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Don't Send It Assembly Really Breaks through to PLHS

By Alex Rios

Pompton Lakes, NJ - Recently Pompton Lakes High School had the pleasure of sitting through a forty five minute presentation on how, in our technologically expanding society we must, "Take it down a notch."

"Once you got past all the snickering and mocking, the message was really clear to me," says Travis Rodas, who has taken himself off all social media in an attempt to connect with humanity. Mr. Cemelli also agreed with the message when asked, but he couldn't really recall what the message was due to being on his phone during the assembly.

Upon hearing that Wayne Hills is becoming an anti-tech school, Pompton Lakes immediately began shutting down and chucking those laptops out the windows. The Board of Education has also decided to rid the lower classman of their laptops to avoid tensions with juniors and seniors who are constantly fuming over not being able to post their projects on google classroom, claiming they feel left out. All video projects in the school have been taken down for not including the whole class, and there is potential that there will not be a senior video this year due to the fact that not every senior will be able to be included in it.

Shortly after the assembly all Instabooksnapagram accounts were terminated by their owners, and other towns throughout New Jersey, not wanting to be left out, joined in on the anti-technology train. Xbox Live has also suffered a tremendous loss in membership, leaving most of the gaming population a bunch of dirty old men, meanwhile the children are playing outside and bullying each other in person.

Halftime Show to Stun the World

By Mike Magyar

Minneapolis, Minnesota – Mark your calendars for February 4, 2018 because the world will never be the same after the special event just announced. The halftime show during Super Bowl 52 will feature Justin Timberlake. That's right, the game is taking a back seat this year and the respect from all goes to JT.

People are already on the edge of their seats for these special 30 minutes. TV Repairman Bob Taylor said Wednesday afternoon, "This will be the greatest moment in my life," forgetting about his kids, winning the lottery that morning, and his wife's successful battle against cancer. "Being able to watch Justin Timberlake through my TV is a blessing in



Wrestling Team bleach their hair for "wrestling awareness month"

New Governor to Shake up NJ's Habits

By Rebecca Crespo

North Jersey - A new governor was elected last Tuesday and has promised to finally make the devil's lettuce legal. Former governor, Chris Christie, refused to legalize the green herb because when he tried it he lost the ability to exercise, resulting in the lack of breath that cost him the presidential election.

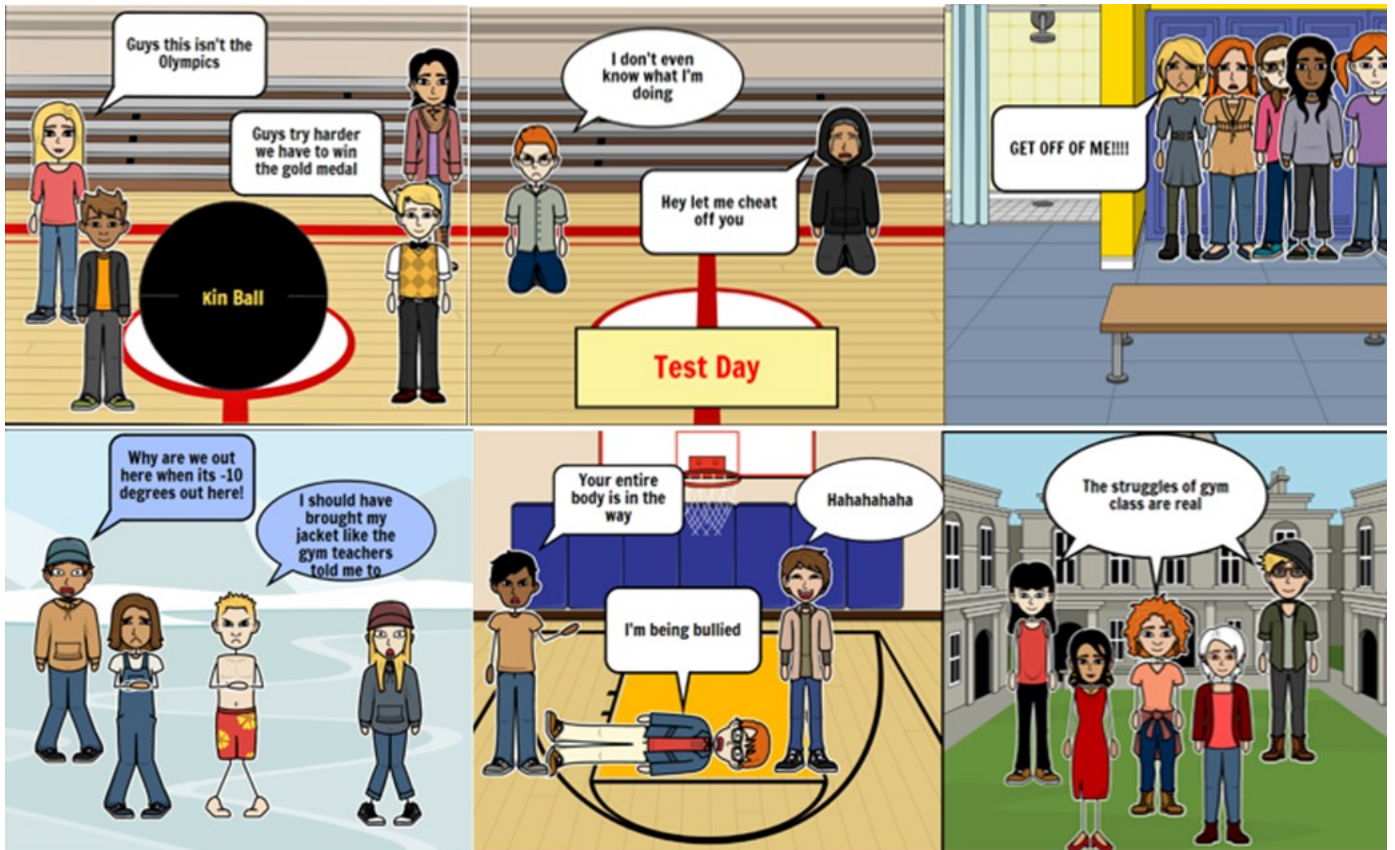
Neighborhoods are up in arms wondering how people are supposed to know if their dog is in real need of a bath or if it's just their next-door-neighbor smokin' a doobie.

Local birkenstock lovin', tree huggin', gluten free stay at home mom, Sharron, says "I am honestly on the fence about this policy because now the moms and I will go out of business and get taken over by Big Weed Companies. I feel like they will take over us small business entre



By Ema Ramicevik ↑

By Neel Rana and Andrea Gatica ↓



Students Stage Book Burning at Pipeline to Rid School of Molestation Stories

By Neel Rana

Pipeline, Pompton Lakes, NJ - The students at Pompton Lakes High School are tired of reading about molestation and decided Sunday afternoon to take control by burning all books with this topic in them. The English Department has since checked those huge cabinets in the back of almost everyone's classroom and found them empty.

"We're doing this to send a message," said a representative from the National Honors Society. "We have had enough molestation in our literature. Any more books of this nature forced on students will be burned."

The English Department assigns students summer reading books seemingly arbitrarily and without discretion. Every single book contained in the cabinets of sorrow contain epically triggering material. It is this triggering material that bred this Sunday's book burning.

"The first of many," claims Mr. Tarsitano's AP English class who recently read *Native Son* which, according to anonymous seniors during study hall, is about, "a guy who puts a drunk woman in bed then kills her because her mother is blind."

The English Department could not be reached for comment at this time, but everyone at the book burning had something to say.

"This is what the pipeline's all about," said some kid just sitting on the ground during Sunday's protest. "Changing lives, man."

Keyboard Warriors Taking up the Cause on the Internet

By Ema Ramicevic

'Merica—Trolling has now overtaken Minecraft as the #1 pastime of kids with too much pocket money in America. It has become a nationwide sensation, an epidemic spreading in schools, and workplaces. Social media platforms enable users, who are ordinary people, to spread their ideas and generate the new trends of today.

"The sense of empowerment is real," states Dave McClelland, a stay at home gamer and five star internet troll who wears his stars on his sash in his game chair. "It's a lifestyle, as in I don't have an actual job." He spends his time creating instagram posts, tweets, and youtube videos, managing to accumulate thousands of cents within days.

Dana Williams, twitter warrior and author of *How To Win an Argument on the Internet* - self published and free on her blog and Amazon - says "It's a part of culture, a way to tell people they're wrong" as she corrects a post that said "there" to "they're" in the comment section then tells the writer she should go to Hell. She demonstrates how to post a tweet that will garner attention: "Kit Kats are NOT supposed to be broken in half, you're supposed to take a whole bite out of the bar" posting a picture of a whole Kit Kat with a chunk taken out of it. "All publicity is good publicity" she says while thousands of hate comments roll in. Some parents are concerned about the negative impacts of social media on their children. "Likes! Likes! It's all they want!" screams Lillian Parker, a mother of quadruplet teens who keep their eyes glued to their screens, "at the dinner table, at the park, at SCHOOL! If I had known this is what they would turn into, I never would have had all those fertility treatments".

Parker has formed a coalition with other parents who are worried their children will become addicted to the internet, named Societal Parents Against Social Media (SPASM).

When pressed for comments, the teens rolled their eyes without breaking eye contact with their screens.



New water fountain in senior hallway looking to break some senior hips

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general, but during the Super Bowl will be even better”.

This will be JT’s first performance on the main stage since the infamous “wardrobe malfunction” with Janet Jackson back in ’04. No one remembers who won the game though, since everyone assumes the Patriots’ reign of terror won every Super Bowl in the aughts.

The JT deal was sweetened this morning when the NFL announced the intended guest appearance by the newest and craziest boy band, The New York Giants.

After finally realizing football “just isn’t their thing,” The Giants have gambled their future on concussing others’ ears instead of one another’s skulls. The NFL is even considering scrapping their halftime locker room speeches just so their eyes can graze this spectacle.

Not everyone is happy about the hype around Timberlake’s performance. Some people are outraged by these bold comments about “America’s Game”.

“I cannot believe how football is not the only thing on everybody’s mind, especially today” says Steve from down the street. “Football is my life. Without it, there will be no order in this country. There is no way that my celebration of this national holiday will be disturbed by that man and his microphone.”

Can anything ever be more important in the United States than football? We will find out on February 4th if Mr. Timberlake will make it happen.

Letter to the Editor: Retail Hell

By Jade Figueroa

Everyday retail workers face the most difficult and frustrating challenges, but one that really grinds their gears are annoying customers. The Paper Store wants to celebrate all of life’s occasions, but in reality it makes retail employees go nuts.

Last Saturday, a source gave the inside scoop of what really goes down working retail when dealing with rude customers, especially the old vicious ladies who love to threaten to “call corporate” just because they couldn’t use their expired coupons and get cash back. They all make it their mission to hunt down any employee that “gives attitude.”

You can probably find them scattered all over the small town of Pompton preying on their innocent souls of retail employees. An employee feels that getting paid the bare minimum is not enough considering what she has to put up with on the daily.

“What customers don’t understand is that there are rules the employees have to abide by. Don’t give me crap that you can’t use your expired coupon. Read the date. I swear if I don’t get a raise by the end of this week I’m putting in my two weeks.”

The struggle is real when it comes to facing grossly incompetent customers in retail. The minimum pay for a retail associate is too low considering what they do is never enough. Whether it being folding clothes after an annoying customer comes and wrecks the pile, annoying customer coming in right before closing time, annoying customers who think that employees actually care about their needs, and the list goes on and on.



Student exhaustion deemed “Checkmate” by upperclassmen

EPA Called to Check Water after Students Found Spontaneously Reading in Class

Pompton Lakes, NJ—The EPA burst onto school grounds, pulled out all water filters in the new fountains and declared a state of emergency after students were observed “reading for pleasure” during electives.

“Students haven’t read for pleasure in nearly a decade,” Wilson Garrett lead investigator for the EPA reported. “Since the twitter outbreak of 2009, reading for pleasure has declined by 91% in most populations. Outside of the sub-populations, including theater geeks and sci-f/fantasy fans, the only schools which show more than a 10% reading for pleasure rate have contaminated water.”

The EPA combed the school’s fountains, ripping old fountains from their foundations and doing DNA tests on the new filtered water stations.

“We have an abundance of un-used 23andme testing kits,” Garrett explained. “This is the perfect opportunity to make good use of them.”

Pompton Lakes has a history of drinking water issues now rising to the surface with this possible epidemic.

“My cousin swam in Pompton Lake once,” said senior Kevin Backman.

Infants Rapidly Dying after Mothers Refuse to Use Formula

By Andrea Gatica

New York City, NY - The infant mortality rate has increased for the first time in 102 years from 15% to 45% according to leading New York City researchers. Women have finally decided to listen to one another’s snarky remarks on the internet and have stopped using formula to feed their infants entirely says a new report, causing infants to begin dying from starvation by the thousands.

The change began after Gwyneth Paltrow posted about formula feeding causing autism and it generally being “super uncool” for the baby’s health.

New mother, Adele Delacey, had her first child last Monday, but she was unable to produce the sufficient amount of milk for her newborn daughter and gave her formula.

“This morning I posted a picture on instagram saying how relieved I was, and that even though I wasn’t able to breastfeed my daughter she still got the nutrients she needed from formula,” says Adele. “Two minutes later I got death threats saying that I was poisoning my child and that I shouldn’t be a parent. I just couldn’t deal with the negative comments so I decided to post an apology and stated that I would begin breastfeeding my child right away.”

Adele posted a new picture of her baby who is now underweight and lacking proper nutrients, but Adele claims “it is all worth it” for the new respect she is getting from other faceless internet mothers.

Kate Smith, mother of three, was horrified to find out that her best friend had been using formula to feed her children instead of breastfeeding them. “If she had made such a horrible decision like that then imagine what other bad decisions she might make,” screamed Kate. “It is not fair for her children to suffer due to her stupidity.” Kate is even going to court to try and take the children away from her ex-friend so that they can have a better life.

Parents are taking a stand and are protesting against using formula. One protester, Mary Prince, shared her own experience saying that, “I was told by the hospital that I was having problems producing milk and that I would have to use formula instead. I didn’t agree with using formula so instead I let my child die. It was the best decision I ever made.”

Would it not better to be respected as a mother in exchange for the loss of a child? Today’s internet mothers seem to think so.



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High school kids everywhere are shocked and confused that what they have been doing on their lunch break might now become acceptable.

Sam, from Wayne Hills High School, says, “I only smoke weed to look cool doing illegal stuff, but now that it’s legal I need to pick up a new hobby that is also a complete waste of my time and money.”

Dads who smoke in their garages using their child’s confiscated bong are disappointed that they will no longer be seen as the “chill” parent who allows their kids friends to “hit the bong” when they come over.

All in all, the legalization of weed would devastate communities and people trying to get lowkey lit.



Willowbrook Mall to cut out Cheesecake Factory before holidays to “eliminate unnecessary calories”

Women Finally Listening to Fat-Shamers

By Andrea Gatica

Willowbrook Mall, Wayne, NJ—Every skinny girl’s favorite stores like Forever21 and H&M are facing rapid shut-downs for the first time in 80 years. Malls have closed 25% of their skinny-girl clothing stores and will decrease even more by the year 2022.

New Jersey’s team of statisticians believes that the cause of this decline is due to the fact that women are finally listening to body –shamers. New stores are popping up in the vacant lots, selling highly fashionable, gray oversized clothing to hide women’s bodies.

Bryana Holly took it to Twitter last Friday. “Lolz fat girlz ugly and wrong” Her tweet went viral, setting off the biggest movement in women’s rights since suffrage.

Victoria Secret model Morgan Marten was fired on Tuesday morning after not being able to fit in her runway outfit anymore. She had gained a record two and a half ounces. “I chugged too much water,” Morgan claimed and went on social media later that day to tweet, “I love my body and I will never be ashamed of it.”

“Thank goodness they fired you,” Alex Kurt, 16, replied to the tweet, “there are too many expectations for us girls and being more fat should not be one of them.” The shaming caused Morgan to realize that they were right and she started doing intense workouts and vowed to stop drinking water to get skinner.

The truly heavier girls (over 100lbs) like Bea Try are finding the new clothing stores to be their saving grace. “I went out for my two hour-a-day jog, but all these teen-joggers started harassing me,” allegedly calling her names and telling her to cover up her shoulders. “They were totally protecting me from myself. I mean, my shoulders are totally fat.” She went to the mall the next day and bought extremely large sweats and sweaters.

Weather reporter, Charlotte Court, was suspended from work yesterday after the news network figured out that their watching rates were dropping because of Charlotte’s heavier figure. “I’m a size 2,” Charlotte tweeted shamefully. “The number is zero. Period.”

Her bosses agreed, stating “the lady that doing the weather forecast should be nearly see-through so as not to get in the way of the weather. She should be able to represent us women not disgrace us.” Charlotte later resigned from her job in hopes that they would find someone skinner to represent the female community because everyone knows that you can’t be beautiful without being thin.

MOVIE REVIEW: Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief

By Mandi and Hannah

Do you need a go-to movie for your holiday weekend? Then you make some popcorn and stream *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*. The movie is so amazing that the author didn’t want anything to do with it!

The wondrous trailer showed the fans just what they want to see. Annabeth and Percy have a romantic connection right from the start, the fans don’t have to wait a whole five books this time. They also don’t have to see the boring backstory of Percy because it’s not in the movie as it was deemed unimportant.

Everyone who’s read the books remembers boring, independent Annabeth chase who is not only the most intelligent person in the camp, but the one who solves most of the problems and saves Percy multiple times, but wait till they see what the movie has in store for them. Alexandra Daddario, while also playing the damsel in distress, looks to Percy to solve issues and make all the decisions, making the character more likeably pathetic to the audiences. See eighteen year old Logan Lerman starring as Percy Jackson, who is twelve years old. Lerman brings a new twist on the character, and pleases the fans with his role. They were pleasantly surprised to see Lerman on the screen, instead of a twelve year-old with no fighting experience. And don’t worry about the large build up of Percy finding his powers, because the director made him get his powers in the first ten minutes.

If you have nothing better to do at home over the holidays, even chores (chores would be more fun), then go spend that hard earned money on streaming the best movie to come out in the last decade!

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“Now he goes to MIT. I’m not saying there’s a correlation, but he splashed me once and I moved up from academic to honors English.”

Eager senior Josephine Russo claims the Pompton Lake water is fine. “It’s ridiculous to think that water could affect anyone. It’s not even near Dupont. And how can water make people want to read?” she shrieked while filling up her water bottle at a sink in the library. “I have to go, I have AP English in five minutes.”

The EPA has not reported on any results as of yet, but the school is waiting with bated breath. Meanwhile, all academic classes have been interrupted by the epidemic and teachers are panicking. The following symptoms have been observed over the past three days:

Freshmen are reading their textbooks and passing tests.

Sophomores are reading instructions on assignments.

Juniors are researching the colleges they want to apply to instead of just applying to William Paterson and Ramapo.

Some seniors have been spotted reading in class, sitting in the hallways to read, and are ignoring their phones, but most have kept up with their typical habits.

“Seniors don’t drink water,” Kishan Patel scoffed. “They live on coffee and Missely’s day-old donuts.”

Guy Discovers Girlfriend Faking Enthusiasm over Text

By Travis Rodas

Pompton Lakes, NJ—A high school senior has recently discovered his girlfriend has been adding erroneous exclamation points, extra question marks, and emojis that express emotion she doesn’t truly feel in response to his texts.

Justin Kaba, 17, who hits the gym daily and is just passing Pre-Calc, said he feels betrayed.

“Is it too much to ask from your woman to show like, real excitement for my achievements?” Kaba posted on Twitter yesterday, deeply saddened by his newfound discovery of betrayal. “I told her I upped my reps by two and she sent me two thumbs up emojis.”

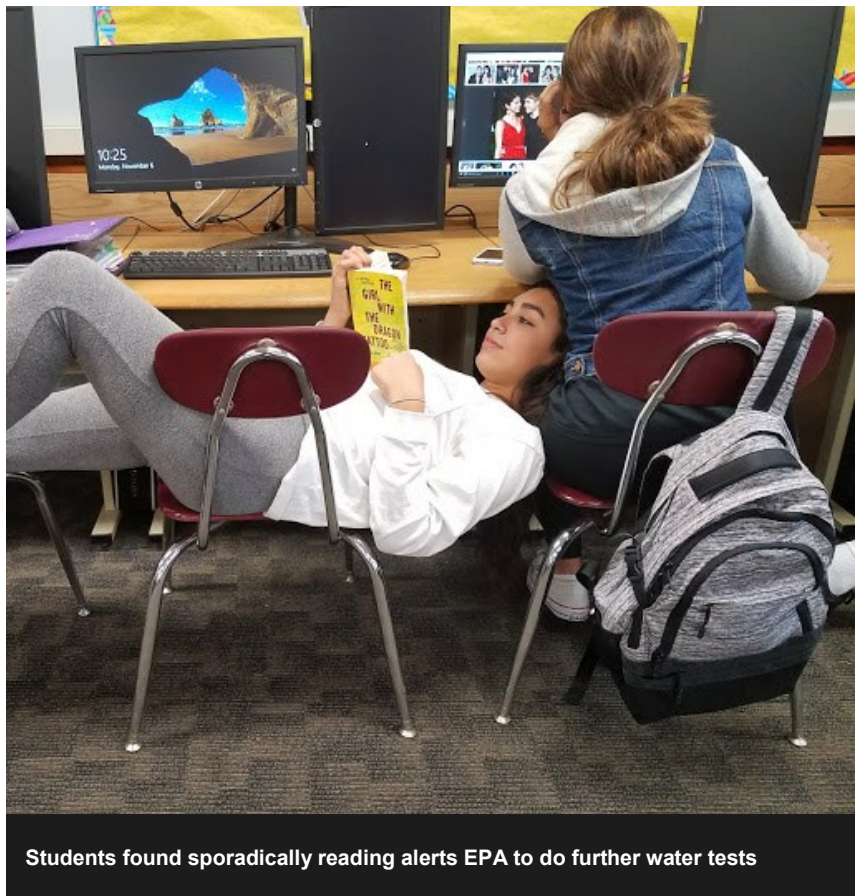
Kaba later discovered that she didn’t care about his rep increases at all.

“Just be honest,” Kaba said tearfully. “Just because I never ask anything about herself doesn’t mean I want her to lie about my achievements.”

“His girl,” 17 and a varsity cheerleader, claims that she was doing what she thought was best for the relationship. “Guys don’t want honesty, do they? I mean, they would like, cry constantly.”

After being so tired of faking enthusiasm around him, Mr. Kaba’s girl dumped him later that day for not feeling like she understands what he wants and claiming that he sucked at everything he did.

Later that night he asked her out to a movie and like every other relationship in high school, they both continue to date like nothing ever happened. Upon recent request, the reporter was sent a double heart emoji by Kaba himself.



Students found sporadically reading alerts EPA to do further water tests

Football Team Having Panic Attacks after Soccer Team Garners Town-Wide Attention

By The Editor

Senior Hallway, PLHS—The PLHS varsity football team is asking the student body to sign petitions for their bagel breakfast to be held in the auditorium instead of the cafeteria. After the varsity soccer team earned unprecedented attention for a stellar end-of-season bagel breakfast in the cafeteria, the football team cannot fathom the change of location and not being thought of as superior to the soccer team.

The morning after the soccer team's epic celebration of their dedication, spirit, and talent drew the attention of a population normally dedicated entirely to pigskin, the football team was feeling slighted and in need of something to complain about.

"We've been waiting our whole lives for this bagel breakfast, and have dreamed of the auditorium since second grade," whimpered a group of boys at their lockers in senior hallway. "It's bad enough that we only get bagels. We should at least have stationary seating."

Football players canvassed the school with flyers about the location change's devious undertones and how it would destroy their egos. While teachers and the bulk of the student population tried to appease their need for attention, they admitted to feeling confused about the complaint.

"A bagel breakfast is a bagel breakfast," said a senior member of the color guard Tuesday morning. "Why can't they just be happy about the spread?" She was interrupted immediately by another senior who argued that the cafeteria smells and she feels "like super sad" that the auditorium is off the table as a location.

Most students sympathized with their complaint on Monday morning but were confused about the football team's timing. "The soccer team just had their bagel breakfast last night," said a particularly astute sophomore. "If they've been waiting their 'whole lives' for the auditorium, can't they wait one day to complain about the location to let the soccer team have some glory? They haven't even digested yet."

The situation became so dire Tuesday that an emergency assembly was called for the half-day before Thanksgiving, pulling all students out of class to watch a four-hour long montage of the football team "making good plays" during their season to massage their bruised egos.

"I mean, it's a nice gesture, but it's not about the attention," a captain claimed after the assembly. "We just want what every other championship football team has had in the past: ceaseless praise and a grand location."

"I'm just thankful that we earned this bagel breakfast," said a senior member of the soccer team. "Not everyone gets the opportunity to have a spread like this. Even one year of a banquet is something to celebrate, regardless of where it's being held."

Editor's Note

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