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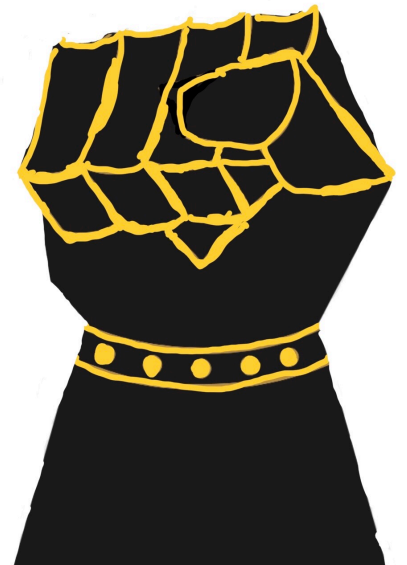
March Madness

This years March Madness had a ton of incredibly close games that kept you on the edge of your seat. If you didn't already know, March madness is one of the biggest basketball tournaments/events during the year. 68 college basketball teams participate. It is a single-round elimination tournament, meaning if you lose you are out. There are 7 rounds, the later ones including the sweet 16, elite 8, final 4, and the championship.

There are 4 divisions. The 4 teams that went to the Final Four this year were UNC, Duke, Kansas, and Villanova. During the first semi-finals game, Kansas and Villanova played. Villanova was a big favorite to win this year. However, Kansas prevailed after a final score of 81-65. The top scorer from Villanova was Collin Gillespie with 17 points. There was a tie regarding most assists between Eric Dixon, Brandon Slater, and Jermaine Samuels, all with 3 assists. Then, most rebounds on Villanova this game goes to Brandon Slater with 8. Here are the Kansas stats. Most points, coming in with a whopping 25, is David McCormack. Most assists is Jalen Wilson with 5.

The Duke vs. UNC game was big too. The Duke coach, Coach K, coached his last game here. In the end, UNC ended up beating them with a final score of 94-81. Here were the UNC leading players:

- Most points is Armando Bacot with 23



- Most assists is Caleb Love with 5 assists
- Most rebounds goes to Brady Manek who had 11

Here are the leading scorers and players on the Duke team, just because they lost did not mean that they did not play amazing!

- Leading scorer was Pancho who put up 23 points
- Leader in assists this game was Moore Jr. with 7
- Finally, the leader in rebounds Williams who had a large amount of 13

And now, we come to the final. UNC vs. Kansas. Who will win? I'd say the favorite to win was pretty even. Everyone wanted to see UNC upset Kansas, but a lot of people knew Kansas would win. Though UNC had a steady lead in the beginning, they couldn't keep it and ended up losing 72-69. The game was back and fourth, but here are the leading scorers and players from this game. Brady Manek was one of the lead scorers on UNC.

I for one, greatly enjoyed this year's tournament and was always excited to watch the games. I can't wait for next year.

1984 (Book Review)

By: Thomas Steele

Nineteen Eighty-Four is a challenging read and is well suited for those looking for something provocative. (Editor's note: This novel also has some mature content and may not be suitable for all middle schoolers.) It starts in a world called Oceania where virtually all aspects of life are monitored and controlled by the government. The state controlled media serves to twist the truth. In this dystopia, there lives Wilson Smith, who works in the Records Department of the Ministry of Truth. His job is to edit and revise the past through manipulation of original content of newspapers and media sources. He soon becomes dissatisfied with the inflexible, outwardly patronizing and controlling government of Oceania. He starts to rebel against Big Brother (the government), such as by keeping a diary, an action which is not allowed. Then his fight against

Truth

By: Mark Carlson

What does truth mean to you? Truth is a social construct and is only what we agree upon. For example, there is a consensus (most of us agree) that a "blue" shirt is blue based on the wavelengths of light that we see. But what proves that what shade of blue you see is the same that someone else sees. Colorblind people may not say that the shirt is blue. But what proves that they are the incorrect ones and that their reality and view of the truth is incorrect?

You cannot know what the exact truth is because there is no objective evidence that what you are seeing is the complete or even partial truth. Everyone lives in a different reality, as how you see the world is more important than how the world actually is. Another important aspect of being a human is that you cannot be sure that what you are seeing is even close to the truth of other people. Now, try to think more objectively about truth and realize that how other people see the world is different than you do.

Club Spotlight

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By: Logan Pettis

Do you want to get better at writing? Do you want more creativity in your writing? Are you in middle school? If you said yes, you should join the Middle School Newspaper Club. I interviewed Michael Duckles from the Middle School Newspaper Club.

I asked Michael, “What do you guys do in the Newspaper Club?” He responded, “We get together and we write articles pertaining to our interests and current events. We edit and discuss topics and publish an article for the whole school to see.”

The Middle School Newspaper club started when Henry Goertel, Michael Duckles, and Thomas Steele approached Mrs. Lessard at a club interest event. A few sixth graders joined at first but the numbers have varied over the course of the year. As of right now, the Middle School Newspaper Club has eight members consisting of sixth and seventh graders.

I asked Michael, “Do you have any hopes for your club in the future, or hope it grows and gets bigger?” Michael responded by saying, “I hope that we gain more members in the coming school year. Members who are actually going to contribute in the coming articles.” He continued, “I hope articles start to get more shout-outs and start to get views.”

Believe it or not the Middle School Newspaper Club does a lot to benefit the community. The Middle School Newspaper Club gives students an opportunity to work in an environment where they can get the help they need. Writing about topics that the students chose gives them an opportunity to be creative and practice writing at the same time. When it is time, every article that is done will be submitted and published for the whole community to see.

Middle School Newspaper Club is a great club where students can get better at writing, bring out their creative side, and work with a great group of students. Students who participate in the Middle School Newspaper Club enjoy it because they get to publish their articles for everyone to see. Even people outside of the school have a great time reading what the students of McQuaid Jesuit have to say about certain topics.



Disney Employees Protesting?

By: Benedict Galambos

LGBTQ Disney employ's are gathered in various locations across the U.S. to protest CEO Bob Chapek's actions towards Florida's legislation that they say has dubbed the "Don't Say Gay" bill.

For those not aware, Florida's senate has passed the 'Don't Say Gay' bill which many U.S citizens especially those in Florida which has over 400,000 Gay residents has protested. LGBTQ workers and supporters are expected to take place in a walkout at office locations in California, Florida and many other locations in protest of Chapek's response to the "Don't Say Gay" bill.

In the past few weeks, Bob Chapek has been under intense criticism and has been trying to clean up his reputation. The citizens of Florida feel that Chapek didn't take a big enough stand against HB 1557 (the "Don't Say Gay bill). HB 1557 is a bill that prohibit's instruction about sexual orientation in kindergarten through the third grade.

After HB 1557 was passed, it left not only the state, but the nation in shock, however, it appears that Chapek has been trying to get on the good side of the people even stating in a letter

"It is clear that this is not just an issue about a bill in Florida, but instead yet another challenge to basic human rights. You needed me to be a stronger ally in the fight for equal rights and I let you down, I am sorry." Chapek said in the letter

He also announced that the company would put all donations to elected officials in Florida on hold until the situation was resolved. This statement and Chapel's letter unfortunately did not end the outcry, and LGBTQ employees have started making plans for a series of protests during breaks, planning for a walkout on March 29. They announced their plans on (whereischapek.com).

Disney's employees stated "We have been forced into an impossible and unsustainable position. We must now take action to convince TWDC to protect employees and their families. However other's are protecting Chapek and saying that passing that bill was his decision and other's should respect that. People have begun calling the employee's baby's who want everything their way. There are two sides to this argument, but one of the biggest one's that many people have is supporting the Protester's saying that the "Don't Say Gay" bill goes against all that American's stand for, and that they're destroying the basic idea that "love is love."

Premiere Knight

By: Henry Goertel

Dog

A new movie which released February 2022, telling a funny and heartwarming story about a dog and soldier bonding throughout a road trip. Army Ranger Briggs is assigned the job of taking the “killer” dog Lulu to a soldier's funeral. Throughout their journey together, they break many laws, narrowly escape death, and learn about how they are similar. Michael Duckles, a 7th grader at McQuaid saw the film recently and states, “It was an incredible movie and super heartwarming! I would definitely recommend this to anybody trying to see a new movie.” The movie has a 76% Rotten Tomato rating and is PG-13.

Spider Man: Across the Spider-Verse (Part 1)

Miles Morales is a regular teenager, but once he switches schools, he gains some weird powers and meets some new friends. Join Miles in an adventure throughout the different verses of his world. This is the follow up movie to *Spider Man: Into the Spider-Verse*. The first movie was a smashing hit with a new style to the Spider Man series. The second movie is scheduled to release October 7th, 2022. The movie stars Oscar Issac and Shameik Moore. This movie will be rated PG but does have minor violence, though it is probably suitable for children 10+.

Splatoon 3.

Splatoon 3 is the 3rd video game of its series. The first (*Splatoon*) came out in May of 2015, the second, (*Splatoon 2*) came out in June 2017. *Splatoon 3* is scheduled to come out this year, probably some time over the summer. *Splatoon 3* is a 3rd person shooter, but uses ink! This is a paintball war where the characters are squids. It will only be available for people who play the Nintendo Switch. *Splatoon 3* will be rated PG and is probably suitable for anybody over 7 years of age. The game will be 60\$ on release, but well worth it for the content inside. *Splatoon 2* had very good responses and ratings. I highly recommend *Splatoon 3* for anybody looking for a fun and fresh game.

The Prime Craze, Is it Worth It?

By: Henry Goertel

Prime is the new “energy” drink that is sweeping McQuaid. It was made by two famous Youtubers, Logan Paul and KSI who combined have over 70 million subscribers on youtube. The drink comes in many flavors including Blue Raspberry, Tropical, Grape, and more. In the McQuaid Middle School cafeteria, it is crazy. Kids try to sell PRIME to you after they're sold out, and everybody goes bonkers off this one drink. Personally, I have tried the Blue Raspberry and Tropical flavors, both were too sweet and tasted chemically. The drink is only 25 calories but 4\$. Is PRIME the new craze? That's up to you to decide, will you still get sucked into the PRIME craze with everybody else?



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Nintendo Switch Sports.

Nintendo Switch Sports is a series of minigames packed into one big game. It is based on the greatest development in gaming history, Wii Sports. This game has many options such as virtual baseball, soccer, volleyball, skateboarding, swimming, and many more! It is scheduled to come out on April 29th, 2022. It is rated PG, and really anyone can play it. It is multiplayer and only available on the Nintendo Switch. It will be 40\$. I personally loved Wii sports, and I definitely recommend this game to anyone who wants to play sports while gaming, or have a fun Time with family and friends.