



THE 936 TIMES

Olympic Record-Breakers

By: Noah Tsapovski



The 2022 Winter Olympics Games in Beijing, China are in progress. From February 4th-20th, athletes from all over the world come to compete. Let's look at past record-breakers.

Michael Phelps- This American swimmer has a record breaking 23 gold medals. Phelps has twenty-three gold medals and overall 28 Olympic medals in four Olympics. That's almost six golds per Olympics!

Nadia Comaneci- In 1976, gymnast Nadia Comaneci had scored 10.00 from all the judges which was completely unbelievable to watch. As it did not happen before the equipment failed to display it. She not only broke the record and she had gone further and did it a total of six times. She won three gold medals for her breathtaking performance.

Marjorie Gestring- American diver Marjorie Gestring was just thirteen years old when she won gold in the three-meter springboard. She did that incredible stuff in front of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party at the Berlin Olympics in 1936.

Usian Bolt- Jamaican track runner, Usian Bolt set the olympic record for the 100m dash at 9.63 seconds during the 2012 London Olympics. Bolt shattered Tyson Gay's previous record of 9.69 seconds holding the new olympic record.

Wall of Fame

By: Viveka Avrutin & Ellie Kline

600VE: Zofia Wiater 604: Ulises Varga Arellano
601: Ava Finamore 605: Michael Conde
602: Miao Chen 606: Jasmin Moranchel
603: Daniel Rivera

700VE: Wei Wei Chen 703: Stacy Paredes
701: Alexa Santiago 704: Cameron Orduna
702: Ryan Jiang 705: Jeffery Cortes - Diaz

New York Exhibits

By: Emma Carberry

In New York you can find things to do everywhere!

At the Brooklyn Museum, located on 200 Eastern Parkway, they are currently featuring an exhibit called "Christian Dior: Designer of Dreams." This shows some of the most beautiful dresses and original designs from the company. Get tickets soon because this exhibit ends February 20th, 2022!



"Banksy: Genius or Vandal?" Located at 526, 6th Avenue, this exhibit shows a mysterious creator who does street art. However, no one knows who they are. The exhibit is open on weekdays from 10am-7pm, and on weekends from 9am - 8pm. However, they are closed on Tuesdays.



"Walt Disney: The Animation of French Decorative Arts," is a current exhibit at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, located on 1000 5th Ave. This exhibit ends on March 16 2022 so act soon.

The Scoop on Every Subject

By: Dominic Rodriguez & Ayden Rios

Math

6th Grade: This month we are learning about prime factorization and exponents.

7th Grade: This month in we are learning about how to solve word problems and two and one step inequalities including variables.

ELA

6th Grade: 6th graders are reading the novel *Amina's Voice*, answering the essential question: How can we make our voices heard? Students are learning about the author's purpose and how authors use methods of characterization to create dynamic characters.

7th Grade: 7th graders are reading a novel set during The American Revolution, *My Brother Sam Is Dead*, answering the essential question: How do choices in all forms have consequences? Students are learning about symbolism and engaging with how art fuels revolutions around the world.

Science

6th Grade: This month we are learning about population and resources.

7th Grade: This month we are concluding our unit on phase changes.

Social Studies

6th Grade: This month we are learning about early humans.

7th Grade: Students just finished learning about the American Revolution, so now we will be starting Unit 3 which is about the forming of the United States government. More specifically focusing on the overarching question: Why do people create, structure, and change governments? Some plans include looking at multiple perspectives on controversial issues such as slavery in the Constitution, tentative research project on the constitutional convention and/or reenactment, explicitly teaching about the 3 branches of the US government, and debate or Socratic seminar to discuss the overarching question.

Visual Arts

6th Grade: Students are learning how to create perspective drawings.

7th Grade: Students are drawing a city with perspective, using their own style and including buildings.

Theater

7th Grade Students are learning about blocking on stage.

Dance

6th Grade: 6th grade is learning hip hop.

7th Grade: My 7th grade majors will continue to focus on Hamilton. We have been looking at the different techniques the choreographer of Hamilton used to create the movement and how the students can incorporate those techniques into their own pieces. So far we have learned a combination to "My Shot" and are currently working on one for "The Room Where it Happens." The students are starting to work on their own choreography projects where they are completely in charge.

Music

6th Grade: 6th grade is learning dynamics

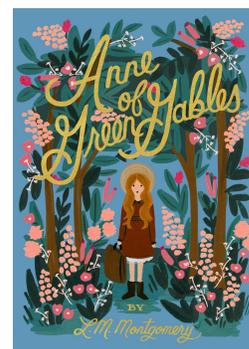
7th Grade: In the month of February, 6th graders will begin to create music soundtracks for doing homework using an online music program. This program is free and allows students add instrument sounds, sound effects and voices using their knowledge of musical concepts. In Music Technology, 7th graders will be planning a musical piece that is inspired by a painting. In band, 7th graders will begin study of protest music and its importance as a force for social and political movements. They

will relate and connect their knowledge of current and historical events with lyrics in protest songs.

Doria's Book and Music Diary

By: Doria Sharif

'Anne of Green Gables' is a fictional novel about an orphan girl who gets adopted by a brother and sister, Matthew and Marilla, who live in Green Gables. In Green Gables, they live in a farmhouse with a barn. Before Anne was all happy in Green Gables, she was traveling from house to house as a little worker girl. Fortunately, she found a good home to permanently live in. I gave this classic book a five star rating. The whole storyline is immaculate, and I highly recommend this book if you have not read it.



A song I think relates to this boom is Bloom by The Paper Kites. It holds the same fairy-esque element as the novel, creating wonderful background music for your reading! It also sounds like a song in the soundtrack of the show, 'Anne with an E.'

LGBTQ+ Identities

By: Quinn Powell and Gracee Flynn

In this article I will be explaining two LGBTQ+ identities and conducting interviews with people of those identities. The first identity is pansexual (being attracted to two or more genders) it means liking anyone regardless of gender! It's also described as being genderblind. Here's how Liam, a member of Pride Palette, realized they were pansexual: "I realized something was wrong, or different, but I couldn't figure out what. After that I realized I wasn't just attracted to men. I

liked both genders! Later I learned there were more than two genders and knew I liked all of them."



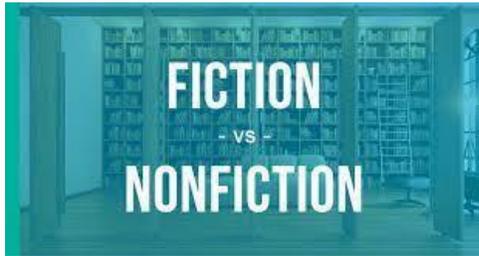
The second identity is non-binary. This means you're not a boy or a girl! People can identify as non-binary, or a non-binary gender like being

genderfluid! Most non-binary people go by they/them pronouns, but they can go by any pronouns. Here's how Jess, another member of Pride Palette, describes how their identity impacts their life and how they realized: "It impacted my life in a good way, as I can be myself and have a community that supports me. Even though I'm not out to my parents I still have Pride Palette. My parents support LGBTQ+, but not when it's their child. I realized last October that I didn't feel like a boy or a girl. I felt non-binary."

The Monthly Debate!

By: Oliver Wu

What's better, Fiction or Nonfiction?



Why is Fiction better?

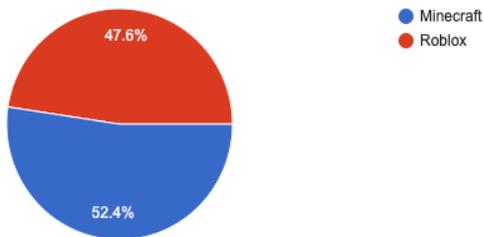
Fiction books can help improve a child's imagination and it sharpens the ability to comprehend other people's motivations. Reading fiction can also develop better storytelling skills and allows kids to have a better understanding of plot and emotions.

Why is Nonfiction better?

Nonfiction books can share facts and real-life events. They are great tools for making real-world connections to build on children's knowledge and personal experiences. It also informs kids about things that happened or are happening.

Vote here! <https://forms.gle/Kvicgdya9PbXUa5z7>

This was the result for last month's poll!



Art History

By: Xochitl Silvestre

Art has been around for centuries. Art history encompasses the analyzing of objects, being created by different cultures around the world. There is a timeline about Art, from 40,000 B.C To 2021, the tools used during these years were From flints, brushes, pigment blocks, paint from flowers Etc. Maybe one day your artwork will become famous and be part of history.



A Celebration of Dance

By: Lillyan Aleman

Dance is a form of expression. It is everywhere, even in this school. Dance helps tell a story: dance has always been with us, even before written language and modern history, when our earliest cultures and performance methods passed the stories from one generation to the next. Many historians believe that social, celebratory, and ritual dances are one of the essential factors of culture. Dance has been around for a long time and has evolved.



Dopo l'amore, e nobile la speranza. IL BALLO con viva gioia una festiva danza.

The Mental Game Of Competition

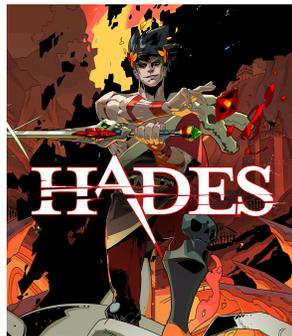
By: Noah Tsapovski

You've put in the hours on the court, field, and stage. Now what? It's competition time! Heart racing, palms sweaty, and self doubt starts to creep in. Many performers feel a lot of anxiety and pressure before and during any kind of competition. It's one thing to do great during practice but an entirely new thing to perform under pressure. All of those eyes watching you, judging your every move. Competition is not just a physical game but a mental one as well. According to polls amongst students at MS936, many students felt pressure and anxiety to perform at a high level. In order to keep their anxiety at bay, students have found tips and tricks to keep themselves calm, cool, and collected. Some of these techniques include deep breathing, counting backwards from 10, drinking water, listening to music, and most importantly staying positive. Having self confidence is a crucial part to being successful. In the words of the famous tennis player, Venus Williams "I think I have the game to beat anyone, I just have to play it."

Video Game Review: Hades

By: Viveka Avrutin

Hades is a rogue-lite dungeon crawler developed by Supergiant Games. "What's a rogue-lite?" You may ask. Well, that's simple. It's similar to a *roguelike* but provides progression instead of complete permadeath, starting over from absolutely nothing. There are even special characters in *Hades* who can carry over power-ups into your next run! These characters range from helpers like Sisyphus, Eurydice, and Patroclus to gods such as Zeus, Athena, and Aphrodite. All of which can benefit future runs. Now let's get to the story. The story follows a minor god named Zagreus, born from Persephone and Hades. He seeks to escape the underworld, where he has been forbidden to leave. In doing this, you - the player can defeat monsters in the realms of the Underworld. These realms include Tartarus, Asphodel, and Elysium. All of these realms have unique enemies and mechanics, so it's important to plan out what you're going to do when you first enter the game. From my personal review of *Hades* and all the awards it has won, I really do hope you are enticed to explore such a captivating and special game! *Hades* is available on PS, Nintendo Switch, PC/Mac, and Xbox One



\$24.99

Student Interviews

By: Yatziri Avendano

We've interviewed a couple people, asking them what they thought about MS 936, what improvements the school could have, and just generally anything they've been wanting to say about it. Here were some of their responses...

Daniel Alvear, from class 600, also being a member of the student council, was asked what he thought about MS 936, he said "MS 936 is a great school, the teachers do a great job at engaging the students and helping them in whatever they need help with. Not to mention that the school is also very well organized". We then asked Daniel what he thought about the school rules,, "The school rules are reasonable, they are the reason why this school is organized the way it is".

Charlie Togias from 601 thought that MS 936 was a good school because of many reasons, "It's a good school to go to, it's pretty big and there are many activities you can participate in, for example clubs, my only issue is the stairs, I find them very exhausting but other than that, I like MS 936". I then asked her what she thought about the teachers at MS 936, she responded with "The teachers are really nice, they are really helpful! They are always there for you." My final question was what she thought MS 936 could improve on, her response was, "I think MS 936 could excuse being late because of the stairs, since there might not be much you could really do to fix the problem about the stairs, I think stairs shouldn't be the reason for why kids get in trouble for being late."

I then talked with Dulce Mateo Garcia from 701, my first question was what she thought about MS 936, she answered by saying, "MS 936 is a big school, people are really nice here, it's very inclusive in my opinion. Same with the teachers they help you with anything you need help with, it makes you reach out for help more which I find to be really important". She was then asked what she thought about the MS 936 rules, "I think the MS 936 rules are pretty reasonable, I just think that the recess rules could be fixed, maybe not restricting playing with a soccer ball or a basketball, and I think that adding options for recess just so it wouldn't be so boring."

My last interview was with Estephanie from 704, my first question was about the school lunch. Her response was, "I like the school lunch. I think it's pretty healthy." We then asked her our final question, "What do you think about the rules at MS 936? Is there anything that could be added or improved?" "Rules are alright but maybe make elevators accessible for everyone? I get it is for specific people but I'd really like to use the elevators and not the stairs."

Amazing Facts with Ayden

By: Ayden Rios

Does your brain wander? Ayden's scoop will cover random weird facts you won't believe are true. Let's start with 5 crazy facts!

The person who invented the PRINGLES can is buried in one.

NASA was sued by three men for Trespassing on **MARS**

COTTON CANDY was invented by a dentist. It was first called Fairy Floss!

A CLOUD can weigh more than a million pounds and still float due to the air below it.

A man tried to sell NEW ZEALAND

Fun Facts With Flynn

By: Grace Flynn

- * In the month of december the earth is closest to the sun
 - * The average snowflake falls at about 3 miles per hour, or 4.82803 kilometers per hour
 - The coldest temperature ever recorded in the UK was recorded three times between 1895 and 1995. It was a temperature of -16.96°F , or -27.6°C
 - * Russia is the coldest country in the world during the winter months
 - * Snowflakes are not white, they are see-through
 - * The largest snowflake on record was a whopping 15 inches wide and eight inches thick
 - * The first winter olympics was held almost a century ago
 - * Chionophobia is the intense fear of snow
 - * Around 12% of earth's land surface is covered with snow and ice
 - * The coldest temperature recorded ever was in Antarctica
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Video Game History

By: Cesar Pinto

Games are fun, and a lot of people love to play games to cure their boredom, pass time and have fun with their friends! However, most people don't know their history and today I'm gonna be covering the histories of video games and how they became live to the world.

Science with Sofia

By: Sofia Schreifels

On February 1st 2022, Lunar New Year was celebrated. Unlike our New Year, the Lunar New Year is determined by the cycle of the moon. Not only does the moon relate to our calendars but it also relates to our sea levels. Depending on the distance between the moon and the earth, it can change the tide. Every month when the moon reaches perigee (closest to the earth), the tide can increase drastically and show sea levels that are above average. There is almost like an attraction between the moon and the water. According to scijinks.gov, the water "bulges" when closest to the moon due to the gravitational pulls. In conclusion, the moon goes way beyond just its visuals and celebrations and can relate to something unexpected.

Backpack Weight

By: Theodore Benmakhlof

Has your back ever hurt from your backpack being too heavy? Has anyone ever commented on the weight of it? Well, this article will get down to the science behind it. When questioned, most people in the Newspaper Club said that their backpacks were heavy. I even measured my own backpack with all the books from school and it totalled 14 pounds! After that, I took out any notebooks that could be kept in the classroom and it weighed 11 pounds. A study done by the Sutter Health Organization shows that a backpack should be 10% to 20% of a person's total body weight. This means that if you weighed 100 pounds, your backpack should be a maximum of 20 pounds which the weight of my backpack does not exceed. So to conclude, research shows that backpacks are not too heavy but kids still feel they are too heavy. A solution to this would be to carry it differently or figure out ways to keep only the bare minimum in them.

The First Video Game

In October 1958, a physicist named William Higinbotham made the first game that was similar to ping pong. The game itself was a simple tennis game that featured an example will be Thomas T. Goldsmith, Jr., and Estle R. Mann patented a device they called a Cathode-Ray Tube Amusement Device.

How Video Games Became Popular

In 1983, Japanese companies started making video games and home consoles, and kids in Japan loved them! So when Japan realized that video games were a big hit in the economy, they decided to make companies that make video games like nintendo, sega etc. When the companies

produced more video games the people loved it so japan decided to produce it to other countries and people also started loving it

Video Games Today

Now that video games have been around for 51 years, video games have made a huge change in the world and the people, thanks to the people that invented video games now video games are free for everyone and games are fun and amazing! However even if there are some disadvantages about video games it helps most people to spend time with friends and cure people's boredom.

Shambolic Stairs

By: Earus Chi

Introduction

Even though the stairwell can get crowded, that doesn't mean that students shouldn't be following rules. When students are going up or down the staircases, they are expectations to follow in. An example of that is that students are expected to be in a single file line, as well as trying to stay to the right as much as possible. Students also shouldn't be yelling when on the staircases. However, students are expected to follow these rules. It's not always the case.

There are also specific staircases you take for going to certain places. For example, Stairwell B is for going upstairs. Sometimes, students don't go up the right staircases. Sometimes by accident, and sometimes because it's closer and more convenient.

The problem

Some students break many of these rules because they think that it's okay. Although there usually aren't any teachers or staff in the staircases, students should still be doing what's expected of them.

Sometimes in the staircases, there will be multiple students from different classes. Sometimes when this happens it isn't that crowded and chaotic, but when there are **a lot of** classes in the staircases it's a lot more difficult to get to your destination.

Sometimes students don't realize that everyone has to wait, and can't just run down the stairs to leave. An example of this is at dismissal. Usually the staircases get very crowded at dismissal because everyone's trying to get to the same destination.

However, sometimes students arrive too early and have to wait for someone to open the door. A lot of students just rush and try to run outside, this isn't a sufficient way of leaving though because shoving just leads to more and more chaos.

Solutions

As I stated earlier on in my article, crowdedness usually happens when students are exiting, or when students are leaving the cafeteria or the yard.

Some ways to stop this from happening, or just making it less chaotic, could be to make sure everyone is in a single file line. Students could also try to keep their voices down and not talk except when they need to. Doing this will help the staircases be less loud, and make it a lot easier to hear more important things.

Know Your Cat History!

By: Johnny Castillo

Cat history is about the first cat sighting, famous cat owners, the cat's origins, and cat picture history.

- The first cat sighted was around ancient Egypt in the Classical period.
- A famous person named Florence Nightingale was known to be a cat person.
- The cat's origins are that all cats come from wildcats called *Felis silvestris lybica* that originated in the Fertile Crescent in the Near East Neolithic period and in ancient Egypt in the Classical period.
- This picture shows a picture of three kittens and it says "The Innocents" and explains cats' roles in society from 1858 to 1922.



THE INNOCENTS
(From "Our Dumb Animals")
Thousands of kittens are abandoned yearly on country roads.

February Word Jumble

By: Scarlet Montague

Unscramble the words below!

ONWFLSKEA _____

EATRSWE _____

LEDSINGL _____

TCHHOOCOATEL _____

SNMAOWN _____

Skid-o-sku

By: Ms. Skidelsky

Who says English teachers don't like to play math games?!

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Word Jumble: Artist Edition!

By: The 936 Times Staff

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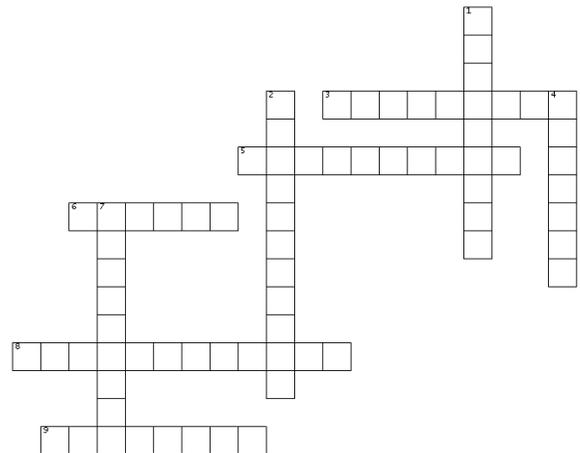
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Crossword

By: Scarlet Montague and Sienna Hartman



DOWN

1. You decorate a tree with this
2. Festive cookie
4. You build this outside
7. Red and White

ACROSS

3. Snow that you throw
5. No two are alike
6. Made of ice
8. Festive drink
9. A fun winter outdoor activity



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January 2022

Letter to The 936 Times

Dear Artists,

We are pleased to write a letter every month for the rest of the school year that will keep you up to date on what the Student Council is doing to represent you, what is going on in our school community, and how we are helping the school feel more united. We, the Council, believe that publishing this letter through *The 936 Times* is the best way to inform you of all of our work.

These past couple of years have been hard because of the pandemic, but our Council has fought through it and worked as hard as possible for our school. Now that the New Year has come, we thought we should give you some updates on what the Student Government has been doing recently.

In December, we had a Culture Day. The Culture Day allowed artists to dress in clothes from their culture. Artists had the choice of creating art or performing something related to their culture at a school zoom meeting. We also had a Pajama Day where artists were able to come to school in pajamas before the Winter Recess! Finally, we hosted a winter clothing drive where students and staff donated clothing to families in need from our school community. The donated clothing has been handed out to students and families that wanted or needed clothes.

This January, we were able to get environmentally friendly bathroom switches to replace the previous post-it system. The previous system was wasting paper and now, the switches show if someone is inside the bathroom or not and wastes no paper.

We have some more fun and helpful ideas planned for this month and next, and we look forward to informing you about them throughout the school and talking about them in the next letter!

With great gratitude,

President Assante and Vice President Chu



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Letter to The 936 Times

Dear Artists,

Hello, this is your Student Council back with another monthly update! This past month, lots of wonderful ideas have been coming to life. These ideas include an Arts Spirit Week, Ice Cream sales to fundraise for families displaced by a deadly fire in the Bronx, the creation of a Student Council Suggestion Box, and a College and Readiness Week. We are also planning a special way to celebrate Valentine's Day, the Arts Off 3rd way! Stay tuned!

The Arts Spirit Week organized by the SLC's Culture committee includes a week of celebrating the performing and visual arts!

- Monday will be Lunar New Year day, a day where artists can wear red to school to celebrate Chinese culture.
- Tuesday there is no school due to the observance of Lunar New Year!
- Wednesday will be a theatre/character day where artists dress up as their favorite actor or character from a movie, play, and/or skit.
- Thursday will be music day where artists can dress up as their favorite musical artist.
- Friday will be a dance day where artists can dress up to honor their favorite style of dance.

As you may know, the Student Council has been selling ice cream. The Council raised \$936 to donate to the NYC Mayor's Fund that will help affected families in the Bronx following the apartment fire in early January. The SLC will continue to sell ice cream and snacks to fundraise for club merchandise and funds for future school wide events.

The Suggestion Box is something that our Council has been thinking about for months. The Suggestion Box will either be placed outside of Mr. Giordano's room (407) or the Main Office (413). Students will be able to drop notes in the box with their concerns or ideas for future events.

College and Career Readiness week will take place in February and will give artists a chance to explore and learn about different career paths!

With great gratitude,

President Assante, Vice President Chu, Treasurer Sibley, and Secretary Fridlin