



The Great Green Takeover

Green everywhere, and those poor souls who don't have it on. Oh, the sharp pain of getting pinched by everyone they know, the betrayal, the audacity. Every year when St. Patrick's Day rolls around, it feels like the entire world suddenly turns green overnight. Shirts, hats, socks, beads, and even the occasional pair of green sunglasses appear in the hallways as students try to avoid becoming the next target of the classic St. Patrick's Day pinch.

The tradition itself is simple. If you forget to wear green, someone is allowed to give you a quick pinch as a reminder. It sounds harmless enough until you realize how many people are willing to enforce this rule with surprising enthusiasm. Suddenly, the stakes feel a little higher when you walk into school wearing your normal outfit, only to realize you forgot the one color everyone is watching for.

Of course, the tradition comes from the idea that wearing green makes you invisible to mischievous leprechauns, who were said to pinch anyone they could see. Wearing green was supposed to keep you safe from their tricks. Somewhere along the way, though, the job of pinching seems to have been taken over by friends, classmates, and anyone within arm's reach.

Despite the occasional dramatic reaction from someone who forgot their green, the day is mostly about having fun. It is one of those small traditions that breaks up the routine of the school week. Whether it is people competing to wear the most ridiculous green outfit possible or someone quickly borrowing a green highlighter mark on their hand to avoid being pinched, the day always brings a few laughs.

So when March 17 comes around, remember the most important rule. Wear green. If not, prepare for the consequences.

- Joshua Keller

Green: More Than Just a Color

When most people think of green, they picture grass, trees, or maybe money. But green is much more than just one simple color. It comes in many different shades, and each one can send a different message or create a different feeling. From soft mint to deep forest green, the color green has a surprising amount of meaning.

One of the most calming shades is mint green. Mint green is light, soft, and often connected to freshness and new beginnings. It reminds people of springtime, cool air, and clean spaces. Because of this, mint green is often used in hospitals, bedrooms, and even clothing to create a peaceful feeling.

On the other hand, forest green has a much deeper and stronger tone. This shade is connected to

nature, stability, and growth. It reminds people of thick woods and tall trees. Forest green often represents strength and reliability. That is why it is commonly used in school uniforms, logos, and official designs.

Another popular shade is lime green. Lime green is bright, bold, and impossible to ignore. It often represents energy, youth, and excitement. You might see lime green used in sports gear, advertisements, or anything that wants to grab attention quickly. However, because it is so bright, some people also connect it with caution or warning.

Then there is olive green, a darker, more muted shade. Olive green is often linked to peace and history. It has been used in military uniforms, which can give it a serious or disciplined feeling. At the same time, olive branches have long been symbols of peace, giving this shade a more hopeful meaning.

Green also has emotional meanings. In many cultures, green represents life, health, and renewal because plants and trees are green. However, green can sometimes represent jealousy or envy. The phrase “green with envy” shows how one color can have both positive and negative meanings.

In the end, green is not just one color—it is a whole family of shades, each with its own personality. Whether it makes people feel calm, energetic, strong, or even jealous, green proves that a single color can tell many different stories.

- Briquelle Peck

Shades of Green



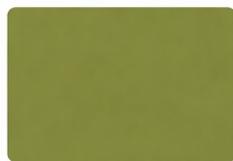
MINT GREEN



FOREST GREEN



LIME GREEN



OLIVE GREEN

The History and Traditions of Saint Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated every year on March 17 and is a holiday that honors Saint Patrick. He is known for bringing Christianity to Ireland many centuries ago. According to tradition, Saint Patrick used the shamrock to help explain the idea of the Holy Trinity. Over time, the shamrock became an important symbol connected

to the holiday and to Irish culture. What started as a religious celebration in Ireland has grown into a worldwide event that celebrates Irish heritage and traditions.

Today, Saint Patrick's Day is known for its fun traditions and bright green decorations. People often wear green clothing, hats, or accessories to show their spirit and to represent Ireland, which is sometimes called the “Emerald Isle.” In many places, large parades are held where people gather to celebrate with music, dancing, and festive floats. Traditional Irish foods may also be served, and many families spend the day enjoying time together.

In the United States and other countries, the holiday has become very popular, even among people who are not Irish. Schools, communities, and cities often decorate with shamrocks, leprechauns, and other symbols connected to Irish folklore. These traditions make the holiday fun and memorable for people of all ages.

Overall, Saint Patrick's Day is more than just wearing green or celebrating with friends. It is a way to remember Irish history and culture while bringing communities together. The holiday shows how traditions from one country can spread around the world and be enjoyed by many different people.

- Paisley Wood



Promenomics: Breaking Down the Real Cost vs. Budget Alternatives

Prom is often described as one of the most memorable nights of high school, but behind the excitement is a serious financial cost. When you break it down, prom can become surprisingly expensive. Tickets alone may cost between \$75 and \$150. Formal dresses and suits can range from \$150 to \$600, depending on the brand and style. Additionally, students often pay for shoes, accessories, hair styling, makeup, nails, and professional photography. Transportation, especially renting a limousine, can add another \$50 to \$200 per person. Altogether, one night can easily cost \$700 to \$1,000 or more.

Fortunately, there are budget-friendly alternatives that can make prom more affordable. Shopping secondhand, borrowing outfits, or choosing simpler styles can significantly reduce clothing costs. Doing your own hair and makeup or asking a talented friend for help saves money as well. Instead of renting a limousine, carpooling with friends is a practical and fun option. Hosting a homemade dinner before prom can also cut restaurant expenses.

Prom should be about celebrating achievements and creating memories, not about spending the most money. With smart budgeting and thoughtful choices, students can enjoy a meaningful night without financial stress.

- Paisley Wood



Why School Spirit Matters

In today's fast paced world of social media, busy schedules, and constant deadlines, it can be easy to overlook something as simple as school spirit. Pep rallies, spirit weeks, and packed stands at games might seem small, but they play a bigger role in our school community than we realize.

School spirit brings people together. Whether you're an athlete, artist, musician, or someone who prefers staying behind the scenes, school events create shared experiences. Wearing school colors on Spirit Day or cheering at a Friday night game builds connections between students who might never talk otherwise. Those moments remind us that we are part of something bigger than just our individual classes and friend groups.

School spirit also boosts morale. Studies have shown that students who feel connected to their school community are more likely to be motivated and perform better academically. When we take pride in where we learn, we are more likely to respect it and each other.

Most importantly, these experiences create memories. Years from now, we may not remember every assignment or test score, but we will remember the laughter during spirit week competitions or the excitement of a close game.

School spirit is not just about loud cheers or themed outfits. It is about belonging. And that is something worth celebrating.

- Joshua Keller



How to stay motivated for school when its so close to summer

Let's be real: the last two months of school are basically a survival game. You're supposed to care about algebra, history, and... whatever your science teacher is doing, but all you can think about is summer. Fear not; here's how to make it through without turning into a nap-happy zombie.

1. Bribe Yourself

Treat homework like a mini lottery. Finish that math assignment? You get a Tik Tok break. Read that chapter? Snack time. Basically, you're the CEO of your own motivation company.

2. Make Everything a Game

Turn studying into a competition: Can you finish that worksheet faster than your friend? Or try "Homework Bingo;" cross off tasks until you win... bragging rights included.

3. Change Your Scenery

Sitting at your desk staring at the same walls since September? No wonder you're falling asleep. Study outside, under a tree, or even in your closet (bonus: no one will talk to you there).

4. Channel Your Inner Actor

Pretend you're in a movie. Every time the teacher calls on you, dramatically answer like you're auditioning for an award. It won't help your grades... but your classmates will laugh, and that counts for something.

5. Remember: Summer Is Your Reward

Think of each assignment as a tiny step toward sunscreen, pool floats, and sleeping until noon. Every essay you turn in gets you closer to ice cream, friends, and no alarm clocks.

Surviving these last weeks isn't easy, but with a little creativity (and maybe some snacks), you can make it. And when summer finally hits, you'll feel like a hero... who conquered the cruelest two months of the school year.

- Airica Brook



What Is Art?

A debate going on all around the world is, "What is art?" I am here to give the best answer possible to that question. For years now, people have been wondering what makes something classified as art. Lots of people fight and debate if what classifies as art is up to the critic or the artist. People are also debating if AI art is actually art. I think art is up to the viewer because art is meant to make you feel something, look, sound, or taste good, or let you relate to it and remind you of something. Only the viewer can decide if those things apply to them.

There are even examples that show how art can affect people in real life. In Neuchâtel, Switzerland, a doctor's note can actually get you free museum visits. A two-year pilot project lets doctors prescribe visits to four local museums to help treat burnout, chronic illness, or mental health issues. Similarly, the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa partners with PaRx to offer free passes. This shows that art can make people feel better and affect them in different ways, which supports the idea that art depends on the viewer's experience.

I believe that what classifies as art is up to the viewer because nothing has the same effect on everyone. Take caffeine as an example. Caffeine is supposed to keep people awake, but for me (and some other people, too) it makes me tired. The same thing happens with art. People have different memories and tastes. I like digital style art, but some of my friends back in Utah don't like digital style art. This shows that not everyone likes the same things, and people may disagree on what is or isn't art. Not all



people agree with this, and they have their own opinions.

Some people may question the reasons above. Since everyone has different feelings and memories, art will have different effects on them. People also say that music and culinary art aren't art. Culinary art and music go through the same thought process, with only some different or extra steps. When you see art, can you relate to it if your life doesn't have any similarities? The answer is no because if you don't see similarities, you don't have anything to relate to. Overall, all the reasons to say that art is up to the viewer are good reasons that work together.

In conclusion, art is up to the viewer. No one can say something isn't art because everyone has different experiences. Because people have different memories and experiences, their feelings and emotions are different too. Art makes people feel something other than just boredom. Art should at least look, sound, and/or taste good to someone. That is why I think art is classified as art by each viewer. What do you think classifies as art?

- Nathan Keller



Behind the Scenes of *NEWSIES*: A Sneak Peek at Rehearsals

We've had the wonderful privilege of watching the students rehearse for their upcoming production of *NEWSIES*, and it has been an absolute joy. From the first step into the rehearsal room, it's clear that countless hours of hard work and dedication have gone into every aspect of this show.

During our visits, We've been able to capture a few photos of the action, witnessing both soloists and ensemble members fine-tuning their performances. It's fascinating to watch the soloists practice their lines and songs, giving everything they have to bring their characters to life. Equally impressive is the choreography - every kick, jump, and synchronized move demonstrates the precision and energy that the cast has been building over weeks of practice.

Beyond the performances themselves, the students have been mastering set changes and working together behind the scenes. The teamwork is palpable, as each member contributes to the magic unfolding on stage. The dedication is evident not only in their skills but also in their positive attitudes and the high spirits that fill the rehearsal space.

What stands out most is the enthusiasm of the students. They are eager to share their talents with the audience, and it's clear they have poured heart and soul into making this production a success. Every rehearsal feels like a small preview of the excitement and energy that will light up the stage when the curtains finally rise.

It's inspiring to see such commitment and passion in action, and it's a reminder of why the performing arts hold a special place in our schools. *NEWSIES* promises to be an unforgettable show, and if the rehearsal room is any indication, audiences are in for a real treat.

- Editorial Board



Dress Code Debate

School dress codes are supposed to keep things “professional,” but sometimes they feel more like they were written by someone who has never actually been a teenager. The biggest debate at my school is about leggings, sweats, and knee-length shorts. Personally, I think students should be allowed to wear them because they’re comfortable, practical, and honestly way better than trying to learn algebra while wearing stiff jeans.

First of all, comfort matters. Students sit in chairs for about seven hours a day. That’s basically a full-time sitting job. Leggings and sweats make sitting through long classes much easier. Imagine trying to focus on geometry while your jeans feel like cardboard and your legs can’t bend properly. If we’re comfortable, we can actually pay attention instead of secretly trying to stretch under the desk like we’re doing yoga.

Second, leggings and sweats don’t stop anyone from learning. I have never once heard someone say, “Wow, I was doing great on my test, but then I saw someone wearing sweatpants and forgot everything.” Clothes don’t control our brains. If anything, being

comfortable might actually help us focus better. Schools want good grades, right? Well, comfy students might equal smarter students. Another thing is that knee-length shorts are completely normal clothes. They’re not distracting. They’re basically just shorter pants. When it’s hot outside, wearing long pants all day feels like walking around in a portable oven. If the weather is 90 degrees and we’re still forced to wear thick pants, the real distraction is everyone melting in their chairs.

Finally, school should be a place where students feel comfortable being themselves. Leggings, sweats, and knee-length shorts are just normal, everyday clothes. Most people already wear them at home, at stores, and basically everywhere else. If we can wear them in public places like restaurants or airplanes, it’s kind of funny that school thinks they’re too wild for the classroom.

Letting students wear leggings, sweats, and knee-length shorts would make school more comfortable and less stressful. We’d still be the same students doing the same work, just without our legs feeling like they’re trapped in denim prisons. And honestly, if a pair of sweatpants is the biggest problem at school, I think we’re doing pretty well.

- Airica Brook

How to Be a Perfect Student & Defeat Senioritis Once & For All

Are you worried that senioritis might strike your final year like an uninvited pop quiz? Fear not! With these foolproof (and totally serious) strategies, you too can be the perfect student.

Step one: attend every single class... even if it starts at 7:00 a.m. and your bed is plotting a mutiny. Extra points if you arrive five minutes early, take immaculate notes, and make eye contact with the teacher at all times.

Step two: participate in everything. Clubs, sports, pep rallies, lunchroom debates; your calendar should resemble a NASA launch schedule. Bonus points for juggling three AP classes while volunteering at the local animal shelter, tutoring, and still finding time to alphabetize your notebooks.

Step three: never procrastinate. Assignments? Done yesterday. Studying? Already finished for next week. Naps? A thing of the past. Social media? Avoid at all costs. Remember, your only friends are deadlines and syllabi.

Step four: smile constantly. Senioritis feeds on apathy, boredom, and mild eye-rolling; defeat it with relentless enthusiasm. Cheer for every pep rally, laugh at every classroom joke, and compliment every teacher’s tie or hairstyle.

Follow these steps, and you will ascend to the pinnacle of perfect studenthood... or at least scare your classmates into doing your homework for you. Either way, senioritis doesn’t stand a chance.

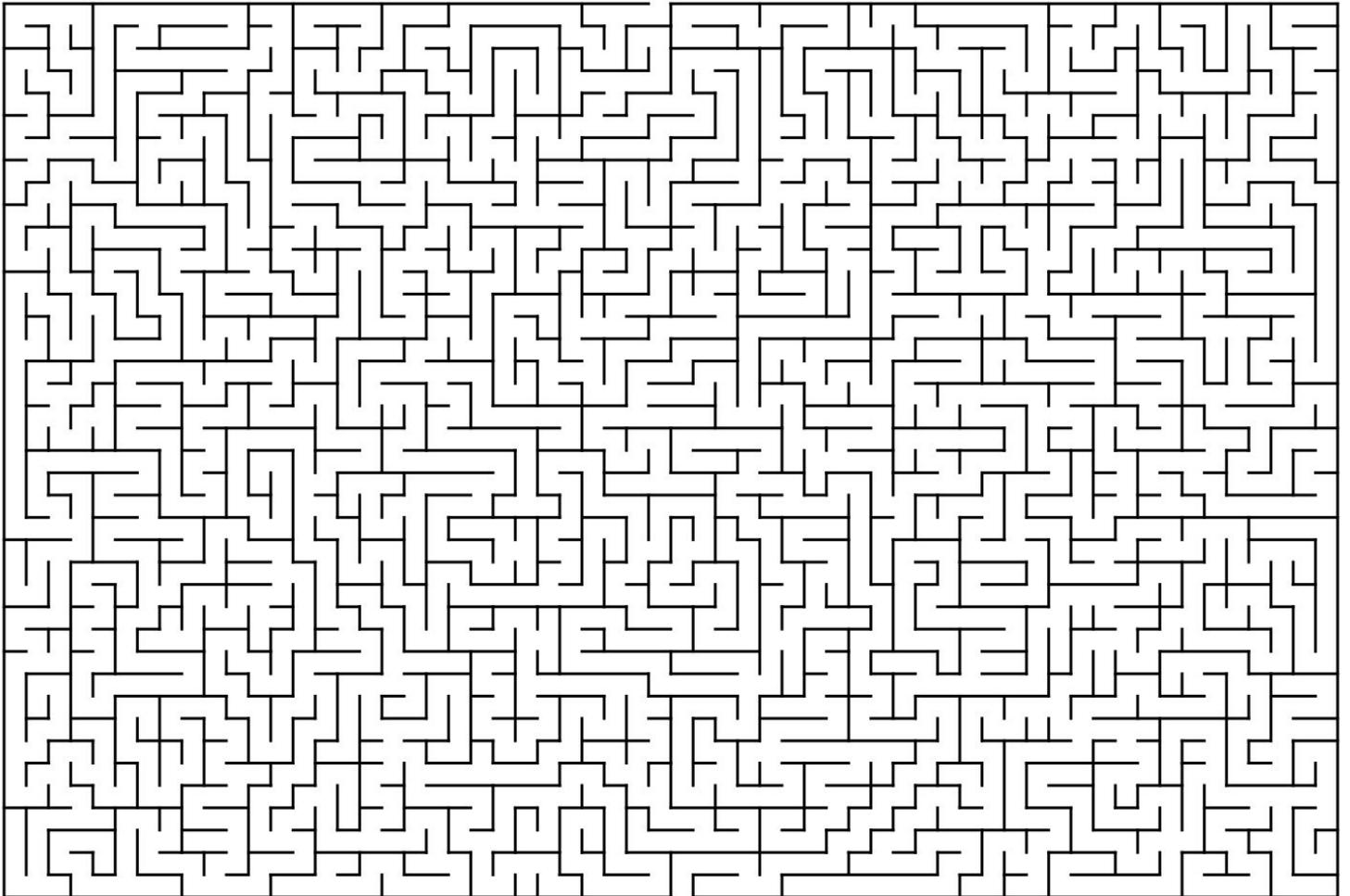
Disclaimer: Side effects may include exhaustion, mild panic attacks, and a strong desire to take a nap in the library at 3:00 p.m.

- Editorial Board



Entertainment

Start



End

Fiction: The Girl Who Borrowed the Wind

Everyone in Willowridge said the mountain was asleep. It sat behind the town like a giant curled cat - quiet, foggy, and old. No one climbed it anymore. No one except Mira.

Mira wasn't supposed to be there. Her grandmother had warned her a thousand times. "Mountains remember things," she always said. "Best not to bother them." But Mira had always been curious, and that morning the wind sounded different. It didn't just blow through the trees. It whispered.

She heard it the moment she stepped onto the forest trail. A soft rush of air slid between the branches and circled around her shoes. Leaves lifted and spun like tiny dancers. Then the wind seemed to form a voice.

"Mira..."

She froze and looked around. The forest was empty.

"Hello?" she called.

The wind swirled again, tugging at the sleeve of her jacket as if it wanted her to follow. The path ahead curved toward the mountain. Slowly, cautiously, Mira started walking.

The trail climbed higher and higher. The trees thinned, the air grew colder, and the ground turned from dirt to gray rock. At the very top of the mountain stood something Mira had never seen before: a tall stone door carved directly into the cliff.

Wind rushed and gathered in front of it like an invisible storm trapped in one place.

"I'm stuck," the voice whispered. "Long ago, a storm mage sealed me here."

Mira stepped closer to the door. Strange glowing symbols were carved all over it, but right in the center sat a simple bronze handle.

“That’s it?” she said. “You just need someone to open the door?”

“Yes,” the wind answered quietly. “But no one ever comes here anymore.”

Mira thought about that for a moment. Then she shrugged.

“Well... that seems like a terrible plan.”

She grabbed the handle and pulled.

The door creaked open, and suddenly the mountain roared. Wind burst out in a powerful rush, spinning through the air and racing across the sky like it had been waiting years to escape. Mira stumbled back as the gusts whipped around her.

Then the wind slowed and circled her gently.

“Thank you,” it said.

Mira pushed her hair out of her face and laughed. “You’re welcome.”

The wind moved around her shoulders like a light, invisible cloak.

“I owe you a gift,” it said. “Whenever you need me, just ask.”

“How would I do that?” Mira asked.

The wind tugged playfully at her sleeve.

“Run.”

So Mira ran.

As she sprinted across the mountain peak, the wind lifted beneath her steps. She wasn’t flying, but she felt lighter than she ever had before. Each stride carried her farther, faster, until she was laughing as she raced back down the mountain.

And from that day on, whenever Mira ran, the wind always ran with her.



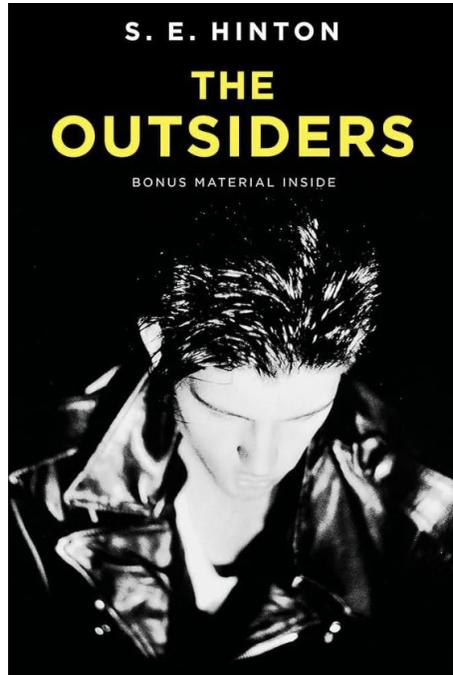
Movie Review: Sonic the Hedgehog



Sonic, a blue, speedy hedgehog, is running home, but he accidentally attracts extremely unwanted attention. Sonic's guardian, Long Claw, finds out and throws a magical ring that opens a portal to this place called Earth. Sonic is pushed by Long Claw through the portal. Sonic looks back to see Long Claw get shot with an arrow, and he has to go through the unseen challenges. Sonic stalks a few humans and names the two that he watches, Donut Lord and Pretzel Lady. Sonic meets Donut Lord, and because of this, a power-hungry human called Dr. Robotnik finds a quill left by Sonic that has virtually infinite power. Join Sonic as he goes through fascinating twists and turns. You will follow Sonic through his intriguing story of *Sonic the Hedgehog*, so watch this 8/10 star movie that's based on years of video games.

-Nathan Keller

Book Review: *The Outsiders*



The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton is a powerful and emotional novel that has remained popular with readers for many years. The story follows a teenage boy named Ponyboy Curtis and his group of friends, known as the Greasers. They often clash with a wealthier group called the Socs. Through Ponyboy's perspective, readers experience the challenges of growing up, dealing with loss, and trying to find their place in the world.

One of the best parts of *The Outsiders* is how real and relatable the characters feel. Ponyboy is thoughtful and sensitive, and he often questions the violence and conflict around him. His relationship with his brothers and friends shows how important loyalty and family are in difficult situations. Characters like Johnny Cade and Dallas Winston also add depth to the story because readers get to see how different backgrounds and experiences shape the way people act. These characters are not perfect, but their struggles make them feel authentic and easy to understand.

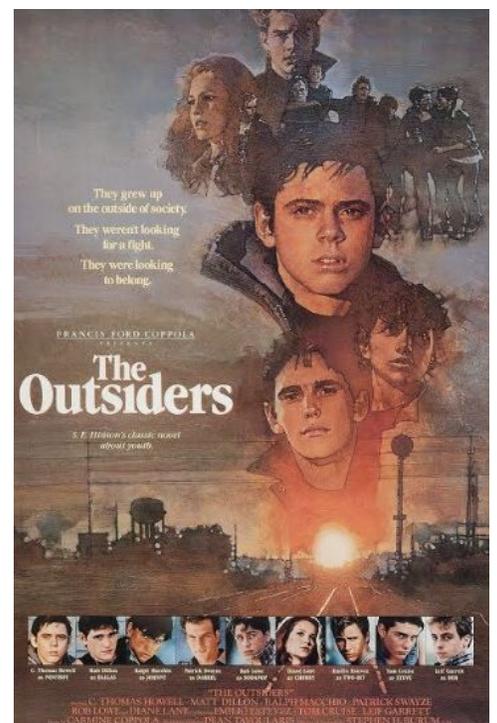
Another reason this book stands out is the important

themes it explores. The novel highlights the differences between social classes but also shows that people on both sides have similar feelings and problems. It encourages readers to look beyond stereotypes and understand others with empathy. The story also emphasizes the importance of friendship, courage, and staying true to yourself even when life becomes difficult.

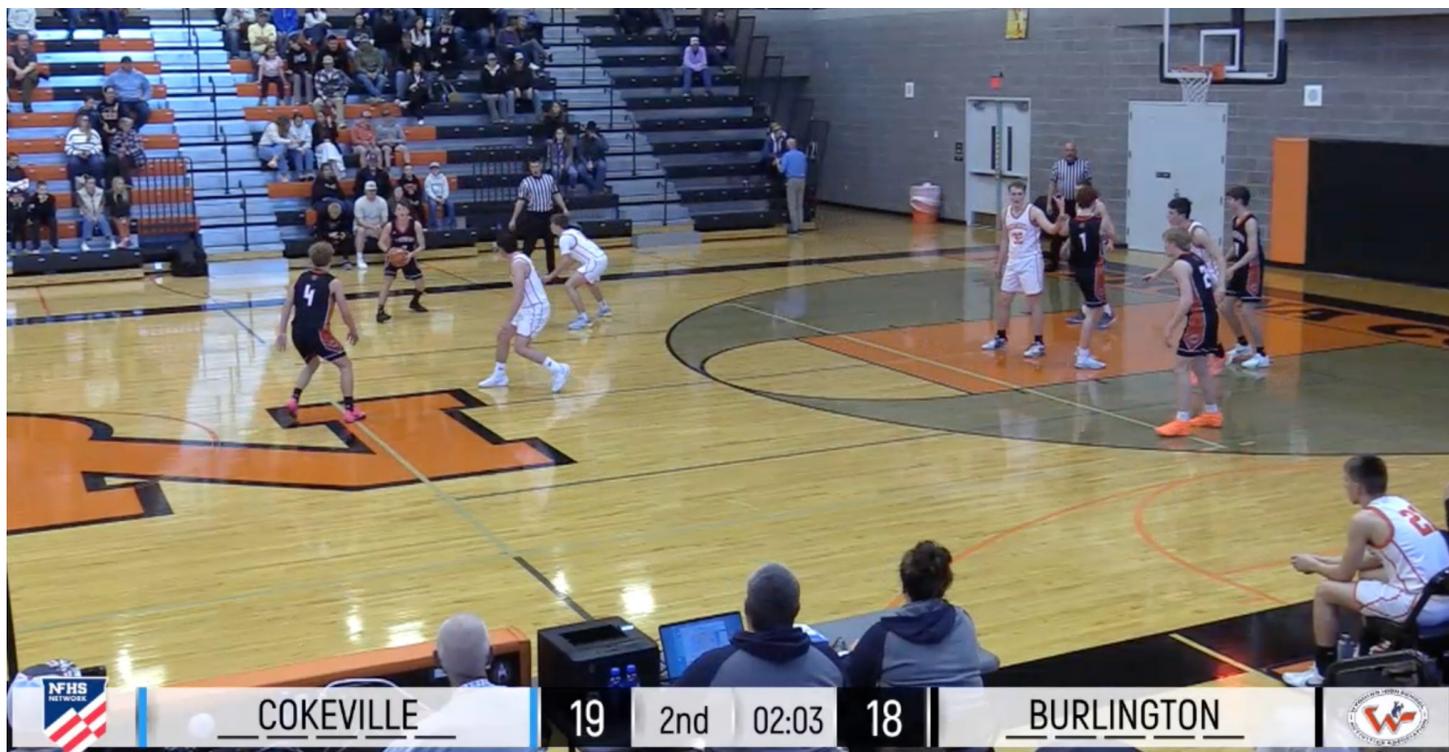
The writing style of S. E. Hinton is simple but very effective. The story moves quickly and keeps readers interested from beginning to end. At the same time, the emotional moments make the novel meaningful and memorable.

Overall, *The Outsiders* is an excellent book that combines an engaging story with powerful life lessons. It teaches readers about compassion, loyalty, and understanding people who are different from us. Because of these strong themes and memorable characters, it continues to be an important and widely loved novel.

- Paisley Wood



Sports



Cokeville Panthers Basketball Wraps Up Strong Season

The 2025–2026 basketball season was another exciting one for both the boys and girls teams at Cokeville High School, as the Panthers competed with determination throughout the winter. Facing tough competition in the 1A Southwest conference, both teams showed steady improvement, strong teamwork, and the dedication that Panther athletics is known for.

The girls team had an impressive season, finishing near the top of their conference standings and entering postseason play with strong momentum. Mid-season reports showed Cokeville leading the 1A Southwest with an undefeated conference record and one of the best overall records in the classification.

The Panthers carried that success into the state tournament, where they battled through tough matchups and ultimately finished among the top teams in the state. In the 1A state tournament, Cokeville fought hard in every game, finishing the weekend with a fourth-place result after close contests against strong opponents.

The boys team also had a competitive year, qualifying for postseason play and representing Cokeville at the state tournament. The Panthers faced talented teams from across Wyoming, including a matchup at the WHSAA state tournament in Casper. Competing at that level reflects the hard work the team put in all season long, both in practice and in games.

Cokeville basketball has a long tradition of success, with multiple state championships in both boys and girls programs over the years.

That tradition continues to motivate current players to work hard and represent their school with pride.

More than wins and losses, this season showed the effort, sportsmanship, and teamwork that make Panther basketball special. Players, coaches, and fans all contributed to another memorable year on the court, and the future looks bright for Cokeville basketball.



Cokeville Wrestlers Show Strength and Determination This Season

The 2025–2026 wrestling season was another strong one for Cokeville High School, as Panther wrestlers showed determination, discipline, and steady improvement throughout the winter. Competing against tough opponents from across Wyoming, the team continued the proud tradition of hard work that Cokeville wrestling is known for.

Throughout the season, the Panthers traveled to meets and tournaments across the state, gaining valuable experience with every match. Wrestlers spent countless hours in the practice room building strength, refining technique, and preparing mentally for competition. Their dedication paid off as several athletes placed well at invitationals and conference meets, helping the team remain competitive in the 2A classification.

The season built toward the regional tournament, where Cokeville wrestlers battled for the chance to qualify for the WHSAA State Wrestling Championships. Competing at regionals required focus and toughness, and Panther wrestlers stepped up to the challenge, with multiple athletes earning the opportunity to represent Cokeville at the state tournament.

At the state championships, the Panthers faced some of the best wrestlers in Wyoming. Each match was hard-fought, and the team showed resilience and sportsmanship on the mat. Whether winning matches or gaining experience for the future, the wrestlers represented their school with pride.

Cokeville wrestling has long been known for its strong work ethic and competitive spirit, and this season was no exception. With young athletes gaining experience and returning wrestlers continuing to improve, the future looks bright for Panther wrestling.

- Editorial Board



Athlete of the Month

This month's Athlete of the Month is Flint, a wrestler who has had an incredible season and recently achieved one of the biggest accomplishments in the sport - winning a state title. Flint's dedication, hard work, and determination have helped him stand out as an important member of the team.

Flint said he first started wrestling because of parental influence, which introduced him to the sport when he was younger. Over time, wrestling became something he truly enjoyed and wanted to keep improving at. When asked about his favorite moment this season, Flint said it was winning the state title, a moment that showed how much effort he has put into the sport.

What motivates Flint to keep getting better is his goal to be as good as possible. He is always working to improve his skills and perform better every match. Even though balancing school and sports can be difficult for many athletes, Flint says he focuses on getting his schoolwork done during the school day so he can focus on wrestling afterward.

Flint also mentioned that one person who inspires him in the sport is Keegan O'Tool, whose success motivates him to continue improving. When asked what advice he would give to younger athletes who want to try wrestling, Flint kept it simple: learn to love the sport. Outside of wrestling, he enjoys relaxing and doing everyday things like eating and hanging out.

According to Flint's coach, what makes him stand out is that he is extremely good on top during matches and does not get rattled under pressure. The coach also said Flint is a very coachable teammate who often wins matches with bonus points, which helps the team score.

Throughout the season, Flint has improved his takedowns and aggressiveness, making him an even stronger competitor. His coach also said Flint impacts the team in a positive way by being a good sport and helping his teammates improve during practice. He is known for being a hard worker both in and out of practice.

One of the most memorable moments for the coach this season was watching Flint win the state title, showing just how much his hard work has paid off. Looking ahead, the coach believes Flint has a lot of potential and that if he continues working hard and taking more shots in matches, he will keep finding success.

With his determination, talent, and work ethic, Flint has truly earned the title of Athlete of the Month and is a great example for other athletes at the school.

- Paisley Wood

Spotlights

Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Cox

Mrs. Cox teaches 7th and 8th-grade English, senior capstone, and journalism at Cokeville High School. She has been teaching for seven years and says she still loves the job because of the funny and memorable moments that happen in class.

Mrs. Cox said two main things inspired her to become a teacher. She was tired of working two jobs and wanted a more stable career. She was also inspired by one of her teachers, Mr. Kelly Fullmer, who made a strong impact on her life. She said she wanted to become that same kind of positive influence for other students.

One of Mrs. Cox's favorite parts of teaching English is watching students discover books they actually enjoy. She especially likes seeing the excitement on a student's face when they find a book they like, especially if they once believed they did not like reading.

Mrs. Cox says the energy middle school students bring into the classroom makes teaching fun. She describes it as organized elementary chaos that keeps every day interesting.

She hopes students remember the basic skills they learn in her classes and carry them with them throughout their lives. Most of all, she hopes they learn to enjoy books.

For students who struggle with reading, Mrs. Cox recommends practice. For students who struggle with writing, she suggests using a graphic organizer to help organize ideas and create a clear format.

As the journalism teacher, Mrs. Cox believes the school newspaper is important because it helps connect students to the community. She said good student journalists are willing to do the legwork, conduct interviews, and learn how to talk with people and build connections.

Mrs. Cox also shared some funny classroom moments. One of the funniest things she remembers was when a student bragged about losing a lot of weight. He then sat down on a desk, and one of the legs broke, sending him tumbling to the floor.

Sometimes the random giggles students get during class also make her laugh.

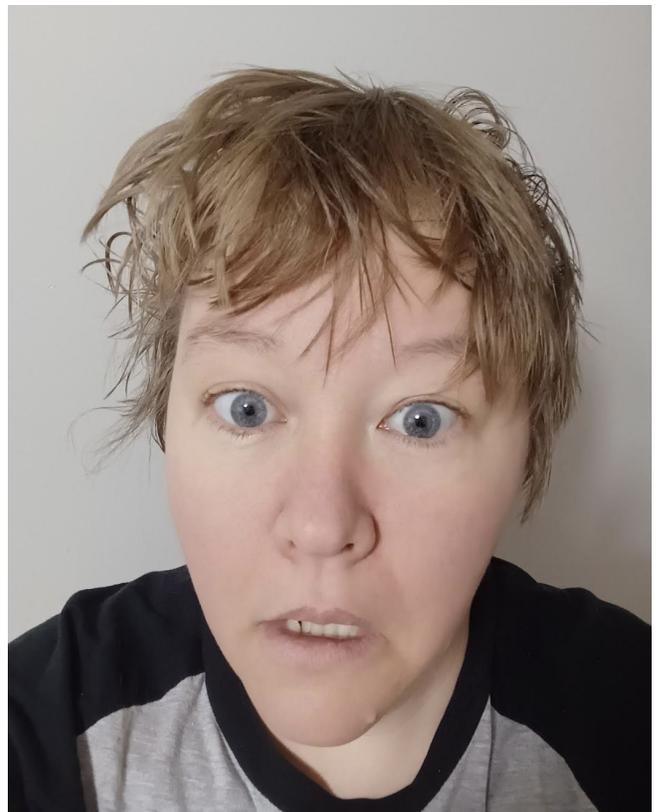
If Mrs. Cox could be a character from a book, she said she would choose Hermione Granger so she could attend Hogwarts. If she could teach a completely different class, she said

she would teach a class called All About Fungi, where students could go out and search for mushrooms.

Mrs. Cox said she prefers tea over coffee, books over movies, creative writing over grammar, and early morning classes over the last period.

Even after seven years of teaching, Mrs. Cox says she still enjoys being in the classroom and appreciates all the funny and memorable things that happen during the school day.

- Briquele Peck



“Life is too important to be taken seriously.”

- Oscar Wilde

Student Spotlight: Briquele Peck

Getting to know the students at our school is always a highlight, and this week we caught up with freshman **Briquele Peck** to learn more about her activities, interests, and goals for the school year. From cheerleading to dreaming about traveling the world, Briquele shared a little bit about what makes school life fun and what keeps her motivated.

What is your name and grade?

Briquell Peck, 9th grade

What school activities or sports are you involved in?

Cheer and musical

What is your favorite subject in school?

Spanish

Who is your favorite teacher and why?

Rylee Lester

What is your favorite thing about our school?

Monday–Thursday instead of five days a week

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

Invisibility

What is your favorite food?

Cheeseburger

What is your favorite movie or TV show?

The Summer I Turned Pretty

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Paris

What motivates you to work hard in school?

Getting a good college scholarship

What advice would you give to other students?

Try your best. Also find things the teachers are interested in if you need to distract them.

What are your goals for this school year?

End the year with good grades

What do you like to do after school?

Take a nap



Briquell Peck is enjoying her freshman year while staying busy with cheer and the school musical. She is motivated to keep her grades up so she can earn a college scholarship, and she appreciates the four-day school week that gives students a little extra time to recharge. Whether she's practicing Spanish, performing with the musical, or catching up on sleep after school, Briquell is focused on finishing the year strong.

- Airica Brook

School Spellers Shine at District and County Bees

Students from our school recently showed their spelling skills in both the district and county spelling bees, competing against other strong spellers from across the area.

The school spelling bee winners from 8th grade were Emmitt Groll, Lindsey Thomas, Kora Petersen, Jase Martinez, and Jace Barnes. Representing the 7th grade were Ari Groll, Genevieve Himmerich, Maliyah Pauni, Anna Dietz, and Carter Child. After winning at the school level, these students moved on to the District Spelling Bee held at the Lincoln County School District Office on February 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

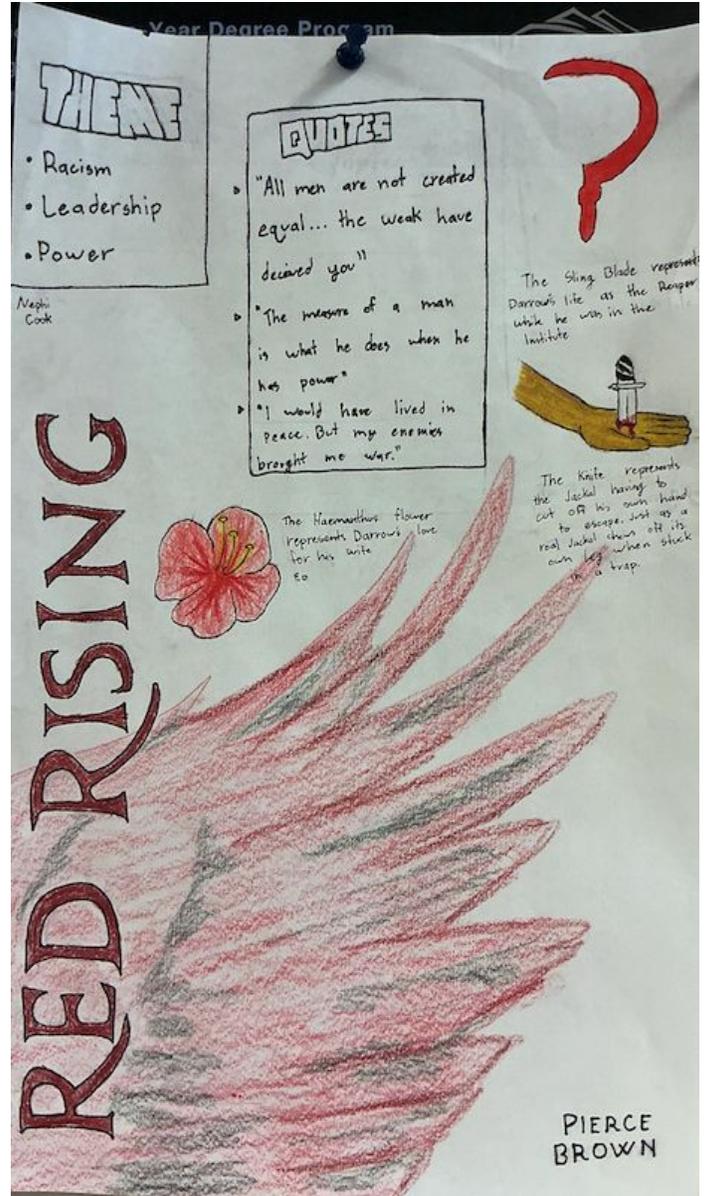
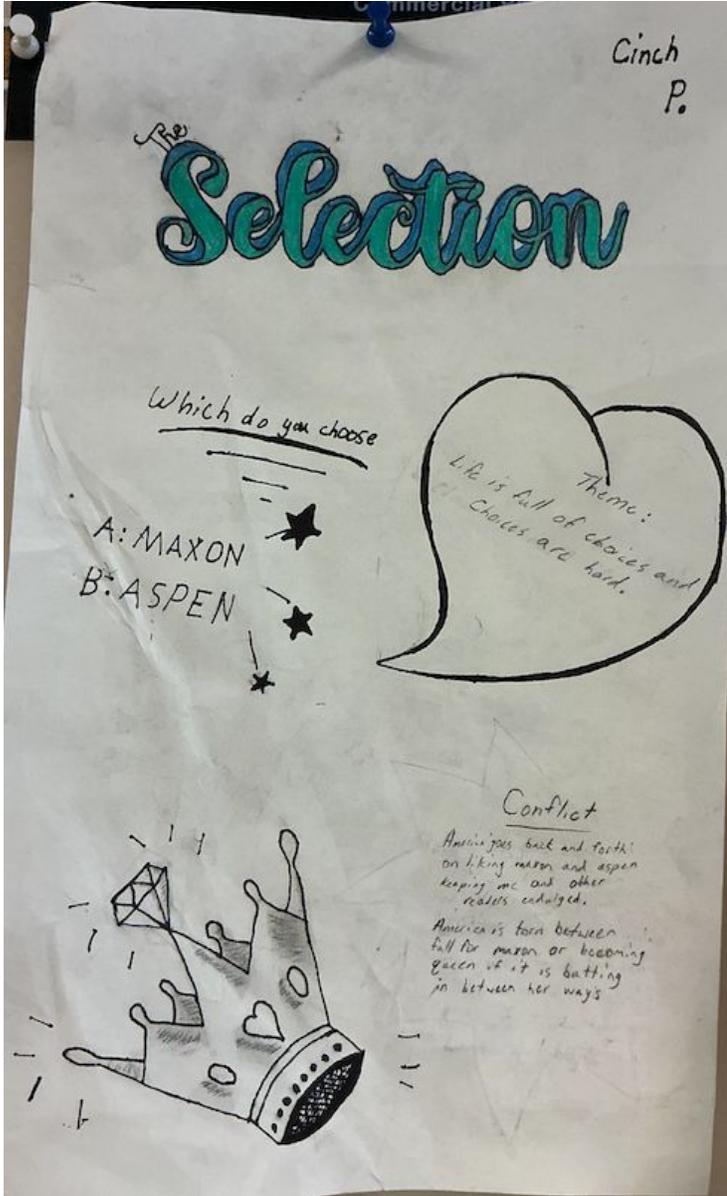
At the district competition, Genevieve Himmerich earned first place with an impressive performance, while Ari Groll also placed well, finishing in 4th place. Because of their strong results, both students advanced to the County Spelling Bee held on February 25 at CHS at 10:00 a.m.

The county competition brought together top spellers from across the region. Ari Groll once again performed strongly and placed in the competition, earning the opportunity to move forward to the State Spelling Bee.

Ari now has the opportunity to represent the area at the State Spelling Bee in Cheyenne on March 21. The event will be held at Western Wyoming Community College in Rock Springs. Being invited to compete at the state level is a major accomplishment and reflects the dedication and preparation that goes into mastering difficult vocabulary.

Congratulations to all of the students who competed this year. Their hard work, study, and determination helped them succeed and represent the school well.

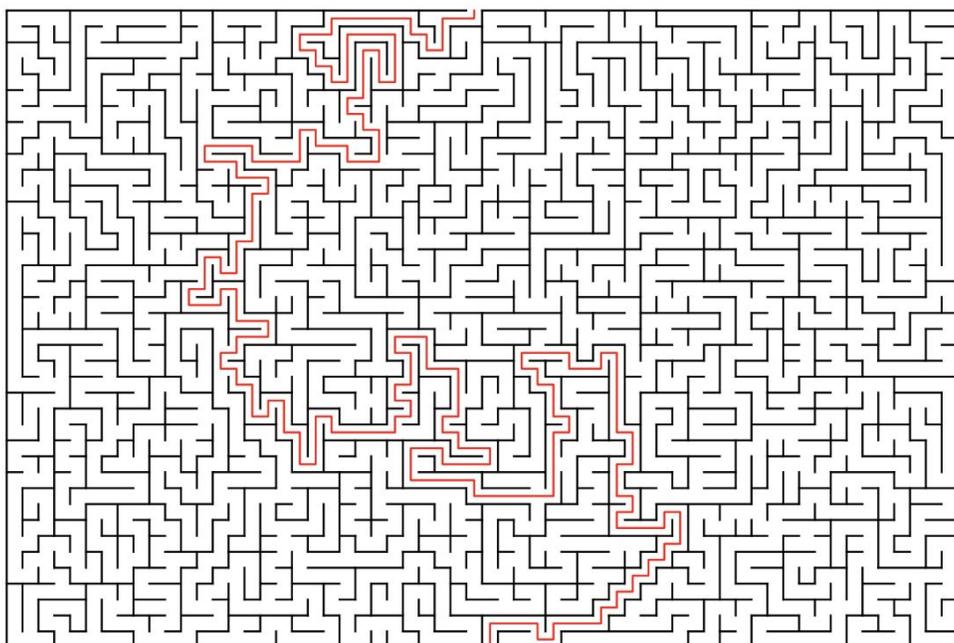
- Joshua Keller



Artist Spotlight

Each month, we enjoy featuring a comic strip from Art, but this time we decided to do something a little different. Instead, we are showcasing some astounding work from Mr. Linford's ELA classes. Students recently created detailed *sketchnotes* based on a book they read, combining art and learning in a creative way. Their work shows great effort, imagination, and thoughtful understanding of the text, and we are excited to share these impressive creations with everyone.

Puzzle Answer



School News

Other News

Exciting things are happening at Cokeville! Our 6th graders are gearing up to take on new challenges in Junior High Track, starting March 30th. We can't wait to see them shine and show their Panther Pride!

On March 17th, Cokeville High School will be buzzing with energy as it hosts the Peewee Wrestling Competition. It's always a thrill to watch our youngest athletes in action and keep our community's wrestling tradition alive.

And mark your calendars for March 19th at 7 PM. Our talented students will hit the stage for a matinee of the musical NEWSIES. Come cheer them on and enjoy a night of music, fun, and Broadway-style excitement right here at Cokeville!

What's New in the Library

Most Checked Out Book

This month's most-checked-out book is *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden. If you haven't picked it up yet, you're missing out on one of the most gripping reads of the season!

Top Readers This Month

A big shoutout to our top three readers this month:

- **Kyler Nelson**
- **Flint Linford**
- **Whitli Groll**

Genre of the Month

This month we're celebrating **Books that are Movies & TV Series**. Come see what beloved stories have made the leap from page to screen. You might find your next favorite binge-worthy read!

Library Activities

Glow Party Reading Challenge

We are still reading for the Glow Party! The last day to test was March 12th. The party is on March 26th - don't miss it!

March Madness Tournament of Books

Our March Madness Tournament of Books is underway! Stop by the library to fill out a bracket and vote for Book of the Year. Here's what you can earn:

- A sucker just for filling out a bracket
- A sucker for voting
- A sucker for every book you get right on your bracket
- A shake/drink coupon for the most correct bracket predictions

Book Tasting

Our Book Tasting is still set up and ready for you! Come sample a variety of reads and find something new to love.

Book Scavenger Hunts

We have book scavenger hunts available for everyone this month. Complete one and earn a gold chocolate coin - complete more, earn more! Stop by and give it a try.

See you in the library!

CHS Yearbook Seeks Community Photo Donations

The CHS yearbook staff is reaching out to our community for help in making this year's edition more comprehensive and representative of student life. As we expand our coverage to include new sections, we're hoping families and friends can contribute photographs that capture the full range of activities our students participate in throughout the year.

New Sections Need Your Photos

This year, we're adding dedicated pages for:

- Hunting
- Winter Sports
- Rodeo (We now have a page for 4-H)



These activities are an important part of many students' lives, and we want to ensure they're properly represented in the yearbook. However, many of these moments happen outside of school hours, making it difficult for our staff to photograph every event. *Additionally, we're looking for great up-close action shots from games throughout the season, especially from state championship competitions. If you captured that perfect moment of intensity, celebration, or athletic achievement, we'd love to include it.*

How You Can Help

If you have a loved one at CHS (student, teacher, or support staff) and you have photos of them participating in hunting, winter sports, or Rodeo we would be grateful for your donation. High-quality digital photos that show students in action, celebrating achievements, or working with their projects would be ideal.

Photos can be emailed directly to Mrs. Cox at hattie.cox@lcsd2.org. Please include the names of students pictured and a brief description of the activity or event.

Your contributions will help us create a yearbook that truly reflects the diverse talents and interests of our CHS community. Thank you for helping us tell the complete story of this school year.

Community News Welcome

The yearbook staff and newspaper staff are one and the same: the same dedicated students bringing you this paper each week are also working to document the school year in our yearbook. We rely on community input to ensure we don't miss important stories, especially upcoming events. If you know of a newsworthy event on the horizon, whether it's a community achievement, special program, student accomplishment, or anything else you'd like to see covered, please reach out! We want to capture all the moments that make our school and community special.