

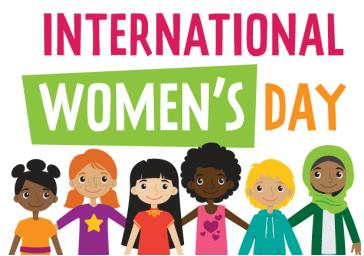


Digital Learning Hits the Ground Running at RA

By: Liam Sweeney

As we all know, Resurrection Ascension Catholic Academy has been temporarily closed due to the Coronavirus. RA was first closed down for only 1 week, but now we are closed until April 20th. RA has done a great job of making sure that all students obtain an education even from home. Before the closure of RA, all students received a Google Classroom class code that gave them access to their class. Google Classroom is a site that allows teachers to post announcements and schoolwork online. The teachers can set up different classes so that their students will receive the work that they post. Many teachers have posted things like videos, worksheets, online games, and have also had us complete material from our text books. The middle school teachers are currently working on implementing a video chat for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. This would allow the students to see their teachers teaching live lessons mirroring the classroom. As we get more used to this form of schooling, more resources will become available that will benefit the students.

So far, my online learning experience has been great. Every school day, I set myself up a schedule that has 5 hour periods. Everyday I have a different schedule and I try to complete my work during the correct period. If I go over an hour for one subject, I take minutes away from another subject and vice versa. I have always been finished early and I take my extra time to do my weekly assignments and to study for high school entrance exams. The workload I receive is sufficient and I am able to learn from it. We mostly receive videos, worksheets, websites, and textbook readings. Everyday it is something different and beneficial. Like I said before, the middle school is setting up a video chat system. In the future, I might have this and I will be able to physically see a teacher. My younger siblings receive similar work. They take about the same time and they find the work helpful. For the first week, I can say that digital learning went very well. I can't wait to see what will happen in the future.



International Women's Day

By: Marianna Mancini-Menditto



March 8th was International Women's Day. For many years, men and women haven't been treated equally. However, Women's Day is a day to tell women how much they matter in the world. Like Men, Women can fix cars, ride motorcycles, and even join the army. Some people picture women as delicate figures or princesses. Women can work just as hard as men.

The government, companies, and individuals around the world are working on gender equality. The process is moving slowly. According to *NBC News*, the United States is the 53rd country out of 153 working towards gender equality. Some amazing women are taking big steps and earning respect from many people. For example, 16 year old Greta Thunburg fought against climate change. She even started a protest. Jessica Meir and Christina Koch were known for the first All-Woman Spacewalk. Finally, the U.S. Women's Soccer Team won the Women's World Cup this past summer.

Facts

By: Noelle Imburgia, Audrey Lataille & Marianna Mancini-Menditto



- The Spanish National Anthem has NO words.
- When a baby panda is born, it is smaller than a mouse.
- The tongue is the strongest muscle in the human body.
- The world's longest piano was built by a fifteen year old.
- Your food is allowed to have a trace of insects.
- Bird saliva is an expensive delicacy.
- The Albanian capital is one of two capitals that does not have a McDonalds.
- In a certain city in Norway, it is illegal to die.
- Bulls do not just run at the color red because they are colorblind.
- The human brain is 75% water.
- Superman did not fly in his first movie.
- The unicorn is the National Animal of Scotland.
- The letter "E" is the most common, it is used in eleven percent of words.
- A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- It is impossible for pigs to look up at the sky.
- There are 293 ways to split change for a dollar.
- It takes most people only seven minutes to fall asleep.
- Almonds are members of the peach family.
- A hippo could run faster than a man.
- Gorillas can't remember their old friends.

Comedy Corner

By: Noelle Imburgia

How do oceans say hello?
They wave!

What do you call a dinosaur that's sleeping?
A dino-snore!

Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert?
It was stuffed!

What has ears but cannot hear?
A cornfield!

What did one plate say to the other?
Dinner is on me!

Why did the student eat his homework?
It was a piece of cake!

What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?
Frost-bite!

What is fast, loud, and crunchy?
A rocket-chip!

What do you call cheese that is not yours?
Nacho cheese!

Why are ghost bad liars?
You can see right through them!

**CURRENT EVENTS****Music In Our Schools Month**

By: Janelle-Stephanie Pascual

What is music? According to Dictionary.com, music is, "an art of sound in time that expresses ideas and emotions in significant forms through the elements of rhythm, melody, harmony, and color." Studies show that music can help increase stimulation and productivity in the brain.

If you didn't know already, March is Music in Our Schools Month. This is a whole month dedicated to the teachers and classes that inspire musical creativity in students countrywide. Music in Our Schools Month, however, it wasn't always a month-long celebration. The first Music in our Schools commemoration only lasted a single day and was only celebrated in one state. It was on March 14, 1917 in New York. A few years later, this day was recognized and sponsored by the National Association for Music Education. It eventually grew into a week-long event in 1977. In 1985, it was expanded to the month long observance we now know as Music in Our Schools Month. Ever since then, schools across the country, including Resurrection Ascension, have observed March as a month that celebrates music education.

**CYO Announcement**

By: Emma Iorio

There will be NO CYO games (taken from the distributed letter) Due to the ongoing concern in the New York area with the Coronavirus, ALL CYO scheduled events and games are postponed immediately until further notice. This also includes team practices, gatherings and parish tournaments. We strongly feel this is the best decision for the health and safety of all CYO staff, athletes, coaches, parents and spectators who would be gathering at these events. This is an unprecedented situation and as an organization we will continue to closely monitor the ongoing situation. We thank you for your continued support and will keep everyone posted on the rescheduling of the postponed events pending further monitoring of the progression of the coronavirus. Let us keep all those affected by the Coronavirus in our thoughts and prayers.

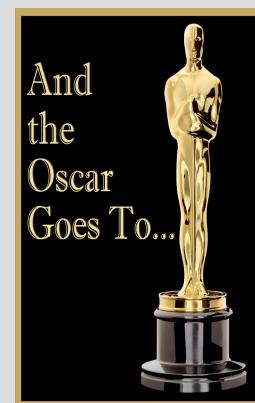
Oscars 2020

By: Seraphina Ng

This year the Oscars were on February 9, 2020 presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, California. There was, again, no host of the Oscars, but a lot of mini hosts. This year Billie Eilish, Cynthia Erivo, Elton John, Indina Menzel, Chrissy Metz, Randy Newman, and Eminem performed at the Oscars. The big winner this year was Parasite who won Best Picture and some other awards.

Here's the complete list of winners for the Oscar's 2020:

- Best Picture - "Parasite"
- Best Director - Bong Joon-ho, Parasite
- Best Actress in Leading Role - Renee Zellweger, Judy
- Best Actor in Leading Role - Joaquin Phoenix, Joker
- Best Actress in Supporting Role - Laura Dern, Marriage Story
- Best Actor in Supporting Role - Brad Pitt, Once Upon a Time in Hollywood
- Best Documentary Short Subject - "Learning to Skateboard in a War Zone if You're a Girl"
- Best Original Screenplay - "Knives Out"
- Best Adapted Screenplay - "Jojo Rabbit"
- Best Animated Featured Film - "Toy Story 4"
- Best Animated Short - "Hair Love"
- Best Live Action Short - "The Neighbor's Window"
- Best Production Design - "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood"
- Best Costume Design - "Little Women"
- Best Documentary Feature - "American Factory"
- Best Sound Editing - "Ford v Ferrari"
- Best Sound Mixing - "1917"
- Best Cinematography - "1917"
- Best Film Editing - "Ford v Ferrari"
- Best Visual Effects - "1917"
- Best Makeup and Hairstyling - "Bombshell"
- Best International Feature Film - "Parasite"
- Best Original Score - "Joker"
- Best Original Song - "(I'm Gonna) Love Me Again," "Rocketman"

**March Horoscopes**

By: Noelle Imburgia & Christina Johnson-Duroseau

Source: CafeAstrology**ARIES 3/21-4/19**

This month you might be a little moody but you're also going to be learning how to believe in yourself and in your choices. You may feel like people don't support you. Be careful how you react to this. This month you may need to try a little harder to tame your anxiety so talk to someone you trust about your issues.

TAURUS 4/20-5/20

This month you may be worrying about how you will manage your tasks. This month is better to reflect on things then to make definite decisions. Criticism or fearing criticism may make it hard for you to get close to people. Because of your defensiveness people may not be sending you as much support as usual.

GEMINI 5/21-6/21

This month you may feel more inclined to focus on the finer details in your work that you usually would avoid. This month is a great month for recognizing and straightening out your priorities. Try to limit any time wasting.

CANCER 6/22-7/22

This month you may want to focus on activities that will help stabilize your life. Being patient has been very rewarding to you this month. It is a good time for you to restore your faith in a person or relationship. You should also continue showing people how much you value and love them.

LEO 7/23-8/22

This month you have had very positive energy surrounding you. This month is an amazing time for you to make your daily routine work for you. It is a great time for you to be progressive and get things done. You have started to take big steps in being more organized.

VIRGO 8/23-9/22

This month is your time to achieve new goals. Take a steady practical route and you will be thrilled with the results. Now is a time to work together with others to learn new things which will deeply inspire you later on.

LIBRA 9/23-10/22

Right now you are feeling very comfortable and relaxed yet also motivated to learn something new. Make small changes in your daily life that will keep you on top of your game. Making small changes now will help you anchor yourself down the line.

SCORPIO 10/23-11/21

Although Mercury is out of retrograde right now, it is not the best time to sign important documents, book any flights, or make any imperial decisions. At the moment, it seems you are stressed, so take a few days to calm yourself down and get back on the right track.

SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21

Right now you feel as if everything is in fast motion, take some time to talk to family and friends. The less you rush, the quality of your work will improve. It is a time of preserving energy and gaining strength

CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19

This month you are feeling very productive. Focus your energy on the things that will benefit you the most right now. Do not focus on what it will be like in the future.

AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18

Right now you feel trapped. To let go of this feeling try something new, find something you love doing. Having hobbies is very important and will give you the freeing feeling you have been desiring for a while now.

PISCES 2/19-3/20

Having a logical approach to things may be the way to go if you are looking for rewarding results. Look more deeply into your friendships and be more vulnerable with the people closest to you.

Cartoon Countdown Part 2

By: Micah Gagarin

Here are some great shows that I recommend. These are not in any specific order, so just because it's 3rd doesn't necessarily mean it's any better or worse than the 1st.

- 1) "Star vs. the Forces of Evil" (Netflix, Sling TV, Hulu, Disney+, Disney XD)

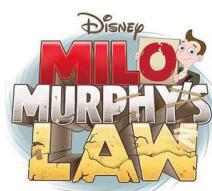
In this show, you follow Star, a "Mewman" from an alternate dimension, who has come to Earth as punishment and is living as a "foreign exchange student" with Marco and his family. Together these two become best friends, go to high school with each other, fight monsters together with Star's Magic and Marco's karate, and uncover the secrets of Star, her family, and her home. As you get further in the show, the plot gets more exhilarating, and I would suggest that anyone who has the time should watch it.

- 2) Milo Murphy's Law (Sling TV, Amazon Video, iTunes, Disney+)

Murphy's Law states that anything that can go wrong will go wrong. This isn't great for 13 year old Milo Murphy, a direct descendant of the man whom this law was named after. You follow Milow, an incredibly smart kid, on his daily adventures. Plus, if you were a fan of "Phineas and Ferb," these two shows are connected, meaning you get legacy characters such as Dr. Doofenshmirtz and more. This show only has two seasons, making it easy to watch, and even considering it the fanbase of this show seems to keep growing as time passes.

- 3) Naruto (Hulu, Netflix, Crunchyroll, VRV)

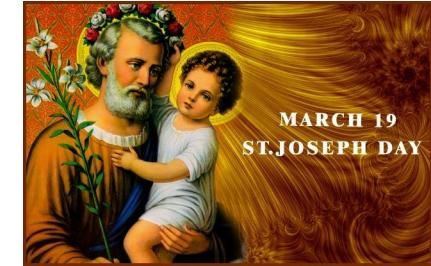
Naruto is a 12 year old outcast in the ninja world. He is a prankster, bad student, and bottom of his class. He's made fun of by his peers and is tormented by the others in his village for an unknown reason. He has barely any friends, and constantly clashes with his rival Sasuke in hopes to impress a girl in his class named Sakura. Sasuke is the most talented, smart, and beloved kid in the class and Naruto can't help but envy him. Naruto, since birth, has grown up with no Mother or Father, playing pranks around the village just to get attention. Watch as Naruto becomes a better person, ninja, and friend as he strives to achieve his ultimate goal of becoming the Hokage, or the leader of his village of strong ninja.



Ash Wednesday

By: Stacy Diaz

Ash Wednesday is on February 26 and it is the first day of Lent. Lent is one of the most important times of the year for many Christians. Lent always lasts 40 days, not including Sundays. If you were to include the other 6 Sundays Lent would be 46. So it starts from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter. Lent is a time where Christians are supposed to be thoughtful and they are also preparing themselves for Easter. We should pray a lot during this season and remember that Jesus died on a cross for us. Many people during Lent like to give up something or fast in honor of Jesus. The reason why Lent is always 40 days is because that is the time that Jesus was in the desert for 40 days. The ashes that we get on Ash Wednesday represents penance and the dust from which God made people. When you get your ashes the Priest usually says something like this "Repent and believe in the Gospel or Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Many people do not know where these ashes come from. Believe it or not really they are just ashes that come from burned palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday. This month we also celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Joseph which is March 19. For those of you who do not know who Saint Joseph is, Joseph is the husband of the virgin Mary. Mary is the mother of our savior Jesus Christ. Saint Joseph's Day is a really big tradition in Italy to go all out and celebrate this saint. They make a lot of food for this saint such as fig cookies, Tuscan grilled trout and many other delicious food and desserts.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By: Marianna Mancini-Menditto

Irish Soda Bread

Ingredients:

1 teaspoon of baking soda
1 tablespoon of baking powder
½ teaspoon of salt
½ cup of softened butter
1 cup of buttermilk
1 egg
¼ cup of melted butter
½ cup of buttermilk

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 375 ° F
- Get a bowl and mix flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder salt and softened butter.
- Stir in one cup of buttermilk.
- Stir in egg
- Form the dough into a prepared baking sheet.
- Then, in a small bowl combine melted butter with ¼ cup buttermilk.
- Brush the loaf with this mixture and you are done!



Shepard's Pie

Ingredients:

3 big potatoes (pealed)
1 ½ tablespoon of butter
Chopped onions
¼ cup of cheese (cheddar or pepper jack)
4 carrots
¾ tablespoon of vegetable oil
1 pound of groundbeef
2 tablespoons of ketchup
¾ cup of beef broth



Directions:

- Boil salted water
- Cook potatoes for 15 minutes or until tender but still firm. Then drain and mash your potatoes.
- Mix butter, chopped onion, and cheddar cheese into your mashed potatoes.
- Boil a large pot of salted water and add carrots. Cook for about 15 minutes or until tender. Then drain mash and set aside.
- Preheat oven to 375 ° F.
- Warm up oil into a large frying pan. Add onion and cook it until it is clear.
- Add ground beef and cook medium rare. Pour off the extra fat and stir in flour, then cook for one minute.
- Add ketchup and broth.
- Spread the ground beef into a layer on the bottom of a dish.
- Put in carrots and top with the mashed potato mixture.
- Bake in preheated oven for 20 minutes.

March Word Search

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Bamboo Ya Restaurant Review

Rego Park, NY

BY: DIMITRI OLHOVIKS

Bamboo Ya is an amazing sushi restaurant that is a little more expensive than J and D's. Bamboo Ya is located on 97-11 Queens Blvd, Rego Park, NY 11374. Its delicious dining experience makes you want to order more even after you are completely full. There are even french fries! At a sushi place, that's crazy! Of course, they have extremely high quality sushi. I've been to sushi places in every city that I have gone to. They have everything from 4 piece California Roll to a Sushi Boat for 3 people which has 50 pieces of sushi! There are over a hundred different products, which makes Bamboo Ya an extremely diverse sushi restaurant.

All About the Flu

By: Liam Sweeney

As we all know, we are currently in the flu season. The flu is a contagious, respiratory virus that can be spread through coughing, sneezing, and even talking. The flu enters through 3 main parts of the body: the mouth, nose, and eyes. If you come in contact with a person who has the flu and then touch your eyes, mouth, or nose, there is a possibility that you will get the flu. People who have the flu may experience a wide variety of symptoms. Some symptoms include fever/chills, runny or stuffy nose, cough, sore throat, headache, fatigue, muscle or body aches, and even vomiting/diarrhea. This year, over 4,800 deaths have been reported and 87,000 people have been hospitalized due to the flu. The flu is no joke and people should take the steps necessary to avoid getting it. The best ways to avoid getting the flu is to wash your hands regularly along with minimizing the amount of times you touch your face. You should get a good rest and most obviously, stay away from people who have the flu. Doctors will recommend getting the flu shot to prevent getting the flu. Some people find getting the shot, will cause the virus, but others think it helps. As long as you practice good health methods, you should be fine. For a healthy person, the flu is not life threatening, but for the sick or elderly, it could be.

Onward Review

By: Christina Johnson-Duroseau

Rating 4/5

“Onward” is the story of two elf teenage boys on a quest to find out if there is enough magic left in the world for them. This movie takes place where there is little magic left in the world. Ian and Barley's father died when they were too young to remember him. “Onward” stars Tom Holland as Ian Lightfoot, Chris Pratt as Barley Lightfoot, Kyle Bornheimer as the Dad, and Julia Louis Dreyfus as Laurel Lightfoot. I really liked this movie. It was an extremely cute movie that shows the platonic love of brothers. The movie beautifully showed the love between two brothers and their deceased father. The animation was amazing! The movie showed how to deal and survive a great loss and they showed it in a fun-lighthearted way. However, this movie wasn't as memorable as other Pixar movies are. Most Pixar movies have a certain type of feel around them. This movie didn't have that type of feeling in it. It was still really good. I would definitely recommend this movie to watch! The relationship between two brothers is nice to see. It is a really cute and charming movie and it is entertaining for all ages.

Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark Review

By: Gabriel Popa

Rating 5/5

“Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark” is a 1981 film directed by Steven Spielberg and produced by George Lucas. This movie is about Indiana Jones, who is chosen by the government to obtain the Ark of the Covenant before the Nazis can use its mysterious powers. During the movie, he comes across his ex girlfriend, Marion, played by the late Karen Allen. This movie takes place in 1936. Indiana Jones is a professor who teaches archeology at Marshall College. He is played by Harrison Ford, who also played Han Solo in “Star Wars” and is also in the new “The Call Of The Wild” movie. The idea of Indiana Jones came into place in 1977, where George Lucas and Steven Spielberg were on a beach in Hawaii. Fun Fact: the name, “Indiana” is the name of George Lucas's Alaskan Malamute.

This movie is nothing short of amazing. I love this movie. This is a fun, adventurous, and memorable film. This is my favorite Steven Spielberg movie. Indiana Jones also has 3 other sequels and a fifth one coming next year with filming beginning this summer. The 4 movies are available on Netflix. All of the characters in this movie are likeable and memorable. The people involved in this film did a terrific job.



CORONAVIRUS SAFETY

Follow these easy steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Disinfect surfaces around your home and work.



Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.



Sneeze or cough? Cover your mouth.



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