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Are Online Classes Actually Hurting Us?



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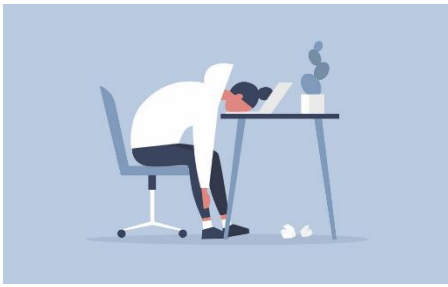
In March of 2020 the world was hit with a deadly virus which caused everyone to have to stay inside of their homes. This interfered with many people's jobs and careers, even schooling. Online schooling was in full affect by September and opinions about it were split. Now we are trying to figure out if online classes are hurting rather than helping.

Students have been in online classes for a couple months now but was online learning a successful idea. Yes, maybe it was for the coronavirus, but students are now having more mental health issues. According to a study conducted in June, 75% of college students reported feeling more anxious or stressed due to online learning. For junior Aishani Saha, online classes hurt not only her grades, but also her mental health.

“My mental health was already kind of shaky, it was getting better actually, but then this happened, and it got worse,” Saha said. “For me, I’ve always partly depended on social stuff like seeing friends but when that suddenly stopped, it was completely different. I slept in a lot, super late, which I think made my mental health worse; I would get out of bed at like 1 p.m., and I wouldn’t get a lot done during the day, so I would just feel worse about myself so it just kind of went in circles.”

Online classes are causing students to have no social interaction, stay up late doing work, many students stay in bed till the early afternoon, and since college students aren't allowed back onto campus students who might live in a different time zone have to deal with the time change. The ACLU survey asked students to grade their mental wellness before and after schools closed, on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 indicating top mental health. Before the pandemic, 65% of students gave themselves a 7 or higher. After the pandemic, that percentage had dropped to less than 40%. Worse, the number of students who rated their mental health a 3 or lower more than tripled after the pandemic began, from 7.2% to 23%.

Online classes aren't only affecting the students and teachers, but also the parents. Parents are now having to find childcare, which isn't easy during a pandemic, and if not find time in their day to help younger students.



“It is a very difficult time for families to figure out how to support their children in online learning while also juggling their own work responsibilities, especially for younger children who need support and guidance and supervision,” said Robyn Lightcap, executive director of Learn to Earn Dayton.

One parent says, “It is hard enough to find a babysitter as is, and my babysitter doesn’t even know how to turn on a computer, I am terrified of my kids’ education and them falling behind.” “How do I help my kindergartener be on a Zoom and simultaneously do my job that I need to do?” A parent says.



SOME OF OUR PEERS AND TEACHERS IN THEIR REMOTE-LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



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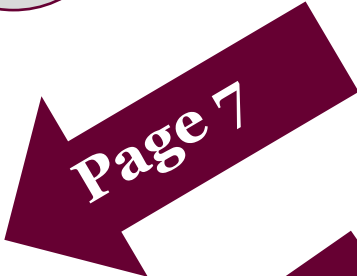
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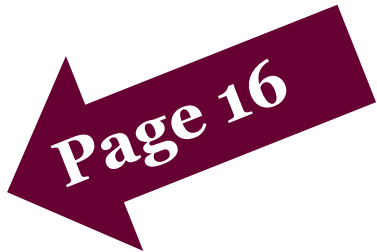


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Remote Learning from a High Schooler's POV



By: Jenna McFarland
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2020 was a year like no other, from WW3 rumors to COVID-19, murder hornets, and the highly controversial presidential election, it was one for the books. When we got kicked out of school for two weeks, we all took it as a mini vacation, not thinking for a second it would last this long. Corona took a lot of things from a lot of people, but I want to focus more on how our education has been affected. As we all know, we started off this year with a hybrid/full-remote instructional model. That did not last too long as it was soon turned into full-remote effective Monday, November 23rd until further notice. Whether you are dying to be back in person or you could do full-remote for the rest of your life, everyone has an opinion and it is time we heard them. A voluntary survey was sent out through your English teacher's Schoology page so that we could get your take on this whole situation. 74 students responded covering all grade levels with 3 freshman, 5 sophomores, 33 juniors, and 32 seniors. Let's hear what you guys had to say!

I feel as if the location in which you do school has a lot to do with how much attention you pay, or if you are even awake at all. Amongst respondents 46.6% said they do school at a desk, 5.5% at their kitchen/dining room table, 35.6% in their bed, and 12.3% in another location usually being their living room. Whether or not this affected their ability to stay awake and be attentive is unable to be confirmed, as there were a ton of percentages to filter through. The question was, "how many classes are you awake for and paying attention to on a normal basis?" The average answer was 67% or 6/9 classes; answers varied from one class to all nine.

While 19 people felt they were not learning any less or worse than normal, more than half (55) of participants felt their ability to retain knowledge has been severely affected. The students who chose no feel this way because they enjoy the liberty to better organize their thoughts online, as well as being able to find work online when they miss class. As for the kids who chose yes, a couple consensual opinions have been reached as for why that is. Starting off, school is easier and less stressful when you are in the classroom with other kids, and can do more hands on/visual learning. A couple students commented on their experiences specifically with AP classes and how they feel they are moving slower, as well as it being harder for AP Bio and AP Chem as they cannot perform labs. A lot of students feel that when they are online they are just staring at the screen while the teacher talks at them; not a lot of participation or class work is involved. This makes it harder for kids to focus, which causes them to be extremely distracted or to fall asleep. With lack of focus comes lack of motivation, which also results in no incentive to study. This becomes frustrating when, despite having good grades, they feel that they know absolutely nothing because none of the information sticks. The majority of students said their level of motivation is at a 3/10. The last

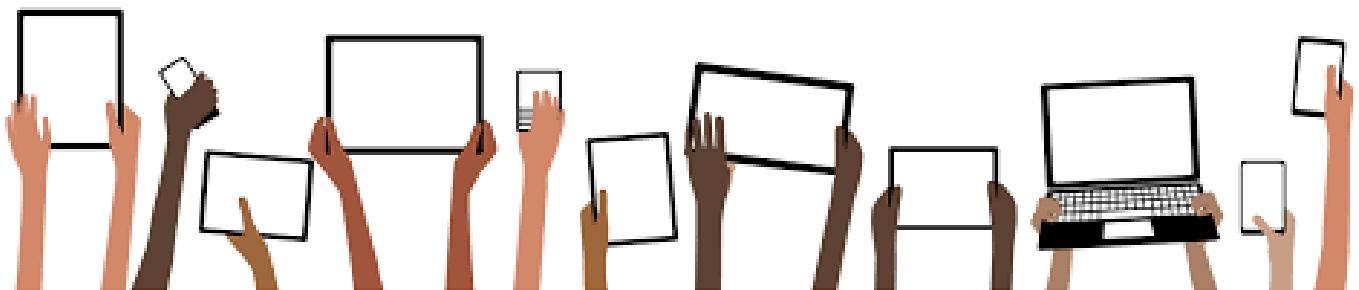
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reason agreed upon is the obvious technological issues which include, Wi-Fi problems, computer updates, computer speed (or lack thereof), and when Teams and Schoology crash. Luckily, the majority of students say they have tech issues not that often, around 12.3% have them practically every day.

This ability, or inability, to learn can have a major effect on your grades. Whether it is a good or bad effect is the question. 16 students have noticed their grades dropping, but only slightly, while 15 have noticed a drastic drop in their grades. 28 concluded that their grades are about the same as they would be in any given year, and those lucky few (14) have had an improvement in their grades. Now, based on what type of learner you are or how much homework you are given, online school can deem itself less or more stressful. 69.9% of students feel much more overwhelmed than in normal school while 30.1% feel more relaxed and at ease. Your stress levels, or lack of stress levels, can only add on to how you already feel about remote school. 56 said they want to return to school while 17 would rather stay home. On a scale of 0-10 (0 being, I don't enjoy online in the slightest, I want to go back, and 10 being, I would choose this over in-person any day) the average rating was 4 with most people rating it a 0/10 😞

While everyone is struggling with online school, teachers, parents, and students, everyone could use a little advice on how things could get better. Teachers, from us to you, we have come up with a couple ideas that could help in our learning experience. In terms of workload, students feel less homework would help out after we have just sat in the same place for eight hours straight. Going off of that, better deadlines like, at 11:59 or before class the next day, would help out a ton. Also, when it comes to deadlines, some just need explained better or made clearer. Reason being, sometimes we miss what you said or the date on Schoology is not the correct one. Focusing on retention, we know sometimes you forget, but recording the classes so we can go back and watch is always a huge help. That, and making the test/quiz results available after everyone completes it, so that we can review what we missed and learn from our mistakes. Last but not least, we know it is hard when the students do not participate, but any way you can make the class more engaging and interactive instead of just talking and handing out videos, could improve our focus a lot. One student even mentioned making cameras mandatory, and while we may huff and puff at first, it could greatly help in keeping us focused and feeling like we are all together. At the end of the day, we all know you are trying your very best because this is not easy for you either, so we appreciate you for that.

It is time to wrap up this article now, after five long paragraphs (yikes), but it was good to get a consensus for how our student body is handling and enjoying learning from home. It is harder for some than others, but nonetheless, everyone is doing the best they can and we are all proud of you. We would love to do more like this with opinions from you so keep feeding us any ideas that you have. Everyone stay safe, do not stress yourself out too much, and hopefully we can be back in the building soon!



LOCAL, NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

-----COVID-19 VACCINE-----



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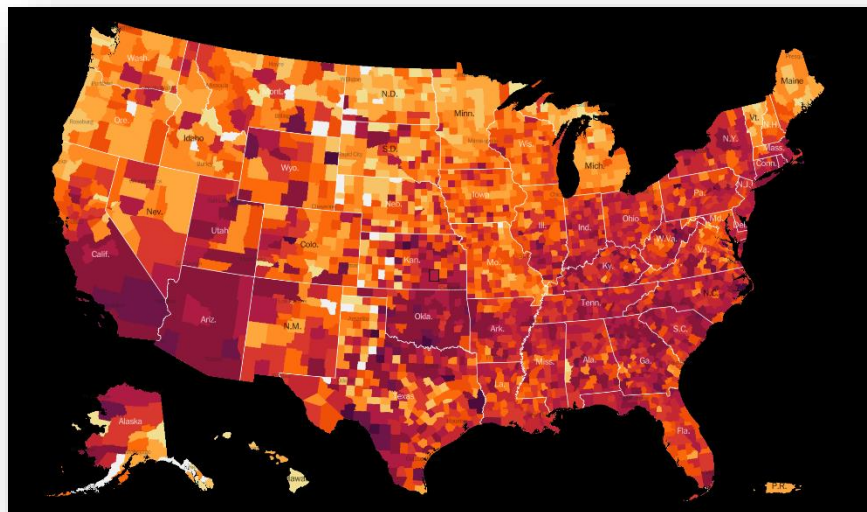
With 23.1 million cases and 385 thousand deaths in the United States as of January 14, 2021, the Corona Virus vaccine is finally being introduced to people around the world, but there are many questions and controversy over the vaccine's impact.

A huge question about the vaccine is "Will it make me sick with the virus?" and according to the CDC website, no, it will not. None of the authorized vaccines in the US contain the live virus that causes COVID-19. "(The vaccines) teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19. Sometimes this process can cause symptoms, such as fever. These symptoms are normal and are a sign that the body is building protection against the virus that causes COVID-19." So, the point of the vaccine is to build immunity from the virus in a way that will not infect you and make you sick with COVID.

Another popular concern is "If I get the vaccine, will I test positive for the virus?" and the answer to that is also no. The authorized vaccine will not cause you to test positive, however you can get to know your immunity to the virus and find out if you have been infected with corona by getting antibody tests.

Many people wonder if they still need vaccinated if they have previously contracted the virus and recovered from it. That answer is yes because you can get re-infected with corona. The CDC is currently figuring out who their main priority people are along with an extensive plan of action and recommendations, but they have said that it will be eventually offered to everyone.

Although many aspects of COVID-19 are still being researched and studied, it is important to trust our health experts and to remember medicine is currently at its best point in history. With everything going on in the world, and as tedious as it may seem, please, wear your masks, social distance, avoid large gatherings, stay safe and hang in there! Hopefully, things will turn around soon.



-----ONE YEAR WITH COVID-19-----



In January 2020, the coronavirus started to breakout all around the world, causing a panic. This was a crucial time because everyone in the world did not know what to make of it and everyone was scared. This was also the time when people started to worry about closing everything down to keep people safe, which in the U.S. did not happen until March.

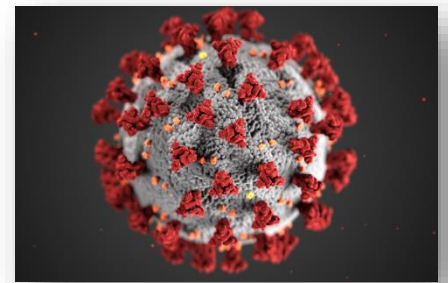
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Fast forward till today, almost a year, everything has changed. Masks are worn almost everywhere, and a lot of places are closed. Small businesses are struggling to stay open because of the Covid-19 laws. People are slowly getting the vaccine out, but nobody knows really anything about it. Some say it can kill you if you have certain issues and others say it is completely harmless. You get a shot and then a month later you get a second one to complete to treatment. Nobody knows what is going to happen or how long any of this will last. One thing is for certain, everyone wants it to end.



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EDITORIAL



~ January 6, 2021 ~

History was made on January 6, 2021. This last year has brought countless changes; both positive and negative. Many 'firsts' have also happened this year, people's first pandemic for example, and that has made figuring out how to deal with said situations difficult. There is no history to look back on that explains what to do and what not to do. However, most of the population would agree that allowing, and inciting or encouraging, domestic terrorists as President to attack the Capitol building is what not to do.

This was a scary day for so many people, not just those in Washington D.C. The country, and the world, had to sit back and watch as domestic terrorists were attacking the U.S. capitol. However, those in D.C., especially those that had been in the building and surrounding buildings, were traumatized by these events. "Wednesday was an extremely traumatizing event. And it was not an exaggeration to say that many members of the House were nearly assassinated," Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez said on an Instagram livestream. While she didn't share further details of the 'very close encounter' due to security concerns, she told viewers: 'I did not know if I was going to make it to the end of that day alive.'"

I could come and describe the dictionary definition of the difference between a protest and a riot because that would answer the question exactly. I could explain that one of the main differences between them is violence, but that makes it seem like the second a protestor lights something on fire, the whole thing becomes a riot. Words carry so much weight with the way they are used and the connotation behind them, even in small instances like "you look good" versus "you look amazing." Both are positive compliments, but ask almost anyone and they mean two completely different things and make you feel two completely different ways. "There's kind of a war of words as to how we should understand what they're doing,' says Heather Ann Thompson, a professor of history and Afro-American studies at the

University of Michigan. ‘Each term sends a vastly different message about precisely what is going on in America’s streets and why.’” This is the same with protest and riot; a protest is a peaceful way to get across a message and a riot becomes a violent, horrific thing. I was in the Pittsburgh Black Lives Matter protest and to see the whole thing become categorized because of a few people, in Pittsburgh’s case it was a few people sent in by police, that ruin it for everyone trying to make a real difference. There is a difference between a real riot and what the media has portrayed as riots, and both are different than protests. “ ‘What’s happening across the country and across the world is a call for justice, a call for police accountability, for the recognition that black lives matter too,” says John A. Powell, a professor of law and African American studies at the University of California, Berkeley (who does not capitalize his name in recognition of its being a slave name). “Rioting detracts from all of that.” Your words matter, so use them correctly.



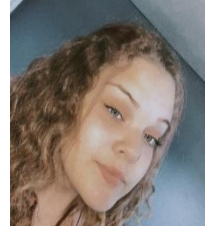
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POP CULTURE

FAV SHOWS OF 2020



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2020 was unlike any year we've ever lived through. This year had ups and downs, new trends, politics, a ton of changes to everyday life, and much more. There was plenty of time to sit at home and binge watch shows. Many people found new shows, some re-watched old shows, but regardless, here are Ambridge's top five favorite T.V. shows from 2020.

- (1) **OUTER BANKS:** *Outer Banks* was very popular over the summer after airing on April 15, 2020. There is only one season right now, but a second is on its way. Some of the stars of the show include Chase Stokes, Madelyn Cline, Rudy Pankow, and Madison Bailey. *Outer Banks* is about four friends in Outer Banks, North Carolina who spend their summer looking for treasure.



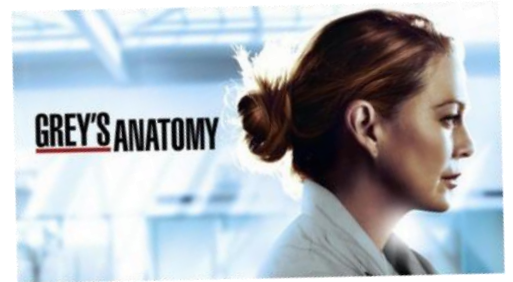
- (2) **CRIMINAL MINDS:** *Criminal Minds*, a popular FBI show aired on September 22, 2005. The show has 15 seasons but they cannot all be found in the same place. Seasons 1-12 are on Netflix while 13-15 are on Hulu. You can also buy seasons but it may get pricy. Some of the stars in the show include Matthew Gray Gubler as Spencer Reid, AJ Cook as JJ, Kirtsen Vangsnes as Penelope Garcia, Shamar Moore as Derek Morgan, and Thomas Gibson as Aaron Hotchner. The show centers around a team of FBI agents from the BAU, Behavioral Analysis Unit, solving crimes all over the country such as kidnappings and serial killings.



- (3) **THE MANDALORIAN:** *The Mandalorian* is a popular series that first premiered on Disney+ in 2019. It is a part of the *Star Wars* series and takes place five years after *Return of the Jedi* and 25 years before *The Force Awakens*. *The Mandalorian* follows a Mandalorian, a species of people native to the planet Mandalore, on his journey after he finds an important creature. Mando, as some people call him, finds himself tasked with protecting this creature while he tries to find a Jedi to train with. Currently, there are two seasons with season three set to premiere in December. The show stars Pedro Pascal as Mando, Gina Carano as Cara Dune, and Giancarlo Esposito as Moff Gideon



- (4) **GREY'S ANATOMY:** *Grey's Anatomy* is one of the most watched medical dramas in the world. From its first episode back in 2005, this show has been on top of many people's favorite lists. Currently, there are 17 seasons, and considering all of the money the show brings in, there is no time to end it anytime soon. *Grey's* takes place at Grey-Sloan Memorial hospital, formally known as Seattle Grace Mercy West Hospital, and Seattle Grace before that. It follows the main characters through their journeys as doctors. Two of the most popular characters known throughout the show are Meredith Grey played by Ellen Pompeo, and Derek Shepherd played by Patrick Dempsey. *Grey's Anatomy* is available to watch from ABC and seasons 1-16 are available to binge on Netflix.



- (5) **SHAMELESS:** *Shameless* is an older show with 11 seasons, first airing on January 9th, 2011. It is about a family whose older sister had to raise them on her account, which results in a struggle for food and necessities. You can watch it on Hulu, Netflix, and Amazon Prime.



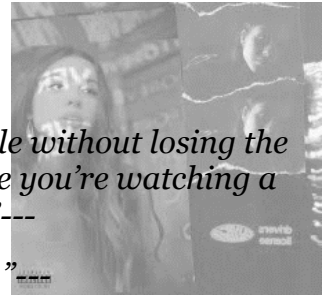
Former Disney Star Breaks the Internet



By: Jenna McFarland
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--- “Rodrigo is able to create something moving and relatable without losing the unique specificity of her storytelling that makes you feel like you’re watching a movie of her life play out in your earbuds”---

---“early contender for the song of the year.”---



Those are comments made by Rolling Stone magazine about former Disney Channel star, Olivia Rodrigo’s, debut song, “Drivers License.” If you’ve seen the Disney show, *Bizaardvark*, or the Disney+ original, *High School Musical: The Musical: The*

Series (HSMTMTS), you know who I’m talking about. And if you have TikTok, chances are, you know what I’m talking about. Rodrigo’s single has taken over all social media platforms, once again stealing the hearts of many teens on TikTok. January of last year she released “All I Want” in correspondence with her new role in HSMTMTS which was sung out my thousands and made an appearance all over TikTok. This year she has done just the same, even pushing past those previous successes as she tops music charts all over the world and on all music platforms.

As there is with anything, there’s a backstory to her new song, and needless to say, everyone’s invested. Rodrigo played a lead role in HSMTMTS along co-star, Joshua Bassett, in which they played love interests. The show, along with the music and their chemistry became an instantaneous hit. Turns out they had been secretly dating, which was no surprise, but there was a problem...she was 17 and he was 20. Rumor has it he told her he’d wait for her to be 18, which will occur on February 2nd this year, but he didn’t. Bassett moved on to be in a relationship with well-known *Girl Meets World* star, Sabrina Carpenter, who is the “older blonde girl” in Rodrigo’s song. This was an obvious shock to fans everywhere and especially Olivia. All those feelings were let out in a song not long after she got her license (because he taught her how to drive) which she posted on her Instagram, and fans loved it! This resulted in her moving forward to make it an actual song which she created with Daniel Nigro, and we’re glad she did.

This song displays her amazing vocals as she hits the high notes astonishingly well, and ends the song with a bridge that stunned everyone. Several lines throughout the song like, “*I guess you didn’t mean what you wrote in that song about me,*” “*You said forever now I drive alone past your street,*” and “*I still ----- love you babe,*” let us feel her heartbreak on all levels. Her song has people in healthy, stable relationships singing their heart out to it on repeat.

Celebrities like Kevin & Joe Jonas, Ashe, Lucy Hale, and so many more have congratulated Olivia and posted about how great of a song it is on their Instagram stories. Even Bassett posted about it which created a bit of awkwardness, doesn’t seem like he read the room...yikes! Rodrigo posted about being #2 on apple music charts right under her idol, Taylor Swift, and Swift responded saying, “*I say that’s my baby and I’m really proud.*” Obviously, Rodrigo was star struck. As of January 14, her song has soared to the #1 spot on the global charts for both Apple Music and Spotify. She sits at the top of Apple Music top 100 charts in the US, Australia, Canada, and the UK. Her music video also takes the #1 spot on Apple Music with 25M views on YouTube after just six days. According to Chart Data on Twitter, “Drivers License” will be promoted to the US pop radio starting January 18th.

She continues to top charts and break glass ceilings more and more every day. Her song will continue to be played on repeat for weeks to come and we can’t wait to see what else she comes up with.



The Stage is Set

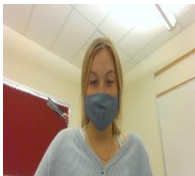


By: Brandon Streb
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Congratulations to the Tampa Buccaneers and the Kansas City Chiefs for being the two teams to compete in this year's Super Bowl. Coming into the season these two teams were arguably the most favorable to go all the way, since both teams have so much talent on both sides of the ball. For Tampa Bay, they got the likes of arguably the greatest QB of all time. Tom Brady is going back to the Super Bowl and Brady will play in his 10th Super Bowl after helping guide the Buccaneers to a road win in Lambeau Field over MVP favorite Aaron Rodgers and the Packers. As for the Chiefs' fans, they have the likes of Patrick Mahomes who at 25, has had the best start to his career of any American athlete in a team sport, and is arguably right now, the greatest QB in the world right now. So, you have the greatest of all time, Tom Brady, Vs. the greatest QB right now. For Mahomes, no matter what Mahomes accomplishes for the rest of his career, even if he wins five straight Super Bowls, he'll likely never be considered the GOAT if he loses to Brady in this game. A seventh ring would put Brady one ahead of Michael Jordan, and would likely end Mahomes's quest to be the GOAT before it ever begins. Patrick Mahomes is a long way from challenging for GOAT status, but if he wins this Super Bowl he would be on that path. If Mahomes wins two Super Bowls by 25, he would be the youngest ever to win two titles. In his first year as an NFL starter, Mahomes became just the third player ever to throw for 50 touchdown passes in a season, won MVP, and reached the AFC title game. In his second season, Mahomes dislocated his kneecap and then came back to win the Super Bowl. Now in his third season, he is likely to finish second in MVP voting and could win the Super Bowl again. Crucially, like Brady, Mahomes gets more clutch in big moments. With all this hype it will be exciting to see who comes out as the victor.



The Best Trends This Winter



By: Bri Mueller
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There are many new trends by each new year and during each season. It is nice to follow the new trend or be in style. This winter it is becoming popular to bring back some old styles and make them new again. While some trends have lasted for many years there are still some that continue to change each year.

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MOM JEANS – they have made a huge comeback and can be found almost anywhere

CHAMPION HOODIES – they are seen worn by many women and men. They are a way to make a fashion statement while still staying warm and comfy.



DOC MARTINS – they have become a very trendy shoe once again. You can dress them up or dress them down in many unique ways.

NIKE BLAZERS - You can never go wrong with these shoes. Dress them up or dress them down, it is seen as a fashion statement.



CARHARTT BEANIE - the trendiest beanie right now. Whether you need to keep your head warm or you are looking for something to spice up your outfit, this is *the* hat.

SHERPA JACKETS – These are very warm and trendy. Many are wearing it and it does not disappoint. You can find this anywhere because of how popular it is.



FLANNELS – for warmth or for style, flannels are a great addition to throw on. They add a pop of color and some dimension to the outfit

Where is the Place to be if You¹⁴ Want to Ski?



By: Brett Mueller
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SEVEN SPRINGS

This is the biggest resort around us with many things to do. Outside of skiing there are many restaurants, one being a buffet. If you have younger kids that don't enjoy skiing there is an arcade, pool, ice-cream shop, and rollerblading. Let's talk about the skiing. The skiing is the best



around with the most slopes and the most skiers. Now this dose come with its flaws, like the price for a lift ticket being \$91.

HIDDEN VALLEY

This is very similar to 7 springs but much smaller. There is less to do outside of skiing, and is the smallest ski resort but is only \$51 for a day of skiing. One of the biggest pluses is that there are less people their which means no lines which means more skiing.



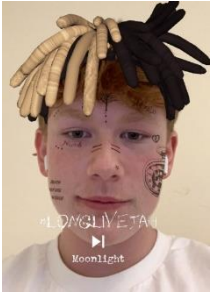
PEAK N' PEAK

This is a bit smaller than 7 springs, and depends on the weekend for how many people are there. They have many restaurants, and always do something once a month whether it's a wing cookoff, a hot chocolate stand, or a snowmobile race. This is much more affordable coming in at about \$40 a day to ski as well as the food being cheaper.



The Psychology Behind Conspiracy Theories

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The United States is facing an epidemic within the most vulnerable minds of our generation. Conspiracy theories that flood rampantly across social media platforms are radicalizing the most gullible. What is the cause of this phenomenon and how can we stop it? Let us explore the reasons why some people believe everything they see on the internet.

Only 41% of Americans trust the mass media according to a study by gallup.com. That means that 59% of Americans are receiving the news from independent sources or they are not receiving any news.

Usually what this means that in order to receive news, people will go online and find anything to believe. Usually the most gullible are already under the assumption that they are being lied to by something or somebody else. These people will go online and absorb radical theories because they believe that it is improbable for them to be lied to again.



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Pandemic Word Search

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MEET THE STAFF: ¹⁷

Editor



Hi, I'm Jenna, I'm a junior. I've been in newspaper for five years. Specifically, the Silhouette staff for the last three, and editor for two. I watch a lot of Grey's Anatomy, NCIS and Criminal Minds. I'm also a huge fan of almost anything Disney :)



My name is Brandon and I am a junior in the high school. I have been taking newspaper class since 8th grade. I usually write about sports articles in the paper. I play baseball for Ambridge playing catcher.



I am Evan Schooley, I am in 11th grade, and I have been in newspaper for two years. I like to play Xbox with my friends and go outside. I also have a job at Walmart. I like it there because a lot of my friends work there, so it makes the job more fun. Some of my other hobbies are hunting and fishing.





Hi, my name is Samuel Tusick, I am a sophomore. I have been involved in newspaper since freshman year. In my free time I like to play PlayStation and hangout with family.



Hi, my name is Brianna Mueller, and I am in newspaper III. I am in 11th grade and I do hybrid schooling. I like to have fun with my friends and play soccer. I like to write, but only about topics that interest me. I also love to go snow skiing and to Erie in the summer.



My name is Cameron Weatherly. I am 16 years old the oldest of 5 kids. I work at Walmart. I enjoy listening to classic rock music and watching movies. My favorite band is Led Zeppelin. I've been in newspaper for 5 years and I enjoy working on political news the most.

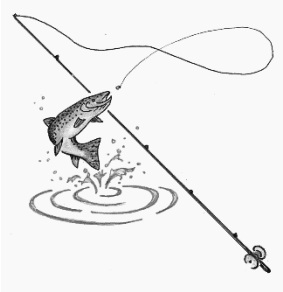


Hi I'm Brett Mueller I've been doing newspaper for 3 years. I play soccer and volleyball in my free time I ski, boat, and play Xbox. I like to play COD and sports games.

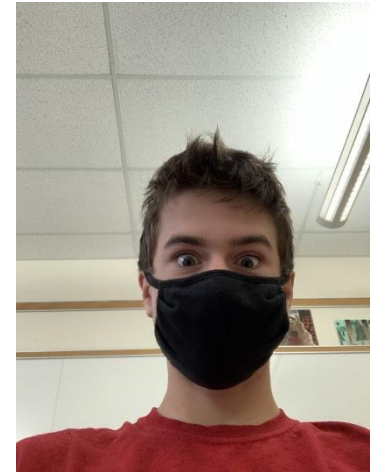




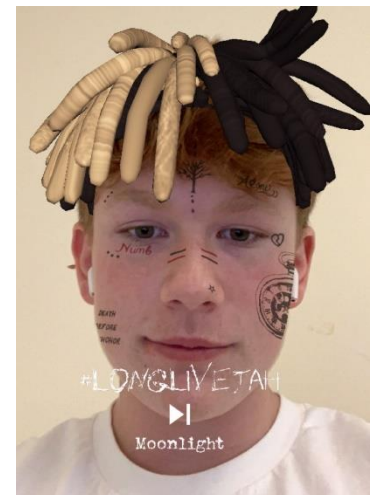
I am Sophia Pedigo, a seventeen-year-old with hopes of becoming a well-known author one day. As a senior in high school, this is my sixth year in newspaper, starting in seventh grade ending in senior year. My goal is to go to school for Journalism and stay involved in the writing field for my career. I play lacrosse in the spring, this year being my fourth and final year. I am the second youngest child in my family, with two older step-brothers and a younger sister. We have two cats, Kinsley and Lexi, and I am by no means a dog person. I am very interested in social justice work and politics, as well as sketching and reading. I used to be able to play the violin, but I have lost all musical ability; the same happened with practically losing my ability to speak Spanish, though I am in Spanish V this year.



My name is Lukas Sovich and I'm in 11th grade. This is my 3rd year taking Newspaper. I like being outside and having fun with my friends. I work at Walmart stocking and unloading trucks. I work with a lot of my friends at Walmart. I like to hunt and fish.

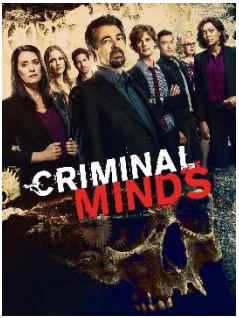


Hello, my name is Tyler Sproul and this is my third year working for the newspaper at Ambridge. I play ice hockey for Ambridge-Avonworth and some of my hobbies include playing guitar, eating food, and riding my bike. My favorite movie is Superbad and my favorite band is Doors. I am currently a junior, and I want to be a writer when I grow up.





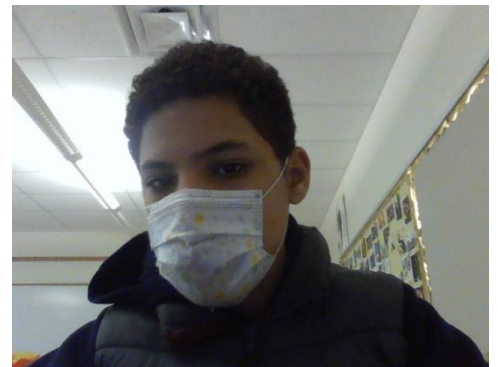
Hey! My name is Hannah, and I am a junior here at the high school. This is only my second year in Newspaper, but I love it so much! Outside of school I play volleyball, do a lot of homework, listen to music, watch movies and tv series, go shopping, and sometimes I like to draw or paint to relax. I hope everyone enjoys all of the articles coming soon to Ambridge Silhouette and enjoys this school year as much as you can, even though it looks and feels a lot different!



Hi, my name's Norah Best, and this is my sophomore year at Ambridge. This is my second year in newspaper. I play softball on the Ambridge Softball team, as well as on a tournament team. In my free time I like read and watch Criminal Minds. I have an older brother who graduated and a younger sister in sixth grade. We adopted my dog two years ago, and she's a lab/dachshund mix. I would like to have a career as a forensic scientist in the future.



Hello! My name is Souhaib Elhalouly. I am a recent student here from New York! I joined the newspaper class to learn and know others! My Favorite hobbies are playing soccer and building things online. My future goals are to be an entrepreneur and create a global marketing business like amazon online.





Hi, my name is Sophie Beaudway and I'm in 9th grade. It's my first year of newspaper but I'm excited since I love to write. I like to act, sing, draw, and really just anything creative. I've been doing musical theatre for three years and my first show was Snoopy the Musical. I like all types of music except country, and I have an older brother, although sometimes I wish I didn't, and three cats.



My names Amara Platz, and this is my second year of newspaper. I play softball for Ambridge, and I like to hang out with my friends. I got a dog during quarantine, she's a labradoodle. I like to play x box with my friends.



- GUIDANCE OFFICE UPDATES -

REMOTE LEARNING UPDATE: Elementary students (preK-5), English Language Learners (K-12), and Special Education Students (K-12) are set to return back to school on January 25th via the hybrid model. All other students will remain 100% remote until further notice

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Stay Safe and
we hope to be
back in school
again soon!!!



**IMPORTANT DATES IN
FEBRUARY**

February 7th – Super Bowl

**February 14th – Valentine’s
Day <3**

**Pay attention in your Social
Studies classes as videos
will be shown periodically
to recognize Black History
Month**

**IMPORTANT DATES IN
MARCH**

March 19th – NO SCHOOL

**March 25th - *AP Chem
students* - PITT Exam #3**

**March 30th – April 1st – NO
SCHOOL ~ snow make up**

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