

The Roundtable

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No More Stalling, the Case is Closed

by Ashlyn Chapman

Attention ladies, gentlemen, and users of the women's restrooms. Our crisis is solved. A few months ago, I noticed that this year I had not yet used a stall that would not close. What a shock this was to me! I could not believe myself. So, being the dedicated proponent of our unfortunate situation in the women's restroom that I am, I began to recollect the data.

After surveying the four bathrooms in the main building, I quickly concluded that there were, in fact, no stalls that did not close. You heard me right ladies, gentlemen, and users of the women's restrooms – all of the stalls in the women's restrooms close. What a delight! Last year there were four stalls that could not close, and this was a terrible situation for the users of the women's restrooms because it could make a late to class. I think the lesson we learned is that the administration does care about our learning because they fixed the stalls, allowing us to get to class on time.



“Trump and North Korea” By: Ricky Seyler

The relationship between the President Trump and Kim Jong-un is incredibly volatile, to say the least. In the last month, the two have been butting heads, with the catalyst for the conflict being the airfield attack against Syria ordered by Trump. Kim Jong-un called this act unprovoked and considered it to be a reckless act of invasion. Trump responded to this by saying that the USA must build up its strength to levels that have not been seen before. VP Mike Pence stated during a visit to the Korean DMZ that strategic patience with North Korea was over. These promises have been fulfilled, as 1,000 fighter jets have been sent to team up with the Korean Air Force and in another show of force an aircraft carrier, the USS Carl Vinson, was sent to waters near the Korean Peninsula. North Korea's response to this was to order a military parade. This parade fully showcased the strength of the North Korean army, and happened on April 15th. In the parade, two types of new ICBMs were on display. The fact that North Korea has these shows that they have the capability to strike the United States. Also displayed were a new type of submarine missile as well as additional missiles. North Korea also has an incredibly large chemical weapons stockpile and an estimated 10-25 nuclear missiles. All of these put together make any sort of attempt at a first strike by the United States military. The two countries are currently at an impasse, as the landing the first strike would mean an incredibly catastrophic nuclear war involving several countries. The situation currently seems to be not actively worsening, but any sort of steps towards peace seem very far away.



Ghost in the Shell

- Rated: PG-13

- *Ghost in the Shell* follows the story of a cyber-woman named Major. She has been programmed to search for and stop terrorists and terrorists attacks in the near future. In this film, she is met with the challenge of stopping terrorists who have the ability to enter the minds of other people and control them. Along the way though, Major discovers that she wasn't always this type of cyber-woman... She begins the hunt to find out who made her this way and how she can regain the memories and people of her past.

The Fate of the Furious

- Rated: PG-13

- *The Fate of the Furious* is the eighth film in the *Fast and Furious* movies. This one focuses around the cast of previous *Fast and Furious* movies, specifically Dom and Letty. Their happy little family structure is broken apart when a mysterious new woman named Cipher threatens to tear the family apart. Cipher hopes to make Dom betray the rest of his family and cause complete and utter chaos. As the *Fast and Furious* family unites once more, they face the challenge of defeating the woman who is tearing their family apart.

Power Rangers

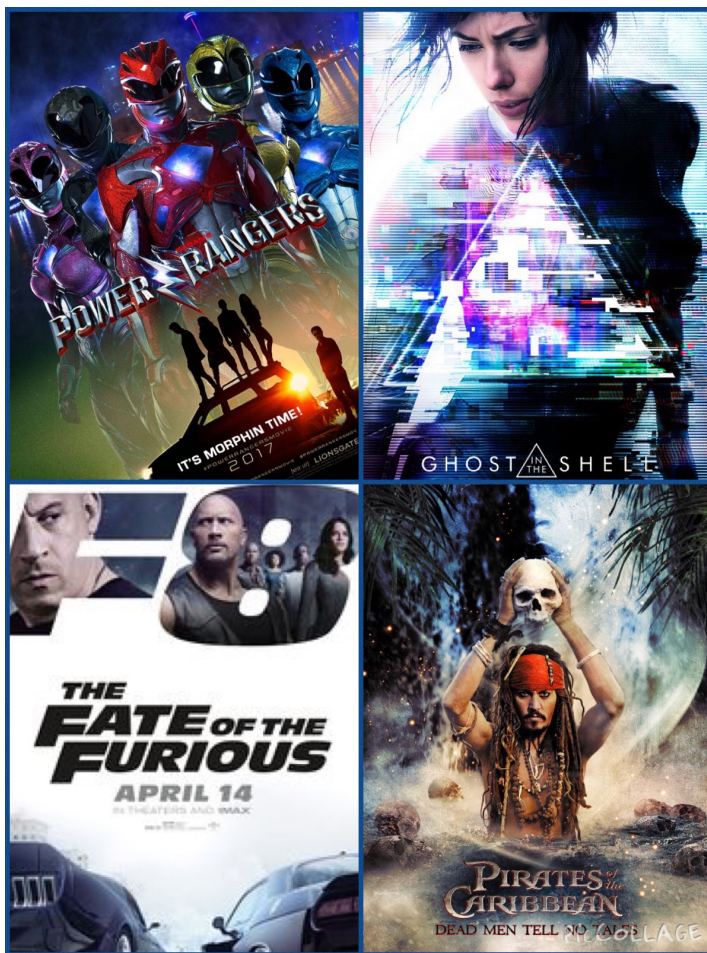
- Rated: PG-13

- This new film tells the classic story of five teenagers chosen by destiny to defend the planet against an invading alien entity. They are the only option the world has to save society and they band together to become a thrilling team of superheroes known as the Power Rangers. These teens must face their own life problems while also trying to save humanity in this exciting adventure and action film.

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales

- Rated: PG-13

- Coming to theaters May 26th, the fifth movie of the *Pirates of the Caribbean* series is filled yet again with action-packed excitement. *Dead Men Tell No Tales* focuses, yet again, on the infamous Captain Jack Sparrow as he is met by an old nemesis named Captain Salazar. Jack Sparrow begins his fight for survival by seeking out the Trident of Poseidon. Along the way, he creates allies with a young astronomer as well as a strong young man in the British navy to help him come out of this adventure alive. This movie also brings back characters from the other four movies in this exciting, much-anticipated film coming to theaters this spring.



“The Toothbrush to the Bicycle Tire” by Sarah Kay

A Literary Analysis by Kirstie Moore

*They told me that I was meant for the cleaner life;
that you would drag me through the mud.*

*They said that you would tread all over me,
that they could see right through you,*

*that you were full of hot air;
that I would always be chasing,*

*always watching you disappear after sleeker models—
that it would be a vicious cycle.*

*But I know better. I know about your rough edges
and I have seen your perfect curves.*

*I will fit into whatever spaces you let me.
If loving you means getting dirty, bring on the grime.*

*I will leave this porcelain home behind. I'm used to
twice-a-day relationships, but with you I'll take all the time.*

*And I know we live in different worlds, and we're always really busy,
but in my dreams you spin around me so fast, I always wake up dizzy.*

*So maybe one day you'll grow tired of the road,
and roll on back to me.*

*And when I blink my eyes into morning,
your smile will be the only one I see.*



<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=oVOCYgPHhY>

The poem "The Toothbrush to the Bicycle Tire" is about a relationship between a toothbrush and a bicycle. The toothbrush cares for the bicycle and all its imperfections. Their relationship can be compared to an actual human relationship. The title of the poem "The Toothbrush to the Bicycle" confuses the audience but also intrigues them to read the poem, so they can understand the significance of the title. The poem is first person point of view which helps the audience better understand how much the toothbrush loves the bicycle and its "rough edges." The point of view also helps the audience connect with the toothbrush, especially if they have a significant other that they care a lot for. I like this poem because it is a sweet love poem. It is a good love poem because even though I don't have a boyfriend, I can still appreciate the loving sentiment throughout it. It shows what a real relationship should look like with the help of a toothbrush. I like how Kay decided to use a toothbrush and bicycle instead of real humans because it gave the poem a deeper meaning which is love knows no boundaries. If a person is in love with someone then it doesn't matter what "they" think and say. My favorite line from the poem is "If loving you means getting dirty, bring on the grime." I like this line because today no one wants to stay together when the going gets tough. They want to give up and leave, but the toothbrush doesn't do that. It stays with the bicycle because it knows that that is the right thing to do. "The Toothbrush to the Bicycle Tire" is an easy poem to follow. It has an uplifting message which is to not listen to others when you know what's right. In the beginning of the poem the toothbrush explains what everybody thinks of the bicycle. However, in the middle, the toothbrush states that it "knows better" than the nay sayers. The toothbrush sees past what everyone thinks because it knows that the bicycle is actually good. The poem "The Toothbrush to the Bicycle Tire" is a positive message about love that I think many people would enjoy, and I am glad I was able to read yet another one of Kay's amazing poems.

Teacher Interviews with Sarah Greene

Mr. Reeves:

Q: *What classes did you teach this year?*

A: AP Psychology

Q: *Which was your favorite topic/unit to teach in your class this past year?*

A: Typically the disorders unit, but this year, neuroscience.

Q: *What is something you would tell your high school self if you had the opportunity?*

A: Take harder classes

Q: *Best piece of advice to any students potentially taking your class next year?*

A: Don't procrastinate and pay attention in class

(Note: I personally can second this advice; AP psychology is a breeze if you pay close attention.)

Q: *What is the funniest/weirdest thing a student has said or done in your class this year?*

A: Probably the kid who told me I was sexist for assuming that the bad handwriting, no-name papers were male. There's so many! Let me think for a minute...Oh! And the student who couldn't find number one on the practice test and so he just started at 100 and went backwards.



Mr. Wyant:

Q: *What classes did you teach this year?*

A: This year, civics and sociology.

Q: *Which was your favorite topic/unit to teach in your class this past year?*

A: Probably U.S. Constitution

Q: *What is something you would tell your high school self if you had the opportunity?*

A: Oh boy...hmm..how about..problems are never as big as you think they are.

Q: *Best piece of advice to any students potentially taking your class next year?*

A: Study for the test

Q: *What is the funniest/weirdest thing a student has said or done in your class this year?*

A: Oh my gosh...I don't know if I'll remember them all..oh! The "sixteenth Chapel"..instead of the Sistine Chapel.



Photos courtesy of Mr. Valenti/Yearbook

Book of The Month

By: Lindsey Moore

This month's spotlight focuses on an incredibly important book: *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher. It follows the story of Hannah Baker, a 17 year old girl who creates a set of 13 tapes chronicling the events leading up to her suicide. Each tape corresponds to a certain person and event in Hannah's life. Before her death, she sends the tapes to the first person on her list of reasons. With the set of tapes, she includes instructions to pass the tapes on to each person on the list. She also includes a map of places around her small town that were important in making her decision. When the story begins, Clay Jensen, a friend of Hannah's, receives the tape on his doorstep. Readers follow him around town as he listens to the tapes and comes to term with Hannah's death.

The formatting of the story was unique and interesting. We receive both the perspective of Hannah, the narrator, and Clay, the listener, which creates an interesting relationship between the characters and the reader. Clay listens to the tapes on an outdated Walkman from the 90's. This retro aspect of the story was pretty cool. The book also includes a map of Hannah's destinations from the tapes. There is even a YouTube channel for the book with a playlist of audio from each tape. Listening to the tapes along with Clay really helps the reader become more immersed in the story of Hannah.

In March, a TV series for *Thirteen Reasons Why* premiered on Netflix. Like the chapters in the book, each tape received its own episode. The acting in the show was both entertaining and heart wrenching. I read and watched *Thirteen Reasons Why* over spring break, and it was a great experience. The book and the show really demonstrate the necessity of simply being kind to those around you. You never know how an action as simple as discussing or spreading a rumor can hurt or change someone.

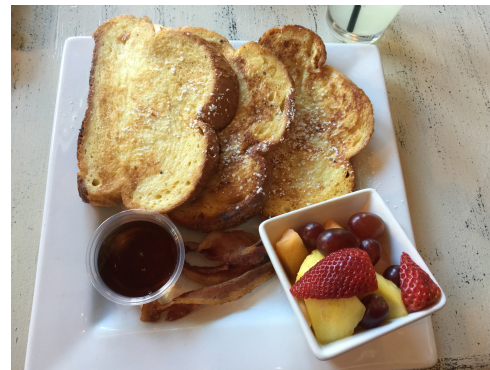
I hope you will check out *Thirteen Reasons Why* through the book or the Netflix series. The story does deal with some heavy topics like suicide, sexual assault, and bullying, but it was a great story that will make you laugh and cry, while also changing your perspective on life. Spread some kindness this May, and have a great rest of your month. We've almost made it though another year of school!

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Restaurant Review: Block Bistro

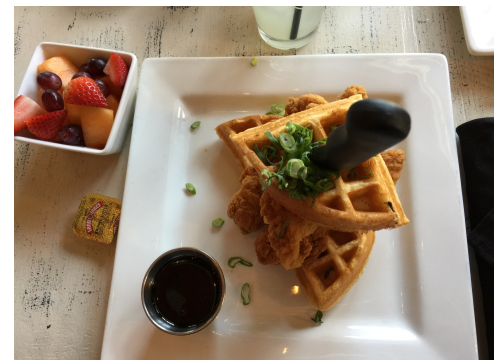
By: Katie Scherner

Block Bistro is a small, quaint restaurant that is a great place to eat brunch or dinner. Although they have lunch on their website, they did not have it at all when I went there. But, I did try the brunch, and it was delicious. I had the french toast, which was light and airy, and filled with flavor. It is even better with the syrup they provide. You can also add a side with your meal at an additional cost, and I chose the fruit. The fruit was very sweet. On my next visit, I decided to order the chicken and waffles. They were excellent, and the red pepper infused syrup that it comes with is perfect. In my opinion, the presentation of both meals was very creative. Overall, the atmosphere is great, and the wait staff is kind. The outside of the building is a Louisiana style façade, and it's located in a neighborhood, which makes it a hidden gem. Although I haven't tried their dinner, I'm sure it's amazing, and I look forward to going back soon!



French Toast- 3 sliced of challah bread dipped in a spiced batter and toasted with a side of bacon

Chicken and Waffles- Belgium waffle and breaded chicken drizzled with a red pepper infused syrup and topped with green onion.



The Lady Knights Lacrosse team had a fairly successful season. They went 2-6 in conference and played a lot of close games. Additionally, the entire team loves their new coach, Catherine Hart, and they were very excited to actually play on the school's home field this year. They have a very close team that seems to get along very well and work well together on the field. Their season is currently winding down and they had a super fantastic senior night recently. Thanks for coming out and supporting them this season and be sure to continue to support them through the end of their season and next year!

The Men's Tennis Team has had a successful season so far with a 7-3 record overall and a 5-2 record in conference, with their only losses being to Forestview and Southpoint. They have yet to play Stuart Cramer and are waiting to play them to determine whether or not they will go to team playoffs. The conference individual tournament was on April 26th and the team sent six players to that. They also think that they have a very good chance of sending a few players to the regional tournament. Drew Palasick, one of the juniors on the tennis team, talked about how well they are doing this season, saying "Our season so far has been really strong, better than the last two years, and I've seen a lot of improvement with new players that we really haven't seen before." The team has taken things really seriously this year because of their talent and are doing their best to go far in the conference tournament. Additionally, they are a very young team with five freshmen and no seniors, so they only have the chance to improve. They have a very spirited team environment as they have nicknames for each other and they watch and encourage each other during their matches, unlike a lot of other teams. Go support them in their last few matches if you can and be sure to go see them next year!

The Lady Knights Soccer Team has had a very successful season so far as their record is 10-3. This year the team has really been able to bond on

and off the field. They go to Ultimate Athlete every week where they work with a team trainer who helps them get in shape and bond over how hard they work there. They also show team spirit with their style. One of the team captains, Olivia Masterton, says that they "decided as a team to get white crocs so that we could look fly walking up to all our games and look intimidating down the school hallways." The team really appreciates their coaches, Valenti and TK, for doing all they can every practice and game to help the players improve as a team and individually. The team hopes to do well in the state competition and Olivia told me, "I'm so proud of everything we've accomplished this year and I know we will only be able to do more and more as a solid team throughout playoffs." The Lady Knights Soccer team has been known to do very well in playoffs and expects to make it far again so go out and support them in the state competition! Go Lady Knights!

*Pictured: Shannon Lunny,
Sophomore*



Photos courtesy of Mr. Valenti/Yearbook

FOUR YEARS IN REVIEW: *Seniors' Advice*

Article By Gabrielle Porter

1.) If you could give 2 pieces of advice to the underclass men/future seniors, what would it be?

Enjoy your senior year, stay focused on school but have some fun and remember to make it a year to remember. (2) Make new friends and try different things but don't forget about the friends you had first.

-Alyssa Elting

I only have one piece of advice: try to control senioritis.

-Carson Poindexter

Do not procrastinate and if you are going to take AP classes, make sure you know what you are getting yourself into.

-Anonymous 1

Don't let senioritis get the best of you but still know how to have fun in your high school years because once its gone its gone.

-Marissa Romeo

Take CPCC classes. Prioritize your time.

-Grace Gentry

2.) As a graduating senior, what is one thing you would request the administration do differently or improve upon in future years to help their students?

Potentially changing the time that school starts. Even if just pushed back until 8:15 or 8:30, that would help out students like me who work late and live 45 minutes away.

-Schuyler Rowe

Bullying and harassment isn't always taken as seriously by administrators as it should be.

-Mary Grace Johnson

I would like to see the teachers do more with Black History Month. I know we have the contest and sometimes the fun facts on the announcements, but I think that there could be more done. Some more focus on Autism Awareness would be good as well.

-Sydney Simmons

The creation of after school programs, or letting students who are always late being picked up to go back inside. I remember it was snowing and my mother couldn't pick me up. So while students who didn't go outside (claiming to have had clubs, or

were still inside long after clubs were over) sat inside while the rest of us were out in the cold.

-Stephanie Carrillo

It would be nice if administration would talk to each other to try to plan tests/quizzes so that they don't overlap as often, because that still happens even with the current test schedule.

-Bobby Jones

The school should look into ROTC military training classes. Most CMS schools have it yet we don't.

-Anonymous 3

3.) What is your favorite high school memory?

Probably participating in the talent show last year. From hanging out before hand in rehearsals, to playing games in the art rooms, to the fire alarm going off and having to evacuate because Mr. I used the smoke machine, the talent show was so much fun. A lot of my classes have many little memories but that's probably the best!

-Maggie Haas

When we were freshmen year and were doing our first spirit week; everyone dressed up so ridiculously that it was hilarious.

-Stacy Burton

I had a lot of fun going to Disney World on the band trip. Getting my class ring was also great.

-Emma Hoffmann

[Agreeing with Emma] The senior class trip to Universal Studios was awesome too!

-Kelsey Palmer

I would say my favorite high school memory is still in the making. I think my signing day in May will be my favorite high school memory.

-Nick Nail

My personal favorite memory was freshmen year when we had a pep rally that involved Mr. Willets and Mr. Bates (I think) wrestling in a sumo suit. I would like to personally congratulate all my fellow seniors on making it this far! Graduation is right around the corner!

Note: Some quotations have been edited for length or clarity

Music This Month

By: Rhea Jain

I feel like I write about Frank Ocean every month so, this month I decided to spare you all. Instead, I am going to suggest the music of another legend: Kendrick Lamar. Lamar released his fourth studio album this month, on April 14th. The album is the best selling album of 2017 so far and has surpassed even Lamar's own previous sales records. With the popular single HUMBLE as a preview for the album, fans anxiously anticipated the release of Kendrick's album. Kendrick Lamar performed new songs from the album at Coachella during which he amazed fans while hanging in mid-air during his performance of PRIDE.

On another note, Lana del Rey released a new single titled *Lust for Life*. On April 19th, the singer suddenly released the song which features The Weeknd. Del Rey has already done 3 collaborations with The Weeknd and each one portrays the striking and intriguing contrast between the characters the two singers embody. *Lust for Life* has a distinct indie sound that reminds fans of the classic Lana that is exciting for fans who have been waiting since her last studio album *Honeymoon* released in 2015.

Another artist to recognize for this month is Harry Styles. Former One Direction star released his first solo track *Sign of the Times* on April 7th. Now before you make judgments because a One Direction member *can't possibly* make good music, *Sign of the Times* is vastly different from the One Direction sound. Styles has truly reinvented himself with the new single and the new side of Harry Styles has attracted many new fans. His album should be released May 12th and if *Sign of the Times* is any indication, it is something to look forward to.



<https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/entertainthis/2017/04/07/harry-styles-releases-sign-of-the-times/100160100/>

HOROSCOPES: The Signs as Things my Teachers Have Said

By: Savannah Bost

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) "No, Ronald Reagan stays here. He'll be fine." -Ms. Wiehl

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) "I'm pro banning veganism." -Mr. Awbrey

Pisces (February 19- March 20) "I bought everyone Rubbermaid for Christmas." -Ms. Wiehl

Aries (March 21- April 19) "I make juggling look easy, but it's not." -Mr. Seneca

Taurus (April 20-May 20) "I'm grumpy because some bozo just hit me in the head with a paper airplane."
-Ms. Maskell

Gemini (May 21-June 20) "Not to be rude, but I really don't care." -Ms. Wiehl

Cancer (June 21-July 22) "If someone drops a nuke I'm running towards it." -Mr. Steele

Leo (July 23-August 22) "My favorite comedian is Donald Trump." - Mr. Awbrey

Virgo (August 23-September 22) "I miss my ex's dog more than I miss my ex." -Mr. Seneca

Libra (September 23-October 22) "This is history class, not feelings class." -Mr. Russel

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) "Canadians don't have heritage." -Mr. Awbrey

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) "I don't mean to roast you, but that was really bad." -Ms. McNeilly