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“She was a bright light...”



Maren Sanchez was a beloved friend and classmate who was taken from us far too soon. We will never forget her infectious smile, her generosity, and her love for life. Her spirit will live on forever.

“Maren was one of a kind. No one could compare to how beautiful, smart, brave, talented, pure, kind-hearted, and amazing she was. She was a friend to everyone, and no matter where she is, she’ll always be the life of the party.” - Amanda DeLeo

“Maren was one of the most genuine people I have ever met. She was so kind to everyone and her smile lifted up others. She will forever be an inspiration to me.” - Alyssa Paladino

“She was sunshine contained in a girl.” - Kellie Muldowney

“She was my inspiration and my role model. She changed me for the better.” - Colleen McMurray

“She was just always happy. She always had a smile on her face.” - Rebecca Golden

“She was easy to talk to and was always there for everyone.” - Danica Wens

“Maren was the happiest and most genuine person I’ve ever met.” - Jake Miller

“Maren was the epitome of the perfect girl. She will never be forgotten as long as I live. I will continue to love her forever.” - Cori Kalafus

“Maren was the most beautiful person I have ever known. She was kind, caring, loving, trusting, and genuine in everything she said and did. She was everything I aspire to be.” - Kira Topalian

“She was a beautiful girl with a big smile, a big personality, and an even bigger heart.” - Casey LaScola

“Maren was an amazing person. She was always smiling, laughing, and making jokes. She genuinely cared about everyone.” - Raeven Grant

“Maren was the greatest person you could find. She was understanding, caring, and so generous.” - Hayley Sanchez

“Maren was an angel in disguise, walking amongst the Earth, but she was out past her curfew and she was summoned back home” - Cara Richardson

“Cherish each and every day.” - Karissa Talamelli

“Words seem pointless to express the sorrow I feel. She will always be loved.” - Storm Saulnier

“Be strong because things will get better. It may be stormy now but it never rains forever.” - Niamh Nelson

“Maren was an angel in all of our eyes. She just went home.” - Mikaela Gray

“She taught me to live life to the fullest and always be yourself.” - Melissa Hanania

“Appreciate the little things in life.” - Caitlyn Zawadski

“When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.” - Leslie Terres

“You’re still hoping. You’re still wishing. And you’re staying strong, fighting with the tears in your eyes.” - Alexia Escaleira

“I’ll never forget all of our good times in middle school. We’re strong buddies forever. I’m going to miss you greatly.” - Hailey Ashcroft

“Keep your head high, keep your chin up, and most importantly, keep smiling because life is a beautiful thing and there’s so much to smile about.” - Tia DiBiase

“Those we love don’t go away. They walk beside us everyday, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed, and very dear.” - Kyle Hartnett

“Maren was and is and always will be part of the Drama Club family.” - Vicky Toth

“Maren was the sun that made our days shine.” - Anthony Falcon

“Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. Rest in paradise. I love you so much. We all love you so much.” - Brie Williams

“Courage is not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it.” - Maddie Murphy

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Avoid Senioritis At All Costs

The symptoms are all here: laziness, procrastination, and a lack of determination; everyone has been infected with it: Senioritis.

April break has come and gone, AP testing is about to start, and finally, graduation is closing in. Their studies at Jonathan Law will soon come to an end as they progress onto furthering their education at other institutions or following their dreams and aspirations.

They stop caring about their classes with the mentality of, “Why does it matter? I’ve already gotten into college,” but they must realize that the end of the year is especially important.

Colleges tend to compare the beginning of the school year to the final results at the end of the school year. Furthermore, they can deny a student after acceptance if they truly did not live up to the college’s standards.

That, however, isn’t the only concern that should be kept on mind. Seniors need to have taken a certain amount of credits and passed a certain number of classes, otherwise, they will not be able to graduate due to the standards set.

There are many positives to keeping your grades up and putting as much effort as possible into schoolwork. For instance, seniors that keep a B-plus average or better in their classes at the end of the year will not have to take their finals; this could mean more sleep during the day, more time to relax with graduation and other senior activities, and just plainly, more fun.

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Senioritis hasn’t just begun to affect the senior class, though. It also influences juniors, sophomores, and freshmen in their school work as well. The years leading up to senior year are important as well. Colleges look at the progress that’s occurred, especially during students’ junior years simply to see the challenges that they may have overcome or significant improvements made during their schoolings.

Even with the end of CAPT testing in the state and the initiation of SBAC tests, juniors need to begin caring more about their grades and efforts in school to ensure that they will have the best futures possible. Some have slacked on the SBAC tests, but they may not realize that everything they do now and the results can highly effect their graduation and their lives as well.

It’s time to start caring, about grades, school, and futures. Students shouldn’t just pass off the end of the year simply because it’s close to summer. Jonathan Law should get over the infection and stop senioritis in its tracks.

‘College Confidential’ Helps Students With Applications

Carol Phillips
Staff Reporter

It is important that juniors focus on their future this year. Not many people want to do this, however it is necessary to start college research. In the upcoming year, juniors are going to be looking into colleges, going on college visits, and actually applying for these colleges soon after.

So where to start? There are many colleges that offer anything and everything for students. But which one is the right fit?

The best place to start off is with “College Confidential.”

It is free to sign up for an account, however it isn’t required to have an account to browse. If signed up, it is possible to “pin” a college so it is easier to find later.

What is needed to do first when first on this website? To start off, on the top bar, there is a button that says “college search.” If this tab is clicked on, there are other tabs about different qualities a college has. For example, it will ask about what location the student prefers or what school size would work best with the student. This narrows down the colleges from all around so the ones that fit best for the student would only appear.

The website also mentions, by percents, how well the college matches to students interests. For example, if the college has every good quality, but a little bit of a steeper tuition than put in the system, then the percent this college matches to the student might be 92%.



A good amount of colleges at this point will pop up on the screen. This is when the student needs to look at the information provided to see which best fits their interests.

This website is very similar to “College Board,” however with a few different layout features. So if someone likes “College Board,” they will also like “College Confidential.”

When the number of colleges is narrowed down like this, it is easier to pick and choose which ones are going to be the right choice.

Once someone has chosen their top five colleges from this list, it is recommended to visit them. Even if the college search matched someone up to a college, this doesn’t mean that the college is the definite right fit for someone.

It is crucial that juniors start thinking about what they want in a school, then start looking into what colleges offer and if it is everything they are looking for. If someone is going to be somewhere for four years of their lives, they should enjoy it.

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Congress Must Solve National Debt Problem

Josh Wiesel
Staff Reporter

The national debt is higher than any time since the period immediately following the Great Depression. According to the U.S. Treasury Department, the U.S. debt is now \$17.075 trillion. Both Democrats and Republicans have their own ideas about controlling the debt, but no plan can be agreed upon.

This issue raises one important question: Doesn't the establishment in Washington know that the debt will have to be paid somehow and that the cost of our country's debt will be passed on to someone else? Or do they think that we can just keep printing more and more money without any consequences? How is the debt not more of a pressing problem when the government has to borrow \$4 billion every day just to function?

The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that by 2035 the debt would reach 100 percent of GDP. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi claims that the U.S. doesn't have a spending problem, but a "deficit budget problem" that the country needs to address.

What is wrong with the political establishment that they complain about the so-called draconian cuts known as the sequester when those were just reductions in projected increases?

The reason no real spending is ever cut is that both parties have their own programs that they want to protect and their own special interests. Republicans' special interests include the big agriculture



(photo courtesy commonsenseevaluation.com)

companies and the Democrats' special interests include the wind and solar companies.

The U.S. shouldn't have to give billions of dollars to any of these private companies. In a capitalist system, people don't pick winners and losers and finance money to certain companies but not others. A true capitalist system is based on trial and error, and if a company fails to provide services to the public they simply go bankrupt.

The Republicans are just as bad because they have their own programs that they like to finance. How can Republicans call themselves fiscal conservatives and support giving away subsidies to corporate farmers?

The Congressional Research Center estimated that in 2012, the U.S. Department

of Agriculture spent more than \$14 billion to insure just 200 farming companies against the loss of crops or income?

According to the Congressional Research Center, the crop insurance program has cost taxpayers more than \$50 billion since 2000. What role should the federal government have in insuring farmers against loss? If farmers take a risk and fail, it is their own fault and they should face the consequences.

Is it really justified for the government to come and bail them out and then the taxpayers are the ones who pay the bills? Members of government should really start asking themselves if money spent in the hands of bureaucracies is more effective than money spent in the hands of private individuals.

The truth is that private individuals spend money more effectively than government because there is more competition and more incentives to improve. When money is put in the hands of government bureaucracies it creates inefficiency because there is not shared knowledge but only knowledge in a small group of bureaucracies.

What has the federal government really done to improve the education system?

Has an education system at the federal level really made the U.S. education system competitive with the rest of the world? It is estimated that the U.S. spends more on education than any developed nation in the world but has some of the lowest academic results

The opponents to

The way both parties should compromise is not to compromise on the amount of spending, but instead to cut from their own special interests and put all government programs on the table for cuts. It is time for both parties to get their act together and stop robbing the next generation.

spending cuts will argue that if the government cuts too deeply into spending it will cause austerity and a loss of revenue. The problem with that argument is that it fails to recognize that real revenue does not come from government bureaucrats spending money on things but instead from the hands of individuals. Until that mindset is changed, the U.S. will never seriously cut spending. The way both parties should compromise is not to compromise on the amount of spending, but instead to cut from their own special interests and put all government programs on the table for cuts. It is time for both parties to get their act together and stop robbing the next generation.

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Juniors Raise Money For Prom

Darby Hudd
Staff Reporter

This year's junior parents at Jonathan Law are working hard for an enjoyable post-prom.

"Elena Herbert and I co-chair the committee this year," parent Jessie Hudd said.

So far this year the committee has had multiple fundraising events.

"It's so easy to come up with new events because everyone in the committee has such great ideas," Herbert said.

Some of their most popular events are the wine tastings at Bin 100, and bus trips to Mohegan Sun.

They also hosted a comedy night, and the local band The RumRunners held a show to help raise money.

"I think all of our events are interesting and fun, like the one we held at Title Boxing," Hudd said. "It was so nice to see a bunch of students and teachers come out and support."

But their biggest fundraising event that happened so far was on April 4-6.

The event was called Retail 101 and featured a company that brought in brand name clothes to sell at a cheaper price.

"The Retail 101 sale was a lot of fun," junior **Morgan Colombo** said. "I got so many cute clothes and it felt good supporting my own class, I hope they do it again next year."

Over the past few years, post-prom has been held outside of Law.

"The parents used to turn the café at Law into a playground for the kids after prom," Hudd said. "But now we rent out the Sports Center in Shelton."

All the activities at the

The post-prom committee said that not only will there be prizes like an Xbox and an iPad at post-prom but every junior has the opportunity to win a car just by attending.

Sports Center are open to the students including the ice rink, arcade, bowling, mini golf, and laser tag.

"I'm really looking forward to post prom because I hear there is going to be some really good prizes and raffles this year," junior **Justine Bannon** said.

The committee said that not only will there be prizes like an Xbox and an iPad but every junior has the opportunity to win a car.

"We want the students to have fun and enjoy their prom night," Hudd said. "And having it at the Sports Center is keeping them safe too, and that is our main goal."

The committee has been working hard to put this event on, starting back in May 2013.

"Sending out sponsorship letters to most of the businesses in Milford really helped us and helped us get some of our food donated too," Herbert said.

Another thing the committee thinks will be a big hit is all the food they will have for the students including Colony, Joey C's, Dunkin' Donuts, and Buffalo Wild Wings.

The committee is very excited for post-prom and can't wait until April 25.

Key Club Wins Several Awards At Convention

Ismar Junuzovic
Staff Reporter

The Jonathan Law Key club could have used an extra suitcase for all of the awards they won at the recent Key Club convention.

The club is advised by **Mr. Boynton** and the club presidents are **Jacque Jalaf** and **Jake Miller**.

The District Convention is held every year at the Marriot Hotel in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The event is held in order to gather all Key Club volunteers and recognize excellence that each district contributes as well as which ones volunteer the most.

The event is for an entire weekend, which allows members from different districts to meet, socialize and discussing upcoming volunteer projects.

This year, Law won a first place award for monthly reports, a first place award for club video, a second place award for single service, a second place award for annual achievement and junior **Carol Phillips** won the Local Publications Award.

"We've volunteered for over 60 events this year," Boynton said.

The convention also offered its fair share of fun such as the two dances that were held on the first and second night.

Members of Key Club are able to sign up for various activities with their friends,



Officers pose after getting awarded for the Key Club's success. (photo courtesy Izzy Junuzovic)

such as carnivals and parades. They are also able to help the community and gain community service hours.

"My favorite event of the year was doing the Salvation Army over the winter," Phillips said. "It's just a great feeling, being able to help out those in need during the holidays"

Another intriguing reason for any students to join is if a member acquires 200 or more hours of service, they will have the honor of graduating with distinction.

The Key Club is always welcome to new members who want to volunteer and help better the community.

"My biggest ambition would be to expand the club to a much greater size this year as a new president," incoming president **Alexis Maltes** said. "I want to create

a welcoming attitude, while providing for more incredible volunteer opportunities for our members"

The club is a year-round organization that will volunteer from events that range from tutoring young kids with academics to helping set up and run a carnival for an entire weekend.

"There are endless amounts of opportunities to have fun while helping build your school and community," vice president **Max Slusky** said.

The Jonathan Law Key Club is a welcoming organization that invites any student in any grade level to join.

Interested students can attend a weekly Key Club meeting and more than enough volunteer opportunities will be present.

Law Raises Awareness To Stop Use Of The 'R-Word'

Mariah Root
Staff Reporter

The Special Education classes at Jonathan Law High School have started a campaign to end the use of the word "retarded."

They are hoping that the rest of the school will join them as they "Spread the Word to end the Word." The R-Word campaign is an effort to raise awareness about the hurtfulness of the R-Word and to get people to pledge to make it stop.

A new R-Word will be used in its place- respect. The term "Mental Retardation" is now being called "Intellectual Disability." This is to avoid the exclusive, offensive, and derogatory slang term that has evolved from this original medical description.

Instead of equating Intellectual Disability with being "dumb" or "stupid," Mrs.

Daniels' classes plan to show other students that "respect" is a better R-word to use.

"The R-word is not only disrespectful, but it also shows a lack of sensitivity," senior **Colleen Bogucki** said in a Public Service Announcement designed to promote the campaign to end the use of the word.

March was the National "End the R-Word" month. During April, bracelets will be sold at Jonathan Law High School that read, "Spread the Word to End the Word," like they have in previous years.

Jonathan Law Broadcast Journalism students also made a Public Service Announcement (PSA) that was broadcasted on the morning announcements. It featured Special Education class members **Billy Hayden**, **Luigi DeCastro**, **Edwin Degala**, **Robert Daniels**, and

many others.

"I really enjoyed creating the PSA for the R-word campaign and getting involved," senior **Molly Wasson** said. "Students seemed to be really moved by our video and that was good to see."

The Public Service Announcement showed Jonathan Law seniors and Special Education students speaking about why we should eliminate the use of the R-word.

The Special Education classes at Jonathan Law designed posters to hang around the hallways at school to spread awareness.

Posters featured the phrases "Spread the Word to End the Word" and "Use a Different R-Word."

Jonathan Law students can help the campaign by pledging to stop using the R-word in and out of school.

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Premium Frozen Yogurt Café

Law Music Program Debuts March Concert

Jesiree Carrera
Editor-In-Chief

It was a night to celebrate Milford's music - and to make a little history.

For the first time, Jonathan Law and Joseph A. Foran High School choir and band students came together to perform in a Music in our Schools concert on March 18, in the Foran auditorium. Both music programs assembled together to observe Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM) and raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children.

"For those of us who work with our music students and our music faculty, the expectations for problem solving, creativity, rigor, practice, and performance assessment are not new; they have been in place for a long time and our students have met those expectations as their teachers, with support from their parents and families, have guided them forward," said Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Mr. Cummings. "The Arts are a gateway to student learning and continuous growth."

Neither music programs have combined to perform together in the separate high schools' history. The only other time where the music programs have ever collided was a performance with the



The Jonathan Law Combined Choir rehearses before showtime. (photo courtesy Jean Kovacs)

New Haven Symphony.

"Out of all of the years from my experience with the Milford Public Schools' music programs, this is the first event I can ever recall the two high schools performing together," said pianist Jean Kovacs. "I hope we can have more events like this in the future between Jonathan Law and Foran."

Normally, Foran's music department would invite the music department from either Harborside or East Shore Middle School to perform

with them in commemorating MIOSM and to further their class selection process, but due to complicated circumstances, Harborside's music department were not able to participate.

Jonathan Law's choir began the concert with "A Red, Red Rose" by Richard Gabrillo and "How Can I Keep From Singing" by Greg Gilpin.

"Normally, Jonathan Law only prepares for a winter and a spring concert, so students were challenged with putting together a concert after new

pupils were added into the classes," said choir conductor **Mrs. Rizzotti**. "The students did really well and their performance pleased the audience."

Foran's combined choir sang "Sicut Cervus" by Giovanni da Palestrina and "Bonse Aba," a traditional Zambian folk song arranged by Victor Johnson. Students from the choir provided the percussion as well to further the song's rhythm.

"Both the choirs did

amazingly with both of their songs," said senior **Melissa Padilla**. "I think their selections showed the diversity of musical pieces and the challenging songs that students have to learn pretty well."

After a brief intermission, the Law Band performed the Symphonic Suite from "Far And Away" by John Williams, "Air For Band" by Frank Erickson, and "Chicago" by Robert Lamm and James Parkow. The Foran Band soon followed with "Emblem Of Freedom" by Karl King, "Let The Spirit Soar" by James Swearingen, and "Prairie Dances" by David R. Holsinger.

Finally, the bands and choirs of Law and Foran performed "America the Beautiful" by Ward and Carmen Dragon, as a combined piece.

"I thought the concert was a great success," said Foran Band Director Mrs. Shearer. "It was a showcase of our high school music programs and an opportunity for our two schools to interact and support each other; it was a wonderful opportunity to work with our colleagues across town and to see the students interact."

While future combined concerts are still unknown, there is much hope for another collaboration of great musicality and passion from the two high school music programs.

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Every year, a group of young men compete against each other to show off their courage, personas, and talents to be awarded the title of Mr. Jonathan Law.

Out of all the contestants that showed us their great talents, it was hard for the judges and audience to pick a winner, but senior **Ryan Siddall** pulled through to be crowned this year's Mr. JLHS, with seniors **Chris Mercaldo** and **Michael Vaccaro** as the runners-up.

"I can't believe I won when I was competing with such great talents," Siddall said. "I'm proud of myself for winning, but I think everyone else there deserved to win too."

Keyettes advisor **Mrs. Jaekle** is in charge of the pageant and she was very impressed with this year's outcome.

English teacher **Mr. Nigretti** was the show's host.

"I thought it went really well," Jaekle said. "The boys had a lot of fun and seemed to enjoy themselves."

Each one of the contestants had a unique skit to show



Senior Aaron Tejada dances on stage at Mr. JLHS. (photo courtesy Jacob Williamson)

off. Siddall performed his re-enactment of the famous dance scene from "Risky Business" with everything accurate from the dress shirt to showing off his tighty whities.

The runners-up went on the path of showing off their musical skills. Vaccaro did a cover of the song "Happy" while wearing a crazy outfit and swinging the microphone chord violently. From his high-pitched singing, it was clear he

was there to make the audience laugh.

"I like making a fool out of myself," Vaccaro said. "It was the best opportunity to do so."

A duet was formed when Mercaldo and senior **John Lawless** decided to have an act together in the pageant. Lawless was playing guitar and singing while Mercaldo was on keyboards. They decided to invite their friend **Mariah Hanania** to join them

on stage to make it a three-person group.

"I was talking to John about it and I showed him some stuff I know on piano, then we both liked a video I found on YouTube and decided to do that song for Mr. JLHS," Mercaldo said. "We thought about how Mariah is a really good singer and would be a perfect addition to this act; so basically it all fit together by itself."

Another musical talent was senior **Brandon D'Agostino** performing an original song by himself. Also, senior **Aaron Tejada** showed off his dancing skills by dancing to a series of songs mixed together and junior **Zach Ourfalian** amazed the crowd with his BMX skills.

Two seniors decided to do stand-up comedy this year. Not only **Jake Miller** did a stand-up act this year, but at last year's pageant as well. Both times he made the audience crack up.

A new comedian also came out this year and had the crowd going with his jokes about the school's faculty. Senior **Sami Yousif** had a great presence on stage that everybody loved.

"I like to make people laugh," Yousif said. "It was fun for me and I was calm throughout my act."

Assisting Jaekle at the pageant was first-year teacher **Ms. Wilcock**, who was also one of the judges.

She plans on doing it again next year and wants to get more involved in it.

"I'm looking forward to helping next year," Wilcock said. "I would like to see more participation from kids at next year's pageant."

French Bistro Changes Up Law's Lunchtime Routine

Jesiree Carrera

Editor-In-Chief

Creamy Nutella filled crepes, soft and scrumptious madeleines, and Parisian flair combined with the Jonathan Law French Four class's French Bistro on March 19 in the auditorium for the first and only time in the school's history.

The bistro took place during all lunch waves, with both students and teachers alike lining up for the French delicacies. The tickets were only five dollars per person, which were being sold by French Four students or French teacher **Mrs. Almonte** either before the planned date or at the door.

"The Bistro Day went amazingly well," said Almonte. "The entire event, especially the crepe making, was a bonding experience for our class after four years of being together."

The idea for the bistro was student generated while brainstorming for fundraising ideas to aid finances with the Class of 2014's trip to Europe and the end of the year for the graduating French students. While debating over many different possibilities, the

students felt as though food would be the best option to bring people out and help in their efforts.

"We've spent many chapters about food and presenting our own cuisines to our class, so we wanted to share that experience with the rest of the school," said senior **Amanda DeLeo**.

"We were really excited since our class especially loves Nutella."

While the students were extremely excited to being their planning, they first had to ensure that the Bistro would be able to be held due to previous rules about clubs and classes selling food to raise money.

After collaboration with the main office for approval, the French Four class was able to host the event in the auditorium and begin their preparations.

They first had to figure out which day of the 6-day rotation would fit the bistro with the most time as possible, and decided upon E-Day, where period five was their regular French period so that fewer students had to be excused from classes. When originally choosing the day, students wanted to host the

Bistro on February 5, but due to unfortunate weather conditions, they had to continually reschedule until they chose March 19 as the official date.

While preparing for the Bistro, students were assigned objects and decorations to benefit the success of the French Bistro to the best of their abilities.

Once all of the arrangements for the Bistro were in place, the French Four class worked on creating the delectable Nutella and Banana crepes for the students and staff to enjoy while others worked on the decorations to ensure of the Parisian atmosphere.

When the day of the bistro arrived, the students came in early to set up the tables and decorations, play the French music, and create an assembly line for the lunch.

Although many tickets weren't sold previous, many students came in during their lunch periods to sample the delicious treats.

"It was a nice change to the school day," said senior **Melissa Padilla**. "I liked the cultural difference that the French bistro provided; it was a great idea."

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Winter Guard Performs At Home Show

Emily LaLuna
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The Jonathan Law Winter Guard team hosted their annual home show on March 21.

At the home show, Law's Winter Guard seniors were also recognized for all of their hard work over the years.

"I'll miss the seniors because of the advice they give and the love they bring to the team," sophomore **Megan Casey** said.

The seniors this year were **Riley Saller**, captains **McKenna Staurovsky** and **Amberly Altadonna**, and lieutenants **Meagan Fossett** and **Kim Donato**.

The Winter Guard has a name for every show they participate in. The name of the performance at the home show was called "Blind Trust."

The team had a difficult time putting together this routine. The music of the performance was the cello and violin version of "Titanium."



Senior **McKenna Staurovsky** performs with Winter Guard during the home show.
(photo courtesy **McKenna Staurovsky**)

They utilized sheer headbands that the girls pulled over their eyes and performed the dance blind folded.

This added difficulty to the performance and made it one for friends and family to remember.

"I like guard because of the family it gives you," Altadonna said. "It makes you feel like

you always have a support group when you're having problems with anything."

The schools that joined them at the competition were all part of the Scholastic A Division. They were Masuk, Shelton, Ramsey, Cheshire and Naugatuck.

Thirty percussion groups and guards also joined them,

ranging from elementary school to college level.

"I've been doing guard since 5th grade, it's definitely a big part of my life," Staurovsky said, "I'm going to miss being a leader and almost like a big sister to the girls."

The team placed first at the home show and competed every Saturday which lead

up to the Championship competition that took place on March 28.

The team placed third at Championships, making a very successful season.

"It's never about winning it's about going out there and giving it everything you have," Casey said.

Being on the guard team gave the girls a great learning experience. Guard is not something that is easy to learn.

It takes hard work and dedication to get the routine where they need it to be for competition.

"I'm proud of our teams' accomplishments and how much each individual improved throughout the season," Altadonna said.

Members say that the guard is like a family; they believe in themselves and also support each other.

"I love that we can all be together and do the thing we enjoy the most," sophomore **Bryanna Miller** said.

Key Club Hosts Annual Blood Drive

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News Editor

Jonathan Law hosted its second blood drive this school year on March 18.

The blood drive was hosted by Law's Key Club.

They teamed up with the Red Cross and held the event in the school gym.

All blood that was collected was then donated to hospitals that were in need by the Red Cross.

The Key Club advisor is **Mr. Boynton**, who has been the advisor for the past 23 years.

The requirements to give blood were very simple and made it so that really almost anyone who was 17 or older could give blood.

"I think it's great that they make it so easy for a healthy, average person to give blood," senior **Megan Fitzsimons** said. "This way there is a higher chance that they will gather up a high amount of blood to donate."

The first blood drive of the year is always done by the Keyettes, so this time it was Key Club's turn to help out and save lives.

Each volunteer gives one pint of blood. With the average number of volunteers being 50, the Key Club and the Red Cross are able to round up about 50 pints of blood to give to those in need.

"This year 49 students and teachers volunteered and 42

Key Club holds a blood drive every year because of the constant demand.

pints of blood were accepted," said Boynton.

The best way to feel well during and after the donation, volunteers need to eat a healthy breakfast and stay hydrated the whole day.

It is also important that the volunteers listen to the Red Cross workers so that they are able to follow their directions.

"The last time I gave blood I almost fainted so I made sure that I was hydrated and ate well this time," senior **Jackie Delprete** said. "The Red Cross workers want everyone to be safe so they really stress the food and water."

Key Club makes sure to hold a blood drive every year at least once because of the constant demand for blood.

Joining the Key Club and participating in the events, such as the blood drive, is an easy way to help out those in need and get involved around your community.

"It is such a great feeling knowing that we helped out people that we don't even know but are in need," Key Club president **Jacque Jalaf** said. "The blood drive is definitely one of my favorite Key Club events."

Jaladanki Presents Research At Science Symposium

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Law junior **Sravya Jaladanki** went to the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at UConn on March 6 and 7.

The Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) is designed to challenge students in science at a high school level.

JSHS helps to promote innovative research and experiments that openly distinguishes students for their presentations and publically distinguish the student's achievements.

JSHS's goal is to broaden the pool of prepared and conducted research that the nations students created.

Jaladanki was the only student from Jonathan Law that participated in JSHS.

Her topic was on two diseases, Friedrich's Ataxia and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

Friedrich's Ataxia causes damage to the nervous system that creates problems with movement.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (also known as ALS) is caused by a decline of motor neurons (which are neurons in the central nervous system).

"It was nice seeing how interested people were in my research," Jaladanki said. "I also was able to strengthen my presentation skills through the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium."

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Junior **Sravya Jaladanki** poses next to her trifold presentation.
(photo courtesy **Mr. Morazzini**)

science teacher, **Mr. Morazzini**, accompanied Jaladanki to UCONN for the symposium.

What Jaladanki did was not through the school; she did all of her research on her own and on her own time.

"She really represented our school very well," Morazzini said. "She was really well spoken and you can tell that she put a lot of time and effort into the presentation."

Jaladanki had some help on her work by Dr. Yogita Verma.

Jaladanki was selected for what is called the "rising star" segment of the symposium.

It is a non-competitive setting that the conductors of the symposium found the topic interesting but could still be worked on some more.

The "rising star" segment

is a poster presentation where the students' presentation is all on a poster.

"It was nice to seeing how interested people were in my research," Jaladanki said. "I also was able to strengthen my skills through Junior Science and Humanities Symposium."

Apart from the "rising star" segment there is also the competitive forum where the presenter has either an oral or a poster presentation.

Jaladanki did not compete but she did get to have the chance to present and share her research with other students, teachers, and professors.

"It was a great experience," Jaladanki said.

"It was my first time being in a setting like that, and I loved it."

Law's Model U.N. Club Takes New York

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Staff Reporter

Law's Model U.N. Club took a one-of-a-kind trip to New York City for the National High School Model United Nations (NHSMUN) Conference on March 5.

A total of 19 students were assigned to research certain topics for their assigned country of Benin, a small African country with a population of around 10 million people. The point of researching certain topics such as AIDS and the environment was to interact with other students representing other nations and come up with a solution to the problems surrounding the topics.

The conference, which was held at the Hilton Hotel in Times Square, held over 3,300 students from 27 countries around the world.

"It was interesting to see how kids from other countries interacted with others," senior **Chris Mercaldo** said. "Making friends with people from all over the world is something I had never done and it was a very cool experience."



Law seniors represent Benin for the Model U.N. (photo courtesy Ryan Axtell)

The conference was divided into several committees which each had anywhere from 50 to a few hundred students. Each individual committee was required to write resolution papers containing ideas and possible solutions to the

problems surrounding their certain topics.

"My committee room had around 200 students and was able to come up with a very good resolution paper," senior **Mariah Hanania** said. "Seeing that many people work

together to get a job like that done in just over 10 hours was fun to see and take part in."

All in all, the trip, which was made possible with the help of club advisor **Ms. Burns**, was very well received by all the students who went on it. Many

of them agree that the trip was one of their most unique high school experiences.

"Meeting and working together with all different kinds of people in New York City will be one of my best memories from high school," senior **Ciara Hayden** said. "As long as the club is around for future classes, I would definitely recommend joining."

Although the actual committees were made up of only high school students, college students have a chance to take part in NHSMUN as well. The committee chairpersons were college students from across the country, many of them currently attending highly prestigious universities. Even after high school, there is still a chance to join in on the fun.

The closing ceremony for the conference was held on Saturday, March 12 at the actual U.N. headquarters.

"Visiting the U.N. headquarters was a perfect way to end what was a very fun trip," said senior **Jacque Jalaf**. "It was interesting to see where the real U.N. holds meetings."



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Foster The People's 'Supermodel' Not Perfect

Michael Vaccaro

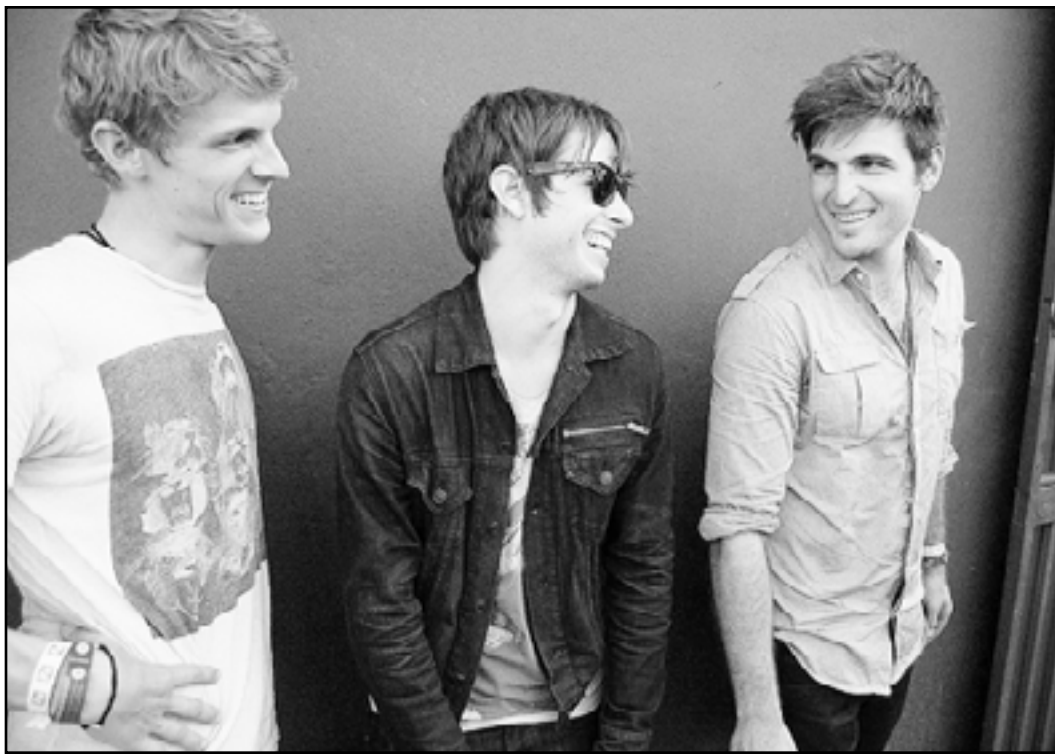
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Foster the People released their first album, "Torches", in 2011. The album followed the group's first single, "Pumped Up Kicks". The song was on the top of Billboards charts, was the number one single on iTunes for a while, and was overplayed the radio way too many times, but it was just so catchy that it deserved all the awards. "Torches" was full of many other great and catchy songs too such as "Call It What You Want", "Houdini", and "Warrant".

Since "Torches" was a masterpiece of an album, the group's latest album, "Supermodel", had a lot of standards to reach and expectations to pass. "Supermodel" is completely different from "Torches" in the sense that most of the songs are more stripped down and not as catchy. While there are some great tunes on the album, not many of them can match the greatness of the songs that were on "Torches".

The first song on the album is called "Are You What You Want To Be?" The verses in the song only contain a slinking bass line and many percussion instruments being played in the background. Foster also doesn't really sing the verses, more so he kind of raps them and it gives off this early Red Hot Chili Peppers vibe. The chorus of the song is also very simple and



(photo courtesy blogspot.com)

catchy with Foster just singing "are you what you want to be?".

The song "Coming Of Age" sounds like it would have been on "Torches". It is another song that has a catchy chorus with Foster simply just singing "It feels like I'm coming of age". The song reflects how Foster has dealt with his coming to fame from the groups debut album and how he has matured. While the song is catchy and all, it feels like Foster has ripped himself off because the song sounds like a conglomerate of many "Torches" songs put together.

"Nevermind" is a mellow song that features a jazzy

guitar riff and a simple drum backbeat. The best part of the song is the chorus where Foster sings "Never mind what you're looking for/ You'll always find what you're looking for/ Sometimes it's blinding in the race/ But I'll be here smiling when I see your face". The chorus has this uplifting sound to it that clashes against the mellowness of the rest of the song and it works out beautifully.

"A Beginner's Guide to Destroying the Moon" is Foster the People's heaviest song yet. The verses of the song have this pumping distorted guitar and bass riff to it and a heavy

drum beat. The heavy verse then transitions into the smooth chorus where Foster sings over a lone acoustic piano riff. One of the coolest things about the song is that in the beginning it samples the A\$AP Rocky song "LVL".

While the album has a few catchy songs, the rest of the songs are bland and not memorable. The song "Goats in Trees" is a quiet acoustic song and is just a different change of pace from the bands usual style. The song is boring and repetitive and it doesn't stick out like other songs on the album. The closing song on the album is another acoustic song

called "Fire Escape" where it is just Foster singing along to just an acoustic guitar. It is a very weak album closer and it is an awful way to end an album that is mainly composed off of synths, bass, and drums.

The song "Pseudologia Fantastica" sounds like a straight up rip-off of an MGMT song with its psychedelic synth sounds and high pitched singing. It seems unnecessary to have a psychedelic sounding song on an album that isn't psychedelic. The song title is also very cliché; it seems like Foster was trying too hard to make a psychedelic sounding song. The group also rips off Passion Pit with their 33 second transition song, "The Angelic Welcome of Mr. Jones". The song is just Foster singing in different pitches trying to show off his vocal skills, but the song is so unnecessary. Passion Pit did the same thing on their last album with the song "Two Veils To Hide My Face" except they actually made it sound good and it transitions into another song, unlike the song Foster the People made.

"Supermodel" isn't a bad album; it is just sub-par compared to their first album. It seems like the group tried too hard to put different ideas into the album that they could care less with how the song structuring was. While there are a few good songs, most of the songs are just not catchy and too overproduced.

Rating: 3 out of 5 stars

Indie-Rock Band Real Estate Shows Growth On 'Atlas'

Matthew Tighe

Staff Reporter

In only five years since their debut release, Real Estate has proved to only improve the dynamics of their creations, as their new 10-track album, "Atlas", raises the bar for fans everywhere. The album, "Atlas", was released in March 2014 by Mexican Summer Records. The album features members: Martin Courtney (vocals and guitar), Matt Mondanile (guitar), Alex Bleeker (bass and vocals), Matt Kallman (keyboard), and Jackson Pollis (drums), who have recorded an album that exceeds the other two albums released.

As compared to their other two albums, "Real Estate" and "Days", "Atlas" shows a more technical and mature side of the band, straying away from the more low-fi fashioned recordings on the other albums. On this album, production is crisp, clean, and clear. Courtney's vocals also tend to be much less drowned out by the signature over-lapping guitar melodies. There is also a theme to the album, as the entire

songs blend together nicely to create a very full listening experience when listening to the album as a whole.

The album starts off with the song "Had to Hear". This song starts with the signature mild rhythm guitar, until the second guitar gently sweeps in, along with Bleeker's thick yet unthreatening bass groove. This song turns into one of the fastest and most energetic songs on the album, but not losing control and staying persistent with their laid back tone of music.

"Past Lives" gives listeners a taste of some nostalgia, as it sounds a lot like a song that could have been on the album "Days". It's gentle with a steady beat, and a more lo-fi, reverbed vibe to it.

The song "Talking Backwards" takes the lead as the catchiest song on the album, as it was made for that fun and easy-going aesthetic, surely to catch the listener's attention. "And I might as well be talking backwards. Am I making any sense to you," seems almost impossible not to sing along to, as the guitar and vocals seem to blend effortlessly together to



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create this upbeat chorus.

"April's Song" has become the classic Real Estate instrumental of their album, stuffing reverb and flanger in the listener's face. However, compared to the instrumentals off the previous albums, "Atlantic City" and "Kinder Blumen", "April's Song" was recorded live, as a band, in the studio. This demonstrates the quintessence of Real Estate, as they are able to record together so smoothly and perfectly in order to create one of the craftiest songs on the album.

Songs like "The Bend" and

"Crime" smoothly blend into the album, but the 7th track, primitive, stands out against the rest. Kallman's synth prevails more in this song than the rest, as the chorus rings out, "Don't know where I want to be, but I'm glad you're with me."

The band switches the album up with track 8, "How Might I Live," with the folky acoustic guitar in accompany with bass player, Bleeker, singing lead vocals. This song is a simple tune, but it's a perfect break from the usual theme of the album.

To end the short album, Real

*It's not that difficult
to see how far
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come as a band.*

Estate decided to use the songs "Horizon" and "Navigator". These two seem to be the perfect resolution to the album, as it seems the story and theme of the album are coming to a close.

Although the album might have not have made as big of a statement as some listeners and reviewers had predicted, it is still a wonderful listen. It lacks substance in some areas, but it goes over the top in others. From driving in the car, to sitting at home this album fits all situations, and tells a story around every corner. It's not difficult to see how far Real Estate has come as a band. From their first releases as they have managed to pull themselves out of that indie-beach rock genre and take on a more established and signature sound with "Atlas."

Rating: 4 out of 5 stars

New Cloud Nothings Album Catchy, Upbeat

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Originally a lo-fi side project by singer/songwriter Dylan Baldi, Cloud Nothings is now a full punk/garage/emo/indie band. The group started to become recognized from their 2012 album “Attack on Memory.” This album was unlike the group’s first two other albums because it was more dark and punk rather than their old happy and lo-fi sound. “Attack on Memory” was a full out punk anthem with hard hitting songs like “Fall In” and “Stay Useless.” It was also melodic with songs like “Our Plans” and “Cut You”.

The band has recently released their highly anticipated follow up album “Here and Nowhere Else” and the album does not disappoint. Just like the last album, “Here and Nowhere Else” has eight songs and is only 30 minutes in length. Unlike the last album, the songs on this one seem to be more upbeat and cheerful than dark and depressing.

The opening song, “Now Hear In”, is fast paced and upbeat. This is different from “Attack on Memory” because the first song on that album was slow and dark and it felt



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unwelcoming while this song sets up the mood for the rest of the album. The song “Psychic Trauma” starts off slow with a smooth guitar riff and smooth drum beat but then goes into a fast paced, distorted punk song. Baldi screams over the fast paced chorus “You’ll never be here, it’s hard to explain/ Psychic trauma, returns with age/ There’s nothing new here, no room to relate/ I don’t know what you’re trying to say”.

The song “Just See Fear” has two guitar parts; one guitar plays the main distorted riff while the second one plays the undistorted melodic chords and these two contrasting guitar sounds work perfectly together and with the rest of the bands hard garage rock sound.

“Pattern Walks” is the longest song on the album and is reminiscent to the “Attack on Memory” song, “Wasted Days”. While both songs start

off with verses and choruses, they both go into a long jam by the band. The only difference is that “Pattern Walks” is a better song. While the jam on “Wasted Days” becomes kind of repetitive and annoying with all of the random guitar screeches and unnecessary screaming, the jam on “Pattern Walks” is more melodic and enjoyable. “Pattern Walks” is also better because it is the second to last song on the album while

“Wasted Days” is the second song on “Attack on Memory.” Listeners to that album will get annoyed with that song and may not want to listen to the rest of the album while listeners to the new album will have already listened to most of the album and will stay to listen to “Pattern Walks” because there is only one song left.

The closing song, “I’m Not Part of Me”, is by far the best song Cloud Nothings has made. The song has a beautiful and melodic guitar part that goes along perfectly with Baldi’s singing. The chorus is also catchy and fun to sing along to “But I’m not, I’m not you/ You’re a part of me, you’re a part of me”.

While every song on “Here and Nowhere Else” is great, the album feels under produced. The distorted guitars and intense drumming on the album seem weaker to the production of them on “Attack on Memory.” Baldi’s singing also seems incomprehensible on some songs and it feels very under produced and lo-fi like the band’s first two albums. While the production isn’t as good as it was on “Attack on Memory”, the songs are more upbeat and catchier.

Rating: 4 out of 5 stars

Latest Pharrell Album ‘G I R L’ Doesn’t Live Up To The Hype

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Many music lovers are clapping along to the feel of Pharrell Williams’ new album “G I R L.” Williams released his new album on March 3; it is his first studio album in eight years. His last album was his debut “In My Mind”.

The beginning of the album starts with the charming orchestra-like intro off the song “Marilyn Monroe”. It is actually quite beautiful and a great way to hook the listener to keep tuning in on the song. Even though it builds into a great dance riff, it would have been nice if Williams kept building off the first rhythm and kept going with that. It would have turned into a beautiful song.

Everybody who doesn’t live in a cave has listened to the song “Happy” at least five times in the past three weeks. It is currently the number one song on the Billboard Hot 100 chart and it’s going strong. It is a classic sing and dance along song and it’s hard to find someone who doesn’t like it. It is a song that reaches many people of different music tastes and it deserves to be at number one.

Williams has many artists



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appearing on the album such as Justin Timberlake, Miley Cyrus, and Daft Punk. This is just some of the many talents Williams has on his album.

The duet Williams has with Timberlake is on the song “Brand New”. It is an average song that isn’t written very well, but the vocals by these two singers are astounding. You can tell that these two are professionals and they are a great tag team for music. These two should continue to work together and make more exciting, well written songs. They are capable of making great songs together that can catch everyone’s attention.

Many songs on the album have the same dance groove in them which makes them all the sound like the same song. It is

noticeable when you hear each guitar track from each song sound disgustingly similar. It is a bad trait that every song writer should avoid. This is mostly an album to be used for dancing and not for sitting down to listen. It does have good dance songs like “Gush” and “Come Get It Bae”.

The fourth song on the album “Gush” sounds like an early Michael Jackson song that Prince co-wrote. It is a pretty good song that is one of the best on the album.

Unfortunately, this album does not reach its hype. It is disappointing and very boring to listen to. An album used for dancing and that is it. The hit “Happy” is the only thing really going for this album.

Rating: 2 out of 5 stars

‘KISS 2’ Album Still Rocks After 35 Years

Frank Musante

Staff Reporter

On October 14, 1977, KISS released the live album “KISS ALIVE 2.”

It was the band’s second live album. The songs on it were from the band’s previous three albums done after “KISS ALIVE.”

The songs are from the albums “Destroyer,” “Rock And Roll Over” and “Love Gun.”

The lineup for the live album is Paul Stanley on vocals and rhythm guitar, Ace Frehley on lead guitar and vocals, Gene Simmons on vocals and bass guitar, and Peter Criss on drums and vocals.

The opening song is “Detroit Rock City.” The song opens the album with the classic riff then you hear the fireworks go off and it kicks off the spectacle that is KISS.

They sing, “I feel uptight on a Saturday night/nine o’ clock, the radio’s the only light/I hear my song and it pulls me through/comes on strong, tells me what I got to do.”

The fifth song is “Love Gun.” The song is awesome and the hard-hitting drum of Peter Criss makes the song of the heavy beat. Ace has an awesome solo that lasts from

the middle of the song until the end.

The next song is “Calling Dr. Love” where we hear Gene get on the microphone and sing the classic hit.

Then Ace gets on the microphone and does the song “Shock Me” and Ace goes into a great solo.

The 13th song is “God of Thunder.” The song is a great song that comes off of “Destroyer.”

The song starts with Gene doing his bass solo. The song has awesome, dark lyrics: “I was raised by the demons trained to reign as the one God of thunder and rock and roll.”

To close out the show the band sings “Shout It Out Loud” off of “Destroyer.” The lyrics are about having fun which KISS always makes sure fans have.

They sing, “Call all your friends in the neighborhood and get the party started. Don’t let ‘em tell you that there’s too much noise.”

The album is by far one of the greatest live rock albums ever made and will give a listener the experience that someone feels at a KISS concert.

Rating: 5 out of 5 stars

New 'Divergent' Movie Gets Mixed Reviews

Michaela Pounds

Staff Reporter

The newest action-packed and exciting film is now in theaters. Based on a best-selling book written by Veronica Roth, "Divergent" is a movie no one will regret seeing.

Shailene Woodley, the main character Tris in "Divergent," is the same girl who has acted in the television show Secret Life of the American Teenager.

Tris lives in a world that is divided by factions which are different because of their morals. There is a test everyone takes when they reach a certain age to see what faction they will fit in to. Tris takes this test and finds out she is divergent. Tris and her male partner Four must work together in this science fiction- action packed- love filled film for what's right.

In casting, Theo James was selected for the role of Four, the main male character in the film alongside the girl Tris.

"We took our time to find the right actor to fill the role of Four, and Theo is definitely the perfect fit. Veronica has crafted a truly iconic character in Four and we cannot wait to begin production and bring him and this story to life for millions of fans around the world," the producers of "Divergent" said in a release.

The filming for "Divergent" started in Chicago on April 2013 and finished on July 16, 2013. Chicago was the site of essentially all production photography; mainly all of the indoor scenes for the movie were filmed at Cinespace Chicago Film Studios. The "choosing ceremony" scenes were shot at 17th Church of Christ, Scientist, Chicago on East Wacker in downtown Chicago.

"We're delighted to continue our



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successful collaboration with IMAX, with whom we have already partnered on the global blockbuster Hunger Games and Twilight Saga franchises, and we're especially pleased that we can introduce our newest young adult franchise, Divergent, to the movie going public in the premium IMAX format that celebrates its status as a special and memorable event," Summit and Lionsgate said after announcing the film will be released in IMAX format.

The official trailer for the "Divergent" movie was released on November 13, 2013. "Divergent's" opening day led to the film grossing \$22.8 million in United States. "Divergent" also ranked first on its opening weekend.

"Divergent" as an overall film is a good movie because it is so action-packed, but also includes romance, and science fiction into the entire idea of the movie. "Divergent" is a movie for teens and adults with all different types of interests to enjoy.

Rating: 5 out of 5 stars

Nicole Macchio

Staff Reporter

The best-selling novel "Divergent" by Veronica Roth was introduced to theatres late last month. The story follows a young girl named Beatrice, who lives in a world after war. They have separated into five different factions, to prevent future war, and to make their children better.

Abnegation was the selfless and the government, Erudite is the smart, Amity is the peaceful, Candor the honest, and Dauntless is the brave. Beatrice lives in Abnegation and has never felt selfless and dreams of running and being wild like the Dauntless.

Shailene Woodley plays Tris, a 16 year old girl who decided to change her whole life. She is selfless, smart, and extremely brave, but absolutely clueless. She thinks she doesn't fit in anywhere. Woodley stars in films such as "The Decedents" "The Secret Life of an American Teenager" and "The Spectacular Now." Theo James, plays

bad boy with daddy-issues, Four. To be playing someone who is supposed to be handsome and strong, smart, and a very intimidating person with a secret embedded so deeply within, James doesn't quite do it. His previous works in "Underworld: Awakening" and "The Inbetweeners," did not prepare him for the role. He was meant to portray a boy playing at a being a man, who was terrified of his own father. James acting was under par and didn't make the cut.

The book to movie adaption had a bumpy transition from page to screen. For all intents and purposes, the movie was at best, adequate. Many flaws were made in the adaption. Abnegation is supposed to be selfless, not care or worry about outer beauty; they aren't even allowed to look in a mirror for extended periods of time. Yet Woodley can be seen wearing heavy eye make-up from the beginning of the movie.

The special effects in the movie were minimal and didn't really overpower the acting. None of the scenes required any effects so the movie was able to flow with the few that were put in it. The movie went at a fast moving pace. Sometimes events didn't make any sense. For example, the love interest that was supposed to develop between Four and Tris. Instead of a gradual kindling of a mutual likeness of the other, they plowed right on into their romance. Also, one of the most important parts of the movie was the training and Tris's new love for Dauntless.

Throughout the movie, many of the events didn't make sense. The story progressed and viewers could sense the danger and the intensity, but the reason why, audience members may not know. "Divergent" will not please viewers.

Rating: 2 out of 5 stars

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‘Maze Runner’ Fans Await Film Release

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Staff Reporter

“The Maze Runner” movie adaptation will get fanatics running to the movie theater with its release in September 19.

Twentieth Century Fox has taken on “The Maze Runner” project, which is based off a novel by James Dashner. In 2010, Twilight director Catherine Hardwicke was hired to direct the film but she moved onto other projects at the end of that same year, but Noah Oppenheim stayed on as screenwriter.

The movie adaptation is now being directed by Wes Ball, starring “Teen Wolf” star Dylan O’Brien as the main character Thomas, Kaya Scodelario as Teresa, Will Poulter as Gally, and Thomas Brodie-Sangster as Newt.

With the amazing success of the “Hunger Games” and “Twilight” franchises every studio is claiming rights over young adult novels in hopes of hitting the high marks.

The book, and trilogy, captured a vast fan base in 2009 with its unique, nerve wracking mystery, and suspense. The novel is based around a group of boys trapped in a giant maze with killing machines and struggling to survive day by day while trying to solve the maze and return to their past which they have no memory of.

There have been some mixed feelings about the movie trailer, especially with the deviation from the book in which the elevator at the beginning of the novel is completely dark while in the movie it’s illuminated (it’d be impractical for a film to start in complete darkness).

Overall fans seem to be pleased with the work and potential fans have their interest peaked. Fans have high hopes that the film lives up to the glory of the novel and the movie trailer seems to have kept this

“Maze Runner” fans have high hopes that the film lives up to the glory of the novel. So far, the movie trailers seem to have kept this hope alive.

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Dashner said, “It’s so perfect. I love Wes’s vision and directing style,” during an interview with EW.

To add to the mounting excitement Ball is releasing a weekly photo on www.pagetopremiere.com and fans have also contributed to the craze with blogs, movie posters, and fan art.

There are some high expectations for this movie not only because of the novel’s success but because of Ball’s inexperience in the big screen. So far, Ball seems to have fulfilled expectations with the cast, trailer, and recreation of the maze.

Twentieth Century is also counting on this movie to be a hit and possibly become Century’s new franchise.

The movie seems to be heading in a good direction so far; critics believe it has a real shot at matching or even surpassing the fame of the “Hunger Games” and classics like “Harry Potter.”

“I don’t even know what to say about it. When I saw the trailer for the very first time, at this point I just started bawling, so many emotions exploding at once. To see my world come to life, so stunningly and so professionally, and to love it so much, just overwhelmed me,” said Dashner.

Pitt Shines In Zombie Thriller ‘World War Z’

Aaron Tejada
Staff Reporter

“World War Z” is a 2013 film about a zombie virus infection spreading all over the world

The movie is an apocalyptic horror film directed by Marc Forster, with the film star Brad Pitt. The disease is spread, worldwide, through infections of bites from the zombies into non-infected humans. The main character, Gerry Lane, played by Pitt, is a former United Nations investigator who separates from his family and must travel the world to find a way to stop the zombie pandemic. Throughout the whole movie, a good portion of it was simply chaos and adventurous.

In terms Gerry Lane trying to figure out a solution to stop the zombie pandemic, he finds out that the zombies only attacked humans that don’t have a certain sickness. The sickness was called meningitis, and it disguised humans from the zombies, because the zombies only attack people who didn’t have this it. Meningitis isn’t a cure; it only prevents the zombies from attacking the humans. It was really cliché of Lane to find out that the sickness was meningitis, because towards the end of the movie, he blindly injects himself with it, not knowing that it was the disguise him from the zombies. It only took one random disease shot to figure out the solution to hiding from



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the zombies.

Some parts of the movie made people laugh, and left some people confused. There is some confusion with the movies. For example, at one point when Lane was in the hospital, he couldn’t have just used walkie talkies to communicate with the other characters. Instead, Lane used signs with writing and placed it up to the surveillance camera to communicate with other characters. It was probably just used to build suspense for the audience. It would have been so much easier and less confusion to just use walkie talkies.

Another scene that made some of the audience laugh was at one point, a character named Fasschach, who was a doctor that could have helped find a cure for the zombies, accidentally

kills himself by getting startled by the zombies. He slips, falls and accidentally discharges his gun, killing himself.

As for the profit of the movie, it has been reported that the film has grossed more than \$500 million worldwide and made \$305.2 million at the international box office date, making it Pitt’s highest grossing movie.

As for Pitt’s acting, he portrays his great acting talent and fits perfectly in the role of a heroic and charming father that saves the world.

Despite the cliché ending, the movie is a thrilling spectacle and a great summer movie for everyone. The story line is fairly easy to captivate even with a convincing performance with Pitt.

Rating: 4 out of 5 stars





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‘Non-Stop’ Movie Full Of Excitement

Hope Cupole
Staff Reporter

The action-packed movie “Non-Stop” hit theatres on February 28. This thriller stars Liam Neeson, Julianne Moore, and Scoot McNairy. This movie has audiences at the edge of their seat and was very well-directed.

In the movie, a U.S. Federal Air Marshal named Bill Marks took a non-stop flight from New York to London. The flight was in session when, halfway over the Atlantic Ocean, Marks receives a threatening text. The text stated that one person on the plane would be killed every 20 minutes unless the killer recieved \$150 million into his bank account.

Marks, who is now very nervous, consults with the other Air Marshal named Jack Hammond. Marks finds out Hammond is smuggling cocaine and Marks ends up killing Hammond. This death ironically occurs 20 minutes after the threatening text was received.

Marks is desperately trying to find out what passenger is sending these texts, but he runs out of time once again. After another 20 minutes, the pilot dies from poisoning.

The passenger sending these texts is now trying to frame Marks. The passenger uploads a video of Marks acting aggressively towards passengers and puts the bank account in Marks’ name.

The plane’s passengers are starting to turn on marks and think he is a terrorist. While Marks is trying to save all the passengers, some of the passengers are trying to kill him for fear of him being a terrorist.

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The threatening passenger now sends out an automated message saying that Marks is suicidal and has a bomb on him.

Marks has only a little time to find the real terrorist, disable the bomb, and save all the passengers.

This movie was well-portrayed and easy to follow. The acting was well-done and the suspense throughout the film was really good. There were a lot of plot twists that always kept the audience interested.

The only issue with this film was during the action parts. The cameras moved really fast and it was hard to follow everything that was happening.

Overall, “Non-Stop” was really entertaining. People who like action-packed movies with a lot of suspense should come see this film. People who don’t like violence or action movies should stay at home and watch something else.

Rating: 4.5 out of 5 stars

‘Resurrection’ Show A Rating Hit For ABC

Emma Grace
Staff Reporter

In the new ABC TV show “Resurrection” that premiered March 9, the people of Arcadia, Missouri get a life- changing experience when their loved ones that are deceased come back to life.

The show starts with 8-year-old Jacob Langston who wakes up in an empty rice paddy in rural China after dying 30 years before by drowning.

Details start to come together when he runs into immigration agent J. Martin Bellamy. Jacob claims his name and clarifies that he was from Arcadia, Missouri. Agent Bellamy than decides to take him back to Arcadia to a 60-year-old couple who are obviously older looking now but Jacob recognizes who they are almost instantly.

When the old couple first sees their son their reactions are very different. Right away, his mom Lucille is overjoyed, while his dad Henry doesn’t take it very well because he doesn’t think something like this is possible.

This show also follows the story of Barbara Jacobs’ aunt who also drowned trying to save Jacob. Her daughter Maggie had no clue on how she died until she finds out from Jacob that she died saving him.

Against her father’s wishes she teams up with agent Bellamy to get to the bottom of this mystery. In this show, viewers learn that Rachel dies



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from committing suicide. When she comes back she can’t help but wonder if everyone else who committed suicide like she did. She finds her old fiancée Tom, and this scenario is very confusing for him. He can’t help but wonder, “Should I go back with her or not?”

As of now, Caleb’s death remains a mystery. What viewers do know is that he was recently arrested for robbing a bank. They also know that his daughter is Maggie’s best friend.

One strength of the show is that it is very mysterious and shocking. Every week, viewers learn a shocking new twist that changes the whole show around.

Another strength is that the show is very heart-warming,

even though it is nearly impossible to believe. Viewers get to see something emotional that wouldn’t happen in a daily life situation.

There are some weak points, though. One of the weak points is that with Caleb they keep dragging on and on about the things that he has done and won’t just get to the point of how he died. It’s honestly getting pretty boring with Caleb.

Another issue is they are focusing too much on Jacob. Almost half of every episode revolves around Jacob; the other characters deserve the same amount of time.

Overall, “Resurrection” is a quality show. The writers just need to fix some minor things.

Rating: 4.6 out of 5 stars



What's In Your iPod?



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Senior: Chris Bellegarde

1. Sunburnt Lips - Luke Bryan

2. In My Water - Tyler Farr

3. River Bank - Brad Paisley

4. Rewind - Rascal Flatts

5. This Is How We Roll - Florida Georgia Line feat. Luke Bryan

Senior: Sami Yousif

1. Feel Good Inc. - The Gorillaz

2. Wonton Soup - Lil' B

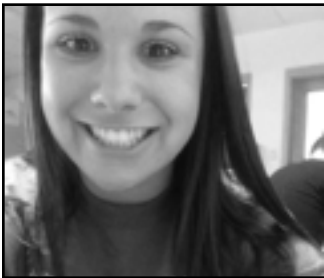
3. Season - Fabolous

4. Big Poppa - The Notorious B.I.G.

5. Hall Of Fame - The Script



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Senior: Megan Fitzsimons

1. Makin' Plans - Miranda Lambert

2. Are You Gonna Kiss Me Or Not? - Thompson Square

3. California King Bed - Rhianna

4. Wake Me Up - Rascal Flatts

5. What You Gonna Do? - Hunter Hayes

Senior: Matt Tighe

1. Miami - Will Smith

2. Unbelievable - The Notorious B.I.G.

3. Waiting For My Ruca - Sublime

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Stop & Smell The Roses: Only Two Months To Go...

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April showers bring May flowers! We can all agree at this point that rain is better than snow. June 17 is the last day of school, so let's all hope it stays that way.

Spring time is very eventful inside and outside of school.

Everyone is tired of being cooped up all winter and is ready to be outside and enjoy the warmer weather.

With only a few months left of school we were all ready for a break. Many students went to Europe, others stayed in Connecticut, and some went away with their families. Overall, it was a much-needed vacation for everyone.

The rest of this month should fly by; that just leaves May and half of June until the long-awaited summer vacation. School is coming to an end quickly, especially for seniors.

It's time for seniors to enjoy their friends and teachers and savor their last few months that they will ever

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Jonathan Law has taught us all some very important things in these four short years. It taught us to be who we want to be and not to let anyone change that. It taught us that even in your darkest times, there is always someone there for you. Whether it's a teacher, a friend, or an administrator, someone wants to help and will help. Jonathan Law has taught us to respect everyone and to be the best people we can be.

The lessons that Law has taught us will be remember no matter where we go in life.

Other amazing things

we get at Law are lifelong friendships. No matter how far we are from each other at college, we can always know that the friends we made here at Law will stay with us. There is no need to base your college decision around your friends because they will always be with you. Also, college is the perfect place to make new friends.

Let's not move to fast here, though. There are still two months of school to get through. And don't forget about the honors breakfast next quarter; school's not over yet so keep your grades up. Teachers won't slow down and stop teaching because schools almost over and it's getting warmer out so you shouldn't stop learning and doing your work.

The warm weather is here and so is vacation. School is coming to an end and seniors are ready to get out.

But while you're looking back on your high school experience and remembering all the Jonathan Law has taught you, don't forget to stop and smell the roses.

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What’s APPening?: 5 Apps To Download Now



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“What’s hAPPening?” is a monthly column that reviews the hottest, most popular, and newest apps that are out there for the iPod touch, iPhone, and iPad. Each month, it will have five different apps that have the highest ratings or have just recently come out.

2048

The newest addicting game craze is here! Join the numbered tiles together to get to the number 2048. It’s harder than you think.

Swipe to move all the tiles at once. When two tiles with the same number touch, they merge into one. Once the board fills up with numbers the game is over.

There are new goals added. You are now able to keep playing after getting 2048. Try and get the tiles to 4096 or even higher.



This addicting game is impossible to put down!

Dunkin’ Donuts

Who doesn’t love a coffee in the mornings? Well now you can earn points and get prizes with the new Dunkin Donuts app!

The app is like a mobile gift card. You load however much you want onto the card on your phone and scan it at the register when you’re ready to purchase. It’s also possible to load other gift cards you’ve gotten onto the app. If you lose the card it won’t matter because it will always be on your phone.

New to DDPerks? Well enjoy a free medium beverage just for signing up! You earn points by paying with your enrolled DD cards and redeem special rewards and offers right from the app.

Make all your friends get the app so on their birthdays or special holidays you can send them virtual gift cards that they



can use right off their phone!

This app offers a store locator, you can browse through the DD menu, and much more.

Spotify Music

Spotify gives you access to a world of music. You can listen to artists and albums, or create your own playlist of your favorite songs. Ready to discover new music? Choose a ready-made playlist the suits your mood or get personalized recommendations.

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Spotify has many cool features, like the playlists they offer. Their ready playlists have categories for anything you could want. For example choose the workout playlist and they have categories for cardio, running, power workout, etc. If



you are working out they play music to get you pumped up and make you want to keep working out. Perfect music for any activity you are doing.

Boom Beach

From the maker of Clash of Clans, here is another highly enjoyable mixture of strategy and tactical action.

Storm the beach and win the day! Boom Beach is a combat strategy game where you fight an epic war against the evil Blackguard. Take your force to beautiful paradise islands invaded by the enemy. The fight becomes a race to harness the ancient powers hidden on the islands.

Explore a huge tropical archipelago full of danger and treasure. Play with thousands of other players, raid their bases and enjoy the spoils of war. Attack hundreds of unique island bases controlled by the evil Blackguard. Face fearsome boss enemies and uncover their evil plans.



Discover the mysterious power of ancient status and Life Crystals.

Frozen Free Fall

Everyone is going crazy over the new Disney movie “Frozen”. Well now join the millions playing the newest match-three game that is “Frozen” themed!

Get ready to join Anna, Elsa, and more of your favorite characters on a journey to slide and match 165 icy puzzles for free. This is an epic puzzle matching adventure in the kingdom of Arendelle.

Slide beautiful and colorful ice crystals to match three or more, and test your matching skills with extra challenging objectives. Unlock more characters as you go! Start off with Elsa and Anna, and then unlock grown-up versions of the sisters as you progress through the land. Also play other characters like Olaf, Sven, Kristoff, Hans, and Pabbie.

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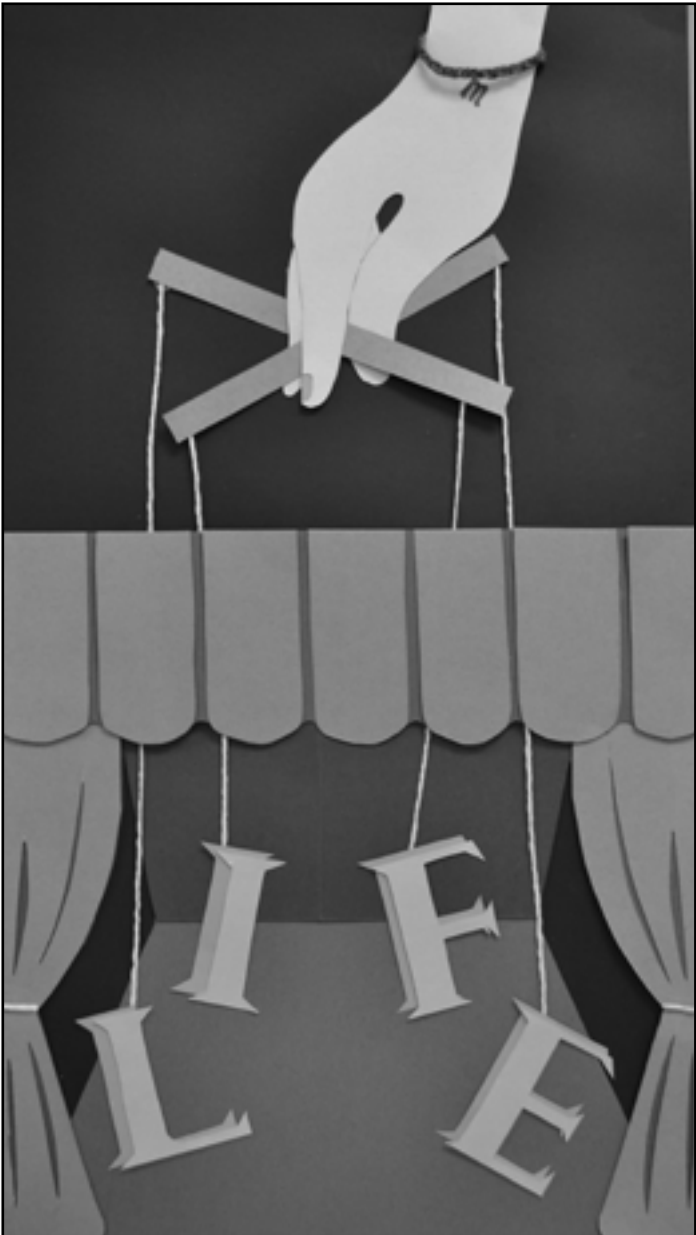
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Senior Lianne Maynard serves the ball in warm-ups.
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Girls Tennis Has Eyes On Yale

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The Law girls tennis team is excited to pick up where they left off last season.

The girls finished with an 8-12 record last year, which is the best record in the past 10 years. Although, they had one of the best years in program history, the team is not satisfied.

"This is the strongest team that I've ever had," head coach **Mr. Kulenych** said. "We have 10-12 strong, competitive players which makes us a very deep team."

As of April 28, the girls have a record of 5-1, which includes wins over Hamden, Career, Lyman Hall, West Haven, and Mercy.

The team is headed by three senior captains. They are **Lianne Maynard**, **Hebani Duggal**, and **Kate Brady**.

"Being a captain makes playing that much better," Duggal said. "To know that you are one of the main players is a great feeling."

The team will be also playing on brand new courts this year.

"The new courts are long overdue," Maynard said. "But I am really excited to play on them."

One of the marks to becoming a good team is to make the state tournament as a team.

"Our main goal is to make the state tournament as a team," Brady said. "All we care about is the team objectives, not the

individual accomplishments."

The team enters with a new look that coach Kulenych has never seen in his seven years coaching tennis. Freshmen **Victoria Contaxis** and **Megan Gleason** have made immediate impacts.

"This year there is a lot of competition for spots," Kulenych said. "This will make everyone on our team better players."

Last year was the first time in Law girls tennis history that the team qualified for the SCC tournament. Even with a loss first round, the accomplishment was a success.

If a team wins in the first round of the SCC tournament then they get to play at Yale, where many professional tournaments have been held.

"Playing at Yale would be a great accomplishment for our team and our school," junior **Hayley Sanchez** said. "This is one of big goals as a team."

Last year, many players qualified individually as a team for the state tournament.

Maynard qualified for singles and Brady and **Sravya Jaladanki** qualified for doubles.

"Lianne is one of the best players in the league," Kulenych said. "She is very tough to play against and I expect big things from her."

The team is excited about their solid start,

"It feels great to start off so well," Duggal said.

"We just hope to keep it up and emerge as a very good team."

Boys Tennis Team Hopes For Improvement

Meaghan Sollitto
Columns Editor

The Jonathan Law boys tennis team is back and ready to go.

Some of their key players this year are **Gabe Salles**, **Krishnan Kumar**, **Soumya Kundu**, **Bobby Phong**, **Aashu Patel** and **Jacque Jalaf**.

A few new freshman are also very vital to the success of this season, including **Manar Almidani**, **Mike Jalaf** and **Sean Ancheta**.

While under new leadership this year they hope to be very successful. As on April 28, the team has a record of 2-6.

"Under the new head coach, **Jared Dye**, all of our players have been working hard," junior **Amar Almidani** said. "We're determined to win personally and win as a team."

The team is very welcoming to the new head coach and the skills he possesses.

"He is a very good coach because he puts in the extra time," senior **Gabe Salles** said. "He's really helping us master our footwork and our form and he wants what's best for the team overall."

The team's main goals for this season are to win a lot of new matches and help the players improve individually.

"Our line up isn't defined yet, but I feel I'll be successful wherever the coach puts me," Salles said. "I also hope to make All-SCC again this year."

With hopes of at least



Senior Krishnan Kumar hits a volley.
(photo courtesy Rostrum Yearbook)

individual players making states the boys are working harder than ever.

"Our goals for this season are to win matches and help all our players improve personally," Almidani said. "Many of our players qualified for states last year and working hard to make it even further this year."

Some of their biggest challenges this year will be Hamden, Xavier and Guilford because they always have a great lineup. Wilbur Cross, East Haven, North Haven and Lyman Hall will be some of their winnable matches this season.

"They lost most of their seniors last year," Salles said. "With the talent that came in this year things are looking

bright."

The team has developed a unique sort of friendship and they welcome new comers with open arms.

"I'm really excited to have joined the team this year, my senior year, rather than never joined at all," Jalaf said. "The sport is really competitive and I'm happy to be able to play with some of my best friends."

Since many of their players have qualified for states in the past, some players have no doubt they can do it again.

"I plan to play doubles this year since I enjoy working together with my teammates," Almidani said. "As a whole, our team is fortunate enough to have players who have chemistry which makes it easier for us on the court."



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Boys Lacrosse Shoots For Successful Season

Meaghan Sollitto
Columns Editor

The Jonathan Law boys lacrosse team is ready to go for their third year.

Boys lacrosse was a JV sport in 2012 at Law and since then they have proven themselves to be a very good team.

With captains **Dylan Hallett, Daniel Bosler** and **Brady Dennigan** the team is ready to take on the season.

"We have progressively gotten better as a team every year since we started," Hallett said. "Our record has also been improving and we hope to have a really great season."

The expectations for this season are very high.

"I expect that our team will be competitive and be willing to have a winning record," senior **Christopher Mercaldo** said.

Some key players this season are **David Patrick, Dylan Hallett, Brady Dennigan** and **Tyler Curtin**.

"We're a young team with a lot of potential to be a good team with a good record," sophomore **David Patrick** said. "There will definitely be a lot of improvement to make us even better in the next few years."

Last year the record was three wins and 13 losses. This year they hope to have either a tying record or a winning one.

One big dream for the season is to make it to states.

"If we're determined and work hard enough we can



Brady Dennigan runs after the ball. (photo courtesy Rostrum Yearbook)

definitely make it to states," Patrick said.

The season opens up with a home game against Lyman Hall on April 11. Some of their biggest games are against Notre Dame of Fairfield and Wilbur Cross.

Winning these games can really set a tone for their season especially because it is so early on in the season.

One of their toughest competitors this season will be Foran.

"We are really looking forward to our game against Foran this year," Mercaldo said. "They've got a good team and they'll definitely be a challenge for us."

Most of Foran and Law

used to play together for Milford Youth Lacrosse.

"I have been playing lacrosse since I was nine years old," Hallett said. "I played for Stratford Youth Lacrosse for two years then switched to Milford Youth Lacrosse."

For being such a new team the bond these players have created is very crucial to their success.

"The team as a whole really works together to make sure practices run smoothly and that we all improve ourselves every day," Patrick said.

"The upperclassmen do a really great job at keeping the team in control and really leading us to be the best team that we can be."

Girls Lax Starts Inaugural Year

Stephanie Cameron
Sports Editor

The Jonathan Law girls lacrosse team is excited to start their first season in school history.

The team is led by seniors **Rachel Gomes, Hadir Elhelw,** and **Christina Alexopoulos.**

As of April 28, the team has two wins - over North Haven and the Hand freshman team.

"We are very excited for the season," **Gomes** said. "A lot of people who have never played before are finally getting the chance too."

Being the first year Jonathan Law has offered girls lacrosse, many players are beginners looking to learn the sport.

"I'm looking forward to my first season playing lacrosse," junior **Zoe Taylor** said. "I can't wait to see everybody improve."

Sophomore **Molly Vargo** is one of the very few girls to have prior experience playing lacrosse. Vargo plays midfield, defense and will be one of the key players this season.

"I think the team is going to do very well this year," Vargo said.

"The girls are picking up the game quickly and everyone works hard at practice."

Along with learning a new sport, the girls are learning the importance of team chemistry.

"Every day the team gets closer," freshmen **Angela Scuito** said. "We enjoy working together at practice."

Girls lacrosse is anxious to see the growth they will make throughout the season. They understand it is tough to develop a program, but they are excited to compete against more experienced schools.

"Since we're a first year team, we can only improve," Elhelw said. "I can't wait to see the team become more cohesive."

Girls lacrosse practices every day after school learning and improving their new skills.

"Our team works on cradling and passing the ball," Scuito said. "Once we get the basics down, I'm sure we are going to win a couple of games."

Foran will be an important game this season because this is their first year having girls lacrosse as well.

"As any Law team, we are really excited to play Foran this spring," Elhelw said. "Since they're a first year girls' team too it should be a really good game."

The girls lacrosse team is made up of mainly freshmen who are excited to play the sport for the next four years.

The Lawmen will rely heavily on freshman **Melissa Chodziutko** in goal for their first varsity season.

"We're looking forward to building skills and eventually having a successful varsity girls' lacrosse team at Law," Gomes said. "We're excited to see what's going to happen this season."

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Girls Track Sprints Into New Season

Christina Macaluso
News Editor

The girls outdoor track team prepares for the 2014 season ahead of them.

The team is led by senior captains **Brittany Scott, Ciara Hayden, Sarah Gambardella,** and **Kelly Kruysman.**

The four captains participate in different events, bringing strong leadership to each of the different events offered to the girls doing outdoor track.

Scott and Gambardella are strong 100 and 300 hurdling competitors. Hayden participates in the 4x800 and Kruysman throws both shot put and discus. With such diversity among the four senior captains, the overall team is well put together.

"The four of us are able to establish closer relationships with smaller groups of girls when we break up into our specialized groups," Scott said. "This gives the underclassmen a chance to connect with a captain one on one, which seems to make them feel comfortable on the team."

Although there is a division during practice and meets between the different events,

the team is one big family and always comes together as one.

"At the end of practice we always end with a lap around the track together to bring us all together again," Scott said.

Before the official season began, those who were interested were able to meet up a few weeks before the season to train and practice together a few days a week.

The practices were run by girls coach, **Mr. Schulte** and assistant coach **Mr. Rhode.**

"I think those few weeks before the official season were really crucial for us because it allowed us to bond as a team and we were able to figure out what events we wanted to participate in once the season started," **Kristin Frank.**

For the 2014 season, there will be 12 different meets which include the SCC East sectionals, the novice meet and then the SCC championship. Schulte believes that this will be a very promising season for the girls. He sees a lot of potential and is excited to see how the meets turn out.

"I'm excited for this season and I see a lot of success for the girls" Schulte said.

Law Boys Track Team Seeks 'Domination'

Morgan Hennessey
Staff Reporter

The boys of the Nation of Domination enter the 2014 outdoor track season with plans of success.

With over 50 freshmen and sophomore additions to the team this season, there are many opportunities for success.

"We have so many guys this year," said head coach **Mr. Beler.** "It's important for a team to have a multitude of leaders."

Looking forward to conference division and state championships; the boys practice and work toward goals every single day.

A large team does not conceal the feats of individual players. There are many strong players in the team, including underclassmen and upperclassmen.

Senior Captain **Nick Casagrande** leads the team in shot put, which he was a state qualifier last year.

Senior **Mark Thibault** and junior **Max German**, who went to states last year, are key team members and excel in pole vaulting.

The mid-distance team is led by junior **Jeremy Doucette**, who also went to states last



Senior John Lawless sprints around the track.
(photo courtesy Rostrum Yearbook)

season.

"Senior **John Lawless** is the anchor of our hurdles," said Beler. "He is number four in the state for indoor track and field and is possibly going to be a state champion in hurdles this year."

Senior **Josh Paton** will be leading the high jumpers.

Senior captain **Ryan Siddall** will be anchoring the 4x400 team. Senior **Eric Kogan** will be leading the distance runners.

"In sprints, one of our big dogs is going to be junior **Jason Garlock** who was a state qualifier for indoor track," said Beler. "And we're going to

make sure he's going to be as qualified in outdoor track."

This year the team is looking at a very tough schedule.

"We are probably looking at one of the toughest schedules in the state this year," said Beler. "We have a team that will be able to compete meet in and meet out, and we are looking to achieve high goals."

This season's team is complete with many strong and hardworking athletes.

With several meets and several opportunities to reach goals and break records ahead of them, the team has an exciting season to look forward to.

Golf Swings Into New Season

Colleen Bogucki
Staff Reporter

Senior captains **Ryan Axtell** and **Luke Mazzeo** are looking forward to an exciting season of golf.

"We are looking good this year," said Mazzeo, "With four returning starters we should really excel and hopefully make the SCC (Southern Connecticut Conference) Tournament."

The team ended their season last year with a record of 8-8 which left them just short of qualifying for SCCs.

Although the entire team did not make the tournament Mazzeo and Axtell did qualify individually.

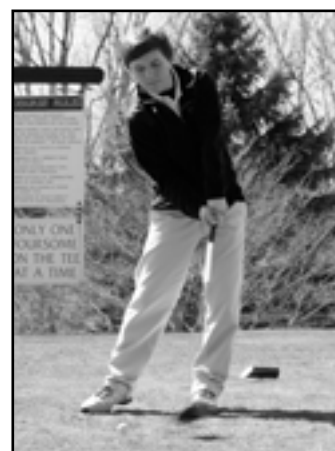
"Making SCCs made me feel really accomplished," said Axtell. "It is a great feeling when your hard work pays off."

To make the tournament the team as a whole must win their division.

The team is in a division with Foran, Branford, Lyman Hall, Sheehan, East Haven, and New Haven teams.

Head coach **Mr. Koorejian** is extremely eager for the season to get going.

"I'm very happy that we got three new freshmen this year," said Koorejian. "With the loss of many seniors next



Senior Ryan Axtell tees off.
(photo courtesy Rostrum Yearbook)

year I hope the underclassmen can grow and lead the team in future years."

The team plays at home at the Orchard Hills Country Club.

There are 11 members, boys and girls.

Each match is set up so only six people compete then four of their scores are used to determine the winner.

Along with the captains, seniors like **Jack Merva, Trace Malone, Dean Bibens,** and **Hayley Lapadula** are excited for the season to begin.

"I believe the golf team is the best it has been since I've been here," said Merva. "We have people of all grades con-

tributing and it should be a lot of fun."

The team is especially excited for their matches against Foran. They face the Lions twice this season: they defeated them by three strokes on April 10 and they play them again on May 20.

Other challenging teams they play are Guilford and Hand.

"Our matches against teams like Guilford are always really hard," said Axtell. "They tend to be very good."

After the regular season matches the team has the opportunity to compete in post-season tournaments.

One of the most competitive tournaments available is the Chappa tournament in Westport on May 22.

The two best golfers from each team can compete if their average is 50 strokes or below.

Other tournaments include The Mayor's Cup on May 28 and the SCC Tournament on May 27.

Koorejian has big plans for his golfers in the post season.

"I really think Hayley has a chance to make states this year and I would love to see that happen," said Koorejian. "She'd only be the third person ever from Law to do so."

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Law Baseball Looks To Make Run In States

Stephanie Cameron
Sports Editor

The Jonathan Law baseball team is excited to start the 2014 season.

After finishing 10-10 last season and losing the first round of states, the team is ready to prove that they are the best team in the state.

This year's team is led by senior captains **Jake Rouse**, **Dillon Rocha**, and **Jimmy Palmer**.

"This season is bittersweet," head coach **Mr. Simler** said.

"I am very excited about the senior class this season, but I am not looking forward to seeing them leave."

The baseball team has eight returning starters and has their eye on a state title this season. There are also many four years starters on this varsity squad, which is rare for baseball.

"Our main goal is to get eight wins and make the state tournament," senior **Richie Dow** said. "We want to win it all."

The Lawmen opened up their season on April 9 against



Senior Jake Rouse throws across diamond to complete the out. (photo courtesy Rostrum Yearbook)

East Haven. As on April 28, they have a record of 7-2, which has included wins over East Haven, Foran, Branford, Lyman Hall, Hamden, Guilford, and Hand.

"We are preparing ourselves for this long awaited season by taking every practice

seriously," senior **Kurt Holden** said.

The baseball team sees themselves more as a family than a team.

"We all get along great," Rouse said. "We've played together since elementary school."

Although the team has nine solid starters, the Lawmen bench has depth.

"Every player on our roster is going to be key to achieving our goals," Simler said.

Important games for the baseball team this season are against Fairfield Prep, Foran,

and Hand.

"Everyone on our team is excited to play Foran this season," senior **Tim Maher** said. "We split with them last year and we plan on beating them twice this year."

The baseball team has been working year round in order to prepare for this season.

"In the offseason we worked extremely hard in the weight room and in the hallway of school," Simler said.

Law baseball had 23 players coming to school everyday to get stronger and faster.

This year's baseball team is very motivated and experienced.

"I'm looking forward to playing with all my friends and leaving this program on a good note," Rouse said. "We have an amazing opportunity ahead of us."

This season the baseball team will play a rare game under the lights at Cheney Tech on May 13th.

Seniors **Kevin Johnson** and Dow will do a majority of the pitching this season.

Cameron Caps Career

Kayla Patrick
Staff Reporter

Senior **Stephanie Cameron** is a role model to the student body at Law.

Cameron represents Law as an active member throughout the school. She is a hard working athlete and is well-known at Law.

During winter season, Cameron was a big part on Laws gymnastics team for 3 years.

"She's very supportive and enthusiastic," junior **Kelsey Kopazna** said. "She includes everyone on the team."

Cameron lead the team as a captain her junior and senior year. She took the Law gymnastics team to states the past two years, and placed 2nd in states last year.

"Steph is very helpful and dedicated with everything she does," freshman **Kristin Frank** said. "She helped me out a lot this winter season and always supported all of us."

Cameron was on the law varsity softball team all four years. She is leading her team this season as a senior captain.

"She's a great captain and friend," junior **Justine Bannon** said. "She's the one person on the team who can

make me feel better when I make a mistake on the field."

As a junior and senior, Cameron was on Law's Powderpuff team. She loves football, and enjoyed having the opportunity to be on the field and play against the schools rival, Foran.

"Her enthusiasm about doing well as a team makes everyone participating want to do their best and a get a win for Law," senior **Brittany Scott** said. "She's a great role model, especially when it comes to athletics."

When not on the field, or in school, Cameron is spending her time cheering on the other teams. She's always seen cheering in the stands at Law's football, basketball, and baseball games.

Cameron started cheering through Milford Pop Warner in first grade. She still spends her free time at the cheer gym, working on tumbling for fun.

She started off as a baseball player when she was seven years old, but became a softball player when she was nine.

Although Cameron is enjoying her last moments of high school, she is preparing herself for college.

She will attend Endicott College.

Law Softball Off To Solid Start

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The Law softball team is aiming to continue their recent winning tradition.

Coming off of a first round loss in the state tournament to Sheehan, Law is determined to have a better fate this year.

"We're excited to start the year off hot," senior captain **Steph Cameron** said. "We want to get to eight wins as quickly as possible to qualify for the state tournament."

The team has four captains for this upcoming season. They are Cameron, **Justine Bannon**, **Amanda Leone**, and **Danielle Gray**.

"Being a captain is a special feeling," Gray said. "Knowing that you're a leader and your team relies on you is a burden, but a good one."

The team has some holes to fill on the corners of the infield.

"We need to fill first and third base, because Sam (Murphy) and Steph (Peloso) graduated," head coach **Ms. Paolini** said. "The sooner that we can fill these positions the quicker that we can jell and play together."

As of April 28, the team has a record of 7-2, which includes wins over North Haven, Hand,



Senior captain Steph Cameron tracks down a fly ball. (photo courtesy Rostrum Yearbook)

Guilford, Bunnell, Hamden, Hillhouse, and Cheshire.

Although the team has some holes to fill, many starters are returning. Seven starters from last year will be back.

"The core of our team is returning which I am excited about," Paolini said. "They all come with varsity experience; we're definitely going to be successful."

Law will have their annual Unified game this year again.

"This is something that we all look forward too," senior **Jenna Bernard** said.

"It's an opportunity for us as a team to do something that will make a huge impact on the

Law community."

The Lady Lawmen will have their senior day on May 12 against Hillhouse.

The team will say goodbye to four seniors.

"It will be tough to say goodbye to all of these girls," Bannon said.

"I've looked up to many of them, they were good role models."

The state tournament isn't the only goal on the teams mind. They also want to make a run in the SCC tournament.

"States isn't the only thing that we want to win," Cameron said. "We want to win everything that we can."

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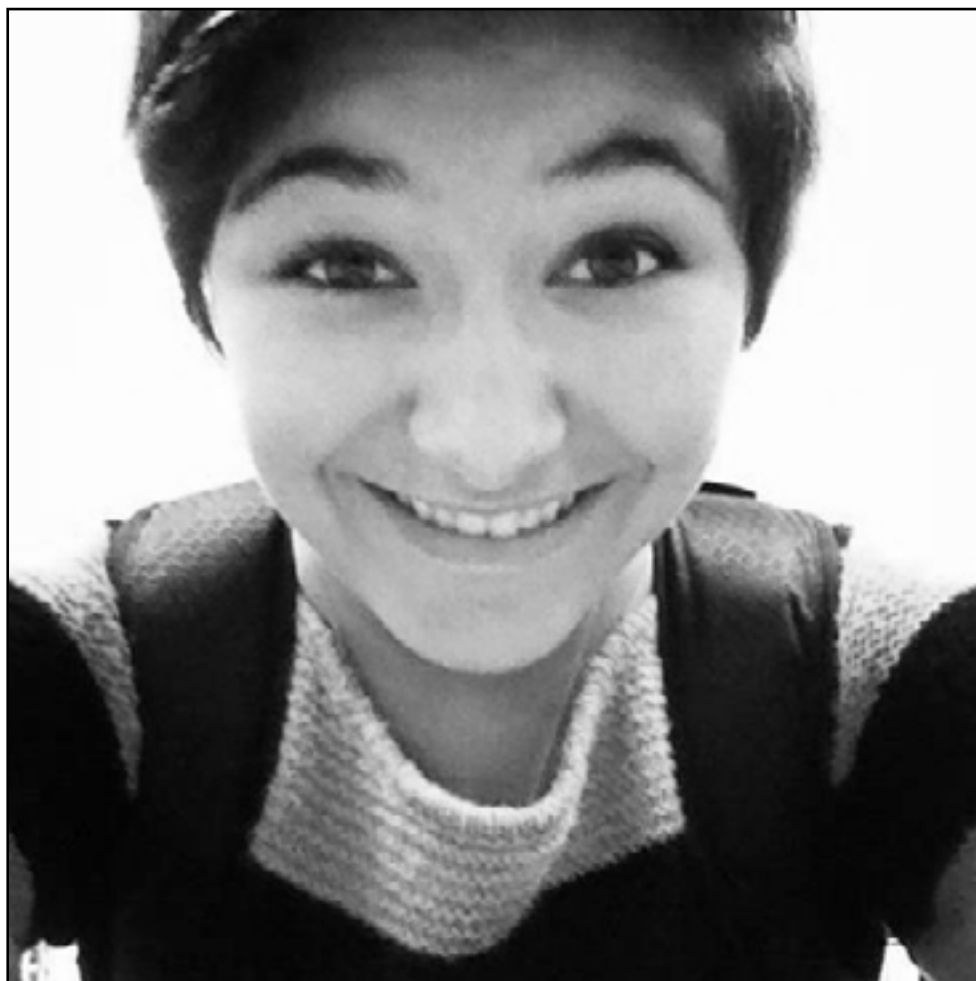
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“...full of hopes and dreams.”



Maren Sanchez was a beloved friend and classmate who was taken from us far too soon. We will never forget her infectious smile, her generosity, and her love for life. Her spirit will live on forever.

“Nobody will forget that beautiful smile walking down the hallway.” - Mary Jaser

“Maren was the type of girl who would kiss your cheek out of nowhere, laugh and it would radiate the room, a smile and it would warm everyone’s heart. She will be dearly missed and is loved by so many. Her memory will live on.” - Jillian Bendlak

“She was a wonderful person.” - Ben Warters

“It was an absolute honor teaching Maren how to manage both the swim and softball teams as she loved being a part of something so much. I love you Maren, and I hope there’s a team for you to manage in heaven.” - McKenna Staurovsky

“Maren was our softball manager and whenever we played a game she would always run and stretch with us. I felt like she was a part of the team.” - Isabel Cortez

“She was such a bright and wonderful girl. God gained one of the most incredible angels.” - Amber Rua

“I don’t think I will ever be able to wrap my head around what happened. It’s so surreal.” - Arianna Goenaga

“She changed Law for the better. She made us all come together as one family.” - Louis Birks

“That though the radiance which was once so bright be now forever taken from my sight. Though nothing can bring back the hour of splendor in the grass, glory in the flower. We will grieve not, rather find strength in what remains behind.” - Jewel Okwuosa

“Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some people move our souls to dance.” - Brianna Arnold

“Maren was always an angel.” - Nikki Chaney

“Maren is lost but certainly not forgotten.” - Jasmine Perez

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or heard. They must be felt by the heart.” - Tiani Britt

“You were an amazing young woman, always had an amazing style and always tried to be different from other. She was always smiling and trying to make others happy.” - Aleiya Vasquez

“The brave do not live forever, but the cautious do not live at all.” - Stephanie Cameron

“I remember the first time I actually met Maren. It was Relay For Life our sophomore year. She mentioned how she was going to cut her hair short and I asked why and she replied, ‘Because it’ll show people not to judge someone by their appearances.’ I truly admired Maren after that night.” - Erica Velky

“You know the world can see us, in a way that’s different than who we are, creating space between us, ‘til we’re separate hearts. But your faith, it gives me strength, strength to believe, we’re breakin’ free. We’re soarin’, flyin’, there’s not a star in heaven that we can’t reach. If we’re tryin’, yeah, we’re breakin’ free.” - Jamie Loma

“Growing up together, hanging out all the time, and all the amazing memories we had together will be some of the things I will cherish forever. Thank you for being the biggest inspiration to me, even now, and thanks for being the most amazing, talented, and loving girl you were. You will always be in our hearts.” - Madison Wong

“The day before Maren passed, we were in the lunch line together. While discussing how there wasn’t enough room on the lunch trays, she spilled her whole lunch all over me and the floor. She was such a sweetie about it. We joked about it, saying she was jealous of my new strappy sandals. I love Maren enormously and I’m going to miss her.” - Jocelyn Travis

“Maren was the most outgoing person I’ve ever met.” - Tejan Cortes

“She was the change we want to see in the world.” - Mathilda Hill

“She asked me to give her my wrist before a game this season before going up to bat. She wrote ‘good luck’ and put her head on my shoulder.” - Heather Sherrick