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Veteran's Day Holiday

By: Yuri Kim (Grade 12) and Chloe Albuena (Grade 10)

When November started, we had the day off on the 11th as it is Veteran's day. It is significant for us to understand the meaning of this holiday in addition to enjoying the day off. Every year, Veterans Day falls on November 11th as this is when the armistice was signed.

According to the Veterans Affairs website, World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.” In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

Ji Woo Kim: I don't believe in Pepero day, it is just marketing a way to increase the sales for the company.

Daniel Jang: It is a fun day to buy pepero sticks and buy it and eat it yourself if you don't have a girlfriend. If you do, you can buy it for her and have a good day. There are many types of pepero sticks and you can choose amongst all flavors, which makes it even more enjoyable.



National Parfait Day

By: Chloe Albuén (Grade 10)

Get your spoons or forks out for November 25! Because it is NATIONAL PARFAIT DAY!! If you don't know what a parfait is, well let me give you a short description of it. First of all, it is a type of desert which is served differently in the world.

In the United States, parfait is made by layering parfait cream, ice cream and/or flavored gelatin or puddings in a tall, clear glass topped with whipped cream, fruit and/or liqueurs. The Northern United States expanded on the parfait and began to use yogurt layered with nuts or granola and/or fresh fruits which may be, but are not limited to, strawberries, blueberries, bananas or peaches. This spread quickly across all parts of the country and the "yogurt parfait" gained popularity as a breakfast item.

In Greece they make their own Greek Yogurt Parfait by using the ingredients that consist of plain Greek yogurt, fresh blueberries (or

mixed berries) and unsweetened high-fiber cereal. The process is very simply as followed. They first layer the yogurt then blueberries and just repeat it until the cup/glass is full. Then for the final touch they sprinkle unsweetened high-fiber cereal. Very simply, but delicious.

Unfortunately, there isn't any specific person who was found as the creator and originator of National Parfait Day. You might wonder where the word "Parfait" came from well it is a French word meaning perfect.



US Elections 2016: An Opinion Piece

By: Hyeon Bin Jeong (Grade 7)

As most of you know, and it was very surprising for some that Donald Trump won the presidential race for the White House. He defied all the forecasts in multiple shows including CNN politics and won the path to presidency. But if Hillary Clinton had won the race what would have happened?

If Hillary Clinton won the presidency she would make the path to citizenship easier and fairer. She would end family detention and make it easier to get out of family detention. She would also make the richer people pay more taxes and the poorer pay less money in taxes. She would get rid of the loopholes in which rich people go through to pay less taxes. On economy and jobs, Hillary said that she would have increased the minimum wage create good paying jobs. She said that she would also invest in infrastructure, clean energy, and education. And help parents

balance work and family. For crime and safety she said that she would end mass incineration add body cameras to police and use our resources to catch criminals who pose great threats to America. If she kept her word she would also invest in education and job training. For climate change, she would stop drilling for oil in the arctic and stop tax giveaway to big companies. She would make big investments in green energy and she said that what we do now will affect the health of our future generation. For education, she would make sure that every child from every zip code has good and high quality preschools. She also said that we need to strike the right balance on testing with fewer and better tests for elementary and secondary schools, and must support teachers with the training and resources they need. For budget and spending she said that raising Americans' incomes will be her top priority. She would rebuild our infrastructure, invest in clean energy and manufacturing, create millions of good-paying middle class jobs, and rein in college costs and expenses. For national security she stated that she would maintain a cutting edge military standing against rivals. She would also work with American allies to beat ISIS and keep guns away from suspected terrorists. For Medicare she would plan on reducing costs. She would also block attempts to try to privatize these companies. For renewable energy she would set big goals: one, to have half a billion dollars-worth of solar panels by 2020 and try to make every house in the US green and non-pollutant.

Opinion Piece: Presidential Election Results

By: Yuri Kim (Grade 12)

On November 9th, Donald Trump was elected to be the next President of the United States. Many were disappointed but many were joyful. Unlike any other election, so many were devastated, as Donald Trump has been known for his racist, sexist, and homophobic remarks towards people. Americans are now more divided than ever, and as if there are not enough problems

already, further problems are being recognized. People have stepped up to state that they have been shamed publicly for being one of the people Trump has insulted. Ada Gonzalez states that she noticed a group of fifth graders chanting "Build a Wall!". A teacher reported that a 10-year-old girl had to be picked up from school after a boy grabbed her genitalia, saying if the president can do it, he can, too. These are only a few of the countless disturbing incidents that have occurred after the election results. Statistics have shown that there would be a 164% rise in hate crimes, just like after the Brexit vote in London. Women have been sexually assaulted with the excuse that "Trump won the presidential race" and "Trump is our president." Before he was even elected, crimes against American Muslims have skyrocketed since the 9/11 attacks. We still have hope. Many people such as doctors, teachers, and public workers have come forward to say that they support Muslims, minorities, women, gays, etc. Protests against Trump have skyrocketed. Students were seen holding signs for hours in that read phrases such as "Love Wins," "Love Hates Trump," "No Human Being Is Illegal," and #NotMyPresident."

Here is how some of the geckos feel about the results of the election:

Peter Tenorio: I feel scared for our future, but because we are unsure yet, I don't care until real problems show up. If he actually makes the country great again, I will be impressed.

Colin Ramsey: I fear that Donald Trump will ignore basic world problems and alienate many foreign nations.

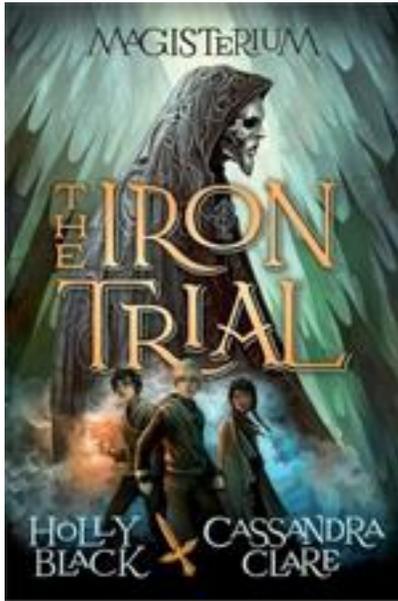
Mr. Tessen: I am extremely unhappy and would like to use words they won't let me use. He will be the worst president since Nixon.

Sakura Imaya: I am scared for the future. People have described the day after the election to be a living nightmare. This isn't a dream or joke, this is the truth. The most powerful nation in the world has a man who boasts his sexual assaults and racist remarks as the president. People are left speechless after rapists claim "If our president can do it, we can too." In this time of sadness and

violence, all we can do is hope the best for the next four years, as he tries to “Make America Great Again.”

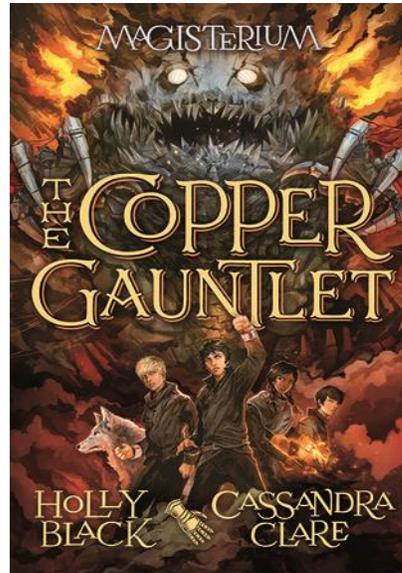
The Iron Trail & The Copper Gauntlet

Book Reviews by Jon Paul Sablan (Grade 9)



Iron Trail by Cassandra Clare & Holly Black

It is test day for 12-year-olds at the Magisterium, and Callum's Dad is dreading the day of the test. As soon as the test begins and ends Call ends up getting the lowest possible score in every trial, yet he's still selected by the school's top mage, Master Rufus. So off to school he goes, while his father begs him to run away before he learns too much. He thinks magic is dangerous and the school puts kids in even greater danger. Call's father gave up magic years ago after his wife died in a massacre and infant Call permanently and painfully injured his leg. Call's severe limp has always made him an outsider, but at the school he finally feels as if he's normal. He's more torn about running away as the days go by and even more so when he steals a letter from his father to Master Rufus begging him to bind his magic before the end of the year, taking away all Call's magic abilities and removing him from his new friends forever.



The Copper Gauntlet by
Cassandra Clare & Holly Black

Callum Hunt's summer break isn't like other kids'. His closest friend is a Chaos-ridden wolf, Havoc. His father suspects him of being secretly evil. And, of course, most kids aren't heading back to the magical world of the Magisterium in the fall.

It's not easy for Call . . . and it gets even harder after he checks out his basement and discovers that his dad might be trying to kill both him and Havoc.

Call escapes to the Magisterium - but things only gets worse from there. The Alkahest - copper gauntlet capable of separating certain magicians from their magic has been stolen. And in their search to discover the culprit, Call and his friends Aaron and Tamara awaken the attention of some very dangerous foes - and get closer to an even more dangerous truth. The truth of calls secret.

National Novel Writing Month

By: Ms. Bevas

National Novel Writing Month is an annual writing competition held in the United States during November. Occasionally citizens of other countries join in as well. Competitors vary in age and can be as young as 8 years old in the under 18 division known as the Young Writers Program. Competitors in the adult division could be any age over 18. It's a

great way to cross off items on your bucket list if you've always aspired to publish a novel. It's also a great way to enhance your writing skills while expressing yourself creatively. In the seventh and eighth grade English classes at SIS, students have the chance to challenge themselves through this competition for the second time. After engaging in activities and lessons focused on building characters, creating subplots, and developing dialogue among other important writing techniques, several students including Wonji Kim and Maria Gregoire surpassed the writing goal of 5,000 words last year. This year it seems we may have more contenders for that rank. Fang Yao Huang is already at the half way point to the 5,000 word goal with 2,574 words. Cevina Hwang is close to the halfway point with 2,354 words. Hyun Min Cho and Hyun Jae Park have 2,446 words. Eileen No has 2,607 words. Julianne Hall already has a whopping 4,057 words typed! The competition doesn't end until November 30th. They work on their novels both at home and during part of English class/Writer's Workshop. Students who complete their novel and reach or surpass the word count goal of 5,000 words will receive an A for their project in addition to a certificate and a chance to get their work published. If you see the seventh and eighth graders around campus, wish them luck!



**Heard Around Campus:
Extracurricular Activities**

By: Su Jin Kim (Grade 12)

Christina Kim (7th): Mr. Tessen and Cerrin helped me learn a lot and I think it was a good influence for everyone. After I did

NJFL it helped me speak in front of a lot of people.

Mylan Goodwin (6th): In the past I had watched a few debates and performed in PGFC but still I was extremely nervous. I was scared that I was going to forget what to say or just do something wrong. I was actually really surprised how the results came out that I had placed in all my events but one. It feels really great to have the experience!

Kevin Park (10th): Since I am a photographer for SIS, I feel really happy for making memories for people. One of the good things I gained during photography was Photography skills.

Haram Lee (12th): For volleyball, competing against other schools is very fun and interesting. I built so much friendship with my teammates and also sportsmanship with other teams. This season was very exciting.

Daniel Jang (12th): I take Math Enrichment as my elective. In Math Enrichment I prepare students for math court by providing them with the information of skills of Algebra, Trigonometry, Calculus, Geometry, Statistical Analysis, and Problem-Solving skills. The students are able to fully prepare for Math court competition where they can broaden their horizon.



International Thanksgiving

By: Ms. Bevas

Every year Saipan International School hosts an international thanksgiving lunch here on campus. All faculty members, administrators, students and their families get together for

this event as the parking lot tents overflow with delicacies from nations far and near. International Thanksgiving is a perfect opportunity to engage in cultural exchange and socialize with each other, in addition to watching talented students perform on stage. I have enjoyed attending this event since I moved to Saipan a few years ago. It is where I tried glass noodles for the first time and loved them! Last year, it was particularly fun to experience it with my seventh graders as we mixed cranberry sauce together. Although, it's a holiday staple for me, for most of them, it was their first time eating or even seeing it. I look forward to celebrating this great SIS tradition with everyone again next Wednesday. If you are new to the SIS community, I highly recommend that you attend this event.



Super Moon

By: Chloe Albuén (Grade 10)

The moon hung high in the sky above our head, it's beautiful pearl like image shined bright, yet this time it seem much closer to us. According to space.com and earthsky.org, the super moon was expected on November 14, 2016 at 8:52pm. This full moon will be not only the closest and brightest super moon of 2016, but also the largest since 1948, Bob Berman, an astronomer at the Slooh Community Observatory, told Space.com. During this super moon appearance you should notice that the brightness of the moon will increase. Although full moons are bright, super moons are substantially and noticeably brighter than ordinary full moons. Another

thing you should notice about the super moon is that since it is closer to the earth, it pulls harder on earth's oceans. That is why super moons create higher-than usual tides. All full moons bring larger-than-usual tides, called spring tides or, in some places, king tides, but super moons bring the highest, and lowest, tides of all, sometimes called super tides.

Some facts about this week's super moon in particular:

It appeared about 15 percent larger than the smallest moon of the year.

It was 221,519 miles from Earth when it reached its fullest point.



This Week in Sports

The Art of War

By: Jon Paul Sablan (Grade 9)

Every year the CNMI holds a competition called the art of war. It usually starts around November. People that are categorized in weight class grapple with each other until they get them into a submission (ex: getting them in a choke hold) or by points. Mr. Harris the world history and civics teacher won the competition 2 years ago but sadly lost the second year placing 3rd place. He has also fought with skilled fighter Frank "The Crank" Camacho. He says, "It looked like I was winning from the start but his superiority got the better of me." He looks forward to the next competition and has been training hard for it since his defeat. To train for this competition you can go to the Trench Tech Gym in Gualo Rai.

Swim Team News

By: Roderick Pierce (Grade 9)

Last Saturday, on the twelfth of November, five young swimmers went to the All Schools Swim Meet, which was held by Saipan Swim Club, at the Marpi swimming

pool. More than ten schools joined the swim meet. Our swimmers had the courage and strength to go against all the other schools, although we have one of the smallest teams. During the excruciating swim meet, the swimmers cheered each other on, and when a swimmer wasn't swimming, they entertained each other, and had fun. All in all, the swim meet was very successful, with very good times: Sei Youl getting 44 seconds in 50 freestyle and Rentaro Suzuki getting 43 seconds in 50 freestyle. When interviewing Rentaro Suzuki, he stated "Even though I haven't swam in 6 months, I think I did pretty well!" Despite putting in such great effort we did not win. We appreciate the geckos and how hard they tried at the swim meet.

School Lunch News



Starting in the middle of November, students may enjoy more choices for school lunch. The school lunch program is expanding to include two options for students to choose from every day. If you'd like to know what the options are, feel free to pick up the lunch calendar in the main office or your child's homeroom.

Calendar

Monday November 28 A DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch: Mongolian Beef with Rice, Steamed Broccoli and Red Bell Peppers
Tuesday November 29 B DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch: Cheeseburger, Texas BBQ Beans and Sweet Potato Fries
Wednesday November 30 A DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch: Sweet and Sour Pork with Steamed Rice and Mixed Vegetables
Thursday December 1 B DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch:
Friday December 2 A DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch:

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 23rd-International Thanksgiving Celebration (Half Day)
- Nov. 24th-25th-No School (Holiday-Thanksgiving)
- Nov. 30th- National Novel Writing Month Competition Ends (Grade 7-8)
- Dec.16-Jan.3rd-No School (Holiday-Christmas and New Year's Eve)

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