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Male Pattern Baldness

James Mertz '25

Male pattern baldness is a common condition found within men. Generally starting at the top the the head the hairline begins to recede in seven common stages. Pattern baldness is not a condition that needs to be treated, but treatment for it does exist. Some treatments to circumvent hair loss include medications, transplanting hair, or realistic looking wigs. While these treatments exist many people forgo these options and embrace their new bald look, just like a few of our teachers at CHA, can you guess who's who? The three bald teachers featured are, Mr.Hammond, Mr.Schafer, and Mr.Kempfer

A



B



C



History of April Fools'

Kelsey Mcpeck '25

April Fools occurs on April 1st each year and has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures. Some historians hypothesize that April Fools Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. Historians also linked April Fools' Day to festivals such as Hilaria, which is latin for joyful, and was celebrated in ancient Rome at the end of March by followers of the cult of Cybele. There is speculation that April Fools' was tied to the vernal equinox, or first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when Mother Nature fooled people with changing, unpredictable weather. During the 18th century April Fools' Day dispersed throughout Britain. In Scotland, April Fools' became a two day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," where people are sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, which is a symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which involve pranks on people's rear end, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

Important Dates in April:

4th - End of Quarter 3

7th- Spring Pictures @ 8:30 am

9th- Board Meeting at 4pm

18th - No School

26th -Prom

30th- Half Day



1. The first recorded April Fools prank was ____?

- a. 1689
- b. 1599
- c. 1710
- d. 1644

2. April fools started because ____?

- a. Children got bored and starting playing pranks for fun
- b. The change of the Julian calendar
- c. Cabin fever from being inside all winter
- d. None of the above

3. Who invented Daylight savings time?

- a. Benjamin Franklin
- b. Albert Einstein
- c. President Nixon
- d. George Hudson & William Willett

4. The original reason for daylight savings is ____?

- a. To save on money
- b. To force people to work more
- c. To conserve energy and extend the work day during WW1
- d. To work more during WW1 to produce more goods

5. March used to be considered ____?

- a. The first month of the year
- b. The least productive time of the year
- c. The month of war because of its name origin
- d. The worst time to clean

Baldness Answers:

A - Mr.Schafer B - Mr.Kempfer C - Mr.Hammond

PATRIOT OF THE MONTH: MARCH



Heaven Rondo '25 Madison Hubbard '25

The Patriot of the Month is someone who takes pride in doing good and helping others in school and classes. All the Patriot of the Month nominees are considered deserving because of their dedication to the Patriot Values of Grit, Teamwork, Community, Love, and Excellence. They all have impressed their teachers and the people around them.

Kindergarten



Camerin Bruce

- Sweetest student
- Always willing to help classmates
- Works hard

1st Grade



Hannah Ostrander

- Always ready to learn
- Kind and helpful to classmates

2nd Grade



Jason Hertzberg

- Always happy to help
- Kind and always does his best

3rd Grade



Stori Harmon

- Welcoming to everyone
- Wonderful role model

4th Grade



Joslynn Jones

- Works hard
- Never gives up
- Strong school work ethic

5th Grade



Jameson Thrush

- Great effort
- Amazing attitude

6th Grade



Elizabeth Beyers

- Outstanding student
- Remarkable role model

7th Grade



Marieka Aboayge

- Always has a smile
- Very positive

8th Grade



Calvin Wolf

- Taken pride in academics
- Great leaders

9th Grade



Dakota Williams

- Positive attitude
- Respectful to all

10th Grade



Garrin Teed

- Respectful
- Academic excellence
- Builds strong community

11th Grade



Andie Gearhart

- Great student
- Always participates and volunteers

12th Grade



Dylan Sharrow

- Volunteers around school
- Great student athlete

CTE



Larry Bauman

- Good grades
- Shows up on time
- Respectful

Staff



Ashley Wiles

- Always helpful
- Holds the school together
- Endless patience

Reviews



Destiny 2 Jackzen Salvias '26

Destiny 2 is a free to play online first person shooter video game developed by Bungie in 2017 as a sequel to Destiny. Destiny 2 is set in a future where humanity is struggling to survive against multiple alien threats. The players take the roles of guardians of which there are 3 different classes of guardians each with their own unique abilities and playstyles: Titan, Warlock, and Hunter. Titans are the tanky frontline warriors who excel in defense and brute strength utilizing barriers and powerful melee attacks. Hunters are the agile rouges who are fast and precise using acrobatics, throwing knives, and invisibility to outmaneuver enemies. Warlocks are the mystical space mage harnessing energy for powerful ranged attacks and support abilities like healing and various buffs. Each class has multiple different and unique elemental subclasses (Solar, Ark, Void, Stasis, Strand, and Prismatic) each with unique abilities to go with their class. There are 7 enemy races: the Vex, the Cabal, the Fallen/Eliksni, the Taken, the Hive, the Scorn, and the Dread. The Vex are interconnected through the "Vex Mind," a network that allows them to manipulate time, space, and timelines, controlling their actions. The Cabal, a militaristic empire, seeks conquest and control across planets, relying on advanced technology and overwhelming firepower. The Fallen, once the proud Eliksni, fell after the Traveler abandoned them following the Collapse, turning them into ruthless scavengers. Now divided into various Houses, they seek to reclaim their lost power and seek revenge on the Traveler. The Taken, created by Oryx, the Taken King, are corrupted by the Darkness, becoming twisted versions of themselves and serving the Darkness. The Hive, masters of necromantic powers and the Sword Logic, are led by powerful beings like Oryx, Savathûn, and Xivu Arath. The Scorn, mutated and grotesque, are a twisted faction of the Fallen, differing in appearance and mentality. The Dread are beings reshaped by the Witness using stolen Light from the Traveler. These include entities like Rhulk and Nezarec, with others originating from Psions, Fallen, or even the Witness's own fractured mind. Some Dread, like Subjugators Yemiq and Selin, are born from dissected forms of other Dread.

The Outsiders Play: Yay or Nay? Andie Gearhart '26

I went into the play scared, terrified that one of my favorite childhood stories might be ruined. I don't mean any offense to the drama club, but I think a lot of people felt the same way. That's why the play turned out so well—the anticipation was huge. There was a lot of advertising, and updates about practices kept spreading throughout the school. The word got out far and wide this time, and the drama club had a lot of pressure to make it great. They definitely delivered the best show yet.

I couldn't see anyone else as Ponyboy after seeing Bently Gunn's performance. He played the character with so much emotion and completely nailed it. At first, the fast-paced dialogue was a little hard to follow, but it quickly made sense. It gave Ponyboy a nervous, jittery vibe that the movie missed. In the film, he seemed tougher, but in the play, Bently captured the scared kid underneath. The play felt much more authentic to the book, showing Ponyboy as a teenager trying to make sense of everything, and that emotional vulnerability really shone through.

Neveah Martray was the standout actor, delivering a natural and relatable performance that made the performance feel genuine. The cast was perfect, with each actor fitting their role perfectly. Isaiah Cole, who was making his debut, was a surprise, showcasing his confidence and natural talent. The actors for Johnny, Dallas, and Ponyboy worked well together, creating an amazing chemistry that made the play feel authentic. The actors' understanding of their roles was evident, making the performance feel natural and genuine. Overall, the actors' performances were impressive and made the play feel authentic.

The props were definitely a highlight this year, adding a fun touch of humor to the show. *The Outsiders* is a darker story with serious themes, so there isn't much comedy to lighten the mood, but the props helped with that. For example, when Cherry Valance dumped ice cubes on the greaser's head, it was hilarious how they just stuck there. The cups in the movie theater scene also had a Lego-like vibe, adding a fun element. The orange-tipped gun was a smart, safe choice, especially since the show was performed in a school setting for a younger audience. It kept things from feeling too realistic or intense, which was important given the sensitive topic of violence.

In the end, the play exceeded my expectations. The first act was hard to hear, but it improved after that. The drama club took on a lot of pressure but delivered a memorable and personal show. The cast, props, chemistry, and emotion all came together in a way that made this adaptation both fresh and true to the book. *The Outsiders* lived up to its legacy, and I'm sure no one else will ever feel right as those characters.

PROM PAGE



Best Prom- Posals

Kylie Stearley '25

For this months paper in celebration of Prom coming up, I sent out a survey asking what way someone would prefer to be asked to prom. I had 5 choices on it and the majority, 81%, of people voted for A Song/Movie themed poster with gifts. All options were less personal, like a call or a text, or a movie and dinner. In my opinion most people pick a poster and gift because it is more personal, it means your significant other is thinking about you and willing to put in the time to ask you to your prom. Another one that got voted for was *Movie and dinner* I feel this is a good one, you're spending quality time together and that is always good but i feel just asking without like anything is kind of lame and less personal.



Valentines Day Fun

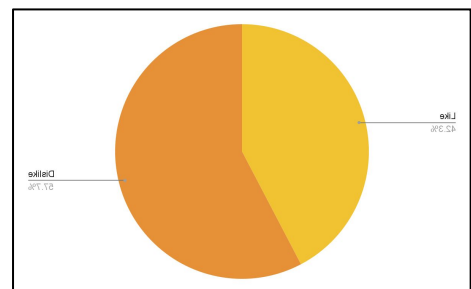
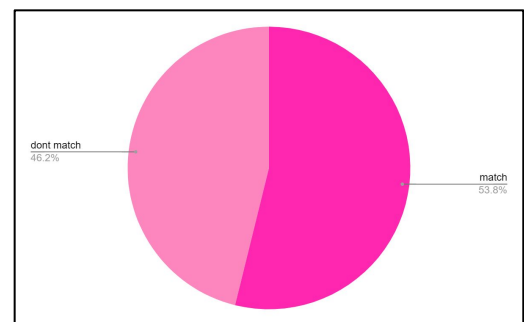
Haley Perez '27

The Middle School Valentines dance will be on March 14th, the dance was suppose to be on February 13th. You might think its weird that the middle schools have a valentines dance in the middle of March. The reason why I'm writing this in March is because we had a snow day on the day of the dance. There will be chips and drinks during the dance, and maybe cookies. It was hosted in the elementary cafeteria during school from 2-3. They will be doing a competition for the best dressed at the dance, March 13th is the last day to join competition. There will also be candy guessing for the kids to guess how much candy is in the jars. Landon Matzke got asked what he's most excited about and he said he was most excited about the food that's gonna be there. The student council is trying to get a set of corn hole in the cafeteria before the dance starts.

Prom Night Jackpot

Mabel Simon '25

After a long wait, the prom theme of "Casino" was finally announced, and it was met with mixed opinions. There was a lot of deliberation regarding the theme, and many people expected "Wild West" to be chosen. In the end, it was decided that this year's theme would be "Casino". A theme for a dance is a fun way to determine how to decorate the venue and many people try to color coordinate with the theme when choosing their prom attire. In a survey of over 30 students 42.3% of people liked the prom theme, and 57.7% did not. It seems like a large part of the reason more people were unhappy with the theme can be attributed to "Casino" being a hard theme to match. 46.2% do not consider the theme when choosing their outfit and 53.8% do. Despite the mixed reactions to the final decision, there is much to be excited about. Prom will take place on April 26th. It will be held from 7-10 at The Evergreen Barn. There will be casino-themed games and scratch-off tickets. Thank you to student council students and Mrs. Nordman, Ms. Crall, and Mrs. Lindley for their hard work in organizing.



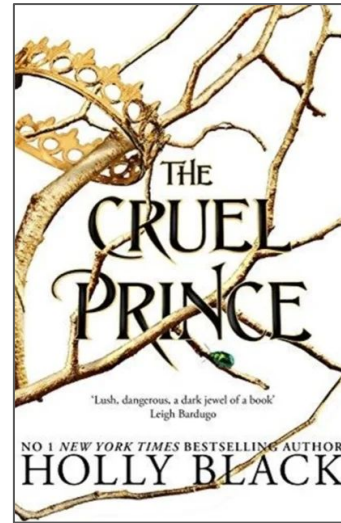
CLUBS



Book Club Books

Khloe Goff '28

The Cruel Prince by Holly Black is part of a young adult series called *Folk of the Air*. This series follows a mortal girl named Jude and all her struggles in Faerieland. The first book, *The Cruel Prince*, is the book, book club has chosen to read for the month of March. I went ahead and read the entire trilogy of *the Folk of the Air* series instead of just the first because of how much I loved it. I completely fell in love with the characters and the world building from the first time I picked it up. While a lot of things in Faerieland have been used in other books, (such as immortals not being able to lie and Faerie fruit) it felt completely unique. But I also feel I have to mention that *The Folk of the Air* series is not a romance book. A lot of people on social media tend to falsely advertise this set as romance when in reality it is far from it. *The Folk of the Air* series is a fantasy book set that mentions some romantic themes. If you are a type of person who strictly reads romance this book would not be for you. But if you are like me and you love a good young adult book that explores fantasy/dark fantasy themes I would one hundred percent recommend this series to you. This book series is one that will remind you of or show you the enjoyment of reading. The battles the main character Jude constantly faces gives you that kind of nervous adrenaline rush as if you are fighting right beside her. If you ever need any other book recommendations or want to get into reading please go to Ms. Ulrichs room and sign up for book club! We do not only read fantasy books either! Everyone in book club gets to put in their input on what kind of books and tropes they like to read and when we read them.



Travel Club Coin Wars

Khloe Goff '28

Travel club is going to France this year! While travel club has done many bakesales in the past we thought it would be fun to do something more interactive. Eventually we chose to do coin wars! Coin wars started on March 3rd and ended on March 14th. For the high school Mr. Coulter's class won! If you have any other ideas on fun interactive ways to raise money for travel club please let us know!

March's Reading Month

Amiyah Norton '25

March's reading month was filled with excitement and exciting activities, especially the spirit week which was help from March 3rd-March 7th for students in K-5. The week kicked off with a fun different themes, as well as the students had a chance to participate in a reading month bingo challenge. It encouraged them to read in different ways. The bingo card featured a 5x5 grid with 25 squares, including a free space, where students could check off different activities like reading on the couch, retelling a story, reading a funny book, reading in bed, or even reading while wearing a hat or to a stuffed animal. These different activities made reading feel fun for the kids, and it engaged them. Spirit week had a different theme each day, starting with Space Day on Monday, March 3rd. Students were encouraged to wear space themed clothes or dark colors. Unfortunately, a snow day caused the Read my Shirt or Hat Day on Tuesday, March 4th, to not happen. On Wednesday, March 5th, Wacky Wednesday took over, Ms.Monica, and Ms.Leah had matching outfits, and fun accessories like striped, socks, blue necklaces, and cow-print shoes. Thursday, March 6th, was Backwards Day, where the student swore their clothes backwards. Friday, March 7th ended the week with Comfy, Cozy Day, where everyone was to wear pajamas and bring a stuffed animal. The theme for this month, "Out of this World," which tied in perfectly with the activities, and gave the week kind of a space exploration feel. A special treat for the 3rd and 5th graders was a presentation from Julie Buchholz. She read aloud her book "Who am I," and shared her journey. Her visit also included Kindegarden, 1st, and 2nd grade.

College Freshman Sues High School

Andie Gearhart '26

Aleysha Ortiz, now 19, is suing her former high school for negligently allowing her to graduate with honors despite not being able to read or write due to a learning disability. She attended Hartford Public Schools for 12 years, where she was assigned a tutor in her sophomore year to help with her struggles. However, Aleysha claims that her tutor, Tilda Santiago, was dismissive and demeaning, belittling, and embarrassed her in front of other students for not being able to read or write. Aleysha frequently sought help from other teachers and administrators, but says she received no support.

Aleysha Ortiz's struggles with reading and speech began before she moved to the U.S. from Puerto Rico, but they became much more pronounced after the move. Despite her mother, who barely spoke English, trying to advocate for and help her daughter at school, Aleysha quickly showed signs of difficulty with reading. In her lawsuit, she recalls telling her teacher that she couldn't read or write, pleading for patience. However, her difficulties persisted year after year, and instead of receiving the necessary support, she was simply pushed through the education system. By the time she reached high school, Aleysha discovered text-to-speech programs, which she credits with helping her earn her first honor roll recognition. Using the program, she could complete her homework and pass her classes, but the process was time-consuming, sometimes taking hours or even days. She would copy and paste assignments into the program, which read them aloud to her. After solving problems by speaking back to the program, she would transcribe the answers as best as she could.

In her junior year, Aleysha began advocating for herself, once again requesting help from the school. The school eventually suggested testing for dyslexia, but it wasn't until the day of her graduation that she received the diagnosis—along with other learning disabilities. The school offered for her to not receive her diploma in exchange for intensive help with schooling to which she denied, because she felt she earned her diploma due to her hard work. Thanks to graduating high honors, Aleysha received a scholarship to the University of Connecticut, where she is now a freshman. She still relies on text-to-speech programs to help with her coursework. In February, she took a short mental health break to give herself space to focus on her schooling and lawsuit.

History of St. Patrick's Day

Kelsey McPeck '25



St Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17th, which is the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. This year it is on a Monday!!!! For over 1,000 years the Irish have observed St. Patrick's Day as a religious holiday. On St. Patrick's Day, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. He was born in Roman Britain, but was later kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at 16. He later escaped but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing christianity to its people. In the centuries following St. Patrick's death, which was believed to have been on March 17th, 493, the mythology surrounding his life became inherent in Irish culture.

Since around the 9th or 10th century, on March 17th, people in Ireland have been observing a Roman Catholic feast day honoring St. Patrick. More than a century later, on March 17, 1762, in New York City, homesick Irish soldiers that were serving in the English military marched to honor St. Patrick. Today, people of all backgrounds celebrate St. Patrick's Day, especially throughout the U.S., Canada, and Australia. One figure of the Irish holiday is the Leprechaun. The original name for these icons of folklore is luchorpán, thought to mean small-bodied fellow. In many folk tales, leprechauns were known for their trickery, which they often used to protect their much-fabled treasure like a pot of gold. Leprechauns have their own holiday on May 13th but they are also celebrated on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, with many dressing up as sneaky fairies.

People celebrate St. Patrick's Day by wearing the color green and those who don't wear green on St. Patrick's Day usually end up getting pinched. If person A pinches person B and person B is wearing green then person B can pinch person A back. Leprechauns are actually one reason you are supposed to wear the color green on St. Patrick's Day. Two traditional Irish-American meals are corned beef and cabbage. Many Irish-American people in the United States traditionally eat corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day. Now it's time for some facts on St. Patrick's Day! The first St. Patrick's Day parade did not take place in Ireland but in America. The shamrock is considered a sacred plant. St. Patrick's birth name was Maewyn Succat. The odds of finding a four-leaf clover are about 1 in 1,000. The unofficial national flower of Ireland is the Shamrock.

SPORTS



Softball

Amiyah Norton '25

Practice for the CHA softball team has started Monday, March 10th. This year, we will field two teams: Varsity, and JV. The varsity team will be coached by Sean Patterson, and Graham Church, while Kelsie Pierce coaches the JV team. This marks the first year CHA will have both a Varsity and a JV team. Now in its fourth year, we are continuing to focus on player development. While the emphasis still remains on skill growth, as player commitment and ability increases, winning has become a more prominent goal. With games already scheduled for April, the focus will be on providing each player with opportunity to contribute without compromising the team's ability to win. For the JV team, The primary goal is to introduce the players to the fundamentals of the game while helping them identify where they fit best at on the field. We aim to create an environment that has enjoyment, but also has discipline. As the program continues to evolve we are trying to maintain a balance between development and competitiveness. The goal is to support the players in their growth, helping them sharpen their abilities while increasing the team's potential for success. With the dedicated coaching staff, dedicated players, and a clear focus on development we look forward to an exciting season ahead for us.

Baseball

Corbin Greenless '26

The next season of sports is rolling in and baseball is one of them. There are only two teams this, a varsity team and a middle school team. There are no official games set for April or May for middle school, but Varsity had 9 home games and 5 away games stretched apart in April and May, with our opponents being NMC on April 8th at home, Posen at home on April 14th, Atlanta home on April 17th, and for our first away game the team goes to Hale on April 21st then back home to play Mio on April 24th and away for the last game of April against Au Gres Sims on April 28th. Then, for the month of May, the Boys play at home against Rodger City on May 1st. Then for their first tournament on May 3rd at home, then going on a three-away game stretch including the Alcona Tigers on May 5th, then The Tawas Braves on May 8th, then all the way to Oscoda to play the Owls on May 12th the back home for the final time on May 15th to play Whittemore Prescott. The varsity baseball team last year went to Midland to play in an arena called The Dow Diamond Arena where The Great Lakes Loons played last year to play against the Au Gres Sims Wolverines, and are planning to go again this year. This year's baseball team looks to make a very good run before going to district and hope to see you and many more at their games.

Track Season Ready for Takeoff

Heaven Rondo '25

The excitement for the Track and field season builds as the spring season approaches. The team looks forward to getting back in their groove, working hard, and making the season their best yet. With a strong batch of returning athletes, especially among the boys, there are high hopes for success in all events.

Even though there aren't many slots open for boys in sprints this year, they are all ready to step up and give it their all. Coach Guzdial is excited to see what the team can accomplish this season. He is especially hoping to see more girls join this year to grow the team. More girls would help fill spots in events, scoring more points, and adding depth, and variety to the team.

Returning runners bring contagious experience and grit, firing up the team's spirit.

Also returning to help out sprinters is Mr. Coulter, stepping up as the new assistant coach. Coulter continues to use his knowledge to improve the sprinter's technique, form, and endurance. His expertise and support have made a difference, the team is excited to have him back. Having the extra coach for sprinters will give them an added advantage as they head to matches.

Another thing the team is looking forward to is new uniforms. After many seasons of use the old uniforms have started to wear out, with letters peeling off and missing. The fresh uniforms will give the team a sharp, unified look they can feel confident wearing.

With experienced athletes, skilled coaches, and brand-new uniforms this track season is shaping up to be one full of growth, effort, and patriot spirit - all hopefully with good weather.

Captain America: Brave New World

Corbin Greenless '26

The newest movie to the MCU collection was "Captain America: Brave New World", with Harrison Ford portraying President Thaddeus Ross, who becomes the Red Hulk. Despite these promising elements, the movie has gotten mixed reviews from both critics and audiences. Critics have pointed out several shortcomings. The narrative is often described as convoluted, with too many characters and subplots that dilute the central storyline. The film's pacing has been criticized for being uneven, leading to a less engaging experience. Visual effects, particularly in action sequences, have received negative feedback, with some scenes deemed unconvincing. For instance, The Hollywood Reporter noted that the film's bid for sincerity came off as fake, and the jokes intended to alleviate this were "boring". However, not all feedback is negative. Some viewers appreciate Mackie's portrayal of Sam Wilson as Captain America, acknowledging his efforts to embody the iconic role. Harrison Ford's performance as President Ross has also been highlighted, with Entertainment Weekly praising his "twinkle in his eye and a merry warmth". Additionally, certain action sequences have been lauded for their excitement, offering moments of thrill amidst the film's complexities. In terms of box office performance, "Captain America Brave New World" has faced challenges. The film opened to a domestic debut of \$88.5 million over a four-day weekend, which, although topping the box office, represents a significant drop in its second weekend, with a 68% decline. This decline has sparked discussions about the film's reception and its place within the broader MCU narrative. In conclusion, "Captain America: Brave New World" presents a complex blend of political drama and superhero action. While it offers notable performances, particularly from Mackie and Ford, the film's convoluted plot and inconsistent visual effects have led to a divided reception. As the MCU continues to evolve, this installment serves as a reminder of the challenges in balancing narrative depth with fan expectations.



10 Funny April Fools Day Pranks

Mya Gabriel '27

What's your take on April fools day? Are you a prankster? Well if you are here's my idea on what I think the funniest and funnest pranks are for April fools.

- Turning everything in your house upside down, who wouldn't want to start their morning off with everything flipped?
- Replacing the inside cream of the oreo to toothpaste, why not have a mint chocolate snack?
- Replacing the sugar with salt or vice versa, make a sweet snack salty or a salty snack sweet!
- Putting your parents keys in jello, why not have a jelly like start to your morning work day?
- Googly eye everything
- The shaving cream and feather classic, put some shaving cream in their hand while they are sound asleep tickle their face with the feather and wait for the reaction.
- Using the Rick roll phone number (248-434-5508) tell the person you're getting calls from this random number and they should call it back. When they call it back they'll get rick rolled.
- The classic whoopie cushion, we all know how it works
- Change the date. Set their phone, calendar, and everything around the house to a different day to make them think that they are crazy.
- Swapping out the pictures hung around your house to random strangers.

GREG'S GAMES

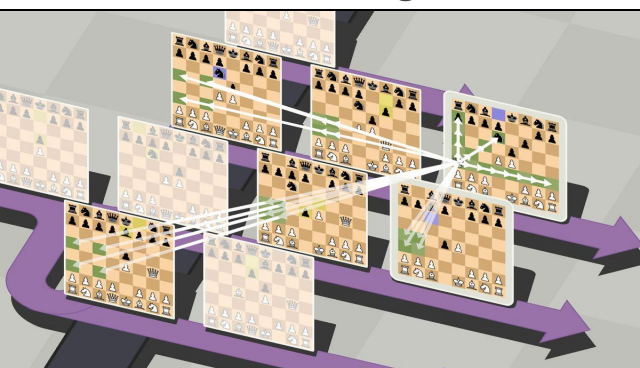


A Review of 5D Chess With Multiverse Time Travel Dylan Gregory '25

You probably read that title and had to pause for a second to comprehend what you just read. If you did, don't worry, because that's a completely reasonable reaction. If you thought normal Chess was a fun game that made sense once you knew the rules, then you'd be correct. Now, what happens when you add alternate timelines and the ability to travel to the past to Chess? The answer is anything but simple, but it's this game right here ^.



So, what the actual heck even *is* this game? Well, when the game first starts, it's a normal game of Chess. Two players on one board with a simple goal, put the enemy king into checkmate, a goal which remains the same throughout the entire game. See, things start to get wacky when someone finally decides to travel to the past. When someone moves a piece to a previous instance of the board, it creates a brand new timeline with the aforementioned piece now present on the board. This means you now have to play on two separate boards at the same time. It never just stops at two boards however, eventually you'll get a third and then a fourth up until your brain feels like it's being microwaved.



Now, while all these decisions can be very confusing, it's not always a bad thing to have multiple timelines to use. The more timelines you have, the more pieces you can send to various other boards. No matter how many timelines you have, the way you win is by capturing a *single* enemy king. This means you can easily try to overwhelm a single board and capture the king on that board to get the win. I usually win matches because I

moved a bishop to a spot that I thought was good, and then he somehow manages to capture a king 3 parallel universes away and 10 boards back, which I had never seen coming.

There are also multiple new pieces added to the game in the various different modes. There are unicorns and dragons for example, but I'd be completely lying to you if I said I understand how any of them work, cause I really don't. See, I did *try* to understand how they work, but since they only work when going across to other boards, I'm completely clueless to their functionality. Besides new pieces, there are also other various modes, such as an insanely small board, a comically large board, just a couple pieces like bishops and knights, and a whole lot more to choose from.

For as wacky and perplexing as this game often gets, I still find it to be a very enjoyable experience. It's very unique from any of the other games that I play on a regular basis, and it makes me really think when playing. Getting such a vastly different experience can be really good for keeping yourself from getting bored and burnt out of things, and that can apply to more than just gaming. I honestly recommend this fun little \$12 game, and I give it an 8/10.

CURRENT EVENTS



State of the Union

Isaiah Cole '25

On Tuesday, March 4th president Donald Trump delivered his State of the Union address to a joint session of congress. The State of the Union address is an annual statement to congress, discussing the current state of the United States, typically discussing the economy, agenda and accomplishments. This particular speech was particularly loud, with senator Al Green being especially disruptive, culminating in a slap on the wrist punishment of a censure, a statement of disapproval. President Trump began his State of the Union boasting about his numerous executive actions, some of which seem inconsequential, such as the renaming of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America and MT Denali to MT McKinley through executive orders. He spoke on the removal of diversity, equity, and inclusion programs within the federal government. These programs are aimed at promoting fair treatment and participation from people of all races, religions and orientations, these programs have been heavily criticized for supposedly treating people on basis of identity instead of qualifications. He also declared a national emergency at the southern border, allowing the deployment of the armed forces to prevent illegal immigration, falsely claiming and boasting about breaking the record for lowest illegal immigration rate in the month of February. He talked about his Unleashing American Energy order, aiming to encourage more production of energy within the United States, which could cheapen energy costs. Overall this particular event was important for demonstrating the achievements of in the beginning stages of this presidency, but it also highlights some controversial decisions that highly affect day to day life for many people.

Why Standardized Tests?

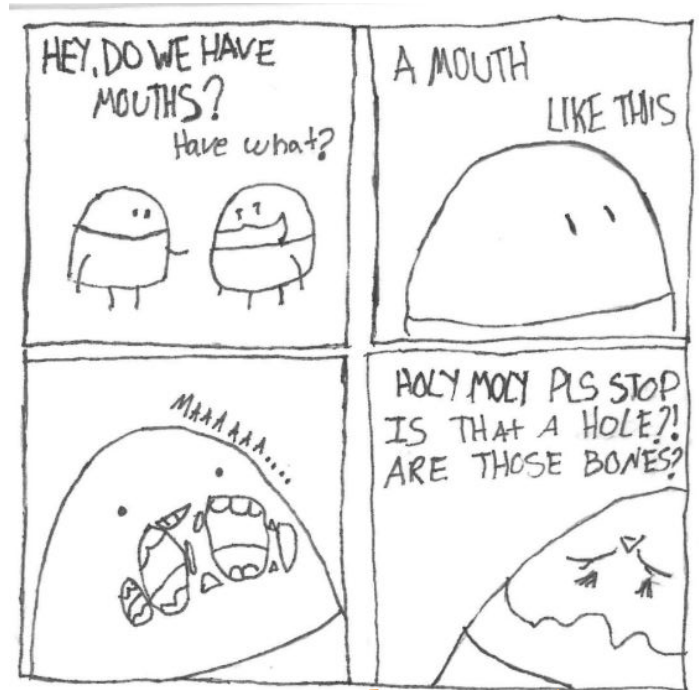
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This time of year is always a cause of stress for students. Why? Because this is when they're expected to take the PSAT or SAT. But, every year, students ask "Why should we take the tests? What's the point?" Well, there are several pros to taking these tests, and of course some cons. Starting with the positives, your score on the SAT will transfer to college and give you more opportunities for scholarships, making your education cheaper. The PSAT, however, is simply to prepare you for the SAT and has no actual effect on college scholarships. One may argue that a practice test is a waste of time, but since retaking the SAT costs you money to do, some practice may be helpful. Next, the cons. The PSAT and SAT both take several hours to complete, leaving students exhausted after completing and many skipping school once it's completed, feeling as though they've earned it. Another issue caused by the exhausting conditions is students trying less on later portions of the test, purposely guessing with no care about getting the right answer in the hope that it'll end sooner. The final, more common issue with the PSAT and SAT is the lack of alternatives for students who do not plan on furthering their education beyond high school. Since the tests are used exclusively for colleges to look at, students may argue that they should be exempted from the tests if they do not plan on going to college, however the tests are mandated by the government for students to take, which is a major oversight. Regardless of whether you're happy about the PSAT and SAT or not, they're quickly incoming, so be prepared and do your best! The last thing you'd want is to take it again!

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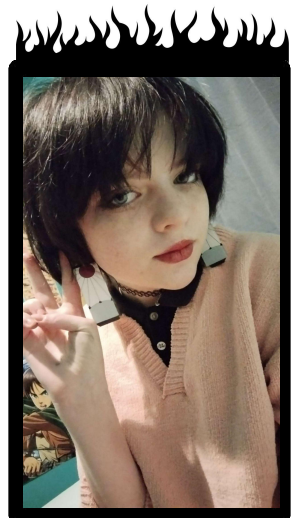


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Ev's Hot Takes

She's back to ruin your favorite thing...

- Beans are the worst texture ever
- Touching grass is for losers, just stay inside the whole time
- Spring rides are overrated
- The only good Marvel movies are Guardians of the Galaxy 1 and 2, same with Captain America and Winter Soldier.
- Warm weather is better than cold



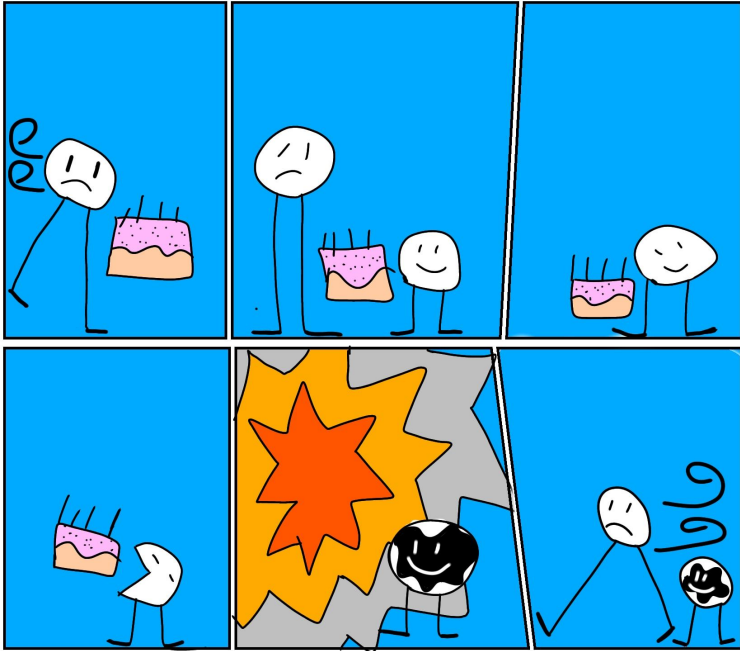


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