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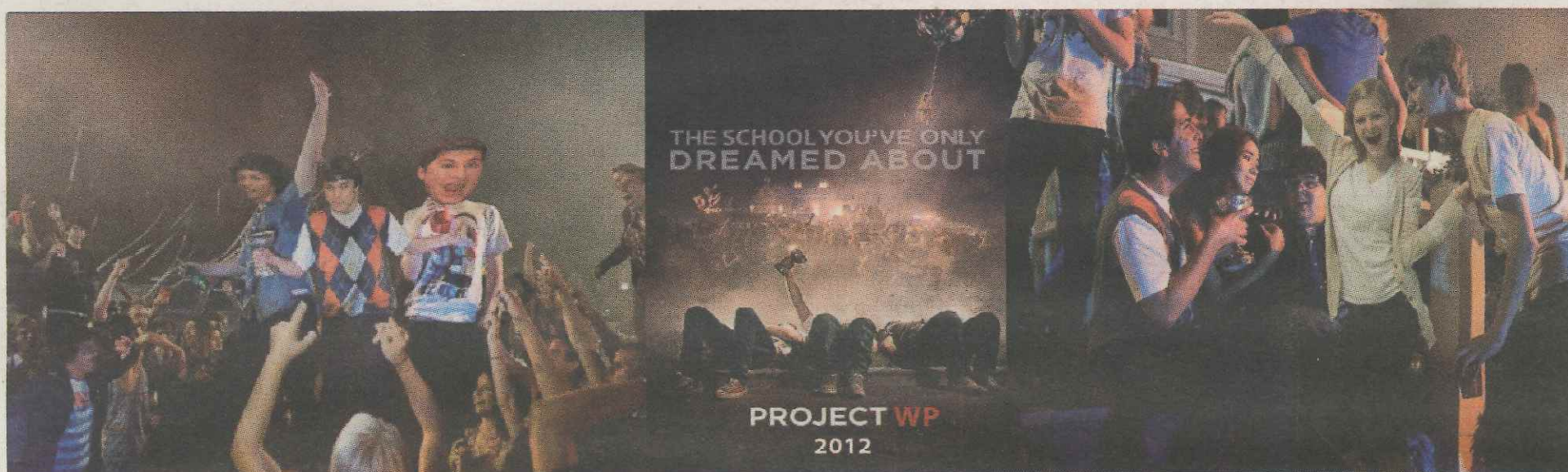
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West Potomac Parties to the Top of the Charts



Tyler Arnold
Features Editor

West Potomac, where excellence is a tradition and the, "cultivation of ethical scholarship, leadership, motivation, and strength from which to achieve excellence," is our vision. One thing that is not in our formal statements is our students' dedication when it comes to partying. So much so, that West Potomac has been announced as the number one high school to go to if you are looking for a rage.

The wall on the side of Quander building which is decorated with the various awards and years won will soon have a new accolade. This win for West Potomac tops all the band, track, and academic awards ever won at the school. The official announcement for number

one party high school is out and West Potomac is finally number one. Experts have studied the frequency and amount of students at various parties for the past four years and in previous years West Po has fallen short.

This year the students have pulled out a win and the unity of the student body is at an all-time high. "This is no fluke," says Senior Sean Trenchard, "We have worked since freshman year to get this school on the map and now it's finally happened." Students have banded together in effort to gain the prestigious award and the school spirit has been at an all-time high.

Faculty, the student government, and the parents launched the "party to number one," campaign early in the 2009-2010 school year hoping to offer incen-

tive for West Potomac students. As part of this effort the class of 2012 even changed it motto to, "2012, lets rage!" Students' grades and spirit have all increase in relation to the launch of this campaign and reactions to the award have been extremely positive.

When looking around West Potomac the student body is always eager to reach the end of the week and find that latest party. "There is always a spot to hit up on the weekends, and even most week days," stated Junior Elliot Adams.

The SGA organizes major rage spots each week while collecting funds for the major celebration at the end of the year that is sure to set the year off with a bang. Students also take it upon themselves to find places to go during week days and often switch houses to keep

the parties happening. This year's effort has made all the difference and with the class of 2012 leaving coming graduation time there are some worries about next year's competition.

The biggest freshman class entered West Potomac this year and they will have to pick up where the senior class leaves off. Freshman John Arnold said, "It cool coming to the school the year it won, I only hope that we can keep up the tradition."

With such enthusiasm and the "Party to number one," campaign is still in full force so the student body is confident that they will remain at the number one spot for years to come. West Potomac is a school of education, top athletes, a strong theater department, and now we can add best parties to the resume.

Seniors scarfed and then barfed

Norris Brooks
Editor-in-Chief

It seemed like a dream come true. There were prizes, friends, games, and food... all creating a spectacularly festive backdrop for the senior meeting in February. Little did the senior class know the event would ruin their lives. Chevy's Fresh Mex graciously agreed to cater the affair. The restaurant supplied the class with fresh homemade tortillas; steaming bowls of rice and beans; platters mounded with chicken and guacamole; and a supply of lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream and salsa. As the seniors walked into the gym, one could see their faces light up when they set eyes on the magnificent feast before them. In fact, senior Tamaric Wilson screamed, "I FREAKING LOVE THIS PLACE!!" and broke through the nearest window.

While the custodians cleaned up the broken glass, students chowed down. Almost every senior went back for fourths. People couldn't believe how good the food was. After almost sixteen hours, the meeting ended and the students went home. Bloated stomachs and happy thoughts put each student to bed.

A month later, those bloated stomachs threatened to explode. The problem was first noticed when 25 seniors left school early due to illness. Their symptoms included swollen eyes, uncontrollable vomiting,

sleepwalking, and the inability to speak with proper grammar. The problem escalated and after two weeks, the entire 500-member senior class was out sick. The Nurse said she had never witnessed anything this devastating. Soon the Washington Post was making comparisons to the influenza epidemic of 1918.

The school and the Fairfax County medical community were stumped. They knew it could not be a severe case of senioritis because the students' eyes weren't swollen from sleeping in class, but rather looked like over-inflated balloons. So the West Potomac administration hired a sleuth it knew could find an answer. Senior Sonia Garakiaghi reported for duty and began work on the case. Her first step was to take a blood sample from 30 students. Much to her surprise, she found a strange mutation in the cells. The microscopic organisms were shaped like alphabetic letters. When Inspector G, an amateur Scrabble enthusiast, examined the letters, she noticed something extraordinary. They formed a word, and that word was "CHEVY'S."

Garakiaghi gasped. "The Senior meeting!!" As it became clear the food from the popular restaurant was the source of the breakout, the inspector did not know how to inform the school of the news. Due to the literary nature of the illness, she decided to approach someone in the English department, and that person

was teacher Mr. Cabral. When he initially heard the news, his mouth dropped opened, but then he sprung into action. Dressed in black and wearing a sombrero, he staged a sort of Mariachi healing ceremony. It was an odd sound combination of maracas and a Boston accent. Only time will tell if it worked.



Photo Courtesy of Sonia Garakiaghi

Senior Lauren Soriente found herself constantly having to run to the restroom because of the food she ate at Chevy's.

West Potomac mascot gets fierce new look

Margaret "Clare" O'Meara
Reporter

West Potomac's mascot, the Wolverine, is a fierce animal who our school looks to emulate and represent. The mascot is responsible for rallying students, staff and community members together and boosting school spirit. West Potomac's mascot is caricatured as a ferocious wolverine showing off his bright set of fangs. Cool right? Not to everyone. Pacifist teachers and a select group of passionate students are petitioning the West Potomac High School to change the school mascot because they believe the wolverine is depicted in a severely toothy and menacing way.

On March 28th, teachers and a group of students went to the Student Government Association (SGA) and the administration to see if the mascot could be changed. "We want West Potomac to welcome other teams with a safe kind looking mascot instead of an angry looking beast," says Kevin Kooper, student on the Safe Mascot Petitioners (SMP). The SMP's motto is "A peaceful petition leads to peace". Their motto summarizes their peaceful protest to change to school mascot to a welcoming image. They are calmly fighting the school to have a cuddlier mascot which they believe will lead to a safer school environment.

The students in the SMP want to paint a picture of their ideal mascot in one of the stairwells. This mural will be in the Quander building staircase near the cafeteria. Students of the SMP describe to The Wire, "We plan to have the mascot pictured as a kind lovable wolverine. The wolverine will be smiling, but not showing its teeth." They hope the mural will



Photo by Sonia Garakyaraghi

Here the new West Potomac Wolverine mascot shows off its new pearly whites as it cheers on the Football team.

lead to a compromise on what the mascot should look like. The students involved are excited to prove to West Potomac that their intentions are for the good of the school and student body.

The administration is considering SMP's proposal but is not yet clear on their decision. The school would have to change the school logo from the website, stationary, and the mural on the school walls. The

administration and SGA have agreed to let the SMP paint the mural and tell the school about their proposal through the school news. As it stands now, West Potomac will not be changing the mascot. The SMP will continue to petition their idea to the school and hope for change. But for now the SMP will have to be satisfied with the mural and information on the school news.

Environmental Club caught doing dirty things

Sonia "Soneeah" Garakyaraghi
Reporter

On March 30, 2012, Natalie Hurd and Jill Tupitza, the leaders of the environmental club were found littering on school property. They were caught on the parking lot surveillance cameras at West Potomac High School littering glass bottles and left over fast food wrappers. While both girls denied the accusations, the charges were not dropped as administrators are pressing for a conviction. According to school security, the two girls will be receiving additional charges for lying under the environmental club oath. With the trial date only a couple days away, the two senior girls have been put on temporary suspension and can face up to five years in jail and a \$3,000 fine in addition to expulsion from school, and having their college acceptances revoked.

During investigative interviews both girls stuck to the same story, claiming that "they were going to pick up the trash later and it was a simple test to see how the public would react." However, witnesses say that it was obvious from their demeanor that the two girls had malicious intent and simply left West Potomac without attempting to clean up the garbage even after being told so by their close friends. "I tried to stop them and tell them to pick the trash up, but they simply ignored me and laughed," said Senior Cheryl Barnes, a member of the environmental club and a close friend to both Hurd and Tupitza.

The sponsor of the environmental club, Ronald Dibling-Moore, is deeply troubled and is rumored to make a public apology next week. "I am deeply appalled by these two students. I

do not know what those girls were thinking, but I do know that their involvement with the club will be terminated and they will be shunned from our community forever," said Dibling-Moore. While their motives are still unclear, some rumors have said that there might be a piece of evidence connecting this littering case



Jill Tupitza was seen fleeing the scene after she was caught littering in the school's senior parking lot.

to the ones from the previous months. If this is the case the girls can be sentenced for more than 25 years in prison and over a million dollar fine. More updates to come over the next few days.

Oh Snap!

Emily "Norris Brooks" Woods
Reporter

That's so West Potomac. It seems the latest news has already circulated throughout the halls and classrooms of all three buildings of our high school. The news that had Principal Clifford Hardison weeping with joy and students in grades 9 through 12 shaking their heads in disbelief. The students all rejoiced in unison when they heard the news. It was announced via loudspeaker during 1st period on March 13 at 9:17 a.m., just minutes after Hardison had received the confirmation e-mail from his boss, superintendent Jack Dale. The news that superstar Raven-Symone had been confirmed as West Potomac's very own graduation speaker.

"We chose Raven-Symone because she is a girl with a mission," said assistant principal, Eston Melton. We wanted someone with whom the pupils of the senior class could easily identify with, and Miss Symone seemed to be a perfect fit. Not to mention, she is also extremely trendy and with the times, as you kids say!" Raven-Symone is an American actress, singer, songwriter, comedian, dancer, television producer and model. Many know her simply as "Raven" and she is often best recalled for her roles on The Cosby Show or on the hit Disney Channel Series, "That's So Raven" in which she played a spunky teen psychic. Now 26, she is a woman wise beyond her years and rich with experience, many of which she plans to share with West Potomac's current graduating class.

When news spread of Raven gracing us with her presence at graduation, the staff of The Wire put forth us best effort to get in contact with her. Although this endeavor was not well received at first (we sent over 68 emails and made 117 phone calls), we finally did get a reply from the superstar. Raven revealed to us via e-mail that the theme for this year's graduation speech would be: "Who is this? Please stop contacting me."

Seniors wait with bated breath until June 15th, when we can finally hear the words of inspiration come from Raven, herself. Until then, that's So West Potomac.

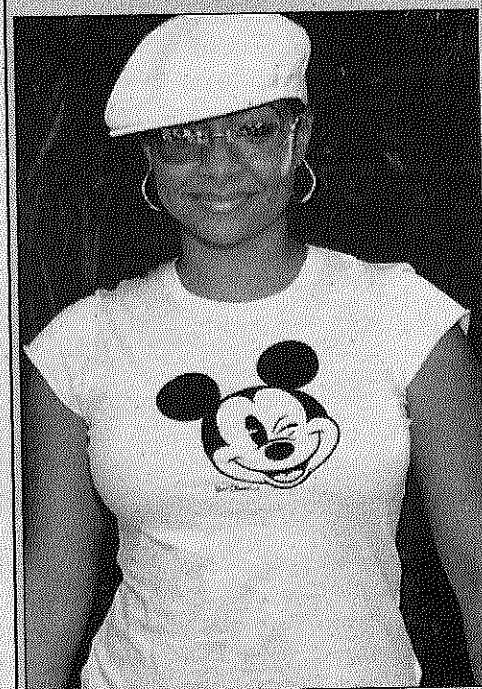


Photo courtesy of askmen.com

Raven Symone will be gracing West Potomac with her presence on June 15, 2012.

West Potomac Sports Gone Bananas

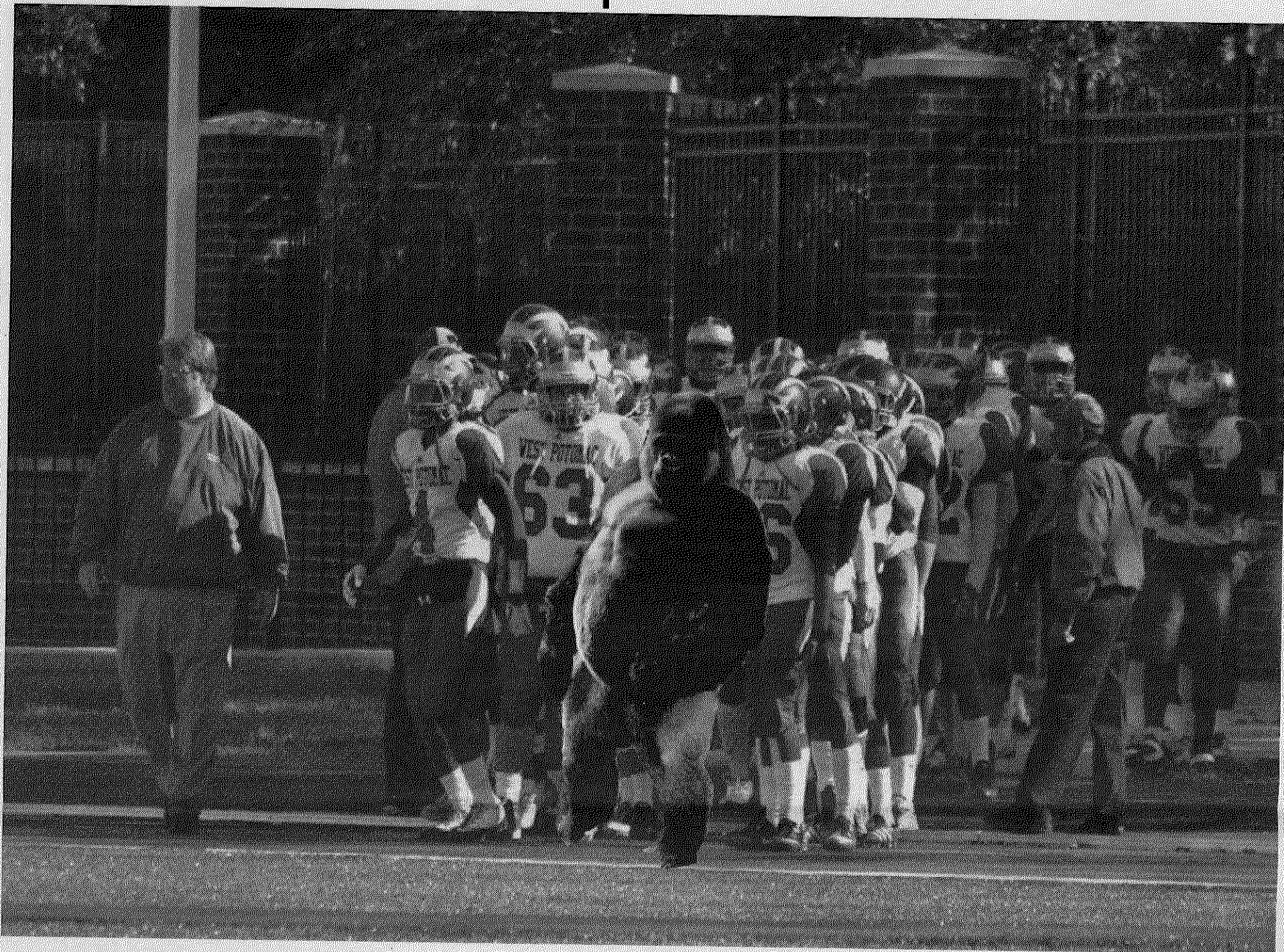


Photo courtesy of Tommy Frederick

Laraib Ilyas
Reporter

West Potomac's Principal, Mr. Cliff Hardison, has decided to ban sports from the school so that students have more time to focus on their education. This decision is sure to anger many parents and students.

"I strongly believe that sports waste the time of students and leave them with less time to complete and finish their homework. This world is in dire need of well educated adults. The preparation for educating America's youth starts now, and we cannot afford to waste our time only offering sports at this school," said Hardison regarding this issue. He also feels that sports can be played in the students' leisure time and that there is no need to spend two to three hours, five days of the week, "running around and having fun." That time, he believes, can be used up by reading books and on other educational activities. In fact, Hardison is replacing after school sports with more

academic clubs. These clubs have been known to help students get into college, if one chooses to join.

For many students, playing a sport for West Potomac gives them a sense of pride and satisfaction. It helps them stay fit, which is important if one wants to maintain a healthy lifestyle. However, Hardison does not believe that to be true. But, if all this is taken away from the students, then there is no question that they will rebel against this decision. "Playing soccer for West Potomac is a great opportunity because it gives me a chance to make new friends and helps me become a better player by practicing and learning from my teammates and coaches. If sports are banned from this school, then I might just go crazy because I would not have anything to look forward to everyday," said sophomore Trudy Adjety-Doku.

On the other hand, some students have never

joined a sport at West Potomac and feel that this decision will not hurt them, but in fact benefit them. This is because they will be able to join new clubs knowing that there are no distinguishing factors between peers. Junior Tobi Miller commented, "I am everything but sporty, so this decision will not affect me greatly, but will hopefully allow me with new opportunities to join better clubs."

According to Hardison, this decision is for the betterment of West Potomac's students. Engaging in after school sports, as he believes, will not benefit students in any way and the concept is just "pointless." In the end, this decision will surely spark positive and negative feedback from both sides of the spectrum because West Potomac will be the only school in the county with banned sports.

Tommy Frederick
Sports Editor

Everyone has heard of the king of the jungle, but king of the football field? The West Potomac High School football team has added a new star to the team which is making the Wolverine fans go bananas. The newest member of the team is a gorilla named Skittles. Skittles is one of sciences most interesting and unbelievable experiments of all time. The science club at West Potomac High School combined the chromosomes of Peyton Manning with the gorilla's and it created a highly functionally gorilla who has a cannon for an arm.

"To be honest, I went just about quiet when I heard a gorilla was getting attention from the coaches. I mean really? But when I saw what Skittles could do on the field I was ecstatic to have him. He is the best football player I have ever seen in my life," commented sophomore quarterback Caleb Henderson. Skittles has put huge numbers for the Wolverines in their off-season seven on seven tournaments. He has thrown 98 touchdowns in six games and has a remarkable 99.9% completion rating. Skittles added, "I only want to play football. Only football. I throw pass very good and I love to win. I no like it when the fans compare me to the one chimpanzee in the 'MVP' movies. I no like him. I am Skittles."

From a coaches perspective head football coach Eric Henderson said, "Big Skittles is amazing, in ten years at West Potomac he is the best athlete I have ever seen. Then again, he isn't human. But Skittles is a great part of this team. As long as you feed him bananas he wins you football games."

Even though many people are amazed by what Skittles can do, many teams believe it is unfair to have a gorilla in a high school league. Cross town rival Mt. Vernon's coach had something to say about that, "This is a league for humans, you're telling me I can just let a tiger loose in the middle of a game and let him kill all the other players? It's ridiculous, apes have no place in football." Skittles isn't an ape, Skittles is a Wolverine and a great football player.

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Tommy "T-Fried" Frederick and Karley "Lax-a-lot" Zdebski
Sports Editors



Photo courtesy of Hellen Moffitt

It is no wonder why elite swimmers, Hellen Moffitt, Reanna Doña, Maxine Clifford, and Sara Bertram constantly smell like chlorine, have wet hair, and eagerly await opportunities to escape to the beach. Their excuse, "swim practice" is only a cover for what has really been going on. Recently, their secret has ascended from a safe one under the sea to breaking news. Their true identities are a one-of-a-kind species of mermaids.

On February 18, the relay prepared for their race later that evening. Instead of discussing racing tactics, a team member, Jessica Metter caught on to what was really being contemplated, techniques regarding mermaids. Initially, she giggled at the group, underestimating the reality of it. However, she put it all together and came to a consensus that the swimmers meant what they were saying. This would explain why the timers and officials often reported that there was something fishy about the West Potomac swim team, but most importantly, this revealed how the four girls managed to swim at lightning speed throughout the season and be the best in the state. Metter remarked, "Although I was confident in my finding, I was shocked because I thought that mermaids instantly shriveled if they entered a chlorinated pool." That day marked the discovery of a huge secret and it has spread quickly to the rest of the team and students at West Potomac.

Clifford, a freshmen recently made public, "I discovered I was a mermaid the very first moment that I submerged into the water and I have kept it a secret ever since." Similarly, Doña confirmed that, "I found out that I was a mermaid when I fell off of a pier." It is challenging to dismiss the urge to transform into a mermaid because the transformation is so simple. Clifford explained, "when I want to phase into a mermaid, I dive into the water and kick my legs as fast as they can go. By the time I get to the other


side of the pool, my legs are replaced by my tail." Moffitt said, "my tail starts at my waist and goes all the way down to the end of my legs. It is emerald green and has thousands of gold, sparkly scales. It helps me swim really fast, like one giant flipper!"

It wasn't long ago when Clifford was at the beach with a friend, enjoying their swim and waiting on a perfect wave to surf. Clifford remembered, "going underwater and understanding what some dolphins were saying to each other. Soon enough, they started talking to me." The dolphins asked Clifford to help them because one of their friends had a trash bag stuck around its neck. Immediately, Clifford made her change into a mermaid and saved the dolphin. Clifford proclaimed that, "the experience was eye-opening and I plan on using my powers to help other sea creatures in turmoil."

Although this advantage is illegal in the High School swim league, the relay team will not be penalized as this was confirmed after the State swim meet where the relay team claimed the gold medal in the 200 meter freestyle. Bertram, Doña, Clifford, and Moffitt have all agreed to take a trip to the bottom of the sea where they will collect the starfish that grants one the powers of a mermaid. Prior to the next swim season, other swimmers will have the opportunity to obtain similar powers of the mermaids from the starfish, but it must be kept a secret within the West Potomac community.

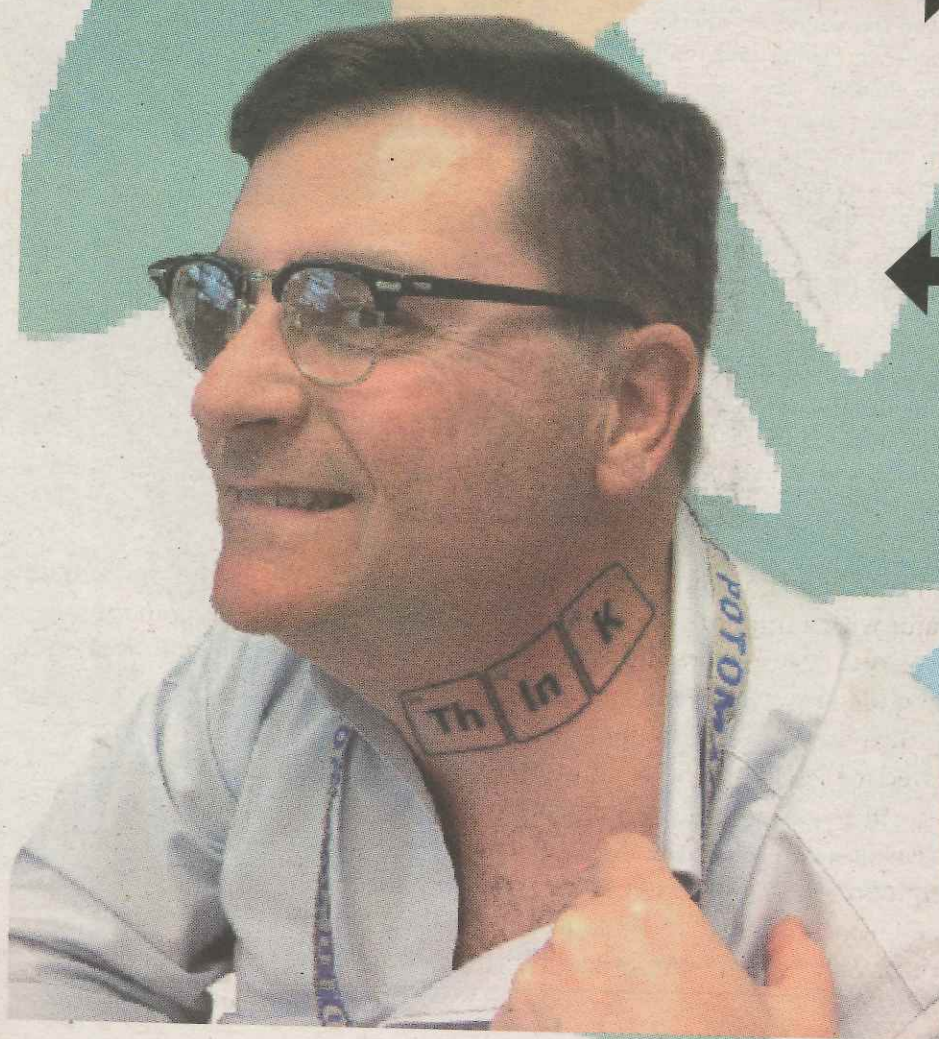
Scales are potentially the next trendy look and the West Potomac swim team is on the verge of transformation. However, Moffitt warns potential future mermaids that, "my legs can get pretty scaly sometimes, so I keep lotion with me at all times. Other than that, I just try and stay away from water when I'm out in public, although I have had a few close calls."



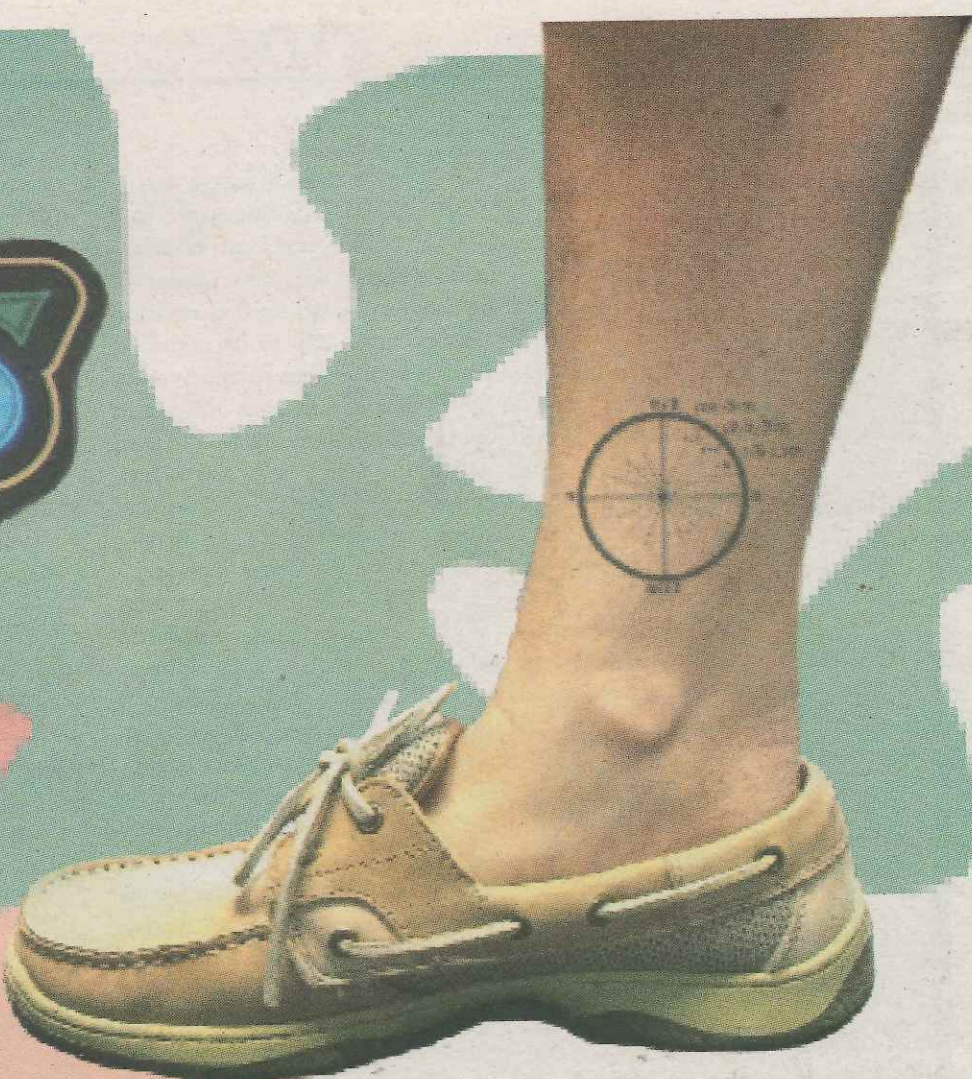


→ One day when Mrs. Millians was a little girl, she spent too long playing in the sun and started seeing mirages in the light. One of these illusions came to her as a giant magical flamingo and it told her that flamingos were the true Gods. From that day on, she devoted her life to history, trying to uncover the true meaning behind everything in the universe, and to flamingos. Ms. Millians' students realized this and they decided to give her a giant, stuffed, pink flamingo. She took it as a sign and began using flamingo stickers and stamps for grading, putting up posters of flamingos in her classroom, and buying anything she could find with flamingos on it. Her students last year thought it would be fun for her to get a lasting image of "Bob," her favorite and original flamingo. They raised the money and paid for her to get a tattoo of the bird on her arm. She says that no matter where her wings take her, at least now Bob will be at her side.

Mr. Dunlap is quite possibly the most self-sufficient man West Potomac has ever seen. He makes pens, bowls, spice racks, carts, grows crops in his farm; he even makes candle sticks and his own lotion. It was assumed that Mr. Dunlap was just extremely interested in making things, so he taught himself the tricks of the self-sufficiency trade. It actually turns out that when Mr. Dunlap was a baby, he was captured by Polish craftsmen. They raised him to adore everything Polish and when he was 15 he was even forced to get a Polish tattoo. He was so elated to finally be recognized as an honorary Pole that he got a huge Polish white eagle on his forearm. Now that he is on his own, the eagle serves as memorabilia from his childhood in the homeland.



← His entire life has been about chemistry. He went to chemistry camp two weeks of every summer from when he was six until his senior year of high school. His senior superlative was "Most Likely to recite the Solubility Rules with absolutely zero prompting". In college, he belonged to the fraternity, E=Mc, named for the members' love for Einstein's Theory of Relativity. Part of the hazing process to join the fraternity required Mr. Kerns to get a tattoo. He picked something combining his favorite subject and one of his favorite words. Next time you are in his class, squirming at the white board and trying to answer some seemingly impossible chemistry problem, just stay calm and remember all he wants you to do is "ThInK."



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Have you ever wondered how your teachers got so good at the subject they teach when it seems like no matter how much you practice you will never quite get it? The truth is, many of them have felt the same way before and some have found a way around it. This picture is a glimpse onto one of the many tattoos math teacher Mrs. Larsen has to give her "a quick refresher" on the subject material. Have you ever seen her go to the back of the room and cross her legs? Now you know she is just looking at her ankle to try and find $\sin(\pi/6)$ on her handy unit circle. Sources tell us that the back of her wrists she has each of the magic triangles for back up.

She was known as our West Po Mama, or last year's lovable derful receptionist, she was Patty Joop, the sweet and de-ty Boop's alter-ego. She rode motorcycles around town, und in junkyards and skipped school every Tuesday and . Her favorite accessories were a ripped up leather jack-d bandana. Her tattoo is homage to her past. She wanted remember the rebel rock star she once was. She says "I nto a pantsuit-wearing, hair-combing, somewhat respect-an, but I can never forget who I was. Who I really am."



Not too long ago, when Mrs. Kelcy Pierre was in college, she was a math major with a minor in engineering. One night, when she was out with her sorority sisters, celebrating her A in multivariable calculus, with Pepsi and water of course, she went a little too hard core. When Mrs. Pierre woke up the next morning, she found a large tattoo on her bicep, declaring her deep hatred for reading. Not too long after, upon considering her new tattoo, she came to her senses and decided she truly hated math and figured English was an easier way to go. Now she uses her powers as an English teacher to make helpless high school students suffer the way she had. Essays and novels like The Odyssey are her main sources of abuse. Now when her students are working in class, she simply laughs to herself and thinks, "Reedin iz 4 Lozrs."

Harry Potter

And the BASTARD CHILD

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Harry Potter and the Bastard Child. After fans recovered from their shock they flocked to bookstores all around the world to pick up a copy for themselves, resulting in stampedes, hospitalizations, and every copy of the new book selling out. So as Bloomsbury publishing house is reprinting, we have exclusive details and our own review of Harry Potter book 8. (Beware: spoilers to come).

The day after Rowling's groundbreaking announcement, Bloomsbury publishing, the publishing house that has released the previous seven Harry Potter books, released key spoilers and plot details regarding this mysterious Harry Potter sequel. First off the title, Harry Potter and The Bastard Child, is derived from the plot conflict between 30 year old Harry and his illegitimate child of the now deceased Lord Voldemort and Bellatrix Lestrange. In this book Rowling reveals that Lestrange and Voldemort had a secret affair throughout previous books, and, unbeknownst to everyone except Voldemort and Bellatrix herself, she gave birth to this child right before both of their deaths. This child, Thornton Riddle, was hidden away in the wizarding world in a muggle home, and grew up ignorant of his parentage and powerful magical abilities, similar to Harry Potter's own upbringing.

The book opens at Thornton's 11th birthday when his adoptive parents do not contain their surprise that he did not receive an admissions letter from Hogwarts, and end up telling him the story of his parents. Thornton is devastated. His parents abandon him, and he got himself killed by Harry Potter and his friends, he gets dumped on a boring muggle

family, grows up unaware of the wizarding world, doesn't get in to Hogwarts, and then has all this new information dumped on him. It is enough to make anyone crazy mad. But it makes Thornton really really crazy and really really mad. He waits till he finishes secondary school, because dropouts make less money than graduates, then he sets off on a tyrannical vendetta against Harry Potter, who naturally, he blames for everything.

Meanwhile in Harry Potter's life, whose perspective the story is still told from, he is working as a perfectly adequate Auror in the ministry of magic alongside his brother-in-law and redheaded best friend Ron Weasley, and his wife Ginny. Harry and Ron are more often than not assigned to desk duty aurors, while Ginny, who is one of the most proficient aurors in the office, is given some of the most dangerous and demanding covert operations. Tension builds in their marriage as when Ginny is assigned to a new undercover mission infiltrating one of the last Death Eater congregations. Harry not only really wanted this assignment, but is concerned for her safety because, as Ron Weasley says, "Girls can't protect themselves well enough from slimy blokes like that!" It is during the course of this mission that a sequence of disastrous activities occur throughout the wizarding world and many fear that Death Eaters and Dark Forces are rising again.

So is this deadly chaos caused by Thornton Riddle, or by the last remaining Death Eaters, or both? Are Harry and Ginny going to work out their marital issues? Is Ron going to lose his precious red hair? Are Harry and Thornton going to face off in a final epic battle (part 2) of wits and wands? And, most importantly, is Dobby going to come back to life? All the answers lie within the pages of JK Rowling's newest masterpiece, Harry Potter and the Bastard Child. Buy yours today!



Hendo's Doghouse

Clare "Bobcat" Palo
Style Editor

In dedication of his loving dog, Chilly, history teacher Eric Henderson has opened a dog shelter specializing in taking care of small Shih Tzus, Pomeranians, Chihuahuas, and any dog that Paris Hilton would carry in her purse. His love for the non-stop barking little yappers, encouraged him to open up a safe-house oasis for dogs that have been neglected or otherwise waiting to be adopted, in hopes for a caring, loving owner just like Henderson himself.

"I'm a huge animal lover, and I consider Chilly my best pup friend, we are true soul mates. I would like others to have the same experiences, who love their dog as much as me," expressed Henderson.

He also hopes to open up an Antarctic Animals Relief that specializes in the protection of endangered Antarctic animals such as the polar bear, Henderson's favorite. "I've heard about people who actually hunt and eat polar bear meat...who would do that? What kind of sick person wonders about the tenderness of polar bear meat?" said Henderson. One of Henderson's biggest fears is hearing about polar bears floating away on icebergs due to global warming, and then being swallowed by the ice-cold tundra, or

even a curious human.

Henderson has past animal experiences; his most infamous one is wrestling a live brown bear at a carnival. He stresses that at the time the fight seemed juvenile, but that is where his love for animals originated. "When I was wrestling the bear, or attempting to, I felt a connection between the bear and I. Although it was only for two seconds, those were the most life-changing two seconds of my young life," said Henderson. I guess his ex-bouncer skills didn't pay off.

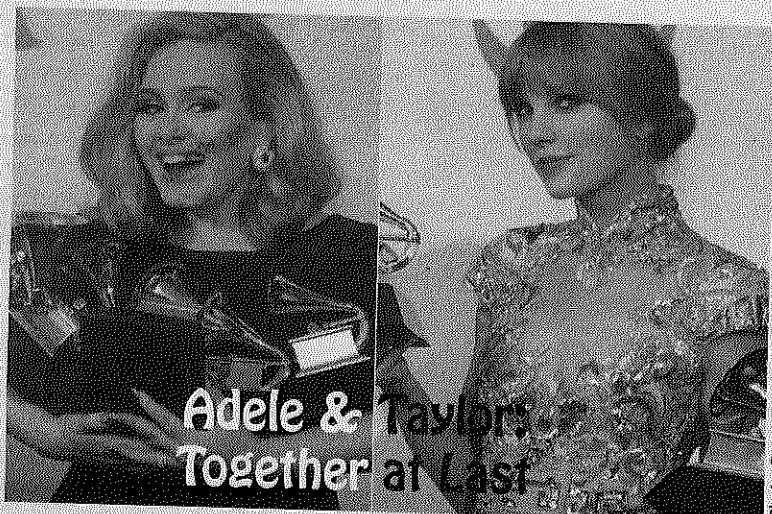
Each dog accepted into the Chilly Henderson Dog Foundation will have to endure an extensive screening process by Henderson himself, in addition they will have to live up to Chili's own dog standards. They will have to pass the sniff test-- where every dog is allowed to evaluate each and every part of the dog. Hopefully these standards will not turn too many dogs away. A well known celebrity dog owner, Snoop Dog said, "I really hope my dog Snooki isn't subpar. She has been trying to get into to some type of dog program for years. We wash her every other year."

In conclusion, who let the dogs out?
Graphic by Leigh Orleans

WHAT'S GOOD IN HOLLYWOOD?!

These shocking entertainment stories are rocking the country.

Anna "Oprah" Peck & Clare "Bobcat" Palo
Entertainment & Style Editors



Adele & Taylor
Together at Last

Photo Courtesy of popcrush.com

Get ready for a burst of estrogen. Two man-hating women collide in "13," the first collaborative album with pop-country artist, Taylor Swift and soulful singer, Adele. It has a sound reminiscent of a fifty year old women during menopause mixed with a teen girl's sweet sixteen. But, wait, there's more. The singers have a personal surprise for the public exclusively released to the West Potomac Wire; the singers have discovered their true selves—together. "Through this arousing writing process, I discovered that there was no guy that would truly make me happy and would be the King to my Queen. So parliament, you're in store for two Queens to the music throne," said Adele. Hopefully the relationship will last because the world will not be emotionally prepared if it does not.



A Different Kind of Blue's Clues

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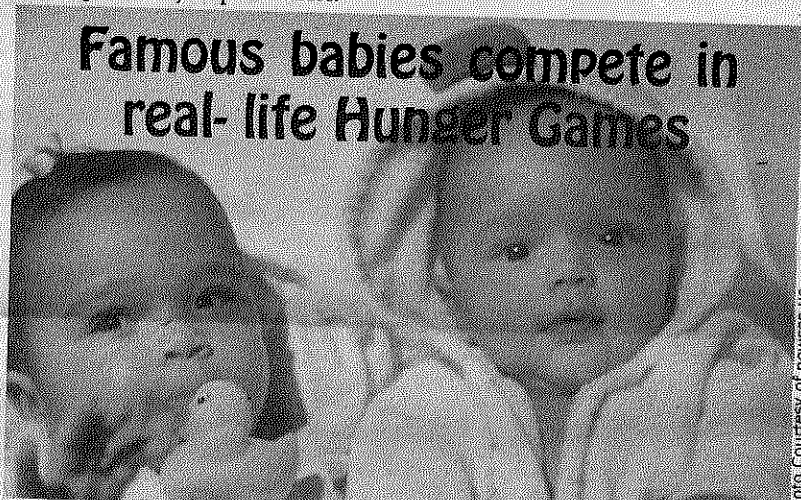
Make way Suri, Blue Ivy has arrived. The four-month old is the newest fashion sensation and has taken her styling tips to the Internet. The blog, "Blue's Clues," will include advice on fashion, music, and of course boys! Because of her status as the hottest celebrity baby, Blue is able to access super-exclusive music from her parents and their famous friends. Blue is also looking to expand her knowledge on the world by producing her own magazine in the coming months. We could not reach Blue for comment because she cannot form syllables, but her parents were excited to promote the blog. "Blue really wanted to incorporate a young African American baby's view on the world; she even shows young girls how to apply a weave," said her proud mother, Beyoncé Knowles. Her father Jay-Z, also shared the same sentiments, "Yeah, cha my baby Blue, cha. You know what I'm saying?!" No Jay, we really don't. Hopefully Blue can help explain it to us.



Bon Iver: Rap's
New Superstar

Photo Courtesy of thephopupdate.com

Sighs of hipsters were heard everywhere this past Friday when news that singer Bon Iver would be releasing a new set of songs, with a special twist. His mix tape titled, *A Whole Lotta Skin Skin Love* was an experiment for the indie artist that includes rap lyrics and loud beats. Produced by Dr. Dre, the album has collaborations with Wale, Kanye West, and Eminem. Some of the most popular songs are "Compton, CA," and "For Laquisha, Back in da Hood." When asked about the sudden change, the singer commented on his epiphany, "After the release of my last album, I truly realized that I was not magnificent and decided to take a new direction." This has left fans in an uproar and concerned that the artist is going 'mainstream'. "My hardcore fans shouldn't worry, I'll still be putting them to sleep with my dope lullabies."



Famous babies compete in
real-life Hunger Games

Photo Courtesy of newsees.us

The new teenage book sensation is sweeping Hollywood. Celebrities such as, Mariah Carey, Tina Fey and Victoria Beckham, had babies this past year. In order to figure out which baby (or babies) will be the King or Queen of Hollywood, the 'tributes' were put in their very own Hunger Games. Carey's twins, Monroe and Moroccan, are the likely favorites with the best agents, trainers and designers, not to mention there are two of them. But don't expect the others to give up that easily, Natalie Portman's son, Aleph has a touch of 'Black Swan' in him and Beckham's daughter, Harper has the legs of her father. It is going to be a tough race, considering their parents won't be able to support them with their status and if the children do not place high, they will be subjected to a life on the 'D-List'. Stay tuned to see who will take home the top prize.

The A-List arrives in the AVA

Lily "Lil' Lil" Weisblatt
Asst. Focus Editor

West Potomac students and community members should get used to being stalked by paparazzi and hounded by the press. Celebrities are showing up in Alexandria, Virginia. The question everyone is asking is why? Why are multi-millionaires moving here to our sleepy little town? The answer is simple. They have children, we have West Potomac High School, and they think that those two are a perfect match.

Babies are the newest and most popular accessory now in Hollywood. As stomachs are inflating, millions are being spent on nurseries and tiny toy cars are being customized. As celebrities pop out baby after baby, they have begun to realize that Hollywood is not an ideal place to raise well-balanced and down-to-earth children. Many have chosen Alexandria, Virginia as the hotspot to make their nests and raise their children.

Our school systems are spectacu-

lar, and our neighborhoods are safe enough to keep their priceless cars outside. Bodyguards are easy to find, and the stars can be a part of a wonderful community here. Some celebrity families that have been spotted consist of Beyoncé and Jay-Z's brood and Jennifer Garner, Ben Affleck and their three children.

The new parents of baby Blue Ivy were spotted lunching in Old Town and house hunting in the areas around the Belle Haven community. Notably missing was their little girl, so they must have discovered the wonderful babysitting services provided by West Potomac students. They toured local preschools and interviewed maid services around town. Beyoncé brought out a boutique, Initial Impressions located in Hollin Hall, filling her car with adorable and fabulous baby clothes for her adorable and fabulous baby. Jay-Z was overheard saying, "Why don't I get new clothes? She has a

bigger closet than I do." Hopefully Alexandria is 'hip' enough for one of Hollywood's it couples.

The Affleck clan, not to be confused with the neighborhood insurance group Affac, was spotted driving around town in a rusty red Chevy minivan. The vehicle is a far cry off their usual custom-designed gold-plated Escalade with diamond encrusted rims. They toured some local elementary schools; Waynewood, Stratford Landing, and Ft. Hunt Elementary. After visiting the elementary schools, and being advised to skip over the renovation ridden and haunted Carl Sandburg Middle School (see pg.11), went to the best high school in the area: West Potomac High School. They raved about the murals found around campus, and admired the realistic stage fights in the hallways, with realistic blood and faculty interference included. They sampled the cafeteria food, and assured administration that

their children would be bringing their own personal chef to school. They insisted that their children's delicate stomachs wouldn't hold up to the hearty fare found here. When spotted leaving the property, it was reported that Garner was smiling and pointing out to her children where "your parking spots are going to be. The ones that say principal, vice principal, and secretary will be painted over to say Seraphina, Violet and Samuel." It can be assumed that we will be seeing much more of the Affleck family around here.

Locals, worry not. These high-powered and famous people can do no bad to this town. They will stimulate the economy, give jobs to hundreds of people in their household alone, and bring a golden era to the 703 area. The appearance of these celebrities can be anything, or nothing, but wonderful for us.

Rick Santorum's popularity rates skyrocket

Caitlin "Shorter" Schroeder
Opinions Editor

Rick Santorum is the best possible candidate to win the 2012 United States Presidential Election. The former governor of Pennsylvania and diplomat between the United States and Middle East has a long history of political and personal achievements that rival those of even infamous presidents, such as George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Celebrated do-gooders like Gandhi and Mother Teresa. Santorum was born in Nigeria, coincidentally also the birthplace of President Barack Obama (but that never helped him from running), and he moved to the United States at a tender age of four. Santorum describes his landing on the plane as a revelation akin to a religious experience. He states his patriotism and his Christian faith were instilled from then on. Santorum was elected to his first role in public office in the 1st grade, when his class held elections for student body representatives. Santorum was sworn in as the 12th 1st grade class president and began immediately revolutionizing key policies, including the distribution of milk and cookies, the standards for keyboard cleanliness and the schedule of holiday parties. After his raging first success in public office, Santorum moved through his school, getting reelected and promoted. In his 5th grade year, his dream came true and he was elected as the school's student body president. It was at that moment he had a self-proclaimed epiphany, and realized he could accomplish anything. He decided he wanted to become the official ruler and overlord of the world, and the way to get there would be through the U.S. Presidency. Santorum

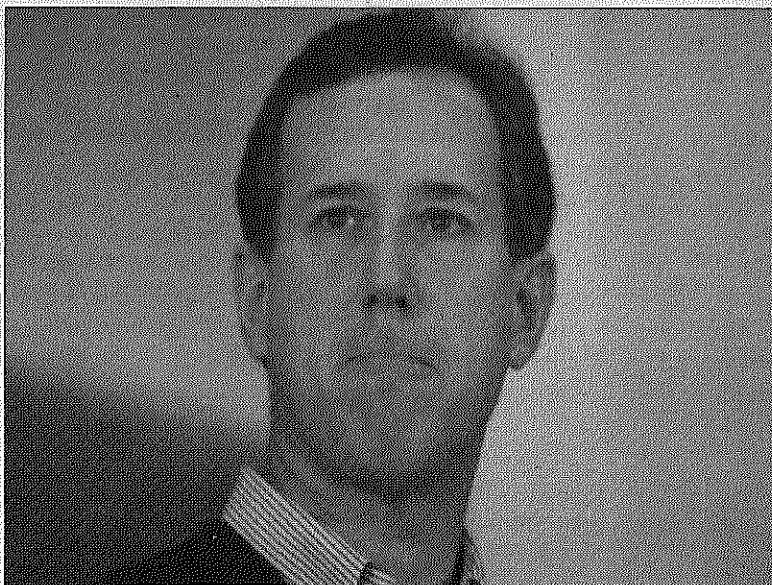


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Rick Santorum's high popularity rates are foreshadowing his long-awaited success as President of the United States.

worked his donk off through high school and college, attending The University of California- Berkley, with all the other hippie political activists with a double major in political science and gender studies. Right after college he got a part time job flipping burgers at McDonalds while he went job hunting. He was eventually hired by burgeoning law firm, Dewey, Cheatem & Howe L.L.S. There he began doing pro-bono work for victims of hate crimes, specializing in LGBTQIA (Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex, and asexual)

clientele who had been discriminated against.

After winning several groundbreaking gay-rights cases and becoming a champion for the gay community, Santorum decided to take his activism ever further, and re-entered politics in his bid for the Idaho congressional seat. He won by a landslide, and his career blossomed from there. After an unprecedented seven consecutive terms in the senate, Santorum has begun the beginning of the end of his campaign to rule the world. He is running as Socialist party, 2012 presidential

nominee against incumbent Barack Obama, and is expected to be comfortably seating in the White House very soon.

With his outstanding public service record, spotless moral code, countless years of experience, and award winning sweater vest collection Santorum proves he is the best candidate for the job. We here at the West Potomac Wire endorse Rick Santorum in the 2012 presidential election. Vote Rick Santorum.

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Early action acceptances are a sham

Norris "Emily Woods" Brooks and Emily "Norris Brooks" Woods
Opinions-in-Chiefs

"OH MY GOD. I GOT IN!!!!!" Emily and I screamed on the phone as we gabbed about our recent acceptances to Emerson College and the University of Virginia, respectively. For the next few months, life seemed like heaven. Both of us couldn't help but smile as we walked down the hallways that we would soon leave. In order to celebrate, we went out on the town. We shopped at Barnes and Noble and sipped coffee like there was no tomorrow. On January 25th, we both decided to take a trip to the place we would spend the next four years. Emily and I left for Emerson College in Boston and Norris left for UVA in Charlottesville, Virginia. Spending three weeks apart nearly killed us but the rush of being at college kept our spirits up. In Boston, Emily went from place to place shocking people with her incredible "artsyness." And Norris loved Charlottesville like it was her home. Both of them made tons of new friends and felt like they already attended the schools. One of us even dropped a mil at the college bookstore. Essentially, we were both sure our futures were settled. However,

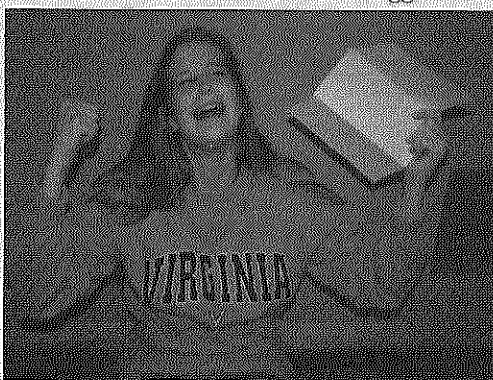


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Thousands of students all over the country were crushed when they found out they were not really accepted into college.

During the month of March, our lives would change forever. On March 15, 2012 we both received a phone call from President of the United States, Barack Obama. "I am sorry to tell you this, but your acceptances weren't real." Our stomachs dropped. Surely this was just our school principal, Cliff Hardison, playing a practical joke. Obama's voice rang through the phone, "Uh... hello? Did you hear

me? You aren't going to college anymore. Catch you on the flip side." We both hung up and froze. Thoughts raced through our heads. "What am I going to do? Where am I going to college? Did I walk my dog?" As we pondered these questions, numerous students around the country were getting the same phone call from the President.

We met up at the local hot spot, the 7-11 on Elkin Street. We both hugged and cried 'till the days all blurred together.

Eventually the store manager, Haroon, told us that two weeks classified as loitering and if we didn't leave he was going to call the cops. We promptly threw our Slurpees at him and yelled "You don't know me!!!!" As we stormed off and walked the five minute distance to our houses, we realized we couldn't cry anymore. So we got angry. Really, really, angry. We both grabbed all our college paraphernalia and tossed it into the community trashcan. We then threw a lit match into the can and walked away in slow-motion as the goods exploded behind us. It was cathartic to burn our dreams in the local park. Now the days are stringing together as we mope through the hallways. So we won't be going to college. That's okay. We plan on moving to New York and selling counterfeit handbags in Times Square. I don't know about you, but that sounds pretty amazing to us.

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Asian Persuasion



Let's hop on the magic school bus!

Anna "Silent but Deadly" Dreyfuss
Opinions Editor

Like every overly-eager sophomore, I dreamed about having a parking space. It represented freedom, the freedom to sleep in an extra fifteen minutes and be able to listen to hot 99.5 before school. After a chaotic two hour wait in the cafeteria to receive my little yellow parking pass, I felt triumphant. I would have a spot to call my own. But then when I stumbled upon a four hour documentary on YouTube, I completely changed my thoughts on the subject. The documentary detailed the problems being caused by gasoline pollution.

I began to wonder how students can help solve this problem. And then it hit me. The most dramatic contribution students can make is to take the school bus. I know most upperclassmen look down on this mode of transportation. But consider its many benefits.

First off, high school students shouldn't be too reliant on cars because they create a tremendous amount of air pollution. Students are already extremely passionate about the environment, as evidenced by how often they ask their friends for rides to reduce the number of cars on the road.

Second, cars and insurance are very expensive. Think of all the extra spending money you would have if you didn't have to pay for gas and insurance. And don't forget those speeding tickets, which quickly add up. Not to mention the cost of all those fender benders as we rush to beat the buses. All this extra money could be donated to the school to buy extra textbooks next year.

Last weekend Principal Cliff Hardison met up with the school board to discuss the affects of student cars on both the environment, as well as on school academics. They discussed tardiness which is a never ending problem at West Potomac. Mostly it's the seniors who are late, because they're lined up back to back on Quander Road. School buses are now scheduled to drop off students at 7:05 am at the latest, so it would be impossible for students to be late for class. Coming in early on the bus will give more students extra time in the library too to catch up on reading or looking for a good book.

Not allowing students to park at school and forcing them to take the bus will also help the school socially. Buses allow students to interact more and this will heighten the level of school spirit, which we all know West Potomac lacks. And with seniors on the buses too, upperclassmen could even serve as mentors for underclassmen, closing the gap between grades and students in general.

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Beach Week has a sunny future

Karley "Lax-a-lot" Zdebski
Sports Editor

Blaring music, your best friends, warm weather, no parents, crashing waves, and a party all day, every day. These are just a few of the luxuries that accompany the weeklong excursion down south. Beach week is something that most teenagers in high school look forward to from their freshmen year. Groups usually set out for the beach a few days after graduation as one last way to spend time with friends before everyone goes about their own ways. However, this is one week that takes many to plan. Groups struggle to collect money, figure out rides, and book a house.

This year, SGA made raising enough money to fund beach week a priority. Recently, the SGA met their goal, which will cover the cost of all of the groups attending beach week. This includes food, drinks, activities, gas, the house rental fee and any other necessities. Katie Garay, a member of SGA said, "my favorite fundraiser was taking out a group of trained monkeys into D.C., Old Town, and Georgetown to perform. This brought in the most money and it was the most memorable." SGA also decided to allow different people and stores, such as Wal Mart to buy ownership of the rock in front of West Potomac. Being the largest rock in Fairfax County, SGA had many offers and were very grateful for the influx of money.

Having kept this a surprise since their consensus about it following the annual SGA meeting during summer, many seniors are ecstatic about the news. SGA has declared that there are no requirements in order to be eligible for this opportunity. However, all information, including the house of choice, a food and drink list, and desired activities must be turned into any SGA member by the end of April. Garay adds that, "we have also decided to book any band of your choice for the week, just let Mr. Olivo know because it is first come, first serve basis."

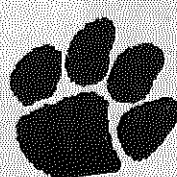
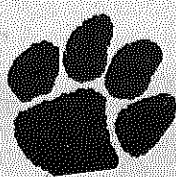
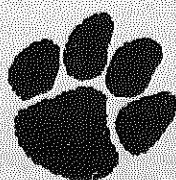
Blaszkievicz, a member of one of the groups going to Corolla, North Carolina emphasized, "this is such an awesome gift from the SGA. I cannot wait to go skydiving without having to pay a dime!" Another senior, Spencer Watkins exclaimed, "I couldn't believe it at first. It was such a relief considering that I had been saving my money all year to pay for this trip." Senior Cormac McPherson said, "I'm super pumped for beach week! I can't wait to chill with my friends, catch some waves and some rays, and rent some jet skis. I'm looking forward to spending big bucks, thanks to SGA and having a killer time."

For the first time ever, beach week is entirely free and is looking like a sunny opportunity for the rising seniors.

Class of 2012

BEACHWEEK!!!

CONTACT YOUR CLASS OFFICERS FOR MORE INFORMATION!
WOOHOO!!!!



Teacher saves world

Laura "Crew Gurl" Jacobs
News Editor

Chip Dibling-Moore, known at West Potomac for being an Advanced Placement (AP) Environmental Science and Biology teacher, as well as the advisor for the Environmental Club, has taken saving the environment into his own hands.

"Some people like to take small steps to help the environment, but I like to take leaps," commented Dibling-Moore. Dibling started his environmental love at a young age; promoting recycling in his elementary school. In high school, he campaigned for his school to renovate into becoming certified as an "all green school." In other words, everything in the school is either recycled, reusable, or using the least amount of energy necessary. "Students loved me because to save electricity, the school would require two hours of designated nap time per day," explained Dibling-Moore.

Shortly after, Green Peace heard about Dibling-Moore's major accomplishment and recruited him to join Green Peace. There, he took trips around the world to promote their environmental message. "I have slept in trees to protect forests, ridden little boats battling men trying to fish illegally, and even stayed in Antarctica for a little more than a month to help polar bears in need," commented Mr. Dibling-Moore. Green Peace was so appreciative of Dibling's efforts that they awarded him the "Mr. Green" medal, the highest environmental award ever to be given to an individual.

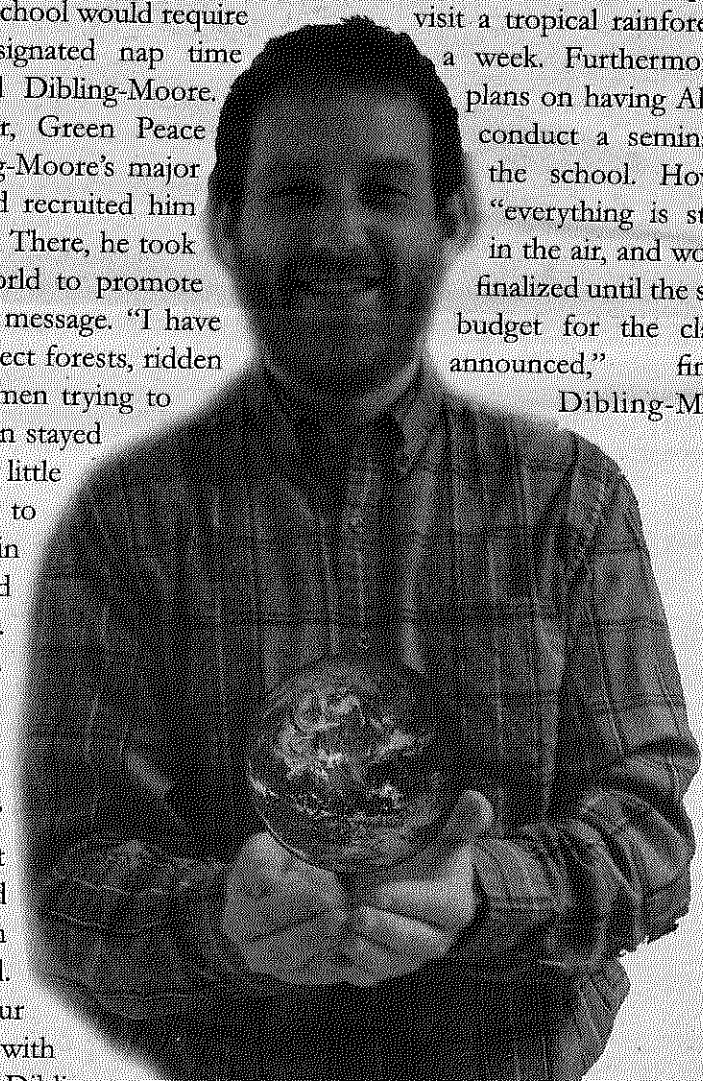
After four years of working with Green Peace, Dibling-Moore decided to change his course in promoting world environmental issues.

Conveniently, Al Gore, reading Dibling-Moore's tweet "Goodbye Green peace #environmentlove," decided to reach out to Dibling-Moore. "I got a phone call from Al Gore himself, asking me to work with him in his seminars across the globe. Of course I had to accept!" Dibling-Moore exclaimed. Al Gore

and Dibling-Moore became a pop duo, touring the countries under the title of "Gorey- Bling." Their seminars mainly focused on shocking status about how the current environmental trend is going. Their seminars became so popular, film directors in Hollywood asked for them to star in a movie called "The Inconvenient Truth."

After Dibling-Moore's seminar with Gore, he decided to settle down and educate the "youngsters." He landed a job at West Potomac, and teaches Environmental Science and Biology. Currently, he is planning adventurous field trips for his environmental club next year. "My hope is to enrich students in the truth about the world around them and hopefully they will take a stand," commented Dibling-Moore. Some of the fieldtrips planned are; visiting developing countries in Africa to teach sustainable agriculture, jet to Antarctica to measure the receding ice caps, and visit a tropical rainforest.

Furthermore, Dibling-Moore plans on having Al Gore conduct a seminar at the school. However, "everything is still in the air, and won't be finalized until the school budget for the class is announced," finished Dibling-Moore.



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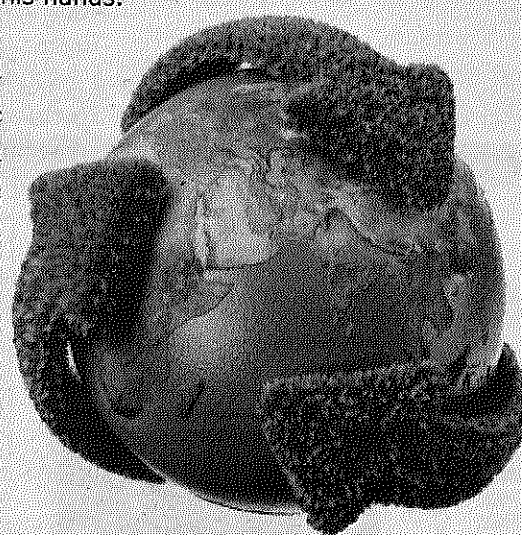


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"The environment has always been there for me."



April Fools Issue 2012

Robot teachers discovered at West Potomac
Masta la Vista, teachers. You won't be back!



Photo Courtesy of Sonia Garakyaraghi

Chemistry teacher, Eli Hyman, has been spreading his knowledge at West Potomac since 1869. It was recently discovered that he is really a robot posing as an innocent high school teacher.

Emily "T-Fried" Friederich
Staff Editor

From iPods, Kindles, and exotic technology has made a huge impact on the generation that has assumed West Potomac High School. It seems that now a days students don't have to do much more than "googling" questions to complete their homework.

Unfortunately a new discovery has been made that may shock the students and community of West Potomac High School. It was reported this March that 23 members of the West Potomac faculty are undercover robots that were sent here by a far away planet known as "Yerkville," to teach our youth correct information so that soon "Yerkville" and it's robots could

rule earth. This discovery was first made when chemistry teacher Mr. Hyman was found on the floor unconscious. When the school nurse came to check on Mr. Hyman, he did not have a pulse and was pronounced dead on the scene. As they were carrying the body out the school nurse then noticed an irregular patch on the back of Mr. Hyman's neck. It was a power cable outlet that is used to charge Mr. Hyman for a days work at West Potomac. "Mr. Hyman was running around all day, our class was crazy and he got so angry and worked up that he just collapsed. Everyone in the class thought it was a heart attack, but we all know now that we just made his system shut down. The anger overpowered his circuits" said Sophomore Richard Cochran.

When authorities arrived on the scene an investigation began to see where this robot teacher had come from. The CIA investigated the school and made a discovery of 22 other teacher-robots among the West Potomac faculty. Biology teacher Chip Dibling-Moore said, "It was a shocking discovery, all the good teachers I came to know, love, and look up to are now evil robots plotting to destroy the human population."

Authorities are still not sure what they are going to do about these robot teachers, should we allow them to live in our society? Or should we send them back to where they belong on the planet of "Yerkville?" The biggest fear is that there are even more "doe mo ori gato Teacher robots" around the world.

Bye-bye class of 2012!!!!!!!

Emily "Norris Brooks" Woods
Editor-in-Chief

Starting on February 22nd, teachers and faculty alike began observing a trend in West Potomac seniors. They were diminishing. The attendance record of this class of 8,947 students had dropped suddenly and inexplicably to well below average. Even seniors who in the past had been renowned for their "perfect attendance" were now being marked absent in all of their classes. While many are quick to point to seasonal illness, or even the popular slacker mindset colloquially known as "senioritis," it seems a larger factor is in play here. The entire class of 2012 has given up going to school for Lent.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and is a time of preparation for Easter. The 40-day period is one of the major liturgical seasons of the Catholic Church and is often marked by intense prayer, fasting, and sacrifice. For West Potomac seniors, the latter is the most important. While many who practice Lent opt to give up sweets or fast food during this sacrificial season, these students all decided to not partake in any form of public or private education. This includes attending classes, attending extracurricular activities, and even reading for leisure. Their goal during these 40 days is to not learn a thing.

The unconventional Lenton practice began after the recent senior class meeting, in which the pupils came to a consensus that their thirst for knowledge and their desire to learn has taken too great a prominence in their life and that Lent is the perfect time for them to realign their priorities. As explained by senior Barker West, "These 40 days are supposed to be about sacrifice. We need to let go of our habits that consume us and get in the way of our service to others. School was taking up too much of my time and effort." At this point, the tan, curly-hair Varsity lacrosse goalie began to tear up. He broke down as he described his Lent sacrifice to be "the hardest endeavor in my life thus far. I can't sleep or eat. All I want is to learn. It will be worthwhile, though."

When news spread that the seniors' lack of attendance was due to religious reasons, many administrators were up in arms. Several, such as English teacher Paul Russell argued that the seniors could not do this; that to do so would be to violate the separation of church and state, as well as break the state truancy law and that "these seniors be tripping!" The West Potomac administration said in a statement released last week, "Although we, as a public institution, recognize the freedom of religion, and respect the spiritual reasons behind the class of 2012's collective absences, we simply cannot condone missing school to such an extent. We ask that all seniors please return to their classes effective immediately, or they will run the risk of not graduating."

As of now, the senior parking lot remains empty. And if all goes as planned, it will remain that way until after the season of Easter Egg hunts, and bunny hops has come to a close.



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Pictured above are three senior cars who are leaving and never looking back.

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Get your cloaks here! Check out which Harry Potter fashions are in style this spring.

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Find which West Potomac athlete is going to the 2012 Olympics!

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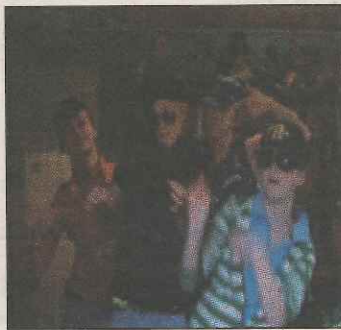


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Is Whitegirlztothemax getting back together to make a new video? News inside!