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Happy New Year! 2020!



Welcome to a new decade, a new year, its 2020! Many people are planning new year resolutions. Do something kind, try something new, and set goals that you believe you can reach. Let go of all of the stress from your past and breathe. Make new connections and do not pressure yourself. Be the best version of you that you can be.

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Getting to Know Dr. Nezowitz

Edited By Maureen Arendt

On October 21st, 2019, the journalism students had the opportunity to interview, and get to know our school's interim principal, Dr. Nezowitz. We learned a lot and are happy to share it with our readers. Dr. Nezowitz stated, "To be happy, you need to be yourself and stay calm." Dr. Nezowitz's goals for GCMS are to lead kids to do something great. He has a son in 8th grade which helps him know "the mind of a middle school kid." His daughter is a sophomore in high school, and her involvement and activities at her school are like a window to the future of the students in the middle school. Dr. Nezowitz has passion for literacy and is interested in progressive and new strategies. He also believes that the social-emotional wellness of a student is very important.

Because of all the recent school shootings, we asked Dr. Nezowitz if we are adding any new protocols for our safety. He stated, "We are always looking to improve, but one of the safest places to be in life is school." This was very reassuring as so many horrific school shootings have happened. In his free time, Dr. Nezowitz loves hanging out with his family as well as exercising, going to concerts, and watching sporting events. And for all of you asking why the buses are always late, know that our staff, including Dr. Nezowitz, are working on improving this problem. Unfortunately he states that, "It is nearly impossible to control." Lastly, Dr. Nezowitz has fourteen years of experience, is very energetic, and would do anything for us students. We can assure you that we are in good hands. We are looking forward to a very fun year getting to know Dr. Nezowitz!

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Veterans Day

By: Alexandra Cooper

Veterans day is a day to celebrate and thank all of the people that fight and fought for our country. This day was once called Armistice Day. This tradition was started by President Woodrow Wilson 100 years ago to recognize World War I soldiers. This day marked the agreement signed by the Allies of WWI and Germany and ended WWI. In 1954, this federal U.S. holiday was renamed Veterans Day. Veterans Day takes place on November 11th to celebrate the soldiers that fought for our country. In 2019, President Trump was the first United States President to attend the Veterans Day Parade in New York City.



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Coral Reef Tragedy

By Samantha Fiore

Coral reefs around the world are being destroyed rapidly, and we need to save them. Many endangered species were living and thriving in one of the most beautiful habitats. Now, there are many that are almost gone. Scientists studying these exotic places state that humans are destroying these regions whether it's air pollution from factories, litter and garbage, or global warming. Many also say that coral reef snorkeling should be banned because of people taking pieces for themselves or selling them. These beautiful places need to be saved and soon.

Texting While Driving

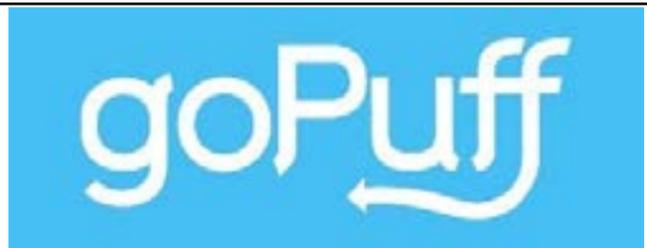
By: Mary Kate Macchiarola

Texting while driving is a serious issue, why do people continue to do it? Texting while driving is banned in most states, but it is still handled with a fine. States are trying to put a stop to texting while driving by putting a harsher punishment in place. As per edgarsneider.com, there are 1.6 million crashes per year with 390,000 injuries due to texting. Many states are trying to push a more serious punishment, similar to the punishment for drunken driving. We seriously need to end texting while driving ASAP. People are getting in accidents due to texting at the wheel. If this is how texting while driving will be put to an end, we need to put this in action.

Colorado School Shooting Hero Becomes Marine

By: Maureen Arendt

For the last few years, Americans have been tremendously impacted by school shootings. Recently, in May, Colorado was devastated after a school shooting at the STEM school in Denver. During this shooting, one of the students stepped up and put his life at risk for his classmates, friends, and teachers. This brave boy is Brendan Bialy, 18 years old, from Castle Rock, Colorado. Brendan tackled the gunman and fought back out of pure instinct. Eight students were injured during this crisis, and Bialy lost one of his friends Kendrick Castillo. In response to this traumatizing event, Brendan decided to become a Marine. Brendan stated, "My thoughts on becoming a Marine were nothing but reinforced after the shooting." On Sept 20th, courageous Brendan graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Training, according to Stars & Stripes. Brendan is a perfect example that not all heroes wear capes.



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goPuff

By Maureen Arendt

James Harden, 30 year old Houston Rockets point guard, announced his partnership with goPuff on Oct.15. goPuff is a digital convenience delivery service operating in over 100 US locations as of October 2019. The legendary NBA rockstar posted a video on his Instagram about goPuff, the fastest growing digital convenience retailer. Harden stated, "It is a game changer." James Harden is a very busy man, so there is no doubt this delivery service will make his life more convenient. This digital convenience retailer could be a gamechanger for many people. It is available 24/7 if you need Advil at 3am or if you are hungry and are craving pizza. Do any of your college-bound siblings use goPuff?

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-7577987/James-Harden-gears-MVP-season->

Facial ID

By: Samantha Fiore

Many phones have a new feature called Face ID. The Apple company states that Face ID is "an easy, more efficient way to sign into your devices," including the newest iPhones and iPads. Also quoted from the About Face ID advanced technology site it says, "We have done some important things to safeguard your information, the same way we did with Touch ID. Face ID uses the TrueDepth camera and machine learning for a secure authentication solution. Face ID data - including mathematical representations of your face - is encrypted and protected with a key available only to the Secure Enclave." So you are probably wondering: *What if someone has an identical twin? Will it be able to tell the difference?* According to marshable.com, this issue has been tested on identical twins and it cannot tell the difference between them. Many companies such as Apple are researching and testing different ways to make sure Face ID is as accurate as possible.



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iPhone 11

By: Sofia Ammirati

Apple's new iPhone 11 was recently released across the world by Apple. It has two cameras, a regular and widescreen, which is very popular. The 11 Pro has three cameras, regular, wide, and extra-wide. The iPhone 11 Pro max is basically the same, but it has a 6.5 screen making it slightly larger than the Pro. This is a big, new thing but many people are trying to protest against Apple because the iPhone XR just dropped its price, and many people bought it a week before the iPhone 11 came out. Many people think the company is lying about the new features of the iPhone just to make more people want to buy it but these rumors are far from true.

Forever 21

By: Sofia Ammirati

Forever 21 filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy protection. This was necessary so that they could "...take positive steps to reorganize the businesses so we can return to profitability". They will close up to 178 stores in the US and up to 350 stores around the world. They will keep online websites and shopping open and also many stores worldwide. This problem may be resolved when the company makes more money back after its bankruptcy. Forever 21's revenue dropped \$3.3 billion last year. They also lost up to 75,800 employees since 2016. Forever 21 will work until they can get back on a successful path.

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Netflix added Victorious

By: Olivia Franklel

Netflix recently added *Victorious* to their TV show category. *Victorious* originally aired on Nickelodeon. The show had now Famous singer Ariana Grande playing Cat Valentine and Tori Vega as Victorious Justice. The first episode was aired on March 27, 2010 and the last episode aired on February 2, 2013. There are four seasons of *Victorious*. This show is an American sitcom made by Dan Schneider. *Victorious* streams on Netflix if you have a subscription. Youtube, Amazon Prime, Google Play and iTunes for just \$0.99. You can also get it on Vudu for \$1.99.

Hippos

By: Clare Doherty

Hippos are large semi-aquatic mammals, with a big barrel-shaped body, short legs, a short tail and a massive head! They have greyish to muddy-brown skin, which fades to a pale pink colour underneath. They are considered the second biggest animal on Earth (first place goes to the elephant!). Males measure around 3.5m long and 1.5m tall, and can weigh up to 3,200kg. That's as much as three small cars! Hippos are most active at night, when they are on the hunt for food. They are herbivores, and eat mostly grass – and boy do they eat grass! In just one night, they can guzzle down up to 35kg of their favourite grub! As you can see, Hippos are very cool animals!



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Annual Rockefeller History

By: Kathlyn Pomeroy

December 4th 2019 marked eight decades of the decorating and lighting of the famous Christmas tree. The annual event started in 1931 during the Great Depression to create jobs for those in need. The first tree reached the height of 20 feet decorated with strings of cranberries on Christmas Eve. The NBC broadcasting has been televised nationally since 1951. The tree is displayed the week after Thanksgiving until the first week of January welcoming around 3 million visitors every holiday season. The tree is normally a Norwegian spruce reaching from 60 to 100 feet decorated with 5 miles of lights, ornaments and a 3 million Swarovski crystals star. The decision of the tree is made by the Rockefeller head gardener and is fully decided by September.

Holocaust Survivor Recives Daily Threats

By: Kathlyn Pomeroy

Liliana Segre, a Holocaust survivor, has recently received 200 threats on average everyday. Online and offline she has been receiving threats all due to the organization she created to stop hate. Liliana Segre was only thirteen years old when she was sent to one of the camps created by the Nazis, and she survived as one of twenty-five people under fourteen to survive. Due to the threats she has been receiving, two police officers have been selected to protect her. There has been a rise in attacks towards Jewish people with the fear of vandalism, threats and harsh insults.

Atlas

By: Henry Conlon

Perhaps you've heard of some famous gymnasts. Katelyn Ohashi, Simone Biles, and more. These athletes pale in comparison to a rising star in the gymnastics industry, and they are... a ROBOT?! At Boston Dynamics, a video was recently released showing the robot Atlas perform many flips, spins, and somersaults. Atlas is the most dynamic humanoid robot, designed to push the limits of whole body mobility. It is made up of 3D printed parts to make it lightweight so it can perform its parkour (using whole body movement). And it has actually been improved upon. Earlier in the year, it had a string attached to it so it wouldn't fall and break. Now, it can balance all by itself, no strings attached! And Atlas isn't the only robot made by Boston Dynamics. There's Spot, the small but effective walker robot, Handle, a mobile robot that moves boxes, and Pick, which is a more stationary version of Handle. Personally, I can't wait to see what Boston Dynamics and other companies like it come up with next. Maybe in a few years they'll be hosting the Robot Olympics.

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American Dream Mall

By: Sofia Ammirati

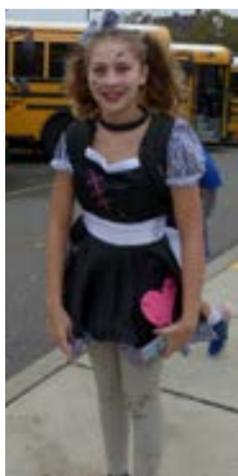
The American Dream Mall, in New Jersey, opened on October 25, 2019. The Triple Five Group and Colony Capital are the current owners of the mall. It has many tourists and many local people are happy about it. They have many great factors including a water park, indoor skiing slope, and indoor NHL size ice rink. Slope access tickets start at \$29.99 for two hours, and packages that include ski and snowboard equipment start at \$49.99 when reserved online in advance per person. Also there is Nickelodeon Universe, an indoor theme park, which a major child attraction, and many more exciting activities, shops, and restaurants. Many parts of the mall has not been opened to the public and will open in 2020. Opening this mall was around \$5.7 billion dollar cost. They are hoping to get their \$5.7 billion debt back by 2021. The American Dream Mall is a very popular mall and is trying to be one of the top malls in America.

Santa Clarita California Saugus High School Shooting

By: Sofia Ammirati

On November 14th, a sixteen year old student pulled out a handgun and opened fired at Saugus High School in Santa Clarita. Two students were killed, a fifteen year old girl and a fourteen year old boy and three others were injured. Nathanlal Berhow, the suspected shooter, was hospitalized with a gunshot wound. Officials said he was in grave condition and is now dead. This was a major non-surprising tragedy. Many people think that gun laws aren't helping school shooting numbers come down. This was a horrible tragedy that sadly happened and will hopefully never happen again.

Halloween



School News

MakerSpace

By-Maureen Arendt and Grace Carr

MakerSpace is a fun and creative option you can participate during your lunch and homebase period. It is offered through the library by our school librarian, Mr Daniels. There are a variety of things you can participate in such as building blocks, legos, chess, jenga, checkers, green-screens, and 3D printing. You must sign up in the morning if you want to go to MakerSpace during your lunch period. MakerSpace is designed to foster creative problem solving. It forces students to build up an “I Can” mentality. Make sure to check out MakerSpace in the library to learn more!

Mr. Daniels Opens Makerspace Once Again!!

By Tyler Ranger

A big big thank you to all the people responsible for creating MakerSpace! The middle school opens more and more clubs to students. MakerSpace is one of the most popular clubs yet beside intramural sports. MakerSpace is available to anyone. All you have to do is sign up. For this, just go to the library during period 0 sign up on the sheet, and come at your lunch period and/or Homebase. There is now an app where you can sign up! We hope you sign up, but be aware that spaces go fast!!!!!!!



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Reviews

Mysteries of the Unknown

By Emma Rathgeber

A supposed bomber never found again? Missing children from a fire? Mysterious deaths in the snow? Supposed evidence of reincarnation? One may not believe, but there are some remarkable stories pertaining to these ideas. Only one of great wits and imagination would dare venture into them. Will you?

DB Cooper

Date: November 24, 1971

Location: Airlines Flight 305 - Portland, Oregon

Death Count: N/A

Mr. Dan Cooper, a man in his mid-forties. Black suit, black tie, wearing a mother-of-pearl tie clip on Airlines Flight 305. Date: November 24, 1971. Portland, Oregon to Seattle, Washington- a flight but 30 minutes in length. After getting settled into his seat on the plane, Cooper ordered a drink, and handed the flight attendant a note. Dismissing the note, the twenty- three year old lady continued her work, believing that it was only the man's cell phone number. So, Cooper told the lady, "Miss, you'd better look at that note, I have a bomb." The man also demanded he be given four parachutes, a fuel truck to refuel the plane after landing, and 200,000 American dollars, about \$1,000,000 today. The crew cooperated through Cooper's entire plan, though the passengers were told that mechanical difficulties were the cause of the plane's delayed landing. Cooper then let the passengers, as well as two flight attendants, exit the plane. With this out of the way, his eyes were now set on Mexico, with one stop in Nevada in order to refuel. The plane then started its two hour-long flight towards Reno, Nevada. But, when the plane landed here, Cooper left without a trace. None of his parachutes were found, and nothing was used of the ransom money. Years later, a family on vacation found part of the ransom money DB Cooper once owned, being identified by serial number.

Dyaslov Pass

Date: February 1, 1959

Location: Present-day Russia

Death Count: Nine

Nine friends on a camping trip. First they had dinner, then got ready to rest for the night. But the next time these people were seen, on February 26, they had already taken their last breaths. An abandoned tent was among the remnants found by searchers. This tent had been ripped open - from the inside. Footprints were found, showing some wearing socks, some with one shoe, and some barefoot. These footprints continued all the way to the edge of the woods near the campsite, where two bodies were found - shoeless and wearing nothing but underwear. Another body was found with a blunt force trauma, most likely caused by an assault. Third-degree burns, vomiting blood, a missing tongue, and even radioactive clothing were among the odd pieces of evidence found with the hikers. KGB-interference, drug overdose, UFOs, gravity anomalies, and the Russian Yeti are possible explanations to this unsolved case. One filmmaker hypothesized that something called infrasound could have been the cause of these deaths. This barely audible sound, caused by the way in which the wind interacts with the landscape, procures feelings of chills, nausea, dread, panic, nervousness, breathing difficulties, and a raised heartbeat rate. But are these hypotheses accurate? Are researchers on the right path? Or is there something completely different that caused these bone-chilling deaths in the snow?

Pollock Sisters

Date: 1957-1958

Location: England

Death Count: Two

Joanna Pollock, age eleven, and Jaqueline Pollock, age six. Sisters written down in history. A fatal car crash took their lives one day- a day that would still be remembered decades later. After losing their daughters, the Pollock parents gave birth to twin sisters, Gillian and Jennifer. As they grew older, they started mentioning and requesting certain things- things that only their long-lost sisters would have known or had. For example, Gillian and Jennifer requested the same toys that their older sisters had requested, and even pointed out the school their sisters attended. Another part of this eerie coincidence was that the sisters would sometimes get startled by cars on the road, afraid of a possible crash- the exact way in which their dead sisters passed. These incidents stopped when they were about five years old; Gillian and Jennifer grew up normally and lived a normal life. But does this eerie story prove uncanny evidence of reincarnation?

Sodder Children

Date: December 24, 1945

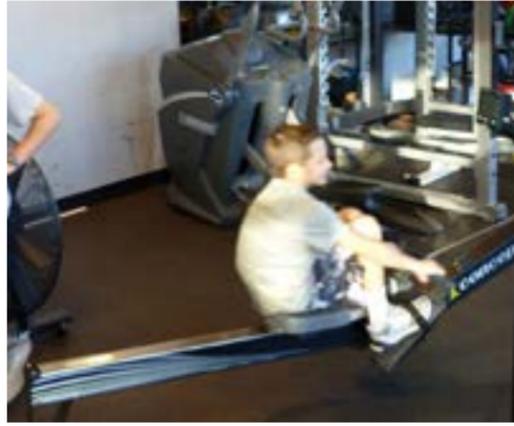
Location: West Virginia

Death Count: N/A

The night before Christmas, 1945. George and Jennie Sodder and their ten children. Their house in West Virginia caught fire and burned down on this unfortunate evening. Five children were rescued, but the other make up the mystery behind this queer occurrence. Five Sodder children were never found, and there was absolutely no evidence of the kids in the fire, considered unfeasible by scientists. But there is more to this mystery: George Sodder tried to save the missing five children, who he believed were still inside the house. He tried using his coal truck to save them, but it was unusable. The phone lines were found to have been cut, and a woman claimed to see the five children in a passing car as the fire was enduring. Another woman claimed to have seen four of these five children one week following the disaster. She remembers seeing them with two Italian men and two Italian women. The adults seemed stern and did not let the woman talk to the kids. The Sodder family believes that the children were kidnapped. Sylvia Sodder, the last known surviving child of this family, still refuses to think that her siblings perished in the fire.

GCMS CrossFit Intramurals:

All grades invited to join.
Working Together, Getting Stronger,
Having Fun!!!
Monday and Wednesday Mornings



Spirit Week- Pep Rally



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LIU Athletics Transitions to Division I

By: Luke Griffin

As of the 2019-2020 NCAA Season, there will never again be the LIU Brooklyn Blackbirds and the LIU Post Pioneers. The two programs consolidated for athletics and are the Long Island University Sharks. Prior to 2019, the LIU Brooklyn Blackbirds had 16 teams competing at the NCAA Division I level in the NEC Conference. The Pioneers were with the East Coast Conference for most sports and the football team was an affiliate of the NorthEast10 Conference. The current LIU program contends as the LIU Sharks, with the new nickname having been picked by both students and alumni of both schools. Due to LIU Brooklyn's long-standing D1 membership, the D2 LIU Post teams that had not been separated from LIU Brooklyn quickly moved to Division I without the typical change time for a school moving up a classification. The groups of sports that were offered in both Brooklyn and Brookville were merged. The LIU Post Division 2 athletes who were not ready to make the D-1 teams were permitted to maintain athletic scholarships or they were allowed waivers that allowed them to move to another Division II school without sitting out a year due to NCAA Transfer Regulations. Will this be a turning point for local Long Island college sports fans??

Gardi Party

By: Mareen Arendt

During the Nassau County Conference Championship, our own town sought revenge as they defeated MacArthur who broke their 42 game winning streak mid-season. Garden City came out of the locker room as the underdog, with much to redeem. In the beginning of the second quarter Ford Carney scored a touchdown, followed by Chase Gardi who made the score 7-0. On the next possession, the defense had a huge stop and forced a punt that turned into their field advantage. Then again, Carney scored another touchdown leading Garden City 13-0. Ending the second quarter the score was 13-7, Trojans. Both sidelines sensed that this was going to be a competitive game. The second half was a battle between the two talented teams. You could tell by the excitement on the sideline, GC defense had gained redemption. With only 38 seconds left in the game, with high tensions, Gardi drilled the ball through the uprights to take the win for Garden City 16-14. Garden City had gotten their redemption and beat MacArthur!