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Fourth Student at PLHS Earns Multi-Day Vacation for “Juul-ing” in School Restrooms

By Kyle Shafer

Pompton Lakes, NJ—A recent incline in student vaping in the restrooms at Pompton Lakes High School has earned several distinguished students time off for their efforts. These vacations, lasting five days each, were given off for the hard work done by the recipients as well as for inspiration for other students.

“It’s kind of like this,” explained Vice-Principal Anthony Mattera when asked about the promising news this past Wednesday, “say an employee does something good, maybe pitches an idea in front of a boss, and they earn some PTO, payed-time-off. It’s like that.”

Jim Johnson, a sophomore at the school, started the upsurge last month when he was observed vaping in the bathroom during his study. His labors, detected first by smoke alarms in the bathroom, activated congratulation sirens throughout the building followed by a parade in the parking lot and on the sides of the school by the entire student body and staff; he received word of his vacation later in the day.

Two weeks ago, a freshman couple was the next in line to be rewarded for their heroism. In a true Romeo and Juliet scenario, the star-crossed lovers produced themselves similar rewards as Jim.

Now, as reports show, Sean Ring continued the achievements earlier this week when, right before taking the PARCC tests, the

Trump Announces New Strategy for Oppressing Women Worldwide

By Emily Deyo

Washington DC—President Trump further proved his appreciation of women this past week, mercifully cutting programs to educate young girls in developing countries since he’s just going to bomb them anyway.

“Ignorance is bliss,” claimed the president, regarding the recent release of his plan to cut Michelle Obama’s “Let Girls Learn” program. “The best choice is to keep them uneducated so they don’t see [the bombs] coming.” The funding that was once for The 44th First Lady’s



PLHS Student Doesn’t Hand in Revised Article, Leaves Hole in Front Page

By The Editor

Pompton Lakes, NJ—

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United Airlines Pulls All Passengers from Flight

By Sydney Cox

Orlando, FL—United Airlines decided to pull all passengers from Flight 4053 last Wednesday when a passenger asked for a soda before takeoff. The full plane was headed to Orlando, Florida on a late night flight.

A passenger, Jim Johnson, kindly asked for a soda to quench his thirst while the plane was still docked at the gate when a frazzled flight attendant called for security. They forcefully dragged the man off the plane before coming back to get the other passengers.

According to United Airlines CEO Oscar Munoz, it is clearly stated in United Airline's guidelines that passengers are not allowed to get beverages before the cart is brought around while in the air. All other passengers were taken off due to a frantic flight crew that could not handle the responsibility of getting them safely to their destination.

"When he asked for the soda, I almost fell over. I never had been put into that kind of situation until that moment. We never trained for it. I can handle drunk passengers and aggressive ones but this? Never," new and inexperienced flight attendant Jessica Farley stated.

All passengers were forced to get off the plane due to the mishap and the agitated flight staff. Needless to say, all passengers were inconvenienced by the man's request. Young flyers wanted to get to Disney while the old just wanted to spend two hours peacefully

Student Gets One Double Detention after Starting a Meth Lab in Chemistry Room after Mom Called to Complain and "He's Usually a Good Kid"

By Teya Torres

Pompton Lakes, NJ—Ron Johnson, a 17 year-old senior at Pompton Lakes High School, was caught in his makeshift meth lab in a chemistry room during school Friday, April 28th.

Johnson is reportedly a straight C student who only ever gets in trouble for occasionally dropping the "F" bomb after losing a war in Clash of Clans.

"I mean I don't know, he's usually a good kid I guess," stated Anthony Mattera, the vice principal of Pompton Lakes High School. "Like, I've pulled him to the side a few times to tell him to chill but he hasn't gotten in that much trouble before. However, we are indeed taking the necessary actions to punish him."

Mattera had planned to suspend Johnson for five days, but Linda Johnson, Ron's mother, thought those plans were way too extreme.

"Suspension for five days is ridiculous. He's a fine boy," Johnson said to local reporters. "My poor kid would've had to miss out on too much work for such a simple mistake."

In response to this complaint, Mattera decided to give one double detention to Johnson and take away the senior class's prom, trip, dinners, and any other fun activities they were all looking forward to.

The seniors at Pompton Lakes High School are livid but Mattera and staff feel they are doing what is necessary.

"Look, the students can complain all they want but if they're going to act like delinquents they're going to be treated like delinquents. We have a student do this and we're gonna let all the well behaved students have a great ending to their senior year? Not on my watch."

Advice Column

Dear Jess,
My senior prom is coming up and I really want to ask my crush. She's so beautiful and funny and smart, but I'm scared of rejection. What if she says no? What if my promposal isn't good enough? I need some ideas and words of encouragement from you Jess. I'll take all the help I can get.
-Gavin, 18

Dear Gavin,
You've come to the right place buddy! I myself am a lady (duh) and I have also been asked to prom. I think you should get a whipped cream pie that spells out "PROM?" in big letters and as she's reading it, smash it all over her face, hair, and clothes. Girls love nothing more than that, truly. It will for sure make her swoon and undoubtedly make her want to go to prom with you. Good luck Gavin!
-Jess

Jess is a rad senior at PLHS.. Sometimes she likes giving advice. Give her a shout!

Sick Haiku Beats by Ms. DeGraw

School will soon be done
Proms, breakfasts, and MDW
I'm graduating?

Is that homework due?
Is that quiz scheduled now?
I was never told!

Bags under my eyes
Yes, concealer is my friend
Don't look like a corpse

Cafeteria
Tater tots and sandwiches
I don't have money

Gag me with a spoon, dude
Psych! Sit on it knarly babe!
So sick I am ill

PLHS Become the First High School to Launch a Freshmen Conveyor Belt

By Mayra Galindo

Pompton Lakes, NJ—Following the enrollment of the Freshmen class of 2021, the rate of lateness to class increased by 100%. Just last month, more than half of the student body received triple detentions for showing up late to class. The students claimed that it was due to the slow pace of the Freshmen walking in front of them.

In order to combat these numbers, the school invested \$1.6 million into building conveyor belts for the Freshmen class throughout the hallways. The conveyor belts will provide easy and fast transportation for Freshmen students who walk too slowly in the halls.

“With this new system, all students at Pompton Lakes High School will no longer be late to class,” stated Ms. Robina, a staff member of PLHS.

If all goes well, other schools have stated their interest in building their own Freshmen conveyor belts. The construction began three months ago and is planned to be finished by the last day of school.



Doin' flips gettin' lips—Cap' Knapp

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program will now be completely funnelled into the military, pushing it just past its goal of becoming four hundred times the size of all other militaries to exist ever in history combined.

When our on-the-scene reporter visited Liberia, one of the countries that “Let Girls Learn” was based in, it was discovered that before the program was completely cut, the curriculum was altered in January to fit the Trump Administration’s standards. Pro-Trump propaganda and American flags were the only modern materials in the dirt floored classrooms, and students were tested on strange vocabulary like “alternative fact” and “bigly”.

“Our program was pretty much over in January,” reported the now unemployed teacher for the program, Lauren Jones “The science and literature textbooks were replaced with *How to Get Rich by Donald Trump*.”

“It is simple common sense,” Vice President Mike Pence claimed backing Trump’s decision “Michelle Obama’s useless and wasteful programs further prove the failures in her role as First Lady and the Obama Administration.” Additional questions to the White House regarding this decision were referred to Melania Trump, who declined to comment and has not been seen for three weeks.

Disclaimer: If you know where First Lady Melania Trump is or have any information on her whereabouts please contact The White House at (202)-456-1111.



PARCC Week Horoscopes

Brought to you by the oracles at Titus, Sanchez, and Knapp

Aries (mar 21-apr 19)	Keep your shoes tied today, you don't wanna see what will happen....
Taurus (apr 20-may 20)	Don't forget to check those expiration dates today
Gemini (may 21- june 20)	Switch to 1% if you tryna cop that summer bod
Cancer (june 21- july 22)	Your winning streak in Cup Pong will come to an end
Leo (july 23- aug 22)	Parents who host, lose the most
Virgo (aug 23- sep 22)	Don't leave your plastic water bottles in the car when it's hot out
Libra (Sep 23- Oct 22)	Let the pancake bubble before you flip
Scorpio (Oct 23- Nov 21)	Be conscientious to how many figs you eat
Sagittarius (Nov 22- Dec 21)	Go to church watch it burn
Capricorn (Dec 22- Jan 19)	Be honest, stop playing
Aquarius (Jan 20- Feb 18)	Disregard females, acquire currency
Pisces (Feb 19- Mar 20)	Forget all summa '16 it's in the past

United– from page 2

asleep.

“I just wanted a soda,” was all Johnson, a man of few words, had to say.

After being escorted out of the plane, Johnson was then escorted out of the airport, then escorted out of the state. Reports have said he was escorted out of the country as well.

The United Airlines flight took off shortly after with no passengers on board.



Student in sarcastic shock coma after finding tissues available during allergy season

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I attend Pompton Lakes High School as a junior and have noticed there is a drinking epidemic flying around school, and it is not the students. I've noticed many teachers have begun drinking Kombucha during school hours on school grounds. Kombucha is an alcoholic beverage. It makes me extremely uncomfortable because I am a recovering alcoholic and it tempts to slap him in the face and take the Trader Joe's brand fermented tea for myself. Teachers need to be breathalyzed during school hours to keep this problem from spreading.

Book Review: *The Great Gatsby* by Kyle Shafer

This past Sunday night, at approximately 11:47pm, I read F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* – on SparkNotes. It was pretty good, I guess. My favorite part of the book was the 8 minute movie at the beginning. All of the characters were drawn really cool. There was only three characters, I think: Nick, Daisy, and Jay Gatsby. I didn't like that each chapter was very long. It took me almost an hour to read the whole thing, which is way longer than I should have had to read.

One of the best parts of the novel was the section: Themes, Motifs, and Symbols. I don't want to give any spoilers, but let's just say that this section really helps you understand the book and its deep meanings, so make sure you read it carefully. Another reason I liked the book was because it was very little Plot Overview and Analysis of Major Characters – like some of the others I had to read this year – and more Important Quotations Explained.

Based on all of this, I guess I'd rate the book like a 4 ½ out of 7. A solid 4 ½.



Mr. Edgar, school hero, keeps students safe from slippery bananas in junior hallway

AP Students Diagnosed with Frightening New Sickness

By Josephine Ann Russo

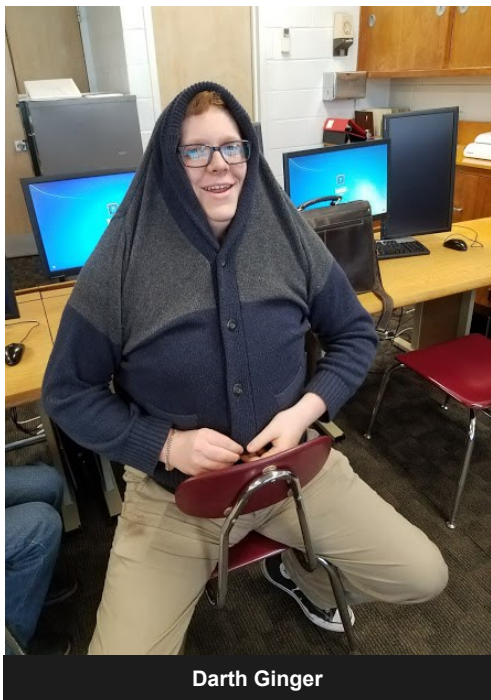
Pompton Lakes, NJ—Pompton Lakes High School has been put under quarantine this week by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) after the school nurse contacted the authorities about an apparent epidemic amongst the school's AP students. Mary Ellen Twomey has been established as the temporary school principal in light of her official diagnosis of what she has named "Poorandtireditis".

"I noticed something was definitely wrong when I peeked into an AP Biology class Monday morning," says Miss Twomey. "Those kids, good Gawd, they were so PALE! I've never seen so many gray faces in my life!"

This was evidently not the only AP class at PLHS that harbored gray-faced students. To Miss Twomey's great surprise and horror, every AP class she visited seemed to have sickly looking students abound. In line with her nurse-training, she immediately removed every student from each classroom and hooked them up to what she calls "breakfast IVs".

"They obviously aren't eating their breakfast, otherwise they'd be perfectly fine!" exclaimed the excitable nurse. "This sickness can definitely be fixed with some artificially injected breakfast foods!"

When asked where she thought of the name for this illness, Miss Twomey claimed that when each AP student was asked what was the matter, they all gave the same answer: "poorandtired". This one-word, slurred together re-



Darth Ginger

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sponse inspired the nurse to identify the sickness with that very name.

One AP student, Kelly Minard, claims that the quarantine is unnecessary.

"This isn't contagious, and it isn't an epidemic," she sighed as Miss Twomey aggressively jabbed another IV into her veins. "I'm pale because I haven't seen the sun in two weeks because I've been inside studying, I have bags under my eyes because I haven't slept in about 47 hours, and I'm poor because these AP classes have sucked up all my money. If I didn't eat breakfast, it's because I couldn't afford it!"

The school nurse states that the classes cannot possibly be the cause of the widespread paleness.

"Those kids chose to be in those classes because they wanted to challenge themselves. You know, they wouldn't have to study so hard if their teachers were doing their jobs. They can't possibly be this ill from a few all-nighters," Miss Twomey says.

"I took these classes because I could use the credits to pay less for college," Kelly Minard says. "Classes are expensive and tuition is expensive, so anything to make me suffer less financially I will do. Little did I know that my junior and senior year would be spent getting paler than Casper and poorer than Oliver Twist."

The other AP student agree with Miss Minard's sentiments, although some of them were already fast asleep by the time they were interviewed. It seems as though Poorandtireditis has started to affect the student body neurologically as well as physically.

As Miss Twomey argues, "If these kids were really this poor and tired, don't you think the school board would have noticed?!"

Kelly Minard's response was a mere snore, so the true cause of Poorandtireditis may forever be a mystery.

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sophomore was commended for vaping in the restrooms. The specific timing is what makes this most recent achievement most admirable.

"I knew many of my peers were opting out of the testing," said Sean during his time off, "so I wanted to go above and beyond, inspire them to do better. I wanted to do better." And Sean did fulfill this mission; in fact, the PARCC scores, which came out today, placed students at Pompton Lakes High School above many institutions intellectually, such as Harvard University and NASA.

Upon hearing of this success at Pompton Lakes High School, nearby districts have adopted policies to encourage student vaping. For example, Butler High School started selling vapes and juuls in vending machines, the student council at Wayne Public Schools created signs reading "Don't Hate the Vape!" and "Juul is Cool!", and administrators at Lakeland High School announced an emergency assembly scheduled for next week to bring in a guest speaker to talk about the influences of vaping.

But just what are these influences? That is, why the rewards? Why the need to vape? Recent studies have proven the various benefits that "hitting the juul" can bring.

"I used to be unsure about the proposed effects of vaping," admitted the head scientist of the Committee of Drugs in School (CODS), Justin Raul, "so I designed an experiment. It turns out that even moderate consumption of vape juice magnifies neuron action potentials, which are linked directly to cognitive and calculative efficiency."

"Further studies are beginning to indicate that vape juice can actually catalyze the synthesis of new brain cells," continued Raul, providing evidence that vaping can undergo biological processes unlike any other foreign substance known in human history. Basically, twenty minutes of vaping provides similar effects to reading the dictionary for twenty years, or learning twenty languages.

Moreover, concerned parents and teachers are rest assured that their beloved children are investing their time usefully in vaping as opposed to other mischievous activities, like partying in the woods or stealing hams.

"It puts my husband and me at ease for once," reported Susan Johnson, Jim's mother, "knowing my Jimmy is staying out of trouble and vaping at school and on the weekends. Every day, I pack his homework, his lunch, and now his juul, too."

Movie Review: *Hidden Figures* (2016)

By Emily Deyo

Films highlighting the brilliance of some engineer, mathematician, or some other boring job too often glorified by Hollywood can unfortunately leave the audience feeling lost and quite stupid. *Hidden Figures*, however, creates an exciting and hilarious fantasy film through the pure lunacy of its concepts and characters.

The movie opens up seeming rather mundane: three black women in a car driving somewhere, set in what seems to be the 1960's. Further in, it takes a ridiculous and mind-bending turn when it's learned that these WOMEN are in fact on their way to their jobs, and nearly knocks the viewer off their seat when it is shown that they are STEM based jobs at NASA! Similar to those of movies like *The Matrix* or *Interstellar*, the dynamic and plotline is hard to follow and understand. These black women are actually good at their jobs, and at more than one instance, outperform a white male character. Once the viewer can swallow these insane ideas, the movie becomes light and witty. Going beyond the typical aspects of a fantasy film, *Hidden Figures* leaves you at the edge of your seat, as it cuts off in the middle of nowhere about thirty minutes in. (With purpose, of course: more than thirty minutes of exposure to a black female protagonist causes symptoms including dizziness and abdominal pain only curable by viewing *Miracle* (2004).)



PLHS Teacher Pitches Unique Invention to Sharks

By Antonia Bellavia

Hollywood, CA—High School English Teacher and wantrepreneur Stephen Tarsitano appeared on the hit TV series *Shark Tank* Friday night with an alternative to the Fidget Spinner obsession. The new invention which he called “Snaps and Whists” made quite a stir in the tank.

Tarsitano started off very confident, walking onto the show to the requested song “Jurassic Park Theme.” He strode in while snapping his fingers and caught the Sharks’ eyes.

“Are you ready for the invention that will take the nation by storm?” The row of entrepreneurs commented that they didn’t do this show for their health, so Tarsitano explained his invention.

“You can do it while walking, while running, even at work! I call it, “Snaps and Whists” and I do it all the time.” His demonstration consisted of striding up and down the hallway leading into the Tank while snapping loudly and whistling a compilation of the Jurassic Park and Home Alone theme songs.

Mark Cuban’s eyes lit up. “My kids are constantly playing with their fidget spinners and cubes,” he claimed. “There is a huge market for this.”

Tarsitano agreed. “I thought of a cheaper and more efficient way to pass time, keep yourself occupied, and less distressed.”

Cuban would not even let anyone else make an offer. He started out big with an offer of seven million dollars to get the project started. Tarsitano knew he could not pass up the offer and accepted.

PLHS is excited for their own Mr. Tars to take the world by storm with his invention. At press time, Mr. Koontz could be seen pouring over Mr. Tars’s stock prospects in Mr. Edgar’s classroom, rubbing his hands enthusiastically.



Senior Groupchat Elections to Take Place during Math PARCC Following Epic Shenanigans

By The Editor

The Library and Thereabouts—Following a recent uprising which dethroned Lara Boss from her long-held position of Senior Groupchat Admin, elections for a new Admin will take place after math PARCC.

Boss was forcibly removed from her position after calling Sal Puglisi a “poopie-head.”

“He straight up took my phone, broke it over Brian Shannon’s middle finger, and changed himself to Admin,” Boss claimed on Friday. “Now Brian’s out of gym for the rest of the school year AND the Senior Chat is blowing up.”

With Boss no longer the boss, President Brooke Boniello tried to shame the senior class back into cooperative meme sharing, but even seniors Shkumbin “Bean” Elmazi and Pat “Hamhock” Riordan couldn’t help trolling the Groupchat with offensive pictures, looking to start fires.

“We obviously need a new Admin,” said senior Jared Martos from his throne at the Pompton Queen while inhaling a bucket of chicken fingers and fries. “I’m trying to share my daily wisdom and it gets lost between girls yelling about having the same colored eyes at prom and @joenic12 asking for money. It’s friggin ridiculous.”

With such a prestigious position available, The Coalition of Women Aren’t People (CWAP) have begun plastering election posters all over PLHS, hoping to take the throne and change the direction of the Senior Groupchat.

“We plan on making the Groupchat what it was originally intended to be,” said a newer CWAP member who asked to remain anonymous at a *Make the Groupchat Great Again* rally in the pondhole Monday morning. He cited cheerleaders being required to bake for football players before every game as the ideal direction in which to take the Groupchat.

The outcome of the highly anticipated elections will be tallied and tweeted in real time in the PLHS auditorium to ensure nothing empowering (...I mean “boring,” according to junior members of CWAP) is shown during the activities periods.

Editor’s Note

This newspaper is satire, meaning it identifies issues with society and seeks to bring attention to necessary change through humor.

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