

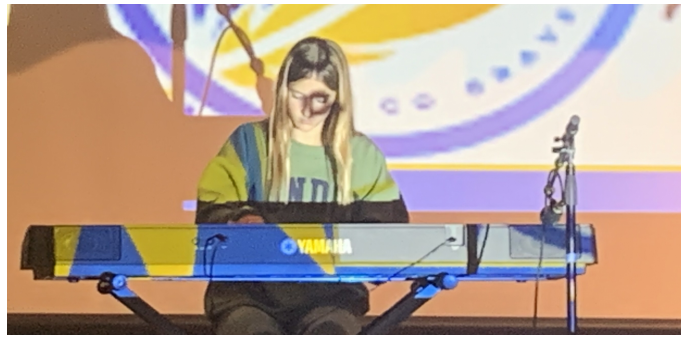
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Talent Show

We have many great artists among us. There were amazing performances from singing, to juggling, and even playing the violin. The talent show is a great way to show your hidden talent. The people who participated in the talent show were amazing performers and are very brave to put themselves out there to show the school what they can do. Thank you to all of the performers. We wouldn't have a talent show without you! Would you ever be in a talent show? By: Leyelle Johnson



Talent Show winners: First Place Simon Jimenez, Second Place Samantha Consalvi, Third Place Harlee Hoey and Elizabeth Arwood. Teachers dance, Briana Zuniga, Isabella Magana, Melissa Jimenez, dance, folklorico dance, Lucas Montejo juggles, Xeaxar Torres and David Garcia hula.



College and Career Day



The USMC color guard, band, and special guest speakers visited our campus and classrooms today. Talent agent Nicole Benitez, and a motivational speech from our favorite sub, Mr. Kramer, former NBA player. Students of the month Alejandro Rojas, Nikolas Romero, and Lilia Suarez. Ashlee Duarte waves her class college flag. ASB students lead assembly. Potter Post poses with Corporal Lozoya.

Elections

The 2024 Election is coming up! On the Democrat side there is Biden, Williamson and Philips. The Republican candidates are Trump, Haley, Binkley and DeSantis. With the Independent and Third Party is Kennedy, West and Stein. The primary is where candidates in the same party go against each other to find the most popular party candidate. The primary is a vote-by-mail process with your vote counted on March 5, 2024. Encourage your parents to vote, every vote matters! By: Leyelle Johnson

Civil Rights Day

Civil Rights Day, or Martin Luther King Jr. Day, is an annual observance marked on the third Monday in January, and takes place on January 15th this year. It celebrates the movement started by Martin Luther King Jr. to end racism and inequality in the U.S. This campaign led by Martin Luther King Jr. and others ended legalized discrimination in the United States for people of color. The movement lasted 14 years, in which it not only gained support from the entire African American community but also from other racial minorities in the U.S. During this time, five federal laws and one constitutional amendment were passed by Congress and many federal institutions were set up to end racial conflicts. On April 4, 1968, while planning a national occupation of Washington D.C. in a poor people's Campaign, MLK was assassinated allegedly by James Earl Ray. Riots followed in every state and many conspiracy theories emerged, but the entire point was and always has been to get equal civil rights for all citizens in America without segregation and discrimination. Since 1971, Civil Rights Day is celebrated as a national holiday in honor Martin Luther King Jr. and his efforts in the Civil Rights Movement. By: Raul Tomas Francisco

Ratification Day

Ratification Day is on January 14. The reason for Ratification Day is the treaty of Paris by the Confederation of Congress, which ended the Revolutionary War and established the United States as an independent nation. On January 14, 1784, Ratification Day was made by the Confederation Congress, which ended the American Revolutionary War. Finally, Ratification Day is important because it recognizes the act that ended the revolutionary war. By: Domingo Domingo Lucas

Holocaust Remembrance

What do you know about the Holocaust? It was a tragic event for a lot of people. It started in 1941 and ended in 1945, and during this time over six million people were imprisoned and murdered during the World War 2. The one who started the Holocaust was Adolf Hitler who wanted to get rid of the Jews because of their religion. Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed on January 27, and is important because it reminds the people of those who passed in these atrocities. The Holocaust was a very sad and tragic event that changed millions of peoples lives. By: Diana Bailon and Lucero Amparn

Lunar New Year

What is the Lunar New Year? As the name suggests it's about the celebration of the New Year in the Chinese calendar, which is called a lunisolar calendar. What sets apart their calendar from ours is the dates are based off of the sun and the moon. For example, a new month is determined when there's a new moon. The Lunar New Year has a couple of other names like The Spring Festival or The Chinese New Year. The Lunar New Year starts between the Winter Solstice and The Spring Equinox and lasts for two weeks. It is celebrated with rituals and festivities. Before the Lunar New Year begins they clean up their house and hide all the brooms in the house. They clean the house because it signifies the cleaning up of all the bad luck of last year and to welcome in good luck in the next year. They hide their brooms so then the brooms don't "sweep all the goodluck out of the house." Also, before the Lunar New year starts, they paint business doors, homes, and make little crafts in red paper because in many Asian cultures, red is considered a color that represents happiness and luckiness for The New Year. Once The Lunar New Year has begun, families gather together to have a feast hoping good things happen in The New Year. During the two weeks of celebrating The Lunar New Year, they have a festival that includes firecrackers, and a famous dance called The Lion Dance. During the early days of celebration, younger members of the family who are unmarried or are children usually receive red envelopes containing money inside. On the third day, they pay respects to the dead family members by lighting something like paper offering or incense which is something that produces a sweet smell when burned. On the seventh day of Lunar New Year, they celebrate something called Renri which is the day when humans were created. On the ninth day, Taoist believers celebrate the birthday of the jade emperor who is the ruler of heaven. Finally, they close the New Year by having a lantern festival. The light of the lanterns signifies the first full moon for the new year and guides lost souls back home. So now you have some good ideas on how to celebrate The Lunar New Year. By: Annia Camacho

Celebrating

New Year is a great time to celebrate! All around the world, people come together for fireworks, parades, parties, even swimming in freezing cold water! How do PJH students celebrate? Mia Lopez Vazquez said, "What I do on New Year is I literally stay up til 12:00 AM and I eat grapes and then I do the big explosion, the big fireworks, because who wouldn't want to celebrate? Anyways, this year I also went to my aunt's house, and stayed over there and met a lot of cool people. But, I saw people who go to Potter! I didn't really want to see people that go to Potter, but like I guess it is what it is, so then yeah, that's what I do on New Year." Kordian Miechowski said, "My friends and family come over, then we eat. After all of that we watch the countdown and throw confetti in the air." Those are some great ways to celebrate. How do you celebrate New Year? By: Brooke Armet and Leyelle Johnson

MLK

Every year since 1983, there has been a day called M.L.K. day. It celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. and the amazing work he did throughout his lifetime. He changed the world for the better through his work as a leader of the American Civil Rights Movement. Many people know him from his popular "I have a dream" speech from 1963, but there is so much more to know. Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15th, 1929, and raised in Atlanta Georgia. As a young boy, he passed out the newspaper and wanted to be a fireman, but later figured out he had other plans. According to SparkNotes.com, "As a child, King's encounters with racial discrimination were mild but formative. The first significant one came when he began school. White playmates of his were to attend a different elementary school from his, and, once the year began, their parents no longer allowed King to come over and play." King became an outcast and all he wanted was to be friends with everyone. So, as he grew up, he decided it was time to end it. MLK Jr. opposed racism by creating and leading marches for the African American people to have the right to vote, including many other obvious American Rights; which was a major turning point for his fight for Civil Rights. King was also inspired to fight against racism after hearing about Rosa Parks' incident and about her being arrested. BlackPast.com states, "Right after the arrest of Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr. led the Montgomery Improvement Association and organized a mass bus boycott that lasted for more than a year." MLK had been involved in the march of 1963, which led to his most powerful and well known speech, "I have a dream," and he received his first Nobel Peace Prize that same year. The Civil Rights Movement achieved pivotal legislation gains in the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The following year, the Voting Rights Act was approved. King also gave his "I've been to the mountaintops" speech at a rally in Memphis. Unfortunately, King was assassinated the following day, April 4th 1968. Less than a month after that, the Fair Housing Act of 1968 was passed. We can clearly see that King has put his whole life into his dream to end racism, he has been arrested many times, mocked at, laughed at, and shot at for his dream. Although these were extremely tough times, he focused on the impact for not only him, but his children, and generations to come. This goes to show that all you need is perseverance and power to pursue your dream, like Martin Luther King Jr. By: Grace Campbell

Hidden Items

Can you locate this newspaper's hidden items? You can report to room 17 before or after school to redeem a prize if you find them: Here are few riddles to help you: 1.) Ring me in, and hope I'm a good one. 2.) Straight and narrow, pointed or soft-the end is up to you. 3.) You pierce my eyes and unhinge my jaw, splitting two halves of a long-forgotten tree. What am I? a 3.) A penguin would use his flippers on me. 4.) I can't hang out in the summer time. 5.) What has one foot, but no legs? Brought to you by James Russell, Aidan Quinn, and Mrs. Seaux-Antony

Ins and Outs

We interviewed a couple of students and staff around campus about their Ins and Outs of 2024, which is pretty much what you want to leave in 2023 and what you want to bring into 2024. Dana Hollcraft and Elene Garland said they want to come into 2024 as baddies and leave 2023 as baddies. Leyelle Johnson says she wants to leave being mean and rude in 2023 and enter 2024 with being closer to God. Serena Taylor says she wants to “leave her old self in 2023 and make more friends in 2024.” Luna Hribik says she wants to leave Angelos burgers (she hopes they go out of business) and enter with In n Out. Ms. Little says she wants to leave all the books she read last year and donate them to the Fallbrook Library, and that she wants to be more efficient with the things she says she's going to do this year. By: Lily Martin and Elin Gangnath

Get Organized

Get Organized Month is celebrated the whole month of January once a year. January is a good month for you to set up your goals and to get organized. Some ways you can organize are, focusing on the most important things, writing things down, cleaning up your staff, and meaning your time. Getting organized can save up you space for something you want to put there. According to “Days of the Year” studies show that individuals waste up to an hour every day on searching for things that they’ve misplaced. Get Organized Month was founded by the National Association of Productivity in 2005 to help people get organized. By: Julio Salvador Zacarias

Gaming

Left 4 Dead is a first-person shooting game created on November 17, 2008 by Turtle Rock Studios and Valve. The game takes place after a pandemic that turns people into hostile zombie creatures. There are four survivors named Coach, Ellis Nick, and Rochelle who wander around different maps and areas of the game looking for safe rooms, killing zombies, and finding escape helicopters. The games on steam for PC and Xbox 360 and other platforms. I rate the game a 10/10. It is rated M for Mature, which means you need parent permission to play. By: Arabella Baker

Hobbies

January, the start of the year, would be a great new beginning for more different hobbies, especially considering new years resolutions. Also, January is in fact the month to start hobbies because it is the national hobby month. This is the perfect time to start a new beginning and start to have hobbies or just continue during your favorite. In order to give you inspiration, I have interviewed people to get to know more hobbies and give you, the reader, more ideas for fun things to do in your free time. For example, in an interview with Ada Porter, 7th grader, she stated “My hobby is playing volleyball.” So, if you’re interested in any sports. Maybe give volleyball a try. Additionally, other peers have more simple hobbies such as making hearts out of gum rappers or just listening to music. Overall, you should try out some new hobbies or continue during your favorite one because January is national hobby month for a reason. Dana Hollcraft

Our Lunch Ladies

Cafeteria lunch ladies have a huge impact on our school. One of the ways they have impacted our school is that they give us healthy food and it is FREE. I interviewed some students and staff around school and here is what they had to say about the hard work these lunch ladies do. The first person I interviewed was Ms. Pat and she said, “All students here at Potter should appreciate and remember how hard the cafeteria staff works for you kids. They get up very early to prepare your breakfast and lunch and they do that every single day of the week.” Olin Ramsey said, “I appreciate our cafeteria staff because they feed us and they give us free food.” Lastly, I interviewed Luna Hribik and she said, “I appreciate our Potter lunch staff because they do hard work to make sure us students have food, and they are fun people to talk to.” This is why you should appreciate our cafeteria staff!

By: Lily Martin



Fashion Rant

What fashion styles will go in and out in 2024? Leyelle Johnson said, “ I think that Dickies jeans are going to go out and that tight shirts and nude colors are going in.” Ada Porter said, “I think baggy jeans and flare jeans are going in and tight jeans are definitely going to go out.” Mia Lopez Vazquez said, "Parachute pants, they're out. I don't know why you guys are wearing those freaking skinny jeans, they are out. If you wear those in 2024, what are you doing? If you wear tuxedos to school, immediately out, also no church shoes- especially to school. If you are a guy and you wear Converse that's a big no-no. Ok in right, ok flare jeans are in obviously because I'm wearing them, so why would I say no? Ripped jeans are in, just not the skinny ones. If you wear skinny jeans, than get out of here. Tube tops are in. I think everybody looks good in those. Oh, and Polos are out. If you wear Polos to school you have bad style, but don't jump me please, I'm not trying to get hate.” With all of this accounted for, I think it's safe to say that skinny jeans are definitely going to go out in 2024, and that flare jeans and baggy jeans are going to come back in. By: Rae Rannells



Hello Kitty

Hello Kitty is a cute Sanrio character made in 1974. She quickly became popular along with all the Sanrio characters. People have made many merchandise items of the Sanrio characters which people are interested in due to its popularity. If you haven't seen her before, she's a small, round-faced, cartoon catlike girl with black eyes, a yellow nose, no mouth, and a red bow perched on her left ear. Her height is described as five apples high and her weight 3 apples. Do you like hello kitty? By: Lucy Amparn



Happy New Year

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYBODY! It's finally 2024, and you can look back on all your memories from last year. You are going to turn a different age this year! I'm going to be 15 this year, and I can't wait for that. Also, some of my friend's birthdays are soon! I will be going to K1 Speed for Aarmon Brunie's birthday. I'm excited about that. I love go-karting and you probably like it too! It's fun. It's like Mario Kart. In closing, overall it's new year new everybody, including you and me. So just have fun! By: Elian Ariza

Celebration of Life

Did you know that the national day of January 22nd is the celebration of life day? This day reminds families to cherish the happiness that their loved ones bring. I think this day is important because everyone should be able to have joyful memories with their family. This national day started in 1984 and was made to recognize the value of every human life. By: Diana Bailon

Rubber Duckies

National Rubber Ducky Day is celebrated on January 13. National Rubber Ducky Day is celebrated because a guy named Erin said that January 13 was going to be a day dedicated to Sesame Street. National Rubber Ducky Day was also made so you can spend time with your favorite rubber ducky. Rubber Duckies are for children to play with when they are in the bath so they won't get bored. In my opinion, my favorite rubber ducky is the purple rubber ducky, my second fave rubber ducky is the pink rubber ducky. What is your favorite rubber ducky? There are so many choices. By: Valentina Garcia Olivas



We Love Leyelle

On January 27th, Leyelle Johnson, our TikToker and photographer, turned 14! Leyelle has always been very involved in class. She has made so many awesome TikToks to advertise The Potter Post, as well as taken many of the photos we use in our school articles. Everyone loves Leyelle so very much! I asked some people in our class what they loved about Leyelle, our pro photographer and Tiktoker. Dana Hollcraft says she loves how Leyelle is never awkward and can make conversation easily. Rae Rannells says she loves her smile and her humor. Brooke Armet says she loves that Leyelle is always energetic and in a good mood, (most of the time). Lily Martin said that she is so pretty and so funny. She loves her because she's Leyelle. Sabrina Rivera says, "I love her personality, she's very Leyelle." Ava Marracco says, "She is amazing and beautiful." Nina Rizo says she loves her because, "She is very kind, and brings out the happiness in me, and I can always talk to her about everything." Mr. Bryan says, "Happy B-day Leyelle, you are really funny." We all love Leyelle so much, and hope she had the best day. By: Elin Gangnath



Dreams

Did you know January 13 is Make Your Dreams Come True Day? According to National Today, "The ancient Egyptians believed in this day so much that they would have dream beds hoping the dreams would come true to help give them advice, comfort and or healing. They induced their dreams to receive more messages." Statistics show that 92% of people give up on their dreams or goals while only 8% of people do achieve their dreams. People over the age of 30-40 tend to give up their dreams, but you're never too old to give it another try. The best ways to achieve your dreams and goals are: Dream big, visualize your dreams, take breaks when needed, use your community, make a 1-2-3 list. Don't be discouraged by small things, and stop comparing yourself to other people. In other words, it's your dream and not someone else's. By: Heaven Baez

Cloudy

Jason was 14 years old and lived only with his dad, Marc. He didn't know his mother much and always liked his dad, so he thought of it as a win-win situation. One very cloudy Tuesday, he decided to stay home and rest because he had recently caught a cold. As soon as he got up he decided to use the restroom. After that he went downstairs to make himself some breakfast. His dad was at work so he was alone. At the thought of being home alone on a gloomy kind of day, he started to feel creeped out. As his toast was finishing cooking, he felt a presence near him. As he turned around to put butter on his toast he saw a man with a mask right behind him. His heart sank. To be continued...By: Jaxson Schuman

New Year Word Search

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Your Thoughts

Derek Godwin woke up to his empty house. All there was on the counter was a notebook titled "Your Thoughts." He opened it up to find his deepest darkest fears written down in blood red ink. "What the," Derek said, dropping the book from shock as a large bang came from the window. He went outside to see nothing, but just then, everything went dark. He woke up in a large white room to only hear his heartbeat. Over a loudspeaker, he heard "You're really awake. Now, your real trail begins". Then, the lights dimmed and a man in all black came into the room and knocked Derek out. TO BE CONTINUED. By: Robert White

