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Martin Luther King Jr. Day

By: Julianne Hall (Grade 7)

Welcome to Spring Semester 2017

State of the Union Address by Headmaster

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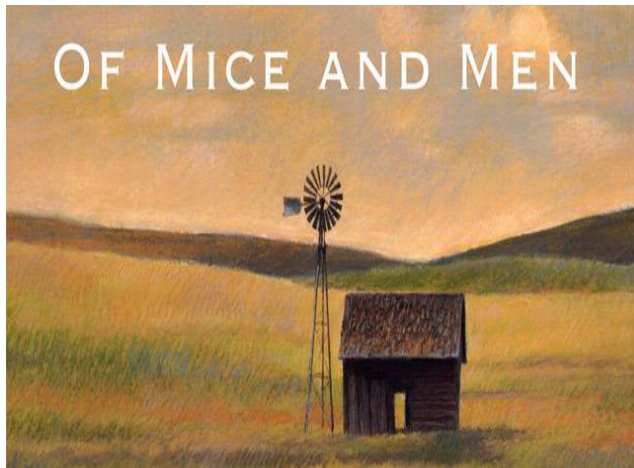
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Martin Luther King Jr. Day is an American federal holiday that we celebrate in memory of Michael Luther King Jr. This man was a Baptist minister, activist who led the Civil Rights Movement. He had a big impact on race relations in the United States in the mid-1950s. Throughout his lifetime, he worked on ending segregation of African-American citizens. He received awards such as the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, but was sadly assassinated in April 1968. Even though, he is still one of the most influential people in history. Michael Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Georgia; he later changed his first name to Martin. His grandfather owned a small Ebenezer Baptist Church and it would be passed to him. He attended Morehouse College and he met Coretta Scott and they ended up having 4 children together, 2 boys and 2 girls. During the Montgomery Bus Boycott, King was appointed to lead it because of he was

young, well trained, and had a professional standing. His new speeches inspired the community and the boycott lasted 382 days. So the city of Montgomery lifted the law of mandating public segregation.

On August 28, 1963, the historic March on Washington took place and the King delivered his famous 'I Have A Dream' speech. Sadly, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee. So today, we honor his bravery and his heroic acts by celebrating his birthday, January 15.

"I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." — Martin Luther King, Jr.



Student Work Highlight

By: Ms. Bevas

Maria Gregoire and Eileen No of the eighth grade wrote amazing journal entries this week. Currently, they are reading the Steinbeck novel, *Of Mice and Men*. They were tasked with writing from the perspective of the main character, George, pretending that it's his diary entry about his thoughts, and feelings while he and Lennie travel to their next job after being chased out of Weed. Read their journal entries below:

Eileen No:

“Before I drifted into the sleep I was yearning for, I glanced at Lennie asleep beside me. I replayed the words I have said to Lennie early in the day, feeling so guilty

each time. It was so low of me and it was true that I blamed everything on Lennie, even though it wasn't his fault. Lennie was not supposed to be blamed for getting kicked out of our former hometown and jobs. I guess it was because of the stressful situation we were put in. Not enough money to buy what we want, not even capable owning a small house, and not even able to start our own family. It's like we are chained from taking a step forward. The world was what I would blame everything on for placing us in this situation. As time ticked by, I slowly trailed my thought to what we were going to do tomorrow and I drifted into a deep dream.”

Maria Gregoire:

“As the faint snore of Lennie droned on, I lay awake, gazing at the twinkling lights above. Mama used to tell me they made shapes, all in a certain order, and all of them have names. She said that a long time ago, when people were lost, they'd look up at the stars and navigate their way back home. That always fascinated me. I began to name them myself. The one that looked like a shopping cart I called Athena, and the rest I named after Greek gods and their mythical creatures. Now I lay there, forgetting my childhood as the remaining bits and pieces slip away from my grasp. Papa used to say, “If you work hard, you'll get there. Prove everyone who ever doubted you wrong. Show em' you've got what it takes, show em' all.” I don't think Lennie is dragging me down. At least, not on purpose. I never got to be what I aspired to be as a child. An explorer. I don't blame Lennie for that either. It's just hard with him around sometimes. He doesn't know any better. It's for him too. I contemplate how my life could have been as the dark cloud of sleep consumes me and I step towards the empty void ahead.”



Korean New Year

By: Yuri Christine Kim (Grade 12)

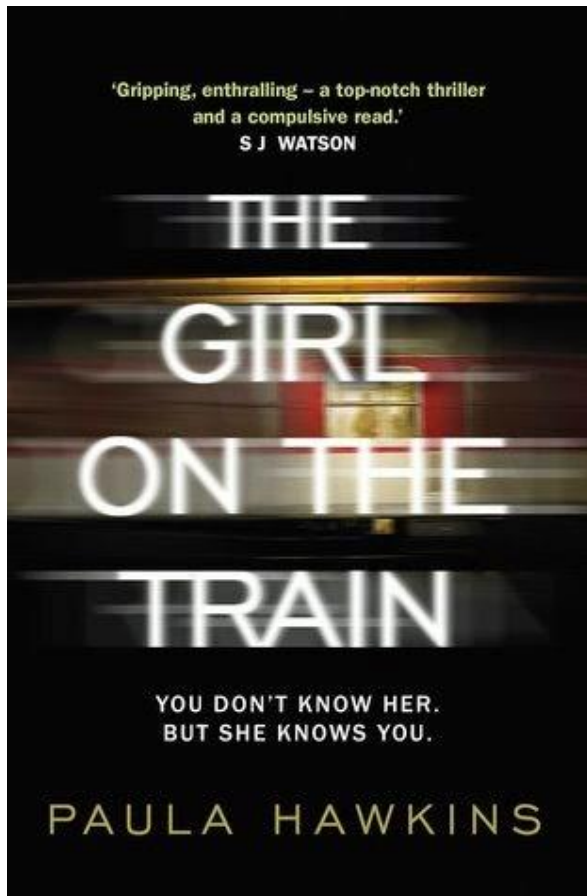
Many Asian countries such as China, Mongolia, Vietnam, Tibet, and Korea celebrate the Lunar New Year. This is how Lunar New Year, of Seol Nal is celebrated in Korea. This day is the first of the Lunar Calendar, and easily can be labeled as the most important or widely celebrated Korean holiday. Usually, this day falls between January 20th and February 21st. This year, it falls on the 28th of January. Rather than the American culture of counting down and partying the night before until after midnight, Koreans usually celebrate this day in the morning. It is a day spent with gathered family members. In Korea, families tend to travel by car, train, or even plane to spend time with far away family members. Many also dedicate this day to their ancestors or past away family. Food is laid out in a beautiful layout for them as a sign of respect; in hopes they will visit, bless the family, and keep them safe for the next year. Something unique about this holiday is that on this day, most people eat certain types of dishes. The most popular dish would be the Korean Rice Cake Soup, called Tteok Guk. What makes this food so unique is the reason why people eat this food. It hold many meanings behind it and represents many positive things. The long and white rice cake is representing a long and healthy life, the white color of the food represents a clean and bright year ahead, the way the rice cake is cut, like coins, represents a good fortune for the rest of the year.

Opinion Piece: What Makes A Good Teacher

By: Sakura Imaya (Grade 12)

There are many different types of teachers, The Personal Life-Obsessed Teacher, The Lazy Teacher, The Super-Strict Teacher, The Too-Challenging Teacher, The Clueless Teacher and many more. But what makes up the best teacher? When I say “best teacher” I am not talking about the teacher that everyone likes, I am talking about the teacher that influences the students, the teacher that will be remembered when the student gets older. Although I think that the way a teacher teaches and the techniques they use are important, I believe a key factor for a great teacher comes down to their personality. Personalities such as being good-natured, creative, having a good sense of humor, and enjoying what they do. The creative teacher is always willing to try new things, coming up with new ways to help us understand and remember what they teach us. I think this goes for everyone when I say this, things that are funnier and more entertaining tend to catch my attention more. Therefore the teacher that understands that the subject they are teaching is just one of many, and can make jokes throughout the class, is a great teacher. A little bit of humor can help a student grasp the material a little better. Unfortunately, many teachers don’t teach for the love of it, and some don’t even like their own students they make them feel like a nuisance. A good teacher truly loves their students and loves to talk to and help them at all times. All of these traits make up a great teacher, but personally the best teacher is simply good-natured. The best teachers are approachable, if I know the teacher will help me with anything, they show that they care and are kind, it makes asking questions and asking for advice a whole lot easier. All of the things I’ve listed that make up a great teacher are personality traits, personality is not something that we can change, it is something we are born with, just like teachers aren’t born to become abundant teachers. There are good and bad teachers around the world, it’s just about the journey

of self-abundance and whether the teacher is willing to take the time to become a better mentor/educator for their students.



Book Review: The Girl on the Train

By: Arabella Loste (Grade 7)

As a child, you probably had a wild imagination. You would think about pirates, mermaids, and fairies. Soon after you grew up, you believed in less and less things, and the only time you had to imagine was when you would read a book. However, in Paula Hawkins' book, *The Girl on the Train*, Hawkins tells the story of Rachel Watson, an adult with an overactive imagination. Rachel would look at worn out clothes and think about their backstory. Rachel would think about who wore them and how they ended up where she found them. It was just her imagination though, she never really knew for sure. Every morning, Rachel boards the 8:04 morning train to Euston. It stops halfway due to a faulty signal and if Rachel is sitting in carriage D, which she usually is,

she gets a perfect view of her favorite trackside house: number fifteen where Jason and Jessie live. Jessie and Jason are the perfect couple according to Rachel; Jessie is an artist and Jason is a doctor. Everything is perfect, or so Rachel thinks. One day, she sees Jessie with another man and several days later, Jessie goes missing. *The Girl on the Train* is an amazing mystery novel that will leave you stumped. If you want a good mystery novel, you should give *The Girl on the Train* a try. I absolutely loved *The Girl on the Train*. The characters were complex and unique while the plot was beautifully written. Hawkins manages to make the characters come alive and to make them psychotically intelligent. I loved the ending because it manages to solve the conflict and leave an eerie feeling at the end. If I had to rate the book out of five stars, I would rate it five out of five stars.



TV Series Review: Hawaii Five-O

By: Yuri Christine Kim (Grade 12)

If you're looking for a thrilling but touching TV series, *Hawaii Five-O* is definitely something you should consider. The series is available on many online streaming websites such as Netflix and CBS. The show is a new version of the old classic, *Hawaii Five-O*, that aired from 1968-1980. The old series had 12 seasons, and was the longest running cop show in history until recently, when *Law & Order* surpassed it in 2003. The remake of the series already has 7 seasons, and first aired in September 20, 2010. This show is unique in that the special task

force is an actual team that existed in the 1940's, under martial law. Also, the term Five-O, referring to police, originated from the TV show. This show is very exciting and tense, but also very touching and teaches a lesson in every episode. Every episode has its own unique story, along with a bigger story that is connected during all the seasons. Every person involved, including the victims, murderers, criminals, all have their own story to tell and reasons behind their actions. All the voices are heard and the truth is told in the end, as the task force focuses on showing the truth. While watching this show, it not only shows the cases solved, but also the beautiful scenery of Hawaii. All parts of the beautiful islands are portrayed and captured in this show. For people who have visited Hawaii, it is especially more interesting as the show takes part in every day places such as the Hilton Hotel, beaches of Waikiki, North Shore, Ala Moana Blvd, and more places many people visit. Many of the incidents are things that can actually happen in everyday life, or it seems like, because of how realistic they portray the scenes. If you have time to spend watching a very meaningful TV show, Hawaii Five-O is the one.

Casa Urashima Review

By: Nicole Huer (Grade 12)

If you want to look for a good restaurant on Saipan with a cozy atmosphere, look no further. Casa Urashima had the perfect balance of casual and fine dining. Though the food is on the expensive side, and the wine selection is small (but good), the experience is one that is unforgettable. The food is great, and the service is good. The dining area is clean, and the staff are very friendly and know how to serve.

The food itself is a unique fusion of Asian, and European, mainly Japanese and Italian. They offer a wide selection of pasta, pizzas, beef, chicken, lamb, seafood, and appetizers. A personal highlight for me would be the umeboshi spaghetti. It is a nice mix of savory, sour, with a hint of sweetness that is

unique and true to the taste of the Japanese pickled plum. The pasta is cooked to a perfect al dente and is an overall cohesive dish. The pizzas are also very good. The crust is thin (between 1/6th and 1/8th of an inch thick), but it still has a nice chew to the center, and the crust does not feel brittle. The stretch of the mozzarella cheese is an excellent choice for pizza, and the ingredients taste fresh. It is good to note that there is not much space in the dining area, so reservations are recommended in order to get an open table.



Things To Do On Saipan

By: Judy Bang (Grade 7)

Saipan has many historical tourist sites. According to <http://globalgirltravels.com>, one of the famous place in Saipan is Banzai Cliff. The story of the Banzai Cliff was when Japan had lost the Battle of Saipan and the Japanese citizens and soldiers committed suicide by jumping off the Banzai Cliff. Saipan is perfect for amazing activities, such as scuba diving, fishing, and windsurfing. According to <http://saipanexplorer.com>, Saipan is famous for unique diving spots in the world. The Grotto is a collapsed underwater, limestone cave that is connected to the ocean by a series of tunnels. The clear blue water gives stunning image of the sea world. Sport Fishing is excellent thing to do in Saipan. You can catch mahi mahi, tuna, marlin, and much more. After you did fishing, you will probably think, how to eat the fish. Don't worry because if you just go to local Japanese restaurants, they will

prepare your fish for you. Last, people come all over the world to windsurf in Saipan. The best spot to catch the strong wind is between Micro Beach and Managaha Island. You don't need to bring your own gear. The gear is available for rent at the Hyatt Hotel beach. If you want to taste many different kinds of food in Saipan, Saipan has some events. According to <https://www.lonelyplanet.com>, there is an event that is held every Thursday, it is called Street Market. You can eat a variety of foods and while you are eating, people sing or dance on the stage.



Sports Update

By: Rintaro Miyawaki and Jon Villagomez
(Grade 7)

FIFA 17 Starting 11

By: Jon Villagomez

The wait for the latest edition of FIFA to be released is almost exciting as the start of a new season for some die hard soccer fans like me. The new FIFA team of the year has the best players in the world. They are called as the best player for their position in the entire year dealing with their performance. FIFA 17 feature players from real life and modify their personalities and looks in the game. And gamers spend lots of money just to get them in the game. The keeper for the Starting XI is Manuel Neuer. He has impressed a lot of people in the year and has regained a lot of ratings in the game FIFA 17. The 2 Center Backs are Jerome Boateng and Sergio Ramos. Both of these class defenders are the best defenders for the last 2 years in a row. The Right Back for the team is Dani Alves. Even though he left from

Barcelona to Juventus nobody hated on him because he showed respect to both teams and felt he had a great year. And the left back is Marcelo, I really don't know why they chose him because it seems to me that he had a terrible year mostly with the foul against VFL Wolfsburg. Now onto the Midfielders, we got Toni Kroos who had a stunning cross making pepe get a head on that which got real Madrid a goal against Barcelona. The next midfielder is Andreas Iniesta who had the greatest year for his career in my opinion because he had a lot of news on him like he is the best midfielder out there right now. And the last midfielder, Luckas Modric I really liked his stunning volley in the euro which looked impossible to do. And now onto the attackers we have Cristiano Ronaldo, this guy seemed to have a happy year since he got the ballon d or. Then Antoine Griezmann who was popular in the euro 2016. Now and then, Messi who had a great year but didn't win any trophies.

FIFA Football Awards

By: Rintaro Miyawaki

It was held for the very first time on January 9, 2017. The latest incarnation of the annual awards events that FIFA has been staging since 1991, when the FIFA World Player Gala was founded. There was awards for The best FIFA men player, Which was won by Cristiano Ronaldo. The best FIFA women player won by Carli Lloyd. The best FIFA men coach won by Claudio Ranieri. The best FIFA women coach won by Silvia Neid. The FIFA award for an outstanding career by Falcao. Puskas Award (The player who scored the best goal) won by Mohd Faiz bin Subri. Fair play award to Atletico Nacional. FIFA FIFPRO World 11 was GK:Manuel Neuer, DF:Dani Alves, Gerard Pique, Sergio Ramos, Marcelo, MF:Luka Modric, Toni Kroos, Andres Iniesta, FW:Lionel Messi, Luiz Suarez and CRISTIANO RONALDO.

Ronaldo had a great year. He has won FIFA player of the year, UEFA champions league, Uefa GOLDEN BOOT, Euro cup, Euro

Golden Boot, World soccer best player, Marca Best player, UEFA Super cup, Uefa best player, BALLON D'OR, Fifa club world cup, Fifa world cup golden ball, Fifa world cup top-scorer, EURO sports award, ESPN top athlete of the year, Best EUROPEAN ATHLETE AWARD, The Guardian best player award, Globe soccer award. Claudio Ranieri surprised the whole world. He coaches Leicester City which is a team that was in EPL before the 15/16 season, but during the season Leicester won the league in 132 years. The thing that it is more awesome is that they won in the Premiere league, the hardest league in the world.



Heard Around Campus Best of Beauty 2016: SIS Edition

By: Nicole Huer (Grade 12)

These are the beauty products that people in SIS liked throughout 2016 regardless of when the product actually came out. This list consists of skincare, and makeup products.

1. Eos Lip Balm- It is popular amongst the SIS community, and for a good reason. This lip balm is easy to carry, and works effectively to moisturize the lips.
2. Tarte Eyeshadow Palette- Tarte eyeshadows are generally very creamy, pigmented and easy to blend with a nice variety of natural looking colors.
3. Pacifica Coconut Nectar- It smells good and moisturizes the body.
4. Mac Lipstick in shade Lady Danger- A red with an orange undertone that has a matte finish

5. Mac lipstick in the shade Plumeful- A deep neutral plum with a glossy, satin finish.
6. Mac Viva Glam 3 Lipstick- A matte burgundy shade that gives profits to a good cause.
7. Laura Mercier Translucent Setting Powder- A cult favorite, highly used in the beauty industry, and is perfect for the hot humid weather of Saipan. This powder locks makeup in place without over drying the skin.
8. Urban Decay All-Nighter Setting Spray- A mist that locks the makeup in place. It is a personal favorite of mine to use with #7.
9. Physicians Formula BB Cream- A sheer coverage cream that has anti-aging benefits, smooths, and moisturizes the skin, and has organic ingredients that are good for the skin.
10. Loreal Double Extend Mascara- A 2 in 1 mascara that primes the lashes, and lengthens, while adding volume.

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Calendar

Upcoming Events

- No Bombing Tinian and Pagan Softball Tournament Fundraiser Jan. 20-23 by Alternative Zero Coalition with Kyle Kaipat.
- Timmy Would Go Paddle Memorial, Jan. 28-29, contact napuoutriggercanooclub@gmail.com
- Adult Swim Courses at 6:30am-7:30am on Mondays and Wednesdays on Micro Beach
- Marianas Sunset Fun Run 5k hosted by the Marianas Visitors Authority in celebration of its 40th anniversary. Email ediaz@mymarianas.com for info.
- PIC Duck Race Fundraiser for Cancer Treatment February 4, 2017
- SIS Healthy Heart Walk Coming Up in February

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