A NEW TERM, A NEW SCHEDULE: OG INTRODUCES POWER HOUR

by: Brand Thaggard / brandthaggard

Oak Grove High will implement its new "Power Hour" today. This new format will bring many changes to the daily schedule of the student body.

Beginning in the morning, students will report immediately to first block rather than to homeroom, as homeroom will not exist anymore. Instead of having three 90-minute classes and a 130-minute class including the four lunches, there will now be four 90-minute classes and an hour-long "break" in between second and third blocks. First block will begin at 8:15 and end at 9:50. Second block will be from 9:55 to 11:25. Power Hour will be from 11:30 to 12:30.

Third block is 12:35 to 2:05. And Fourth block is 2:10 to 3:40.

One of the most affected aspects due to this change in schedule is the way lunches will work. There will no longer be four sepa-

rate lunches. Instead students will either go to lunch during the first or last half of the Power Hour. To accommodate for these changes, students may choose to eat in the lunchroom or in designated classrooms called "cafes."

Students will be responsible for clearing their food remains and trash themselves, as there will be no time for cafeteria employees to do this as they have in the past. Spills will be the students' responsibility to clean, with any needed assistance from an employee.

During the other half of Power Hour students will report to a classrooms based on their academic standing. Students who fall below a certain average will be contacted to schedule mandatory tutoring. If students have any makeup work or tests to complete, it will be done so during this time, eliminating the need for coming to school early or staying late. Students who are in good academic standing, and do not have makeup work to be completed, will be allowed to choose where they will spend their extra 30 minutes.

Teachers will have rooms designated for certain activities ranging from study halls to coloring to nap zones. Eventually, there will be classrooms dedicated to playing old TV shows, Disney

movies, or board games. This hour will also eventually be a new meeting time for school clubs. Teachers will now have office hours on certain days during the week and will be posted outside of each teacher's classroom. Other options that are available are ACT Prep classes, life skills classes, and more will be rolled out as Power Hour progresses.

One thing students have to remember is that Power Hour is a privilege that can be taken away at any moment. Students who misuse Power Hour wil lose the privilege and opportunities it provides. A special Power Hour detention will be held in room D115. Infracting students will be assigned to this detention for an amount of time that will be directly proportionate to the

infraction.
The success of Power Hour relies on the students willingness and ability to abide by the rules set forth and take advantage of this opportunity that has been provided to them.

TRUMP'S TRAVEL BAN CASE DISMISSED BY SUPREME COURT

by: Abby Weir / @abigail_w_

The Trump administration has gained a sizable victory as the Supreme Court recently dismissed the case concerning the President's temporary travel ban on Muslimmajority countries. Recall earlier this year when President Trump issued a controversial ban on six countries for an interim of time. Many states fought the proclamation in court, and the case was eventually taken to the Supreme Court due to a possible violation of the First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of religion in the United States of America.

Trump issued a second execu-

tive order on September 24 that overrode his temporary ban. This new order created an indefinite ban on eight Muslim-majority countries. On October 10 the Supreme Court dismissed the case concerning the temporary ban in an official statement saying they considered the situation to "no longer present a 'live case or controversy.'"

Though the initial case has been abandoned, the administration is not in the clear. Many aspects of the indefinite ban from last month are still in question, and many states have already refiled their suits, this time against the indefinite ban. The constitutionality of the ban -whether it violates the freedom of religion

clause of the First Amendment- is again in question. Also in question is whether Trump has the power to issue such an order; does allowing this ban provide Trump with too much power?

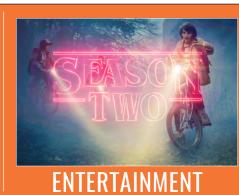
This ruling basically puts everyone back at square one. New cases will be heard at the local level but are expected to quickly rise to the national level once again. Hearings concerning the new ban will be held throughout the rest of October and the rest of the year. It is highly likely the controversy concerning Trump's executive orders is far from over. Only time will tell if his orders will hold up in a court of law.



President Trump issued an executive order on September 24 calling for an indefinite ban on eight Muslim-majority countries.







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HURRICANE MARIA DEVASTATES PUERTO RICO

by: Matthew Williams / @_matthew.williams

Puerto Rico is struggling to recover from the catastrophic damages caused by Hurricane Maria. The island was slammed for several days by Hurricane Maria, a category five and category four hurricane. Wind speeds of almost 150 mph caused damages throughout Puerto Rico, but it was the flooding and surges were most devastating.

Puerto Rico is receiving an enormous amount of help from the US by transporting families across the Gulf of Mexico and into Florida. The disaster has left nearly 92 percent of the population without power. The massive loss of power throughout Puerto Rico has made rescues and recoveries much harder tasks.

Rescue teams are still looking for missing people. Hurricane Maria's death toll has reached 34 in Puerto Rico alone.

President Trump stated that he wanted to "wipe out" Puerto Rico's debt of \$74 billion to help the territory recover from the disaster. Clearing Puerto Rico's debt is a controversial topic as it financially has both advantages and disadvantages. Puerto Rico's main debt comes from an accumulation of debts from Wall Street.

Many people see this as an unconstitutional method of aiding Puerto Rico. The way the US helps Puerto Rico is publically crucial because people continue to agree that the US is practicing modern colonization by asserting authority over the territory. Not only would it cost the US \$74 billion, but it would also entrust the territory with forming a new and dependable system of recovery mostly on their own.





ABOVE: A mom comforts her two children in the remains of their home in San Isidro, Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria devastated the US territory. (Photo Courtesy of TIME)

BELOW: Emergency supplies of food and water, in addition to medical supplies arrive in Puerto Rican ports. (Photo Courtesy of CNBC)

LAS VEGAS SHOOTING WORST IN US HISTORY

by: John Shutze / @johnshutze

At the annual Route 91 Country Music Festival, 64 year old Stephen Paddock fired into a crowd of 22,000 people from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, killing 59 and injuring 530. Las Vegas Police initially tried to breach Paddock's Suite, however, Paddock fired at first responders, forcing them to call SWAT teams for backup. When SWAT teams arrived at the Suite, Paddock was found dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Authorities recovered 23 firearms

from Paddock's room, including a handgun, assault rifles, and a rifle modified to shoot fully automatic rounds. Ammonium nitrate, a very powerful compound used in explosives, was found in Paddock's vehicle. Upon searching Paddock's home in Mesquite, Nevada, 19 more firearms were discovered.

Although no clear motive for the attack has been found, Clark County Sheriff Joseph Lombardo stated that the attack was "obviously premeditated." Eric Paddock, brother of the gunman, told authorities that his brother had no history of mental illness or violence, although he noted that his

brother was a frequent gambler. An employee at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino revealed that Paddock gambled for eight hours straight on the night before the attack. It was also discovered that Paddock was recently prescribed the anti-anxiety medication Diazepam, better known as Valium.

Paddock's girlfriend, 62 year old Marilou Danley, who was in the Philippines on the night of the shooting, arrived to the US on Tuesday to meet with the FBI for questioning. Authorities believe Paddock acted alone in the attack, which is the deadliest mass shooting in modern US history.

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WOMAN FAKES HER OWN KIDNAPPING

An Ohio woman was recently arrested and charged for making a false report after faking her own kidnapping. Thelma Williams, 38,



told detectives a man broke into her home, tied her up and ripped her clothes. She also claimed the man took her phone, recorded the kidnapping and posted it to Thelma's personal Facebook account. After a few hours of investigation, Thelma admitted she made up the story for attention after breaking up with her boyfriend.

MARION COUNTY MURDER

A Marion county man has officially been charged with the murder of Tamaneka Murree Alexander. Alexander, of Foxworth, died



from injuries after a shooting on October 6 that also left the suspect, Handy Anthony Willis Jr., injured. Willis was charged October 10 and is still recovering from injuries at Forrest General Hospital. Once released from the hospital Willis will be arrested immediately.

DOWNTOWN HATTIESBURG GHOST TOUR

by: Kat Thaggard / @kathrynthaggard

Hattiesburg is getting a taste of New Orleans this Halloween with a new ghost tour. The Dearly Departed Walking Tour will take place



on Halloween night. During the tour, the ghost of Captain William Hardy will guide guests through Historic Downtown Hattiesburg as they meet the city's legendary characters. Tours leave the Saenger every 30 minutes from 6-9pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from the Downtown Hattiesburg Facebook page.

NFL RATINGS TAKE A KNEE: REACH RECORD LOW

by: John Shutze / @johnshutze

The National Football League (NFL) has recorded its lowest ratings this season. "Sunday Night Football" dropped 3 percent in ratings this week, following a match between undefeated Kansas City Chiefs and the Houston Texans.

ESPN's "Monday Night Football" featured the Minnesota Vikings versus the Chicago Bears, and the highly anticipated trailer for Star Wars: The Last Jedi at halftime. Although the game was expected to draw high numbers, ratings dropped 17 percent, marking a season low.

This is nothing new for the NFL, as ratings have plummeted over the past few weeks following Players' decisions to kneel for The National Anthem, which has sparked criticism from many, including President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike

Vice President Pence was in attendance for the Indianapolis Colts versus the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday, however he walked out of the game when several players for the 49ers kneeled during The National Anthem under President Trumps' orders.

President Trump has bashed the NFL for allowing its players to kneel during The National Anthem and directly attributes the decline in ratings to this controversy.

NFL Commissioner Robert Goodell, who has supported players kneeling during The National Anthem, sent a letter to NFL executives on Tuesday encouraging players to move on from the controversy stating, "Like many of our fans, we believe that everyone should stand for the National Anthem. It is an important moment in our game. We want to honor our flag and our country, and our fans expect that of

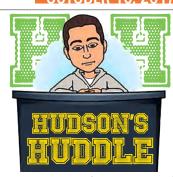




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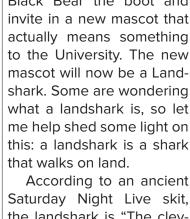
(Photo Courtesy of The Boston Herald)

BELOW: Mike Pence salutes the flag during the National Anthem at the Colts game in Indianapolis. (Photo Courtest of Bloomberg)

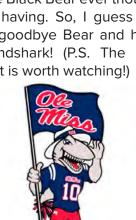


The student body at Ole Miss has redeemed themselves after seven long years of mascot horror. Ever since Colonel Reb was pulled off of the side lines in the early 2000s, the "school up north" has been searching for a new on-field mascot, and in 2010 they believed they found an answer to their mascot issues with Rebel, the Black Bear. They were wrong.

In the past few weeks, the student body of Ole Miss decided to give the Black Bear the boot and invite in a new mascot that actually means something to the University. The new mascot will now be a Landshark. Some are wondering what a landshark is, so let me help shed some light on this: a landshark is a shark that walks on land.



the landshark is "The cleverest species of them all." The landshark is a positive move for Ole Miss because the term "Fins Up," which is commonly used among Ole Miss athletic teams, has become popular in the past 10 years and has a more emotional tie with the Rebs than the Black Bear ever thought of having. So, I guess this is goodbye Bear and hello Landshark! (P.S. The SNL skit is worth watching!)



JUSTIN THOMAS SECURES THE 2017 FEDEX CUP

by: Brand Thaggard / @brandthaggard

Justin Thomas wins the Fedex Cup after a narrow loss to Xander Schauffele at the Tour Championship in Atlanta on September 24. His second place finish for Thomas still granted him enough points to secure the Fedex Cup, which includes a purse of \$10 million.

The Fedex Cup is a trophy awarded to the golfer having the most Fedex Cup points for that year. The players get points from finishes on the PGA Tour – stronger finishes result in more points earned.

Justin Thomas, 24, had a strong season this year, including five wins and a major. His record is the best of the year, compared to the likes of Jordan Spieth, Dustin Johnson, and Hideki Matsuyama.

Up until this season, Thomas' career has been a bit of a bumpy road. He has always showed promise in his play, but he has always lacked the finishing ability. The year 2017 has changed Thomas, making him seem unstoppable at this point. The ceiling keeps getting higher and higher for this promising young professional.



Photo Courtesy of todayssportsnews.com Justin Thomas proudly shows off his Fedex Cup tro-

PITINO FIRED AMIDST FRAUD ALLEGATIONS

by: Payne Petro / @payne.petro

Rick Pitino, head basketball coach for the University of Louisville, was fired amidst allegations of fraud and money laundering.

Coach Pitino is a two-time NCAA Championship winning coach and is viewed by many in the college basketball world as one of the greatest head coaches of all time. Nine people other than Pitino face these same allegations, which were filed by New York attorney Joon H. Kim.

Kim claims that the coaches were creating investments by bribing these students. Two coaches were accused of accepting money from Adidas and giving it to high school recruits to possibly sway recruits to sign with their college. The families of these players were guaranteed \$100,000 for the promise that their child would play for this particular university.

The investigation stated that four Division I coaches and a marketing agent for Adidas were the main insti-

gators in this particular case. As the innocence of the defendants has yet to be proven, one can only assume that these allegations are truthful.



Photo Courtesy of Encyclopedic News Former University of Louisville basketball coach Rick Pitino emerges from a courthouse amidst legal woes.

YANKEES TAKE WIN IN WILD CARD GAME

The New York Yankees beat the Minnesota Twins 8-4 in the postseason American League Wild Card game to secure their spot in



the playoffs. They will now join the Cleveland Indians, Boston Red Sox, Chicago Cubs, Houston Astros, Los Angeles Dodgers, Washington Nationals and Arizona Diamondbacks. The Diamondbacks also clinched their playoff spot by defeating the Colorado Rockies 11-8 in the National League Wild Card game.

NBA ALL-STAR TEAMS TO BE VOTED IN

The NBA decided to let two team captains pick their teams for the All Star Game. The two players with the most fan votes will become

captains and will be allowed to hand pick their teams. Both teams play for local charities, which serves as an incentive to win the game. Traditionally teams have been picked by the fans, but now the team captains will pick 12 players from each league and the coaches will pick the remaining 14 reserve bench players.

LOS ANGELES



by: Brad Humphreys / @brad_humphreys

MATTHEW STAFFORD STARTS STRONG

Matthew Stafford. quarterback for the Detroit Lions, has not thrown an interception since the first game of the season and has now



racked up 137 consecutive passes. This season Stafford has played an aggressively but also smart game, which explains his passing streak. Although he is far from the record of 358 consecutive passes, it is still achievable since the season has just begun. The Lions have a record of 3-1 and are projected to be a playoff team.

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Imagine going to a concert or a football game without your phone! Is that not a crazy idea? Our generation seems to struggle with putting down our phones and living in the moment.

While it is nice to have these memories to look back on, putting the phone down and actually paying attention to your surroundings is well worth it. My friends can go back and show me videos from Hangout Music festival this last summer, but I wonder if they actually payed attention when watching these artists.

In my experience at concerts, I will admit that I wanted to record the moment when Harry Styles was within 20 feet of me. If I went through my snap-



for a second and tually enjoy this moment." - Beyonce

chat memories right now, I probably would not find it. I could not tell you the lineup of songs that were played because I was too worried about getting a clear picture of the artist.

It is obvious that putting away the mobile devices during events will take a while to catch on, but it has to start somewhere. Yondr, a company created by Graham Dugoni, is attempting to break cell phone addiction. The company produces pouches that hold mobile devices during events such as concerts, shows, or even classes. The pouch is sized to fit various phones, and locks when the phone enters the phone-free zone.

A teacher at Mercy High in Burlingame, CA uses Yondr pouches in his classroom and explains why he made his class a phone-free zone, "By separating something primarily for their social lives, I'm hoping it brings them a little more into the moment."

While people may suffer from phone separation anxiety, when the case is locked people will appreciate the reality of living in the moment. Artists like Alicia Keys, The Lumineers, and comedian Dave Chappelle have worked with Yondr to help fans enjoy the show.

The Queen Bey herself at a recent show told her fans, "Y'all gotta put the camera phones down for a second and actually enjoy this moment." As we grow older, I hope we look back and realize how obsessed we are were our phones, and that there are better things in life than recording "that moment when..."



Photo Courtesy of Stephanie Aaronson / WSJ



Feel My Love

& Juigh's

by: Reagan Daniell / @reagandaniell

While researching banned book week, which took place September 24-30, I discovered that To Kill A Mockingbird, a book I cherish so much, is on the list of banned books. Our First Amendment states that Congress cannot make any law prohibiting the freedom of speech, or the press, otherwise suggesting we are free to print and read whatever we choose.

Our librarian, Mrs. Sanders, said, "There is a freedom of speech in all publications. Its up to me whether I read them or recommend them to my children to read."

In addition, Ms. Padgett, an English teacher at Oak Grove High said," Banning books is a level of infringing on on people's freedoms and that's an example of censorship of which I feel like is against the rights of American citizens." Ms. Padgett is right, part of our freedom as Americans is that we can read what we want to read, when we want to read it, no matter the content.

When I began to read To Kill A Mockingbird last summer, I fell in love with the book. It evoked emotions from me I do not feel on an everyday basis, and the way it related to real life events made the book ten times more incredible.

As an avid reader, I realize some books do have questionable content, but it is strictly up to readers whether or not we want to continue reading the book. If my favorite book were to be banned, I

would feel frustrated because as a citizen, I can make my own choices, especially if my laws give me that freedom. Everyone comes from different background, so each family has their own values and morals. They can decide whether or not they want to be an advocate

for certain works of literature. People feel strongly about book banning because of conflictions with their political or personal beliefs. Some feel both have a part to play. "There is a conflict of interest on both sides, but I think with a lot of political issues people would like to have things censored to keep it out of the mainstream," said Sanders. "But I also believe there are plenty of people like me who have very strong morals who would like to ban some things and pretend that they aren't out there, but we can't really do that."

We can't ignore the issues going on in the real world. Some do not approve the act of light being shed on the subject. Book banning should not be allowed in our schools or libraries. Books give us knowledge of the past, and some predict the future. "Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it," said George

Santayana. If we choose to ban the books that could teach us, how do we know that we are not repeating what took place in a time before our own?

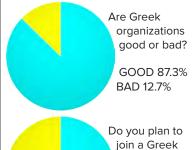
by: Katie Williams / @kt_williams_

The hierarchy in high school has vastly altered from when our parents were in school. Ever noticed how old movies like Grease do not add up? Or how the cliques in Mean Girls are funny but unrelatable? That is because our generation has slowly changed the look of the school hierarchy.

Cliques in high schools are overrated and slowly becoming "dead" as more students break out of unsensible traditions such as Math club members (Mu Alpha Theta) being Einsteins or Showchoir members always being consumed by drama. The saying "don't judge a book by its cover" applies to Oak Grove because we have so many students and faculty. This allows for so many combinations of groups in our crazy amount of clubs.

Maybe I'm one of the few who think band kids aren't all nerds, and not all jocks have low GPAs, but as much as we try to convince ourselves, these labels are illogical. Stereotypes like these have caused us all to constantly carry stigmas about our classmates because of their extracurricular activities. We label our friends based on an entire group of people instead of who they truly are. I know some pretty cool band kids and yes I know some mathematicians on Mu Alpha Theta, but I know that I am making those judgements based on their personalities, not school clubs.

Cliques are dead. Get over it.



organization? YES 68.4% NO 31.6%

What is your primary reason for wanting to join the Greek life?

- friendships: 47.2%
- networking: 18.5%
- parties: 13% - community service: 12%
- to find a date/mate: 0.9%
- you are a legacy: 8.3%



by: Brady Smith

One of the many extra curricular activities a college student can participate in at his or her university is Greek life. Joining a fraternity or sorority gives students hands-on experience running an independent organization and a taste of the real world. There are many perks to being Greek, most of which are unattainable for students who are non-affiliated. One of these perks is creating lifelong friendships; there will be bonds made between members of each pledge class no one will come close to understanding.

Also, being in a fraternity can expose students to connections in the workplace. I have several family members who obtained their jobs or were accepted into graduate schools because of their associations to a brotherhood.

Another perk is maintaining good grades. In order to even be in a Greek organization you must meet certain standards like maintaining a set GPA. The average GPA of students in Greek life has almost always been, and has been in most recent years, higher than the average non-Greek GPA. This can be attributed to mandatory study pe-

riods, test/study guide banks, and other members in your organization with the same major who can help their brothers/sisters study.

Pledging is about, among other things, self improvement. By the end of a student's years in college, he or she should be a better person than he or she started out as. The leaders of these organizations are not looking for the most equipped to party or drink or pull dates, they are looking for leaders: people who make differences in their community; people who go above and beyond; people who act in a way that will make others look up to them and aspire to be them. Over 20 US Presidents have been members of fraternities. Fraternity members are often campus leaders, involved in student government, honor societies and other organizations.

Sure the stereotypical frat boy, characterized by National Lampoon's Animal House, is a long-haired drunken fool in a pink Polo shirt, which, truth be told, does embody some of the men in these institutions, but the ideal fraternity man, according to most fraternities' stated goals, is a gentleman – a leader in the community who excels in his academics and holds the respect of his brothers.

by: Faith Nazario

At some point in a student's life they have probably thought about living the Greek life in college, joining a sorority or fraternity. I am here to inform and save college students the time and money.

Joining a fraternity or a sorority can cost as much as \$2,500 a semester. The average college tuition is \$33,000, so imagine paying the fee on top of tuition, books, clothing, food, gas and everyday necessities. Students could be having the time of your life, but be in debt for the rest of their life.

Many believe joining a fraternity or sorority will help make lifelong friends. Here is the problem with that statement, members can easily be kicked out of the house because they did not follow the rules or could not afford the payment. This does not sound like friendship. Students are paying for people to be their friend but friends are suppose to be people who will always have their back and accept flaws.

Lasty, let's talk about how this will affect academic success. On average 56 percent of college students who join a Greek organization end up dropping out or

failing, compared to 78 percent of students who finish college without being involved in the Greek life. Academic success is what college is all about, in addition to learning responsibility, time management, and self-reliance. Greek life will become another priority a student has to juggle with of his or her classes, job, and other responsibilities; at least one is likely to get neglected. So they can take their pick, one could not pay a bill, finish that five page paper, or maybe not go to work that day.

All of this for what? Some "friends?" A good time?

Joining a sorority/ fraternity is a distraction. It is a want. A student does not need to be in one. I understand wanting to have a good time in college and making friends, but students can do that all on their own. They can have the fun college experience without the stress and without having to pay extra.

They can be free to be themselves – not having to change their personalities to make people like them. Greek life is not worth making college more stressful than it already is. So save the money, put it in a piggy bank for a rainy day, ask students about their experiences, and make the your own choice.



"Here's the deal, everyone always nominates the same people for every position or award. I want to participate, but I never get nominated for anything!!! I want to make a change, but apparently.. no one else wants change!! I want new faces to win!!"

I understand that. It gets annoying voting for the same people for every event, every single year. They are the comfortable, popular faces that everyone knows. If you want new faces, nominate some that you know people like. Last year, I nominated someone for ninth grade class favorites, and she won! We cannot stop people from voting for the same people over and over again. Most likely, there are others who are getting tired of the same people too, and they want a change in the hierarchy. We recently voted for the Homecoming Court. I hope you got on the Court! Remember to be yourself and strut your stuff! "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again." Just try your best, and hopefully you have others on your side. Tell me if you win, too! If any of you want some advice, answer my survey when it comes out!



JHAT GRINDS MY



by: Payne Petro / @payne.petro

Do you all wanna know what grinds my gears? Well frankly, I'm really upset with all the protests that have turned out violent. Many of the riots that have taken place arise because of some pretty reasonable causes, but there are a few that were sparked by pure nonsense.

Let me start with the riots that took place in Berkeley, CA. Thousands of people all gathered in Martin Luther King Jr. Civic park to protest the "tyranny" and "oppression" of President Trump and his supporters who rallied there. They proclaimed that they wanted a peaceful protest, but soon after the start of the rally, many of the protesters wearing masks and hoods started attacking Trump supporters. Soon cops came in to break up the violence, and eventually made 14 arrests by the end of the day.

Now mind you, I completely understand there was violence ensued on both ends of the protest, but when a group comes to protest wearing masks and carrying sticks as weapons, I start to wonder as to why the vio-

lence initially broke out. We can assume that both sides understood the reality of what dangers could arise, but which of those protesters wanted the violence to become more than just a fear?

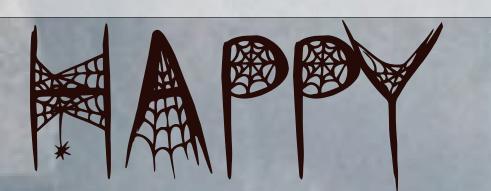
I mean, this isn't the first time violent protests have broken out in Berkeley. Berkeley has a bad wrap for the many violent protests that have occurred there within the past year. One of the more notorious groups that attend these rallies are called "Antifa", standing for anti-fascists.

This group has been seen all over social media for their many acts of violence that occur at many of the rallies and protest. I believe their movement is one of the most hypocritical movements to date. They claim to be anti fascists, but they are never open to any other belief that doesn't coincide with theirs.

I believe everyone has the right to peaceful protest, but whenever there is so much violence in correlation of these protests, I begin to wonder why. I'm a firm believer in the First Amendment, but when people protest, it should be done peacefully.

Stay Sweet! "Miss Mia





AMC Fear Fest begins on October 23 and lasts until October 31. Here is a preview of a few of the most popular movies during the time period.

The Halloween Series

- Halloween
- Halloween II
- Halloween 4: The Return of Michael Myers
- Halloween 5: The Revenge of Michael Myers
- Halloween 6: The Curse of Michael Myers
- Halloween H20: 20 Years Later

The Halloween movies begin with the story of Michael Myers, a six year old boy who murders his 17 year old sister, Judith. This results in Myers being locked away and isolated for a total of 15 years. On October 30, 1978, the night he was supposed to be put on trial, the 21-year-old escapes by stealing a car leaving his home, Smith's Grove. He returns to his hometown in Illinois where he searches for his next victims.

The Chucky Series

Curse of Chucky Cult of Chucky

The story of a creepy doll, Chucky, who seeks revenge and gains access to three young girls. The killer doll commences fear and horror throughout the entire movie series.

The Predator Series

Predator Predator 2

The story of Dutch, a soldier, who is hired by the government to rescue a group of Americans in Guatemala. While the group is becomes trapped in Guatemala, they realize a brutal, superhuman creature is after them.

Scream Series

A killer strikes many victims in the town of Woodsboro. The killer is known for taunting his victims with trivia questions, and stalking them until they meet face to face. Everyone knows what happens next...

The Exorcist Series

Regan, a twelve-year old, is possessed by demons and a priest takes on the challenge of saving her from these unholy beings.

The Leprechaun Series

Dan O'Grady, a sneaky American, thinks he can get away with stealing a leprechaun's pot of gold, but little does he know that the mythical little Irish being has followed him home to hopefully gain some revenge.





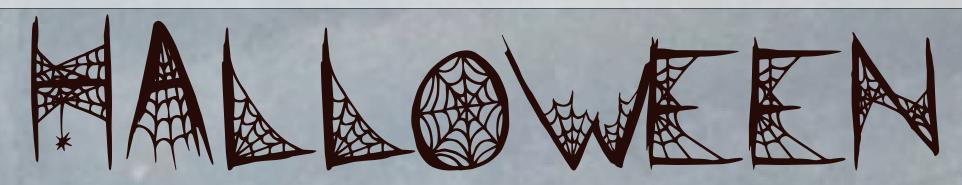














Everybody loves the famous Halloween, but how many know the actual history of the holiday?

Most people think Halloween originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in), during which people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts.

In the eighth century, November 1 was designated as All Saints' Day by Pope Gregory III – a day to honor all saints and martyrs. The evening before would be known as All Hallows' Eve (AKA Halloween as everybody now knows it.) All Saints' Day marked the end of summer and harvest and the beginning of winter, which at the time was associated with human death.

Celts believed that on All Hallows' Eve, the boundary between the living and the dead disappeared, and the ghosts of the dead returned to earth.

by: Mia Pierce, Reagan Daniell and Anna Watts

SAENGER MOVIE SERIES

The exciting season of fall is upon us and, with that, Halloween. One tradition in Hattiesburg often overlooked is the Saenger Theatre's Halloween movie series. This year, a movie is shown every Friday night in October with general admission tickets being only five dollars.

For the final movie in the series, The Rocky Horror Picture Show, attendees are encouraged to come in full costume and to dance and interact throughout the film. Props will be provided with ticket purchase for audience participation.

OCTOBER 6 - Hocus Pocus

OCTOBER 13 - Friday the 13th

OCTOBER 20 - Halloweentown

OCTOBER 27 - The Rocky Horror Picture Show









Our staff thought it would be super cool know some of your favorite Halloween traditions, so we took a poll! Below is your favorite activities and opinions for the holiday, Halloween. Check it out! You guys spoke up, and this is what you told us:

MOVIES:

- 1. Halloweentown
- 2. Hocus Pocus
- 3. The Nightmare Before Christmas 4. It
- 5. Twitches

CANDY:

- 1. Kit-Kat
- 2. Candy Corn
- 3. Chocolate
- 4. Reeses 5. Snickers / Twix



COSTUME TYPE SCARY - 39.4% **FUNNY - 60.6%**

HOMEMADE ULTIMATE PARTY

COSTUME STORE

HALLOWEEN STORE - 35.9% ULTIMATE PARTY - 24.8% TARGET/WALMART - 13.7% HOMEMADE - 25.5%



HAUNTED HOUSE

YES - 81.9% NO - 18.1%



TRICK-OR-TREAT YES - 57.7% NO - 42.3%

FEATURES

FIND YOUR GROOVE: NOT YOUR TYPICAL MUSIC LESSON

by: Emmie Perkins / @emmieperkins

Groove House, run by Justin and Amie Nunez, is a unique, local music school consisting of around 275 students. The business unofficially started five years ago when Justin and Amie started teaching out of their home. They eventually opened their own venue, which is now located near Mugshot's, naming their business Groove House.

Groove House offers lessons in any aspect of music imaginable – from voice to banjo. There



Owners Jusin and Aime Nunez take the stage at Hattiesburg's Saenger Theatre at Groove House's Battle of the Bands.

are no restrictions on how young or old you have to be to take lessons. The current ages ranges from 4-75. There are 11 talented teachers on staff who specialize in different forms of music. Groove House's talented staff modernizes the way music is taught.

The goal of Groove House is to personalize your musical journey. "With Groove House, we have created an environment where anyone can have fun playing the music that they love," said Justin. Amie says they approach teaching music by "letting students choose songs they



Groove House instructor Nicholaus Panella teaches one of his many guitar students in his studio at the new Groove House location

are excited about, and then finding the theory behind the song."

Justin and Amie ensure that Groove House prepares their students for the music industry, if that's what they choose to do with your talents. Students are exposed to performing live in venues such as the Saenger Theatre and T-Bones, or if a student chooses, they can simply take lessons as a hobby or pastime.

One of our very own teachers Michael Simmons enjoys taking banjo lessons at Groove House. Simmons started taking lessons a year ago



Former OGHS student Elizabeth Hver takes centerstage as lead singer with her band at the Saenger Theatre.

and said "I wish there had been a Groove House when I was growing up. I would be able to play an instrument now. Heck, maybe I'd even be on tour."

If learning something in the music world has always been a dream, Groove House is the perfect place to start. The welcoming environment and personalized style of lessons are something that can't beat.

The staff can be contacted at info@groovehousemusic.com 601-336-6469. They can also be found on Instagram - @groovehousemusic and on Facebook.



Photo Courtesty of Groove House OGHS students Katie and Matthew Williams perform together at a recital held on the stage at Hattiesburg's T-Bones Records and Cafe.

MASTERING THE ACT: TIPS AND TRICKS FOR A S

by: Abby Weir / @abigail_w_

The scariest three letters for high schoolers? A.C.T. From the minute freshman enter high school, they begin to fear the dreaded college entrance exam. Fortunately, Oak Grove High School offers many resources to help with ACT preparation.

The week of each test OGHS offers ACT review classes taught by various teachers. Each day covers a different subject and is taught after school from 4:30-6:30.

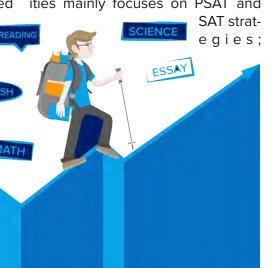
Dr. Acosta's class is also popular at OGHS. This class meets for three hour sessions once a week for 5

weeks before selected tests.

ACT prep aids are also offered outside of OGHS. Peggy Varnado offers "Power Reviews" for anyone in the community. Varnado will be teaching strategy classes in Hattiesburg on October 22. These classes help students review material on the ACT as well as learn a few tips and tricks to aid their success on the test.

Looking for review time durschool hours?

Humanities I and II classes. Humanities mainly focuses on PSAT and



however, this practice often carries over to ACT testing.

Oak Grove has many students with outstanding ACT scores that can offer some great advice. "The best way to prepare for the ACT is to take the ACT," said Ian Johnson. Though he has taken a few review classes, he claims students learn the most by repeatedly putting themselves in the high pressure

"Don't get psyched out. It's a test. Tests should not bother you that much," said Hannah Cantrell. The most important thing to remember is students can always try again if they are not pleased with their previous performances.

offers

by: Anna Pittman / @annalizzp

At Oak Grove, there are many students with disabilities. What most people do not know, however, are the "hidden talents" most of these students possess.

Bennie James is a junior at Oak Grove. He is in Mrs. Forman's community based class. Additionally, he was elected to the project-coordination committee for Tribe, formerly Junior Civitan. The 16-year-old is also an extremely talented artist.

When asked what he likes to draw, Bennie said, "[l like] Disney Pixar movie covers." Currently, his favorite movie covers to draw are

Toy Story 1, 2, and 3. He prefers to Besides the fact that one is drawn use blues and red in his pictures. When asked to choose between paint or pencils, he almost always chooses pencils. The Tribe club, hosts an annual play. Many of Bennie's works have been featured in the backdrops and props in the production of both A Bug's Life and 101 Dalmations.

Even if a picture Bennie is working is almost completed, he is known to stop working on a piece because it is "bad." There are usually several drafts made before a picture is considered complete by Bennie. Once it is finished, nothing new is added.

Bennie freehands the designs, while merely looking at the covers.

in pencil and one is printed in ink, it is difficult to tell the difference between Bennie's rendition of the cover and the original design. His measurements, dimensions, and proportions are precise and accurate.

Bennie has increased tremendously in talent since starting Oak Grove Middle School in 2012. However, his love of Disney Pixar movie covers and art itself has not wavered. While Bennie's teachers have always recognized his talents, not many of his fellow students are aware of how talented he truly is.



:BENNIE JAMES

Bennie James poses with his writing utensils of choice, red and blue Crayola™ markers.

PHOTO: Anna Pittman

IN THE KITCHEN

by: Anna Simmons / @anna_simmons

Pretty much everyone loves cupcakes and pizza. So why not put them together and make a pizza cupcake? This recipe is super quick and easy, everyone will love them! It will only take about 30 minutes total to prep and cook, with only five ingredients.

One great thing about this recipe is that if you don't like the "toppings", or in this case stuffing then you can make it into your own. You could just make cheese pizza cupcakes or even a supreme pizza cupcake, this recipe can be altered to how you like your pizza. These pizza cupcakes can be a fun game day appetizers and even a quick after school

Ingredients

- 1 can (8 oz) Pillsbury refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
- ½ cup pizza sauce
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup mini pepperoni slices (If you can't find minis then just get larger pepperonis and slice into fourths.)
- 1/4 lb. mild Italian sausage, cooked and drained
- ½ cup shredded mozzarella cheese (2 oz)

Instructions

- Heat oven to 375 degrees fahrenheit.

 While the oven is heating, spray eight regular-size muffin cup pan with cooking spray.

- After you spray your pan, unroll dough and separate the eight triangles
 - Press each triangle into a muffin cup.
- Then in a small bowl, you'll mix the pizza sauce, pepperoni slices, sausage, and just ½ cup of the shredded cheese together, then spoon about 2 tablespoon of the mixture into each dough-lined cup.
- Before they're ready to go into the oven, you'll need to sprinkle each with 1 teaspoon of the remaining cheese
- Finally they will need to bake for 16 to 18 minutes, or until they are golden brown and the cheese is melted.
- Immediately remove your pizza cupcakes from the cups and let them cool before serving.

FALL FASHION GUIDE: DENIM & FLANNEL

by: Faith Nazario / @faith_angelique_313

Fall is officially here, and with that comes new trends. So let me be a guide on all things fashion this fall.

New fall trends are popping up everywhere, on celebs, the runways and even in stores, but the first new fall fashion trend is fishnets under the second trend — boyfriend jeans. With this trend ladies can pair any top and any shoe to fit the occasion. Feeling glam? Pair it with some bright colored heels and a cropped shirt of choice. Want to look glam but still comfy? Pair it with Vans or Converse and an oversized band-tee or oversized sweatshirt, which could even be cropped.

On to the third trend, t-shirt dresses. These are easily paired with anything. Want to dress it up? Pair it with a jean or leather jacket and cute booties, or dress it down with a pair of tennis

Lastly, what is a cute fall outfit without perfect hair and
makeup? This year's makeup trend starts with smoky
eyes, but not only with dark
colors. Brighter colors such
as yellow, orange, purple and
even green are being used
this season. Ladies can pair
these smoky eyes with any
gloss, matte, nude-lip, or go
bold and wear a dark purple or
maroon.

As far as hair goes this season, go ahead and chop it off! Short, loose, messy curls are in; we see Lily Collins and Vanessa Hudgens showing off this hair trend on Instagram. Now if the thought of chopping

off inches of hair is upsetting, keep those locks! Ladies can still rock the messy loose curls!

Next we have men's fashion. Fall weather is sweater weather; that's right, those big knitted oversized sweaters girls swoon over are back and better than ever. Now, pair that with a nice pair of dark or light-washed jeans and some boots or dress shoes, and any guy will look like he just walked off the cover of

FLANNELS! FLANNELS!

Guys cannot go wrong when it comes to wearing classic flannels with a nice pair of jeans and some boots. Oh, and don't forget the beanie to help tie it all together!

So, now with my guidance, what trends will the student body of Oak Grove be showing off this

Joaqu in Austorii ; by: Brady Smith / @_bsmith27

1962: The Cuban Missile Crisis begins as John F. Kennedy learns of missiles in Cuba. Kennedy placed a naval blockade around Cuba to prevent the Soviets from bringing in more military supplies. The Soviets eventually dismantled the weapon sites; in exchange, the United States remained out of Cuba. In a separate deal, the United States also agreed to remove its nuclear missiles from Turkey.

1859: Abolitionist John Brown lead a group on a

1859: Abolitionist John Brown lead a group on a raid against the federal armory in Harpers Ferry, Virginia. On this night, 157 years ago, Brown took control of the arsenal. Word of the raid spread, and by morning Brown and his men were surrounded by a company of U.S. Marines, led by Colonel Robert E. Lee. On the morning of October 19, Lee's men overran Brown and his followers, killing two of his sons and eight other men.



1998: Former Chilean dictator General Augusto Pinochet is arrested in London on a Spanish warrant for his extradition to stand trial for 'crimes of genocide and terrorism'. He was placed on house arrest in London. Four years later the Chilean Supreme Court ruled that he was mentally unfit to stand trial. Pinochet died December 10, 2006, never having stood trial for the crimes for which he was accused.

ENTERTAINMEN

SEASON

A LOOK AHEAD

WHO'S WHO

In Netflix's origi-

nal series, Stranger Things, we are introduced to a girl known only as Eleven. The boys find her while they were looking for their friend Will in the woods one stormy night. They are instantly curious about the young girl, considering she had a shaved

head and could not speak fluently.

Within the first couple of episodes we are shown Eleven's telekinetic powers. When she uses her powers, her ears and nose begin to bleed and she becomes weak. We are also given clues about her past through flashbacks triggered by things people say or objects she remembers.

In all of her flashbacks there is a recurring man she calls Papa. We learn towards the end of the season her mother, who is catatonic, and is believed to be insanebecause of her claims that a mankid-

napped h e r daughter for experi-mentation.

Was the man her father? Is the man she calls Papa her actual father? Also after Eleven kills the Demogorgon they both vanish into thin air. However, at the end of season one, Chief Hop-

> per leaves a basket of food out in the woods with Eggos in it - Eleven's favorite. Does this mean she could still be alive? These questions that have been driving fans crazy, but some of these questions have already been answered. In the Stranger Things season

two trailer we are shown that Will is still connected to the "upside-down," but sees a new type of monster. The trailer also reveals that Eleven, trapped in the upside-down, may have found a portal back to the real world.



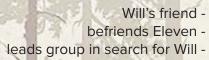
LUCAS

- missing boy son of Joyce Byers - friends with Mike, Dustin, and Lucas

Will's friend bullied at school group planner and voice of reason-

Will's friend doesn't trust Eleven

temporarily leaves group over disagreement







DUSTIN

R.I.P. BARB

Barbara Holland, Barb, has been all the talk since the release of Only appearing in three counted for episodes of the eight, producers and fans were surprised by sudden popularity. The actor herself, Shannon Purser, even said, "Barb

be a big deal." Although the fans are

wasn't supposed to

distraught over the death of Barb, she will not be returning for the second season of the Netflix series. But fans should not fret, the second season is said to give closure to Barb's passing. Although she came to a tragic end, her legacy lives on through the Twitmemes and Buzzfeed quizzes. R.I.P. Barb.

Stranger Things is a Netflix orig- own search to find him. inal, science-fiction/horror television series set in the 1980s. Released on July 15, 2016, the show is set in the fictional town of Hawkins, Indiana. The first episode follows the disappearance of a young boy, Will Byers, and the appearance of a psychokinetic girl, named Eleven (nicknamed "El"). As the Hawkins police conduct a search for the boy, El joins Will's

friends Lucas, Mike, and Dustin, and begins helping them in their

Throughout the eight episodes of the season, the audience is taken through extra-terrestrial currences and on a brave journey to find Will Byers. In the last episode Will is found, clinging to life. The first season's conclusion left fans asking many questions like "What happened to Will?"; "Is Barb really dead?"; and "What happens to Eleven?" All of these questions will be answered when the sec-

ond season is released on Friday, October 27.

JONBENET RAMSEY'S FATHER SUES CBS

bv: Kate McNeese / @katemcneese

The murder of JonBenet has become one of the most perennial murder mystery cases in recent American history.

Court records show John Ramsey, father of JonBenet, filed a lawsuit against CBS Corporation and those involved in the two-part documentary of the six year old's death. The special, aired in September 2016, called "The Case Of: JonBenet Ramsey," furthers supports the notion that the child beauty pageant star was murdered by her older brother Burke. The documentary recreates the Ramsey's home and highlights evidence that caused the public to point fingers at Burke, who was nine years old at the time.

On December 26, 1996 JonBenet Ramsey's body was found assaulted and strangled in the basement of her family's home in Boulder, Colorado. Patsy Ramsey, mother and also previous child beauty pageant queen, discovered a lengthy ransom note inside the family home. John found Jon-Benet's beaten body in the home's basement approximately eight hours after the child was proclaimed missing.

The death was ruled as a homicide in 1996, but resulted in no charges being pressed. The autopsy report stated that the six year-old suffered from a broken skull, but her cause of death was "asphyxia by strangulation associated with craniocerebral trauma."

Ramsey's \$750 million suit, filed last December, reopens the case after the 20 year anniversary of the child's death. Burke also filed a \$150 million defamation lawsuit against CBS Corporation when the special was broadcasted.





Benet Ramsey" was the catalyst in the recent lawsuit falled by the deceased girl's father. (Photo Courtest of Newsweek)

BELOW: John Ramsev (Photo Courtest of Dr. Phil)

ABOVE: The CBS documentary "The Case Of: Jon-

BRADY'S BOTTOM LINE: B.R.2049

by: Brady Smith / @_bsmith27

Blade Runner 2049 takes place 30 years after the original film with Ryan Gosling starring as LAPD Officer K.

The new Blade Runner uncovers a devastating secret that threatens to plunge society into total war. While on his investigation Officer K finds Rick Deckard, the former LAPD blade runner that has been missing for 30 years since the end of the original Blade Runner, which premiered in 1982.

Although Blade Runner 2049 is a good movie, I believe that this movie was a lazy attempt by hollywood to make money by creating a sequel that

no one asked for, using fans nostalgia to get them to buy movie tickets.

Sequels to iconic film classics, if done poorly, do not extend the movies legacy but only does damage to the original work. In the case of Blade Runner 2049, it does quite the opposite and is one of the better sci-fi reboots that have come from hollywood recently.

I give Blade Runner 2049 4.5/5 stars. The movie had a slow start with a villain that I felt played an unfulfilling role. The film contained too much self indulgences, taking a lot of time to explain unnecessary things. The visual effects and dialogue were the stars of



TOSSING THE SCRIPT: IMPRESSIVE IMPROV AT OG

by: Anna Watts / @_killa_watts

The OGHS Drama Department hosted their annual Improv Festival Saturday, September 30 in the Oak Grove High School Performing Arts Center. The festival included students from different schools in the surrounding area, including Meridian High School, Northwest Rankin, PRC, Gautier, Sumrall, and the host-team, Oak Grove.

Theatre students competed in a variety of improv-focused games for awards. Andrew O'Quinn, Bella Alberti, Amaya Aborom and Liam McCarty took home awards for the Warriors.

Other high school theatre competitions in which Oak Grove students compete can be extremely stressful, but the Improv Festival is known for being stress-free and fun.

"We [Oak Grove competition show class] always compete against these other schools and never really have a chance to talk to the other students, and All-Star winner. "Improv Fest allows us to do just that!"

Like Liam, many other student com-

petitors enjoy making friendships with students from other schools who they will likely see at other competitions throughout the year.

It is not only the competitors who have a blast at the festival; audience members such as parents and peers enjoy watching the exciting games. In one game the actors were forced to create entire scenes off the their heads all in alphabetical order. In another, said Liam McCarty, an OGHS senior the actors could only communicate with each other through dialog of only questions. The resulting scenes were as impressive as they were amusing.

IN THE

by: Bella Massenburg @bluebellaicecream

ARIES

You may be more aware of imbalances in your life this month. Moderation is the solution for an imbalanced life.

TAURUS

The change in seasons may be a drain for you. Use this month to recharge your mind and body.

GEMINI

Your impatience will be your biggest enemy this month, Gemini. Take a deep breath and let everything run its course.

CANCER

The recent world disasters may be taking a toll on you. Tvanake a break from the news station and tune into your favorite music or a good book.

LE₀

This month is a good month for you to enjoy the arts. Try visiting a live performance, maybe even on a date.

VIRGO

This is a good month for you, Virgo. Enjoy the outside nature and let your soul blossom.

LIBRA

Instead of trying to find a balance by freezing up in one spot, play around a little. Experimenting new things will help you rather than freezing up.

SCORPIO

This is a time of communication for you, Scorpio. A wonderful time for improving your thoughts.

SAGITTARIUS

This month shows much emotional distress than wanted or needed. Try to focus on yourself and handle any lingering issues from months previous.

CAPRICORN

Your plans may not turn out as planned. But don't fret, flexibility will be a huge help you realize the universe is on your side.

AQUARIUS

Avoid rushing into quick, last minute decisions. Take time to think through your conclusions clearly before diving in.

PISCES

This month, try to do the right thing. This decision does not only affect you but the people around you.

beat's hit

MILEY FINDS HER WAY BACK HOME

Miley Cyrus is giving her fans the "Best of Both Worlds" once again, but without the Hannah Montana wig. After Cyrus finished the



TV show Hannah Montana on Disney, she wanted to prove to her fans she was no longer a little girl. She even claimed on Saturday Night Live that the character Hannah Montana had been "murdered." However, she has recently started performing some of her old favorites such as "The Climb" and "Party in the U.S.A."

ENTERTAINMENT by: Anna Simmons / @anna_simmons TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBROKEN FANS

sixty-six year old rock star, Tom Petty died on Monday, October 2. Tom Petty had just finished his last big tour with his band, the



Heartbreakers. Petty and his crew have been filling arenas for the past 40 years, but Petty decided it was time to stop because he wanted to spend as much time as possible with his granddaughter. Little did he know his time was coming to an end. He died due to cardiac arrest, and his death is now being investigated.

GLEE STAR FACES THE MUSIC IN COURT

star, Salling, pleaded guilty on October 4 to possession of child pornography. He will be sentenced to four to seven



years behind bars. Federal investigators found over over 25,000 pictures and 600 videos on Salling's computer, thumb drives and phone, with the youngest victim being three years old. Also according to documents he must register as a sex offender, and pay \$50,000 to each victim, in addition to a few other penalties.

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