentangle self-portraits which incorporate a detailed sketch of a student with the intricate Zentangle design in the background.

Students begin by sketching their self portraits onto a small canvas. They then choose a Zentangle design and mimic it in the background of their portrait. This project brings together the abstract Zentangle and the concrete details of their portraits. These are some examples of the students' work.



Kyar Hser Hae



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In Ms. Teague's English class, the students created poems based on the literary standard, "Theme from English B" by Langston Hughes. This poem was written by Sophomore, Niyogushima Zakayo.

"The instructor said,
Go home and write a page tonight.
And let that page come out of you---
Then, it will be true."

I wasn't born in Africa, rather, Africa
was born in me.

Which means that no matter what or
whatever happens to me, I'll always be
truly African.

It is my love of my home.

I am young man, live with a beautiful
family.

I am a student of World of Inquiry
School known as 58.

I am Tanzanian and my parents are
Burundian.

I feel and see different than others. I
speak three languages: Jurundi, Swahili,
and a little English.

So about my stranger past I have heard
and seen a lot of kids like me make fn of
my language and about...

My country

Telling me we don't take a shower,
we stink...

People think I was poor, didn't have
money, food or water.

They think everyone who lives in
Africa are too poor.

But that's not true.

They are wrong.

Let me tell you something for those
who don't know about Africa...

Not every country is the same so
that's a point of view, what you see
and think could be wrong or right.

Also, Id didn't come to America
because I got forced to leave or move
from my country...

No, I came because I want to and
want to see how America look like,
and got an audition.

Otherwise I'm happy and curious of
my life...also in my opinion I feel
like I'm better than those who are
judging me.

I'm a student.

I'm African.

Shout out to Cameron Cintron
for winning the section 5
Championship in shot put and
winning 3rd in States

-Coach Cooper

What's trending right now?

By Sharquan Rosier

As of 2016, people dress any kind of way they want to. Some people like casual blue jeans and a tee-shirt, while some people like a more formal bottom up with khakis. It's all about how it fits. **BIG CLOTHES ARE NOT IN STYLE ANYMORE.** It's not so much about brands or colors. It's about size. I know a few people who can dress without name brands in any color and still be more "in style" than a person with designer clothes **THREE** times their size.

MOST HYPEBEAST SHOES GO TO:

MASTER JORDAN 12's



Zach Scott challenges you to EAT HEALTHY!

Baked Honey Mustard Chicken

Ingredients

24 ounces uncooked Boneless,
Skinless Chicken Breasts
¼ cup Honey (local if possible)
¼ cup Mustard (preferably stone
ground)
1 tablespoon Parsley, fresh
chopped
1 tablespoon Dried Basil
1 teaspoon Smoked Paprika
1 tablespoon fresh Lemon Juice
Sea Salt & Pepper, to taste

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 Fahrenheit.
Rinse and pat dry chicken breasts
and place in a large glass dish.
Season them with sea salt and
pepper.
In a small bowl, stir together the
remaining ingredients and pour
over the chicken. Flip each one
over a few times to coat it well.
Cook for 45-50 minutes, turning
and basting them half way
through.

Get Caked

By: Gloria Colon

Get Caked is a local bakery that is located in Village Gate on Goodman street. They specialize in baking cookies, cupcakes, birthday and wedding cakes. This bakery is special in the sense that they make vegan, gluten free, and traditional baked goods. Kelly Halligan opened the bakery in March of 2013 but the planning wasn't easy since she had started the business and financial plans in 2010. She said the sole reason for this was having to receive the proper

permits, picking a perfect location and perfecting all the recipes.

Owning a culinary business has good and bad qualities. A big part of owning your own business is figuring out how to advertise when you are on a tight budget. Time management and having a personal life can be a challenge, but Kelly loves being her own boss and adding new products to her menu. Get Caked is a great bakery in the Rochester area surrounded by restaurants, retail stores and other businesses. I suggest stopping in for one of their amazing toffee crunch cookies or their peanut butter chocolate cupcakes or any one of their great treats!

Whoa... Totally, Dude! That was so Rad!

By Jacob Boggs

World Of Inquiry School #58 has a really awesome group of skateboarders. Aside from school work and our everyday lives, skateboarding is our release from everyday problems that we as young adults are facing. Skateboarding is a way to express ourselves and to hang out with others that share the same interests. For me, skateboarding is more than just a sport or hobby. It's a lifestyle that lets me express myself. Most people think that skateboarders are punks that do nothing but cause trouble and rebel against society, but living a skater lifestyle for going on 9 years, I believe it was meant for me.

As I pick up my skateboard, I think of it as a paintbrush that an artist uses to create an amazing work of art. There's no set style for skateboarders, you can pretty much wear what you want. People choose to skateboard just for the "street cred," thinking that it will make them cooler. I honestly refer to people like that as "Posers," taking a sport that is very difficult to perfect and only getting noticed by the kinds of clothes you wear. There are many "hot-spots" for us skateboarders in Rochester. The most notable is historic Martin Luther King Memorial Park because the area is very quiet and peaceful.

What makes me ME? 8th Grade Exhibition answers the question

By Talia Comegys

On February 10th, the 8th graders held their Exhibition Night. Unlike elementary, where all the grades had one night together, high school is more divided so the focus can be placed on student work. The 8th grade exhibition was called "What Makes Me, ME?" The night started with a meeting in the Gym as an overview of everything the students have been learning. Students and parents then drifted out into the halls to see the products the students created.

Before leaving the Gym however, the students showed a very amusing and informative video that summed up their Exhibition quite nicely. "It was great to see the kids having fun," said Mr. Rausch, the students' social studies teacher. Indeed you could see it in the video, with some laughing and joking during their part, it was a very nice watch.

The rest of the night was broken up among four categories: Math, Science, English and Social Studies. Each section had a different product and added another piece as to why these students are who they are. Parents were given a capture sheets with questions to ask their child for each station. Some students were quicker to answer the questions while others needed some prompting but you could tell what the students have learned.

The event went remarkably smoothly, or as smoothly as you can get with a large crowd of people at least. The whole event had a nice flow and in some places, you could actually turn around without bumping into another person. But most importantly though, it felt like the students had all the attention from start to finish and that's what's most important.

College Profile:

The College at Brockport

By: Rahmell Major

The college at Brockport is as diverse as any other college in the New York area. At Brockport, their main priority is to emphasize your learning and for you to engage in a more diverse atmosphere.

Brockport has 49 undergraduate majors and more than 50 masters programs. At Brockport, there are 8,106 students enrolled, and a 67% graduation rate.

Brockport is a Division 3 school that has 21 varsity sports for men and women. So if you are a sports player or just want to stay close to home Brockport may be the place for you.

Shout out to the boys 4x4
(Lloyd Davis, Xavier Anderson,
Shameeq Willis, and Jeremiah
Christian) for winning 2nd
place
-Coach Cooper

College 101

By Cameron Osbourne

The application process for college is a very serious task when deciding where you really want to go. The personal statement is a perfect way for an admissions committee to get to know an applicant without actually meeting them. While numbers like SAT scores and grades are very impersonal, the stories you tell in an essay are extremely personal. While some other applicants will almost certainly share your test score and GPA, nobody will write the exact same essay as you. That makes it a perfect opportunity for you to set yourself apart. Diversity is a beautiful thing and if you can persuade the admissions committee that you are different from others, you will be very essential to the college of your choice.

The Confusing Costs Of Attending College

By Gloria Colon

It seems common to hear that you need college to get a well paying career. In reality, how many people pursue going to college after graduating high school? In the fall of 2015, 20.2 million people were expected to attend an American college. If you think about this number you may wonder, what is holding some people back? To be honest, it seems to be that the tuition for attending college is the problem. It can be quite expensive and may be what is stopping some from furthering their education. Going to college, no matter the cost, should be on everyone's list.

Let's think about how the tuition for college has changed and the other additional costs. You must pay tuition, which is usually the highest cost of attending college; additionally you may also have to pay for textbooks, and room and board. In areas like Washington state, Arizona, Georgia, and other states, the college costs has gone up 70 percent since their inception.

State University of New York (SUNY) schools are a fair priced way to continue your education after high school. A recent change was proposed, however, to increase the tuition over a period of five years. The average tuition for a four year public college is \$22,958 a year, while the average tuition for a private four year college is about \$31,231 a year, for example, Penn State, Alfred University, Alma State, Keuka College, and University of South Carolina. SUNY colleges average about \$20,000, which includes room and board, and \$10,000 without room and board (<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>).

What can you afford? Now one thing we have not factored in is scholarships, FAFSA, TAP, and other ways to

help pay for college. Many four year schools offer amazing scholarships for students with great academics or sports ability. The average aid given to students at a public four year school is \$5,750 (2012-2013). For a four year private school it was \$15,680 (2012-2013). Big difference!

Also, we need to think about the experiences of college and whether they are worth the cost. Many people do say that their college years are the best of their whole life. You are going to meet tons of new people, there are no parental curfews and you can wear pajamas 99 percent of the time (www.bustle.com). Depending on your major you can even study abroad. Best of all, NO UNIFORM! You can show your pride by wearing your school hoodie. There are many more reasons, but I will end it with the best one: you can live with your best friends and be a part of weird college traditions.

There can be many things said about college, good and bad. College is a great place to further your education while making new friends, while having more freedom than you did in high school. You could argue that you have to pay a high price in tuition for this freedom. This is not a lie but many things in life require a cost to have a pay off. The cost is the tuition and your room and board. Now the payoff is you furthering your education and being able to pursue your dream career. Yes, college costs you a pretty penny, but just remember how helpful it is. You don't have to spend 40 thousand dollars to go, you can start at a community college. You can also apply for as many scholarships as you want. I do believe that if college was cheaper it would be easier for everyone to go. Colleges should do their best to make their costs as low as possible, instead of making them as expensive as can be. We can only hope that in the future, colleges decide to take the initiative and make paying as easy and reasonable as possible. Everyone should have the chance to follow their dream.

Griffin Extra

Teacher Spotlight - Mrs. Teague

By Bryttney Graham

B: Tell me a little about yourself.

T: I am originally from Rochester and am a graduate of Rochester Schools. I have two sons, one a graduate of RCSD and one that is currently a student here at WOIS #58.

B: Why did you want to be a Teacher?

T: In elementary I had a teacher who read to us, she made love reading. Then I had a 10th grade English teacher who I loved. She made learn writing, so I came to love writing. I decided after I went away to college for a year, that I didn't have the mindset to be Criminal Lawyer but I knew that I wanted to help people. I needed to get to them sooner than when they came to the criminal court system So I decided to become a teacher. What better way to do it than in the district that I grew up in.

B: Why did you choose to teach in high school?

T: I chose high school because I was naive and thought that I was going to be able to talk literature with young people all day. Course it hasn't turned out that way since young people don't read as often as I would like for them to read.

B: Where did you go to college?

T: I spent some time at Dillard University in New Orleans. I also went to Brockport, Monroe Community College and Nazareth College. I earned my Bachelors in Teaching from Brockport and then received my Masters in Teaching from Nazareth College.

B: Why do you think it's important to

B: Did you ever think about doing something other than being a Teacher?

T: When I was in High School, I was in the Science and Technology program and I was really good with computers. But I wanted to work with people, and I wanted to talk with people. At that time I couldn't see a way that I could marry computers with education, since then I have learned better. But that's why I chose teaching over computers.

B: What is your favorite vacation spot?

T: Hmm..... I haven't tried all of them yet, but my favorite place that I have been to so far, is Ghana in West Africa.

B: Why?

T: I feel a connection to this place. One of things that students ask me all time is "where am I from?" They don't believe I am African American because I wear the headwrap and my room is decorated in cultural stuff. I spent my birthday that one year that I went to Ghana, on the shores of the Atlantic ocean. I remember thinking that my ancestors most likely came through that beach. That they were walked across those shores and loaded on a boat, and that's how I came to here. And so, for me, I like to try to honor my ancestors and I feel a connection with them there.

B: What book are you reading now?

T: I am actually between books. I am waiting on my favorite adventure/crime novelist to come out with his newest book. I'm an English teacher, I don't read classics for fun most of the time. The author is Lee Childs and his main character is Jack Reacher. His newest book comes out in December.

B: What is the most important advice you can give your students?

T: To decide what they want and to go after it! Actively!



2K16 Talent Show Has Arrived!

By Taj Freeman

Talent has found its way to the WOIS community. As part of their Capstone Project, students Jada Williams and Taj Freeman are producing a Talent Show to showcase the benefits of unity, togetherness, and to show our school who's got talent! "It's not so much the prizes that excite me, but seeing my fellow students express themselves in their own way is what it's really about," says 12th grade student Taj Freeman.

On February 26th, students from grades 7-12 came to audition for the chance to showcase their talents at the first annual WOIS Talent Show. Don't miss your opportunity to hear what WOIS has to offer. There will be singing, dancing, stepping, poetry, and more! There will be guest performances in between the Talents, as well as some acts of your favorite teachers. Come on out to support the Talent show on April 29th and watch as we display why the WOIS Community is at its strongest when we come together. This is a show that you don't want to miss!

Date: Friday, April 29

Time: 5:30

Place: WOIS Gym Tickets: \$2 (sold at lunches)

The Building Lease

By Saryear Chatman-Flager



The old Metro Ambulance building 187 University Ave, directly across the street from our school, is currently not being put to use. Our school could benefit greatly from this space! Just think, over this past winter sports season we have had over 16 teams, clubs, and extracurricular activities and didn't have enough space in our school for some teams to practice on certain days. With the extra space, some teams will not have to worry about traveling from our school to another just to practice. Okay let's get into a little statistics.

A regulation college court is 94 ft long and 50ft wide

(4700 sq ft), while high school courts are supposed to be 84 by 50 ft. A standard indoor track is 200 meters around (656.168 ft), or exactly half the size of a standard outdoor track which is 400 meters in size. A volleyball court is 18 meters (59 feet) long and 9 meters (29.5 feet) wide. The size of this building is 14,355 square feet! Just enough space for each of the above sports. Let's make this building ours!

Diversity and Inclusion

By: Senioritis



In our immense and highly advanced society, where we live attached to digital screens in our hands, computers and things that we can only hope to understand, we fail to connect with one basic principle of a successful society: understanding. It is a trait that we throw around, claiming that we possess it when we don't.

By "we," I mean the general public. Society can't seem to take a step forward without upsetting someone, and being forced three steps back. The most recent case of this was World Hijab Day, which was recently recognized at World of Inquiry.

Many students and staff were invited to show their support to Muslims by either wearing a Hijab, the headdress of a Muslim woman, or pinning a boutonniere to their shirt or jacket (this option was for the males). Within the school, this event was well received and highly supported. But beyond our school walls our school came under fire from several outside sources. Members of the high school spoke up through social media defending this day of recognition.

"If we don't take the INITIATIVE of getting to UNDERSTAND other people's culture, even if it's different than ours, then we will have ANOTHER generation of CLOSED MINDED citizens like yourselves."

~Irving Roche, WOIS Senior, 17

"World of Inquiry is a school that values diversity, asking questions, and respecting those who are different from us," posts Atim Okung, a junior at WOIS. Nothing could be closer to the truth. We follow Design Principles, a major part of Expeditionary Learning, and Griffin Values such as integrity and compassion. Facebook posts by Atim and other members of the World of Inquiry School community exemplify these values in the best way possible. Upon announcement of this day of respect, social media practically exploded. One comment was made by an outsider to our school that sarcastically proposed a "go to school with a crucifix" day while another sneers at us by saying that suicide vests will be next. At that point, nobody would blame any member of the school to lose their composure, however it was another student who spoke up in a more mature manner than many of the adults who criticize us.

Irving Roche, a senior, stated that "it's incredibly shocking to see how many people are in opposition of this

day." In another post on Facebook, he wrote that we are a school that not only values diversity and respects it, but encourages it. He brings up another Design Principle as well. Diversity and Inclusion. We doubt that you could walk into any classroom in the RCSD and pick out more than three people of a similar ethnic background.

Again, to refer to Atim and Irving, this day was not meant to convert students to Islam, nor was it forced upon students who had no wish to participate (although student participation in Hijab Day was incredible, and moving). It was conceived in an attempt to educate, and show support for the Muslim community. Another senior, Thomas Le, simply writes that those people were close-minded and could only think in a stereotypical manner.

One of the teachers at WOIS brought up an interesting point (this occurred before Hijab Day, but we find it relevant). That point was that social media and the news jump at the chance to shed a negative light on the RCSD, and that we should watch where we tread. However as part of one of the most controversial events of the year in the district, these students, the crew of World of Inquiry, rose to the occasion and proudly stood for what they believed in.

The willingness at WOIS to learn about and support a culture that many students know little about is amazing. This event truly showed a new level of maturity, respect, and responsibility when it came to a community which we all call "home."

On a personal level, we agree with all of the students who spoke out in defense of our school and our classmates. If the public can't have the maturity to support our diversity and our respect, it is our charge to continue being us. We can't let them drag us down. As many of the outspoken upperclassmen have said, we are the next generation. We are the next newscasters, the next lawyers, government officials-- we are the face of the future. We will show our capacity to understand and to respect where our preceding generation has failed.

As responsible and respectful citizens of OUR global community, we chose to proudly participate in that day of tolerance and respect.

Shout out to the boys 4x2 (Marrai Miller, Lloyd Davis, Tazmin Hardy, and Juan Laporte) for coming in second place

-Coach Cooper

The YMCA is looking for volunteers ages 16 and up between March 28th and April 1st from 9:00 am to noon or 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. If you are interested please contact Vanessa Martell at (585) 263-2667 or email her at Vanessa.martell@rochesterymca.org

Chance the Rapper: REVIEW

By Josiah Logan

Chance the Rapper is a rapper out of Chicago and if your looking for a versatile rapper, Chance is your guy. His new newest album is called Acid Rap. He first gave us a preview of his new music with his music video "Good A** Intro," which is the first song featured on the album. It gives you a feel of the new sounds and production he's been playing around with. The newest album has definitely progresses as far as production goes. For example, he uses more sample beats on his last project "10 Day" where you can hear more instrumentation. In the album he talks about various topics such as his hard life growing up in Chicago. You can hear him talk about it in the song "Paranoia" which is the second part of the song "Pusha Man." At one point in the song "Paranoia," he says "it's easier to find a gun than it is to find a parking spot." But then you also have fun and up beat tracks like "Favorite Song" and "Juice." I recommend giving it a listen. It's definitely worth your time.

If you have a question for the advice team, please send it to Mrs. Porretta-Baker

Dear Griffin,

I have no idea what to put in my clutch for prom. It's too small to put everything I usually would need. I mean, I can barely fit my phone in it. Please help me decide what to bring!

Sincerely,
Clueless

Dear Clueless,

First of all if your phone doesn't fit in your clutch I have good news, now you have a good excuse to get a new phone case to match your dress! Second, you really don't need to take much with you. It's a night to have fun and you really don't need to burden yourself with extra dead weight. First the essentials, your ticket(s), cell phone and preferably extra cash, if not, a debit/credit card. Carrying your ID is also a good idea. Next, you'll need lip gloss or lipstick to reapply as needed throughout the night. A couple of bobby pins, band aids, and a small pack of mints. If you and your friends can get together and divide the items between your clutches that will be less to worry about. Just remember to only take what is absolutely necessary and have a great time! It will be a night to remember.

Sincerely,
Griffin

Stop Saying All Lives Matter

By Miguel Camilo Lopez Cardozo

"This Ain't Your Grandparents Civil Rights Movement." This is how St.Louis based rapper Tef Poe described the events that have taken off since the protests in Ferguson over the unjustified killing of Michael Brown, Eric Garner, and pretty much the killings of all unarmed black people all over America. The Black Lives Matter movement is extremely important, because not since the Black Panther Movement in the 70s and 80s has a strong group stood up to the oppression inflicted upon blacks. And white media couldn't hate it more.

Conservative media, such as Fox News, has been demonizing the movement, and views it as a bunch of teenagers rioting for no reason. Fox News is a right wing news corporation, and thus discards any progressive movement.

"The continued focus on black-on-black crime is a diversionary tactic, whose goal is to suggest that black people don't have the right to be outraged about police violence in vulnerable black communities, because those communities have a crime problem. The Black Lives Matter movement acknowledges the crime problem, but it refuses to locate that crime problem as a problem of black pathology. Black people are not inherently more violent or more prone to crime than other groups. But black people are disproportionately poorer, more likely to be targeted by police and arrested, and more likely to attend poor or failing schools. All of these social indicators place one at greater risk for being either a victim or a perpetrator of violent crime." (<http://blacklivesmatter.com/>) This major misconception is what news corporations like Fox thrive off of.

The truth behind the Black Lives Matter movement is this. They are not a bunch of teenagers rioting for no reason. They are fighting for equality on a social, economic, and racial level. The oppression of minorities has gone on for much too long, and this social revolution is needed.

Now, some people believe that the ideas behind the movement are correct, but the actions being taken aren't the best way to achieve their goals. They believe the riots are unnecessary to achieve social equality, and that peaceful protest should be in place instead of the violence. But, this mindset is not in the oppressed minority. The time for peace and "turning the other cheek" do not apply anymore. It's time for justice by any means necessary. It's time for equality by any means necessary. We tried the way of Martin, now it's time for Malcolm. Singing "We shall overcome" won't get crack out the ghetto. It won't make our voices be heard. If we want our demands to be met, they must first be heard. And if they won't listen, we will make them listen. John F Kennedy once said, "Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable."

All Lives Do Matter, but not all lives are being oppressed and killed daily.