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Current Events

By: Christopher Aguilar, Johnny Castillo, Yunuen Torres-Plata, Zyanya Torres-Plata

Astronomical Events

Perihelion, when the earth passes closest to the sun, occurs in January approximately 2 weeks after the Winter Solstice.

Geminids Meteor Shower – December 13-14

Ursid Meteor Shower – December 21-22

International Events

Jeddah Tower in Saudi Arabia, soon to be the tallest tower in the world, was postponed in 2020 due to covid. Only 1/3 of the tower is completed and there is no set date for continued construction.

The Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM), also known as the Giza Museum, was postponed because of Covid and is now scheduled to open in 2023 and will be the largest archaeological museum in the world.

The School Spelling Bee

By: Dasha Rogers and Ayah El-Nemr

Guess what the winning word was? It was “doorjamb”! This word was the winning word for our whole school, but every classroom had their own spelling bee against each other. The winners then moved on to the next level: the school spelling bee. There were a lot of people at the school spelling bee but only three people progressed to the next level which will be a borough-wide spelling bee. The spelling bee was held in our school’s auditorium and different classes came to watch different segments of the spelling bee. The spelling bee took



place on Monday November 21, 2022. The spelling bee is supposed to help improve students’ spelling ability and vocabulary skills.

MS 936 Wall of Fame

6th Grade

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 600: Natalia Klein | 604: Sinai Gomez |
| 601: Layne Strum | 605: Kareem Ulyanov |
| 602: August Williams | 606: Luis Velazquez |
| 603: Kenny Marin | |

7th Grade

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 700: Emma Carberry | 703: Allyson Ariza |
| 701: Miao Chen | 704: Yakira Figueroa |
| 702: Fernanda Castaneda | 705: Suriahlynn Guzman |

8th Grade

- | | |
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| 800: Londyn Assante | 803: Matthew Soares |
| 801: Janice Dong | 804: Dayana Martinez |
| 802: Jasleen Garcia | 805: Anthony Garcia |

Principal’s List

6th Grade:

- Morales Isabella: 97.62
Layne Strum: 97.18
Ava Perez: 97.15

7th Grade:

- Emma Carberry: 98.23
Alisar Ahmad: 98.08
Daniel Alvear: 98.08

8th Grade:

- Aaron Carberry: 98.29
Wei Wei Chen: 97.57
Hernan Bonilla-Jimenez: 97.57

Phobias By Emma Carberry

What can cause you to fear something? Could it be negative experiences or the environment you’re surrounded in? Some things that increase your risk of having major phobias are your age, temperament, or negative experiences. There are 3 types of phobias; social phobias, agoraphobia, and specific phobias. Social phobia (now called social anxiety disorder) is the fear of social situations when a person may be judged or humiliated. Agoraphobia is an extreme fear of being somewhere that is hard to escape from. Also, specific phobias are the fear of an object. The 4 main specific phobias are mainly animals, situations, natural environment, and medical treatment. Even hearing about negative experiences, like car crashes can lead to the development of a phobia. Simple fears like a fear of spiders, are not to be confused with phobias. Phobias are when fears become bigger and even interfere with real life.

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A03 Jazz Basketball

Elizabeth Kline, Sofia Schreifels, Doria Sharif

Thanks to the coach Mr. Baras and the assistant coach Mr. Townsend, our school has formed a competitive basketball team in the previous three months with players ranging in grade sixth to eighth. Over the previous few months, they have transformed into a team and a family, with the captains being Isaiah Brito-Mesa, Matthew Soares, and Adrian Fernandez. Mr. Baras' key goals for his team are for every player to continue playing meaningful games in high school and to win the ones that are currently being held. Despite losing their first game, the team evaluated and examined the mistakes they made, in order to learn. The students then strived to enhance their technique throughout their practice time during the week. Communication, in particular, is something that both coaches mentioned as a significant improvement that they are seeking to achieve, not just on the court, but also in the hallways between the players.

However, something that will always stick with our team is the trust between the players and the coaches which is the sole reason they were picked for the team in the first place. In fact, in an interview with Ms. Baras he said that they had turned down really good players, because they didn't believe that there would be a trust. According to some athletes, the training is enjoyable but physically demanding, but because the coaches and teammates encourage them at every turn, they are inspired to continue. Nevertheless, these practices pay off, as seen by our team's success in the most recent tournament.

To continue to get more insight on our school's basketball team, we also decided to interview some players and managers.

The first interview was with Kalia Osorio of class 803, one of our managers of the basketball team. We started with the question, "What is your job?" Kalia answered that she was an away manager/travel manager. To further explain, Kalia is the manager that would be in charge of all traveling aspects of the team. For example, if our team were to hypothetically travel to a

different school to play a game, Kalia would be in charge of maintaining the stability and process of this. Another question we asked Kalia was, "What motivated you to do this job?"

Kalia explained that what motivated her was her enjoyment of being in control and also being in charge of different aspects of the team.

Another question that we asked Kalia was, "How do you feel about the practices and environment of this basketball team?"

Kalia described how their practices are very chaotic but also very interesting to watch to really see developing characteristics. Overall it was very interesting and fun to interview Kalia and enjoyable to get an insight on a manager of the basketball team.

The second interview was with Victoria Vizcaino of class 801, another manager for the team. The first question asked was "What is your job?" Victoria answered with, "I am a supervisor manager." Victoria's job is to supervise games and make sure that everything is running smoothly.

The next thing asked was "What is your opinion on the last game?" Victoria told us that she thinks the team did an amazing job, and she is extremely proud of them and all of their hard work. The last question we asked Victoria was "Do you feel influenced by your surroundings?" She replied by telling us that she does feel influenced, and viewing the team play brightens her day.





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NJHS 2022 Induction Ceremony

By: Charlotte Chu

On November 22nd, 2022, MS 936 held their annual National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Induction Ceremony. The NJHS Induction Ceremony is congratulating the new inductees and returning inductees for their hard work and perseverance through the five pillars. These pillars are Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship.

In order to be a NJHS member, students must maintain an average of 90 or above, have at least 12 hours of community service (done over the summer break), and work hard and persevere through the five pillars.



The five pillars are what the NJHS is based off of. To me, Scholarship represents a commitment to learning and studying. Alexi, representing Service, said Service represents being selfless and putting others before themselves. Alisar, representing Leadership,

said Leadership represents taking pride and responsibilities to help others to succeed and reach their goals. Anna, representing Character, said Character represents self-discipline. Jonathan, representing Citizenship, said Citizenship represents respecting others.

Congratulations to the new and returning National Junior Honors Society inductees!

Chess Strategies

By: Mary Silvestre X

A few chess strategies is one opening that has been around since the late 15th century. This opening is called "The Queen's Gambit." Basically in this opening the Moves are 1. D4 (for white) D5 (for black), then 2. C4 (for white). Now you might be thinking "that's such a lame opening!" Well, you're wrong. It's a temporary sacrifice on a pawn to gain control of the center of the board. If black accepts the queen gambit by doing 2. dxc4, then white should reply with 3. E3. This not only gives D4 an extra defender, but also frees the bishop as an opportunity to attack and regain the pawn.

High Schools: What's Best For You

By: Doria Sharif

Everyone entering middle school must eventually exit. Furthermore, students must get ready for high school during their final year, or perhaps even their second. The Specialized High School Admissions Test, or SHSAT, is a requirement for admission to specialized high schools in New York City. Students may struggle to identify their goals and the high standards they must obtain in order to get there. Some schools have academic requirements, while others have artistic requirements.

The Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts, also referred to as the "fame school" or LaGuardia High School, offers outstanding courses in the arts and may possibly be the most well-known high school for the arts in New York City.

Drama, visual arts, vocal and instrumental music, dance, and technical theater are all offered as majors at LaGuardia. This school may be a good fit for many students here because these majors are all a part of something that the students at MS936 prefer.





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Musical Review: Hamilton

By: Dasha Rogers

Hamilton is a musical about one of the founding fathers, Alexander Hamilton. It talks about his life in war, as the first treasury secretary, and his personal life. For most of the songs in the musical, there is a combination of pop, rap, R&B, soul, and traditional-style Broadway tunes as the main genres.

I would personally rate Hamilton 4.5/5. I love how the musical talks about key moments in Alexander Hamilton's life, like when he became the first treasury secretary, or his family and the Schuyler Sisters, and how they all wrap up into one big musical, with all the songs making me feel every type of emotion. His back story is really sad, however when he first meets Eliza, it's really sweet. However, there are a few details I don't like. Not everything is historically accurate, such as when they said that John Adams fired him, he just resigned for treasury secretary.



Overall, I think Hamilton is a great musical and you should watch it! You can watch it live on Broadway or stream the original cast performance on Disney+!

Game Review

By: Alexi Benedict

The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild is an action-adventure game developed and published by Nintendo for the Nintendo Switch and Wii U consoles. The game is an installment of The Legend of Zelda series and is set at the end of its timeline. The player controls an amnesiac Link in the

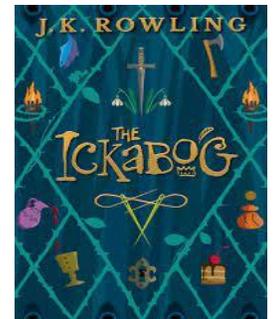


third person, who awakes from a hundred-year sleep, and attempts to save Hyrule from calamity Gannon. Since it is an open world game there are side quests which will give you rupees, armor, random items, or it unlocks Shrines. Shrines are a challenge that gives you a Spirit orb and if you collect four you can get an extra heart or more stamina making it so you can climb higher, swim further, and run longer. I would give this a 10/10 because the graphics are great and the controls are challenging in a good way (maybe too hard?) and the story is good there a lot for people who like to hundred percent complete games and it's even better for speedrunners. This game is on Nintendo Switch and Wii U. It's sold for an average of \$36.

Book Review

By: Zofia Wiater

The Ickabog by J.K. Rowling Rating: 4 / 5
Quick question, have you ever heard of the Ickabog? Well in this fairy tale, you will explore the adventure of the lifetime about Bert Beamish and Daisy Dovetail. Through many troubles and many setbacks, Bert and Daisy make the discovery of the century! Can they prove that the Ickabog isn't all that bad? I rate this book a 4 because overall the book was amazing and the plot was full of context and full of adventure. This book was amazing but the reason I gave it 4 is because I know from reading the story the book isn't for everyone. It might get boring for people that like fast paced stories and don't really like to read. Overall, for all the bookworms in this school, I would definitely recommend it!





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Mythology of the Month: Norse

By: Noah Tsapovski

Odin's Eye: Considered to be the King of the Gods, Odin is the symbol of wisdom, prophecy and knowledge. Although Odin was already a powerful war god, but he wanted to learn all there was to know. His goal was to have access to all of the knowledge that was usually hidden from him. To gain this wisdom, Odin went to Mimir The wisest of the gods, who lived near a well at the base of Yggdrasil, the world tree upon which all the 7 realms of Norse Mythology rested. Mimir told Odin that he could drink from the waters of the well and gain divine wisdom, But only if he made a sacrifice that he deemed worthy of this gift. For his sacrifice, Odin gouged his own eye out and put it into the well, gaining eternal wisdom and the gift of Prophecy. With these newfound powers, Odin then rose to power and later became the king of the gods. The story of Odin's eye teaches us that knowledge requires sacrifice.

HOROSCOPE OF THE MONTH –SAGITTARIUS

By: Dasha Rogers and Ayah El-Nemr

In astrology, Sagittarius is the ninth sign of the zodiac, considered as governing the period from about November 22 to about December 21. It is represented either by a centaur shooting a bow and arrow or by an arrow drawn across a bow. Sagittarians are optimistic, lovers of freedom, hilarious, fair-minded, honest and intellectual. They are spontaneous and fun, usually with a lot of friends, and are perhaps the best conversationalists in the zodiac.

Sagittarius is the ninth astrological sign. The symbol is an archer, the element is fire, its ruling planet is Jupiter, its color is purple, and the



birthstones are topaz, turquoise, tanzanite, citrine, and Zircon.

Astrology Corner

By: Dasha Rogers and Ayah El-Nemr

Have you ever wondered about the *science* behind astrology? Have you ever wondered how many peoples' personalities actually match their horoscope? Well, if you're reading this, you are about to find out! Welcome to our astrology corner and get ready to see some stars!

First of all, we have to start with the basics, the beginning- the Babylonians (Ba-buh-low-nee-uhnz). The Babylonians came up with horoscopes and astrology. Astrology originated in Babylon far back in antiquity, with the Babylonians developing their own form of horoscopes around 2,400 years ago! Around 2,100 years ago, astrology spread far into the Eastern part of the Mediterranean, which became very popular in Egypt, which at that time was under the control of a dynasty of the Greek kings.

You might be wondering how many individuals genuinely match their horoscope. 57% of women and 48% of men match their horoscopes (according to surveys taken). However, only 45% of people match their horoscope perfectly. I know I mentioned it in my introduction and in paragraphs three through thirty, but we hope you liked our small, humble astrological nook. I hope you got to see some stars!



Fun Facts!!

By: Noah Tsapovski

- Like fingerprints, everyone has a different tongue print.
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- The average cough travels at around 60mph.
- Venus is the only planet to spin clockwise
- The average blue whale's heart weighs around 400 pounds!
- A jiffy is an actual unit of time (1/100th of a second)



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Holiday Season Word Search

S A M T S I R H C V O H G O R
D J Y R S A E A C D U I I A G
E R A I L K H K P V F L T N S
V D E N E Q F K N T N S I I E
R C R I D H Y U S T V K C J L
P I E L D T V N O M C I O N D
W C E V I E T A L O C O H C N
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| Christmas | Snow | Hanukkah | Stocking |
| Ramadan | Dreidel | Sledding | Gifts |
| Chocolate | Light Candles | Skating | December |
| Kwanzaa | Icicles | Wreath | Reindeer |
| Star | | | |



Monthly Debate: How did you choose your major?

By: Charlotte Chu and Yatziri Avendano

M.S. 936 is a school that is passionate about the arts. When it comes to what art someone is interested in, answers can vary. Because of this, we asked artists, why did you choose your arts major?

Why did some choose Visual Arts?

Matthew from 603 was interviewed and he said that he chose visual arts because of the way he can express how he feels through his art. Luka from 601 said they chose visual arts because it's a form of expression that anyone can do.

Why did some choose Theatre?

Ava from 700 said that she chose theater as her major because she likes the idea of "being in the shoes of someone else". Olive, another theater major from 702 said she chose theatre by expressing that in theater, you can sing, dance, and act all at the same time. Olive also mentioned how the teacher, Ms Rubin, is super nice and supportive.

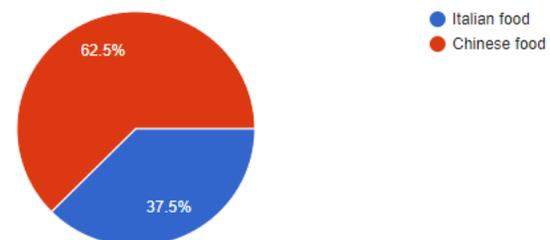
Why did some choose Dance?

Emily from 701 said that she chose dance because she has been dancing since she was 3 and really enjoys it. Another dancer, Julia from 701, said she has been in many competitions related to dance and she feels it's really rewarding.

Why did some choose Music?

Tristan from 702 said he chose music because of the variation of instruments you can play. Not only that but you get to watch and even play in concerts. Another music major, Karen from 801 said in music, you get to learn a whole new language and have fun. Not only that but Karen feels that playing an instrument is what challenges her.

Here are the results from the last debate! (Chinese food vs Italian food)





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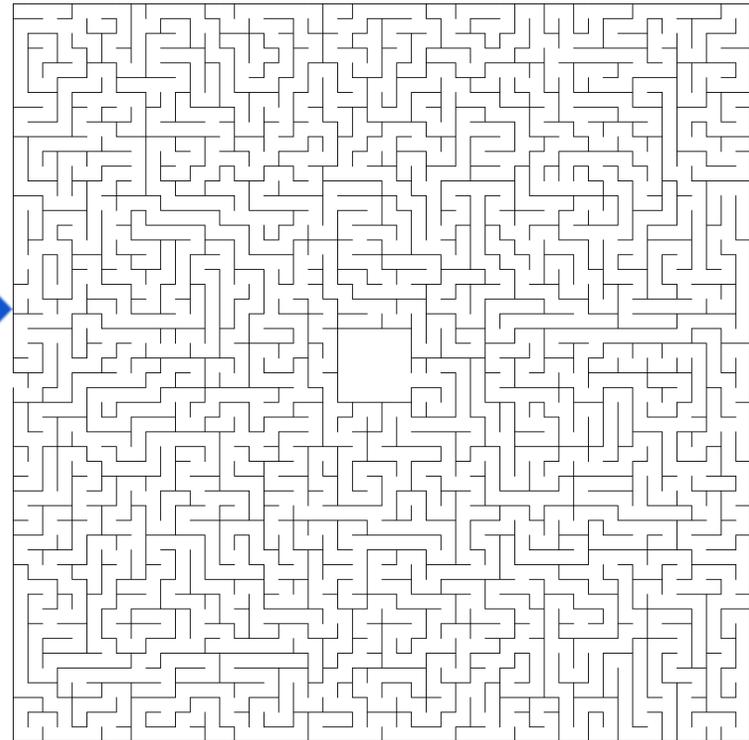
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By: Zofia Wiater

Winter Labyrinth



Recipes: DIY Ice cream

Some people might think ice cream is perfect for every time of the year and I think so too.

Whenever you want ice cream and don't have any, don't fear this article is here! Let's make some at home ice cream. You will need:

- 1 cup of Half n' Half
- 1 ½ teaspoon of vanilla extract
- ¼ cup of salt
- Ice
- One large and small ziploc bag
- Sugar

How to make your ice cream:

- 1) Take your small ziploc bag and combine your Half & Half, sugar, and vanilla extract. Make sure to push out the excess air and seal
 - 2) In the larger ziploc bag, combine your ice and salt.
 - 3) Add your smaller bag in the larger bag and shake, shake, shake for 7 to 10 minutes till the ice cream hardened
- Enjoy!



Holiday Word Scramble

Intwer
Scristahm
Nhakukha