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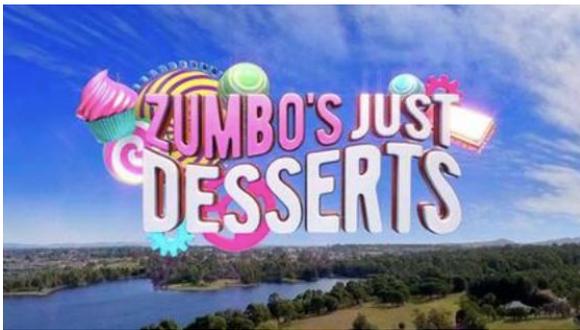
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Zumbo's Just Desserts

By Madison Veronelli



Zumbo's Just Desserts is an Australian televised series now on Netflix. This series is about a group of exquisite bakers trying to make Zumbo's desserts. Now you make think this would be an

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But one dessert master will rise above all and claim the title of the next "Willy Wonka" of the century and win \$100,000. I give this show 5 out of 5 stars because of all the theatrical desserts and the creativity. Next time you're scrolling

easy job, but Zumbo is a creative genius when it comes to desserts. Zumbo makes these desserts such as a cake that floats and thin stacked cakes that are very hard to make. These bakers try and make his amazing and creative desserts. Most are successful but some crack under the pressure.

through Netflix, think about watching Zumbo's Just Desserts.
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Letters of Hope: Thorne Middle School Sends Words of Comfort

You may see these letters and just think of a holiday but these cards are so much more than that. We wrote letters to the victims of the Parkland shooting and everyone wrote letters even the teachers. If you don't know what happened at the Parkland shooting it was a shooting where 17 students were killed.



We all wrote letters about love and support. I know that in my Language Arts class we wrote letters and quotes of hope. These were sent to the students in Parkland by Mrs. Giordano and so were are wishes of hope and wellbeing as well.

By Madison Veronelli

Beauty and the Beast Jr. Review

By Liam Perez

Beauty And the Beast Jr is the latest production of the Thorne Drama Club. I went to see it(which is already a step up from my last review), and I actually was surprised. The special effects and background design, and the production values overall, were astounding. I would recommend seeing it, but the play was one-time-only, so this is really just commending the drama club and advising you to see their next play.

Acting/Characters: 8.5/10

The actors did quite well in their acting. Every single character was really entertaining to watch and every actor did a great job portraying their characters. Even the supporting characters did a good job and actually felt like other people in the story instead of just throwaways. There was only one line flub, and that was Gaston's actor saying 'Who does she think he is?' which was funny and easy to miss, so I'll excuse it. LeFou seems to be the most popular part of the play from those I have talked to.

Overall: 9.5/10

This play was phenomenal. Go see their next play.

Music: 10/10

I don't know if the background music was composed for this play or reused from the movie, but I don't really care because this is astounding in every way. The scores all did a flawless job of conveying the action on screen, from the dramatic organ in Beast's castle, to the soothing tune in the village. The songs were amazing too, with all the actors being quite good singers. The opening song is one of the highlights for me.

Visuals and Special Effects: 9.5/10

The visuals were genuinely quite stunning. All of the backdrops were amazing and looked like they were ripped directly from the movie, especially that bookcase scene. That scene also had good effects, because it looked like Belle took a book from the cardboard shelf. There was also an abundance of dramatic lightning that even turned red in the scene with the Beast fighting wolves. The only mishap was that the tower with the rose was visible in every single scene, but that could be easily missed

Story: 10/10

It's the Beauty And The Beast movie, but retold with a couple of line changes and some edits. The edits actually cut out the unneeded parts and overall make the play better as a whole, and the lines were pretty witty at some points(it feels like they added a few jokes).

Super Mario Odyssey

By Ben Tooker

In an era when shooter games and games with complicated plot lines dominate the video game industry, Nintendo has yet again managed to create a globally popular game without using guns or realistic graphics--Well, not exactly. From 8-bit nostalgia to realistic renderings of cities, *Super Mario Odyssey* for the Nintendo Switch is fun for hardcore fans and casual gamers alike. While nothing has really changed about the storyline, the intricate and addictive, yet simple gameplay makes this game a lot of fun.



Super Mario Odyssey revolves around exploration, much like 3d predecessors *Super Mario 64* and *Super Mario Sunshine*.

Unlike the two dimensional side scrolling games most people associate with Mario, there are no levels. Instead, there are vast worlds called kingdoms filled to the brim (no pun intended) with nooks and crannies to explore. Compared to *Super Mario 64* and *Super Mario Sunshine*, there is one major addition to gameplay: Cappy. Cappy is a ghost-like hat entity with the power to transfer Mario's

Even though hints are provided, these will only take a player so far. I have played for over 100 hours, yet I still haven't found all the moons. The game isn't truly finished per se until the player has obtained all 880 moons (and another 119 that can be bought in shops). Even after every moon is collected, there are many mini-games, like Luigi's Balloon World, in which players can test their skills against millions of other players. *Super Mario Odyssey* ventures into areas other titles have stayed clear of. The most notable example is cities. One of the most memorable parts of the game was visiting New Donk City in the Metro Kingdom. Ironically, New Donk City, an ode to the 1981 Donkey Kong arcade game that started it all, sports realistic graphics and people with lifelike body proportions. The mayor of this city is none other than Pauline--the woman kidnapped by Donkey Kong in the original game. Whereas previously Pauline was merely another damsel in distress like Peach, her character is fully fleshed out in *Odyssey*. Despite being animated in style, *Odyssey* is no doubt visually stunning. While the Seaside Kingdom may be populated by cartoon-ish snails, the kingdom nevertheless evokes the feeling of a beach. Another area *Super Mario Odyssey* ventures into that other games stayed away from previously is violence.

consciousness into the bodies of other creatures. While the initial gameplay revolves around Mario possessing other creatures by throwing Cappy onto them (capturing them), hardcore players can also benefit from the increased options of motion with Cappy. For instance, when Mario throws Cappy, he can run up to him and use him as a trampoline. Increased options of motion allow for dynamic gameplay, making the game popular among speedrunners.

In addition to Cappy, collecting power moons--cleverly hidden moon-shaped items scattered throughout each kingdom-- is a perk of the game. In order to unlock different kingdoms, the player must collect enough moons to power a hat-shaped airship called the Odyssey. For me, finding power moons was the equivalent of an easter egg hunt (albeit a long one); it is easy to overlook an area and miss something important. Even after you 'beat' the game and assume you've collected most of the moons, the truth can't be farther; in reality, you've probably only collected 15% of the 880 moons (not counting the ones you can buy in the shop).

Even though additional moons can be obtained after you finish the main game, most of the power moons can be found before you finish the main game. In almost every easter egg hunt, there is always an egg that is never found. The same goes for Odyssey; as the game progresses, moons become increasingly difficult to find.

At various parts of the game, Mario can possess a tank-like entity called Sherm. Sherm shoots masses of color in the the way a tank shoots projectiles. Additionally, the final battle with Bowser requires the player to use a hat with boxing gloves to punch Bowser repeatedly. These factors contributed to the game's Everyone ten and up rating: a first for the series.

As for drawbacks, the camera is the main source of friction. There were times when the camera moved in ways which made it more difficult to play. This can be especially annoying when you are completing timed challenges. If you are a player who enjoys a good storyline to accompany gameplay, don't count on Odyssey. Like previous games, the same storyline is recycled with a few changes.

Despite the latter, *Super Mario Odyssey* is a must-have. It blends mechanics that made the franchise so popular with newer additions like Cappy perfectly. Odyssey has something in store for everyone; While hardcore fans can appreciate subtle details and nods to previous titles, casual gamers alike can enjoy the simple but addicting gameplay. I highly recommend this game to anyone with a Nintendo Switch.



Team USA's Results from the 2018 Winter Olympics

By Kristen Gallagher

Team USA totally killed the 2018 Winter Olympics. Every athlete who competed in the Olympics put in an incredible amount of work, and this hard work obviously paid off for Team USA. This article is a follow up from my winter edition article, and is going to discuss the results of Team USA.

Did you cheer on Lindsey Vonn in her signature downhill? Or possibly Chloe Kim in the halfpipe? Well, the United States finished in 4th place, with 9 Gold medals and 23 medals total. The top country was Norway, with 14 Gold medals, 39 total, and the second and third place were Germany and Canada. USA sent the most amount of Olympians, with 242 athletes participating.

Mikaela Shiffrin was one of the most well-known USA athletes that competed. She took home 2 medals, a gold in the giant slalom and a silver in the alpine combined. There is also Lindsey Vonn, who competed in her last Olympics this year. She won a bronze in the downhill, but did not finish her slalom since she missed the gate.

At age 33, she became the oldest female Alpine skiing medalist in Olympic history. Continuing, I'm almost positive that everyone saw Chloe Kim, who made history for becoming the youngest female Winter Olympic gold medalist. She received a near perfect score of 98.25 in women's halfpipe at 17 years old. For the first time in US curling history, the US went to the gold-medal match against Sweden. Team USA beat the Canadians again in hockey when Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson scored the winning goal in a penalty shootout. Jessica Diggins just beat her Swedish rival at the last moment to claim the Olympic title in the cross country team sprint final on day 12. Her and her teammate Kikkan Randall made Olympic History, since they are the first American woman to ever win gold medals in cross country skiing.

Well, there you go- Team USA's exciting results written in a single paragraph. Even if you missed the Olympics, now you should feel up to date in sports.

The Schedule Change Answered

By Tessa Boehler

Lately, a group of concerned sixth graders had a meeting with our principal, Mr. Olausen. I was one of those people, and I did have the majority of my questions answered. We met equipped with questions and concerns, and walked out feeling better about the schedule change. For anyone else who has questions about the schedule change for next year, I took note on everything discussed. Here they are:

Homeroom

One of the planned changes for next year is homeroom. You normally stop by your locker and going to homeroom until 8:23 to walk to your next class. Now, you would unpack at your locker and walk to your first class. There are concerns that kids who are usually late would be affected by this, and that is true. But, this is a good lesson to the kids and parents who can't get to school as early as others. It teaches responsibility. Currently when you're late, you just miss homeroom. But now you would be missing a lesson and valuable school work. The school didn't just want to get rid of homeroom, it's because of timing reasons. Buses and block times are a major role in the timing element.

Longer School Days, Less Lunch?

Because the periods (Now to be called blocks) are sixty minutes, we will have longer school days and less lunch and transition time. This is because of the states' weekly required time for gym. The weekly requirement is 150 minutes, and in order for the rest of the schedule to work, the blocks need to be 60 minutes. Not even 59 would work, because we would be under the requirement. And the extra few minutes added to the day are dire, and so are the two minutes taken off of lunch. Two minutes of

Electives

There has been confusion when it comes to the electives, and I'll be honest. I'm still not completely satisfied. But, what I do know, I will share. There are three main electives- Band, chorus, and cycle. Cycle has the four different topics for each marking period, just like this year. But for the band and chorus kids, it is going to be very different. First of all, band and chorus would be every other day. This part just goes for band kids, that's a lot of time that we need to practice on our own to keep up our skills. For the band and chorus kids, we only get one elective and that elective is digital media design. We were told that the reason for this is the amount of students in each class. There is a limit of students that can be in each class, and by offering different electives, it would throw off the balance. That is all I know about the elective, you would have to see Mr. Olausen or the guidance counselors for more information on this topic.

For The New Sixth Graders

The schedule for the incoming sixth graders is somewhat different from what the sixth graders have know. They have language arts, math six, science, social studies, and physical education just like the sixth graders have now. But, they have health

lunch lost isn't that much, and the amount of time we have now is fairly enough time to eat.

Advisory Periods

There are rumors about what the advisory periods are, and they are not entirely true. The advisory periods are a time to work on improving your academic level. What I mean by that is if you're a student that is thriving in one of your classes and you need more of a challenge, you would work on projects increasing your academic level. And if you're a student that's struggling in one of your classes, you would most likely work with you teacher and have time for extra help. If you're an average student in all of your classes, than the district isn't sure what exactly you would be doing yet. But it most likely won't be homework, as everyone has been saying. The advisory periods are a time to meet with teachers and get extra work done, not to do homework or play games on your chromebook.

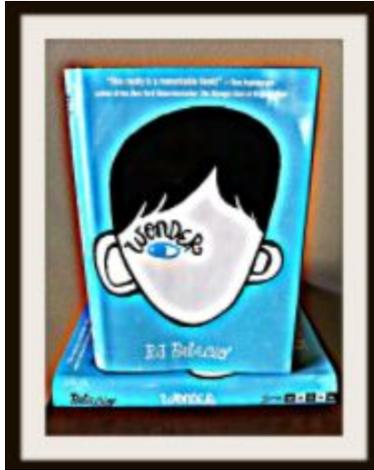
DISCLAIMER- The schedule is not set in stone yet, so everything mentioned is not guaranteed. The schedule could change completely, and some parts most likely will. If you have any questions about the schedule change, either see a guidance counselor or Mr. Olausen. Remember, this is going to affect everyone in one way or another. And you have a voice, so if something seems unfair to you, say something. As the people who are mostly going to be affected by this change, we need to stand up for what we believe.

one marking period, advisory two marking periods, and study skills one marking period. And they don't get a choice of French six or Spanish six, they are automatically taking "Exploratory Spanish and French cultural and language immersion." I don't know how that would work when it comes to taking Spanish seven or French seven, or whether they would take the cultural immersion class again. But they do get a choice of taking band, chorus, or cycle. The schedule hasn't changed that much for them, and where there are changes, it's for the better. As someone with a sibling going into sixth grade, I am concerned about what is happening. The only problem I have with the sixth graders' schedule is study skills, as it may not be the best use of a sixth grader's time. Otherwise, I am pretty happy with the sixth grade schedule.

Houses

This is probably the part of the schedule that people are the most confused about. The houses are basically sorting the students with the teachers. Each house will have different teachers, and only half of the grade. This helps the teachers talk about where their students are, so they can better plan their lessons. (This wouldn't affect the elective teachers, they would work with both houses) A common rumor about this is that people are being sorted based on their academic level. This is false. Students are randomly sorted into different houses, to avoid being bullied. Also, each house is going to vote on their house name. That makes all of this even more fair to us because we have a choice. The houses are pretty smart when you think about it. It's benefiting the students and teachers while making this part of school fun.

Wonder Book Review



The book *Wonder* is written by R.J. Palacio. It is about a boy, August “Auggie” Pullman, with a facial deforming disease. The story takes place when he starts public school. The principal had three students show him around the school. Their names are Julian, Jack, and Summer. Some students are mean to him, and all students stay as far as they can from him.

Auggie only has a few friends. The people who are mean to Auggie make up rumors about the people who are nice to him. Eventually the school goes on a class trip. Some older kids make fun of the group of friends. Overall, this book is amazing. I recommend this book to anyone.

By Ryder Davis

Women’s USA Soccer Team Roster for She Believes Cup

By Kara Gallagher

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Jill Ellis (the head coach) has released 26 names of players to be the preliminary roster for the She Believes Cup. The tournament will include multiple teams that will be challenges for the United States team, including Germany, England, and France. Ellis will finalize the 23- player roster once their training camp ends, before the team travels to Columbus, Ohio. However, Crystal Dunn and Morgan Brian will stay with their European team during camp in Orlando, but will be back with the USWNT before the roster is announced in Columbus.

The roster in order by position is...

Goalkeepers: Jane Campbell, Ashlyn Harris, and Alyssa Naeyer. The lineup of defenders include 8 people- Abby Dahlkemper, Tiarna Davidson, Sofia Huerta, Hallie Mace, Kelley O'Hara, Casey Short, Taylor Smith, and Emily Sonnett. Next, the 7 midfielders are...Morgan Brian, Julie Ertz, Lindsey Horan, Rose Lavelle, Carli Lloyd, Allie Long, and Andi Sullivan. Lastly, the 8 forwards are Crystal Dunn, Ashley Hatch, Savannah McCaskill, Alex Morgan, Christen Press, Mallory Pugh, Megan Rapinoe, and Lynn Williams.

Fun Facts:

~The U.S. captain Carli Lloyd is the most capped player on the roster, with 247 games played and is two goals away from becoming the 6th player in U.S. history to score 100 international goals. Alex Morgan is the next highest on the roster with 81 goals.

~Mallory Pugh leads the USA in scoring the most goals in 2018 so far, after bagging 2 goals in the opening game when they won 5-1 against Denmark.

~2017 U.S soccer player of the year, Julie Ertz, went into the camp with 58 caps and 15 goals.

~Defender Becky Sauerbrunn, midfielder Samantha Mewis, and forward Tobin Heath, are progressing well in their return from their injuries, but are not ready for game action.

~For the first time this year, U.S. Soccer is set to host its *She Believes Summit*. Set for March 3rd, in NYC, the Summit is a day-long event made to celebrate opportunity, and to encourage young women with the inspiration, tools, and connections to pursue and accomplish their goals.

Results: The United States team won the 2018 She Believes Cup!

Meet the Team!

I hope you have enjoyed our Spring Issue of 2018! Now here are all of the people who have put their hard work into our newspaper:

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Have a Great Day

