The Track Team
By Samantha Stone

“Running will take you places.” Mr. Strasser has enforced this motto among the many students on the Eleanor Roosevelt Track Team. The new track season began on March 3rd and many students got involved. According to the team, not only will running literally take you places but it will give each student a good basis in athletics that will help them each grow as a person. The team is split into a variety of events. The students are chosen for different events based on their strengths and weaknesses. The events are sprinting, distance, relay, long jump, triple jump, high jump, race walk, steeple chase, shot put, and discuss.

These events all require an extremely amount of dedication and talent. This does not mean however, that track is not something that anyone could adopt an appreciation and/or passion for. Like many other things, it takes a lot of practice and commitment. It is something that anyone could take an interest in and sooner or later become very skilled at. The team welcomes newcomers of all skill-levels and only requires that the student be committed to the practices and meets. If running is not your thing, you can still participate by going to the meets.

Anne Marie Suchanek is a junior at Eleanor Roosevelt and is on the track team for the third year in a row. She has won many events since she was a freshman and vastly enjoys running track. “I’m a sprinter. I run the 100 and 200 meter dash, as well as the 400 meter sprint. Track requires a runner to exert a lot of energy and power for a short period of time. The races require tremendous amounts of agility and swiftness. The sprinters on the team work hard to run as fast as possible and be light on our feet to outrun our competitors,” Suchanek says.

She and Samantha Brumer, new junior, were semi-finalists in the Manhattan Borough Championships. Many students have placed in a variety of other competitions as well. It is obvious that the students on the team are all in good athletic condition and have talent in this sport. However, the students on the team participate for a bunch of other reasons. “Track is one big happy family,” Brumer proclaims. “Track is really fun everyone is friendly to each other,” adds another junior, Julien Lombardi. The students all really enjoy working together in order to make our school stand out in this sport.

The first track meet was on March 22nd in Randals Island. The team encourages the rest of the school to come and support them at the meets. If running is not your thing, you can still participate by going to the meets.

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What do you get when you set two revolutionary candidates after the same democratic nomination? Astuteness, enthusiasm, and an ever present set of glinting proverbial claws. Senators Barack Obama and Hilary Clinton, both reassuringly competent political figures in their own right, have face each other in dozens of verbal tussles, making batalish attempts at civility before throwing courtesy to the wind. Debates rage, both candidates countering controversial matters, wielding stances ad solutions that have begun to sound alarmingly similar.

The selection of the democratic nominee is attracting even more attention than usual, with both candidates representing different types of social evolution. Both applicants, while not the first candidates to attempt the feat, are the initial serious contenders to try for the democratic nomination. Both of these political powerhouses pose a serious threat to the over-fifty, White, Christian, Male image that has held the position of presidency since the country’s conception. This has persuaded many voters to cast their ballot for “The Black” or “The Female” candidate, without paying much attention to the candidates’ opinions or platforms.

Through countless meetings and press conferences on both sides, it’s clear that both figures are pushing blatantly liberal agendas, on issues as diverse as abortion to the debate regarding genocide in western Sudan. Recently, both candidates’ aggressive messages to each other have been throwing fuel on the already wild blaze. When speaking to crowds in Ohio, Senator Clinton used the nation’s recent display of indecisiveness to her advantage. While also highlighting on her opponents lack of political experience, the female nominee hinted that she might take on her adversary as the second in command, and attempt to soothe the countries schism by saying "you may not have to choose."

“That may, you know, be where this is headed, but of course we have to decide who’s on the top of ticket,” the former First Lady said with a chuckle on CBS television. Obama fired back using wit, facts, and a bit of common sense to nix the idea of “The Democratic Dream Team.” “I’ve won twice as many states as Senator Clinton. I’ve won more of the popular vote than Senator Clinton I have more delegates than Senator Clinton. I don’t know how somebody who’s in second place, is offering the vice presidency to somebody who’s in first place.” He said yesterday while addressing a crowd in Mississippi.

Recently, the young candidate has become the front-runner of the race, sweeping up states with the ease and grace of someone who has been involved with politics for twenty years rather than six or seven. Each candidate has their has their own show of devoted support in different areas of the nation, both selected by their own respective states, New York and Illinois, in the obsessively publicized super Tuesday.

In recent weeks, the selection of the nominee has come down to the preferences of the state delegates, whipping both candidates into a collecting frenzy. Both senators have dedicated weeks and finances to sway delegates to their side, resembling children marking territory on the playground. When the dust finally and completely settles, the ultimate question will still remain: Who will we actually vote for?

**The EI Ro Mock Election**

By Morgan Long

New York City is a notoriously liberal city. If you have ever seen a red and blue map of the United States, New York is just another place that falls into the red and blue divided nation. As educated youth, Students Raising Political Awareness (SRPA) aims to make sure Eleanor Roosevelt doesn’t blindly fall into this blue area.

About a couple of months ago, SRPA came around to all the advisories in the school and conducted an experiment. Students were given one sheet with candidates listed A-G and their stance on the issues. Students were given directions at the top of this hand out to write who they wanted to become president. SRPA’s motive was to see how much the media and society influence our opinions. The school was in for a shockingly contradictory result.

On the part where students named who they would like to see as president in 2008, the school’s vote came out as predicted. Barack Obama held the majority with a whopping 53.9% while Hilary Clinton came in second with 40%. John McCain had a minuscule 4.3% of the vote. All other candidates were virtually ignored. On the other hand, the part where student were asked to make their choice based solely on the issues—the results were astounding.

Mike Gravel has the large majority in Eleanor Roosevelt with 48% of the students’ votes. Barack Obama trailed behind him with 19.8% of the school’s vote and Hilary Clinton came in with 16%. Mitt Romney claimed 9.2% of the student vote, which was 9.2% more of the vote than he had on the other half of the experiment. John McCain remained rather consistent, polling in with 5.3% of Eleanor Roosevelt’s vote.

Personally, when analyzing these results, a lot of emotions surface. Originally, when proposing a club to Ms. Elliot, I wanted it to be the Mike Gravel Club. Few people were eager about the idea because they had never heard about him. I consistently was told, “he’s never going to win.” And you know what? They’re all right and it’s strictly based on that attitude. Through doing a poll of our school, we were able to see in the blind election that the majority of students agreed with Gravel’s views on the issues.

Hopefully, based on these results the students of Eleanor Roosevelt will second-guess themselves. Instead of making assumptions of who is going to be president, students will begin to make a decision on their own. When there are less conclusions and more questions about the information being fed to us, we will come closer to an absolute truth. This truth has to be found and not given to us.

**REVEREND WRIGHT AND OBAMA**

By Mei Nga Wang

Reverend Wright, a former preacher and good friend of Barack Obama, recently gave an acid sermon about the rich, white people of America. He insulted Clinton and said that she does not know anything about how African Americans felt. He said, “Barack knows what it means living in a country and a culture that is controlled by rich white people. Hillary would never know that. Hillary ain’t never been called a********. Hillary has never had a people defined as a non-person.” His rough language in the sermon expresses his deep-set resentment for white people. This sermon has been caught on tape and has offended many people.

Should Reverend Wright’s strong feelings about race affect the way we look at Obama as a candidate running for president? The two of them are supposedly really good friends, thus the reverend must be a very influential person in Obama’s life. After all, he was the man who preached to Obama and Michelle in the Trinity United Church of Christ for 20 years. He was also the man who married Obama and his wife, Michelle. Obama has disagreed with the reverend’s views.

It appears as if the reverend is advertising Obama. He reveres his old friend and, detests Clinton. Reverend Wright is an inspirational person to many people that go to his sermon; he is influencing these people, who look up to him, to vote for Obama. He should be allowed to support whomever he wants in the elections but, he should not be allowed to alter other people’s thoughts about who should win.
Stepping into Summer Style
Perri Haynes

Even though its not quite 75 degrees and sunny just yet, and the cloudless blue skies have been deceiving us for some weeks now, it will not be long until the weather becomes completely warm and its time to put away our hoodies and boots and trade them for flats and colorful tops.

Spring is the time when we can all finally step up our outfits because we do not have to worry about being cold in a thin t-shirt or worrying about our feet getting wet in the snow because you decided to wear your cute flats. This season, the trends are better than ever and now is the time to try something new.

Lets start from the bottom up. I know everyone loves their ballet flats and flip flops for warm weather, but its time to step it up. Gladiator sandals and cute braided leather sandals are the latest footwear trend and you can find them to be cute and surprisingly affordable. Sandals are the latest footwear trend and you can find them by Marc Jacobs or from Forever 21. Another accessible option on the cheap and nobody can tell whether they are Marc Jacobs sandals are the latest footwear trend and you can find them.

When it comes to pants and skirts, try something new instead of the plain old skinny jeans. While those are still cute, anything from a plain Hanes t-shirt or a printed scarf and some cool jewelry. Peasant tops are out and the more casual "I don't care what I look like, but secretly I do" look in. T-shirts add comfort to a bad Monday morning and by adding a chic oversized cardigan, a scarf and a necklace, your look is casual and put together.

Trends are important if you care about style, but the most important aspect of a wardrobe is a sense of confidence and individuality. Wear whatever makes you happy.

PHILOSOPHY YOUTH SYMPOSIUM
By Zoey Peresman

Is life a dream? On Sunday March 9th, some lucky Elro students and I attended the Philosophy Youth Symposium in order to find a way to approach, and possibly to answer this question. The event, which was intended to serve as “a gathering of metropolitan area high school students who are interested in large questions,” was held at the Philosophy Day School/School of Practical Philosophy.

Led by one of our own teachers at ElRo, Howard Schott, who also teaches at the School of Practical Philosophy, the symposium was a smashing success! It was in the format of a group discussion; around 20 teenagers (and a few teachers) sat in a circle and shared our views. This setup was a very clever one, since it is easier to communicate with others when you are in an intimate group setting with them. Mr. Schott is a master storyteller and leader, and these qualities helped the discussion flow freely. Being able to meet other students who, like myself, are curious about and interested in the nature of the world and humanity was both enlightening and inspiring.

Many people think about the world around them but either keep their thoughts to themselves or let them fade away. Studying philosophy is an excellent way to make sure that this does not happen, for each new question and topic that is brought up is sure to stir a reaction within oneself. I personally benefited from attending the Philosophy Youth Symposium because it helped give me new ways to look at the world and form my own opinions. For example, before attending the symposium, the concept of life as a dream seemed far-fetched to me. However, after the discussion, my mind was opened to the ways in which, by being closed-minded, we are partially asleep. It is important to share your ideas, because the world is made up of the visions of its people.

Another Youth Symposium will be held later into the school year, so make sure to attend so that you can form and gain perspective. This is a master storyteller and leader, and these qualities helped the discussion flow freely. Being able to meet other students who, like myself, are curious about and interested in the nature of the world and humanity was both enlightening and inspiring.

You are moving into a new chapter of your life and you need to prepare for high school.

While you are a student at ElRo you should:

Do ALL of the homework that has been assigned to you by your teachers because there is a reason for every single assignment.

Use an agenda and don’t fall behind on your work

Use the time in class that the teachers give you very wisely for example (During free time start any homework that is due for the next day)

Take advantage of the writing center and extra help sessions that the school offers

Make sure that you maintain your individuality and follow the goals that you have set for yourself.

Join as many clubs or after school activities as possible, because they will help you meet new friends and will benefit you when you go to college.

Write a letter to yourself at the beginning or end of the year and bury a memory box so you can look back on the changes you’ve achieved through high school.

VOLLEYBALL
By Chelsea Getz

This past year, Eleanor Roosevelt High School has seen an increasing number of school groups, especially in the area of sports. The most recent sports club to be added to these activities is the newly formed girls’ volleyball club. Coached by Ms. Danielle Valenti, the team began practicing in mid-March. They hope to form an official team next fall and the club will eventually become a girl’s varsity team.

In the mean time, the volleyball team has committed to practice four days a week before school, meeting in the gym of Lycée Français at seven o’clock in the morning. If students are interested in joining the team, speak to Ms. Valenti or show up at the York Avenue entrance of Lycée Français.

Come To The ERHS Shakespeare Play!
Midsummer Night’s Dream
JUNE 13 AT 6:30 PM IN THE ELRO AUDITORIUM
Production is Entirely Student Run!
Critic’s Corner:

Neighborhood Spotlight:

Chinatown!
By Mei Nga Wang

Chinatown has got to be one of the liveliest places in all of New York. Everywhere in the town, there’s a burst of culture. There’s Chinese food, Chinese clothes, Chinese hats, and of course Chinese people. Chinatown is not only the one neighborhood most visited by tourists, but it’s also an important home to Chinese culture in America. Chinatown is probably best known for its food. There are vendors everywhere on the street selling noodles and fish balls. The restaurants are crowded with people buying lo mein or fried rice. Plus, the dumplings are fantastic. No joke. They are out of this world. What would Chinatown be without its dumplings? The food here, in general, is delicious and cheap. You can get a good, filling meal for less than 4 dollars. If you went somewhere else, like McDonalds or Burger King, a normal meal is around 8 dollars. Chinatown is the best!

There are restaurants with hot pots, where you can cook your own food. At these places, diners are given pots of raw food in bowls on the table, and you pick what you want to eat and put it into the hot pot. Then, when the food is fully cooked, you take it out and eat it. It’s really cool.

In other restaurants, there are people pushing wooden carts around stacked with food. You just sit at your table and wait for someone to come around with a certain cart, and you choose what you want to eat. There are specific carts for each type of food. Ladies dressed up in red uniforms push around desert carts, noodle carts, rice carts, and so much more. And, the food is yummilicious! It’s all a pretty cute idea.

Bubble tea!! This is the best drinks in the world. It’s available in most bakeries in Chinatown and is one of the most ordered drinks. Bubble tea is basically a drink containing milk tea (lai-ta-In Chinese), sugar, and black tapioca pearls. But, if you don’t like milk tea, you can order other flavors like strawberry, cantaloupe, watermelon, green tea and a lot more. The unique thing about bubble tea that sets it apart from other soft drinks are the tapioca pearls. They’re so fun to eat because you suck them up the big, wide straw. You need to try it to love it. Chinatown is the best! I can never get enough of all the bustling culture and life. It is definitely one of the hottest tourist spots in the world.

A Walk to Remember
By Nicholas Sparks
Reviewed by Mei Nga Wang

A Walk to Remember is one of the best books I have ever read in my entire life. It is a typical boy meets girl story, but with its own twist. Landon Carter is a supposed bad boy who falls in with the town saint, Jamie Sullivan. Landon would never expect to ever be with a girl like Jamie, but somehow he has managed to totally fall or her. A Walk to Remember is a moving story of accidental love and it is definitely a book worth reading. It will make you laugh and cry.

I personally found the movie to be a lot better and I found this surprising because I usually like textual versions of stories better. I felt that the dialogue and the relationships were more authentic and interesting in the move.

This book is really old and has been popular ever since it came out. I remember I tried to read it once in 4th grade but I found it boring at the time. But now that I have actually tried to read it again, I can tell why it was so well liked.

The Taste of Public School:
Reviewing Lunch Options at ERHS

By Cindy Li

It’s 11:04, and it’s time for lunch, the long awaited period by most. Though if you are a senior or a junior, lunch starts at around 11:40. As usual there are three ways that people spend their lunch time eating:

1. Outside. You are the type that totally despises cafeteria food and would not trade that pizza slice or Chinese food for a downgrade version of what you can buy everyday. Of course, we are at that certain age where it would seem cool to dine outside, so consider that half the population of each grade.

2. Packed lunch. Your mom or dad prepares your lunch special. They are custom made to your likings, and are quite healthy and free of grease. You would never worry whether or not you have enough money for a restaurant or whether the food you are craving is unavailable.

3. Inside. This is totally me. And if you’re like me, you are probably too lazy to go outside or waste any money when you can get it for free in school. Of course there are days when the lunch is not that appealing, but that does not mean the entire week’s dishes are not appetizing.

For those who do eat inside or who, once in a while, try out the food they serve in school, here are a few pointers from someone who eats in everyday.

Good Food

Main dishes
• Chicken- Probably the best part of the entire menu. It is roasted chicken breast with honey glaze over it. Sometimes, if you’re lucky you’ll get a good moist piece but the dry ones are fine if you try it with ketchup.
• Pizza- It is certainly not the same type that you can buy for two dollars at La Mia or Gotham Pizzas’s, but I find it to be a good lunch to fill an empty stomach. In my opinion, the best pizzas are the rectangle and triangle ones. There is something about the texture of the round pizzas that gives off a bland taste.
• Chicken Fingers- Two words: Fast food. It is not McDonald’s chicken McNuggets, but it pretty close and it tastes delicious and contrary to some urban legends, they are edible.
• Build your own tacos- What more can I say? But these are rare to find in the school year, if I am correct, they only occur twice in a school year. We had them during the week of March 23rd.

Appetizers/Side Dishes
• French Fries- They are just good, though there are days that the fries are cold.
• Hash Browns- The taste is great, they are toasted on the exterior and have soft potato bits on the inside. I would actually buy this if it were at a store, but why buy something when you can get the same thing for free?
• Rice- It goes great with the chicken, and is probably the best side dish, but I may be a bit biased here.

Bad Food

Main dishes
• Beef Patty- I can go on forever discussing what I do not like about this lunch. Long story short, just open up the inside, look at the meat and you will get my point.
• Ravioli- Some might argue that this should be on the ‘Good List’, but it does not cut the bill in my opinion. See Beef Patty for my reason.
• Fish- Something smells fishy. There is something about the aftertaste of this dish that makes me make a silly face.

Appetizers/Side Dishes
• Potato Fries- Unlike French Fries, there is too much of a potato taste, it is almost like eating mashed potatoes with your fingers.

These are my two cents, my suggestions, and my favorites but I am also known to be a picky eater around my family, so do not let what I wrote stop you from eating what you like. And a good point for those who do eat in the lunch room, get on line quick, because everything is on a first come, first serve basis. Bon Appétit.
MTA Hikes: What is Left for a Teen to Do?

By Chelsea Getz

When MTA New York City Transit proposed an increase in subway fares to take place in 2008, most students were not concerned. An increase in prices could only effect them on weekends, or after their three rides were used up. Students are already aware of how much getting around in the city costs.

Because Eleanor Roosevelt students are located throughout the city, the costs of metro cards seriously effects how much time they spend with their friends on weekends or after the hours of student cards are over. The money students spend just to get together and go to the movie theater with friends piles up. So how much will a fare increase really affect us?

As far as the base fares for metro cards are concerned, the new price of the MTA has not change at all. The base fare remains at the current $2.20 for a single ride. However, on Pay-Per-Ride Metro Cards, the 20 percent bonus with the purchase or addition of $10 or more is decreased to 15% with the purchase of $7 or more. This means every time a passenger rides the subway, they pay ten cents more than the current fare. This may not seem like much, but think about how often you get on a subway and you’ll realize that the prices add up.

For riders who are using any Unlimited Passes, the increase really begins to hit hard. A one-day pass, which used to cost $7, experienced a $0.50 increase in price. The Weekly Pass cost rose from $24 to $25, and the 30-day Unlimited Ride increased by $5; it now costs $81 instead of $76. However, the MTA seems to be trying to make amends for these hikes in prices by introducing a 14-day Unlimited Ride that costs $47. They are also keeping the 7-day Express Bus fare at its original price of $41, and the MTA also considered a proposal to lower the bonus onset from $10 to $7 at its meeting on January 30.

Luckily for students (along with senior citizens and the disabled), the reduced fare policies hasn’t changed. During the school week, students hardly notice the change. However, be prepared to pay up on weekends when you go out shopping or to stay with friends. The new fares went into operation on March 2, 2008.

Merry Very For

Pinkberry is a frozen yogurt shop that began in California and has spread to New York City. There are 12 store locations in the city now. The shop offers frozen yogurt, shaved ice and smoothies. The frozen yogurt is available in original, green tea, and coffee flavors. Coffee is a new addition to the Pinkberry menu. Before coffee was put on the menu there were not any common options. When coffee was added to the variety, Pinkberry showed its attempts at attracting more customers. However, the coffee frozen yogurt is my least favorite at Pinkberry. I think it was an unnecessary move for the Pinkberry company to make. The coffee yogurt takes away from the uniqueness of the shop. If you do want coffee, however, I suggest swirling it with plain.

Pinkberry is very nutritious. There are no more than 90 calories in anything on the menu and there is absolutely no fat. The healthy aspect of the shop is another thing that brings customers to the many locations. Another thing that the majority of its customers like about the store is the décor, which is designed by Young Lee Design. The floors are pebble and the interior design is extremely contemporary.

I happen to love the style of the store, but there are some people who feel it is too much like California and takes away from the scene of New York. Another problem some people have with Pinkberry is the price. It is considered pretty expensive by the general public. Despite this, I love pinkberry and recommend everyone giving it try.


PERSONAL FAVORITES:

GREEN TEA WITH CHOCOLATE CHIPS, STRAWBERRY, AND PINEAPPLE PLAIN WITH RASPBERRY, KIWI, AND CAP’N CRUNCH

A GOOD COFFEE MIX IS:

cap’N CRUNCH, BANANAS, AND MOCHI

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MUSIC MIX

HARD CANDY

BY MADONNA

REVIEWED BY ARIEL HENRIQUEZ

Madonna’s highly anticipated album, Hard Candy, is being released on April 29, 2008. This album will be Madonna’s 11th album. Thankfully, Madonna’s music style changes with each album, giving her audience a little bit of all types of music.

Confessions On A Dance Floor was themed around disco beats, while Hard Candy will be her sweet approach to expression- R & B. Some of the most infamous R & B producers, including Timbaland and Pharrell are working with Madonna to produce one of her most memorable albums yet, featuring one of today’s most infamously known Timberlake.

Her recently released single, a teaser entitled 4 Minutes, featuring Justin Timberlake and Timbaland, is a great surprise. The song is balanced by a hip-hop and symphonious upbeat tempo and, it was definitely a daring move for the Pop Queen’s first single. The single has fortunately received great reviews! Madonna’s Hard Candy will definitely blow you away, once again.

GUNWHALE

ELRO’s OWN LOCAL BAND

BY YARDLEY PERESMAN

On Saturday, April 5th, Gunwhale played an amazing set at the Bowery Poetry Club. Gunwhale consists of Eleanor Roosevelt’s own Dan Safdie, Sorin Grigore and Dan Pease. The concert also featured The Archetypes and The Mars Nardo, two bands that paled in comparison to Gunwhale’s victorious introduction to the show. The trio performed some of their more popular songs, such as “Chunga Junk,” but also included newer songs which have moods ranging from the heavier “Joshua” to the lighthearted “On.”

“Chunga Junk” was a little bit of all types of music. It was a memorable show.

We were nervous because this was our first performance as a band,” said Gunwhale drummer Mark DeNardo. “However, all nerves seemed to disappear as the band took the stage. Their flawless transitions and syncopated rhythms kept the audience enthralled. Many Eleanor Roosevelt students attended the concert, and everyone had something positive to say. ‘I thought it was awesome,’ said Jerry Tan.

Laura Rossi added, “I liked their confidence on stage. They did not seem nervous and were definitely not afraid to express themselves.” The band also seemed to enjoy themselves as they played, adding to the enthusiastic nature of the set.

“It was a lot of fun. It felt great that all of our friends came to see the show,” said bassist Dan Pease. The band finished with “The Solid Dislodge,” a perfect finale to a memorable show.

Though Sorin Grigore, Dan Safdie, and Dan Pease have been playing together since 9th grade, they only officially became a band this year. Their influences include The Mars Volta and Radiohead. All of Gunwhale’s songs are written by Grigore, and the band also produces their own music with Safdie as the Recording Engineer. They can be found playing at the www.facebook.com/pages/Gunwhale/907723939?ref=ts site, where you can hear live concert footage and see videos.
Budget Schmudget

By Kyra Gembka

Earlier in the year, administration, parents, and students were faced with an obstacle to achieving better education within New York City public schools. Due to problems within the economy, Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Former Governor Eliot Spitzer reduced the budgets for public schools.

Schools were forced to cut their budgets by 1.75 percent, losing anywhere from $9,000 to $447,587. Even worse, if the economy continues to decline, budgets will decrease by an even higher percent next year. Public schooling has only begun to improve and now this fear of digression rather than progression for improved education has been culminated throughout the city.

Principals now have the dilemma of deciding what to take out of their education programs in order to properly fulfill the budgets. This in turn will cause many students to be denied access to numerous possibilities which would have improved the value of their education. The reactions to this cut have not been silent. Many principals have sent out complaints to the Board of Education and numerous parents have protested. However, the people who are being directly affected are the students.

Although the budget cut may cut may be an unavoidable hindrance, without action of the students, those in charge will never understand the disappointment of the students. After all, shouldn’t the people who are most affected be the most passionate? As high school students, we are of the age to be reasonable and knowledgeable enough to stand up to a superior figure (whether it be a number or a person) if we feel neglected. A loss of money in the school is going to cut down on the opportunities and resources available for high school success. This issue can only be defeated if we commit to our hopes and make them a reality.

Jolly Juniors!

By Kelly Orellana

Junior year is definitely the most stressful and demanding of all the years that you will spend in high school. In fact, The Wall Street Journal ran an article about it a few weeks ago. There is competition, schoolwork, social life, extracurriculars, and of course, the SAT. Going through this year, I have some advice for the rising juniors: beware.

The transition from sophomore to junior year is really tough on some people, especially those taking APs. Be ready for a lot of work and make sure you balance your time. If you load up in the beginning, you’ll slack off during second semester. If you can, write out a solid schedule for yourself with hour-by-hour plans and stick to it. Also, if you run out of time at night to do your homework, don’t push yourself. Do it during lunch or in the morning, but be sure to do it. Trust me, you’ll be glad for the eight hours.

Although it may not seem like it, come September, the SAT, AP and ACT are not too far away. You should definitely start making vocabulary study cards, buy a prep book (and actually use it) and if possible, take a class or get a tutor as early as possible. The earlier you begin to study, the less stressed out you’ll feel when the tests begin to pile on in March.

Planning out your test taking schedule will be very beneficial when it comes time to applying for college because deadlines will have to be met and there are many tests to take before those deadlines and college board does not host as many testing dates as you may think. The more tests you take in junior year, the less you will have to take in senior year and you will be able to focus on your college applications instead.

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Hitting up:
The Metropolitan Museum of Art
By Isabel Stern

In this wonderfully cultured city of ours, Manhattanites hardly ever stop to just enjoy the fundamental locations of our city—including all the ones that tourists visit. There is no shame in walking down 5th avenue and indulging in the window displays, strolling through central park, gazing up at the tall, metallic structures that block out the sun, and even visiting one of my favorite childhood locales: The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The Museum has been a staple in my life even when I did not go to school at the walking distance that ElRo is at. It turned me into a young philhellenie, made me appreciate everyday beauty, and made me pretty much obsessed with the main men in my life—Alexander Hamilton and Andrew Jackson. Unfortunately, the American Wing is under construction and much of it (including the lush indoor-garden that was once there) is unavailable for visiting. It has a few exhibits on display but if you are not interested in a lot of old swords and urns then the current presentation wouldn’t be too exciting.

The other places that I am always sure to visit are the Wrightsman Galleries for French Decorative Arts, European Armor, and the Greek and Roman Wing, the latter and first of which were just redone last year. I could spend endless hours on the first floor alone. There is an amazing sketch artist in the sculpture garden just outside of the French rooms and simply glancing at his work will leave any passerby in awe. The second floor has Asian art, which can be a nice relief from the baroque grandeur of the European collections.

This summer, the special exhibits also hold very attractive collections. There are always banners outside of the Met, displaying the special exhibits, so you should walk by and check it out if there are ever any new ones. Last month there was a great collection of Courbet, which was both inspirational and shocking. Currently, and extending through the summer, Jeff Koons has an installation on the roof and there is a superhero costume exhibition by the Costume Institute.

Some may consider Koons’ work to not be art, especially Coloring Book (1997-2005), but I personally like Koons’ pieces, and anyone who knows my taste in artistic endeavors knows that I am typically not one for Modern stuff. There is also a giant yellow balloon dog and a big red heart with a gold bow (a sort of play on the Sacred Heart, which is the title of the piece). If you don’t get the opportunity to visit, the pieces on display and many more are available of jeffkoons.com, the artist’s website. The collection is on display until October 26.

Also this summer is Superheroes: Fashion and Fantasy, which even some guys would be interested in. The exhibit includes the original Mystique, Spiderman, Catwoman, and Batman, and many more costumes, all worn by the respective actors that held the roles. It also holds pieces inspired by superheroes and by names high up in the fashion world such as Jean-Paul Gaultier, Dolce and Gabbana, Moschino, and John Galliano for those more interested in the fashion aspect. Either way, it is worth visiting, but the weekend isn’t the greatest time as it is totally jam-packed.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is a great place to go if it is raining or any other plans fall out. If it gets nicer out, you can always have lunch on the steps of the met, where one can survey all of Fifth Avenue. Although completely worth it, the Museum can get you tuckered out, so if you visit, make sure you have no night plans. I hope everyone goes and gains a new appreciation for the beauty that it holds!

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Q: If you had to choose a grade, which grade would you choose?
A: 11th. The 9th grade is too shy, the 10th grade is going through psychological changes. The 11th grade is at just the right time and the 12th grade doesn’t feel like doing anything.

Q: What are your plans for the future?
A: To retire, lay on the sofa drinking soda and watching T.V. all day.

Q: Do you have any final words?
A: Yeah, get outta hee-ya!!!

Sorry we couldn’t get a picture of Ronald Landri, but we found his long lost brother, LaRon Landri, safety for the Washington Redskins.
Dear Alayna,

I'm having some trouble with my advisory due to the whole advisory song thing. Our advisory had a really good song but it turns out another advisory is doing the same one! We gave it to them but I think we gave it up to easily. We changed our song and then we had a really cool idea for our new song, and it turns out that they have the same good idea! It's SOOO annoying! We both have the same ideas and both advisories are accusing the other advisory of stealing the ideas! Last year, it was a lot of fun but this year its just WAY too competitive. All the fun has been sucked out and my advisory is just really divided.

Sincerely,
Steamy over songs

Dear Steamy over songs,

Just remember advisory songs are just supposed to be a friendly competition! Of course, it is fun to try hard and try to win, but really, its just a game, so don't get too worked up over it! I'm sure both of your advisories will do very well! Just remember I'm here to help!

love
Alayna

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Jolly Juniors

Taking tests is only the beginning of the college process and although it may seem like there are only a few colleges out there, there are thousands. Buying college books will guide your way through the process and help you to find what you are looking for in the place you will live for FOUR YEARS OF YOUR LIFE. Books that are written by students, such as College Prowler, will help you find a non-superficial overview of colleges that suit your images. Also, if you can, begin touring as early as possible because actually visiting these institutions will be a true look into life as college students.

Overall, junior year is hard and stressful but if you work hard, this could be the most rewarding year of your high school career. Good Luck with next year from the Pawprint Staff!

The Pawprint In Greece!

Ask Alayna

Good Luck Seniors,
in College and Beyond!
WE HOPE EVERYONE DOES WELL ON THEIR REGENTS
AND MAKES SURE TO HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

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Redemption Tigers

The transition from Freshman to Sophomore year can be overwhelming because of all the work. However, this upcoming year can be easy some of the time.

Everyday you will always learn something new, and missing a day of school will cause you to miss a lot of work. Homework plays an important role in understanding the things you're learning in class. When you don't understand something in class, it is best to go to extra help. The teachers will try to help you understand the topic more.

Many people procrastinate on their homework and end up having trouble understanding the homework. It is better to do it early, so you can have someone help you with the questions you need. There is lots of homework, so it's better to start it early. Doing the homework can also help you get a better understanding of what you're learning and help to prepare you for tests. Finishing your community service and logging your books early will give you less work later on in the year.

You should read your book for Global Literature when it is assigned because you might fall behind in class. There might even be pop quizzes and tests. Reading it will give you a better understanding of what the book is about so you can participate during class discussion. Sparknotes won't help you as much as you think because the books are more detailed than what they give you.

Chemistry can get very hard in certain topics. It is very important to keep your notes to review for the regents. Reviewing your notes everyday can help you get a better grade on your tests. In chemistry, we always learn something new, so it is best to pay attention. If you don't pay attention or if you miss a class, it can affect your test grades for the worse. When you don't really understand what you're learning, going to extra help can help you understand the concept more.

When first starting Geometry, you will probably get confused. Reviewing the notes you take in class will definitely help you in the long run. Doing your homework will give you more practice and will get you a better grade on your test. You should know your formulas on the top of your head, for your tests and quizzes, and you should always check over your work.

Global Studies is a pretty easy class, as long as you read your textbook and pay attention in class. I think that it is better to start reviewing your notes in the middle of year for the regents because there is a lot of information you need to know. You should do your homework because it will help you review for tests and the regents. Homework and projects are greatly weighted into your grade, so be mindful about completing these assignments clearly and thoroughly.

When you have tests coming up, note cards and study guides can help you. Looking over your notes can always help and although it takes extra time, the time spent will definitely pay off. There is always an advantage if you take side notes on what the teachers say. When you do poorly on a test, it isn't the end of the world. You can always do better the next time.

Good Luck in 10th Grade!

SOPHOMORE YEAR

BY ROWENA WU

The Republic Tigers started their band in Kansas and released their first two singles titled, “Buildings and Mountains” and “Made Concrete.” Both songs express the beauty of life and love. The Republic Tigers are incredible songwriters and they truly capture the essence of appreciating nature. The song “Buildings and Mountains” is beautifully written. The Republic Tigers are very talented and deserve to be listened to! Their album was recently released on May 6, 2008 and every song is worthwhile.

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Reviewed by Ariel Henriquez

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