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Woodside eSports

By Sean Burns Jr.

The Woodside eSports team plays a variety of games and compete in matches. In order to prepare for these matches, they hold practice every Wednesday and Thursday to hone their skills and mentally prepare for competition. The coach of the eSports team this year is Mr. Berry, and he leads his mighty crew to victory at every competition. If you are interested in joining, or thinking about joining, know that the Woodside eSports team starts practices in the springtime and play until April.

The eSports team primarily uses discord to communicate with each other while they practice. They have a section on discord for each game, so it is organized in a way that is easy for the players to navigate. The games they participate are Rocket League, League of Legends, and Super Smash Bros. When they play to compete, they are matched up against other high school eSports teams in the area.

Practice is very important for eSports, and is taken seriously by the players. Especially for team matches, communication is the key to victory. Mr. Berry says "The team must build chemistry in order to succeed in team matches. Discord is where they communicate in voice channels and they can work on things together.

Overall, I think the eSports team will do great this season and other students are excited to see how they will do as well.

Super Bowl LVI Breakdown

By Jakayla Harris

February 13, 2022, the most anticipated sports event of the year has arrived in Los Angeles California. If you haven't guessed, I'm talking about this year's Super Bowl. The fifty sixth edition of the Super Bowl aired live on television and had an attendance of over 70,000 eager fans in the SoFi Stadium. The Los Angeles Rams qualified for the game with a score of twelve wins and five losses. The Cincinnati Bengals qualified for the game with a score of ten wins and seven losses. This year, fans all over the world were brought together by this major event. Some tuned in for the game, some for the halftime show, and some just wanted to watch the commercials. Whatever the reason, I guarantee you were left in awe of the show you witnessed.

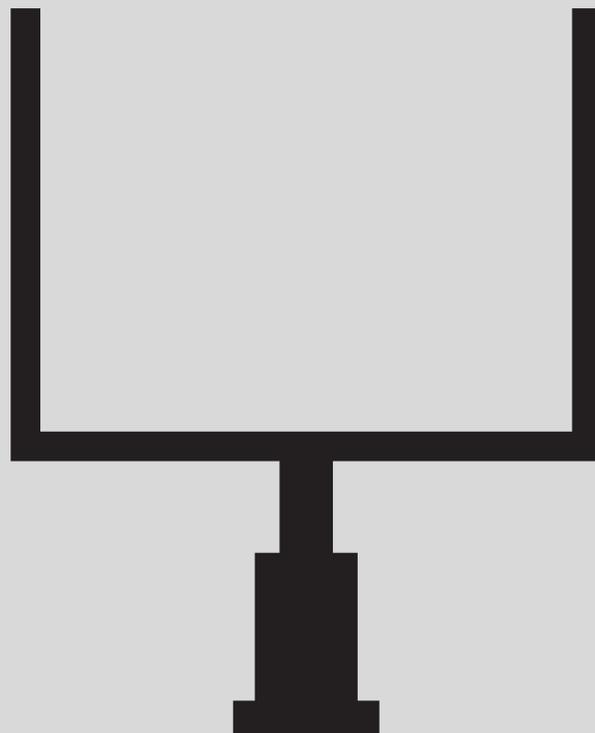
The Halftime Show of 2022 featured numerous artists. These artists included: Snoop Dogg, Dr. Dre, 50 Cent, Mary J. Blige, Kendrick Lamar, and Eminem. These six hip hop artists put on a mind-blowing show. This show made history by being the first halftime that played rap music. Typically, the halftime show has white artists and shies away from black cultural music. This year was the opposite. The Super Bowl was not afraid and proudly played a new genre of music.

Ping, goes the coin that decides the fate of the start. It flies in the air and finds home with the Bengals. With the swing of a right leg from McPherson, the game begins with a clean slate. Players from both teams put on their game faces. Neither team wishes to lose. They want to go home as champions. Sadly, there can only be one winner. The Rams are ahead by a close score of seven to three. The Bengals don't allow the Rams a road to an easy victory. They follow close behind. The second quarter ends ten to thirteen. The third quarter ends with the Bengals winning by four. Both teams begin to sweat.

The last quarter approaches quickly. Who is going home a champion tonight? With one touchdown and a few seconds left on the board, the Los Angeles Rams are declared the winner. An eruption outbursts from the mob of royal blue and gold. Tears are streaming down from the faces of excited fans and players. Before packing away for home, Cooper Kupp was awarded the MVP of the game. He gave his thanks and wrapped up the Super Bowl LVI.

A Woodside Wolverine watched the mega event in the comforts of their own home. Here's what he had to say. "I am not a sports fan by any means, but I do enjoy the Super Bowl for the commercials and it's halftime show, which was really good! It was worth sitting through half of the game to get to see well-known and talented artists display their craft." Special thanks to this student for sharing their opinion.

The Super Bowl LVI was outstanding. It easily outshined past Super Bowls. This major sports event became more than a football game. It brought people of all generations together for the love of music, football, and even various upcoming movies. The Super Bowl LVI made history and will definitely be remembered for quite some time.



Wave for Woodside: Diversity Dominates

By Zaacc Jenkins

Woodside, a fully accredited high school and home of the Wolverines, prides itself on the diversity that bleeds tried and true throughout its halls. Students and staff of various races, ethnicities, gender, and sexual orientation all thrive as one collective unit. However, can the same be said for out in the fields, under the intense pressure to succeed?

Three female Woodside athletes, who each play their own sport respectively, were asked about their personal thoughts of diversity in their athletics. Although each of them requested to be anonymous, their sport will still be listed along with their quote. A track runner stated that they "felt that the gender balance is always a little off, but especially in track," claiming that there was ten girls out of the fifty people participating in the sport. Another junior, a field hockey player, said this; "There's a lot of diversity within the athletics department at Woodside. So many different kinds of people put themselves out there and play, and it's cool to see those who are so different from each other befriend one another and become efficient teammates." Finally, the last athlete asked, the very head of Woodside's Tennis team, replied; "My sport is very diverse, and we have people of all different types playing on our team. However, despite how we look, I love that we all have the same drive to get better, faster, and stronger. We all came from different places, and we all came here to win."

As one can see based off of the quotes from these three talented young ladies, Woodside is diverse in its sports department, but perhaps still needs some progress to reach its true potential. Nevertheless, it is always amazing to be a part of the solution to what we could all consider a better future for all people.

Woodside Wolverine's 2022 Softball Team

By Bernadette Pimentel

Woodside High School's softball team has started the season off with a home run as the coach and players prepare to advance in the ongoing games taking place within the next two months. This article will explore the activities of the 2022 softball season, including commentary from two of our very own players.

Before tryouts, those interested in joining the softball team were suggested to attend conditioning. After preparation through conditioning, the tryouts were held on February 24th. The girls' individual hard work paid off and we now have a strong softball team consisting of players from each grade level.

Kaitlyn Bowers, a returning player, was kind enough to share with me how COVID-19 affected her experience after returning back to the team. When asked about how playing after over a year of online school felt, she stated, "The pandemic hasn't had much change due to the pandemic, but playing this year makes me a little more anxious coming back from online school since I have not played in 3 years."

A new player on the JV team, Amina Eisa, also shared her experiences as a new addition to the team during the ongoing pandemic. Describing how it feels to be playing for Woodside's softball team for the first time, she said, "Honestly, it feels good. Tiring as well, but that's what comes to the sport. I'm learning a lot and bonding with my teammates. Overall it's good and fun!" She also described to me that with or without the pandemic, she would still be doing the same thing, exercising her passion for softball.

As the season continues, be sure to attend Woodside's softball games to support our girls and appreciate their hard work!

"The End of Basketball Season"

By Sai Sai Wortham

WOW! I can't believe the school year is getting close to the end, as well as the basketball season. I wonder how the players are feeling about their season, and if they think it went successful or not. While I'm not a big sports fan, I can happily watch some basketball.

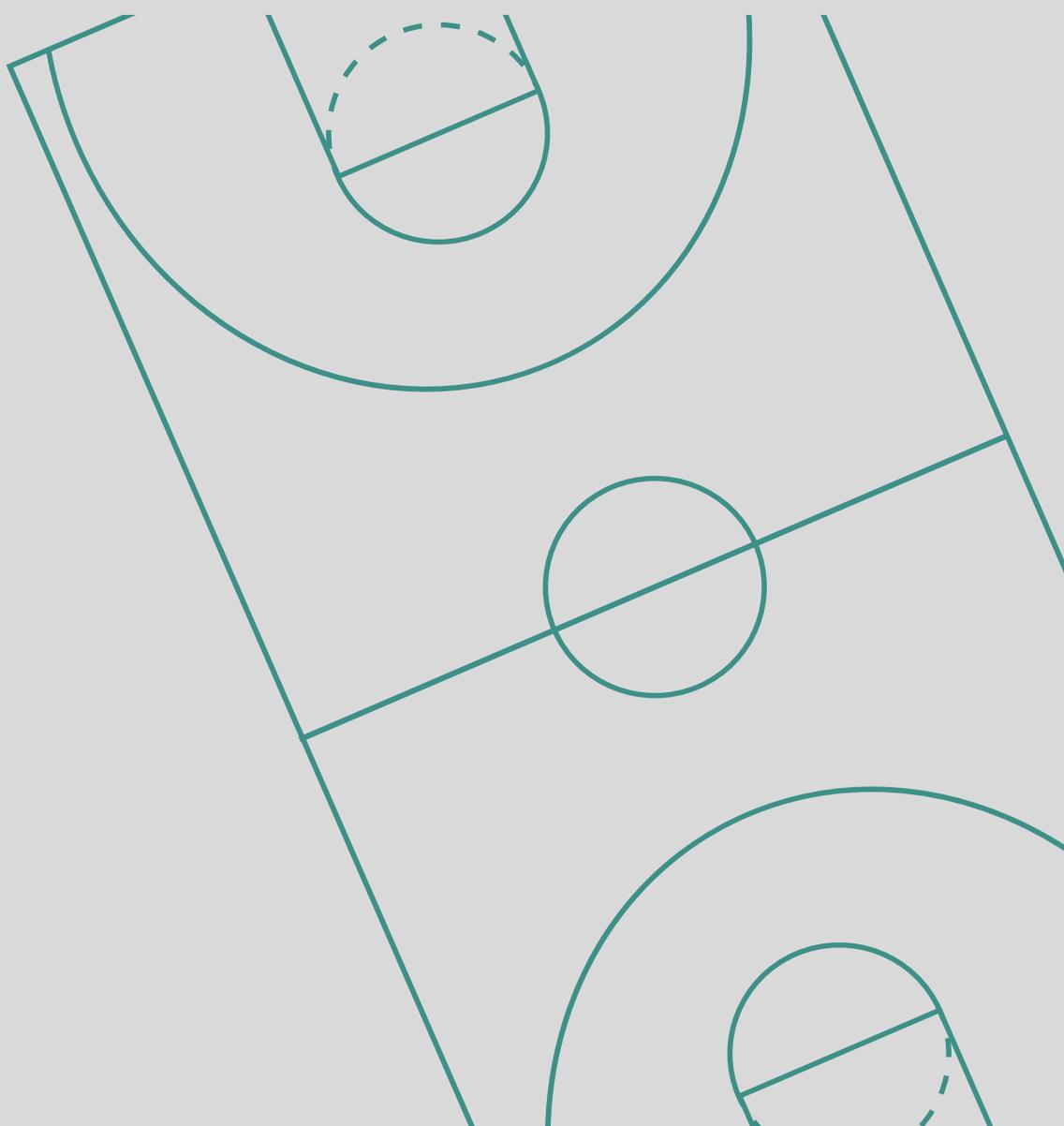
This season was a successful one for the Wolverine's, but every good thing has to come to an end. So I went around and asked three players three questions about how they felt about the season-ending. The first player was from the JV team, and I asked him how he felt about the season being over. He said he really misses it and wishes he could start over. My second question was, "What are you going to do to prepare for the next season?" He said with a determined look on his face "I will train my butt off so I can make the varsity team." The third and last question I asked him was, "Did this season change or affect you in any way?" Happily, he said it helped him to get more experience with basketball and realize how he needs to get to his end goal of being a professional basketball player for his future.

I asked the same question to the other two players. Player number two from the varsity team said he's not upset about the season ending. And in response to my second question he said he will be playing with his AAU team and also training to prepare for the next season. And for the last question he said that the season had changed him in a lot of ways. And that it was very heartbreaking that he lost one of his friends at one of his games.

Now player number three is a senior, so this was his last year playing basketball, so sadly but proudly he said he felt like the season was really good for him and he's ready to go and do college basketball.

As for preparing for what's next, he said he would be doing summer training for college basketball, he added this advice "Practice makes you great But also live your life and take care of your mental and your body." For my last question he said this season was his last season, he felt a lot of pressure to go hard and show out. But he loved every moment of it!

Both girls and boys JV and Varsity teams had a great season and you can watch some of their highlights on the Woodside Athletic Page. What a crazy season it has been for the players! I can't wait to see how they do in the next season, and best of luck to all of our graduating athletes!



Woodside's Scholastic Bowl Club

By Isabella Monge

Did someone say there's a way to make school and learning fun? The Scholastic Bowl club incorporates a fun, trivia-like style into learning. Students here at Woodside have the opportunity to think outside the box while using knowledge learned from school, but in the most fun way imaginable!

Beginning practice in September and running from October to January, the Scholastic Bowl is a club for the smartest of the smart. The team is led by the coach, Mr. Brady, and consists of four players. These four members spend a few hours once a week after school practicing answering trivia questions that can range from science to math to history. Not only do the competitions include a Jeopardy-like style, but they also make sure you act as a team. One of the team members reads a set of clues and the other team members work together to get the answer. Even though this club requires a lot of skill and hard-work, it really bonds people and allows them to have a good time together.

Kaiya Downs, a Scholastic Bowl team member, stated, "It was really fun. We didn't win all of our matches, but each match was fun and we learned from all of our mistakes. All of us had our own strengths and weaknesses, and we learned to work together in order to get better. Overall, I'd definitely do it again." From the sounds of it, the Scholastic Bowl club members enjoyed their season together while constantly improving their skills and knowledge. Although the team didn't come out on top, they still did very well throughout the year.

The Scholastic Bowl club at Woodside ended up finishing with a record of 3-4, which is very good considering that they lost a few key members, and their coach was very proud of them. "It was great, we had a lot of new players and we had a lot of people who had different skill sets. The matches were all very close," said Mr. Brady, the Scholastic Bowl coach. The future's looking bright for the club, though. "We're going to have two members back next year that have good potential," Mr. Brady said.

It looks like it's only going up from here for the Scholastic Bowl club! The Scholastic Bowl club is one of many fun clubs here at Woodside. Club members get the chance to create new bonds with other students while competing against other schools to test their knowledge in a Jeopardy-based game. We're excited to see what the club members will be able to accomplish next year!



Take Charge

By Noah Scott

The snack shack is a platform where people in the school can buy snacks before or after school. But do you know why we have a snack shack at all?

The students working there use the money for major events such as junior ring dance and other school sponsored events and activities. It can be a very hard challenge to get people to buy the snacks from the cart, but they announce and let people know about the snack shack pretty often. so be sure to keep an eye out for them in the halls!

If people start to buy more snacks from them; it would be possible for us to have a lot more things to do during the ring dance and the prom, and also support the many clubs here at Woodside. It depends on the students themselves whether things are fun or not fun because the only way we can make things more exciting is if we step in and help, by giving them money that would, in the end, benefit us.

Of course, even if students know this it wouldn't really push them to pitch in. Some ideas that Woodside could implement could be a school announcement about what club is running the snack shack, and some of the products they have. Or having a dedicated spot in the hallways for clubs to be at. Maybe if the school emailed students about the benefits that would come with the amount of money they give to the snack shack then more students would feel a sense of duty and priority when it comes to supporting the snack shack.

The students running the snack shack are really trying to help this year actually mean something. We haven't had a regular school year since COVID-19, but we could make this year feel more normal again if we help where we can. The faculty and staff are trying to create many opportunities for us students as they can, and the snack shack is a symbol and an opportunity for us to take charge.

Jack and the Robbers Takes the Stage

By Kaitlyn Gardner

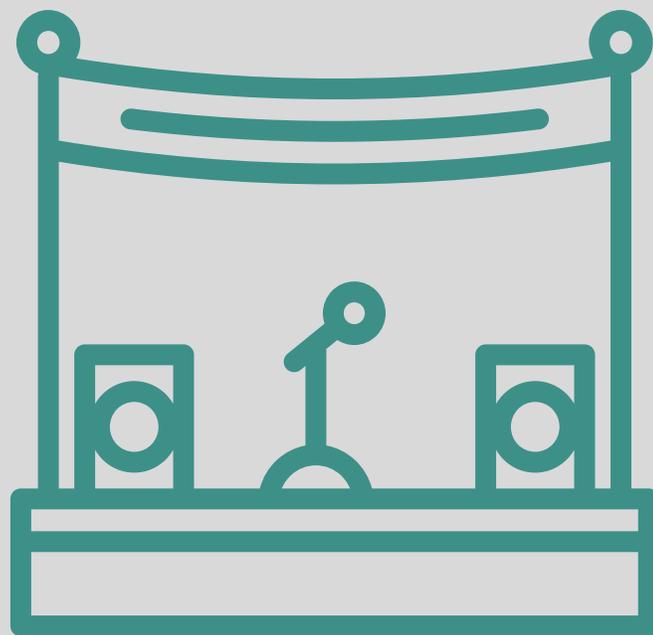
Woodside's theater department has yet again proven their magnet-level talent! Actors, directors, and behind the scenes workers have all spent an abundance of time preparing to take the stage, compete, and win the VHSL competition. While performing Jack and the Robbers, actors had to get out of their comfort zones and perform in new and unique ways to win over the judges and bring home a trophy.

In February, the VHSL performance team took home a sectional second place win for the school. The entire theater department is extremely proud of their success. To provide an inside view of how the one-act play is coming along, two people involved in the production were asked to share how they feel about it thus far. Lili, who plays a cat in the one-act, is very confident about the performance, saying, "Considering how high we placed in sectionals, I'm very confident about the actors', backstage members', and the directors' abilities. "Woodside's theater department is very strong, and this one-act is no exception!" Additionally, director Mrs. Hall stated, "Woodside Theatre is beyond proud of their students' hard work, grit through all the challenges faced, and of the 2nd place Super Regional win and Best Actor award by Corey Alleyne for playing the Rooster!"

In addition to the play bringing pride to the theater department, students and faculty at Woodside are impressed by it as well. During a Wolverine Wednesday period in February, theater and creative writing students were invited to watch a practice performance of Jack and the Robbers. When asked about their feelings regarding the one-act, Sam Perry reported, "I thought it was outgoing and fun, especially for a children's story". Their performance has proven their talent, as well as how much they have learned from being a part of the theater magnet at Woodside.

Fellow students are in awe of the talent they have seen onstage, and can be inspired to pursue their talents and hobbies, just as the actors and backstage workers are doing. Bringing back awards also encourages students to take pride in their school and the goals their peers have achieved.

Winning a VHSL competition proves the drama department's hard work is paying off, and results in school-wide spirit and pride. Following their initial second place win, the department embarked on a journey to Gloucester High School to compete in regionals, where they were given yet another second place award!



BTS, South Korean Musical Prodigies

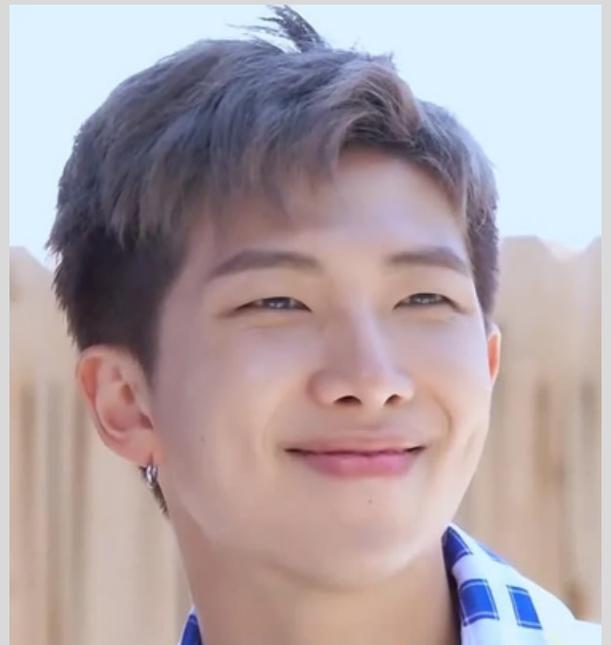
By Bernadette Pimentel

BTS (KR: 방탄소년단, Romanized: Bangtan Sonyeondan) is a two-time Grammy-nominated South Korean music group that consists of 7 members: RM, Jin, SUGA, J-Hope, Jimin, V, and Jung-kook. The group was formed in 2010 and debuted under the company BigHit Music in 2013 on MCOUNTDOWN with the monster rookie song “No More Dream”. They are known for their co-produced and co-written music, outstanding performances, and truly kind souls that touch the hearts of their fans named ARMY. BTS has made their mark in history by setting foot in unknown territories that no other K-Pop artist, or any artist in general, has stepped in, paving the way in the western music world for other K-Pop artists, along with gaining millions of fans globally. But how exactly did this South Korean prodigy come to be?



RM, also known as Kim Nam-Joon, is the leader and a main rapper of BTS. He was a part of the Korean underground rap scene before debut, joining the company at the age of 16 after being signed on the spot by the president of the company due to his advanced and unique skills, becoming the first member of BTS. He is the only member fluent in speaking English, often working hard to act as a translator for the group during their overseas activities.

ARMYs often describe him as the embodiment of comfort; his poetic lyrics in his second mixtape, Mono., envelops listeners in warmth and reassures the restless worries weighing on their shoulders. RM is gentle, kind, caring, and extremely hardworking; his members often praise his work as a leader, emphasizing the extra time he puts in to ensure proper communication and peace between the members and the company.

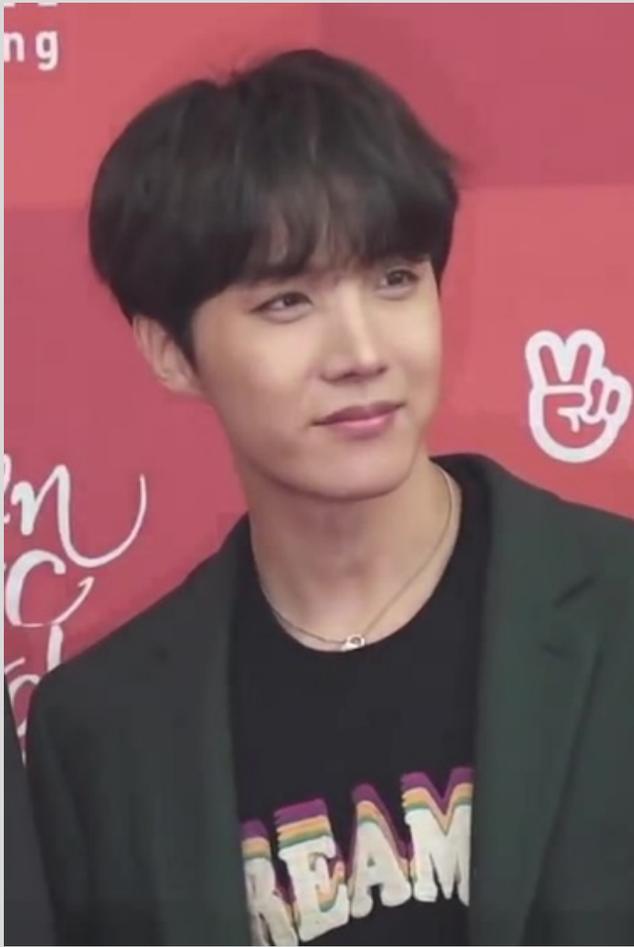


SUGA, also known as Min Yoon-gi or Agust D, is the group's lead rapper. Before debut, he, like RM, was apart of the underground Korean rap scene and was known as "Gloss" at the time. At 17 years old, he decided to join a rap competition that BigHit was holding called "Hit it"; he placed second and earned himself a spot as a producer for the company. Later on, Bang Si-Hyuk, the president and creator of the company, convinced SUGA to join a hip-hop group.



SUGA agreed under one specific circumstance: no dancing! Later on, he found out that dancing was a massive part of being in the group, but now he is proud of who him and BTS have become, being the second member to have joined. In addition to this, SUGA has an alter ego named "Agust D"; he releases solo work under this name, such as his self-titled album, D-2, etc. This side of him represents the raw side of him that he cannot display as SUGA that many fans resonate with. With this, fans and members often describe him as a warm, reliable person who is always there to give good advice. He is an in-demand producer, songwriter, and rapper; many big names in the music industry have asked him to collaborate with them, such as prodigy Psy's title track released in April 2022 named "That That".

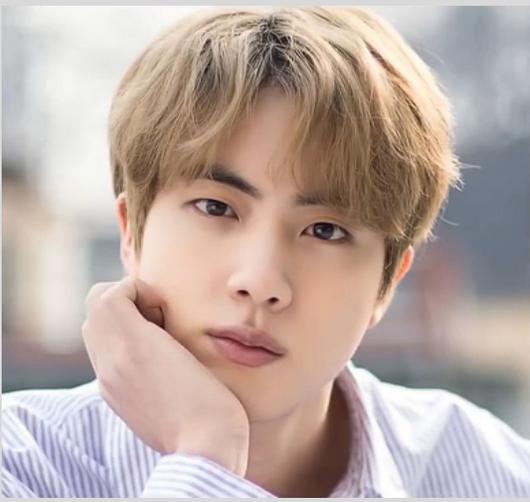
J-Hope, also known as Jung Ho-seok, is the dance leader, a main dancer, sub rapper, and sub vocalist for BTS. He was a street-dancer before debut, known as "Smile Hoya" under his street dance crew named "NEURON". In order to advance his career as a dancer, he auditioned to become a part of JYPE, one of the biggest South Korean entertainment companies, making it far but then eventually being cut. Due to this, he ended up auditioning for a smaller company, which was BigHit Entertainment; he was signed after blowing the judges and audience away, eventually pursuing his dreams of making a career out of dance.



The president of the company also saw potential in J-Hope to become a rapper, leading him to begin training and in the end, he became the third member to join BTS and one of the biggest K-Pop rappers in the world. While training, he reached his breaking point and decided he wanted to leave the company to pursue a solo dance career. Of course, this did not happen and he ended up staying after receiving heartfelt words from the other members of the group, begging him to stay as they believed that the group could not be a group without all seven members. J-Hope has also released a remake of 2006 "Chicken Noodle Soup", along with a mixtape titled "Hope World" that consists of seven unique songs.

His stage name, J-Hope, has served as a reminder to ARMY to never lose hope, that he is their hope, and that they are also his. His bright smile and cute mannerism have captured the hearts of millions of ARMYs.

Jin, his real name being Kim Seok-Jin, is a sub vocalist and visual for the group.



Before becoming an idol, Jin studied acting in college and planned to debut in K-Dramas, rather than in a K-Pop group, but his future had unexpected plans for him. His unbelievable beauty caught the eye of a Bighit Ent. scout, causing him to audition to be a part of the company as an actor, but they managed to convince him to join BTS as the fourth member, with no formal vocal or dance training beforehand.

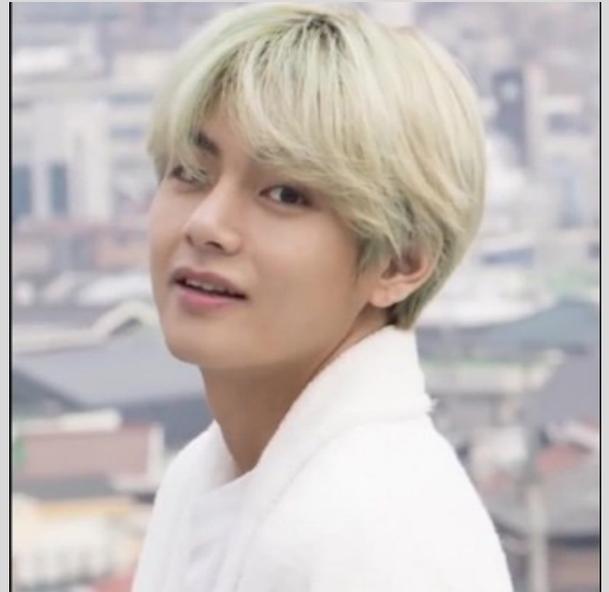
He has repeatedly received praise due to his falsetto, incredible range, and ability to convey emotion through BTS' music and his solo works: Epiphany, Awake, Yours, etc.. His humor and comedic personality often causes new fans to mistake him as the youngest member, but in reality, he is the oldest. Along with this, his charming looks that fit the exact role of a K- Drama actor has earned him the nickname of "Worldwide Handsome". His incredible vocals and amazing looks are not the only thing to appreciate about him, he also has a kind heart and always knows how to lighten the mood. His alluring personality and impeccable artistry have inspired thousands across the world.

Jungkook, full name being Jeon Jung-kook, is the main vocalist, a lead dancer, sub rapper, center, and maknae (youngest member) of BTS. He always had a passion for singing and dancing, even travelling to LA at the age of 14 in order to receive dance training. After auditioning for a South Korean talent show Jung-kook was scouted by seven companies, but ultimately chose to join Bighit Ent. as the fifth member after finding RM "cool". Now, he is nicknamed the "Golden Maknae", which he was titled by ARMY due to how he effortlessly dominates the stage with his insane vocal control, dance skills, and sometimes rap skills.



Jungkook has released numerous solo works, such as Still With You, Euphoria, Begin, along with an unreleased snippet of fan-favorite “Decalcomania”. This member is held close to the hearts of the rest of the group as they raised him throughout his teenage years. He is described by ARMY as a passionate, kind, and endearing person.

V, his real name being Kim Tae-hyung, is a lead dancer, sub vocalist, and visual of BTS. His background story of how he became apart of BTS is a quite interesting one, being that he did not intend on becoming an idol as he played saxophone; he only attended auditions to support one of his friends who was interested in becoming an idol, but then he was recommended by an executive to also join. Fortunately for him, he passed, but his friend did not.



Now, eleven years later he is the sixth member of BTS and is adored by both his fans and the group. His deep voice and striking looks serve as an irreplaceable part of the group. Along with this, he has released two OSTs by the names of “Christmas Tree” and “Sweet Night”, another OST named “It’s Definitely You” with fellow member Jin for the K-Drama he starred in, along with many other solo songs, such as “Winter Bear”. V’s adorable and soft personality is deeply comforting to those who love him, which he also expresses his love for back.

Jimin, real name Park Ji-min, is the second main dancer and lead vocalist of the group. He had always been passionate about dance, his talent shining ever since he was young. Ji-min attended Just Dance Academy throughout middle school and soon studied contemporary dance once he joined the Busan High School of Arts, becoming one of the top students in the modern dance department.



Thankfully, his teacher in high school encouraged him to audition to become apart of Bighit Entertainment as they were holding auditions in 2012 in his hometown, Busan. With this, he was quickly added as a member of BTS, resulting him to have the shortest amount of training before debut, but this did not stop Jimin from becoming one of the most well known idols in the world. He is nicknamed the “Idol of Idols”, along with being titled as the “It Boy” of South Korea because of his unique voice and dance style. Jimin has released many solo songs that ARMYs describe as a warm hug: “Promise”, “Lie”, “Serendipity”, and his recent OST collaboration with Ha Sungwoon, “With You”. He is the number one supporter to those who support him.



An Update for the Woodside Hallway Art Pieces

By Janiyah Shaw

I wrote an article a while back on the art in the Woodside halls and this is a follow up! Since then, my knowledge of the art pieces have increased and I'm here to set the record straight!

With my first article, like most of the students at Woodside, I was under the impression that the art in the Woodside halls were just pieces that never changed, but what I discovered was that I was very wrong.

So to make things right, I sat down with Mr. Shelton, the teacher of AP Studio Art, Photography, and Honors Art class. He told me that there was a meaning behind each canvas and that each piece was a legacy piece produced by upperclassmen, each one being a piece they wanted to leave to the school. Over time, the amount of artwork in the halls went from none, to 180, absolutely filling the halls! That's a lot of legacy paintings, especially with the art magnet being the largest magnet in the school!

I asked him if any of these paintings were ever retired and he explained how they were never "retired," but instead, moved in rotation, so the newest art would be downstairs, while the older pieces were moved upstairs. This happened around every school year, nearing the time of homecoming, but due to COVID-19 and the lack of homecoming this year, things have stalled just a tad. The art magnet is still busy with their projects and contributions to Woodside; big projects like these take a lot of time and manpower!

While I was happy to see the art in the halls, I was just a student looking from the outside. But now, I, and every other student, can learn about the history of every single legacy piece that was chosen for the Woodside halls.

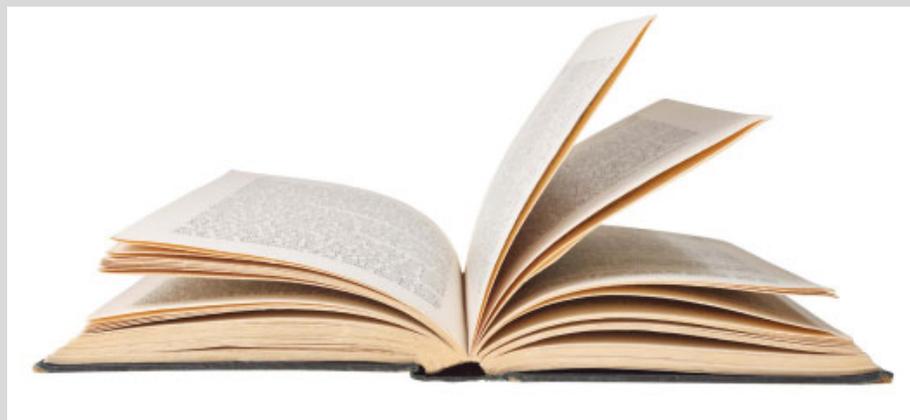
"You Want it, I Got it!"

Book Recommendations"

By Zorie Cockrell

1- "The Girl in the Picture": This book is number one on the list because it's my top favorite book. It has mystery mixed in with romance and friendships along with drama. It had me on the edge of my seat all morning, and all I wanted to do was keep reading. The Girl in the Picture is a book about a murder on campus. Everyone thinks the killer could be this one girl that was seen in an exposed photo. She's desperate to stay away from the drama, but some others have different plans. The book also kind of goes back and forth through time with interesting flashbacks, which is also really cool. You can purchase this book on Amazon.

2- "Xoxo": This book comes in at top two, and was honestly almost my top one favorite. This book has so much romance, drama, fun-filled friendships, laughs, cries, and more. Once I started reading this book, I couldn't stop because it was so good! This book is about two musicians, once a celloist and the other a k-pop star. Their worlds clash together, and love fills the air. Heartbreak is experienced and so much more. There is also lots of comedy that'll make you laugh and smile throughout almost the entire book. There's so much I could say about it, but I'll let you read for yourselves. The book can be purchased on Good Reads, Amazon, and Amazon Kindle.



3- "The Woods are Always Watching": This book is top 3, and honestly so good. I finished it in two or three days. It's a mystery mixed in with thriller, and the character's in this book really pull it all together. The book is about two girls going on a camping trip as a final way to spend time together before they both head off to separate colleges. Their supposedly fun trip turns deadly fast, and what's even worse is that there are hunters out in the night, looking for prey. I like this book because it's also kind of a teen fiction, and the book itself is easy to read, there's not that many big words that'll leave you confused. I definitely recommend this book. You can get it on Amazon, and if you don't want to pay for it. I think the school also has a copy or two of it.

4- "The Brothers Torres": This book comes in next on the list because, of course, it's another one of my favorites. It has comedy, action, and some heartfelt emotions. Maybe there's a touch of romance here and there. This book has a lot of meaningful themes and could teach you some things while also entertaining you. This is also super easy to read, and wouldn't take you long to finish. The book starts off with Frankie wanting to ask a girl out for homecoming, but doesn't know that his asking would lead him into a world full of fun, drama, and trouble. This book can also be purchased on Amazon, read on fantasticfiction.com, and possibly more.

5- "Lilah": Lilah is number five on the list because it's a book that I have not read yet. I put it on the list because I read the synopsis for it, and it sounds really interesting. There was a character introduction, and the character's aesthetic, plus how they were described makes me want to read it even more. The book's genre is labeled as romance, and the subgenre could be labeled as comedy. The book is now being sold on Amazon, so you can get it on there too.

"Ordinary Day: A Reverted Perspective on Reality"

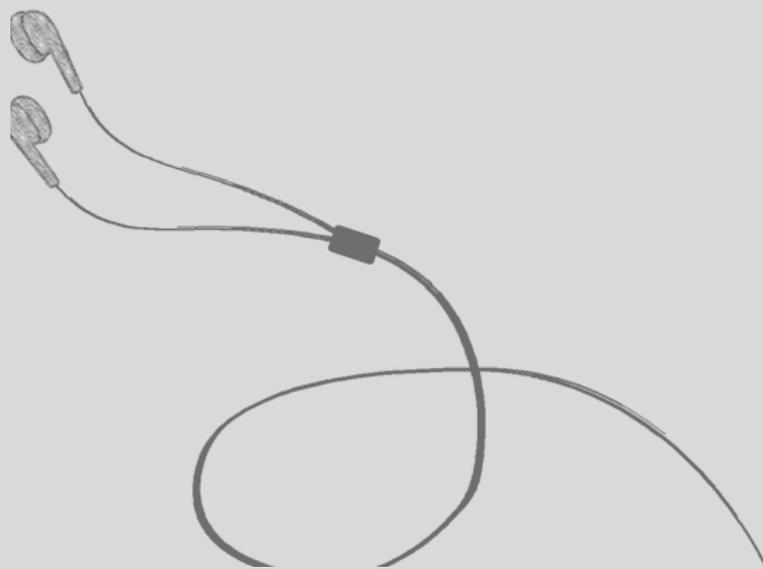
By Zaacc Jenkins

Millennials to Gen-Z may recognize the name and talent behind such Youtube music classics like "Beauty and the Beat", "Nails, Hair, Hips, Heels", and "Straight Outta Oz": Todrick "Triple Threat" Hall. Todrick Hall, a man who is clearly not afraid to embrace who he is and address his opinions in a way that is both thought-provoking and entertaining, created his third out of currently four studio albums, *Forbidden*, starring himself and featuring other talented people of color, such as Brandy, Jade Novah, Shangela, etc; a story focused on a world turned upside it's head, yet still carries truths and revelations within each and every song. In *Forbidden*, the minority are the majority, filled with a quite literal colorful cast of people of varying skin tones, set in a society that reflects conservative values and 50's aesthetic, despite being set in the future.



One song in particular that truly captures the essence of the soundtrack's overall commentary on American society as a whole would most certainly have to be "Ordinary Day," featuring Rashad Burroughs, the lead singer of the performance. Before delving into the imagery of the song, let's look into the lyrics themselves;

Top of the morning to you, and to you, sir
The sun's shining today like the day before
My my, what a beautiful view, sir
Our safe little place for the boy next door
(Yoo hoo)
And not a frown in the town, g'day (You too)
And not a cloud to be found, hooray (Careful)
Where you're tapping your toes
'Cause there may be a little bump in the road
But you know that
[Chorus]
The birds keep chirping along
The earth keeps turning and moving
The sun comes up and it's dawn
And the sky starts calling the moon in
Oh, we know, the world's a scary place
We learn to turn and look the other way
Just brush it off
Tombé Pas de Bourrée
It's just another ordinary day



On a surface level depth into these words, the listener could interpret the overall message of the song along the lines of “Appreciate and enjoy the little things in life, because it will always continue forward”. Of course, this is a perfectly good message, and still stands true to heart today; however, the music video itself presents a differing perspective altogether.

Our scene begins with a young white man, carrying a bag of goldfish in his hand, walking down the street. All of the neighbors are eyeing with with wary and suspicion from a safe distance. Eventually, a police officer, played by Rashad Burroughs, drives up and almost playfully stalks up on him, before pulling a gun on him. A little girl who watches from her home pops her gum, signifying the offscreen death. Back on the sidewalk, the young man lays lifeless, but the song picks up with the delicate plucking of a string instrument. Once the young man is down, the neighborhood is lively, and thus everyone sings the aforementioned lyrics before.

This time, the message portrayed here is the tried and true saying “ignorance is bliss” while also making a commentary on racially-motivated police brutality. The name in of itself can either signify the peace in mundane living, or the desensitization and acceptance of racially-motivated violence within society. Although the subject matter itself is intense, Todrick Hall depicts it in a way that is digestible but still thought-provoking and heartbreaking to witness, and utilizes this perspective throughout the entire album, which is why it is deserving of a higher recognition.



Woodside, Dismiss!

By Zorie Cockrell

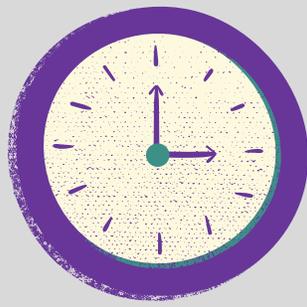
Home, a place most people would like to be at any, and all times. Especially after a long day of school, dismissal is the thing most students, and staff wait for. The bell, the announcements, and our house being called are all things that we can't wait to hear.

Recently, dismissal procedures have changed.

From the beginning of the year to February 6, 2022, dismissal started at 1:45pm. Students would be on the buses, and leaving by 1:55 to 2:00pm. The announcer would call drivers first along with walkers, students who have to pick up instruments, and athletes. After, we would be dismissed by houses.

Dismissal has changed since then, but in small, meaningful ways. Examples of these things include the time we dismiss, who gets dismissed, and who has to stand in the halls. There are more minor changes, but these are the most important, or most talked about. We still have our announcements at the end of the day, informing us of events, things that will be happening during the school week, and more. Dismissal time is now 1:50pm instead of 1:45pm, so a five minute difference. Instead of athletes and such getting dismissed first, they leave with the rest of their house.

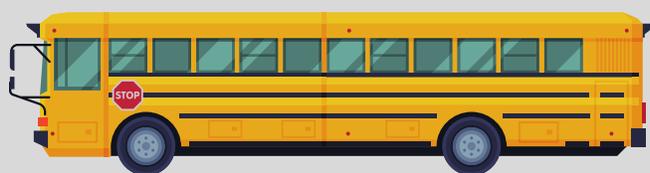
Teachers also have to now monitor the halls before, and during dismissal to make sure students are where they're supposed to be. Not only teachers, security too. Usually the staff are in two person teams to make monitoring the halls a little easier. Also so students won't be able to slip through.



I've talked to two Woodside students, and one of them had an interesting thing to say. "I think the new dismissal makes things go faster, since the walkers and drivers go with the rest of us. They call the houses faster too, and we get on the buses faster. The teachers are strict about letting people in things without a pass, but I understand it's what they're supposed to do." They continued on to say how they believe the new procedure works. The other student agreed to that statement as well, stating that "they like this procedure better."

I also talked to a Woodside teacher, Mrs. TarpleyJones and she had a very nice thing to say. "I really appreciate the new dismissal changes as it is a way to keep our school community safe. I actually enjoy monitoring the halls during/around dismissal time as it provides me a way to make connections and communicate with past and present students, as well as, students that I haven't had in my classes before. I also like to help our Admin and Security who already have a tough job to fill with keeping our school safe!"

As you can see, the new procedures are working nicely for Woodside. On that note, that's all for the new procedures. Dismissal may be slightly different, but at the end of the day we're all going to the comfort of our own home. Make sure to tune in to the announcements and listen for any more changes. Be good and be safe!



The Top Five Experiences of a Woodside Wolverine

By Noah Scott

1. Being a Student

Being a Woodside student for about 3 years now brings me a lot of joy because during these crazy years I've been in high school, I have slowly watched how so many things have transformed into something new, such as people. Many people walk through these halls without saying a single word to another student but everyone is always watching. We see familiar faces that we had accidentally or intentionally looked at or noticed almost every single day. It is a habit for us.



2. Woodside Athletics

Since I've been here, one of the things I have noticed is how good our sports teams are. Every day many students enter this building, and one of the things you will hear is the coaches walking around asking random questions, like do you play sports? Some say no and others say yes. What I have noticed is those who say no, eventually get into playing one of the sports that's offered in the school. When students join, I see firsthand how these coaches train these ordinary students into the best players on the basketball team, soccer team, baseball team, and wrestling team. The coaches really do their absolute best to cultivate their skills into perfection. To see this happening with your own eyes from the point of view of a student here is really special.

3. Teachers

The teachers in the school have so many different personalities. Ever since I first came to the school one of the things I worried about was how the teachers would be, and I was afraid that I would have some mean teachers. The entire time I've been going to school all the teachers I've had have been very friendly and help you do better in your classes. There hasn't been not even one teacher I would say I don't like in the school. I'm gonna appreciate being at this school when I look back in the future.

4. The Clubs

Woodside has many clubs and activities, and they are all very creative and diverse. This is one of my favorite things about this school, it is very creative and unique and you can always expect something to surprise you sometime in the year when people think of many more clubs to create.



5. Senior Year

Juniors can't wait until their senior year, because ever since we were in our first year in high school everything was going so crazy in the outside world, and it only got worse as the years went on. But even after everything became so chaotic, high school was such an amazing experience that only lasts for four years. I know I will miss this, along with many others, that have to leave this wonderful school called Woodside that opened up so many opportunities for us. But senior year offers us prom, graduation, and so many other exciting possibilities.

Alleviate Stress in Five Minutes or Less!

By Janiyah Shaw

With students now in the fourth quarter of their first year back to school since 2020, the pressure has definitely kicked up. Besides fear of another variant sweeping through the schools, students are worried about their upcoming exams and future outfits for ring dance and prom. Therefore, here are my top tips to get you through this last quarter!



1. Take Deep Breaths

Whether you're in the middle of a test or catching up on homework, taking a second to take deep breaths can do wonders. Breathing in and out deeply a couple times can reduce anxiety because it lets in more air into your lungs. It can also help you refocus. Try closing your eyes as you take your breaths and feel yourself completely realign!

2. Practice PMR

PMR stands for Progressive Muscle Relaxation and this is a stress-relieving method that is VERY underrated, especially since it is so easy! The way to do the PMR relaxation technique is quick, all you do is breathe, squeeze (different parts of muscles, making your way up, like toes, hands, etc.), and breathe again! If done correctly, your heart rate should be lower, body tension should be gone, and your mind should be a lot more calmer!

3. Clear Off Your Area

This tip can especially be helpful when you're getting all that last-minute homework done! Take a moment of your time and put things away. Put away completed work, folders, and binders. Just this alone can help with stress because it shifts your focus temporarily and gives you time to breathe.



4. Think Positively

Stress can sometimes come from overthinking. Though this tip may be a little bit harder, it is still so effective! Thinking positively helps you to clear your head and focus on positive goals. So instead of thinking of the worse, think the best!

5. Write Out Your Thoughts



While you're in the middle of a test that may be super important, if your stress is at an all-time high, take a second to grab a sheet of paper, and write out your thoughts. It can help reorganize your mind by getting rid of the bad or old thoughts, and replacing them with effective thoughts. Once you finish, ball up that sheet of paper and let it go!

Honorable Mention: Counting Backwards

Counting backwards helps with anxiety because it helps you refocus by temporarily distracting you. While some count back from ten or twenty, it's completely okay to count back from one hundred or even 1,000! As long as you are taking time to take a break and just breathe.

Though students may be dealing with tons of stress, it gets even harder when there are no outlets for them to alleviate it. Think back to these six pointers whenever you're in a time of panic, and let your worries melt away!

Finals: A Reflection

By Jaylen Joyner

How did y'all feel about taking finals in person for the first time in a couple of years? To reflect on finals from first semester and in order to prepare for our upcoming finals, I got three different points of view for you all to consider. I got two from teachers, and one from one of my peers. One of the questions I asked the teachers was what do you think was better online or in-person, another question I asked the students was how was it taking it in person for the first time?

For my first teacher Mrs. Haywood, an English teacher, I asked if she thought finals were better online or in-person? In her professional opinion, she believes it was better in person because people were way more focused than if they were taking it online. The other question I asked was how was it taking it online? To this she stated that she didn't really like it because people weren't really asking questions, and they just wanted to get it done, which caused rushing and a lack of focus.

For my second teacher, Mrs. GMC, the creative writing teacher, I asked her if she felt finals were better online or in-person? Mrs. GMC said she also agreed that finals were better in person. She also said that you should check your Canvas and your StudentVue to see your missing assignments and what you can do to make them up ahead of time, so that you aren't as stressed when taking your finals.

Finally, I asked my peers, how they felt about in person finals for the first time. One student answered, "I didn't really like it, it was scary and I felt way more stressed because we haven't been in person for two years". Another student agreed, saying that was true because it was like we were finally back in person, and taking a final was going to be weird because it was going to be back in person for the first time.

In conclusion, I'm going to give you three of my top pieces of advice.

- **Finish strong!**
- **Stay focused during your finals!**
- **Put all your effort into your tests, so that you can rock your finals and enjoy your summer!**



Let's Dance!

By Samadyi Perry

It's about that time everyone, Ring Dance, and Prom has arrived! I know some of us have waited for this moment since we started high school. These are major life events to most people, but do you have all the information you need to buy

Our administration sent out an announcement that they were going to be giving away suits, dresses, jewelry, shoes, hair accessories, and everything that comes with a suit. For Ring Dance, the tickets are \$40 and for Prom, the ticket cost is \$50. They are taking cash or checks right now Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings in front of the tech center from 6:50 to 7:05.

The prom money is going to go to food, the venue, staffing, music, and DJing. Some of the Ring Dance money is going to be put aside and put into an account for this current junior class so we don't have to worry about food, staffing, music, and other costs when our own prom comes.

It has been 2 years since Woodside has had any dances, and the seniors have raised money all year to have this dance through various fundraisers and activities. This year's ring dance theme was "Red Carpet" while prom's theme was "The Roaring Twenties". And next year's themes? Who knows! But regardless of theme, students have many more dances to look forward to in the future

So come on Woodside students, show some school pride and attend your Ring Dance or Senior Prom! These dances are a once and lifetime event and something you won't be able to experience again.

Top 10 Bingeworthy Shows on Netflix That Everyone Is Obsessing Over

By Isabella Monge



10. *The Woman in the House Across the Street from the Girl in the Window*- Coming in last on the list, this show is ranked number ten because while I haven't seen it yet, I have heard great things about it from numerous people. This show is certainly on my Netflix "watch later" list.

9. *I Am Not Okay With This*- This show deserves the number nine spot because it is an amazing coming of age show, but it was unfortunately canceled by Netflix in August of 2020 because of the pandemic.

8. *Dead to Me*- While it is a show filled with tragedy, *Dead to Me* is a must-see comedy TV show that follows two women who become friends out of a strange situation.

7. *Maid*- *Maid* is an intriguing show that puts issues like domestic abuse and financial issues in the spotlight, while not being some sappy, unoriginal show.

6. *Good Girls*- Just having finished its last season, *Good Girls* was an amazing show from start to finish centered around three moms who get themselves in the craziest situations.

5. The End of the World- This show, which is an adaptation of the book, could be described as an interesting coming of age TV series where two psychotic teens fall in love.

4. The Society- Even though this show was discontinued, it is nothing short of a masterpiece filled with the thrill of mystery. High school students get lost in a different dimension which happens to be an exact replica of their hometown, and they have to try to survive on their own. The question remains, will they turn on each other?



3. You- You has a unique plot that follows a man named Joe Goldberg while he maneuvers through the world with his stalking addiction. This show has everyone intrigued from start to finish with its wild storyline. Season three recently came out in October of 2021, and season four is in the works.

2. Outer Banks- This show is everything a teen could possibly want: a fun, carefree summer with their friends. Outer Banks is an action-packed roller coaster going from treasure hunts, romance, friendship, family issues, wealth gaps, and more.

1. Stranger Things- Being one of the most popular shows on Netflix, Stranger Things certainly deserves its spot on this list. Originally, this show was placed as number three on this list, but after recently rewatching it, the number one spot is where it should be because everything about this show is amazing. It takes its viewers back in time to the 80s while exploring a world of sci-fi. The show really makes you feel like you're in the decade with its very close attention to detail and beautiful soundtrack. The main characters, Mike; Lucas; Will; and Dustin, must uncover the secrets of Hawkins Lab as the lab's experiments keep snatching the lives of Hawkins residents.

How Do Juniors Feel About Ring Dance?

By Kaitlyn Gardner

The class of 2023 is having their first ever school dance since their freshman homecoming in 2019. After living through the COVID-19 pandemic, it is both a shock and a relief that these students can have a somewhat normal high school experience again. As juniors prepare for their ring dance, they have been asked their opinions on topics such as the venue, theme, ticket prices, and dance as a whole.



Overall, the class of 2023 seemed pleased with the Marriott being the venue for the dance. None of the students who participated in the survey reported not liking the venue, and 60% said they either liked it or loved it. However, the theme of the dance was not met with the same love; only 40% of students surveyed said they liked or loved the theme of red carpet. Suggestions for future dances were made, consisting of masquerade, mystical, or camp. Most juniors agreed that ticket prices of \$40 were fair, although 28% argued that they were not. Those who said they were not fair provided explanation, one student saying, "It's too expensive for only a 3 hour event, especially if you're already spending so much money on a dress, ring, and other amenities." Students who said they weren't attending the dance provided reasons consisting of sports practice or not having enough money for tickets.



Everyone surveyed who said they were attending ring dance said that they were excited! The planners did an excellent job of providing juniors with an exciting first dance after years of not experiencing one. The suggestions and feedback brought in from this survey can help the planners for the class of 2023 to plan an even better prom or ring dance for next year.



Who is the Strongest Sin?

By Jakayla Harris



Seven Deadly Sins is a popular manga that was turned into an anime in 2014. All five seasons and two movies are available to stream on Netflix. The anime follows a young girl named Elizabeth who is on a search for the Seven Deadly Sins, a powerful group known for murdering the Grand Master Holy Knight. The Sins haven't been seen in years but Elizabeth believes they are the only ones who can stop the Holy Knights from taking over her kingdom.

The anime is amazing, adventurous, action packed, and a personal favorite of mine. I love this anime because it showcases seven unique personalities and characters. Each Sin has their own individual power that gives them undeniable strength. But the question is, who is the strongest of the Seven Deadly Sins? I have ranked the Sins based on who I believe is the strongest. Keep reading below to see my list!

Number 7: Ban the Fox Sin of Greed

Ban is ranked number seven on my list but don't be alarmed. He may be last but he still holds his own with his power of immortality. He has proven his worth and showed his strength countless times. Ban is a great fighter and is a rightful member of the Sins.

Number 6: Diane the Serpent Sin of Envy

Diane is ranked number six on my list. With her gigantic size and powerful skill set, she takes down enemies with ease. She also protects the other Sins when they are in danger. Diane is selfless, caring, and dominant. You'll be in awe while watching her fight.

Number 5: King the Grizzly Sin of Sloth

Claiming the number five spot is King. King has wonderful magic that will leave you blown away. He can take down Holy Knights with just a lift of his finger. King is a lover who will fight to protect the ones he cares about. By witnessing him in action, you'll see how he impacts the Sins.



Number 4: Gowther the Goat Sin of Lust

At number four we have Gowther. At first glance, he seems like a quiet and shy boy. But in battle, the shy boy you once saw is now a beast. His unique magic can stop even the strongest enemies. With his power of invasion, he can trap Holy Knights in their own memories. Even his physical strength is no match for trouble bearing enemies.

Number 3: Merlin the Boar Sin of Gluttony

Now entering the final three we have Merlin. Merlin has incredible magic and is said to be the greatest magician in Britannia. Her power, infinity, allows her spells to be active until she chooses to release them. How Merlin uses her magic is why she is the third strongest Sin.

Number 2: Meliodas the Dragon Sin of Wrath

Number two we have Meliodas, the Captain himself. From his first appearance, Meliodas showed his strength and why he is the captain of the Seven Deadly Sins. Most underestimate Meliodas but soon realize he is one not to be messed with. He is determined to fight for what's right as he is surrounded by the right people, that's why he is second on my ranking.



Number 1: Escanor the Lion Sin of Pride

Drumroll please for the strongest Sin! The strongest Sin is Escanor. His power is known as Sunshine, which means he becomes immensely stronger during the day. He is nearly unbeatable while the sun is out. But his power isn't limited to the sun. During the night, he is strong and Holy Knights struggle to battle with him. This is why he is the strongest Sin!