

## See You Again

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“If one day the speed kills me, do not cry because I will be smiling.”

Paul Walker played the role of Brian O’Conner in the famous *Fast and Furious* franchise. Walker’s character is a former cop who first went undercover and then gained friends and a family in the process.

Walker died in 2013 when a car that he and a friend were in lost control and hit a tree before bursting into flames, immediately killing them both.

Walker was in the passenger seat of Roger Rodas’s car, a racer and co-founder of the organization that he and Walker started in 2010.

Although, Walker was well-known for his role in the *Fast and Furious* franchise, and Walker and Rodas had started an organiza-

tion called Reach Out Worldwide, or ROWW. ROWW is an organization that helps people who have just gone through natural disasters.

ROWW helps clean up destruction, helps people find shelter, gives people food and water, and provides medical care that people may need.

Walker’s saying for ROWW is, “When you put good will out there it’s amazing what can be accomplished.”

Helping put good into the world wasn’t the only thing Walker accomplished in his lifetime. With *Furious 7* being the number 1 movie in the world right now and making over \$1.152 billion in just the first 17 days, it seems like everyone has seen the movie.

One of the most popular reasons for people seeing the movie is because of Walker and his death.

When Walker died, he was only 80 percent done with filming for *Furious 7*. His brothers Cody Walker and Caleb

Walker stepped up to take the driver’s seat to help finish the film.

Dylan Yore, senior, said, “It was really nice that the director and everyone else involved in the movie did that tribute for him. Paul Walker was a good actor and a great man. I feel like it

portrayed all of the happiest moments, and even the worst moments, for his character and all the other characters that he was close to from all of the movies that he was involved in for the films.”

Yore wasn’t the only one at RHS that loved the franchise and Walker’s character.

Nick Gramzow, senior, said, “Paul’s character was really relatable. I think that’s why he was my favorite character. Paul’s character is outgoing and deeply involved with his family. He is also interesting. The way he makes decisions to protect and avenge the ones he loves is just entertaining.”

The world and critics seem to agree with Gramzow about the great entertainment aspects and relatable characters revolving around *Furious 7*.

*Fast and Furious 6* came close with making it to the 48th place on the top 100 worldwide movies and *Fast Five* being in 87th place.

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Morgan Telow, sophomore, said, “I’m not surprised that the *Fast and Furious* movies have made so much and are so popular. The

movies are family orientated and the characters are easy to connect to. I think what makes the movies so great and relatable. At least once in almost every movie, everyone gets together to say grace before having a meal together. All the characters are family to each other, and families eat together and look after each other, just like the characters.”

Telow shared Gramzow’s and Yore’s pain when she first learned about Walker’s death back in 2013.

Telow said, “I just remember seeing the news and seeing the car burnt and Paul’s name across the screen. I was in shock for a moment before I cried for a good hour-and-a-half. I grew up watching the movies with my brothers. I also remember calling my brothers and telling them as I was crying.”

Emotions are no doubt going to run high once again with the announcement of an eighth film and Paul’s brother,

Cody Walker is currently working with producers to talk about continuing Paul’s character as Brian O’Conner.

Yore said, “If anyone were to continue Brian O’Conner in the movies, Cody should. Cody was as close to Paul as any other person could be for this role. Paul would be proud of his brother, and the cast, for continuing his role and the movies.

*Furious 7* wouldn’t be in theaters if it weren’t for Cody’s help. *Furious 8* will hopefully have Cody’s help, also.”

## The Longest Ride

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The most difficult decisions can yield extraordinary journeys in our lifetime. Beyond all measures such as despair, death, and love can reach the human heart the farthest in a way that will impact us forever. Nicolas Sparks shows this through his novel *The Longest Ride* which was turned into a movie that came out Friday, April 10.

“All Nicholias Sparks books hit close to home,” said junior Olivia VanHove. “His passion for writing is inspirational to all his readers.”

VanHove went to see the movie on Saturday, April 11 with Emma Gillen at MJR Theatres.

“I liked both the movie and the book but I liked the movie more because the actors do a good job of portraying the story and making it more life-like. Scott Eastwood (the actor that plays the role of Luke Collins) made me fall in love with the story as well,” said VanHove.

Sparks is a very popular author for all ages, and he never lets his audience down.

Sophomore Amanda Job went to see the movie on Friday, April 10 with her Aunt and cousin Rachel.

“I liked the book *The Longest Ride* better than the movie,” said Job. “Scenes were left out in the movie that were my favorite parts in the book.”

After an automobile crash of an older man named Ira Levinson, the lives of Luke Collins and Sophia Danko are entwined with the love story of Ira and Ruth Levinson.

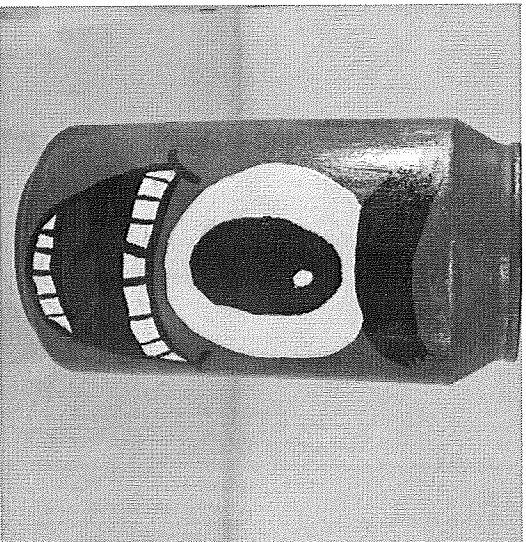
The love story of Ira and Ruth inspire the young couple, Luke and Sophia, to make things work even when challenges come about in their path.

After Luke gets seriously injured again by bull riding, he has to make the decision if 8 seconds of doing what he loves is worth losing a lifetime of being with the person that makes him see the world in a whole new perspective.

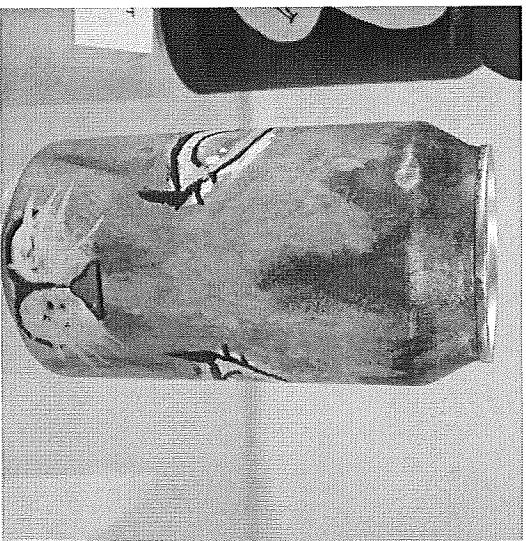
A decision that will forever affect his future is on the line.

Sparks’s novel *The Longest Ride* is a story that  
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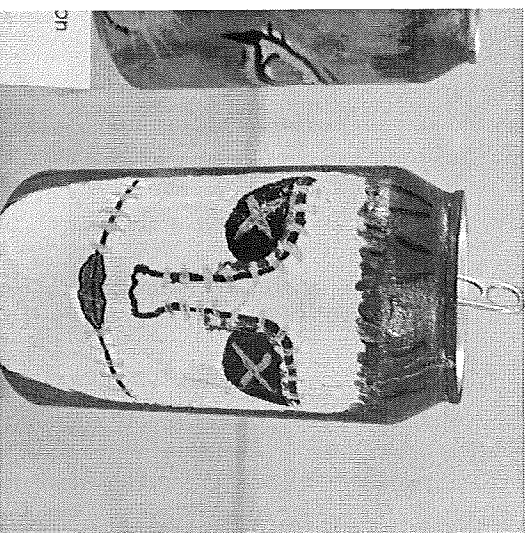
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