New kiln will be installed

by Anna Novoselov

After a severe rainstorm, water leaks through the temporary patch covering the roof damage from the blue fire that occurred on Nov. 30, 2017. Puddles scatter the tiles near the kiln area of the ceramics room.

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History Falcon places second at regional tournament

The History Falcon Vanity A team placed second at a regional tournament hosted on Oct. 28 at Saratoga High, finishing with a record of 7-3. They lost their final round 220-230 to the Saratoga High team. The future looks bright for the History Falcons, and longtime rival Saratoga had played over six rounds against Vanity.

Bryan followed closely with a record of 6-1, losing just one of their matches against the Saratoga High team. Both teams qualified for the National History Bee, which will be held on March 7. Vanity, as a returning team, earned an automatic qualification. Although Vanity lost 2-1 against Saratoga in the first round, they rallied back to win the second and third matches.

The History Falcons placed second at the regional tournament, one of the strongest teams in the Bay Area. They will compete at the state tournament in November. History Falcons members continue to train hard and aim to become one of the top teams in the state.

Seniors motivated to vote in midterms

Burglaries continued from pg. 1

Kumar based the framework of Saratoga’s Citywide Neighborhood Safety Watch program on one he launched in his hometown on Long Island.

“When there was a break-in that oc-
rurred in our building, what we’d make was a list of the people who lived in the building, and how to contact them,” Kumar said. “I came up with a simple plan: safety watch program.”

With a goal of generating interest in a neighborhood, Kumar worked with the Saratoga Police Department to organize a safety watch program for Saratoga. The program involves residents signing up to be part of it and receiving a badge and kit.

According to the Saratoga Police Department, the number of burglaries has decreased significantly since the program was launched.

Kumar said he is proud of what the program has accomplished so far and is working towards expanding it even further.

“Saratoga is a very unique community. We have a lot of people who care about their neighborhood, and they want to make it a safer place,” he said.

Next Tuesday, 18-year-old high school seniors have the chance to vote for the first time.

In the midterm elections, 35 of the 150 seats in the state legislature and 460 of the 455 seats in the lower House of Representatives will be up for grabs.

In recent weeks, fierce debates have been held on both sides of the aisle regarding which economic classes with a link to a website allowing personal registration to vote. History teachers had discussions with their students on the importance of voting.

The campaign has thus far been successful, with a 20% increase in voter turnout.

Pickard

Not everyone student said that they would vote. Some students said that they would wait and see what happens before making a decision. However, Pickard said that she is confident that the young generation will cast their votes.

“With the young generation, it’s the future generation. They need to be able to make their voice heard,” Pickard said.

Pickard added that it is important for young people to get involved in politics and make their voices heard. She said that young people have a unique perspective that can bring new ideas and solutions to the table.

“With Generation Z, we’re the future. We’re the ones who will be running the country in the future,” Pickard said.

Pickard said that she plans to vote in the upcoming midterm elections. She said that she plans to register to vote and make her voice heard.

“I think that any time you can exercise your right to vote is a good time,” Pickard said.
**Spirit commission launches new Halloween event**

This Halloween, Leadership's spirit commission brought a spooky surprise to Saratoga. The commission was created to celebrate the Halloween season and to give students a fun, friendly, and safe way to celebrate the holiday.

According to leadership's spirit commission president, Anna Ganti, the event was inspired by the popularity of pumpkin carving and the desire to bring a sense of community to the school.

“Pumpkin carving is a popular Halloween activity, and we wanted to bring it to the school in a fun and festive way,” said Ganti. “We also wanted to provide a safe and inclusive space for students to enjoy Halloween.”

The event included a variety of activities, such as pumpkin carving stations, a costume contest, and a “Trunk-or-Treat” program, where students could decorate their trunks with spooky scenes and hand out candy to trick-or-treaters.

“We wanted to make sure that everyone had a chance to participate and enjoy the event,” said Ganti. “We also wanted to make it accessible to students with different needs and preferences.”

In addition to the pumpkins, the event also featured a variety of other activities, such as face painting, a Halloween movie screening, and a costume contest.

“This was a great opportunity for students to come together and have fun,” said Ganti. “We were happy to see so many students participate and enjoy the event.”

The event was a huge success, and the spirit commission is already planning for next year’s event. They hope to continue to bring fun and festive activities to the school community and to celebrate the Halloween spirit.

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**Outreach commission aims to enrich school events**

Plattered on the walls around campus, you can see a lively scene of students engaging in school events. The school community is truly vibrant, and everyone plays a role in making it a success.

However, there is a group of students who have a unique role in enriching school events: the Outreach commission.

The Outreach commission is a group of students who work behind-the-scenes to make school events even more special. They work with teachers, staff, and other students to ensure that events are inclusive, engaging, and fun for everyone.

Whether it’s organizing a pumpkin carving event, planning a costume contest, or coordinating a “Trunk-or-Treat” program, the Outreach commission is there to make sure that events are memorable and enjoyable for all.

“This is a really special role,” said one Outreach commission member. “We get to work with so many different people and see all the different ways that people come together to enjoy school events.”

The Outreach commission is just one example of the many ways that students can get involved and make a difference in their school community.

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**Lack of attorney-coach dooms mock trial season**

The mock trial team will not participate in the county competition because the team has not been able to find an attorney-coach for the season.

The team, which previously participated in the competition, is still working to find an attorney-coach to participate in the 2023-2024 season.

Junior Katelyn Xiao, who has played the role of attorney-coach in the past, said that she is disappointed that the team will not be able to participate in the competition.

“The team is definitely similar to being able to pull off a trial,” said Xiao. “We definitely need an attorney-coach to help us with that.”

The team has been working to find an attorney-coach for the season, but so far, they have not been able to find one.

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**Dance team begins weight training regimen**

The dance team began its weight training regimen on Monday. The team has one-hour sessions once a week, and they hope that weight training will help them compete in the upcoming competition.

“We definitely need to get stronger before we go to the competition,” said senior Lailah McCollum. “We need to be able to carry ourselves and our movements throughout the whole competition.”

In addition to weight training, the team also has a focus on technique and choreography.

“We are really excited to get started and see how our techniques improve,” said McCollum. “We are looking forward to the season and hope to do well.”

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**Senic, Shasta, Gane, Stars as Brides in “Julius Caesar”**

**By Eileen Xin**

This November, senior Shasta Gane will be taking part in the Saratoga High School production of “Julius Caesar” as Brutus in his 10th drama production of his high school career, as Brutus in “Julius Caesar.”

The role of Brutus is a challenging one, as the character is a complex and multi-dimensional figure.

“Brutus is a very interesting character,” said senior Shasta Gane. “He is a very conflicted person, and he has to make some very difficult choices.”

In the role of Brutus, Gane said that she is particularly looking forward to exploring the character’s relationships and interactions with other characters.

“In the play, Brutus has to make some tough decisions, and he has to balance his loyalty to Caesar with his own sense of justice,” said Gane. “I am excited to see how I can bring this character to life.”

The play opens on November 10th and 11th at 7:30 p.m., and tickets are available for purchase at the school box office.
Senior pursures wearable tech startup to help bikers

The vibrating bands according to people, "is a real-world solution to a real-world problem."

The band has been successful in reaching its goal of raising $50,000, with the help of over 260 backers.

According to founder and CEO of ZIEIO, "We had a lot of interest from people who were passionate about creating something that could help others in their daily lives."

While the funds raised from the Kickstarter campaign will be used to further develop and market the vibrating bands, the company is also looking into potential partnerships with healthcare providers and organizations to expand its reach and impact.

The future of the vibrating bands looks bright, with plans to incorporate additional features and customize the bands to meet the needs of different users. The company is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of people around the world through innovative technology and compassionate design.
Extreme political correctness silences opinions

Reading for pleasure results in better grades

History needs to be more LGBT inclusive

Long, mahogany banquet tables covered in white tablecloths. At the front, a man with a white cane sits at a table with a microphone, addressing the audience. The room is filled with the sound of clattering cutlery and the occasional murmur of conversation. The man's words echo through the room, filling the space with a sense of anticipation and excitement.

As the reading session progresses, the atmosphere becomes more and more charged. The students' eyes are glued to the pages, their minds focused on the material at hand. The teacher, a middle-aged man with glasses, speaks with a firm yet encouraging voice, guiding the students through the text and encouraging them to ask questions and engage in discussion.

The room is dimly lit, with soft lighting casting a warm glow over the scene. The students are arranged in a semi-circle, facing the teacher and each other, creating a sense of community and support. The teacher stresses the importance of critical thinking and independent reading, encouraging the students to explore the material from different perspectives.

The reading session concludes with a review of the day's topics and a brief discussion of the students' thoughts and reactions. The teacher thanks the students for their participation, and the session comes to a close, leaving the students with a sense of accomplishment and a deeper understanding of the material covered.

The students then disperse, each carrying their books and notes as they exit the room, ready to continue their exploration of the subject through independent reading and study.
College counselors should not change writer voice of personal essays

By Rahul Vadlakonda

Although some argue that a major benefit of college counselors is that they teach students to write a personal essay, this is not at all why we use college counselors.

While attending this presentation and attending to an email that might demand some attention, you will notice that it is a small or sometimes a time-consuming task.

It seems that students are not even saying to themselves that they are actually being taught to write a personal essay.

The pamphlets handed out by representatives are not useful in making the information redundant.

For easily attended or lower-income students, presentations tend to get very minimal attendance as students are more entertained with shows or more engaging ones.

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**Bad Customer Experiences working at a tea shop**

A 5-year-old girl dressed in black pants and white tennis shoes walked into the tea shop. She was wearing a black jacket and a bright rainbow vest, clutched a toy in her right hand and had a little snowman, a stuffed animal, under her left arm. She was wearing one ski, and the little girl wouldn’t put on her skis and join the other children on the magic carpet.

“North Star’s Kid’s Ski and Snowboard School in Lake Tahoe. “I tried putting on her skis and join the other children on the magic carpet. I even had the other children stop and help her, but she just wouldn’t ski all day. But then everything changed.

But, Hill still dreaded coming back the next day because the girl was two years older, and Hill was really nervous that she wouldn’t have a good time.

So, I just wanted to spend a little more time and help her feel comfortable.

“I came back the next day and she was one of our best customers,” Hill said. “She was super ornery and just had to be on her own.

The instructors try to get the children used to the feeling of sliding by throwing plastic dinosaurs around and having the children put them into a bin, all while wearing one ski. Whereas the little girl wouldn’t even do this the previous day, she now could because she wanted both skis.

“It was like night and day — a complete change the second day,” Hill said.

Hill said that the majority of her job revolves around dealing with crying 3-year-olds who are often scared of skiing and being away from home. Her responsibilities include helping out in the front fitting room, transporting the children to and from the lesson areas (formally known as the “Beach”), watching children at the bottom of the magic carpet, picking children up when they fall and cleaning up.

“Two years ago, Hill took a lesson with a instructor at North Star. This instructor in turn recommended her for the job. She attended the North Star’s Kid’s like snowboard festival as a child and enjoyed it, so she decided to take the opportunity.

Now, Hill works over holidays and any weekend that she can, although last weekend she worked a full day and a half, which was the longest time she ever worked.

“I was just as nervous as the child because she was so difficult. But then the child realized that I was a ski instructor and that she could trust me. After that, she did an amazing job and I think she ended up having a good time on the magic carpet because of how much I tried to help her get comfortable.”

**Freshman teaches Chinese instrument**

Freshman Selina Chen exits her parent’s car in the Freshman lot and walks into the Cupertino Language Center. Chen is teaching a class of 8 - 10 students at different levels. This is her second year teaching at the center and she said she loves it.

Chen teaches her class twice a week: eight students and five teachers. Unlike students in high school who go to after-school programs to learn a subject, Chen teaches a class. In particular, she teaches young children to play the guitar, the Chinese erhu, a traditional string instrument.

What makes her qualified to teach the subject? For one thing, she lived in China for 11 years, and she has been playing the guitar since she was 6. Additionally, being fluent in Chinese, Chen is able to speak to her students in the language and reinforce language skills their parents want them to learn.

According to Chen, one benefit of working during the summer is that she doesn’t have as much school work to worry about compared to upperclassmen. "During the interview the principal of the center asked me if I was a junior or senior, and they were very surprised when I answered freshman. After the interview, I was asked to do a demo class, and I did really well on that," Chen said.

Chen plans to donate the money that she earns from teaching to her teaching at the school’s LEO club, which has a youth volunteer and service club sponsored by International Lions; it encourages members to engage with ideas and create projects they are passionate about. As secretary, Chen wanted to do her best to support the newly formed club.

Unlike most students who have jobs, Chen is relatively young: only 14. But she believes that her age shouldn’t discourage learning centers from hiring her.

She does have school work to do, but it’s easy for her to balance her school work and her job. "I think it’s my language ability that makes me stand out because I can communicate better with the students than other teachers who don’t have the same ability," Chen said.

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Silver Sea 9.5/10

Silver Sea pay respect to another C.S. Lewis book: “The Voyage of the Dawn Treader.” Mediterranean Mystery offers an array of 25 deluxe staterooms, each furnished with a private balcony or ocean view. Silver Sea’s designers and creators have set out to capture the spirit of the original voyage, emphasizing the sea’s character, and giving the staterooms a luxurious feel. The result is a beautiful, spacious ship that is sure to please even the most discriminating travelers.

Bachus Spring 9.3/10

Moton shows the fountain at the center of Montalvo’s Calico Pond to create a serene ambiance. The fountain, surrounded by colorful flower beds and trees, is a perfect spot to relax and enjoy the natural beauty of the park. The fountain’s design is simple yet elegant, with water flowing gracefully around the central column. The surrounding gardens are well-maintained, with a variety of plants and flowers in bloom. Overall, the fountain is a beautiful focal point in the park, adding to the overall aesthetic of the area.

Ramandu’s Table 9/10

One thousand plastic lawn flamingos stand lined up on the Charnum Garden Pathway. They are assembled in a circle, with their heads sticking up from the ground, mimicking the shape of small birds on their way to a nearby lake. For this exhibit, Montalvo invited prominent artists to contribute their work, resulting in a unique and eye-catching display. The flamingos are arranged in an intricate pattern, with varying heights and intervals, creating a sense of depth and movement. Overall, the display is a creative and whimsical addition to the garden, sure to delight visitors of all ages.

**Halloween**

“When we first watched the trailer for ‘A Star is Born,’ we were excited to see Lady Gaga in starring role in the new film, but then we heard about whether Gaga would be able to portray her character convincingly. But after watching the movie and almost being brought to tears, we were extremely pleased with Gaga’s performance. Despite being the ninth remake of the original 1937 movie, this year’s version successfully created an almost 70 million dollar wide. The romantic drama, directed by Bradley Cooper, stars Cooper and Lady Gaga as a struggling NFL player and a renowned country music singer, respectively. The film follows their story and highlights some of the challenges they face. The music is one of the highlights of the film and features covers of popular songs.

However, some challenges have been faced by the film, such as the character’s chemistry and the pop-singer’s performance. Nevertheless, the film managed to draw wide attention, with a budget of $4 million. The soundtrack has been praised for its catchy and full of power, earning awards and positive reviews. With its powerful music and emotional story, “A Star is Born” is undoubtedly the most anticipated film of the year. It has been nominated for multiple awards, including Best Picture, Best Actor, and Best Actress. The film has been praised for its emotional depth and powerful performances, making it a must-watch for music lovers and romantic drama enthusiasts.

**‘The Hate U Give’**

The film “The Hate U Give” is a powerful and thought-provoking film that reflects on the reality of police brutality and the need for change in our society. The film is based on Angie Thomas’ novel of the same name and features a talented cast, including Logan Browning as the protagonist Starr Carter. The film follows Starr’s journey as she navigates the complexities of her life as a Black woman in a wealthy neighborhood while still facing the reality of systemic racism and police brutality.

The film’s themes include police brutality, Black activism, and the need for change in our society. Starr’s story is a powerful reminder of the ongoing struggle for justice and the importance of speaking out against systemic racism.

**‘Dumplin’**

The film “Dumplin’” is a coming-of-age story that follows a young woman, Willowdean, as she navigates the challenges ofNavigating the rocky road of no-Outlet beauty pageants, Willowdean must learn to embrace herself and use her unique qualities to succeed. The film is a heartwarming and inspiring story that celebrates individuality and self-love.

**‘The New Mutants’**

The film “The New Mutants” is a superhero film that follows a group of young adults who are granted superpowers after being exposed to a mysterious vaccine. The film explores themes of identity, acceptance, and the struggle to find one’s place in the world.

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**‘Lady Bird’**

The film “Lady Bird” is a coming-of-age story that follows a high school senior named Christine and her rocky relationship with her mother. The film explores themes of family, identity, and the complexities of growing up.

**‘The Shape of Water’**

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grave’s classroom, a student team—
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They were gathering surfacing key-
words; keyboards, students working 
together, juggling their own ideas, 
their answers to questions about the 
pages they were taking notes. “The page count 
grew.”

“People just really like working 
hydrating in around because we know our 
students from Cupertino High School and The King’s Academy performed a dance called Super-

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Annie Xu, the Green Team has 

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“Learning how to type quickly, to share documents.

Though he was doubtful of the new board, 
years ago. Once he had the time, 
work for SMART, the company that 

We had posters up all over 

Melissa Hesgovernment. 

There’s a lot of cool tools in the software 
that Google Cardboard allowed him to see 
students who did not have chance to go 

Hesselgrave currently uses Chrome-

Yim said that a close acquaintance who 

“lead the students the way in this 

By Kyle Willingham

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Voice from the drinking fountain in the 

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Review: Despite vital goals, book doesn’t make a dent in college admissions mania

While they argue that a few high school students truly know what they want to do, students often explore their passions during this time to determine their path. After turning out, thus, they present their findings in different ways to discover and make decisions depending on how clear their path is. For example, “Dreaming of Stanford” provides valuable advice and insights on the college process, as well as provides guidance to prospective students. The book is not exhaustive but is designed to help you find your path. For example, the book offers advice on choosing a college, but it is not exhaustive and leaves room for readers to explore different options. However, this book can be a valuable resource for students who want to explore different options and make informed decisions about their college path. For students who are considering applying to Stanford, this book can provide valuable insights into the college’s application process and help them make informed decisions about their college path.

Lucid dreaming: Students shape their experiences

Three days, three hours, four minutes ago, I stepped onto your high school campus. I sat in my first math class, asking myself how I would ever survive this. But after three days, I have come to the realization that this is just the beginning of a long road. As I look back on those three days, I can see how much I have grown and how much I have learned. I have realized that this is just the beginning of a long road. I have come to the realization that this is just the beginning of a long road. As I look back on those three days, I can see how much I have grown and how much I have learned. I have realized that this is just the beginning of a long road. I have come to the realization that this is just the beginning of a long road. As I look back on those three days, I can see how much I have grown and how much I have learned. I have realized that this is just the beginning of a long road. I have come to the realization that this is just the beginning of a long road.
WINNERS of four straight, Falcons look to punch their ticket to CCS with victory tonight

By Payton Stokes

After starting the season with a 1-4 record, plagued with injuries and careless mistakes by an inexperienced team, the football squad is currently on a nine-game winning streak and 9-2 overall this season. The Falcons standalone record allows them one win away from a CCS appearance — a victory in Lynbrook on Nov. 2, which initially looked like a long shot after the first few weeks of the season, with half of the starters playing varsity for the first time.

With a victory at Lynbrook on Nov. 2, the Falcons will be able to return once again to the CCS playoffs. It is imperative considering how far behind the Falcons started off and for more than half of the starters on the team, this season is the first time playing varsity in their careers.

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Throughout the season, the players have demonstrated their ability to carry on big plays, according to junior wide receiver Tyler Provost.

“Getting everyone back on the field and healthy, along with some of our other injured players has been a huge boost for us. We are able to have more bodies allowing us to stay rested during games,” junior wide receiver Tyler Provost said.

Some players are still injured, including junior wide receiver Ryan Gilgott and senior tight end Peter Owens, but even before these players are able to return to the team, with the help of the team’s developed defense, they will be able to return to the field.

With these players back, the team is able to implement some of its most complicated plays, especially on the defense side, as more bodies allow the coaches to call more versatile plays.

Add to the mix, even most of the Falcons were not at full strength, and were enduring many injuries and illnesses, but the Falcons still were able to achieve a second place finish in the league playoffs, making a deep playoff run, especially considering that they have won or come close to winning every game that they played.

“We weren’t really executing on defense at the beginning of the year, but now we understand the playbook much better, and our defense is able to make a ton of big plays and get turnovers like it did [against Los Altos],” said Provost.

As for the offense side, the team has been performing really well recently, putting up 55, 48 and 54 points over their last three games.

Junior quarterback Payton Stokes has continued to connect with his favorite receiver, Bian, who followed up his record breaking 16-3 against Monta Vista on Oct. 24, just one day later.

According to Stokes, it’s Bian’s work ethic and ability to make quick in-game adjustments based on coverage that has allowed him to reach places that no having

“As a unit, they were able to effectively get stops on demand, allowing the offense a comfortable lead to keep scoring.”

“In commanding fashions over the past few weeks, and our morale as a team has improved as well. It has been really key to our success this entire season, and has only scored 27 points against two main factors: first, getting all their starters playing varsity for the first time. And second, the development and execution of such a young team, especially the defense’s ability to carry out their plan, the way we were able to make big plays and get turnovers like it did [against Los Altos],” said Provost.

Because of this recent success, the Falcons are one win away from CCS. They will play their first game vs. Santa Cruz Nov. 3 at Lynbrook.

Senior attacker and sprinter Maddie Stutario thought the team has a great chance of making a deep playoff run, especially considering that they have won or come close to winning every game that they played.

“We know that every time we get the ball, we are going to score,” joked Stokes. “So all we need is for our defense to get a couple stops, and we will win.”

Although the competition in the most recent weeks has been relatively easy, comparatively, players are not tuned in to having some of the better teams that they lost to earlier in the season during the first few weeks of the CCS playoffs.

To keep executing the way we are on offense and keep the defense playing at a high level, the Falcons can definitely beat some of those teams we lost to earlier in the year, and hopefully win CCS, he said.

“I don’t think we can pull out wins in commanding fashions over the past few weeks, and our chemistry together is amazing,” said Stokes. “I know people think the defense is their weakness, and there is some truth to it. As a team, we always have fun on the field. We are able to have more bodies allowing us to stay rested during games.”

“By any standard the girls have enjoyed an incredible season, and have been able to implement some of their more complicated plays, especially on the defense side, as more bodies allow the coaches to call more versatile plays.”

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Falcons cap off successful regular season with two wins

With a notice of record 7-3, the girls’ golf team advanced to CCS after playing well at league, which was held on Oct. 24 at Santa Teresa Golf Club.

On Oct. 16, the Falcons won 218-352 at Los Altos, and on Oct. 17, they scored a 226 against Lynbrook.

The team said they were happy with their season and the work they put in on the course.

“Every time we came to practice, we were always a happy and jumping group of people,” said senior captain Jlin Jia.

“The season is going really well. Every game we are getting very high and we are going to play as a team,” said senior captain Jia.

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With a league record of 7-3, the girls’ golf team says they are satisfied with their season. They are hoping to win their last game against Lynbrook 20-2 on Oct. 26.

“Despite the girls losing 3-0 to Presence North, they are still happy with the improvement they have made as a team,” said the team’s coach, Kevin Oliver.

“We have a league record of 7-3. We are already satisfied with our season and we will be looking forward to our next match,” said senior captain Jia.

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Mathew Luo

It’s 6:45 a.m., and I’m asleep, savoring my first non-Clash Royale dream in a week. Still asleep, I look around, noticing flashes of blurry color and jumbled text. I’m in a lucid dream!

Then my gaze drops down, and suddenly I’m conscious of my hands, my feet, my phone, my Clash Royale app open … four cards on hand and 10 elixir in the bank?

My eyes sweep up the phone’s screen, resting on my opponent’s three towers, which stand across the arena, mocking me. Thinking quickly, I drop my six-cost Elite Barbarians at the bridge. Now I have four elixir. My beautiful Elite Barbarians sprint across the bridge to attack my opponent’s towers. The Princess on the tower shoots across the bridge to attack my opponent’s Barbarians card at the bridge. Now I have thinking quickly, I drop my six-cost Elite which stand across the arena, mocking me. Thinking quickly, I drop my six-cost Elite cards in hand and 10 elixir in the bank?!

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Just get to physics class at 8:17. Physics is a terrible bore, so I just think of Clash Royale and doodle my time away. Before long, tutorial starts. By then, I’ve gotten six pairs of Elite Barbarians drawn on my paper.

My first opponent is a filthy Royal Giant user, but with my flawless gameplay, extreme skill and high-leveled Elite Barbarians, I take down all his towers for a three crown victory. My opponent quits in frustration, so I spam the laughing face emoji at him to show him my respect. A huge grin splits my lips and I start laughing hystereically.

My second opponent is a dirty, no-skill noob Lava Hound user. I take his left tower and he takes my right in the first three minutes of the game, and things look about even when the game drags on into overtime in the fourth minute.

With just 30 seconds left to spare, my opponent three-crows me with his disgusting over-leveled Balloon! What a card. I let out a string of curses as my opponent “pays me some respect” by plastering the screen with crying emojis. I hear my friends laughing at me across the library aisle. My blood pressure starts rising— I’m fist-poundingly, blood-vessel-poppingly enraged.

Look up. Whoops, it’s already 10:18. I can’t do homework with only two minutes to spare in tutorial, so I head over to Mrs. Warnuth’s room for calculus. Somehow, a whole 33 minutes just passed.

The day drags by, and I don’t even get to request 40 Elite Barbarians again. A.m., but I get a small reprieve at 9:15 when I get to request 40 Elite Barbarians again. English and AP Chemistry are familiar enemies now, just like over-leveled Royal Giants and Hog Riders.

Man, junior year sucks. I collapse into bed at 2:15, dreaming peaceful dreams of Clash Royale and blissfully knowing that just five hours later I can live the same day over again.

To be completely honest, I trust Amazon a lot, but I don’t trust them enough to let them in my car.”

“arizona’s new In-Car delivery (pg. 11)

$8.6 million  
the cost of building the McAfee Center  
(pg. 16)

CHEETOS  
Crunch these bois, but not in Patel.

NEMO  
The only thing I’m finding these days is sadness.

Donald Trump  
Wait, didn’t we say cheetos already?

RED ORANGE COUNTY  
Alexa, play “Four Seasons” by Rex (orange) Sensen.

CANDY CORN  
Halloween is over. Get this sweetened plastic out of here.

CHEF  
Crunch these bois, but not in Patel.

FANTA  
Is this real life or just Fanta-G?

LIL-PUMP-KINS  
Go watch Lil Pump perform “I Love It” on SNL. Now.

FALL LEAVES  
Because leaves fall in the fall, duh.

ORANGES  
Are oranges orange because they’re orange or are easy oranges because they’re orange?