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Happy New Year

New Years Resolution Interviews Brooke Gibson, Isabel Oseguera, Maya Bailey & Joelle Frazier Staff

The good thing about New years is that we will have a fresh start on starting over, a new you, and having new goals. Usually on New Year's Eve I think about this year and wonder what I should have done differently and that helps me think of my New year Resolution. This year my new year resolution is being nicer to my



"My New Year's resolution is to be nicer to people and communicate with others."-Rose Abd
"My New Year's resolution is not to be shy."



"For my New Year's resolution I want to go to the beach more." -Evan Turley
"For my New Year's resolution I want to get into shape."-Pablo Bahahora



"I want to do my best in school and not procrastinate." -Jonan Merle
"I would like to improve myself and my academics." -Melania Vilayphone



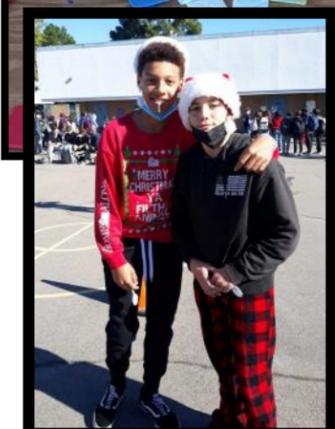
"My New Year's resolution is getting better in my classes."-Jackson Arenz
"My New Year's resolution is being a better person and challenging myself to do more things." -Romina Rodriguez



Green Team

Pedro Mogollan
Staff

Friday December 3rd the Green Team an event so that students could turn in recyclable items in for prizes. This event was a great way to participate in helping to keep the earth clean and beautiful. Green Team is about keeping the earth clean and beautiful and the event they had was a great way to represent that. *Green Team continued on page 2*



ASB

Elizabeth Tansey
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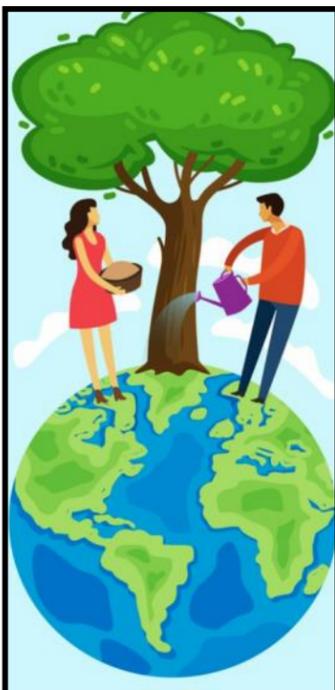
The last Friday before winter break, ASB helped celebrate the beginning of vacation with the Winter Fair. The purpose was to have fun and to celebrate different holidays. ASB worked to make all the games. "I liked watching everyone have fun." -Sadie Wheeler

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Recycling Fair



Green Team Members include: Olivia Aguilar, Dana Amini, Adam Bergstrom, Martin Chavez, Audrey Cheng, Addison Clark, Arya Falsafinoori, Elena Griffith, Bruno Desplates Giaconi, Chole Holguin, Ryder Keegan, Aray Kim, Ankia Magnuson, Dorothy Mau, Matthew Milhoan, Tianna Ocasio, Ethan Oshmago, Agustin Leana Pliego, Joshua Poblete, Aaron Puthuvallil, Thiago Quillin, Solei Seifert, Jack Serences, Maya Steever, Emi Tachibana, Victor Telles, Lene Trees, Boyuan Wang, Austin Will, Jake Xiao



ASB WINTER FAIR



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Hana Fitzenz

Kaho Nakamichi

Reagan Grado

New Year's Eats, Treats, and Tradition

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New Year is an exciting time for all. More party (junk) food is consumed on this day than almost any other day in the year. Some traditional recipes include Lemonade, Crepes, Candied pecans and assorted nuts, and Wonton Soup. In an effort to remain healthy here are some simple, healthier, traditional new year's recipes you can make at home (with parent help/ supervision). (Recipes provided by allrecipes.com)

Dessert Crepes:

Ingredients-

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup of whole milk
- Salt
- 1 ½ teaspoons vegetable oil
- ¾ cups all purpose flour

Directions-

1. In a blender combine eggs, milk, flour, salt and oil. Process until smooth. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour.
- Heat a skillet over medium-high heat and brush with oil. Pour 1/4 cup of crepe batter into pan, tilting to completely coat the surface of the pan. Cook 2 to 5 minutes, turning once, until golden. Repeat with remaining batter.

Lemonade-

Ingredients-

- 1 ¾ cups white sugar
- 8 cups water
- 1 ½ cups lemon juice

Directions-

1. In a small saucepan, combine sugar and 1 cup water. Bring to boil and stir to dissolve sugar. Allow to cool to room temperature, then cover and refrigerate until chilled.
2. Remove seeds from lemon juice, but leave pulp. In pitcher, stir together chilled syrup, lemon



to boil

Candied Nut Mix-

Ingredients-

- Cooking Spray
- 1 cup untoasted halved walnuts
- 1 cup untoasted halved pecans
- 1 cup unsalted roasted almonds
- 1 cup unsalted roasted cashews
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon ground cumin
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- ½ cup white sugar
- ¼ cup water
- 1 tablespoon butter



Directions-

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil and lightly coat with cooking spray.
2. Combine walnut halves, pecan halves, almonds, and cashews in a large bowl. Add salt, black pepper, cumin, and cayenne pepper; toss to coat.
3. Heat sugar, water, and butter in a small saucepan over medium heat until the butter is melted. Cook for 1 minute and remove from heat. Slowly pour butter mixture over the bowl of nuts and stir to coat.
4. Transfer nuts to the prepared baking sheet and spread into a single layer.

Wonton Soup

Ingredients

- 1 bunch green onions, cut into 1/2-inch pieces, divided
- 6 fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 pound ground pork
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 (16 ounce) package wonton wrappers
- 8 cups chicken broth
- 16 uncooked medium shrimp, peeled and deveined (optional)
- 1 medium head bok choy, torn into 2-inch pieces
- 16 snow peas
- 1 dash soy sauce, or to taste (optional)
- 1 dash sesame oil, to taste (optional)



Directions-

1. Dice the green onions, and set aside all but 1 tablespoon. Slice the mushrooms, and set aside all but 1 tablespoon. Finely chop the 1 tablespoon of green onions and 1 tablespoon of sliced mushrooms, and place in a bowl with the ground pork, 1 tablespoon sesame oil, 1 tablespoon soy sauce, egg, bread crumbs, salt, and pepper. Stir to thoroughly mix the pork filling.
2. Spoon about 1 tablespoon of the pork filling onto the center of each wonton wrapper. Use your finger or a pastry brush to lightly moisten the edges of the wonton wrappers with water. Fold one corner of the wrapper over the filling onto the opposite corner to form a triangle. Press the edges together to seal. Moisten the two long ends of the triangle, fold them together, and press them firmly to seal.
3. Bring the chicken broth to a boil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Drop the wontons, one by one, into the broth, and let them cook for 3 to 5 minutes, until they float to the surface. Reduce heat to a simmer, and gently stir in the shrimp, bok choy, and reserved sliced mushrooms. Let the soup simmer 2 more minutes, until the shrimp turn pink, and then drop in the snow pea pods. Garnish with the remaining green onions and a dash of soy sauce and sesame oil, and serve immediately.

New Years Tradition Around the World!

Malcolm Solt

Staff

Right around the new year people start feeling good that they made it through the year (especially through a pandemic) and hope that they will make it through the next. On New Years though people start doing things to celebrate the holidays. For example, in America every year in Times Square a ball will slowly go down a pole. In the last seconds of the year people will start counting down and when the next year finally starts, the ball will finally hit a platform at the bottom. In Mexico they might do things a bit different. A lot of times people will spend more time with family and eat specific types of foods like tamales, posole, and people will eat 12 grapes. They will also watch fireworks. In China people will also watch fireworks but they don't do everything the same. People will put up decorations and give sacrifices to their ancestors. One special thing that Chinese people do is the elders will give red envelopes to the kids. Inside the envelopes will be money. In Japan things can be different though. Every year, at midnight every temple in Japan will ring their bell (bonsho). People will also eat a certain meal called O-sechi ryori. Each part of the meal is supposed to bring luck and prosperity into their lives. In Russia people eat dinner late with their families. They will also drink sparkling water. Did you know that Russians celebrate new years on January 7 instead of January 1. Although we all celebrate New Years in many different ways we all love it and will celebrate it every year.

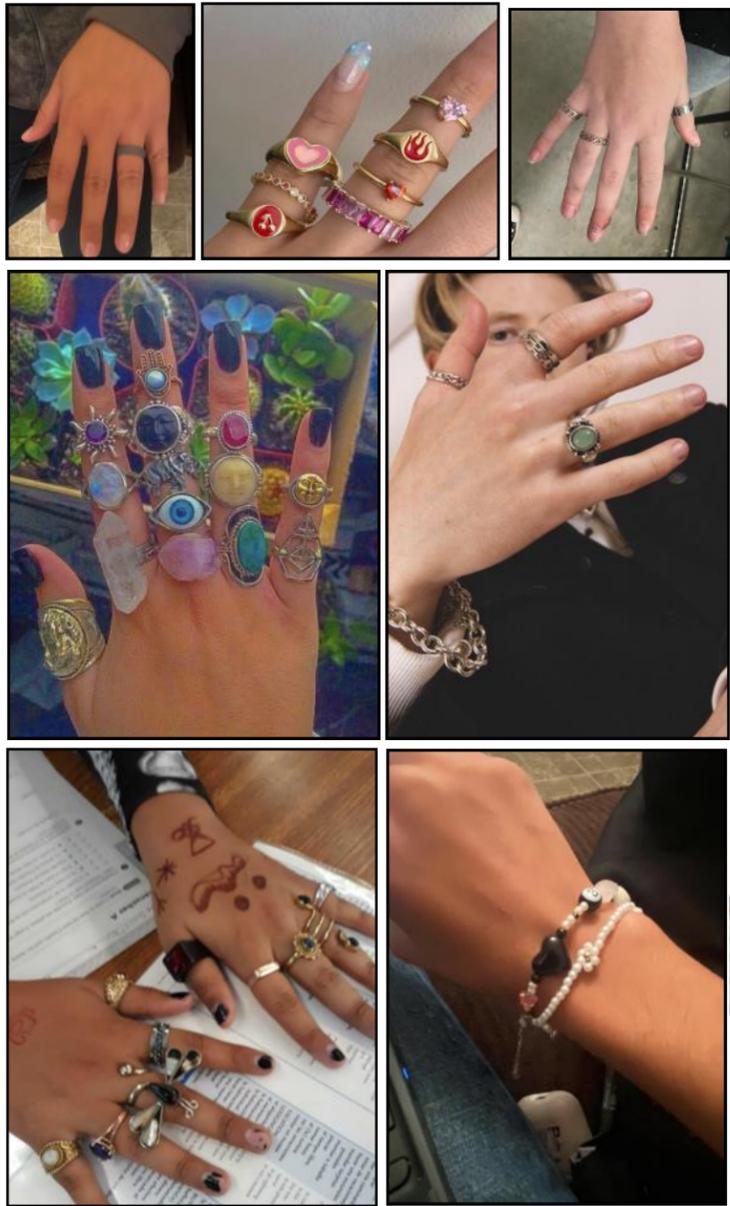




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Jewelry and Hats- 2022

Jewelry and rings are a simple and easy way to add style to your outfits.



Some kinds of hats that are popular right now are fitted hats, baseball caps and



From bell bottom jeans to the colorful patterns of knit sweaters, the 70's influence on current fashion is clear to see. The culture has also adopted more than just 70's fashion - crystals, tote bags, and other trademarks of hippie culture are popular on social media sites such as TikTok and Instagram. A landmark of 2021's revivalism of 70's culture was abba's release of their new album, Voyage. The 70's isn't the only era that has inspired the trends of 2021. y2k, or year 2000, is a fashion based off certain trends off the late 1990's and early 2000's fashion. Dresses-over-jeans and other "cheugy" trends have been exchanged for claw clips and tight tube tops. All in all, 2021 is a product of the things that preceded it. Staying at home has made people look back at how things were pre-quarantine. As in the case of y2k trends, people have heavily romanticized and, in areas such as fashion, stylized trends from the past. Fashion is an art and interpretation is a tool many artists use. As 2022 approaches quickly, I hope the trend of revivalism continues.



Early 2000s Fashion Making Its Way Back to 2022

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The 80s and 90s already made comebacks to these past years but now it's time for the early 2000s to shine. Low-rise jeans, cargo pants, ugg boots, corsets and more are some popular pieces coming back this year. This way younger kids are able to dress just like their parents possibly did. It also gives people from the 90s and early 2000s a chance to relive those moments from their past and get a feeling of nostalgia. On the top row there are a few pictures of some popular outfits from about 20 years ago, and the bottom row some pictures from very recently.





Spaced... Out?

Austin Johnstone
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Space x..... Sounds like a futuristic space company but it is real. Its headquartered is in Hawthorne, California. SpaceX was founded in 2002 by Elon Musk with the goal of reducing space transportation costs to enable the colonization of Mars. Elon Musk... that sounds like the guy that owns the electric car company tesla and indeed it is true. SpaceX manufactures the Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launch vehicles, several rocket engines, Dragon cargo, crew spacecraft and Starlink communications satellites. SpaceX's achievements include the first privately funded liquid-propellant rocket to reach orbit (Falcon 1 in 2008), the first private company to successfully launch, orbit, and recover a spacecraft (Dragon in 2010), the first private company to send a spacecraft to the International Space Station Dragon in 2012. They completed the first vertical take-off and vertical propulsive landing for an orbital rocket (Falcon 9 in 2015) which is the a huge tentacle advancement in space craft. Major achievements of SpaceX are in the reuse of orbital-class launch vehicles and cost reduction in the space launch industry. Most notable of these being the continued landings and relaunches of the first stage of Falcon 9 following a multi-year program. As of May 2021, SpaceX has used two separate first-stage boosters, B1049 and B1051, nine and ten times respectively. Elon Musk has gone on to say they will continue to push the fleet. Since the founding of SpaceX in 2002, the company has developed several rocket engines – Merlin, Kestrel, and Raptor for use in launch vehicles, Draco for the reaction control system of the Dragon series of spacecraft. I hoped that you learned something about Space X and help out the space industry.



Esports and Gaming Updates

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Team Spirit win The International 10 (TI10), new prize pool record

Team Spirit wins TI 10 through an incredible lower bracket run while The International 10 takes the new record for highest prize pool for a single tournament with over \$40 million distributed throughout the event.

Halo Infinite Championship Series announced

The newest Halo game is announced to have a fully developer-supported esports scene. The 9 teams with rosters already include Cloud9, Fnatic, Natus Vincere (NaVi), eUnited, G2 Esports, Sentinels, Space Station Gaming, Team Envy, and FaZe Clan. Halo Infinite is releasing on December 8, 2021, with a free multiplayer.

Edward Gaming (EDG) take home the League of Legends World Championship against Damwon Gaming (DWG)

EDG returned the World Championship to China after turning around a 1-2 start to a 3-2 winning record against DWG, the defending champions of the Worlds trophy.

GTA: The Trilogy- The Definitive Edition under severe backlash

GTA III, San Andreas, and Vice City have been given their definitive releases, but many in the community pointed out that there are worse graphics, fewer details, and fewer gameplay features than the originals.

Arcane met with praise

Riot Games and Netflix teamed up to create an original story using characters from the League of Legends universe. League of Legends' main competitor, Dota 2, also had its own anime on Netflix, titled Dota: Dragon's Blood.

Halo Infinite released to critical acclaim

After releasing an early multiplayer beta on November 15, 2021, 343 Industries fully released their 3rd mainstream Halo game that follows the story of Master Chief. Reviews stated that the game significantly improved on 343's previous mistakes on their other 2 releases, Halo 4 and Halo 5: Guardians.

Acend win VALORANT Champions and breaks viewership records

Acend takes home the trophy at VALORANT Champions after an intense final BO5 (best of 5) against the Master 3 Berlin champions, Gambit Esports. The grand final peaked at around 1.089 million viewers across all platforms, becoming the most viewed VALORANT event so far.

HCS Kickoff Major in Raleigh finishes

The first major event in the HCS circuit finished with Cloud9's North American roster taking home the trophy. On Twitch, the live stream peaked at 267,000 viewers, overshadowing many top esports. The tournament wasn't without problems though, many crashes and disconnects happened in the worst situations.

The off-season begins in esports

With many big events concluding, esports finds itself in one of the most exciting times of the year. The off-season comes with many roster changes and roster leaks in the top esports. Keep an eye on social media for the newest changes and leaks.

Sea of Thieves Season 5

Anti-Climatic?

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The new Sea of Thieves season released on December 3rd, 2021. I personally was very excited for it since I am a big fan of the game. They added a bunch of new game mechanics and items to make the game more fun and interesting. If you haven't heard of Sea of Thieves I will explain it. The game Sea of Thieves released on March 20, 2018. It is a game where you are a pirate and you can complete different tall tales or voyages to earn coin and reputation to become a pirate legend. Coins can be used to buy cosmetics, animals, and voyages.



The Sea of Thieves Season 5 added a bunch of items, mechanics, bug fixes, etc to the game. Some of these include the ability to bury treasure, quest boards, fireworks, flares, sitting, sleeping, reverse speaking trumpets, cannon rowboats, plunder pass update, new costumes/tools, new ship parts, new emotes, new shanties, dice, skeletons drop ammo, rats, easier to spot kraken/megalodon loot, storage crate update, and new animations for talking in game. This may seem like a lot and it is but to make it easier to comprehend I'm going to put them into two categories.



Major and minor updates. I will then explain what they are and their features. First are the minor things. The first of these things are sitting and sleeping. They have added a way to sit in certain places, like the edge of the ship, for aesthetics. Sleeping was added as a way to regain health, while also being for aesthetics. The next thing is that hostiles will drop ammunition pouches so you don't have to find a crate or go back to your ship to refill your ammo. They also added markers for megalodon and kraken loot so it is easier to see. Now when you kill one of these it will be much easier to see what they drop. Now when you use storage crates, you don't have to transfer all items from a barrel manually. You just need to click a button which will allow you to transfer all items into it. From now on when you talk using the in-game microphone the mouths of the people will move. These minor things can make the game easier to play and I personally really enjoy the ammo pouches because it was a pain to have to go back to your ship to collect ammo. Now are the major things. Number one is the ability to bury treasure and show the maps at the quest board. If you were to bury treasure, you can list the map, showing where the treasure is, on a quest board for other people to go find. If someone else finds the treasure, you will receive the renown, which is like xp, the next time you login. The quest board is very useful if you want to just do a quick voyage instead of the long voyages they have. The next, and biggest thing in my opinion, is the fireworks/flares. These don't really have a big use to be honest, but they are still a lot of fun to see all the different designs of the fireworks. The flares could be used as an alert system I supposed but again, there is really no use for them. Next are reverse speaking trumpets. I was going to put this in the major category but I realized this could be very useful for strategy. It's a way to talk to just your teammates to skeme and plan. Next are all the new items. They've added Christmas themed clothing, tools, weapons, and ships. These can be unlocked by coin, doubloons, ancient coins, or by the plunder pass. Dice. They added a way to roll dice and again I was gonna put this in minor but I realized this might be a cool way to split the plunder between the crew. Finally are rats. These again are mostly for aesthetics but they do have a purpose. If while on your ship you see the rat coming above deck, this means the ship is filling up with water and needs to be tended to. That is all I have for this article.

Fortnite

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Fortnite Battle Royale was made in July 25, 2017 and it was just a random zombie game making a Battle Royale. When it came out people were enjoying it and it was good but then they added something which made it more popular. They added a battle pass and it was great. They called it Season 1. After that, they made season 2 and the game gained a lot of attention and it blew up. Season 3 they fixed the game with glitches; it added a bunch of new things and they were making skins and everyone was playing it. It was the most trending game. A few years later something called Chapter 2 began and there was a new map. Players didn't like these new changes and the game was losing a few players. Then fast forwards to 2021 and it has been more than 4 years and they were in Chapter 3 season 1 and added Spiderman which made a lot of players want to come back and play the game with a new map. People liked this new update and it made everything change unlike chapter 2 people liked chapter 3's changes. People are exited with more updates because some of the map is frozen and people think it will melt down and bring another part of the map.

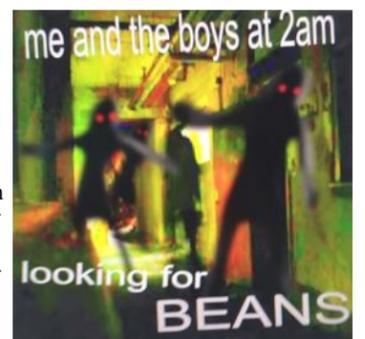


Gen-z Humour Explained

Haha funny uwu 69 candice 420 joe mama beans

Noah Boulter

Today I will be explaining the madness of gen-z memes so lettuce begin. So first we need to understand what are gen-z memes and why do they appeal to people but how (VSauce theme plays). First we need to understand that the people who enjoy gen-z are from 6-12 because from what I can tell the videos are super duper extremo bonanza obnoxious. anymore adjectives? Floopin. So what appeals to the gen-z are random videos with loud/annoying sound effects played randomly. But there is another reason why these memes are popular but you may not like the answer. People will watch something like gen-z humour be like or something of the words of that and the viewer would think something of the words of "wow this is so bad why would anyone watch this" then watch another one of those videos. This would make the gen-z video become more popular. And the videos are very easy to make that's why they are everywhere and the reason why these people make these is for ether the clout or the money, just like dream clip channels they ether repost memes from other places and make it their own or they make it on their own because all it is a video from someone or something popular and put some loud obnoxious sound effects. But the people who make those videos probably don't even like the memes they like. So in the end people will still make cringe videos but it will die off. Have a day.



Boxing History

The history of boxing and its best fighters

Blake Lauer

The history of boxing is really unique, however first I will tell you what boxing is. Boxing is a martial art sport in which two people will go in a ring and wear gloves over their fists. This sport is both an Olympic and Commonwealth Games sport and is a standard fixture in most international games. It also has its own World Championships. Boxing is overseen by a referee over a series of one to three minute rounds. There can be 9-12 rounds depending on their skill level. When the rounds are over the winner is determined by points, however the fighters get points by either landing hits on the other person or knocking them down. The Rounds can end early if one of the fighters is incapable of continuing like being put to sleep (getting knocked out). The earliest evidence of boxing rules date back to Ancient Greece, where boxing was established as an Olympic game in 688 BC. Boxing evolved from 16th- and 18th-century prizefights, largely in Great Britain, to the forerunner of modern boxing in the mid-19th century with the 1867 introduction of the Marquess of Queensberry Rules. The earliest known depiction of boxing comes from a Sumerian relief in Iraq from the 3rd millennium BC. A relief sculpture from Egyptian Thebes shows both boxers and spectators. There were other variations of boxing too, one variation comes from India and it's called the Mahabharata. The Mahabharata describes two combatants boxing with clenched fists and fighting with kicks, finger strikes, knee strikes and headbutts. This sport, funny enough, arose from illegal venues and outlawed prizefighting has become one of the biggest sports out there. Majority of the boxing talent usually comes from poverty stricken areas. Places like Mexico, Africa, South America, and Eastern Europe prove to be filled with young aspiring athletes who wish to become the future of boxing. Even in the U.S., places like the inner cities of New York, and Chicago have given rise to promising young talent. three judges are present at ringside to score the bout and assign points to the boxers, based on punches connected, defense, knockdowns, hugging and other, more subjective measures. When a boxer is knocked down the referee will count to ten, when he completes his count and the other boxer is still on the ground that boxer is ruled



knocked out and the winner will have a win in knockout. Throughout the 17th to 19th centuries, boxing bouts were motivated by money, as the fighters competed for prize money, promoters controlled the gate, and spectators bet on the result. The referee can rule some punches as a foul and these can be hammer punching by slamming your glove on the other boxer, another common foul is a low shot which one boxer hits the person's private. The modern Olympic movement revived interest in amateur sports, and amateur boxing became an Olympic sport in 1908. Olympic and other amateur bouts are typically three or four rounds, scoring is computed by points based on the number of clean blows landed, regardless of impact, and fighters wear protective headgear, reducing the number of injuries, knockdowns, and knockouts. As a person who practices boxing I can say it is very fun and very interesting all around.

Should you fold your pizza?

A split decision

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Pizza is a very enjoyed meal all over the country. It comes in many shapes, sizes, and forms. There is a big question to this meal, though: How do you eat it? Everyone in this article has an opinion. Which side are you on? [Should you fold your pizza? \(google form, only available online\)](#)

(NO!) If pizza were meant to be eaten that way, people would sell them that way, like the way you buy a burrito already rolled up. If you're going to fold your pizza, you might as

well go eat a calzone, since they are literally the same thing. Calzones exist for a reason, so go get one instead of folding your pizza in half and ruining it.

(YES!) People may say that you are meant to eat pizza unfolded, but in places like New York, pizza is meant to be eaten folded. Slices are typically larger than the plate they are served in. Folding the Pizza allows people to eat with one hand, and prevents any grease from falling onto your shirt. This also allows the toppings to stay on the pizza. The crust, the part people hate most, also allows you to make it a handle, keeping it from falling apart. With the fold, you are also able to multitask, like eating and watching tik tok memes on your phone. If you are in a rush, then You can take bites while still enjoying the taste. Folding the pizza doesn't stop you from eating it slowly, though. A lot of people also complain about soggy pizza, too. With soggy pizza, the slice droops, but if you were to fold it, the piece would stay straight, and allow you to eat it without any neck cramps from looking up all the time. Folding also allows for better cleanup. If you were to eat pizza with a white shirt on (don't do it, that's just asking for trouble and a big, embarrassing stain), or a very important shirt, you might be worried about getting it dirty. As mentioned before, folding traps the toppings inside, but also prevents the grease from dripping onto your shirt while you are on the go. Typically, people argue that you can't enjoy a folded slice of pizza, since you take big bites. However, there is nothing holding you back from taking small bites! Also, I would argue, If pizza was going to be rolled up, then what would it look like? And would it be easier to eat than what we have today?

The Scoop

Gym Uniforms

Jensen Landrey

Staff



Standley Middle School changed into their P.E. Uniforms in Mid-October. Standley students have mixed views. Some think that the P.E. uniforms are ugly and itching. Others like the fact that they can get dirty. The P.E. teachers say that the purpose of P.E. uniforms are to keep students clean at school so if they get dirty in P.E., they don't have to go to their next classes dirty or sweaty. So the scoop is that P.E. uniforms are efficient but they could use some changes.

Library - 22: The Unwinnable Paradox

Ryan Krause

Staff

Since the day I arrived at Standley, the library has become a refuge unlike any other; a place for solitude and companionship, joy and sadness, a place to discover all there is, whether in its numerous volumes or in the experiences that occur nowhere else. Every lunch I would race to the library and delve into the shelves, or grab a chess board, or simply fall down on a chair or beanbag and nap. But now, I wander the lunch court sad and dispirited, my ears still ringing from the refusals that greet me every time I approach the white paint line slashed across the floor. "Library closed" sorry kid, Library full". What's happened? What has become of my former place of refuge? Our story begins many weeks ago, when the library was still full of life. You see, a persistent problem has plagued the library, long as can be remembered. You see we have endured a persistent trickle of those who came to the library with a different intent: to cause as much disruption as possible. This was annoying to be sure but it never became intolerable or anything. That changed after the pandemic. To this day I am not entirely sure why 2021 was the year that welcomed hordes of loud and obnoxious students to the library. Whatever the reason was, it was this constant stream of visitors that, I think, broke the library. It was clear something had to be done, and something was done. A new system was introduced, limiting library capacity far below what it previously was. While this effectively returned the library by and large to its peaceful state, such peace has come at a cost. You see, under this system the kids that are granted entry are those that eat FAST. Absurdly fast, and as such it becomes nigh impossible to secure occupancy in the library anymore.

Standley Garden Club

Working for the Greater Good.

Sage Romero

Staff

Standley offers a large array of clubs to join and enjoy and Garden Club, run by Ms. Rannikko in room 307, is definitely one of the most notable. This article will highlight the daily activities, future plans, and the member's experience in the club.

The club starts in 5th period. The members usually sit for attendance before a small group of people go to the school garden, usually no more than 5 or 6. This is when the magic happens. The people in the garden club seem to have a clear goal for the school garden, renovate, clean, and grow. They've already got this plan into fruition! Once in the garden, students divide and conquer. Some will get various tools out to help them; brooms, hoes, shovels, etc. Others will head towards something being worked on, for example, the composter. The composter in the garden is a rectangular box that is connected to a loose frame, the user can move the composter by pushing the box and rotating the contents. Daily, the composter is filled with various leaves, decaying plants, excess soil, insects, and more. However, the composer is not the only thing in the garden that is being worked on.

One of the larger goals that the garden club has is the pond. The pond in the garden club is fairly large and far from perfect. Be as it may, if nurtured and cared for, this pond could foster a huge underwater ecosystem. This project was initiated by past garden club members, specifically in 2019. These students understood the importance of giving life back to such a large part of the school garden. In 2019, the pond was filled with dirty, nauseating water. Now, the pond is drained and being restored. After filling holes in the concrete of the pond, deep cleaning, refilling, and introducing new plants and organisms to the pond, the garden club hopes to bring this dream into a reality.

Along with all the exciting things happening in the garden itself, the club also works outside of the classroom! Ms. Rannikko has a ton of events planned to spread good for the planet and to improve it. In the garden club there is a group of people helping spread this message, the Green Team. She plans to educate, not only her club, but the school on how to work on acting for the greater good with the Green Team. Here's how; Green Team is currently hosting an America Recycles Day in November (add details about this using the interview time). The team also intends on going classroom to classroom and pick up recycling bins, as well as teaching what can and can't be recycled. There is also a composting program on the way to improve on reusing the world's natural resources.

Enough reading, let's listen to the garden club members themselves. Here's how the club members like about the garden club, their plans, interests, and experience in the club using their own words. Matthew Mihoam answered, "I like doing it [the garden club] because I like scenery work." Another comment was added by Dot Mau when asked about their favorite things to do in the club; "Working on the pond and refurbishing it." We also asked about their future plans. Olivia Aguilar said, "We're planning on adding water to the pond, getting fishes, and maybe some lilly pads." There is an obvious drive to make the world healthier in all of the garden club's members, and to that we are very grateful.



GAME PAGE

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2022 Zodiac Sign Prediction

Time for a New Year! Find out how your year will look like based on your zodiac sign

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Staff

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): This whole year will be filled with opportunities that will benefit you for your social life. You will be able to reflect and benefit from your past actions, good or bad, but whatever they are, they will be able to benefit you.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You are going to go on a journey of self discovery. Not just by reading or finding information about your personality type, but more by finding it throughout the year.

Aries (March 24-April 19): For Aries expect your year to be getting back on track. You'll be able to see the world as a blank canvas ready. Start to put yourself towards all of the projects that you want to complete and follow what you really want.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The year 2022 will be a year of transformation for you and you'll be able to finally understand what you want and no longer just go on about what other people say. You will get the chance to be your own person and you'll be able to step out of the self doubt you have been holding on to.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): In 2022 you will be able to have stability and balance in your life. There will be less triggering things for Gemini. You will be able to understand that you need your quiet space to just be yourself and find comfort and calmness in the world.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You'll find yourself in many social events to make more friendships when it comes to school or just for personal reasons.

Leo (July 23-August 22): This year will be full of celebrations and joy. You will find yourself with a lot of friends, success, and good fortune.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): For Virgos there will be no more self doubt! You will finally be able to make your boundaries of who you want in your life and who you don't.

Libra (September 23-October 23): In 2022 you will be able to release all guilt, shame and more heavy things that have been bothering you will all be lifted up. Finally after releasing all of the pressure that you've been holding you will be able to find yourself more and create a deeper relationship with yourself and others around you.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): This year you will be able to wipe away everything that has caused you somewhat upset. Spend your time on people who you think will benefit you in the future and focus on those people who can help you and that will always be there for you. They are the ones who will help you through this year including you helping them.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): 2022 will allow you to rest finally after a long and stressful year. You will be able to find more things about yourself through friends and family helping you on the way.

January

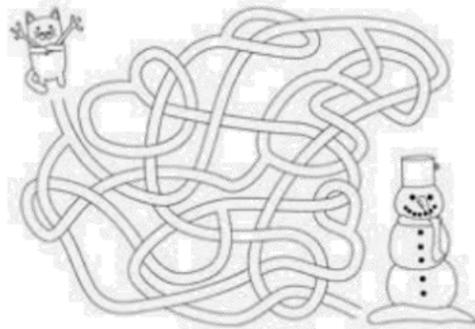
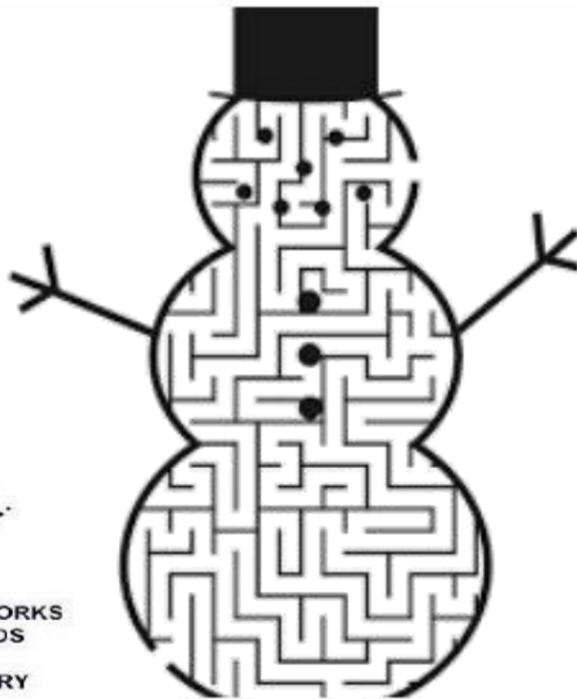
January is the first month of the year and if you are born in that month before the 19th you are a Capricorn, a Capricorn is the 10th astrological sign in the zodiac. If you are born on the 20th and above, you are an Aquarius, an Aquarius is the 11th astrological sign in the zodiac. Birthstone: Garnet, No not granite, Garnet. Garnet is a stone that can come in many colors. It is considered a gift to show great trust and friendship. The two flowers are Snowdrops, which are plants that have two linear leaves and a single white bell flower hanging off the top. A Carnation is a colorful flower with multiple flower petals.



Hey, let's talk...

Staff

I know it's been awhile since we last talked, but I just wanted you to know that I'm proud of you. I don't know how many times you have heard it or didn't but I'm saying it now. I'm proud of you. For you being able to make it through another year, you're still here today to make through another year and years after. You've gone through so much pain and so many troubles but you made it through right? Whether you believe it or not you really did and I'm so happy that you did. Times have changed, wounds have healed. It's time to be better. No more late night cries, no more wounds, no more sleepless nights. No more hurting. It's been awhile since we've thought like this but it's sure as hell time to change how we think. Time to be happy now. Sincerely, your new year self.



HAPPY NEW YEAR



Riddles

❄️ Q: Where is New Years Eve so Mathematical?
A: Times Square

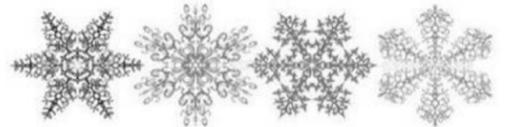
❄️ Q: What is a New Year's resolution?
A: Something that goes in one year and out the other.

❄️ What do you say to your friends on New Year's Day? *I haven't seen you since last year!*

❄️ How did Princess Elsa fall off her sled?
She let it go, let it go!

❄️ I can drift, lift, swirl, and fall; but only in the winter or not at all. I can get big, but I'm usually small. I can appear when the weather is either wild or tame. I have a million brothers and sisters, but we never look the same. What am I?
A snowflake

❄️ What did the snowman's mom say when she saw his dirty room?
This is abominable!



NEW YEAR'S

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FIREWORKS
 FRIENDS
 HATS
 JANUARY
 KISS
 MEMORIES
 MIDNIGHT
 CALENDAR
 CANDLES
 CELEBRATION
 CONFETTI
 COUNTDOWN
 FAMILY
 FATHER TIME
 NOISEMAKERS
 PARADE
 PARTY
 RESOLUTION
 TIMES SQUARE
 TOAST
 TRADITIONS

Winter Sudoku

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters WINTER. Don't guess - use logic

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Panel 1: What are your New Year's resolutions?
 Panel 2: I didn't write one. I think they don't make much sense...
 Panel 3: Most of them are improving yourself.
 Panel 4: WHO ATE MY MY LUNCHE!!
 How could I improve myself?
 "Sigh", yeah how...