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Homework: Because Seven Hours of School Isn't Enough

By: Aunika Anderson

Let's get real for a moment here; math should grow up and start solving its own problems. Am I right? For students who are involved in extracurricular activities this is exactly the case, they don't have the time after school for homework anymore. All these students hear nowadays is to be really active in high school--it'll look the best for college. So, their after school routine may look a little like this: two hours spent at athletic practice, an hour spent working on organization activities, an hour spent working on their show animal, and then trying to eat, spend time with family AND get to bed at a decent time. Don't forget the homework. Mostly, they have to give up one of these, just so they can get everything done, which means someone is going to fall asleep in first hour. Do you think a teacher could believe that my show pig ate my homework? The amount of things students do nowadays is overlooked. Not only are they doing school activities, but most teenagers have a job afterschool, and have more responsibilities than a 16 year old should have. Students should always focus on academics, but the amount of homework assigned gives them no time to focus on actually being a teenager.



Why You Should Get Involved In School

By: Hailey Mendoza

When someone says to get involved, what do you think of? Can you possibly think of anything negative? I cannot. By getting involved in our school you not only better it for yourself, but for your fellow classmates. Who do you think decorates the halls? Other students. How do you think our school would look if we didn't decorate at all? Would you like it better? I for one, wouldn't.

You see, by doing others a service, you show yourself and everyone around you that you're capable of being a servant leader. You stand out on your resumes and college portfolios. For instance, you can join FCCLA and help with the canned food drive to feed our community and other surrounding communities. Or maybe you'd prefer joining BPA and contributing to the Special Olympics. In an organization, almost everything you do will affect others around you in a positive way.

Sports as a Senior

by:Kaici Phillips



One of the most dedicated times in high school sports is your senior year. No matter what sport you play, being a senior makes it so much more special. Whatever sport you are playing as a senior, it is going to be your last year playing in that gym, or on that field, or your last time running on that track. It will also be the last time playing with the team you have grown so fond of, a team that you had also become the leader of, and with the teammates you shared so much with. You will play your very last first game. You will also play your very last high school game ever, and it will all happen so quickly. Therefore, making your senior year one of the most memorable and important years of high school.

Inauguration Day

By: Keegan Caldwell

This Friday is no ordinary Friday. It is the day that the United States of America ushers in a new term of presidency with the inauguration of multi-billionaire Donald J. Trump. This comes as a result of an election victory in November to which Mr. Trump won the electoral vote handily over the Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. The win for Trump had a bizarre reaction as half the country breathed a sigh of relief and the other half becoming infuriated with the results of the election leading to some even going out into the streets and rioting. This has led to some celebrities and music groups publicly refusing to perform at the inauguration. In an exclusive interview with Fox News President Elect Trump was asked about his thoughts on the celebrities and music groups publicly refusing to attend the inauguration he responded, "Most of these people weren't even asked to perform Friday, and they didn't even get an invitation for that matter." With his response to the situation it seems that those celebrities and music groups were just looking for publicity and notice just to be publicly seen as never Trump people. Though the people and groups that are actually performing include: **Toby Keith, 3 Doors Down, Lee Greenwood, The Frontmen of Country, The Piano Guys, RaviDrums, Sam Moore, Jon Voight, Jackie Evancho, The Radio City Rockettes, The Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Tim Rushlow and His Band, Big and Rich, Travis Green, Tony Orlando, and Chrisette Michele.** This line up of performances is setting up an enjoyable day of celebrating our next POTUS and the new cabinet along with him. The Inauguration aired Friday, January 20 at 11:00 A.M. Central Standard Time.

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The Spiro Bulldogs Pep Rally Goes Wild!

By: Adonis Wilson

From the great cheers to the great energy, Spiro started the football season with what some call the best pep rally in a long time! We had a great crowd of people. Many people enjoyed themselves including the teachers and faculty, and the rowdy row. Coach Hogan did a great job announcing for the pep rally! And I think the even the football boys enjoyed his very thoughtful poem. As he reads the poem, the football boys go crazy over all the poetic words! The energy multiplied by ten when the fighting happened. Unexpectedly, high school principal Mr. Greenwood and middle school principal Mr. McGee took center stage and wrestled! (But coach. Hogan showed them who was the best with his moves! (fourth picture to the right)



Coach Hogan reads a poem as the football boys go crazy.



Sumo fight between Mr. Greenwood and Mr. McGee



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6. "treat you better" Shawn Mendes
7. "Dont let me down" the chain smokers (feat Daya)
8. "broccoli" D.R.A.M. (feat Lil Yachty)
9. "we Dont talk anymore" Charlie Puth (feat Selena Gomez)
- 10."this is what you came for" Calvin Harris (feat Rihanna)
- 11."ride" twenty one pilots
- 12."needed me" Rihanna
- 13."send my love (to your new lover)" Adele
- 14."one dance" drake (feat Wizkid & Kyla)
- 15."too good" Drake (feat Rihanna)
- 16."gold" Kiiara
- 17."can't stop the feeling!" Justin Timberlake
- 18."side to side" Ariana Grande (feat Nicki Minaj)
- 19."i hate u i love you" Gnash (feat Olivia O'brien)
- 20."into you" Ariana Grande

"one good thing about music when it hits you, you feel no pain" -- Bob

Don't Be a Bully

By: Mary Scantling

In school, and no, it's just not high school...bullying is a big problem. It is a big problem in pre-k through 12th grade. You often don't know when a student is being bullied. So here are a few signs that a student shows when they have been bullied. "lost or destroyed clothing, books, electronics, or jewelry, declining grades, loss of interest in schoolwork, or not wanting to go to school, sudden loss of friends or avoidance of social situations." Bullies love an audience, so don't stand around to watch. If it is safe, you should stand up for the student that is being bullied. If you see anybody getting bullied, you should tell an adult that you trust. Don't let it get out of control.



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Relationship Advice

By: Mary Scantling

Relationships are kind of a big thing in high school, but there are some things that you need to strive for in your relationship. One of the most important things for me is trust, because if you are like me and you have trust issues then trust is a really big thing. In a relationship, you need trust because if you don't have trust, then you don't know what he/or she is doing behind your back. Also, the absolute most important thing in a relationship is God. If you don't have God in your relationship, then you will most likely lose sight of what really matters in dating.

Top 9 Great Reads for Fiction Lovers

By Hailey Mendoza



1. The Red Queen
2. Matched
3. Cinder
4. The Percy Jackson Series (of course)
5. Beautiful Creatures
6. The Raven Boys
7. Six of Crows
8. The Ember in The Ashes
9. The Testing

New Baseball and Softball Complex

by: Alex DeMato



The new upcoming baseball season is coming upon us, and this year Spiro Bulldogs got a new complex. We, the baseball team, have been working really hard to complete the new facilities. We hope that the upcoming 2017 baseball season will be played at the new baseball field so we have been finishing the metal fence which will be finished in the week of 2/5/2017. We have also cut out all the bases because the new field will have an all grass infield with a full under ground watering system which was put together and fixed by the entire Spiro baseball team. The fence will be red with grey trimming which is the opposite of the softball field. It will be 300 in the corners of the field, 365 in gaps of left and right field, and 350 in dead center field. We hope to see a lot of fans and supporters of the baseball team to come and see the field and team of the upcoming 2017 Spiro baseball season.

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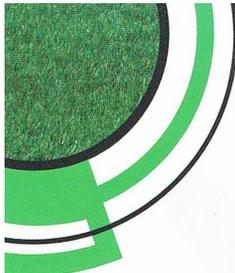
By Suzie Bitner

Poetry Loved by: Kiana Jones

The perfect cup of cocoa is rich and chocolaty,
 And always warm, but not to hot—
 A steaming chocolate sea.
 The surface is enclosed beneath
 A thick hazelnut marshmallow mound
 Which melts into a gooey sweetness
 Without the slightest sound.
 Whipped cream swirl extends beyond
 The surface of the cup,
 And toffee slices add
 The perfect touch to dress it up.
 The perfect cup of hot chocolate
 Is like a French vanilla cappuccino
 It's warm, it's sweet; it's such a treat
 And yummy till the end.

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“Don’t be a fool” Learn about Pop Star Shawn Mendes

By: Cameron Burris

This pop star Shawn Peter Raul Mendes was born in Toronto, Canada On August 8, 1998. He started gaining followers in 2013, when he started posting covers on popular social media app “vine.” The following year he was signed to island record label. Shortly after he recorded and released a EP Also his debut album handwritten, and which his single “Stitches” reached the top ten in the U.S. and Canada, and reached number one in the UK. But Recently he released a album called Illuminate which include songs such as:

1. Ruin
2. Mercy
3. Treat you better
4. Three empty words
5. Don’t be a fool
6. Like this
7. No promises
8. Lights on
9. Honest
10. Patience
11. Bad reputation
12. Understand



School Dress Code: Uniforms

By: Madison Pendergrass

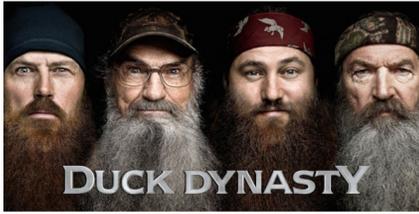
Uniforms or no uniforms? Everyone has completely different opinions on this topic—they are either for it 100% or against it 100%, there is hardly any in between. I, personally, am for it all the way. If we were to wear uniforms, a lot of problems would be fixed. We would not have to worry about people breaking dress code or the less fortunate being judged or bullied for the clothes they wear. Yes, kids would not be able to express themselves or their individuality, but I do not find that important when it comes down to all the negatives and positives to the dress code. That is only one negative against a whole lot of positives.

Makeup or No Makeup?

By: Sarah O’Hara

Right now, makeup is all the rage. Everyone is always trying to get the newest and best makeup. You see it everywhere you go. Whether it’s in a store, on posters and billboards, or even on social media. You never go a day without seeing it. Makeup is becoming an art. But, there’s always someone bashing it. When aspiring makeup artists post videos on Instagram of them doing their makeup, there’s always someone shooting them down. They’re always telling them to take all that off of their face, or some even say that they look like clowns. I get that some people enjoy the natural look, but others like myself don’t. Whether you prefer gobs of makeup or even no makeup at all, you should never bash someone if they’re doing what they love.





That “Reality” TV Show is Probably Fake

By Adonis Wilson

1. Sorry to say but duck dynasty is mostly fake. I don't think this is a surprise, but the Robertson's family has gone through a major change in wardrobe. They haven't always been a rough looking family. The producers help make their wardrobe for viewers to have an easy visual to go along with the names. And the producers even have added fake cuss words just to add more effect. It easy to question how much they stage for entertainment instead of actually showing a real family.
2. Hate to be the one to ruin this, but “The Bachelor” is mostly scripted and most of the endings happen because that was what the crowd wanted, and most of the people who play in the reality TV show will admit to the producer editing their words to make them seem like they’re being rude. It’s said that girls are given alcohol products to keep them emotional. The bachelors don’t actually have a choice who wins! It’s up to the audience. Big bummer.
3. “Dance Moms” ...the drama filled show that you can’t stop watching, but guess what? Most of that drama that you know you love the most is mostly fake Maddie Ziegler admits that most of the arguing and fighting was fake. That the producers staged most of the big arguments. According to Maddie, she watched her moms fake fight sometimes. This ruins a lot of the drama that I thought was just crazy in these shows. But that’s okay. Maddie admits that all her friendships are real, and that she still loves everyone and is thankful for her TV show.

24%

Percentage of commuters who say that when stuck in traffic, they think "deep thoughts."

Inspriational Poems

By: Kiana Jones

November Guest

By Robert Frost

My sorrow when she’s here with me,
 Think these dark of autumn rain
 Are beautiful as days can be;
 She loves the bare, the withered tree;
 She walked the sodden pasture lane.
 Her pleasure will not let me stay
 She talks and I am fain to list:
 “She’s glad the birds are gone away,
 “She’s glad her simple worsted gray
 Is silver now with clinging mist.
 The desolate deserted trees,
 The faded earth, the heavy sky,
 The beauties she so truly sees,
 She thinks I have no eye for these,
 And vexes me for reason why.
 Not yesterday I learned to know
 The love of bare November days
 Before the coming of the snow,
 But it were vain to tell her so,



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Uniforms or Not?

By: Kelsey Owens

The topic of whether or not a student should wear school uniforms is debated by students and schools all the time all over the country. There are advantages and disadvantages to students uniforms. I feel that uniforms would be a great thing for schools and students.

One reason I think students should have to wear uniforms to school is because they wouldn't have to worry about a kid saying something about their clothes. Sometimes students think the only reason for going to school is to focus on their appearance and popularity. Some students get made fun of for not having the most popular styles or not having nice clothing. This would put the pressure off of kids to feel like they need to fit in based on their appearance.

Another reason why students should wear uniforms is they wouldn't have to worry about what to wear or try to find something each morning. The decision is already made. It would make getting ready each day easier. It would also follow the dress code. Kids would not be getting in trouble for what they wear.

Some people dislike the idea of the uniform. They feel it would take away their freedom of choosing what to wear. Also school uniforms cost money and some people don't have enough money to buy their kids uniforms. If they only had had a few uniforms to wear each week making sure they are washed and ready to wear might also be a problem.

Even though there are some reasons people think uniforms would be a bad idea I still feel like it would be a good thing. Not worrying about your clothes and what people think of you would be good. Students could then think about their grades and education..

By: Jaycee Cox

Should Schools Start Later in the Morning?

“Getting enough sleep is important for students’ health, safety, and academic performance,” Anne Wheaton, the lead author and epidemiologist in the CDC’s Division of Population Health, said in a statement “Early school start times, however, are preventing many adolescents from getting the sleep they need.” A big question some students have with school is: Why do we start so early in the morning? Some people think it’s a bad idea; but me on the other hand, I think it could help students a lot.

Recent studies show that starting school later in the morning can help reduce students being late, not coming to school at all, and increase learning more than what they are learning now. In more than 40 states, at least 75 percent of public schools start earlier than 8:30 a.m., according to the CDC’s report. Schools clearly play an important role in students’ daily schedules. Not getting enough sleep because of having to wake up early can also affect the way students act to each other at school.

Researchers analyzed data from more than 9,000 students at eight high schools in Minnesota, Colorado, and Wyoming and found that shifting the school day later in the morning resulted in a boost in attendance, test scores, and grades in Math, English, science, social studies. Schools also saw a decrease in tardiness, substance abuse, and symptoms of depression. Some even had a dramatic drop in teen car crashes. As you tend to get older, you start to stay out later and sleep in longer. Having a later start time in the morning can help teens not sleep through their alarms in the mornings.

At some point in life of most teens, alcohol and drugs become a big problem with students learning at school. Another point in some teens’ lives is that they think they are just too cool for stuff, and they think they have to do everything everyone else does. Having school early in the morning can affect these decisions in some ways. Teens’ brains tend to “sleep” longer than the teen is actually asleep. The decisions the teens are making is affected greatly by this.

As we are talking about moving the start time to later some people begin to think about sports and how their kids are supposed to practice. This isn’t about sports, all that really matters is the kids’ education and health. Coaches will find times for your kids’ team to practice; but should you be more worried about your kid and their team being good, or should you be focused on your kids’ health and how they are doing in school? Help convince school systems that this has to happen for the health of your children.

Be A Leader

By: Brionna Porter

What do you normally think of when you hear the word leader? I think of a person who is a leader in a group or in an organization. But how can you be a leader in everyday life? Simple. Begin to keep your promises, treat people the way you want to be treated, dress to influence, show commitment, and then you can ask rather than wait for response. In your everyday life, even at school, set out to make a difference!

A Leadership Quote:

"Great leaders don't set out to be leaders, they set out to make a difference." -Jeremy Bravo



Photos from the band trip and performance at Arvest Ball in Fayetteville, Arkansas by Sherril Williams



Music for the soul

By Nicole Jones

There are many genres of music; Classical, Rock, Country, R&B, Rap, Christian etc..... As long as the music speaks to you that's all that matters. I didn't come from a familial musical background, different genres of music weren't appreciated in my home. By opening my mind to listen to different genres of music my appreciation for music expanded. I have come to love music by being in several music programs in middle school as well as high school. However, my musical journey has not been easy and I still struggle to this day, but with every struggle it makes me stronger. I keep progressing in ways I never thought was possible. I started in choir and band in seventh grade. At first I was using them as a blow off class but then I really started to have a love and appreciation for them. Band was a struggle for me at first but I continued to look past the struggles and see the good in my music. Without having the determination to learn the instruments I know today, I believe I would not be the person I am. To me learning an instrument takes discipline and willpower to overcome obstacles that will be set before you, but as you progress you gain confidence. For these reasons music is an important aspect of my life.

Humorscopes!



Capricorn (December 22 - January 20) You will get pulled over by the police this month, Capricorn. When you open the glovebox, you will find a dragon egg, so you won't feel so bad about the ticket, having a pet dragon and all. However, best friend or not, I tell you now that dragon is destined to become a terrible driver, and get you another ticket.

Aquarius (January 21 - February 18) Wait for it, Aquarius! Your lesson this month is patience. In the eternal wisdom of the Byrds, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under Heaven." This includes pumpkin spice.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) Your retro style is cutting-edge, Pisces. This month, however, you may be misunderstood, like many forward thinkers throughout history, when you try to bring back "moshing" at a Celine Dion concert.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) This month, you will throw caution to the wind and reconnect with your rebellious inner child. For starters, you will sign something in a blue pen after being specifically asked to use a black one, and you may even order the new "Outlaw taco" at Qdoba. Good times!

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) You may have heard the old adage that "fortune favors the bold." In your situation, however, I think fortune may favor italics.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) Gemini, there's nothing to gain by hiding in the bushes, throwing pastel mini-marshmallows at passersby. Then again, there's nothing to lose.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) This month, you'll buy a lottery ticket on a whim, and next month, you'll go sailing! Garage sailing, that is.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) Leo, a big change is in store for your love life. You may feel it on the horizon, kind of like the feeling you get when you see a big black spider and you try to kill it but it gets away and then you can't find it.

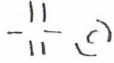
Virgo (August 23 - September 22) Practice makes perfect, Virgo. Inspired by the recent Olympics, your team will bring a renewed passion and dedication to training, and bring your hide-and-seek game to new heights.

Libra (September 22 - October 22) Taking the stairs up instead of the escalator is a great first step to getting in shape, Libra, but if you want real results, I recommend taking the down elevator up there.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) Buckle up, Scorpio! This month, one of your wildest dreams is going to come true. Fame, fortune, love, world peace—anything is possible. It most likely will be the one about getting caught in PJs at school, though, so you might want to stash an extra pair of pants in your locker.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) Have a rash on your arm? Get it checked out. Lead in the water? Buy bottled. That's right, Sagittarius—the time has come to treat yourself!

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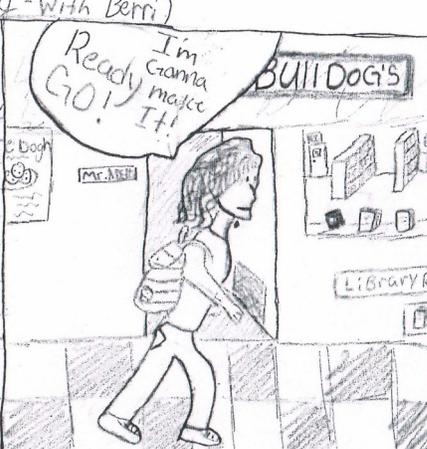
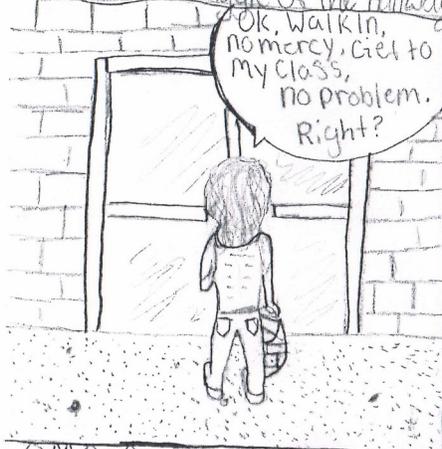


THE STRUGGLE of Spiro School

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The Struggle of the Hallway - With Berri

Read it too many
Times! Hilarious!



This is Berri, she's a outgoing girl who's starting Highschool but meets plenty of problems on the way. Although she feels like she's ready... is she really? continue to read to find out how Berri makes it through Spiro high school.



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With Berri

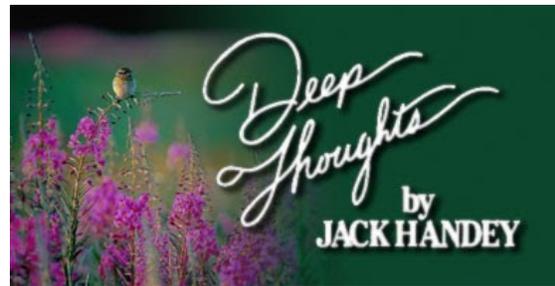


I like these Newspaper Carbons...

Muffins! by Kayle D. Henry



Spiro H.S. yearbook students celebrating!



To me, it's always a good idea to always carry two sacks of something when you walk around. That way, if anybody says, "Hey, can you give me a hand?," you can say, "Sorry, got these sacks."

Maybe in order to understand mankind, we have to look at the word itself: "Mankind." Basically, it's made up of two separate words, mank and ind. What do these words mean? It's a mystery, and that's why so is mankind.

For mad scientists who keep brains in jars, here's a tip: why not add a slice of lemon to each jar, for freshness?

If you ever crawl inside an old hollow log and go to sleep, and while you're in there some guys come and seal up both ends and then put it on a truck and take it to another city, boy, I don't know what to tell you.

It's funny that pirates were always going around searching for treasure, and they never realized that the real treasure was the fond memories they were creating.

If you're a horse, and someone gets on you, and falls off, and then gets right back on you, I think you should buck him off right away.

Dad always thought laughter was the best medicine, which I guess is why several of us died of tuberculosis.