

Captain of the movie industry

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Advertising/News Editor

For the most part, April is usually a dull month for movies because producers are waiting to release big titles for the summer; this time, things have changed.

April of 2014 released impressive titles to the public such as: *Captain America: the Winter Soldier*, *Oculus*, *Rio 2*, *Transcendence* and many more.

Marvel always produces movies that are amongst the top most anticipated movies for the year. It's surprising to see such a big title released in April because the month itself has not been a popular month for movies in the past.

On its release date, *The Winter Soldier* made \$41.4 million in U.S. and Canadian theaters. This was a record for most sales in April for any movie. So far, this was the biggest debut of the year.

Overall, *The Winter Soldier* has made \$477 million globally thus far. Senior Riley Thompson said, "The movie was one of the best Marvel movies I have seen yet."

The movie reviews were pretty impressive. It received 8.2/10 stars based on IMDb. Critics say that it is one of few Marvel movies that actually stands out on its own.

Thompson said, "It had more action and humor in it than the first one. I would recommend it to others because it changed my life."

Captain America wasn't the only movie that hit the box office with a

hard punch. *Rio 2* also did very well its opening weekend.

Rio 2 received an impressive \$39 million its opening weekend. Total, it has grossed \$124 million in ticket sales for the month of April.

Rio 2 is the sequel to the first movie which was released in 2011. This computer-animated film received 6.8-10 stars based on IMDb.

Most high school students wouldn't be interested in this animated film but the younger crowd enjoyed the movie thoroughly.

Oculus was another successful movie. It is about a family tormented by a mirror. This mirror changes how they perceive everything. It is up to two siblings that are haunted by this mirror in their childhood to destroy the mirror and end its reign.

Senior Gino Mini said, "*Oculus* seems like the typical scary movie. I don't want to see it because of that." Mini may not want to see it, but others are ecstatic to see the horror story.

Freshman Madisyn Scheer said, "*Oculus* seems like a good movie so I would like to see it."

Those who have seen it think that it is just a big mind game and also very scary.

Senior, Anthony Borgesi said, "*Oculus* was one of the craziest, mind trick movie I have ever seen."

Transcendence is another movie on the watch list. Starring Johnny Depp; it is about Dr. Will Caster who researches artificial intelligence, is trying to make a machine that is all knowing and has human

emotions. Dr. Will becomes obsessed with power instead of knowledge and may just change the world as everyone knows it.

Divergent may have come out in March, but it is still on the top ten for best-selling movies of April. *Divergent* is a favorite for fans everywhere.

Freshman Morgan Telow said, "I saw *Divergent* and it was amazing but not as good as the book. The acting was really good."

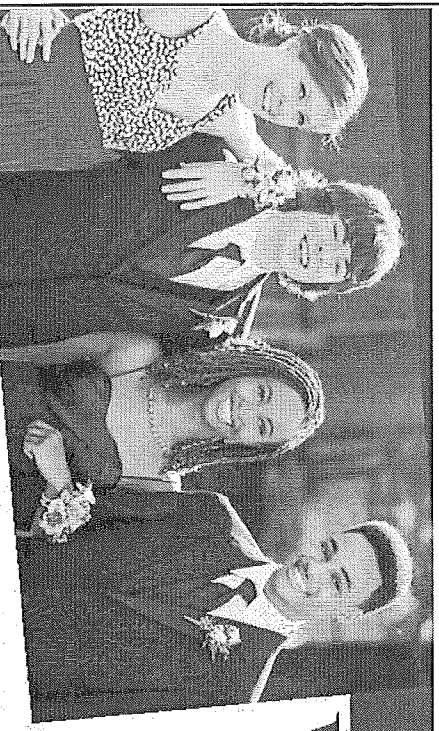
The acting from Theo James and Shailene Woodley grabbed everyone's attention. James and Woodley share a romantic relationship that is threatened by numerous entities throughout the movie.

However, Freshman Brenden Jacques said, "It was just decent, I guess."

Divergent has generally attracted more towards girls instead of guys. The reason behind that is because of the female protagonist that can act on her own and actually saves the male instead of the other way around.

This is comparable to *The Hunger Games* which is also an extremely popular series. Both movies are successful and both movies have female protagonists.

Thus far, no movie in April has topped *Divergent*. It will be exciting to see what is to come in 2014.



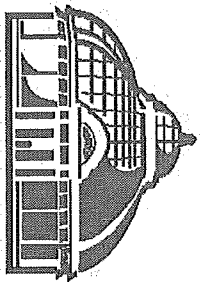
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Students learning about teaching

By: Peter Owen
Advertising Editor

The Daycare Program at Pankow is a great experience for students. Not only do students learn about how children act, they also learn hands-on how to teach them.

Riley Thompson and Megan Hambaum, seniors, are both in the Daycare program.

"On a daily basis, we make lesson plans for the preschoolers. This takes a lot of patience because the kids don't usually want to listen," said Hambaum.

Thompson and Hambaum discuss with the teacher lesson ideas for the day. The class then uses the ideas to see how children react.

Students that are a part of the program are required to teach preschoolers. They play fun games while working on motor skills.

Thompson said, "We do hands-on activities such as arts and crafts. We also work on their motor skills while doing so."

She has learned how to teach kids using games to better their motor skills as well as thought process. It may take the kids a while to understand the games, but when they get the hang of it, it is solely beneficial.

The games are either made by students or the instructor. Students participate in these games at times as well as show the children how to play.

"The lesson plans is what makes up our grade so it is important that they are well thought out and prepared daily," said Thompson.

By doing so, students learn how to get kids to cooperate.

Not only are the children benefiting from this program, but the students are as well. Students taking this daycare class can prepare for what they want to do in the future if it involves young kids.

Thompson said, "This class is beneficial for my future because I might want to be a child psychologist."

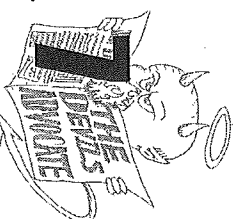
As a result, she has seen how children act and what affects them in different ways.

While preparing for their future, students have a lot of fun playing with the kids.

Students enjoy seeing the children on a daily basis.

"They may be a handful on a daily basis, but they sure do make us smile," Thompson said.

In Our Opinion



Blue Devil's Advocate

Editorial: Sharing is caring...right?

Question of the Week

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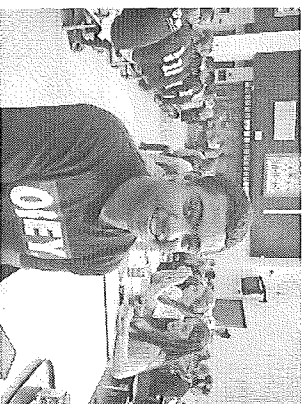
If you were planning prom, what theme would you choose?

Staff



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Senior



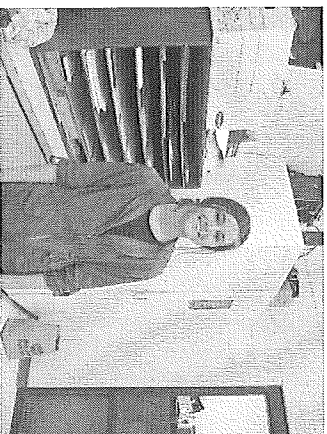
Diante Hampton was thinking sparkles and glitter with a Princess theme.

Junior



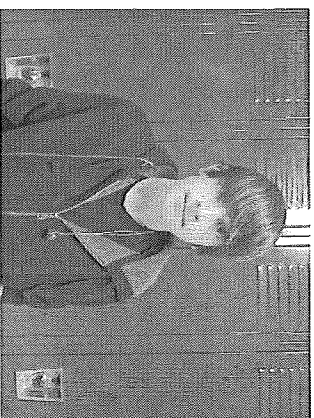
Megan Bishop's prom might play "Under the Sea" with a Nautical theme.

Sophomore



Rachael Campbell's guests might just want to build a snowman at a Frozen themed prom.

Freshman



Matthew Piascik would think out of this world with a Space themed prom.

Editorials

By Lizzie Urban
Recently I was talking to my mother about Facebook. She is new to the whole thing, and she finds it very interesting how people are so free to post personal matters on there.

It got me thinking about how much we do share, when we click "share". I know lots of people who like to go on different sites just to look at the different drama that happens there everyday. I myself look at Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube daily, to see what's going on with everything and some of the things I see are sometimes kind of shocking.

Because of the explosion of social media over the last several years, people now have the ability to say anything they want to hundreds of people in a manner of seconds.

Those words can be encouraging, but a lot of the time they are downright hurtful. And the posters think that it's "their right" to say whatever they want. To say whatever they think they should be allowed to say because of "freedom of speech."

And while yes, they technically are legally allowed to say these things, when does it go too far? When do the little remarks we tweet or make a vlog about become too much for common eyes.

People swear, say mean things, and put a lot of their personal business online for anyone to read. Those words can be detrimental to the people listening to them.

Multitudes of people let their moods be determined by things they see online. If one friend posts a status about hanging out with friends, and someone was excluded, the reader could feel hurt and betrayed. If someone writes disparaging comments about a peer, those words could be taken as the truth and really hurt people's reputations.

And the worst part is, it's all behind a screen and a keyboard. People are hiding behind their words, and little pieces of plastic to say things that can really hurt. People's futures and lives can truly be hurt by the things people will say about them or too them.

While I disagree with censorship, I think people need to start censoring their own mouths. They need to think for just a few seconds, "Could this post hurt someone?"

Try to say what you want in nicer, more appropriate words.

Social media is a concept that can help your life improve with easy contact to others and a way to have your voice heard.

You just want to make sure what's being heard, should be.

¡Buenos dias, Taco Bell!

By: Austin Yannatter
Sports Editor

As the gifted minds of the United States head to Taco Bell between the hours of 8am and 11am, they are in search for the new greasy filled breakfast items they have to offer. From the Waffle Taco to Orange Juice Taco Bell has a unique new menu.

I think the menu is nothing but a greasy heart attack that has no beneficial gain to eating.

A story I can tell is about a young lad who had waived his life to eat breakfast at taco bell. He wanted a waffle taco with bacon.

His eyes appealed to that item when he saw that the greasy meat was able to fold like a sponge in the waffle.

The young boy was so anxious to get this item when he saw Taco Bell commercials airing on TV this past month.

He thought it would be so much better than McDonald's breakfast because even Ronald McDonald enjoyed the Taco Bell breakfast.

On March 27 the boy woke up at 4 am and headed to his local Taco Bell to wait in line.

Of course he was the first one there waiting for the doors to open.

8am struck the clock and the young lad sprinted through the door straight to the counter.

He had tears of joy on his face as he ordered the first item of breakfast

from taco bell, and of course he got the waffle taco with bacon.

He found his favorite seat right next to the window – but not too far from the bathroom.

He unwrapped the greasy entrée with his mouth watering.

There it went: the waffle taco with bacon headed towards his mouth.

His teeth sank into the pasty, greased-filled meat.

His face lit up joy!

The savory taste satisfied him so much he went up and bought three more waffle tacos with bacon.

Satisfied, he walked back home. But wait! A problem had occurred with the young lad.

His stomach started to rumble with fierce roars...

The boy picked up his pace and then he started to waddle-sprint his way home.

He made it home in the nick of time.

The thoughts racing through his head were this was much better coming in than going out.

What a person has to take away from this story is that Taco Bell breakfast is a good cleanser for a body.

If a person needs a full body cleanse just head to Taco Bell in the AM for breakfast and chow down.
Live Mz.

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Richmond High School's student newspaper, The Blue Devil's Advocate, strives to serve the student body and provide a public forum to make their ideas heard to the school and community. Our goal is to provide both accurate and balanced stories in order to heighten understanding, entertain, and inform.

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Teens vs. Society

By: Dylan Yore
Sports Editor

When the third quarter ends and the fourth quarter opens up its doors, there is turmoil between teachers and students that reaches an all-time high throughout this country. I'm sure there are times for every teacher when they want to grab a hand full of a student's gobble (area of skin between the chin and the collar bone).

The homework in the fourth quarter hasn't changed much since the beginning of the year. I would say it has changed about as much as the skin tone of all the bright orange umpaloompas pacing the hallways.

Yet some kids might be sayin', "Why should I do my school work when summer is a month away?"

I'll tell you why, because your Grandma Maureen loves reading the morning *Tribune* and seeing Lil' Johnny's name in the honor roll.

Here's some news for your Granny, though: Johnny unfortunately would rather nap in pre-calc than make you smile.

The sun is shining and the birds are out there tweeting. Well, so are students everywhere. Why learn about *Frankenstein* when Pacsun's summer board shorts are online for sale?

I personally comment teachers everywhere for putting up with the laziness that comes along with sunny and 75 degree weather. On the contrary, we were in the

deep freeze for months and I am pretty sure a few more weeks and we would have all become North American Inuits. But I digress...

Lessons plans are made and submitted to their higher ups, when most of the time teachers cannot continue due to the kids' distraction of Netflix and trips to the mall.

This time of the year teachers have to postpone next day plans because students twiddle their thumbs and "Forget to do their homework."

The best part is when the students' parents then call, email or possibly make personal meetings to ream out the teachers because their son / daughter's grade is dropping. In the long run it's the teachers fault isn't it? All else fails, the parents have an excuse to make for their precious children.

In the days of yore – and I'm not talking about myself – it was a privilege to attend school. Now, if a student doesn't pass, the teacher is "incapable to teach."

Teachers don't make enough to put up with the parent who is too busy doing yoga-lattes to sit down and even discuss what their child is learning in school.

And when the bell rings, tires squeal, phones light up and plans are made by school kids in America. Guess what? These plans have nothing to do with getting together to work on the 250 point summative project.

But what does that matter? If the student gets a bad grade, the teacher is on speed dial for a retake!

Yet, there are no retakes in real life...



Evan Kratt swings during a game.



Zach Leach pitches in late April.



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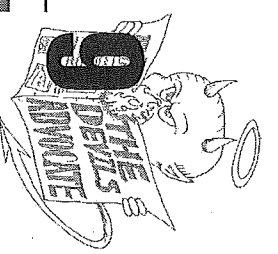
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Would you rather?

Would you rather be asked to prom in a flashy way or a simple way?
Annie Saclens, junior, would rather be asked to prom in a simple way.

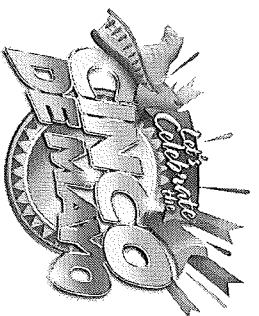
Would you rather have a relaxing day on the beach or an exciting day of hiking?
Bailey Szlachowicz and Megan Weller, freshmen, both agreed that they would rather have a relaxing day on the beach.

Would you rather be allergic to flowers or bees?
Ryan Wilkerson, junior, would rather be allergic to bees.

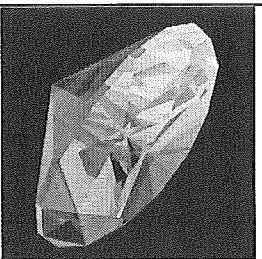
I Bet You Didn't Know...

- Cinco de Mayo is not Mexican Independence Day.

Cinco de Mayo celebrates the Mexican victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla



- The birthstone for May is the Emerald.



It represents success and love.

- The hundredth year anniversary of Mother's Day is coming up.

Mother's day was made official by congress in 1914.



<http://www.famousbirthdays.com/facts-about-may.html>
<http://www.hintrv.com/article/2013/05/04/cinco-de-mayo-food-ouisine-mexican-holiday>

TALENT SPOTLIGHT

Sophomore Rachel Lozowski found an interest for drawing at a young age and has kept with her passion for drawing all the way up to High School.

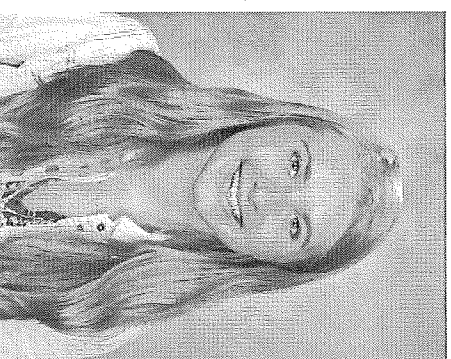
"I would wake up real early and walk downstairs and sit in the living room doodling by myself. I always liked doing my own thing and drawing was one way for me to get away from everything and just draw," said Rachel.

It all started with doodles and shapes but wasn't long until Rachel was whipping up Landscapes and Portraits.

"When I was younger I really enjoyed to doodle and just play around with art but once I took my first basic design class I realized that my favorite thing to draw was Landscapes and Portraits," said Rachel.

With the first year of basic design passed next year only holds opportunity for Rachel to join the Scholastics competition.

"I didn't know our school held a competition but I'll definitely going to look into joining next year. It would be an awesome experience," said Rachel.



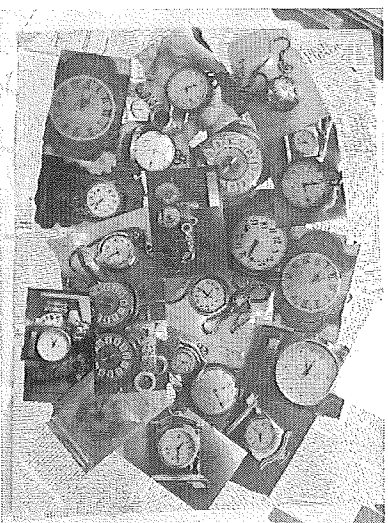
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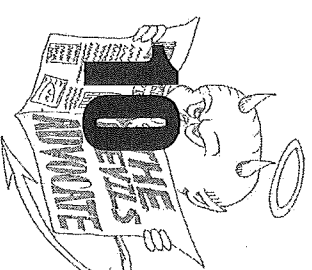
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12th



Marissa Pier
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Olivia Franz
12th



Promposals

By: **Jonah VandenBussche**
Staff Writer

The girls scatter to get their dresses. Boys scramble to get their tuxedos. Flowers are being bought and delivered. The main worry is: Who is going to get asked to Prom, by whom and more importantly, how?

Guys spend hours planning how to ask a girl to the Prom; however, one girl defied society's standards and asked the boy to Prom.

Junior Beth Beindit took initiative and decided to plan a Promproposal for Zachary Paye, a freshman at Oakland University.

On April 4, Beindit had Paye meet his friends to hang out and then they met in the Kmart parking lot in Richmond. Beindit appeared shortly after this. She was dressed in a full police officer costume. She had the shirt, hat, badge, handcuffs and all.

This was to add to the effect of the proposal.

"The reasoning behind the way the proposal was done is that whenever Zach and I spend time together he always wants to watch the show Cops; also Zach is majoring in the Criminal Justice field," said Beindit.

Once he pulled into the lot, Beindit knocked on the car window and asked, "Are you under the influence?" and then handed Paye a fake ticket.

The ticket had "Prom?" written on it, as well as listed offenses and reasons for Beindit pulling him over.

Beindit said, "When I knocked on the window of the car door, Zach was very surprised to see someone standing there in the parking lot, dressed as a police officer."

Paye got out of the car, said, "YES!" and gave Beindit a kiss.

"It was really exciting getting everything ready because I knew his reaction was going to be good," said Beindit.

Instead of heading to Kmart for his Promposal, Senior Nick Shuttleworth decided to make a proposal to his girlfriend, Amanda Mozal, a sophomore at RHS.

Shuttleworth planned a three-step process for Mozal to follow.

The proposal happened after 4th hour at her locker.

The first step was Mozal received flowers from Shuttleworth during C Lunch.

The second stop was for her to go to her locker and see the décor. The third and final step was for her to say yes.

"When Amanda saw the flowers and knew what was happening, she was really excited," said Shuttleworth.

Shuttleworth had to do some serious preparing to make this proposal successful.

He had to have his aunt get the flowers and then he had to buy all the supplies and set it up at her locker while the whole time keeping it a secret from every one.

Shuttleworth said, "I thought the idea was very original but I could make it creative at the same time, so I chose to do it

this way."

Mozal continued to be excited and said yes to Shuttleworth's proposal.

Teachers have seen and heard about all the different kinds of Promposals.

Senora Smallwood said, "I think it's fun to see all the different proposals throughout the school!"

She said that it takes a lot of courage to put yourself out there and ask someone to go to the Prom with you.

She has seen some similarities with the way kids ask nowadays compared to when she was in high school.

"When I was in high school, the kids were asked in the same general ways; it was traditionally formal, or the girls were called and asked," said Smallwood.

It was not common for people to go to Prom in groups of friends. It was more common to see all the kids go with dates.

Senora Smallwood attended her senior Prom in high school, with her boyfriend at the time.

"I actually asked him to the Prom because it was for my school and he was in college during that time," said Smallwood.

They attended the Prom together, along with two of Smallwood's close girlfriends and their dates.

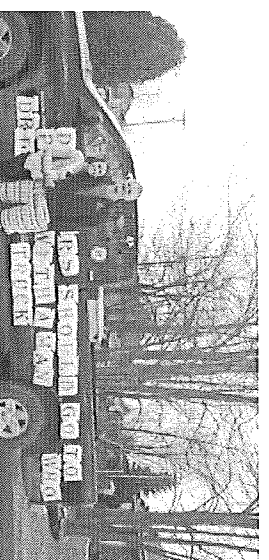
When asked what she thought of the Promposals now and the proposals then, she thought that it was fun to see how they have changed over time and developed.



Kylie McCloskey stands by Austin Vannatter who decorated her room to ask her to Prom.



Hailey Holdwick's room had rose pedals asking her to Prom from Dave Stafford.

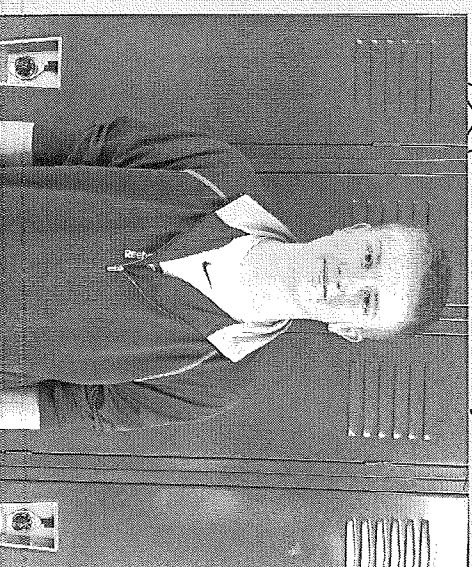


Stephanie Zube and Nick Macaulay stand by Nick's truck where he asked her to Prom.

Sophomore Star

Students

Max Tabaney



Favorite subject: Biology

Favorite activity outside of school: Baseball

Role Model: Miguel Cabrera

Plans after high school: Go to college and get an engineering degree

Stephanie Graham



Favorite subject: Chorale

Favorite activity outside of school: Singing

Role Model: My mom

Plans after high school: Go to college at Capital University, become a Christian counselor, and teach voice and piano lessons

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