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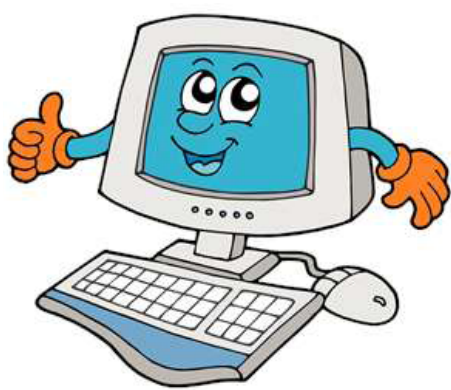
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East Meadow Students Speak Out

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*How do you feel about
online learning?*

Ariyanna Micone, Grade 11:

“I honestly like in school learning better.”

Kirra Spanos, Grade 9:

“I hate online classes. I wish we were going back to school it’s much easier.”

Brookelynn Buttacavoli-Lalla, Grade 9:

“I like the distance learning because it’s easy and I like it better then going to different classes.”

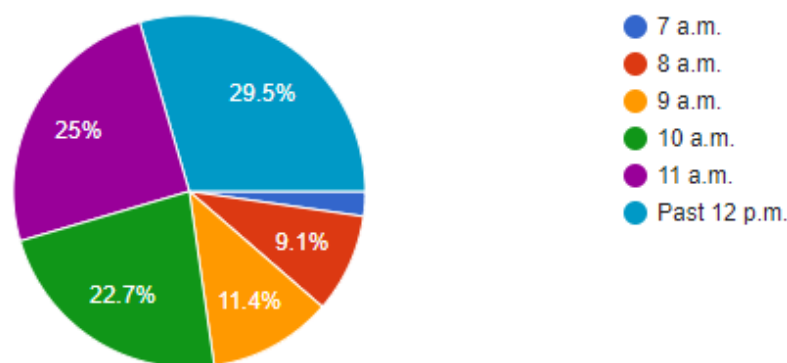
Alexandra Kelly, Grade 11:

“I prefer learning in the classroom than on-line. I think that in person conversations are better and more beneficial because it is easier to absorb information. I enjoy time in online classes with my friends and with our softball team to still stay connected.

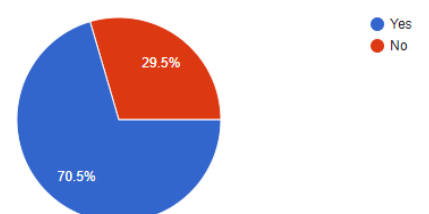
Brianna Bourne, Grade 12:

“I hate working from home because time management is hard and it’s hard to find motivation but at least the work is easier.”

EMHS students new
“wake up” times!



How many EMHS students have new hobbies?



*How
are you spend-
ing your time at
home?*

Kennedy Montalvo, Grade 9:

“I’ve had more time to focus on hobbies like learning piano, and drawing which I’m very happy about”. She added that she started cooking/baking with her siblings.

Nathaly Vasquez, Grade 12

“ I’ve been sewing, drawing, helping my family clean and cook, playing a lot of candy crush, and watching movies.”

Christina Cinelli, Grade 9

Homework, baking and taking care of my cat and hamster.

Hareem Arfan, Grade 9

My phone really helps in keeping me occupied, I sometimes cook things, I’m reading a book and then I have school work which keeps me occupied.

*What do you miss the most about
East Meadow High School?*

Dhruvi Patel, Grade 11:

I miss seeing my teachers and friends. I also miss my regular schedule with waking up at a certain time and going to bed at a responsible time. Currently, it’s hard to stick to a certain schedule and I’m prone to being idle.

Shannon Marsolais, Grade 11:

The thing I miss the most is the physical interaction with my peers. I talk to them via zoom and text, but it’s not the same as seeing them in person.

Sumaiya Chowdhury, Grade 9:

I’m eager to go back to my old lifestyle. I miss all of my friends and family. I miss being able to go freely to stores without super long lines and the rush to get home. I miss how I felt and the interactions I’ve had. Although this time is allowing me to better myself, I still wish to go back to my old lifestyle.

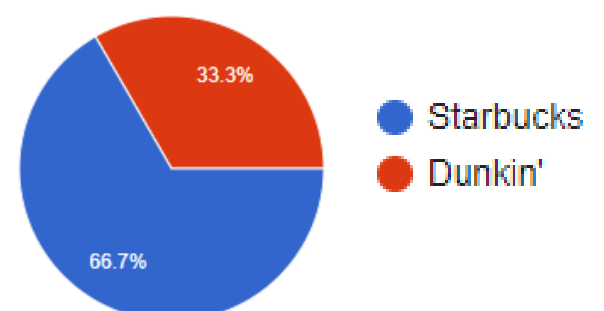
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Unrealistic Expectations

Allyson Hollywood, *Editor in Chief*

If one were to ask high school students how many hours they spend on homework, projects and assignments at home nightly, there would undoubtedly be some shocking answers. On average, students spend nearly four hours on homework for just one day. Taking into consideration that children spend seven hours in school, with additional hours dedicated to extracurricular activities such as sports, clubs, music, tutoring, and jobs, this amount of time is exceptionally high. American society has pressured teens into completing hours upon hours of academic work along with extracurriculars to become the image of the perfect student. The question then becomes- Is it worth it?

In the 1980s, elementary school children completed about 10 minutes of homework per night. By the late 90's and early 2000's, the number had nearly tripled as kids spent 25 to 30 minutes on homework nightly. To older students, this seems like a dream. A sign of this increased homework issue is the skyrocketing tutoring industry. Although many of these tutoring programs can be expensive, they provide the assistance children (and sometimes even parents) need to get through nights of work.

Homework and unrealistic schooling hours have pushed students today to the brink. Average hours of sleep have plummeted, and stress levels have soared. Students' mental health is deteriorating as nightly assignments become more lengthy and deadlines loom ahead.

Although homework is necessary to reinforce the day's lesson, packets, projects, and assignments that take more than ten minutes per subject are detrimental as sleep is lost. Therefore, memory,

motivation, and focus are lost as well, leading to problems in the classroom.

Forty hour work weeks are the norm in American society. In fact, it is the law. Anything more is considered overtime. Look at a typical school day for students. In America, school averages around 6.5 hours. Typically, a student spends 1 hour a day in extracurricular activities (some spend over 10 hours a week in out of school activities). Add in the average of 3.5 hours a night for homework, and you total a 55-hour workweek for your average high schooler. Compared to Finland, which has one of the highest ratings in school performance, America is much more strict and rigid with their schedules. Finland has school days for up to 3 hours and 45 minutes. Each day has a different number of lessons, some with only three and others up to six. With homework, Finnish students spend only up to an hour a night on the assignments. Though they spend much less time in school and completing school work, Finland ranks much higher than the U.S. does with education. This should possibly be a sign that the system in place now is far too overwhelming and demanding of students in our country.

If homework laws, or at least regulations, set a standard for homework given, from a fair ten minutes per subject for high schoolers, productivity and mental health are bound to improve. It would save the teachers time and allow them to focus on the lesson versus checking over homework and allow parents to spend more quality time with their children. Without these regulations, homework will continue to cause unnecessary and excessive stress to students.

East Meadow Music Program Receives National Honor

Amanda Rebelo, *Contributor*

Congratulations to the East Meadow Music Department for receiving the Best Communities in Music Education designation for the second year in a row! Ms. Brittany Drago, East Meadow orchestra teacher, exclaimed, "I never knew any other school other than East Meadow, as this was my first place of employment as a music teacher. To be in this district is a gift and it is all because of the students and colleagues I am surrounded by. The students of East Meadow are some of the most talented, respectful, loving, and hard working. I believe it is all of these qualities that make an award winning program. I take

confirmation of the greatness that exists in the East Meadow Music Department. There is no department that has such great and talented people to work with. It has truly been a dream to be a part of a department that has the most hard-working faculty, the most amazingly talented and gifted stu-



dents, and one of the most supportive communities for music education on Long Island.



great pride in being able to work with and make music with all of these brilliant minds every day. There are times when I feel like I am not working with students, but rather I am collaborating with true musicians."

Fellow orchestra teacher, Mr. Michael Cascardi agreed, "Winning this award is

Being a member of this department for the last 15 years and getting to work with the students of East Meadow, has been the greatest musical experience of my life"

Congratulations to the entire music department for this amazing distinction!

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Social Distancing

Ashly Ramirez, Contributor

Do you frequently see ads or commercials telling people to stay six feet apart? Health experts recommend remaining six feet away, because it can slow the spread of Coronavirus. Even though social distancing is strongly recommended and advised by health officials, people still have various viewpoints on this topic.

Some might say it's awful to be trapped inside their houses, but in my opinion it is an opportunity to find what's inside of yourself. Now more than ever, individuals have the time to explore themselves and find new hobbies. We should not view this time period as a crisis, but as an opportunity to learn more about ourselves. We cannot completely lose sight of what's going on around us, but we should remain positive in any way possible.

Although, it can be hard to adapt to new changes such as social distancing, the importance of staying safe and keeping

others safe, can get us through this hard time. The coronavirus is a very dangerous and hard to detect virus. In many cases people do not realize they have it until it is too late. One can be going about their normal activities and lives, however they might be spreading the virus to even more people. During the month of April, more and more hospitals were filled with patients infected with the virus. Sadly, some hospitals were so packed that some people who needed medical assistance could not obtain it. By doing our part and staying home we can contribute to saving lives.

Although, we can not see our loved ones in person, that does not mean we can not see them at all. Staying connected virtually is a safe alternative and many platforms such as Zoom, Google Meet, and Skype make this possible. Maintaining social distancing is a great way to contribute to stopping the spread of the Coronavirus. Finding a new you, is an excellent bonus.

Sitting Still is Not the Solution

Khushi Madan, Contributor

The number of coronavirus cases are mounting. As of now, this respiratory disease has infected almost four million people worldwide. People all around the world are staying inside their homes, known as "quarantine," dealing with an immense amount of boredom.



At the same time, students are also under the stress of piles of work, relying solely on their electronics as a means of completing assignments and as an entertainment escape. Unfortunately spending more time using phones and computers, has negative effects. Excess use of electronics is unhealthy for the brain. During this time of quarantine, most people are stuck in a cycle of tv watching, social media scrolling, and completing online assignments. Thankfully, Netflix has added a great number of movies and tv shows for people to binge-watch to avoid that boredom.

So, when do we ever take a break from screen time?

There is always a solution to every problem. After completing online classes and assignments, one can always take time to play a board game with the family. Why not have a family game night every night? Classic games like Monopoly, Uno, Trouble, and Family Feud allow families of all ages to play. Miss your friends? Create a Zoom party and catch up. Search up on the Google engine, "Sitting is..." you might be surprised by what you see; because sitting for such long periods of time is truly hurting your body.

Doctors encourage us to get up and move around. So, get up and exercise! It is the perfect way to stay healthy, fit, and energized. Make a playlist, and get pumped up!

Overall, follow some suggestions to help you get through this quarantine. Spend time with your loved ones, focus on improving yourself, and dig into some new hobbies!

Life During the Corona-virus

Elizabeth DeRiggi, Contributor

This deadly virus known as Covid-19 has swept the world off its feet. What started off as a small unknown illness is now a global pandemic. The Coronavirus began in China and slowly traveled to Europe, the United States and now to the entire world. The virus has put millions in quarantine also commonly referred to as self isolation. Many people are being tested daily and many are dying. New York has been a growing issue for the pandemic due to the fact that it has more cases than anywhere else. Although many are fearful of the future, hope is still ahead.

Many peoples' lives have changed drastically due to this virus, including mine. It has been a struggle and an adjustment for me and my sister both to change over to online classes. Additionally, my parents don't work as much anymore. Being stuck in a house with my family is insane. As for my job at Dunkin' Donuts, not many people want to come to work, which has resulted in our hours being shortened. An extremely noticeable amount of customers have stopped coming in due to the virus. However, when my regular customers come in they tell me how much their lives are changing during this pandemic.

The majority of people can't wait for this craziness to end so that they can go back to their normal lifestyle and be able to enjoy life. My wish for the world is that everything will be back to normal in a few weeks. Although times are tough right now for all, I always try to keep a positive mindset and remain hopeful and I would encourage everyone to do the same.

American Heroes

Gianna Devita, Contributor

Who do you think of when you hear "American Hero"? Maybe war heroes, Olympic athletes or successful presidents. The United States Women's National Soccer Team (USWNT) is the perfect example of American heroes by inspiring young boys and girls across the country, training

tion's lawyers said, "The point is the job of an MNT player requires a higher level of skill based on speed and strength than does the job of a WNT player." Interestingly, the U.S. women's soccer team has outplayed the men's team for decades, having won four World Cups and six Olympic Gold Medals while the USMNT side has not won either tournament. U.S. Soccer lawyers also said, "The job of MNT players carries more responsibility with the U.S. Soccer Federation than the job of a WNT player." The only additional responsibility that the MNT has to carry is actually to win something.

Another excuse U.S. Soccer and MNT fans have is that the men bring in more money from ticket sales. However attendance at the U.S. men's games has gone down over the past two years since the MNT failed to qualify for the 2018 World Cup. On the other hand, the women are playing for large crowds and selling out stadiums like Red Bulls Arena; it is clear that the USWNT is bringing in a greater amount of



year-round, fighting for their beliefs and taking home world championships one after the other. Why, even though this team continues to prove their worth, are they not receiving the pay they deserve?

The USWNT has been fighting for the same treatment as the United States Men's National Team since the program began in 1985. Proper meals, training equipment, transportation, hotels, and safe field conditions were only provided after many years of success. However, achieving equal pay has always seemed a distant dream.

In March of 2019, the most recent generation of Women's National Team players took a stand against this "unequal pay," suing the U.S. Soccer Federation. This lawsuit occurred only three months before the 2019 World Cup in France. This became a

money for the U.S. Soccer Federation.

The reactions from these statements of fans, athletes and partners of the U.S. Soccer were far from what U.S. Soccer expected. Not long after those statements were made, U.S. Soc-



big controversy that dominated discussions at the World Cup, adding a lot of pressure to the already stressful tournament. Regardless of the pressure, they persevered, winning the World Cup and setting over a dozen records. In August of 2019, a court date was finally set for May 2020.

Though we still have to wait to see if these women will get the pay they deserve, the real question is: why is there still a pay gap? Last month, the U.S. Soccer Federa-

cer President Carlos Cordeiro released an apology statement for his comments. USWNT fans didn't believe Cordeiro's apology and only a few days later Cordeiro stepped down as U.S. Soccer President.

Only time will tell if the women persevere off the field as well as they did on the field.

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Looking for a new show to binge or the latest movies that are on demand while you're staying at home? Check out these reviews!

I Am Not Okay with This

Gabriella Reiss and Halle Zavlick, Contributors

Sirens blare in the backdrop as the police approach. Amid the night, a young girl enveloped in blood walks the streets looking listless and petrified. This is how *I Am Not Okay with This* (TV-16+) begins. Yet again, Netflix has hit viewers with a series that teens can strongly relate to, but at the same time, it contains incredibly far-fetched scenarios, which makes it all the more intriguing. *I Am Not Okay with This* follows the life of Sydney, a seventeen-year-old girl, who discovers that she has supernatural powers. It's *Stranger Things*-esque with a hint of *On My Block*, combined with wacky and dark humor, creating a highly binge-worthy show. Viewers meet Sydney (Syd), who is mourning the loss of her father. On top of this, her family moves to a dull, middle of nowhere town in Pennsylvania. Stuck living with her extremely diligent mom, with whom she doesn't get along, Syd is forced to take on the responsibility of watching her younger brother. With this rocky and traumatic past, she develops issues with trust, anger, and self-image that appear to transmute into something much more. In an attempt to make Dina, her best friend, jealous Sydney goes out with

Stanley, her nerdy neighbor, who has a massive crush on her. One day, Stanley accidentally witnesses Sydney using her powers and convinces her to allow him to teach her how to control them. At this point, most people might be asking themselves, "How in the world is that even remotely relatable?" Well, while Sydney might have extraordinary powers, she also deals with a number of issues typical among teens, one of those being identity issues and self-discovery. Sydney seems to have a crush on her best friend, Dina, but to her dismay, Dina is dating Brad, the town's resident jerk. With spectacular acting, a mysterious plot, and a timeless feel, it's difficult not to binge this program. Though the show does leave you off on a slightly unsatisfying cliffhanger, it's enough to keep its audiences for a second season. The show seems to be building up to something and is waiting until the next season to address it. *I Am Not Okay with This* is suitable for those who are having a horrible day, those who really need a good laugh, or for those who are bored out of their minds. Browsing through Netflix, trying to find a compelling, exciting show to watch? You *will* be okay with *I Am Not Okay with This*.

On My Block Season Three Review

Dua Jafri, Contributor

Fans are raving about the long awaited and highly anticipated season three of *On My Block* (TV-14). Season two ended with the entire gang suddenly being kidnapped by an unknown group, leaving the audience perplexed. In season three, the audience comes to find out that Cuchillos, leader of the Santos gang, is behind the kidnapping. Cuchillos demands that the Freeridge kids go on a mission to find Lil Ricky. She wants them to find him because not only is he the owner of RollerWorld, but he is also Cuchillos' ex-boyfriend. Cuchillos holds a meeting with the Freeridge kids regarding their mission. This meeting sets up the entire plot for the season. If the Freeridge kids do not fulfill Cuchillos' request of finding Lil Ricky, they will suffer and face the consequences. Following the meeting, they agree to going on what is going to be an extremely long and difficult quest. Along the journey, they face many hard-

ships such as death, illness, and PTSD. One of the many noticeable achievements in season three is definitely the character development. As seen through various instances, two of the fan-favorites, Jasmine and Oscar have changed immensely. Jasmine is an extremely supportive character who constantly brings light to any situation. Additionally, in season three Jasmine finally decides to join the Freeridge kids along their journey. As the season progresses, she becomes the leader of the group as she plays an essential role in finding Lil Ricky. Throughout Oscar's actions it is clear that he has developed into a kinder, more sympathetic character. It is believed that Oscar's experiences with disappointment and heartbreak, have changed his personality immensely. This drama filled show holds many plot twists audiences would never expect. Once the story finally feels like it's all come to a peaceful end, the audience will never believe what is about to happen next. These cliffhangers definitely leave the viewer wanting more.

Frozen 2

Ellie Kravitz, Editor in Chief

Arendelle is the magical home to sisters, Elsa and Anna. In this land, family, acceptance, love, and empowerment are extremely important to everyone that lives here... not to mention the fun, catchy songs they get to sing! The original *Frozen* was a global phenomenon that children of all ages could not get enough of, especially singing the song "Let it Go." Disney's *Frozen* was about accepting those that are different and embracing those unique qualities. *Frozen 2* is most certainly no exception. This heartwarming, moving, and memorable film is simply breathtaking. *Frozen 2* follows the story of Princess Anna and Queen Elsa of Arendelle. In this film, there is an unbelievable amount of character development. Kristoff, who is voiced by Jonathan Groff, is unlike most princes in classic tales. During one scene he sees Anna in trouble and says, "I'm here. What do you need?" This is an extraordinary line because he is not trying to step up and save the day, he is there to support Anna, the heroine. Kristoff sings his own song called "Lost in the woods" in which he expresses all of his innermost thoughts and feelings about his love towards Anna. This is so important for young males to see especially because now they have Kristoff showing them that it is okay to feel so many things and to let it out. Princess Anna becomes confident and self assured to the point where she refuses to give up hope as she sings "Into

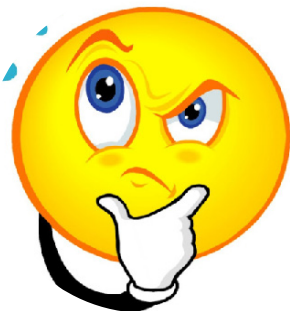


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the Unknown" with Elsa. Anna transforms into a powerful and reliable leader. She never loses faith in Elsa, who takes many risks throughout *Frozen 2*. Elsa becomes so powerful and heroic as an individual. Unlike the original film where she is afraid of what her powers can do, in *Frozen 2* her powers help save everyone in Arendelle and in the forest. There are of course, two characters that are simply unforgettable and make the film whole, Olaf and Sven. Olaf continues to be a goofy, naive, and charming snowman who still loves warm hugs. Sven is a reindeer with a great sense of humor and is always there to help Kristoff with advice or adventures. These sidekicks are extremely special and heartwarming. *Frozen 2* welcomes a new addition to these buddies, Bruni, a salamander. This curious and adorable lizard makes for a great smile and has captured the hearts of people everywhere. The way he sticks his tongue out to eat snowflakes tears at viewers' heartstrings. There is something so simple and pure about Bruni that audiences cannot help but love him. He is without a doubt an incredible addition to the *Frozen* family. With an extraordinary soundtrack, captivating characters, hysterical sidekicks, and the amazing adventures, *Frozen 2* is by far a breathtaking story that never fails to encourage smiles or happy tears. The animators, director, and everyone involved in this Disney production have really outdone themselves. "Some things [simply] never change."

Challenge Your Brain! Sudoku Challenge

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The Originals

Abigail Thomas, Contributor

From the dark streets of New Orleans, a new vampire family tries to take back their town from the new, charming, yet dexterous vampire named Marcel. The CW's binge-worthy series *The Originals* (TV14), created by Julia Plec, brings the spooky childhood fairy tales

back to life. It highlights the strength of family in the midst of chaos, and the characters face many terrible turmoils, especially in the first episode.

The spinoff to *The Vampire Diaries* builds off of the previous events of Klaus Mikaelson, who is a unique mix of wolf and a vampire, and his siblings Elijah and Rebekah Mikaelson. Together, they venture off into the city in search of a witch who seems to hold the

answers to all their questions, and a girl named Hayley that can change the life of Klaus and his family forever.

The music and the scenery are exceptional, and help convey the tone overall. The cinematography, like the architecture and the special effects, were also astonishing, especially considering it is just a television show and not a movie. It truly portrays the horror of the show.

The plot continues to thicken after the first episode compelling the audience to continue watching. The show keeps you on an emotional rollercoaster, smiling and laughing while other times hiding under your blanket.

If you like all of the elements of horror, comedy, romance and much more rolled into one, *The Originals* is the show for you.

Greenhouse Academy Review

Ashly Ramirez, Contributor

"Five-Four-Three-Two-One!" It was at this moment that the lives of two siblings would change indefinitely. Fast forward to eight months after their astronaut mother's sudden death, siblings Alex and Hayley Woods enrolled in The Greenhouse, the same elite boarding school as their deceased mother. However, they soon discover that not everything or everyone is what or who it seems to be, or thought it was.

Recently, Netflix released season four of *Greenhouse Academy* (TV PG) after an immense season three cliffhanger that left fans thunderstruck. In essence, season one was dramatic, season two was suspenseful, season three was truly heartbreaking, and sea-

son four? Rather eventful. Although this all might sound confusing, viewers will only understand by watching.

Another detail to point out is the genre. Yes, it's teen drama. However, it's more than that. *Greenhouse Academy* has action, mystery, romance and definitely drama. This show has no doubt, a little bit of everything.

What viewers take from *Greenhouse Academy* are morals and lessons such as teamwork and determination. Throughout the show, students from the academy are encouraged to compete against each other. However, they realize working as a team with allotted effort is more effective.

This is a thrilling Netflix original perfect for anyone who is looking for something different.

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CRIMINAL MINDS (2005-2020)

Maisha Sayeem, Contributor

The CBS series finale of *Criminal Minds* (TV-16+), created by Jeff Davis, left fans demanding for more. Unlike dozens of crime shows available for viewing, *Criminal Minds* left an impressionable mark on fans and the crime show world alike.

This series serves as remarkable entertainment, in the best way possible. With each character being impossible to hate, viewers inevitably fall in love with the entire cast as they continue to watch their crime fighting journey. Each F.B.I. agent brings his/her expertise to every mission, helping the team recognize motives and triggers of the most atrocious criminals.

In addition to the show's characters, the rollercoaster plots leave the viewer on the edge of his seat. When an elite squad of FBI profilers are called to analyze the country's most twisted crimes, nothing can remain hidden. With ev-

ery situation, the agents must learn to adapt and work together to bring down the country's worst criminals. New evidence in every corner, less than admirable situations — providing an unforgettable entertainment experience.

Viewers be warned though, often there are violent and gory scenes which are not meant to be viewed by audiences of all ages. Expect blood, and many sights that are simply too mature for a young child.

All around, *Criminal Minds* provides magnificent entertainment for those interested in crime and others looking for characters to fall in love with, with spectacular plots to accompany them. In spite of its slightly gruesome nature, viewers will find that *Criminal Minds* is an exhilarating show. Most definitely worth the time to go back to the beginning and watch all fifteen seasons.

BETTER CALL SAUL

Allyson Hollywood, Editor in Chief

In the scorching city of Albuquerque, New Mexico, attorney Jimmy McGill wages a fight between law, morals, and desire as he descends into the cynical world of drugs and crime.

A master of taking shortcuts in life, Jimmy is an experienced hustler, a trait he uses to his advantage as a lawyer; for both legal or illegal situations. A prequel to the award-winning television series *Breaking Bad*, *Better Call Saul* (TV-16+) sets the stage for its predecessor. The circumstances leading up to the events in *Breaking Bad* and key characters are introduced, leading up to the dramatic events that unfold in the world of Walter White and Jesse Pinkman, who also have managed to get wrapped up tightly in the drug cartel and the cruel violence surrounding it.

Characters with complex pasts dominated the screen when *Better Call Saul* premiered in 2015. These

were explored and explained through the ever changing and exciting storyline of the series. Bobby Odenkirk stars as Jimmy (later known as Saul) and his enthusiastic acting fully immerses viewers into the show.

Adapting to the issues of his changing world, Jimmy acts on impulse and never seems to make the right choices in life. His relationships with clients, co-workers, his girlfriend, and even his brother are roller coasters filled with constant ups and downs, further complicating every aspect of his life.

Do not let the vast and barren deserts of New Mexico deceive you—the secrets that are exposed throughout the five seasons are sure to shock viewers as they learn not to trust their first judgment of anyone they meet.

The truth is always far more complex. The new season just premiered in February, and there's no better time to catch up on all five seasons.

The Grand Tour

Riyajit Kaur Pantel, Contributor

Amazon Prime video has a wide selection of incredible shows. Amazon is always coming up with new, fantastic ideas to help pass the time. *The Grand Tour* (TV14+) is one of Amazon's viewers favorites. The show appeals to car enthusiasts and features three British men, James May, Jeremy Clarkson and Richard Hammond, who are the hosts and stars of the show. The show features the three going on intriguing roadtrips from one check point to another.

Each episode is unlike the previous one, so it is always an interesting journey. In each episode the men tour around different countries around the world. Each location features a different car.

Their journey never ceases to disappoint the audience. There is always humor involved, even during troublesome moments. The sound effects are always on time which add a great suspense to the events that have played out.

Although the show always can give viewers a laugh, it also displays the most breathtaking scenery. They show every bit of the men's journey, whether it can be appalling or absolutely stunning. The audience enjoys the beautiful visuals and develop a hunger for the gourmet food

There are many amazing elements that will inspire the viewer to go for a ride of his own. May, Clarkson, and Hammond often pull pranks and make fun of each other. There is a bit of horsing around and there are times where things can be very serious, but the camera men know just how to capture the moment and add that sincerity to it.

This show is truly one you can watch with your family and friends and just enjoy everything about it. So if you're looking to get your daily dose of cars and some humor along the way, then wrap yourself up, grab your snacks and maybe a book on cars and start watching. *The Grand Tour* will take you on the tour of your life!

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Mount St. Vincent

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Olivia Curet
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Dylan McDonnell
Erin Rauchbauer
Amanda Rebelo

St. Joseph's College

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Stanford University

Alyssa Fong

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Alexis Bergleitner
Jessica Lercara
Dylan McDonnell
Ryan Whitehurst
Alex Wurzel

SUNY Binghamton University

Zahra Lakhani
Daniel Londono
Brandon Love
Mike Walsh
Joseph Won

SUNY Buffalo University

Brian Benedetto
Daniel Kaufman

SUNY Cobleskill

Dylan Pohl

SUNY Cortland

Madison Derwin
Sammy Nhrumah

Carolyn Romeo
Christina Tanenblatt
Alyssa Vega

SUNY Delphi

Matt Heim

SUNY Geneseo

Julia Auricchio

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Paige Errico
Alexa Grech
Amber Hussain
John Kastanos
Dan Molina
Kyle Nelson
Anastasia Rexach

SUNY Maritime

Jake Gakshteyn

SUNY New Paltz

Isabella Shepherd

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Christopher Deakoum
Julia Frommeyer
Katie Giovanniello
Evan Haber
Jessica Lacks
Danielle Leahy
Marissa Lowe
Taylor Pleva
Samantha Pota
Sarah Reilly
Brenden Solenski
Emily Stea

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Isabel Carpio
Ashley Jimenez
Kelsey Jorawar
Jessica Lunarola

SUNY Oswego

Stephanie Christoforatos

SUNY Stony Brook University

Vaishnavi Adupa
Thomas Giovanniello
Leya Khan
Priya Mathai
Adriela Obed



College Bound Cont.

SENIOR CLASS SUPERLATIVES

SUNY Stony Brook cont. <i>Sarena Sahadeo</i> <i>Julianna Sanzone</i>	University of Rhode Island <i>Daisy Delgado</i> <i>Jenna Doughty</i> <i>Emma Ryall</i>
Syracuse University <i>Jalen Morales</i>	University of South Carolina <i>Jake D’Alto</i>
Union College <i>Alexa Gonzalez</i>	Utica College <i>Eric Chen</i> <i>Jaheim Perry</i> <i>Tyler Rivera</i> <i>Brandon Zapata</i>
University of California Davis <i>Abbas Kazmi</i> <i>Vinay Singal</i>	Vassar College <i>Michael Pincus</i>
University of California Los Angeles <i>Madison Muggeo</i>	Villanova University <i>Matt Owens</i>
University of Connecticut <i>Logan Helming</i> <i>Jhalak Lund</i> <i>Sydney Salomon</i>	Westchester University <i>Tara Jankowski</i>
University of Delaware <i>Jessica Cagan</i>	Webb Institute <i>David Dagoon</i>
University of Massachusettes <i>Chris Wade</i>	Westchester University <i>Tara Jankowski</i>
University of Michigan <i>Ryan Schneebaum</i> <i>Stephanie Sparkowski</i>	Yale University <i>Brendan Wilkowski</i>
University of Missouri <i>Jenna Laird</i>	U.S. Navy <i>Allison Obiem</i>
	Joining the Work Force <i>Sal Imperiale:</i> <i>Electrical Workers</i>

Teacher’s Pet <i>Michael Pincus and Olivia Curet</i>	Most Inseparable <i>Marissa Lowe, Taylor Pleva and Alex Wurzel</i>
Best to Bring Home to Family <i>Evan Haber and Nicole Consiglio</i>	Gym Class Hero <i>Joshua Wax and Jenna Laird</i>
Broadway Bound <i>Thomas Gregorio and Leilani Blakeman</i>	Best Dancer <i>David Dagoon and Jessica Cagan</i>
Class Couple <i>Matthew Espanozia and Erin Rauchbauer</i>	Most Likely to Brighten Your Day <i>Syed Shah and Brooke Munoz</i>
Class Car <i>Jason Staunton and Angel Wang</i>	Best Aux <i>Brandon Nordin and Emma Escobar</i>
Class Clown <i>Samuel Nkrumah and Julia Frommeyer</i>	Most Likely to Laugh at Own Jokes <i>Daniel Molina and Lexie Gabarini</i>
Class Cutie <i>Brendan Solenski and Emily Stea</i>	Most Likely to Sleep During a Fire Drill <i>Jack Halley and Katie Giovanniello</i>
Class Eyes <i>Manit Vora and Amanda Thompson</i>	Everybody’s Buddy <i>Chris Wade and Jenna Balsamo</i>
Class Hair <i>Reuben Szczesny-Tabora and Sharon Leung</i>	Most Athletic <i>Sean Kennedy and Stephanie Sparkowski</i>
Class Laugh <i>Eric Chen and Stephanie Christoforatos</i>	
Class Nickname <i>Thomas Joseph and Melissa Vasquez</i>	Most All Around <i>Brandon Love and Danielle Hippner</i>
Favorite EMHS Faculty Member <i>Mr. Paul Gott and Ms. Melissa Woisin</i>	Most Artistic <i>Daniel Tellerman and Sydney Salomon</i>

Terribly Talkative <i>Logan Helming and Alessandra Ippolito</i>	Class Klutz <i>Tony Escobar and Alyssa Vega</i>
Life of the Party <i>Michael Posillico and Christina Tanenblatt</i>	Most Likely to Succeed <i>Brendan Wilkowski and Bryanna Castera</i>
Class Attitude <i>Matthew Heim and Victoria Persico</i>	Most Musical <i>Wilmer Mejia and Camille McCalla</i>
Most Photogenic <i>Tyler Rivera and Adriela Obed</i>	Most Spirited <i>Joseph Won and Vanessa Forehlich</i>
Most Changed Since Freshman Year <i>Dylan McDonnell and Danielle Skibins</i>	Class Smile <i>Matthew Lodati and Zoya Cheema</i>
	Best Dressed <i>Josh Reynoso and Olivia Castillo</i>



Wait, They’re Not Dating? <i>Aniello Morgillo and Angelina Doddato</i>
Most Likely to Show Up Late to Graduation <i>Jaheim Perry and Nathalie Rivas</i>
Most Affected by Senioritis <i>Matthew Parise and Tazein Sheikh</i>

Henry Brooks Adams once said, “A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.” The Jet Gazette thanks these teachers for all they have done for the halls of East Meadow.

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How to Escape Virtually

Annabella Gangi, A&E Editor

On Saturday, March 14, 2020, New Yorkers unwillingly became part of the movie Groundhog's Day. Much like Bill Murry, every day became the same day, over and over and over again. Not surprisingly, this spurred major boredom for people of all ages. Fortunately, there are many "online" opportunities that can help with quarantine boredom. Need an exercise outlet? Many gyms are offering free programs to do at home! Need an artistic outlet? Many musicians are bringing concerts and music to your homes instead! Want to volunteer? Luckily, there are online services that people can volunteer right from their devices!

Musician Travis Scott recently teamed with Fortnite to create an online concert for his fans who are players. The concert was held from April 23-

25; players from all over logged in and to watch and play at his concert. Additionally, other artists have been releasing new music during this time to help ease the boredom. The website Fender is offering three month of free guitar, bass or ukulele lessons. Many artists are going live on Instagram to talk to fans and even perform mini-concerts!

As for entertainment, the popular platform, TikTok, has been a major participant in keeping teens active. The platform allows teens to learn dances, make their own videos, and try trends. For all moviegoers, The Metropolitan Opera is offering nightly Met Opera streams and a free chrome extension named Netflix Party, to stream shows and movies on Netflix and chat with your friends while watching it.

With all of the binging of movies and playing video games, people need an outlet to stay fit. Luckily

there are so many types of online fitness programs such as aerobics, yoga, or soccer training. Planet Fitness is even bringing the gym to your home! Planet Fitness is offering free cardio, strength, and dumb-bell workout classes with trainers and some celebrities on their Facebook live. The Planet Fitness app allows athletes to access even more workouts. Additionally, popular trainers are sharing videos on how to get fit. A famous trainer named Chloe Ting offers a variety of free workout programs such as the "Four Week Summer Shred Challenge," the "Twenty-five Day Hourglass Challenge," and a lot more. Her programs can be found on her website that links to YouTube.

This is an incredible time to help the many people who are in desperate need of relief all around the world. You can even earn community service hours. An organization such as Ted-

dies for Tragedies is a great way to start, if you know how to knit or crochet (and if you don't, learn how on YouTube). Volunteers create squares for blankets, hand puppets, children and baby clothes and dog coats and teddies to refugee camps, orphanages and hospitals in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and South America.

The East Meadow Public Library is offering online programs for all ages. For teens, they are hosting a weekly crochet night, Tuesday and Wednesday nights are perfect for beginner crocheters. Join the weekly adult exercise class hosted by Ann Rothman every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m.

There are a lot of free programs in different activities offered online to help everyone stay away from the boredom in quarantine. Stay safe, and enjoy using any of these programs listed below to make quarantine better!

The Jet Gazette has compiled a list of online websites that can introduce you to new workouts, hobbies, and opportunities. Enjoy!

Workouts

<https://www.chloeting.com/program/>
<https://www.planetfitness.com/>



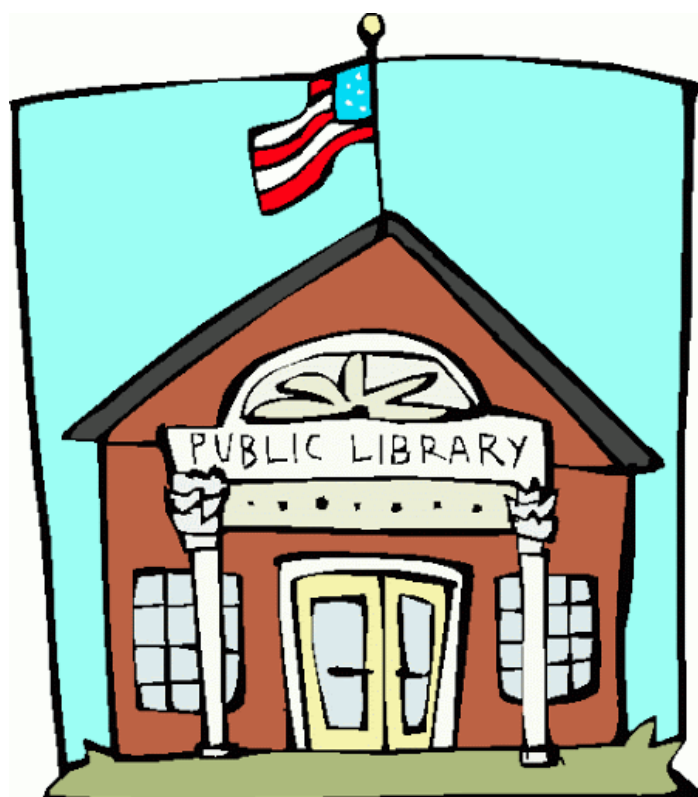
Music

https://try.fender.com/play/playthrough/?click-ref=110018e6ZJGz&aff_id=305950



Movies/ Television

<https://www.metopera.org/user-information/nightly-met-opera-streams/>
<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/netflix-party/oocalimimngaihdkbihfgmpk-cpnmlaoa?hl=en>



Library Programs

<https://eastmeadow.info/>
<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?currOrg=BELLMORE>
 Free Book Access
<https://librivox.org/>
<https://manybooks.net/>
<https://www.smashwords.com/>

Volunteering

<http://teddiesfortragedies.org.uk/>
<https://www.onlinevolunteering.org/en>
<https://www.catchafire.org/>

A Very Long Time Out for Sports

Noah Diamond, Editorials Editor

With the 2019 National Basketball Association free-agency period being touted as one of the most shocking summers in league history, fans looked forward to the many stories that would materialize during the 2019-2020 season. Leon Draisaitl of the Edmonton Oilers in the National Hockey League was racking up points on his path to the Art Ross Trophy. Twitter exploded the minute National Football League super-star Tom Brady posted a cryptic black and white photo that hinted at his departure from the New England Patriots and signaled his move to Tampa Bay. All of this excitement was put on hold March 11th, when the NBA announced the postponement of the Utah Jazz versus Oklahoma City Thunder game.

Days before the game, Utah Jazz's Rudy Gobert was reportedly not feeling well, and then as the game was set to begin, news broke that the All-Star Center had tested positive for the Coronavirus. This led to the immediate suspension of the

Jazz vs. Thunder game, while the rest of the night's games continued until the final buzzer rang. That night the NBA released the following statement, "The NBA is suspending game play following the conclusion of tonight's schedule of games until further notice. The NBA will use this hiatus to determine next steps for moving forward in regard to the coronavirus pandemic."

Although heart-breaking for the players and fans alike, this was the right answer to the situation. The swiftness of the decision goes to show the outstanding prowess of the NBA's executives, especially when compared to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, which took longer to cancel their March Madness tournament. The organization has been criticized for decades over the lack

of regard for the financial well-being of their athletes, even as their major men's basketball competition brought in over \$850 million to the nonprofit in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Then taking an oddly long time to finally announce

the cancellation of 2020's March Madness was seen by many analysts and fans as an attempt for the NCAA to wait out as long as possible and try to still run the tournament, even if it would clearly risk the health and safety of their student athletes.

Due to the lack of games being broadcasted, the NBA has created unique player-only competitions. An NBA 2k20 tournament was on ESPN throughout April, featuring some of the league's biggest stars like Kevin Durant and Trae Young. Later in the month, ESPN ran a HORSE competition featuring current and former NBA and WNBA stars, with Mike Conley being crowned the winner.

One league that is continuing its schedule, although largely different than before, is the UFC. The martial arts league plans to broadcast its boxing events from buildings that are closed from the public. NASCAR has announced a similar plan, yet many fans are skeptical that the feeling of the programs will not be the same. The passion brought to every arena, stadium, and coliseum by fans is unmatched



and may take away from a lot of the energy that drives the athletes to perform their best.

Every year at the end of April, the NFL holds their draft of new players. This Spring was no different.

Although draft combines could not be held, teams had Zoom conference calls to evaluate this year's top prospects. College footage and statistics helped determine the value of specific players, but health and injury risk is something that cannot easily be measured from a video call. For example, the Miami Dolphins drafted injury-prone QB Tua Tagovailoa with the fifth overall pick, taking a risk that may backfire in the future. On the contrary, the NBA has decided to indefinitely postpone their entire draft process, which includes the Draft Lottery, Draft Combine, and the June 25th Draft which was set to take place in Brooklyn.

Events in empty arenas and video game tournaments may not have been what fans anticipated this year for their favorite sports, but it is great to see organizations making an effort to provide joy to a world that desperately needs it.

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2020 NFL Draft

Spencer Levant, Features Editor

This Coronavirus pandemic has greatly impacted the sports world. New regulations have forced all the professional sport leagues to suspend their seasons indefinitely. Although the National Football League (NFL) is currently in its offseason period, the league is still greatly impacted.

Every year the NFL holds its annual draft in mid to late April. The NFL draft is the highlight of the league's offseason. It is an exciting event for teams and fans to see the future stars of the league and of their respective teams. Being drafted is one of the biggest moments of every NFL player's career.

However the NFL was forced to negotiate around the unprecedented issues surrounding the Coronavirus. Predating the 2020 draft, NFL commissioner, Roger Goodell wrote a letter to all of the NFL's employees stating, "Keeping in mind our priority of protecting the health of our employees, the public and everyone associated with the NFL, we have made modifications to some of our offseason events, such as the NFL Draft."

This year the NFL draft was conducted via Zoom. This is the first time in sports history that a draft was conducted virtually. Roger Goodell conducted the three-day draft live from

his basement. The millions of viewers spectating from home enjoyed the players and their family's reactions of the draft's results. ESPN staff writer, Kevin Seifert wrote, "The 2020 virtual NFL draft revealed a level of humanity, intimacy and spartan aesthetics that was not only pitch-perfect amid a national quarantine, but also



suggestive of a new way of drafting."

The virtual aspect of the draft was not the only interesting event of the 2020 draft. Star LSU quarterback, Joe Burrow, was selected as the number one overall pick by the Cincinnati Bengals. For many fans, Burrow was the most exciting player on the board. With his electric play style and personality to match, Burrow led LSU to win

the NCAAF championship. Burrow was also the winner of the prestigious Heisman trophy. It was no surprise for football fans when the Bengals selected Burrow as their number one pick.

Although it appeared that Burrow stole the spotlight, there was another big talent in this year's draft. Defensive end from Ohio State, Chase

NCAAF in sacks. Young finished the season with a very impressive 16.5 sacks. The Redskins hope that Young will turn their defensive misfortunes around in the 2020-2021 season.

The New York teams' selections were unfortunately not overly exciting. Both the New York Giants and the New York Jets drafted offensive linemen with their first-round picks. With the fourth overall pick, the Giants selected offensive tackle Andrew Thomas out of Georgia. Although fans may not love the selection, an offensive tackle is a necessary position for a team's success. The Jets had the 11th overall pick and they selected offensive tackle Mekhi Becton out of Louisville.

Fans were shocked with the 26th pick in the first round of the draft. Green Bay Packers selected quarterback Jordan Love. However, the Packers already have starting quarterback Aaron Rodgers who is a star and future Hall of Famer. Plus, the Packers just renewed Rodgers' contract in 2019 and not set to expire until the end of the 2023 season. It seems that the Packers are really preparing for their future.

Overall, the 2020 NFL draft was a huge success, under extraordinary circumstances. Fans, however, are hoping there is not a repeat in April of 2021.

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Young, was selected second overall by the Washington Redskins. Many scouts evaluated Young to be an incredibly wise selection by the Redskins. In 2019 the Redskins finished their season 27th overall in total points and yards allowed per game. The Redskins were in dire need of a star defensive player. It appears that they got that with Young. In 2019 Young led the