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BLM Protest Blocks City Hall over Cambridge Gentrification

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On August 31st, two CRLS students along with two Cambridge residents representing Black Lives Matter Cambridge chained themselves to the front door of City Hall, symbolically "condemning" the building and "evicting" every member of the City Council. According to the protesters, this bold action was a response to rapid gentrification of Cambridge and the Greater Boston area.

The protesters were almost immediately met with a heavy police presence, and with the protesters refusing to budge, the situation quickly unfolded into a long standoff with no clear solution, ending hours later with the arrest of the four protesters.

Vice-Mayor Marc McGovern, who was there before any other elected official and who stayed long after the Mayor and the other City Councillors left, said, while addressing the crowd, that the protesters fight against gentrification was personal for him: "It's a delicate balance, it's really complicated and delicate, and we have been working on this for a very long time. And I just want you to know that this is very important to us."

Days later, in a meeting organized by the Committee for International Labor Defense, Mari Gashaw '17 laid out her personal reasons for participating in the protest: "I was born and raised in North Cambridge—this is my home, and I don't like what's happening here. My people are forced to move out of their homes to let the wealthy move in. We shut City Hall down because we're demanding a raise in Inclusionary Housing from 11.5 to 25 percent; we're looking at the City Council and asking that they permit M.I.T. to build housing for 5,500 graduate and postgraduate students, which will free up existing housing for working Cambridge families."

"My people are forced to move out of their homes to let the wealthy move in."

Mari Gashaw '17 exchanges words with Mayor Simmons outside City Hall.
Photo Credit: Diego Lasarte

Acting Police Commissioner Christopher Burke was also present for the duration of the protest and made a point to talk to as many residents as possible. His main priority was making sure that the protest-

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Freshman Class Sees 20/20

By
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On September 6th, the Class of 2020 stormed the halls of 459 Broadway Street.

Throughout the coming years, the class will struggle and triumph together—the road ahead is full of Falcon Pride Days and Blackout games, midterms and finals, breakups and new friends.

This year's freshman class is just shy of 500 students, making it one of the biggest classes at CRLS. The transition from middle school can be hard for some students, especially when joining a class of this size. Some say it can also be intimidating to walk down hallways with kids four years older than them.

Many come to the high school feeling anxious, wondering what their social lives will be like. "You're put in a class without any of the people you know from middle school, and that can be really difficult," freshman Phoebe Smith said. "I already made friends [before high school], why do I have to do this again?" added freshman Alma Kent.

However, one aspect of CRLS life freshmen tend to look forward to is the open campus lunch, when students can go to nearby restaurants like Darwin's and Angelo's. Junior Janie Ely reminds freshmen, "The school cafeteria is also really good, don't be stupid and spend all your money out on lunch." Buying lunch everyday can become expensive, so take advantage of your resources.

Others feel that getting used to a new routine, with new teachers, classmates, and expectations, might be hard. CRLS has a student body upwards of 1,800, and is also home to 170 teachers.

One of the unique qualities about CRLS is the variety of classes it offers, from Digital Studio to AP Calculus, from Film Studies to Anatomy. Freshmen Ben Pimlott commented on the range of class levels that the school offers, saying, "I like that unlike middle school you get to choose what level type of class you want, like CP, Honors, and AP."

The teaching staff is

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New This Year: Lunch C

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CRLS has a new lunch schedule this year, which includes a third lunch period, added right in between the old Lunch A and B. Lunch A is still from 11:08 until 11:42, but now Lunch B follows shortly after from 11:54 to 12:24. Students in Lunch B will go to class first for 40 minutes, get lunch for 30 minutes, and then return to class for the last 40 minutes. Lunch C is now the same as the old Lunch B which begins at 12:32 and ends at 1:06.

Rindge students get lunch from all over campus, and whether students get their lunch at Darwin's or from the school cafeteria, everyone has to deal with the pains of a lunch line. Last year, more than 900 students were in each lunch period. Many students were forced to take over half of their lunch periods just standing in line.

CRLS administration reported earlier this month that after researching other schools with at least 1,200 students in Massachusetts, CRLS and Brookline were the only two that did not have three or more lunch periods. Brookline High School is also changing over to three lunch periods this year.

With the new lunch switch, administration aimed to set lunch size caps at 650 students. But

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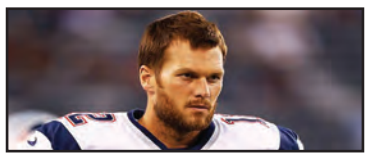
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some students are wondering whether the change has actually helped. Bijan Rosen, a senior in Lunch A who gets food from Darwin's, has not seen lines shorten. In fact, he wondered whether or not some teachers were obeying the rules since "Lunch A is still so overcrowded."

Sophomore Omar Silas, who has Lunch C, agreed with Rosen. When asked about whether the lunch lines shrunk, he argued, "If anything, they're longer than they were last year." Silas attributes this lack of change to the big size of the new freshman class.

On the other hand, senior Jérémie Jean-Baptiste, who has the new Lunch B, sees it differently. "There is less of a line so I have more time to eat," Jean-Baptiste contributed. However, she also admitted that there is a negative side to the new lunch: "We only have two minutes of transitioning [between lunch and class], and it just increases the chances of being late."

Many agree that the different lunch periods either speed up or slow down the school day. In the past, students who have had Lunch B (now Lunch C) tend to feel that the day goes by a lot faster. However, it can be tough to wait until 12:32 to eat. On the other hand, eating lunch at 11:08 is a bit early for some students. The new Lunch B is right in the middle, placed perfectly at noon.

Junior Zyair Bolling, who is in the new Lunch B, says that the lines are shorter, adding that although "[the new lunch] makes the day go by faster," he feels it is "a bit weird having a core class like English split up in blocks like it is with Lunch B." Principal Smith is sympathetic to the challenges of the new lunch, saying, "We [administration] acknowledge there are some challenges with the new lunch. But the challenges are far outpaced by the potential of a kid not having the time to eat [because of a lunch line]."

Smith concluded, "Unless there is a significant decrease in our enrollment, the new lunch is here to stay."

Say Adios to Aloha Day: Welcome Day Shines

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Student Body President Kester Messan led the charge in rebranding Welcome Day.
Photo Credit: CRLS Student Goverment

At the annual summer Student Government meeting held in Danehy Park in late August, representatives decided to revamp Aloha Day over concerns of cultural appropriation. Renamed Welcome Day, this year the event replaced the Hawaiian themes of previous years with a focus on the CRLS motto: opportunity diversity and respect. Welcome Day took place on September 16th, featuring a DJ set from senior Andrique Fleurimond, food, and black and silver beads—there was not a lei to be found.

A post on the official Student Government Facebook page made clear that the event still emphasizes community-building; the only difference is the replacement of Hawaiian themes. For those who don't understand why the appropriation of Hawaiian culture can be harmful, the same post explained how the United States has oppressed Hawaii, using its culture for trivial celebration which is offensive to those of Hawaiian and various Pacific Island cultures.

A limbo competition—an activity wrongfully attributed to Hawaiian culture, with roots in the Caribbean islands—also took place at lunch during the celebration, with a 'Blackout' shirt as the promised prize to the winner. In the week leading up to the event, and continuing into the next, homerooms decorated their classroom doors with flashy representations of the CRLS motto: opportunity, diversity, and respect.

Junior Caroline Elise, a Pacific Islander, brought this issue to Student Government's attention just before the summer meeting. Elise's homeroom didn't participate in Aloha Day her freshman year, so she initially got little exposure to the event.

However, by her sophomore year, she knew what was coming and found the event upsetting. Elise said, "I realized that Hawaii was being seriously misrepresented… all I saw around the hallways were skinny white women in coconut bras." Elise is Samoan, but as a Pacific Islander she felt the need to point out the offensive traditions of Aloha Day.

The success of the change reflects a more responsive Student Government, which listened to and addressed Elise's concerns. "This year I really wanted to hear everybody's views," Student Body President Kester Messan told the *Register Forum*. "I think that there are still so many people in our community who have so many things to say, but they… don't want to feel ostracized."

Fear of this kind of backlash is not unheard of at Rindge. When asked about how Rindge responds to new or previously ignored issues, senior Sophie Lipkin told the, "I think students are…pretty open…sometimes it's just a lack of empathy."

Junior James Kubicek also spoke on the subject, stating that, for the most part, "[Students] understand, but don't really care."

Jahnavi Zondervan, a junior and Student Government representative who helped connect Elise and Messan to address the issue, felt similarly about the atmosphere around bringing new issues to the surface within Rindge. However, she reiterated Messan's sentiment about Student Government working to resolve issues, stating, "I think Student Government this year really took this change into [sic] stride."

A common thread between Zondervan, Messan, and Elise's responses is the need for support when bringing up new ideas.

"A large part of why I spoke up was because I had people who knew I was upset and wanted me to do something rather than let things happen," said Elise. It seems, once the idea is out there, Student Government is there to listen.

Miles on the MBTA

CRLS Student Sets Transit Record

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On July 26th, Miles Taylor, a junior at CRLS, set the record for fastest time to visit all the MBTA train stations for no reason other than his love for the MBTA. Taylor is also the creator and owner of the blog, Miles on the MBTA, in which he reviews MBTA bus lines and train stations.

In 2013, Miles and his fellow transit racer Adham Fisher set off with the goal of making a new record, and in eight hours, five minutes, and fifteen seconds, they succeeded. Unfortunately, this record was beaten soon after by four minutes, and would remain so for three years.

But Taylor wasn't going to allow that to go on. So this summer, he set out with a camera and his friend, CRLS alumnus Giovanni Jajoute, to reclaim the title of record holder. They filmed the whole process, and created a documentary based on it. This time, it only took them 7 hours, 43 minutes, and 4 seconds, blowing the old record completely out of the water.

Richard, an MBTA bus driver, told the *Register Forum* "I heard about [the record]…Apparently it was just some kid!" After hearing about Miles and his blog, he was grateful that "someone appreciates us and doesn't just get angry when there's traffic."

Miles Taylor holding a map of the Chicago Public Transit System.

Photo Credit: Diego Lasarte

Photo Credit: MBTA

So far on his blog, Taylor has commented on all but four T stations and ten bus lines, those being the more out of the way and inaccessible ones. He plans on finishing by the time he graduates next year, so that he can start another blog for the public transportation of whatever city he ends up in.

Elizabeth Ball, a friend and classmate of Taylor, said, "I've never met someone as dedicated and enthusiastic about something as him." She admires that he has found something he is truly passionate about, and loves to hear him talk about his latest trips.

And she isn't the only one. Every single person asked about Taylor's project gave positive feedback, ranging from calling it "pretty cool" to wishing they had something they felt that strongly about.

"When Miles talks about the MBTA, he invokes a common thread woven deeply into the fabric of the lives of almost all Rindge kids," Latin teacher Ms. Giacchino commented. "[Miles'] superpower is his ability to use the common thread of the MBTA, a thread that transcends class, race, gender, and all superficial dividers, to make connections with others on a deeply and wonderfully human level," Giacchino added.

To find out more about Taylor's blog or his project, contact him via Facebook or directly in the comment section of his blog at www.milesonthembta.blogspot.com. Taylor's documentary is also on that website.

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not the only group available to help the freshmen through their journey. Two guidance counselors in each Learning Community are also available to meet with students to discuss course changes, GPA, and students' overall plans for the future. A common piece of advice given by upperclassmen is to form a relationship with your guidance counselor early on. "They'll be an important person for all four years you're in high school," says senior Josh Kuh.

The Class of 2020 has expressed their desire to take advantage of all the extra-curricular activities CRLS has to offer. With more than 50 student run clubs and over 30 athletic teams, CRLS keeps its students busy.

Some freshmen reported that they were nervous to join activities because they did not know anyone. Kuh addressed these concerns by saying that when he was a freshmen he wished he knew more about clubs and activities he could join. "I initially thought I couldn't do a sport and a club, but that's really not true. There are various levels of involvement that you can have," Kuh concluded.

Sports are also a big part of the CRLS culture. Usually each sport offers three levels: varsity, junior varsity, and freshman. Teams at CRLS promote Falcon Pride, and unite groups of students who might not get to know each other otherwise. Senior Hannah Whiteman enthusiastically advised freshmen, "Join as many new clubs and sports as you can...Obviously I think you should join sports 'cause I play them, and they're the best."

"Join as many new clubs and sports as you can."

To any freshmen interested in getting involved, clubs will start meeting regularly after Club Day, held on September 27th, 28th, and 29th.

If you want more advice from upperclassmen, check out this year's Freshman Guide which can be found on the Aspen homepage!

Freshmen enjoying the open campus lunch system.

Photo Credit: Sophie Harrington

A Messgage from Your Student Body President

Dear CRLS,

Welcome back to school! Quite honestly, it feels a bit weird to be back in school after what felt like a very short summer. If you're like me, you're also a bit anxious as to what this school year will bring. However, you're excited, pumped, and elated to get back to learning inside and outside of the classroom!

As your Student Body President, I can say that the Student Government Association (SGA) is also excited to do some learning and growing this year. There's definitely been internal and external dissent toward the Student Government in past years, and as elected officials, we believe that time for reflection and evaluation is important. Upon reflection, we've established transparency and accountability as two things that we will be working toward in all that we do. As we try to create opportunities for students to have fun and bond, as well as opportunities for students to share their opinions, being transparent and accountable as a SGA is imperative.

As I close, I challenge you all to be fearless. So many of us have chosen to not voice a concern for fear of standing alone. So many of us have chosen to not stand up for an issue for fear of appearing "crazy." So many of us have chosen to shy away from a topic for fear of offending others. Please know that the Student Government is a place where you can be fearless. Whether the topic on the agenda is concerning a spirit week, an upcoming school dance, or the Achievement Gap, know that we want to hear your truth.

Gratefully,

Kester Messan-Hilla

Student Governmnet Association 2016-17 poses for their annual group photo.
Photo Credit: Student Government

Important Dates for Student Government

October 3: Student Government meeting, room 1606 at 7:15 AM
October 5: Freshman mentoring
October 6: School Committee Report
October 11: Student Government meeting
October 13: School Committee Report
October 17: Student Governement meeting
October 19: Freshman mentoring
October 20: School Committee Report
October 21: Homecoming Game
October 24: Student Government meeting
October 26: Freshman mentoring
October 27: School Committee Report
October 28: Homeroom ambassador meetings
October 31: Student Government meeting and Costume Contest

School Committe Update, New Dress Code Ratified

By
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Dress Code Altered

Most notably, the School Committee unanimously voted on September 20th to remove a line added to the school dress code at the beginning of this year by Committee Member Manikka Bowman. At both the September meetings, several students testified against the line "...all students must be covered from mid-thigh to top of chest in non-see through apparel," which they claimed discriminated against women and non gender-conforming men. Co-leader of Club 1 Charlotte Rosenblum spearheaded the effort to change the dress code and spoke at both meetings, saying, "There are...members of the community who... feel marginalized with [these] standards." With the removal of this line, the dress code changed to a version that the administration and student activists had agreed on at the end of last year.

Junior Kindergarten Reform Discussed

At the September 6th meeting, Committee Member Emily Dexter advocated for increased access to Junior Kindergarten. Currently CPSD provides free Junior Kindergarten to all children born before April 1st, a system Dexter called, "inequitable and unequal." She suggested that if universal Junior Kindergarten was impossible at this time, the system should take into account economic needs.

The School Committee unanimously voted to remove a controversial line added to the dress code

New Student Representatives to the School Committee

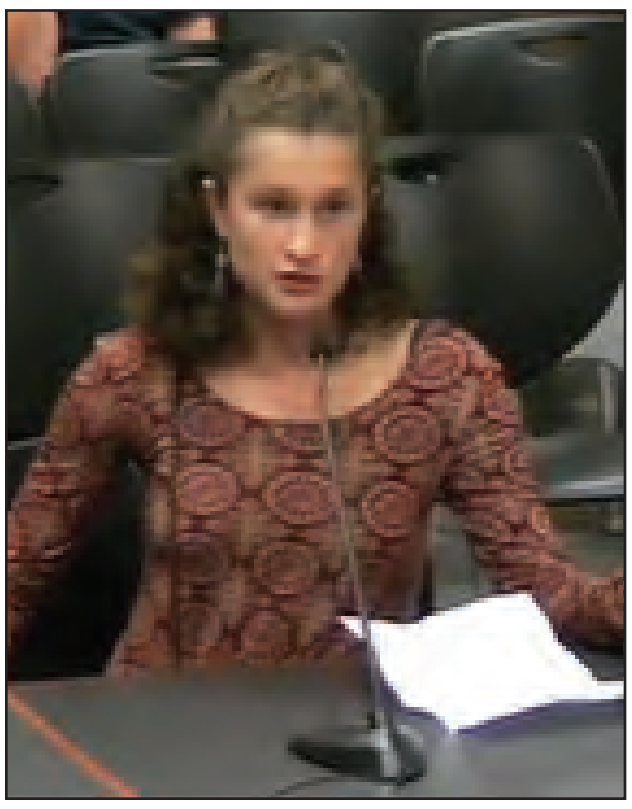
The September 6th meeting was the new student representatives to the school committee's first. Mari Gashaw '17 and Paul Sullivan '18 have succeeded alums Ben Austin '16 and Griffin Andres '16. Neither spoke at the first meeting, but Sullivan told *the Register Forum* he felt "taking a wallflower role was vital for my first meeting and in the future I look forward to increasing that role to a participatory one."

Solutions for Overcrowding

In the September 20th meeting, two concerned parents, one of them a middle school teacher at the Fayerweather Street School, testified before the Committee on the effects of growing numbers of students on scheduling and athletics. They stressed the idea that all students should be able to participate in sports. Principal Smith also spoke on overcrowding concerns, telling the Committee that the biggest challenges were in scheduling math, as many students double up. The Committee brainstormed ways to decrease the confusion of scheduling the first two weeks of school, suggesting that schedules be solidified earlier in the summer with more attention to semester distribution, and that more support for guidance counselors be provided.

Chronic Absenteeism

Committee Member Emily Dexter brought forward a resolution to investigate CPS' chronic absentee rate. 18% of kids in CPS miss 10% or more of the school year. The Committee discussed the difference between the absentee rates at schools in different parts of the city; while schools in West Cambridge have an average chronic absentee rate of 6%, schools in East Cambridge have an average rate of 17%.



Charlotte Rosenblum '17, co-leader of Club 1, speaks before the School Committee on the dress code.
Photo Credit: Cambridge Day

Student Government Works on Achievement Gap

Student Representative Paul Sullivan '18 reported that the Student Government voted to focus on decreasing the achievement gap at CRLS. He said they would "Begin with workshops to develop a common language and understanding of the Student Government's role."

Freshmen Aren't the Only New Faces at CRLS

The Story Behind the Experience of a Foreign Exchange Student

By
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Among the new faces crowding the hallways this year are students who come here from hundred of miles away. Along with the class of 2020, approximately 15 foreign exchange students have joined CRLS's community.

Despite the fact that CRLS does not have an official foreign exchange program, the CPS district says that they "welcome Foreign Exchange students to apply for one year of study at CRLS."

One of the major effects of not having a foreign exchange program is that students that do chose to come to CRLS must independently find their host parents.

The exchange students who come to CRLS often do so because they found a host parent who just happened to reside in Cambridge. "I had to find one on my own," said former exchange student Isak Prellner. In the past this has severely decreased the number of exchange students that have come to Rindge.

In addition, exchange students coming to CRLS must take an English proficiency test to determine if they need to be placed in ESL classes. Other than English help, exchange students receive no additional help. "We treat them normally as students," said Ann Nguyen, CPS Registration Specialist, adding, "We also provide support for students who need it."

Coming to a new country and speaking a different language can be disorienting. When questioned about his experience, Prellner said, "Coming to a new place without having any friends felt really weird." On top of having to speak a foreign language, Prellner adds, "The hardest part [was] interpreting subtle hints and people's body language, [it] lead to some miscommunication… in the beginning everything just made you really tired."

Exchange student Isak Prellner (middle) with CRLS track team last year.

Photo Credit: Jacob Brill-Weil

Is the discomfort worth the experience? Prellner commented, "You kidding? It was the most awesome year of my life!"

The CRLS community also appears to welcome these new students. "I see no reason why they shouldn't come over," comments junior Keven Vazquez-Li. Exchange students helps CRLS flourish with the "opportunity and diversity" that our school is so well know for.

In addition to students, parents are also grateful for the presence of exchange students. Parent Isabel Gomez says, "I want my daughter to be friends with...someone who gives a wider view of the world."

Students at CRLS can have a similar experience as exchange students do. Signing up for a "semester away program" allows a student to attend a specialized school in a different state or country.

Along with students from around the world, CRLS students learn new skills and develop new connections with students they have never met before.

For more information, see the CRLS website or talk to your guidance counselor.

CRLS' 2016 AP Scores Well Above National Average

By
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The AP scores this past year are above average at CRLS. Head of the advanced placement classes Ms. Madden stated that CRLS is well above national average results. "We have an 86% passing rate which means that people scored 3 or higher." reported Madden to the *Register Forum*.

Some classes did stellar in specific subjects, like science and language. In physics "all got 5's on the exam, Spanish was the same thing," says Madden. More kids have taken the AP exams due to the expansion of the advance placement program.

From 2012 to 2016 the numbers of exams given out have gone up and the scores have doubled.

In 2012, the AP program consisted of 188 kids and in 2016 it has 357. In 2012, the total number of exams scored 3+ was 157, compared to 2016 which was 308.

Only 345 people took the exam in 2012, but in 2016, 601 people took it.

Students take AP classes for all sorts of reasons. For example, sohpomore Sumaiya Mahee said, "I take an AP class to push myself to my fullest potential."

On the other hand, AP classes can be taken for the sake of getting college credit.

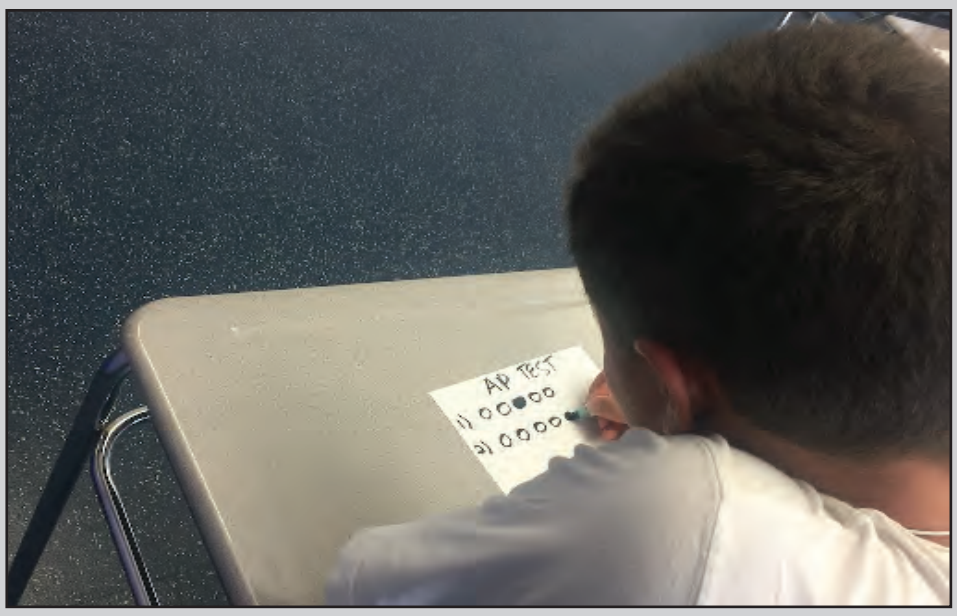
"I take AP Stats because I didn't like Calculus, and it was the next class up. [Also,] I heard the teachers were really good," said senior Tenzin Dotsang.

AP Stats teacher Mr. Benson says that usually in his classes most students don't take the AP exams because they are mostly seniors and are done with school by the time the exam comes around.

He doesn't believe that the kids in his class do as well on the AP exam because they take a semester long class "so if they take the class in the fall, they have a huge gap between then and the AP exam."

Mr. Benson hopes the scores continually go up, and he believes it is always good to take an Advanced Placement class because it challenges you. In the words of Mr. Benson, "It's good to try out a new course that's harder than the courses you've already taken."

So remember, never settle for less!



Even Register Forum editors struggle with AP Tests.

Photo Credit: College Board, Diego Lasarte

Lunch B: Scourge or Savior?

By
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"Hey, what lunch do you have?" is a frequently asked question in the ending breaths of summer as the new school year falls into place. As classmates and friends see each other again, their hope being that they will be able to eat lunch together for the following semester. In previous years the answer to the question has been simple: A or B.

Lunch A took place before Period 3. This lunch was early but provided a symmetrical flow to the day, two periods in the morning and two in the afternoon.

Lunch B began after Period 3, forcing a snack to save you from perishing until the excruciatingly late hour that Lunch B began. Yet, paradoxically, it seemed to shorten the day, as the downhill slide until 2:30 seemed bearable. The system was simple. Clean. Easy to understand. A system perfect for the rhythm of CRLS.

The only issue was, with a growing school, there were too many students scavenging from too few places in too short a period of time.

The 2016-17 year brought with it an experimental innovation: lunches A, B, and C. Necessary questions like "Lunch C? What is that?" and "What is Lunch B now?" filled Facebook groupchats and friendly back to school conversations. The decision to alter the schedule was made to alleviate the long lunch lines as well as relieve pressure on the deep friers at Angelo's. The newest addition to the lunch scheduling system is the new Lunch B. The old Lunch B is now Lunch C, while Lunch B splits the difference between A and C. Got it? This new lunch is now not before or after Period 3, but in the middle, splitting the 80 minute period in half. While some students have expressed their doubts about how this modernist foreign lunch will work, the positive aspects remain evident.

2016-17 year brought with it an experimental innovation: lunches A, B, and C.

The upsides of the new Lunch B are substantial. One being that the timing of lunch is impeccable. Incredible. Incomparably well designed. There has been no better time in history to have lunch than at high noon.

Aside from the perfect timing, the lunch has achieved its goal of decreasing the amount of lunch-goers. The hot bar at Broadway market is always extra hot and the pasta at the cafeteria is never from the bottom of the pan. With all of this being said, there are also some negative aspects to Lunch B.

As a patron of the new Lunch B, I can say that at first this lunch was one of the strangest things to be decided by those who make these very important and pressing decisions. It breaks up the day in a new unknown way that at first was intimidating. In the early days, it was even infuriating. Infuriating not because it was any worse a lunch, but that it was new.

Lunch B now runs from 11:52 to 12:22.

Photo Credit: Diego Lasarte

This lunch is also quite lonely. The previous rush and bustle that had been the joys of lunch have dissipated. There are no longer people sprinting from the fifth floor to be the first in line. It is depressing.

Additionally, the lunch divides Period 3 into two disjointed entities. The groove of the 80 minute period is annihilated by the strange break in the middle of class. Just as you are beginning to master the Pythagorean Theorem, you can see yourself in the limelight, passing the class with flying colors and then... bing...bing...the bell rings… Lunch B. Though this is difficult to get used to, for the time being it is the way it is. Change is hard, we often focus on the negative, but to do so is to resist possibility.

My proposition is simple. Clean. Easy to understand. Lets come together and try this. This lunch is new and we must give it a chance. We are a school that is innovative. We try things. We figure them out. The new Lunch B is the future, the first lunch of the rest of our lives.

Presidential Debate Recap

By
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On Monday night in what was forecast the most watched presidential debate in U.S. history, Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton and Republican candidate Donald Trump faced off at Hofstra University in New York. The debate, moderated by NBC anchor Lester Holt, covered topics ranging from job creation to race and security.

The debate began on the topic of job creation and prosperity. Hillary Clinton started off the night by discussing her plans for raising the minimum wage, lowering income inequality, ending the wage gap, and mentioning her father's small business. Trump took a noticeably negative tone saying, "Jobs are fleeing our country." Clinton countered, questioning Mr. Trump's business record and his vision for the country.

The moderator Lester Holt, who struggled at times to keep the candidates from going off topic and at each other, then moved to the topic of race. Trump raised several questions about Ms. Clinton's motives with minority voters saying that politicians have "used and abused these communities for political gain" and also invoking Ms. Clinton's infamous 1996 statement about young African American males being "super predators." Clinton on the other hand argued that "we have got to address systemic racism" and focused on retraining police.

The debate covered topics ranging from job creation to race and security.

The debate wrapped up with the topic of securing America. Both candidates reiterated the arguments of their respective campaigns. Trump criticized Clinton and President Obama for creating the "vacuum" in the Middle East that lead to the rise of ISIS, while Clinton criticized Trump for lacking substance, saying, "Donald never tells you what he *would* do."

After completing this highly anticipated debate, both candidates hope to receive a boost in the polls, and now they will focus on the next debate, scheduled for October 9th in St. Louis.

Got thoughts about Monday's debate or about its coverage in the RF?

Write about it for the Register Forum

Meetings Every Thursday in Room 2309

Education on Education

A.R.T. Show Tackles American Schools

By
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Anna Deavere Smith plays the main character in "Notes from the Field."
Photo Credit: Stanford Reportory Theatre

"Notes from the Field: Doing Time in Education" opened at the American Repertory Theater on Thursday, August 25th. The show was created by and stars actress Anna Deavere Smith, who is known for TV shows such as *West Wing* and *Nurse Jackie.*

The one woman production is centred around what is known as the "school to prison pipeline" which is the complex relationship between race, poverty, the education system, and mass incarceration in the United States. It has been dubbed a "pipeline" because for many impoverished students of color, this path from public education to incarceration is unavoidable.

The structure of the show is noteworthy as it is more comparable to a documentary than a traditional scripted play. None of the show was written, scripted, or edited but is in fact entirely composed of interviews conducted by Anna Deavere Smith herself. She performs the responses of those she interviewed verbatim as monologues, fully embodying and becoming those people. Taking into consideration that the "pipeline" is an incredibly complex and widespread issue, Deavere Smith conducted interviews with a wide range of people who are connected to the pipeline in different ways. The list includes an incarcerated Native American man (now fisherman), a mayoral candidate from Stockton, CA, the principal of an inner city school in South Carolina, a school security guard, an emotional counselor, a mother, and many more.

Like most systems in America, the public education system as it currently stands is rigged so that low income students and students of color are ignored, excluded, and underfunded in terms of education. Such a structure makes it incredibly hard and sometimes impossible for low income students and students of color to stay and succeed in school, especially if they attend an inner city school, as those schools receive the least funding.

The production also features stories and anecdotes from people seen on the news such as Bree Newsome, the woman who took down the confederate flag in South Carolina, and Niya Kenny, the student who stood up for the young black girl named Shakara who was dragged and thrown from her desk by a white police officer (caught on video). The nature of these anecdotes constitute the most powerful aspect of the show, reminding the audience that this is all real and happening in real time, none of the dialogue was written or revised to serve an artistic purpose but rather repeated verbatim in order to educate and submerge the audience in reality.

Senior Arianna Thenor recalls her favorite piece from the show in which Deavere Smith portrayed the reverend from Freddie Gray's funeral, saying, "She transformed the theatre into a church basically with her words… she spoke on how these young African American boys are just being killed and it broke me down to tears because it was so raw I felt as though for that moment I knew Freddie Gray or I knew Eric Garner. That scene will stick with me for the rest of my life."

In what is known as "Act Two," audience members gather in randomly-assigned small discussion groups where they respond to prompts/quotes from the show. This structure is truly a novelty and leap in terms of experimental theatre, which forces audience members out of the comfort of spectatorship and makes them think about what they have seen and how they are connected to it.

Many of the issues discussed in the show are issues which relate very directly to CRLS. Fortunately enough, the A.R.T. forged a connection with CRLS and it's students on this production. I saw many staff members and students in attendance over the summer. On Friday, September 9th, four CRLS students led a panel discussion with the audience after the performance. The panel included seniors Mari Gashaw, Jimmy Johnson, Dewayne Green, and Class of 2016 graduate Karalynn Ojeda-Pollard. Principal Smith also participated on the panel. Gashaw reflected on the discussion, saying, "The questions asked at the panel barely scratched the surface of the school to prison pipeline. We never spoke of concrete solutions. The show was artistically powerful but there wasn't much to go off of for next steps and that frustrates me because there are people incarcerated and on the way to being incarcerated because of our education system."

The CRLS Drama Department took a field trip to see the production on Wednesday, September 14th, exposing many students to this experience they might not have sought otherwise. Junior Max McGrath, who attended the field trip, echoed the sentiments of Gashaw saying, "The performance was good but did not focus enough on the issue of the pipeline itself and how to address it."

Meanwhile Maisha Lakri, a senior who has seen the show upwards of four times, calls it "a powerful show by a powerful woman."

In the Heights: A Preview of CRLS' Fall Musical

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Coming up this November the new, *In the Heights*, musical will play at the Fitzgerald Theater for two weekends! Get ready for a night full of singing, dancing, and several new CRLS faces.

In the Heights tells the story of many characters living in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood. This spirited community is filled with rhythm, change, hope, and dreams. Usnavi, the center of it all, is a bodega owner who looks after his Cuban neighbor. He pines after the breathtaking girl working in the beauty salon, as well as dreams to win the lottery to escape to his native country, the Dominican Republic. At the same time, Nina, Usnavi's childhood friend, returns to the neighborhood with surprising news for her parents and in the end this close knit neighborhood finds out what it means to be home. Their biggest conflict seems to be deciding which traditions they are going to take with them, and which they will leave behind.

In the Heights *follows the smash CRLS hit* Footloose.
Photo Credit: Olivia Mariscal

This year the Drama Department pushed for a more inclusive production, giving roles to new members and having an overall welcoming vibe Junior Max McGrath added, "Before Rindge tried to play it safe, but this year's pro." *In the Heights*, will celebrate the diversity around CRLS while showing how one can achieve their own dreams through an exhilarating journey.

Senior Kester Messan, playing a lead, is very excited to be acting in this year's production. Although he thinks that "the first week [the cast was] a bit more iffy," he relievingly said that "there were a series of conversations where [they've] begun to have a very positive group." Their instinctive worries went away as they started practicing and becoming more united.

Hearing all the talk about how this year's play is so different and taking away some people's chances of being leads was a struggle in the Arts Basement at first, but as senior Serena Bialkin insightfully commented, "It is good opportunity to expand the Theater Department and include people of color, since usually white people always take the leads."

Senior and head of the tech crew, Natalie McPherson-Siegrist explained how "high school plays are not perfect, there are a lot of factors that go into choosing a cast" adding that, "this year's actors and techies are trying to be less exclusive and more welcoming." She concludes, "This play, although different, is more open." Although controversial at first, they have been more welcoming this year and more organized choosing a play where there will be a large diversity of people.

Be sure to come to the show November 11-12th, or 18-20th at 7:00 PM in the CRLS Fitzgerald Theater.

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Frank Ocean Releases Sophomore Album *Blonde*

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Four years, multiple false starts, and one cryptic livestream later, Frank Ocean's sophomore album has arrived. Let me repeat that: Frank Ocean released a new album. Entitled *Blonde*, the new record boasts contributions from a host of A-list names, from Beyoncé to The Beatles (sort of), from André 3000 (of OutKast) to Kendrick Lamar.

These days the featured artist matters more than the primary one. Not so here—Frank holds the spotlight. This is his masterpiece.

Summarized, *Blonde* is about contrast. The first half of the album uses lush, energetic instrumentation (the Pharrell-produced "Pink + White" is exhibit A) to compliment Frank's playful, nostalgic lyrics. Here and there he sings in comically high-pitched tones, describing "Poolside convos about your summer last night." Frank floats between drug-addled fantasies and rose-tinted memories.

At the exact halfway point of the album—halfway into "Nights," marking the 30th of 60 minutes—Frank takes a 180 degree turn. "Every night [expletive] every day up," he delicately croons. Fittingly, the bright, bouncy instrumental cuts out and a somber beat begins rattling softly. Here the album begins a probing descent into Frank's anguished past—childhood poverty, hurricane Katrina—and into the best vocal performances of his career.

On "White Ferrari," the start of the two-song climax of the album (and quite possibly of Frank's career), a gliding synth transports us to a sunset-tinted highway where Frank distantly tells us about a past lover. That's when he pulls your heart out.

An acoustic guitar cuts in as the sole instrumentation, and Frank sings, "I care for you still and I will forever." Suddenly the story

Frank Ocean's album comes out after years of waiting, suspense, and intrigue.
Photo Credit: The Shade Room

doesn't feel third person—he's speaking to you. And you want to believe every word, but you know, just as the nameless person he is talking to in the song did, that he won't be there forever. The mastery of vocal control, tone, and emotion is breathtaking.

Before I had time to be angry that something had created a song that described and profited off of my personal emotional landscape, I was flung into "Siegfried." More accurately, "Siegfried" flung me—into outer space. There I floated amongst the other lost human souls and whatever higher beings had decided to play the cruel joke of 'life' on us. Drifting in the cold cosmos are the whistles of the insane, beeps from the smartphones of the lifeless modern age, and Frank's voice shouting into the dark: "I'm not brave, I'd rather live outside." Yes, I meant all of that literally. "This feels ironic."

It may be hard to understand what I've described in the last two paragraphs. And that's probably because it wasn't meant to be described. Only the album itself can do that; I'm only describing it because it made me feel something, and it made me want desperately to share that feeling.

Blonde is self-expression at it's finest—rough edges and all—which can't be replicated. And when you can't replicate something, it becomes universal.

Fall TV Preview

The Must-Sees and Skip-Overs of Fall TV

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From rapper debuts to sexist sitcoms, 2016 fall TV is far from dull. Whether you have an empty weekend to binge watch an entire series or 30 minutes before your soccer game, there's an endless pick of sports dramas, parodies, and superhero series to choose from this season. If all else fails, tune into ABC on October 9th for a hotly-anticipated horror-comedy, the second presidential debate.

Atlanta
This modern seriocomedy starring Donald Glover, also known as the popular rapper Childish Gambino, has received much praise from Twitter and critics alike. The ten episode show follows Earn Marks (Glover), a lost 20-something year old living in Atlanta with a dead-end airport job, a love for music, and his parent's disappointment. In the pilot, Earn becomes the manager to rapper Paper Boi. *Atlanta* is one of the few shows that can use current pop-culture humor without seeming desperate. It's a funny, creative, and, unfortunately, provides accurate insight into urban poverty, racism, and today's music business. Tuesdays 10 PM on FX. The pilot is free on YouTube.

Photo Credit: FX

Pitch
For anyone with a *Friday Night Lights* sized hole in their heart, *Pitch* will be your new sports drama. The series follows Ginny Baker (Kylie Bunbury), the first woman to play in the MLB on the San Diego Padres. Baker is an African American pitcher, which is especially important as sports and social justice have recently clashed on the field. The FOX show has received excellent reviews and is expected to strike it big with audiences. Thursdays 9 PM on FOX.

Documentary Now
This parody series is predictably hilarious as it stars SNL alums Bill Hader and Fred Armisen. The show mocks many different documentaries, from Vice News films to *The Thin Blue Line*. Armisen and Hader are not ones to disappoint, and *Documentary Now* is just another one of their many successes. Season two airs Wednesdays 10 PM on IFC. Season one is available on Netflix.

Photo Credit: IFC

Jessica Jones
This Netflix original, while often overshadowed by *Orange is the New Black* and the *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt,* is just as daring and unique. The show challenges typical superhero series with its flawed but strong heroine lead, Jessica Jones (Krysten Ritter). The series deals with challenging, sometimes uncomfortable, but important topics such as gender roles, sexual assault, and PTSD. The show manages to make a superhero relatable. Season one is available on Netflix. Season two isn't expected to air until 2018.

Man With A Plan
This new CBS sitcom not only falls short of funny, but falls dangerously close to offensive. The show circles around Matt LeBlanc, Joey from *Friends*, coming to terms with his wife working. Yes, it takes place today. With a last minute recasting and little excitement, CBS may be better off running *Friends* marathons instead. Premieres Monday, October 24th, 8:30 PM.

Photo Credit: FX

Modern Family
This popular mockumentary has steadily declined in recent seasons, and the chances of the show improving are slim. The show, which follows a large and complicated family, is constricted in its plot points. Various characters can only get new jobs and go to college a number of times before it gets repetitive. Hopefully, ABC will end the show before it's set in a retirement home. Airs Wednesdays at 9 PM.

Attention, All Muggles

Rowling Disappoints with New Potter Story

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Reading *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* is like opening a box of Bertie Bott's Every Flavour Beans. The possibilities are endless and exciting, but you're almost guaranteed to walk away with a bad taste in your mouth.

Penned by playwright Jack Thorne, *Cursed Child* is the rehearsal edition script of a play put on in London beginning July 30th. Director John Tiffany and J.K. Rowling herself collaborated with Thorne to develop the story, which picks up immediately where the seventh Harry Potter book leaves off—nineteen years after Voldemort's defeat.

Cursed Child begins with Harry sending two of his children off to Hogwarts from Platform 9 ¾, and from there readers join Harry's second son, Albus Severus Potter, as he navigates his time at Hogwarts.

After preordering the book, I stayed up late to finish it, I laughed out loud, I smiled, I even teared up. It's a blur, but I felt joy while reading *Cursed Child* unlike anything I can remember feeling with another book since I finished *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. Unfortunately, that feeling did not last long after finishing *Cursed Child*. In fact, the more I thought about it, the less I wanted such an irrevocable addition to the Harry Potter series.

The biggest difference between *Cursed Child* and the previous Harry Potter books is that the originals are just as captivating the first, second, third, or tenth time you read them. *Cursed Child* simply is not. What I did learn from reading it is that as much as I love all things Harry Potter, I really don't need more stories—I'm content to return to the first seven books again and again, and I believe many loyal Harry Potter fans would feel the same.

That said, *Cursed Child* does have its moments. While many familiar faces are unconvincingly worked into the plot, the Malfoys are reintroduced with clear purpose. In the original books, there were a few times when Draco came close to being likable, and here he becomes someone you can unashamedly root for. His son, Scorpius, becomes the lovable lifeblood of the story, developing a relationship with Albus Potter that is crucial to the plot.

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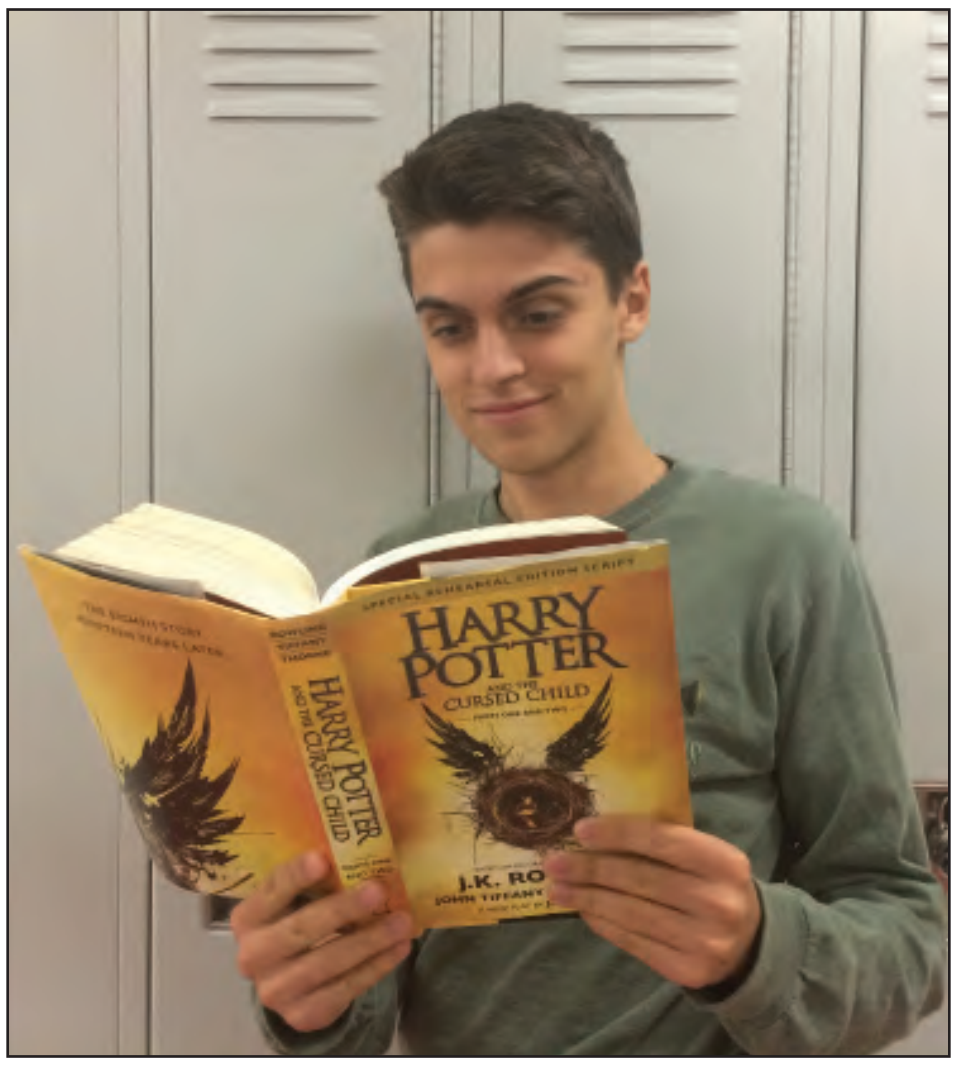
Characters aside, *Cursed Child* revisits powerful and troubling events from the original series, reminding readers that not all emotional wounds from the war against Voldemort have healed.

At the end of the day, the story is made more of a letdown by the fact that many are posing it as the eighth Harry Potter book. Yes, it's bound in book format, but that does not elevate it to the status of the original seven novels. Despite *Cursed Child*'s promise, the magic is in imagining what happens next for the characters in Harry Potter, not in knowing.



Even RF editors enjoy the wizarding world of Harry Potter.

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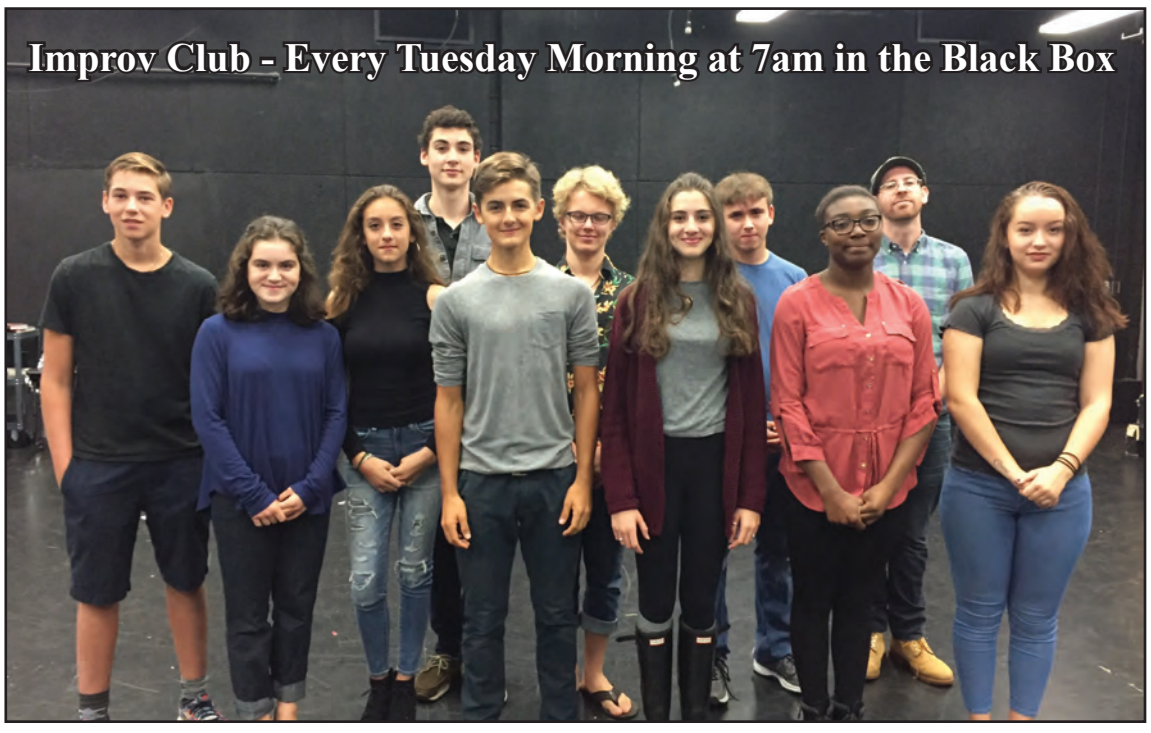
A Few Highlights from this Year's Succesful Club Day:



Laos Bombings: Looking Back

"U.S. Has Moral Obligation to Help"

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In early September, Obama became the first U.S. president to visit Laos, a small nation located on the border of China. He addressed the "Secret War" that went on six decades ago in this country, pledging $90 million to clean up countless unexploded bombs over the next three years. This marks the United States' first major step towards cleaning up the bombs dropped in Laos during the Vietnam War.

In Vientiane, Laos' capital, Obama discussed this issue. "Given our history here, I believe that the United States has a moral obligation to help Laos heal. And even as we continue to deal with the past, our new partnership is focused on the future," he stated. He went on further about the future of this partnership, claiming that he wants to make the two nations "whole again."

Many Americans support this perspective and feel that it is our country's duty to take responsibility for its actions and make amends with Laos. CRLS senior Nico Santiago commented on this, saying, "The need for covert operations is in some cases necessary for reasons of security, but when there is absolutely no transparency those responsible for carrying out such operations are never held accountable to the opinion of the public or to an opposing moral standpoint and the voice of those who were hurt by this particular mission were drowned out."

From 1964-1973, the United States dropped two million tons of bombs on Laos in attempt to stop the spread of communism in southeast Asia, making it one of the most heavily bombed countries per capita in history. This amount, equivalent to a planeload of bombs every eight minutes, 24 hours a day, for nine years, is greater than the number of bombs dropped on Germany and Japan combined during all of World War II.

"I think it was a heavy-handed tactic (and in fact I think cluster munitions are illegal now) which negatively affected the population of Laos far more than it affected its intended targets," said sophomore Peter Laskin. In just nine years of bombing the country, 50,000 people were killed from this "Secret War."

For the past 50 years, the remaining 30% of the bombs that never exploded have continued to kill tens of thousands of Laotians. "Providing aid to help in this process seems both realistic and the least the U.S. government can do to help to address the human costs of this conflict that continue to this day," said history teacher Ms. Otty. one third of their land is still heavily covered in these explosives, and even with past support, only 1% has been cleared. This leads some Laotians to believe that this process, even after Obama's honorable pledge, will take up to a century.

Water-filled craters are left over from the bombing campaign in Laos.
Photo Credit: ABC News

These small bombs are largely mistaken as toys, causing 40% of the victims of these found bombs to be children. Often, the explosives are tossed around, leading to grave injury, and often death.

Sophomore Sara Jackson Macmanus comments on this, saying, "As the United States was the country that dropped the bombs, I believe they have the obligation to, at least in part, remove any bombs that are threatening the safety of Laos."

For the last decade, the United States has spent an average amount of $4.9 million per year on clearing damage. However, during the nine years of this "Secret War," the U.S. government spent an average $13.3 million per day (in 2013 dollars) on bombing Laos for those nine years. The United States had spent more money in only ten days of bombing this country than it did on cleaning up the bombs for the last 24 years.

Obama's recent act in doubling the funds is exactly what Laos needs to move forward, says Simon Rea, the Laos Country Director for the Mines Advisory Group. According to *USAToday*, the U.S. funds have increased from $2.5 million a decade ago to $1 million this year.

Reactions to Obama's action vary greatly. The Laos Country Director for the Mines Advisory Group, the group who is receiving the funding, responded, "It's more than we were expecting. I think that it is a very significant move, and it will move us forward very quickly."

City Hall Protest
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ers constitutional rights were being protected and that they felt their voice was being heard. Interviewed early in the protest, Burke stressed that "it is very important to create a safe space for members of the community," adding after that he was proud of the job the police had done in interacting with the protesters and respectfully removing them from the front doors.

One of the most constant intermediaries in the back and forth between the protesters and city officials was local Reverend Paul Robeson Ford of Union Baptist Church whose, largely African-American congregation has been an important factor in the city's discussions about gentrification. "What has happened in Cambridge is something that is happening all over the country, what we are fighting right now is not even just about the initial stages of gentrification, we're talking about being at the stage where the people are trying to resist being completely shutout of the city except for the wealthiest 10, 20 percent of people who can come in here, get paid big bucks and afford the housing rates in this city, it's an abomination," he said.

Even as the protest ended after nine long hours in the sun and the four protesters were brought inside City Hall by police and arrested, their supporters refused to leave quietly. News of their arrests were met with a flurry of chants from the still large and energized crowd gathered outside City Hall, expressing their continued support for the, newly-dubbed, 'Cambridge Four,' by faithfully chanting, "I believe that we will win," again and again, long after the press and most spectators had left.

The overarching sentiment of the rally was perhaps best expressed by Reverend Ford: "Everyone has to understand that as long as this stuff takes as long as it takes, as long as people have good reason to fear that things are going to turn, that the developers are going to win, and make a killing off the fact that the empires of Harvard and M.I.T. are here, and all these other companies are in here, that means that everybody [has to fight] to live and be here. Whether you're rich or poor, whether you're black or white, whether you're part of the top 10% or the bottom 5%, or whether you're the middle class that's getting squeezed out, Cambridge is a city that should be here for everyone."

Scenes from outside Cambridge City Hall during the protest.
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Dictator's Death Leaves Region Reeling

Uzbeckistan President Karimov Leaves Hole in Soviet Block

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On September 2nd Islam Karimov, one of the world's notoriously brutal dictators, died after a reported brain hemorrhage. News of his death arrived just one day after the country's 25th anniversary of independence after the fall of the Soviet Union—marking almost 25 years that Karimov has been the first, and only, Uzbek president.

Karimov has been accused of brutal torture of political opponents—specifically boiling them alive—and using forced labor. Infamous for his harsh ways of stifling anything he saw as militant Islam in an overwhelmingly Muslim country, Karimov conducted brutal crackdowns on Islamic opposition. He was once quoted stating that "Islamists should be shot in the head." The most well known of which occurring in 2005 when Uzbek troops killed 700 to 1,000 people in Andijan.

While human rights groups and witnesses denounced this as an attack on a popular uprising against him, Karimov insisted he was going after a al-Qaeda linked group. Part of his legacy is his ability to control his country without influence from the West or Russia. After the massacre in 2005, the United States and the European Union imposed sanctions that were ultimately retracted after Karimov shutdown the United States military base on the Afghan border. In addition to expelling the American military, he refused to align himself with Russian Collective Security Treaty Organization in 2012, or the Eurasian Economic union in 2015. In 2006 he was quoted making the bold statement: "Do not interfere in our affairs under the pretext of furthering freedom and democracy. Do not tell us what to do, whom to befriend and how to orient ourselves."

The lack of external challenges to the regime shows the priorities of Western nations in foreign politics.

As of now, the future of Uzbekistan and the power void left by Karimov is left to speculation. Currently the Prime Minister Shavat Mirziyoyev has taken over the role of interim president, and while not much is expected to change within the country, a lot of attention is focused on how its relationships with China, Russia and the United States will change. Senior student Eliza Mcnulty commented, "Because Uzbekistan's future is so unknown and really could go in many different directions, we should pay more attention to what's going on there and how it's going to affect us—especially if Putin gains more control of the country and it's resources." AP Comparative Government teacher Ms. Hylton stated a similar opinion, saying that "smaller Central Asian countries are a global blindspot."

She went on to say that Karimov was a "dictator with his peers being as brutal as Stalin, but unfortunately his brutality remains unchallenged as his regime continues to be propped up by acts like Putin putting flowers on his grave."

The lack of external challenges to a regime as totalitarian as Karimov's shows an harsh reality regarding the priorities of Western nations in foreign politics. Similarly, the lack of publicity over the situation in Uzbekistan is a problem. When a group of students in AP Comparative Government were asked about the topic, a lot of them did not know who Karimov was or that he had died.

A junior in this group, James Kubicek, said the only thing he heard was that "Karimov would boil people alive." Moving forward, it will be interesting to see how the government of Uzbekistan evolves, and what—if any—attention it gets.

U.S. Water Quality in Question

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After recent health violations within the city of Flint Michigan, residents began to create awareness regarding the poor quality of their city's water. Flint residents began to describe a change in color and odor, however no actions were taken by state or federal government.

According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, children and pregnant women are especially vulnerable to the effects of lead exposure. A member of the Virginia Tech team, Dr. Marc Edwards, says, "The levels that we have seen in Flint are some of the worst that I have seen in more than 25 years working in the field." Despite this significant increase of lead in water, at no point in time were citizens informed or warned by any government officials.

President Barack Obama was then asked to step in after the situation continued to be unresolved. Inside of Flint's very own high school gym Obama told parents "you should feel angry" regarding the contamination of the water. The President's visit to Flint also included multiple investigations questioning how contaminated water was able to flow into homes for months before action by the state or federal government took place. Parents of Flint were considerably worried about the health of their children and how this could have a potential effect in their future.

A photography teacher at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, Archie Lasalle, had a few words to say about the incident. Lasalle says, "If it had been in a more affluent community it would have been taken care of immediately."

He continued referring to the residents of Flint saying, "It has affected the kids and families no matter where they go." Many agree that situation like this makes it considerably difficult to trust our government particularly seeing how long it took to acknowledge the affect this water was having on the rest of the community.

Tests within resident's homes were conducted and results ended up being a lead content of 104 parts per billion when in fact 15 parts per billion is the legal limit for lead in drinking water. A senior at CRLS, Jake Steinberg, had some words to say as well, "After what has happened in Flint it is clear to all of us that we may not be as safe as we once thought."

Disparities between Michigan water.
Photo Credit: Democracy Now

He then continued on to say, "Those who are less fortunate, or live in poverty are more likely to distrust the government primarily because they are not getting the help they need to move upwards in society. I don't think there is a list of things that will specifically make us never trust the government, we just have to realize that they want the population to be content with their governing."

Although this extremely unfortunate event continues on, information regarding water health issues can be found on the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services website. (HHS.gov)

NEWS TIMELINE

By
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SEP 1

In Brazil, Former Vice President and Democratic Party Movement member Michel Temer assumes office after the Senate impeached former President Dilma Rousseff and Temer acted as interim president for about four months.

SEP 4

In Vatican City, Pope Francis declares Mother Teresa a saint and model of mercy. The canonization mass attracts approximately 120,000 people, including hundreds of Missionaries of Charity, 1,500 homeless people, and thirteen government heads.

SEP 9

NORTH KOREA—North Korea confirms a fifth successful nuclear bomb test, claiming it is in response to international sanctions imposed after earlier weapon testing at the beginning of the year.

SEP 12

DAMASCUS SYRIA—The U.S. and Russia-led ceasefire begins at sunset. The US and Russia will continue to target ISIS and Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, while humanitarian aid will be allowed to reach needed areas. The government and rebel groups will cease attacks.

SEP 13

MEDITERRANEAN—A woman gives birth 24 hours after being picked up by an MSF and SOS Mediterranee rescue vessel. The mother was allegedly already having contractions when departing Libya with a refugee boat.

SEP 15

JIUQUAN, CHINA—China launches its second space station, Tiangong 2, from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center. The space station will host two astronauts for a month beginning in October and will be used to conduct medical and space experiments.

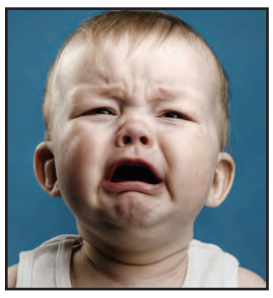
SEP 17

In Belgium, a terminally ill minor is helped to die, marking the first case since the country removed age restrictions two years ago. Belgium is the only country that allows euthanasia for minors on the condition that the case fulfills certain requirements.

Advice to Freshman

By Charlotte Rosenblum

Crying in class will get you extra credit; crying in the hallway will NOT get you extra credit; crying in the cafeteria can result in suspension.



Make sure to try out for varisty bird watching and bee-keeping.

If nothing else, always bring a water bottle. You literaly need nothing else.

Teachers really love when you call them by their first name or give them a fun nickname.

The hottest event of your year will be Freshman Prom, which takes place in your Learning Community Office.

There is no need to run to class-no one has ever died from being late to class except Albert F. Herman ‘51, may he rest in peace.

Don’t wear Tevas.

Always make sure to keep some gym clothes, a spare suit, a tuxedo, Papal vestments, and ski boots in your locker.

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Freshman Advice to Everyone Else

By
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Does CRLS detention compare to the experience of these students?
Photo Credit: Universal Pictures

Well, I have made it to high school, and I have to say I’m disappointed with the upperclassmen. I have heard zero of them singing in the middle of class for no reason and have yet to encounter any truly villainous bullies. I’ve decided you, upperclassmen, could use some help from a freshman about how to make this school great again.

We need more one-dimensional bullies. The ones that have no redeeming qualities and that somehow are very popular and make terrible jokes. So, here is what you male bullies need to do to be successful in this career: make sure your family members have always been bullies and will be bullies forever. Beat up the new kid with some martial arts you have learned and at a contest make sure you sweep the leg.

This one applies if you are a female bully. Here is what you need to do to fulfill your destiny. Be rich, insult everyone, gather a giant book of blackmail. Get a group of other females that are evil and have no soul just like you, but not so much like you that they might dethrone you.

If you think being a bully is not cool anymore, don’t worry. I’m telling you, the best place to make friends is detention. If you don’t find a ragtag group of kids from all different walks of life there, then this school is in worse shape than I thought.

Lastly, some advice for the entire school, teachers included. Everyone should know how to sing and dance. I don’t care what you’re doing in class, if the new kid is having any doubts or troubles, you have to be prepared to jump on your desk to dance like Ren McCormack and sing like Sandy and Danny until all the problems go away.

I don’t care how you plan it out, but every day should be a musical or you’re a disgrace to the upperclassmen that have come before you. I hope you find this upperclassmen guide to surviving high school helpful.

2016 Olympics: Reviewed

Records Are Set at the Brazilian Games

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August 5th marked the beginning of the 2016 Summer Olympic Games, a competition where countries forget political feuds and focus purely on athleticism. Despite the negative media following the setting of the Games, Rio de Janeiro, the overall cultural vibrancy and enthusiasm provided an excellent source of summer entertainment.

The inclusion of a refugee team represented the overall spirit of the Games. Senior Zahyyeh Abu-Rubieh reflected, "The team made up of refugees is the epitome of what the Olympics stand for." These athletes were thrown hardships and obstacles throughout their life but the Olympic environment exhibited their strengths.

Within 16 days of competition, NBC broadcasted approximately 7000 hours of the Olympics. During that time, sports ranged from swimming to trampolining. Many sports that aren't under the public eye normally surfaced throughout the month of August. Handball, judo, and weightlifting are just a few of many sports that took up the spotlight. Junior Danielle Reeves acknowledged that "water polo is definitely an underappreciated sport."

While unique sports made headlines, individual competitors also proved their athleticism. 19 year old Katie Ledecky finished the 800 meter swim eleven seconds before any other competitor. It appears Ledecky's biggest threat is herself.

Usain Bolt entertained the crowd for another Olympics, winning a gold medal in every event he participated in. Senior Niels Wright was especially impressed with the Jamaican runner, stating, "Usain Bolt is a god amongst men."

Aside from the expected medal winners, there were several first time medalists that made these Games special. The "Final Five" were the in the center spotlight throughout the Games and awed the audience. Sixteen year old Laurie Hernandez won two medals on beam and the gymnastics team event. Her teammate, Simone Biles, swept every event she competed in and left Rio with five gold medals and one bronze.

Swimmer Simone Manuel was the first African American to win an individual gold medal in swimming, putting her hand to her mouth and staring at the scoreboard in complete shock when results were posted. While Michael Phelps' reactions to winning aren't full of surprise and excitement, Manuel showed how much the work and effort pays off in her reaction. Puerto Rican tennis player Monica Puig made Olympic history by winning her country's first gold medal.

There were also aspects of the Games when the medal didn't matter as much as the sportsmanship and kindness. First time

Usain Bolt held onto his world record at the Summer Olympics.
Photo Credit: Bleacherreport

American Olympian Abbey D'Agostino had a lot of hope and expectations as she began running the Women's 5k.

Sophomore Peter Fulweiler acknowledges, "I was told to watch...Abbey D'Agostino a month before the event happened." Come the race, at 3000 meters in, Nikki Hamblin of New Zealand tripped, which led D'Agostino to fall to the ground behind her. D'Agostino injured her ankle as a result. Instead of continuing the race, Hamblin wrapped her arms around D'Agostino. Both finished the race, and D'Agostino advanced to the Olympic final because the fall wasn't her fault.

Whether it was the gold medal moments or the pure kindness and strength between athletes and teams, the Rio Summer Olympics brought another fun factor to summer, uniting countries around the world.

Patriots Look to Put Deflategate in the Rear View Mirror

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The Deflategate controversy has been discussed all too often among NFL and sports circles in the past year, but the scandal seems to be reignited every few months with a new ruling or statement.

After the NFL found that the Patriots footballs were underinflated by ~1-2psi in the 2015 AFC Championship game against the Colts, the NFL launched and investigation into possible tampering. The investigation culminated in the Wells Report, which found that it was "more probable than not" that New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady was "generally aware" of any tampering.

"I can't wait for Brady to come back."

Commissioner Roger Goodell suspended Brady for four games and docked the team a first-round draft pick. Brady then took the suspension to court, where he won his case, nullifying the penalty. After a series of appeals, the suspension was reinstated for this season, meaning Brady would sit out the first four games.

"It's absolutely ridiculous, the whole Deflategate mess. I mean Brady's my guy, who does Goodell think he is?" remarked junior Ethan Rothenberg, echoing the thoughts of most, if not all, Patriots fans.

The Patriots, who have a history of success with Tom Brady under center, turned to unproven quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo. Garoppolo, or Jimmy G as he's known to Patriots fans, was drafted in the 2nd round of the 2014 NFL Draft out of Eastern Illinois.

He served as a backup to Tom Brady for two years, which, granted, meant he rarely had game-time action.

Garoppolo shined in his debut against the Arizona Cardinals, which had senior Noah Epstein expressing uncertainty about Brady's future: "Brady is good, but with a capable quarterback like Garoppolo, they don't need him at all...assuming [Brady] gets the job back...I'd like to see the return of the short passing game."

The thought of Brady being replaceable was scoffed at by many, including junior William Daniels, who added, "No way [Brady gets replaced]. Brady is the greatest quarterback of all time. Garoppolo is pretty good, but Brady is a legend."

Tom Brady has a four game suspension.
Photo Credit: USA Today

He continued, "I can't wait for Brady to come back, the Patriots are going to be unstoppable."

For football outsiders, however, the whole scandal has been redundant and uninteresting. "I want to stop hearing about it," said Michael Colombo. "Just stop. It's just so annoying and repetitive."

Although, it isn't just football outsiders, it seems most are ready for Brady to come back and take the NFL by storm once again.

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FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

By Robert Shapiro

GIRLS SOCCER

The team did not lose any major pieces from last year's team so they look to see improvement from their 7-11-0 season as they build on an experienced core, including captains Sophie Harrington, Maggie Pimlott, and Ally McCarthy. There is no shortage of ambition among the squad as junior midfielder Harrington added, "We have the strongest team we've had since I've been at the highschool, so big things are expected." The junior varsity team also started strongly with two wins. The team can't wait to start the season and, according to Harrington, "make it to tournament, and hopefully move on several rounds in the playoffs."

BOY'S SOCCER

This season look out for a focused and hardworking boys soccer team led by senior captains Micah Wilson, Liam Simons and Nicolás Livon-Nivarro. The boys lost seniors Julian Cohen, Malcolm West, and Colin McNeely but expect to be succesful.According to sweeper Wilson, "This is probably one of the best and most talented groups in the program." Their sights are set on the state championship which"ultimately is the goal this year," says Wilson. To do so the boys will need to capture the DCL championship, which will be a challenge considering last year's 7-8-3 record. Fortunately, there is no shortage of determination on the team.

FOOTBALL

There are only three ways to tell it is fall in America: the leaves are turning, Starbucks' pumpkin spice lattes are back, and football has arrived. This year's team is led by Andre Domond, Jonathan Charles, Jovohn Bernard, and Daniel Rymer. Cambridge went 2-9 last season and lost as many as five seniors. The offense has faith in the running game this year because, as junior outside linebacker Armanie Deleon puts it, "We have a lot of depth at that position." The goal is simple according to Domond, "The team aspirations are the same as every year: win games and make it as far as possible."

CHEERLEADING

The unsung heros of football are back this season to help give Russell Field its electric atmosphere and lots of school spirit. Make sure you catch at least one of the three remaining home games this season—or even an away game—where CRLS cheerleaders will be rocking their new uniforms. The team is happy about their new look, and junior Mahkeidha Elise comments, "[We are] ecstatic that we got new uniforms." Decked out in CRLS' simple but classic school colors and led by senior Sidney Hammond, the peppy squad looks forward to helping the Falcons and their fans get a little bit R-O-W-D-Y.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Last year, the girls volleyball team posted an impressive 17-11 record that included a win over Woburn Memorial in the state tournament. This year's team is led by captains Tenzin Dotsang, Lorra Marseille, and Katie Melendez. The young varsity team will miss senior Yuleska Ramirez who has gone to play Division 1 volleyball. However, the team does have a promising junior varsity group. "I think the season will get better as we grow progressively as a team," remarked Dotsang. The CRLS girls volleyball team is typically a force to be reckoned with and this year should be no different.

BOYS CREW

This year's crew team will have the opportunity to three-peat as fall state champions, but to do so they will have to find productive replacements for the four rowers and two coxswains that graduated last year. The crew, according to member Aidan Lee, boasts, "a huge novice team currently with tons of guys eager to learn how to row." The crew members must compete for spots in the racing boats every race, creating a team of incredibly motivated rowers. The team does not race against DCL schools but will look for success in the Massachusetts Public Scholastic Rowing Association this year.

2016's Exciting, Touching, and at Times Tragic Paralympics

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Rocky Start in South America In the lead up to the start of the Paralympic Games, Rio was facing a multitude of issues, specifically funding. At the end of the 2016 Olympics, only 12% of tickets had been sold for the Paralympic Games. This is particularly troublesome as the Brazilian government has faced budget cuts and struggled to fund athlete expenses. Luckily, the International Paralympic Committee was able to intervene and pay for the transportation of many smaller countries' athletes. As the Paralympic Games got underway, ticket sales experienced a surge, with over 50% of tickets being sold. Additionally state run companies and sponsors have injected the games with cash in order to ensure all 22 sports can be played.

Upset by Australians in Tennis Dylan Alcott and Heath Davidson from Australia, are able to rely on a 15 year friendship while competing in the quad doubles wheelchair tennis. This deep bond seemed to serve them well, as they upset the three-time champions, Nick Taylor and David Wagner of the United States. This is also Australia's first gold medal in doubles tennis, adding to a total of 22 gold medals for Australia.

Iranian Cyclist is Fatally Injured Bahman Ghanbarnezhad, an Iranian cyclist who competed in the London Paralympics, died of cardiac arrest after a serious fall during a road race. The Iranian Paralympic Committee remembered him as "an exemplary Paralympic sportsman who, with love and energy, tried his best to promote the name of Iran and to make all of us proud and at the end he gave his life for this." He leaves behind a wife and child.

American Wins Meaningful Gold Brad Snyder was serving on a Special Force Team disassembling IEDs in Afghanistan when a series of detonations severely injured his colleagues. In an attempt to bring them to medics, he tragically stepped on an IED himself. The blast rendered him completely blind. While initially plagued with uncertainty and depression, Snyder explains swimming helped him find "a really cool sense of freedom. Obviously, life's going to be different...At the beginning, that's new and it's exhausting and it's scary... Swimming wasn't that way. Swimming was something that I could immediately get in and I feel good at this. I don't need a guide. I don't really need adaptive technology." And good he was, taking a home three gold medals and a silver.

Inspiring Records Set in Track The absence of well known South African runner Oscar Pistorius, who has recently been convicted of killing his girlfriend, bore little impact on the success of the Paralympic runners in Rio. In the 1,500 meter race with the final four finishers beat the gold medal winner in the Olympics, highlighting the common misconception that able bodied athletes have more skills or that able bodied competition are more exciting and competitive. The gold medal winner of 1,500, Abdellatif Baka, from Nigeria who had previously won gold in the London 2012 Games, set a world record of three minutes and 48.29 seconds. Cassie Mitchell from Atlanta, Georgia, who was competing in her first Olympics, set a world record for the 100 meter dash, explains that she was "honored to have a chance to make the team, go to Rio, and represent U.S. and everyone fighting with any kind of disability, cancer or whatever the obstacles may be."

Rindge Responds to Significance Junior Paul Sullivan, a co-leader of Falcon friends, says, "the Paralympics are a vital celebration of the accomplishments of people with developmental differences and are a great way to bring different parts of communities together." Ms. Silva, head of the Functional Academic Program at Rindge, believes that "the Paralympics are important because it allows participants to be viewed as capable athletes who are seen for their abilities versus their disabilities." The 2020 Paralympics will take place in Tokyo, Japan.

Falcon Football Takes Off

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On September 9th, on CRLS's very own turf, the varsity football team came away with their first win. The team is coming off a 1-10 season and has had a tough time competing in the DCL league for the past few seasons. With their first game being a win, they have high hopes for the upcoming season and will fight for a playoff spot.

The last couple seasons for Rindge football have been tough to go through. Their winning percentage was incredibly low and fans seemed to have less and less faith in their team. A strong start to the season has come to surprise of many, as Jonathan Cenescar, now a junior at Rindge, stated, "I really did not expect much from this year's team, especially a week one win." The first game came in a dominating fashion, where the Falcons took control over the game keeping Arlington scoreless after the first quarter.

They took home a 22-7 win in their home opener and a lot of the fans there loved everything about it. "The atmosphere in the stadium was incredible, everybody was into it and was energized throughout the course of the game," said Max McGrath.

The only question left is how the team was able to turn it around only a year after their 1-10 season. Experience is key in this upcoming season for Falcon football. Head Coach Ryan Saunier explained, "We've been building to this point for the last three years."

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The senior class were all freshman when Coach Saunier was first hired. They've played in his system all throughout high school and as the coach stated, "Football is a game that really benefits experience."

The team has been working very hard this offseason and many players think it will pay off in the regular season.

One varsity cornerback, Shaundell Fields, stated, "The football team is definitely heading in the right direction. We're working, improving, putting in the effort everyday. Whether it's in the weight room, on the field, or watching film."

Limited numbers for this year's team is one of the challenges the team will face this year. After having around 140 kids two years ago, they are just down to 50. Coach Saunier sees both the good and the bad aspect of having a low number of players. "It's allowed us to focus on the kids who are most serious, and in a lot of ways it has helped become more prepared."

CRLS beat Arlington in the first home game of the year.
Photo Credit: Marney O'Connor

Coach still stresses that he is encouraging as many students to play for the future teams. The weakness about it is that there is a lack of depth on the team. When key players get injured, not having a lot of depth damages the team morale and standard of play.

With lack of players and injuries on the team, the coaching staff might "have to play some kids that might not be ready for the speed of the game."

The team has the same goal every year, to make the playoffs and compete for a title in their league.

The Falcons have a large range of developed players and look to make a run for the playoffs.

If you love football, or just love showing school spirit and having a good time, come through to the next Blackout game.

CRLS Girls Soccer Gets Ready for a Great Year

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The CRLS girls soccer team is off to a strong start this 2016 season and have plans of qualifying for the tournament. This year's team is one of the best the school has seen in years. Junior Elizabeth Ball is playing her third year on the team, and states that, "I am confident that we will make it to tournament, but it's hard to tell how well we'll do because it would be our first time making it to playoffs in the DCL." So far, the team has a record of 3-3-1.

Unfortunately, some players believe that not enough attention is being put onto the girls soccer team as compared to other sports at CRLS. Varsity soccer captain Maggie Pimlott '18 commented that, "The boys soccer team gets more attention, which is unfair due to both teams being fairly competitive and the girls often being overlooked."

"We have strong players and a strong team."

According to Pimlot, on average, only about 20 people come to the girls soccer games. Pimlott remarked that "this year we have had more people but it would be wonderful to get more fans."

For the first time in a while the team is not senior heavy, and includes members from each grade. Varsity captain Sophie Harrington '18 notes, "The fluidity of the team comes from most of us playing together from a very young age."

Pimlott responded that the only major issue with the team so far has been many injuries. "It is only the beginning of the season," she says. "We have strong players and a strong team that can definitely keep up and beat teams. Hoping to get into tournament this year!"

The team has played their toughest competition for the first of two times already. Tieing Lincoln-Sudbury 1-1 was a big comeback for the team after last year losing by nine.

Harrington also states, "We have a solid squad this year and for the first time in a while we have the chance to really do some dammage in the DCL. It's frustrating as a female athlete to see how little we are recognized, because there is always more important news about boys sports. But I hope that this year more students acknowledge and attend all girls sporting events, not just soccer. We are equally competitive and driven as the boys, and want to make our mark this season. Come check us out at Danehy!"

More information on the girls soccer team and their schedule can be found at the CRLS sports page on crls.cpsd.us

The CRLS girls varsity soccer team feels they have a real shot at the playoff this year.
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