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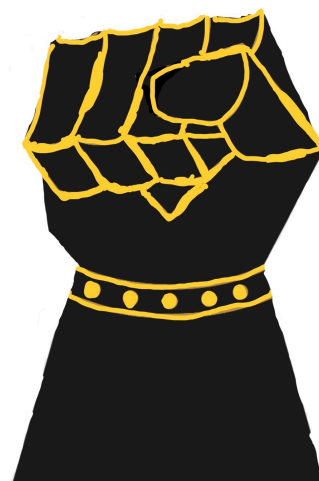
A movie coming out February 17th, starring Tom Holland, Mark Wahlberg, and Antonio Banderas. It is rated PG-13 though probably suited for 12 and up. An action-adventure where Nathan Drake is recruited to take part in an expedition searching for a 500 year old lost treasure. This quest may lead Nathan to learn things about himself and his family that he never expected!

Encanto

A new Disney movie that is a must see if you haven't watched it already. This movie takes place in a small Spanish village, where we see the Madrigal family. All of them have awesome gifts except for Mirabelle. Go on the adventure as she saves the house and shows what she can do. With the smashing hit song "We Don't Talk About Bruno." In theatres now (Also Disney Plus+)! Rated PG and 90% rotten tomatoes.

Cuphead: The Delicious Last Course

Cuphead: DLC is the expansion of an older video game. It is based on the game Cuphead which was released in 2017. This game is a platformer with a unique 1930's style animation. It was voted the best debut indie game of 2017 and got the best art direction award the same year. Cuphead is a game in which all the levels, you fight bosses, there are only 6 levels where you do not face a boss. This game is extremely hard. Cuphead is suitable for children 10 and up, though having the protagonist be the devil.



Zelda: Breath of the Wild 2.

Zelda:BOTW 2 is an open map solo player game. It is based on *Zelda:BOTW 1*, where you do challenges and explore the map to eventually defeat the main antagonist Ganon. A very fun and challenging game from my experiences. It came out in 2017, and *BOTW 2* is coming out later 2022. It will currently only be available to Nintendo Switch. It is rated E for everyone. It will be \$60. Though a steep price, definitely worth it for the content.

Club Spotlight

By: Logan Pettis

Many kids in the United States and around the world play hockey. Knee hockey or “mini sticks” is a popular subversion of hockey. Knee hockey is not played on ice but played on surfaces like tile or vinyl flooring. It has smaller sticks and a smaller court or “ice”. Here at McQuaid we have a knee hockey club, where middle schoolers can form teams and play games. We recently interviewed their club monitor, Mrs. Soprano, as well as some of the founding students.

Knee Hockey Club members participate in tournaments as well as playing regular games. Each tournament teams face off against each other hoping to win the Stanley Cup. Each team consists of 2 people. One person is the goalie and the other tries to score on the other team’s goal. The Knee Hockey Club members meet on Thursday. Currently Knee Hockey Club is only available to seventh graders but next year it will be opened to sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. Sixth and seventh graders will meet on Tuesdays and eighth graders will meet on Thursday.

We asked Chase Brock, who is the creator of Knee Hockey Club, “How did your club start and how have you built it up to what it is today?” Chase Responded, “Me and Cavan Green approached Mrs. Soprano with a glorious idea we wanted to bring back a fan favorite, Mini Stick Club (Knee Hockey Club).” Mrs. Soprano added, “The main objective was to get 12 kids but they ended up getting 36.” One of the things Mrs. Soprano loves about it is the attendance is real. With some clubs a lot of kids sign up but don’t show up but more kids show up every week. The thing that Mrs. Soprano loves even more is that the kids bring all of their own equipment and pick up after themselves which makes this club

The History of St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick’s Day is celebrated every year on March 17th. This date is the anniversary of his death (which was originally in 461 AD) He was born in Britain around 368 AD and lived a normal life until he turned 16. He was kidnapped by pirates and brought up as a slave in Ireland. He later escaped and returned to the mainland of Ireland where he brought Christianity to the country. The famous story of him supposedly “driving the snakes out of Ireland.” This is completely false, snakes did not inhabit Ireland around 350-500 AD. This is metaphoric in the way that “drove out bad spirits.” With the introduction of Christianity. St. Patrick is now a super famous Saint because of his amazing story and devotion to the Christianity. He got a day and a symbol of the 3 leafed shamrock. This symbolizes the the Holy Trinity. Share your appreciation this year by wearing



equipment and pick up after themselves which makes this club even better.

Mrs. Soprano told us that she was worried that Knee Hockey Club would just be hockey players participating. She found out that a lot of kids who never played hockey actually enjoyed playing knee hockey. This year, sixth and even eighth graders watched on as the seventh graders faced off against one another.

Knee Hockey Club has a few hopes for the future of the club. They want another ball. They also want my room to play like another classroom where they could host a few more games. They also want the club to continue and not just be a one year club. Well good news, I heard that the club will continue next year and will even occupy another room next year.

We asked Mrs. Soprano, “How does your club help the school and the community?” She responded, “If they don’t have their grades up to par, (85 and up) they need to get them there before they can play.” Needing to have high grades to be able to play in Knee Hockey Club motivates students to raise their grades. Mrs. Soprano continued, “It’s good if they come in the morning if they are not feeling motivated to go to classes, it helps boost their mood. Those couple minutes during a break in class, many want to go back and play mini sticks, it is good physical exercise and mentally. It allows kids who are feeling stressed to have a little break. It really helps them to feel motivated and ready. It’s like their cup of coffee.”

McQuaid’s Knee Hockey Club has certainly been successful by entertaining kids and even keeping their grades up. Knee hockey is great for motivating kids and teaching the valuable skill on how to work well in a team. If you are a seventh grader and you have a chance to try out knee hockey, do it!

Quoted people not included: Ryan Kozara, Michael Hristodoulu



TOP ROW (Left to Right): Talin Parks, Ryan Kozara, Michael Hristodoulu, Joey Mistretta, Anthony (Gonzo) Gonzales, James Malvaso, Chrishaun Jordan, Max Mauro, Ian Lanahan, James Mackensie

BOTTOM ROW AND FLOOR (Left to Right): Ryan Cox, Chase Brock, Gavin Whalen

Not Pictured: Mrs. Soprano (Club Moderator)

NFL

I think we all know about the painful loss the Bills experienced against the Chiefs. With just 13 seconds left, Kansas City scored to tie it up and take it into overtime. The funny thing was that the Bills had just made a clutch touchdown as well. In overtime, Patrick Mahomes passed it to the passed it to the chiefs' tight end, Travis Kelce, to win the game. As a bills fan who was jumping up celebrating and throwing myself on the couch after a bad play the whole game, I can speak for all bills fans that we are disappointed. Josh Allen and our offense played great. Especially Gabriel Davis, who scored 4 touchdowns. At the end, the final score was 42-36. The Chiefs will go to the AFC Championship for the fourth year in a row and play against the Bengals.

In the NFC Championship, the Rams played against the 49ers. The Rams prevailed after a final score 20-17. At the beginning of the 4th quarter, they were down 17-7 but they came back. Tyler Higbee, one of their key players, got injured early in the second quarter. The Rams scored, but then the 49ers followed them and score immediately after. In the 3rd quarter, the 49ers scored a field goal, and then George Kittle scored. Then in the 4th quarter, the Rams scored twice to secure their lead. A quick game summary:

- 1st quarter: no scoring, 0-0
- 2nd quarter: Cooper Kupp scores from 16 yard pass, Deebo Samuels receives 44 yard pass, Robbie Gould scores a 38 yard field goal. Final score of quarter: 10-7 49ers
- 3rd Quarter: George Kittle from Jimmy Garoppolo. Final score of quarter 17-7, 49ers
- 4th Quarter: Cooper Kupp scores a touchdown and Rams score 2 field goals. Final score of game: 20-17 Rams

Over in the AFC, once the chiefs went into the championship, the Bengals knocked them out. It was the Chiefs 4th appearance in the AFC championship in a row. The game went into overtime and after the Chiefs had a possession, the Bengals scored a field-goal to secure them a spot in the super-bowl. The final score was 27-24 after Evan McPherson drilled a 31 yard field-goal. A quick game summary for you:

- 1st quarter: Tyreek Hill scored off of a 10 yard pass, Evan McPherson with a 32 yard field-goal, final score of quarter is 7-3 Chiefs
- 2nd quarter: Travis Kelce scores off of a 5 yard pass, Mecole Hardman scores off of 3 yard pass, Samaje Perine scores off of a 41 yard pass from Joe Burrow. Final score of quarter: 21-10 Chiefs
- 3rd quarter: Evan McPherson scores a 31 yard field-goal, Jamar Chase gets a 2 yard touchdown pass. Final score of quarter: 21-21
- 4th quarter: 52 yard field goal from Evan McPherson and 44 yard field goal from Harrison Butker. Final score of quarter: 24-24

Overtime: field goal from Evan McPherson, final score of game 27-24, Bengals

This years super bowl was somewhat eventful. I wish it was closer, but it wasn't the worst. Just a recap, the two teams that were playing were the Los Angeles Rams, whose record during the regular season was 12-5, and the Cincinnati Bengals, whose regular season record was 10-7. Statistically, going into this game, the Rams were projected to win. The Rams were also wanted to win over the Bengals, especially from Buffalo Bills fans (we can't have Joe Burrow getting a ring before Josh Allen). The Rams had a steady season this year, and had a good shot at getting into the Super Bowl, let

alone winning it, since the beginning of this season. However, the Bengals were more of an underdog. In the beginning of the season many of us thought that they would be one of the worst teams. In previous seasons they did not do very good. In the regular season, they had 7 out of 17 losses. However, they took a win in the wildcard round. And the divisional championship. And the NFL Conference Championship, do get them to the Super Bowl.

Here is the sum up of the game:

First Quarter:

- Rams: 17 yard touch-down catch from Matthew Stafford to OBJ (+ extra point)
- Bengals: 59 yard field goal scored by Evan McPherson

Final Score of Quarter: 7-3 (Rams)

Second Quarter:

- Rams: 11 yard touchdown pass from Matthew Stafford to Cooper Kupp
- Bengals: 6 yard touchdown pass from Joe Mixon (yes, Joe Mixon) to Tee Higgins (+ extra point) \

Final score of quarter: 13-10 (Rams)

Half Time Show!

This years halftime show featured Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Eminem, Kendrick Lamar, Mary J Blige, and there was a guest appearance from Fifty Scent. Snoop Dogg was the first person to start, and Dr. Dre soon joined in. They did a spin off on Snoop Dogg's popular song "The Next Episode". Mary J, Eminem, Fifty Cent, later went on to perform, as well as another song by Dr. Dre.

Third Quarter:

- 75 yard touchdown pass from Joe Burrow to Tee Higgins
- 38 yard field goal by Evan McPherson
- 41 yard field goal by Matt gay

Final Score of Quarter: 16-20 (Bengals)

Fourth Quarter:

- 1 yard touchdown pass from Matt Stafford to Cooper Kupp + extra point (Rams)

Final Score of Game: 23-20 (Rams)



Scythe

Book by: Neal Shusterman

Review by: Thomas Steele

Scythe is a book about a time far in the future when death can be reversed and disease has been eradicated. This is all possible because of the Thunderhead, a super-intelligent Artificial Intelligence that has created a solution to all of the world's problems. The Thunderhead was also wise enough to replace politicians in the government. However, to stop overpopulation, humans created the Scythes. The Scythes glean (kill) 260 people a year per scythe and work without interference from the Thunderhead. The story has the protagonists Roan and Citra encounter a scythe during a glean. They are asked by the scythe to be his apprentices; they accept this daunting role.

Scythe is a book best suited for seventh to ninth graders as there is quite a bit of violence. This book was engrossing from cover to cover as it is filled with constant, riveting action and many unexpected plot twists. Another reason why I like this book is that it never becomes stale or repetitive. Every scene has its unique importance to the overall story. Each of these factors, combined with a compelling story arc make Scythe an amazing and enthralling read that you will not be able to put down.

Russia and Ukraine Conflict

By: Mark Carlson

March so far has been an eventful time, and what is yet to come is just as, if not more crazy than the past days. A couple days ago, we learned about the Russian invasion of Ukraine. This is clearly an attempt to reconquer the territories that used to belong to the Soviet Union before its collapse. As I am writing this, the Russian forces are stalled at Kiev, the capital of Ukraine. There is no question now that Ukraine will fall, however, now we are left wondering where Russia will stop. It is most likely that after Ukraine falls, Russia will wait before taking the Baltic States or any part of the old Eastern Block so as to throw the United Nations off balance. The American president, Joe Biden has responded by sending

