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## A Note from the Editors: New Year, New You



Hey all! This month's newspaper club edition is my very first and I'm excited to share it with you. I'm passionate about writing and have the honor to be one of the Editors' in Chief. Everyone worked very hard to write, draw, and otherwise craft their own creative pieces (P.S. check out my article on "Marvelous Movie Releases of 2018"). So, sit back, relax and revel in the glory that is our school newspaper. I know you will enjoy it and maybe next edition you will see your very own piece published.

Your Co-editor in Chief,

*Lily Choi*

A' cha' pe! Welcome! My name's Liza [Lisa], thanks for reading this issue of The Eclipse. I'm excited to have assisted editing our large variety of articles we have for you this edition. Our writers worked hard and so have our other editors (and of course people who sent in their creative pieces). Thanks for stopping by, nan chik! Bye!

PS: We hope to get even more pieces submitted, so don't throw away your shot, and send in something to put in the next edition!

Your Co-editor in Chief,

*Liza Tuyuc*

We are very excited to start the New Year as a newspaper club of new and old talents. We are honored to follow traditions and enthusiastic to create new ones along the way. Ms. Seide and her team worked tirelessly to create a community voice for East West through "The Eclipse". You will still see interesting articles about topics that students are passionate about, happenings around the school and a new addition to the family. We are adding to that voice this year giving students the opportunity to share their artwork and creativity on the page! We want to showcase everyone's abilities and aptitudes. In the pages that follows you will get a glimpse of the talent and inspiration that our student body holds. We look forward to your contributions in the issues to come.

Sincerely,

*Ms. S., Lee Newspaper Club Advisor*

## Acceptance



Around the world, many people are being discriminated and judged because of their race, religion or even their looks. As a species who survived by deciding it was better to be predator than prey in the wild, our minds are hardwired to pass judgment and decide—predator or prey. This instinct can affect people by leaving them with the sentiment that they are left out.

Judging people can affect how people view others, which can affect someone's acceptance of self since at the end of the day everyone wants to feel accepted. Acceptance is very valuable in our modern society, it's currency, and we all want it.

This desire—to be accepted—is also shown in primate behavior where the left out primates worked harder to be popular, were constantly stressed out, and were bullied by popular primates. This shows that even our ancestors—the great apes that evolved into humans— have a sense of acceptance.

Many people who are bullied because some groups or certain people will not accept them as they are just waiting to be their best self. Instead, they are shunned which can lead to low self-esteem and poor self-acceptance for the rejected individual. For the people who pull through those rough times, they can become the next CEO while their bullies could be the ones serving them their lunch. Which shows that you never know who you are bullying or who they may become in the future.

A quite famous example of this effect is seen in the Harlem Renaissance during the early 20th century. The Harlem Renaissance was a turning point where people of African American descent created music, art, and literature that spun the world on its head. People finally recognized African Americans as intellectual people, a difficult accomplishment considering how they had been the children or grandchildren of slaves as Reconstruction was less than 50 years prior. These descendants created new music such as Jazz or Swing which evolved into genres like Pop and Rap which are some of the most popular genres in today's world and will impact generations to come, which furthers the “you don't know who you're bullying” idea.

This idea became apparent during other times in this country's history such as when the Chinese came to the U.S. in the mid-1800s. The Chinese were judged because people believed they were stealing jobs opportunities, from real Americans. This couldn't further from the truth! The Chinese worked in jobs that Americans would never dare. Chinese worked for lower-paying wages than other workers, and endured the rough and dangerous working conditions, during the American westward expansion. They were largely responsible for laying down the tracks for the western railways, in one of the greatest engineering feats of the 19th century.

Without these cultures who were enticed by a better life, wealth or even dragged here; the United States would not be the same place as it is now.

When you are left out, how do you feel? Silenced? Sad? Well, this is how others feel when they are left out, so the next time you make someone feel left out or see someone left out, put yourself in their shoes and instead accept them as who they are.

— Oscar Chun, Grade 6

## Acceptance



Are you tired of being judged? Do people really know who you are?

Guess what. You're not the only one!

Today, society judges people based off of everything. If there is anything different about you, people will treat you differently. People are constantly on the lookout for difference. They will look at how you dress, what your appearance is like, how you act, etc.

Sometimes, it's so deleterious that people commit suicide. As studies show, "suicide is the 2nd ranking cause of death for individuals 15-24 years of age" (Drapeau & McIntosh, 2015). To further broaden the scope of the nefarious impact discrimination has on people, studies show that "peer victimization in children and adolescents is associated with higher rates of suicidal ideation and suicide attempts" (JAMA Pediatrics, 2014).

Other times, people comment on the actions of their peers. Anyone can judge, and it can happen anywhere. However, this is not a good thing. When people judge others, they may end up hurting people. They say mean things to prove their point.

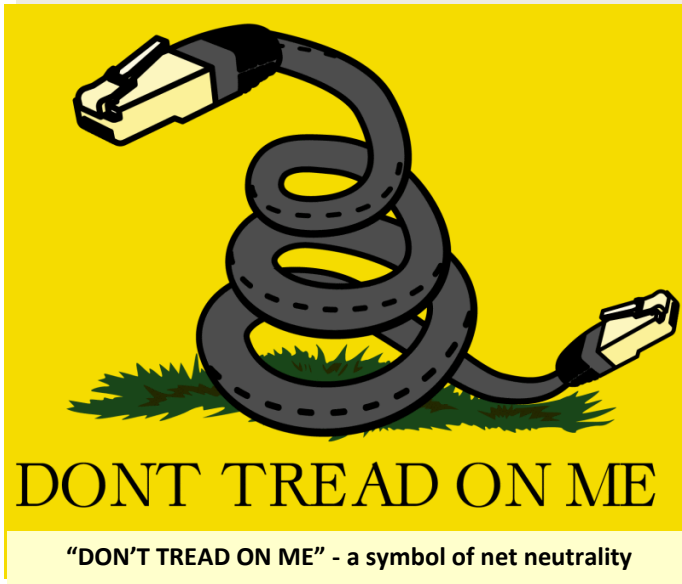
There is so little tolerance in the world because people are used to comparing others to what society likes; society has expectations, and everyone must comply. Jealously, fear of acceptance, stereotypes, people were taught that someone from a certain race or of a certain gender could be bad, they had a bad run-in with a person part of a certain group, etc.

The novel, *The Absolutely True Diary Of A Part-Time Indian*, explains how tolerance is one of the character's greatest gift. Tolerance is what keeps the world accepting and sympathetic. Without tolerance, people will never respect another person. There could be wars fought just because of something as little as whose belief is right. People will always be close-minded. No one would ever reach out to understand how another person feels. One student from East-West wrote on the poster that they felt silenced "when people are mean and not accepting." This is one of the main issues of society; There are many reasons to why we aren't accepting, but people are often worried about our turning against us because we support a person different from society. Humans don't always like to stand out, and that's ok, but the main issue is how we are willing to treat others differently because they're different.

We don't always reach out to those who are different from us. Since we judge people more than we tolerate them, we don't always understand others. Sometimes, we end up bullying the ones who are different, raising their likelihood to self-harm or contemplate suicide. This is never good because if one person dies, everyone is responsible, everyone is guilty. We shouldn't bully someone or treat them differently because they're different. Instead, we should embrace our differences and then find similarities. If everyone pitches in and passes it on, the world can become a better place. As a person once told me, "you have to pass it on to make the world a better place."

— Christina Wong, Grade 7

## Technology Today: Net Neutrality



2017 has ended and the year has left a lot of things unfinished, from the devastation of hurricanes to the solar eclipse that had America looking up, this year has been insane. There have been good and bad things, and many want to put it all behind; however, some events may still carry on into the new year of 2018.

Exhibit A: Net Neutrality. “Net Neutrality,” for those who don’t know, is essentially internet providers being neutral and unbiased on the internet, meaning they can’t discriminate their services on certain websites to different races or charge more for different types of people and such. Without net neutrality, companies like Verizon, Comcast, and AT&T can charge you for things on the internet that were originally free to use and give you a slower connection (or speed it up, if you pay) depending on what the content is, not to mention they can control the flow of information.

If net neutrality is repealed, I.S.P.’s (internet service providers) can say, “Do you want to access Netflix? Too bad, that’s an extra five dollars. You also have to buy the TV media bundle!” It doesn’t stop there. The possible end of net neutrality can mean you might have to pay for better connection to browse social media, YouTube, anime shows, and even doing things like posting memes!

DUN-DUN-DUN . . . You may be wondering to yourself, “Who would dare do this? This is an outrage

and a violation of our civil rights!” The person who would do this is Ajit Pai.

Perhaps you have heard his name swimming among strings of tweets about net neutrality. Otherwise, you might know him from elsewhere. This man is the president of the F.C.C (Federal Communications Commission). Ajit Pai is president of the F.C.C. as appointed by Trump - yes, Trump our current president- He was also a former Verizon employee. On December 14, 2017, the F.C.C voted to repeal net neutrality.

Of course, there was a protest outside the F.C.C.’s building during this vote. Unfortunately, the F.C.C. vote was two for keeping net neutrality against three to repeal.

So that’s it, right? There’ll be no more freedom on the internet, and paywalls will be everywhere.

No, all hope is not yet lost. There is still a chance to save net neutrality and take back our natural rights as

# FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE

**Non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and expanding the Internet's transformative power in our daily lives and the organization behind the website: [battleforthenet.com](http://battleforthenet.com)**

human beings and to keep the internet away from greedy corporate hands. There’s a website vouching to protect net neutrality (<https://www.battleforthenet.com/>), and we can still save the internet.

How do they plan on doing this? Well, even though the F.C.C. has voted for the repeal of net neutrality, this matter still has to go to Congress. Several states have declared that they will be suing the F.C.C, including New York. Attorney General (of New York), Eric Schneiderman, announced he would be suing the F.C.C. so that the F.C.C. would do “no more damage to the internet.” Many states are already signing this lawsuit. The Congressional Review Act allows this, and with it, we can nullify the F.C.C.’s vote. With



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**Chairman of the F.C.C. Ajit Pai,**

Even with this serious matter at hand, Ajit Pai views it as a joke and also has made a video titled, “PSA from Chairman of the F.C.C. Ajit Pai,” which - at the time writing this - has 259,000 dislikes. It was posted on Dec 13, 2017, and according to the video’s description, supposedly “would like to take this time to address all of the internet trolls with a PSA,” which only sparked more outrage, and rightfully so. Pai had chosen this and also, made fun of others, mocking them.

As well as trapping us in paywalls, it also limits our freedom and options. If net neutrality ends up repealed, ISP that were regulated as “common carriers” and controlled like phone companies, won’t be regulated. By doing so, it would become a virtual monopoly since ISP’s aren’t bound the same way. If the vote passes, there isn’t much we can do. Though the majority of Republicans and Democrats support net neutrality, we don’t know for sure if the vote will be repealed, so we can just hope, and try to convince Congress.

— **Jhey Dizon, Grade 7**

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## Culture: Fun in Winter

It’s cold, we get it! It’s only a few more months till spring but until then let’s enjoy the blistery winter weather. Fun Things To Do During Winter—Top 10+ List

— **Michelle Hu & Jolin Huang, Grade 7**

1) Bake sweets such as sugar cookies with close friends! Some people don't enjoy the coldness of winter, and that's fine. So if baking is your thing, something fun you could do is invite friends over and make some warm treats.

2) Take very long naps and rest yourself. Some people may find taking a nap fun or relaxing. School tires people out and may cause stress, so taking a nap can help relax your body.

3) Read a good book while sipping on some hot tea/hot chocolate. It's doesn't necessarily have to be tea or hot chocolate but it will probably relax you to just unwind and read a good book (check out book recommendations if you're not sure on what to read) while drinking something hot on a freezing day.

4) Get something hot to drink and reread a nostalgic childhood book. We've all read those books that were way beyond our reading level when we were younger. You could reread one of those books while snuggling with a hot drink or something hot to eat, maybe you'll get what the book is about. You could also reread a book that you loved as a child and just feel those waves of memory coming back to you. It's always fun to look back at happy moments in the past.

5) Try knitting a sweater or something festive. Some people might find knitting fun and it may be a hobby for them so to celebrate the upcoming holidays, you could do what you love (knitting) and celebrate the holidays at the same time. Two birds with one stone!

6) Hang out with your friends and watch a good holiday movie. Again, it doesn't have to be a holiday movie. If you would like to, it could be just any regular movie. And I think we could all agree that when we have our friends over, it's always fun (well, most of the time) so get together with some friends and enjoy movie time!

7) Have a sleepover with your best friends. Goofing around is not something that is done at school but we can

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8) Decorate your room with festive ornaments. You've heard of houses being decorated in time for the holidays but to make it a little more personal, you could get in the mood for the holidays by decorating your own room how you like it.

9) Catch up on your favorite anime/shows. With vacation here (depending on when you're reading this) you have all this free time so why not catch up on some of your favorite shows or animes! It doesn't even have to be on a vacation day, whenever you're bored and have nothing to do, you could spend that time to catch up on some anime/shows.

10) Go ice skating with friends! This time of year is always perfect for activities like skating since it's already cold and it just gets you in the holiday spirit more.

11) Talk to old friends and get to know them again. Winter is the perfect season for that! Catch up with old friends at your local bakery with some warm pastries and tea/coffee! It's so nice and peaceful and definitely something that should be at the top of your to-do list!

12) Snow Painting: Is it snowing outside? While some hate the cold, others may love the snow. For those that love art, snow painting is a great idea. Not to mention, it is really easy to prepare. Snow painting is when you prepare different colored water to spray on the snow to make your own type of art!



### Supplies:

1. Water
2. Spray bottles
3. Food coloring

### Procedure:

1. Fill your spray bottles with water.
2. Add a few drops of food coloring to add color to the water.
3. Spray on snow to "paint."

## Food: Delicious, Creative Fun!

Who said you can't have your cake and eat it too? Christina Tosi is an award winning baker and chef that runs the very popular and successful bakery *The Milkbar*. She's won awards like the *James Beard Award For Rising Star Chef Of The year* and *James Beard Award For Outstanding Pastry Chef*.

But what exactly does she do that makes her different from other chefs?

Her creative freedom.

She's made cakes like the salted pretzel cake, the apple pie cake, the chocolate chip cake, the strawberry lemon cake,



Customized Birthday Cakes

and many more magical desserts! This amazing baker is known for her magical cake designs that are absolutely going to make you gasp out of shock.

The Milkbar has locations in New York City, Washington D.C., Las Vegas, Toronto, and you can also order their amazing cakes online! Christina Tosi is also the head chef and they even make customized birthday cakes for all your weird cake fantasies. She also makes cookies and cake truffles and pies and many more delicious treats! Her delectable treats range from Peppermint Cornflake Cookies to Blueberry And Cream Cookies and MANY more!

She even has a cookie called "*THE BEST FREAK-ING COOKIE*."

What more do you need in life other than these freshly baked goods? Nothing.

So drop by one of her shops today and I promise you that you'll absolutely cry over these treats!

— **Michelle Hu Grade 7**



## Food: Vegetarian Delights

If you're a student who doesn't eat meat, don't worry, I am with you. If you're celebrating with family a special occasion, and you're uncomfortable with the food because there's a lot of meat, here are a couple of recipes from [www.delish.com](http://www.delish.com) to help you.

### Pretzel Rolls

#### Ingredients

1 cup of heated water to 110 degrees F

2 0.25-ounce packets of active dry yeast

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup of melted butter

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup of sugar

3 large eggs

1  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp of salt

4 cup of all purpose flour

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup of baking soda

#### Directions

Combine water and yeast in large bowl, and let sit for 5 minutes

Add butter, eggs, salt, and sugar and stir. Add flour 1 cup at a time until no clumps remain. Cover with plastic wrap and let it sit in refrigerator for 3 hours

Turn out dough on floured work surface and cut into 20 pieces. Roll into round ball, and transfer to baking dish (9-x-13"). Wait until it doubles in size, about 1-2 hours

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Fill medium saucepan over medium heat with water and baking soda. Once simmering, add rolls in batches, 1 minute, then transfer to baking dish. Sprinkle with salt

Bake until golden brown for 18-20 minutes.

Enjoy your pretzel rolls!!!



## Chocolate Chip Cookies

#### Ingredients

2  $\frac{1}{4}$  cups of flour

1 teaspoon of baking soda\

1 teaspoon of salt

$\frac{3}{4}$  cups of sugar

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup of brown sugar

1 teaspoon of vanilla extract

2 large eggs

1 cup of chopped nuts (optional)



#### Directions

PREHEAT oven to 375° F.

COMBINE flour, baking soda and salt in small bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla extract in large mixer bowl until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in morsels and nuts. Drop by rounded tablespoon onto ungreased baking sheets.

BAKE for 9 to 11 minutes or until golden brown.

Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

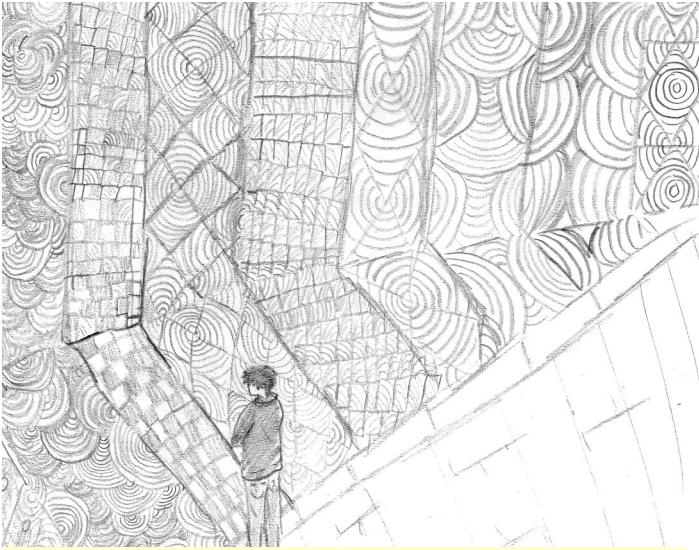
\* May be stored in refrigerator for up to 1 week or in freezer for up to 8 weeks.

These cookies are 110 calories per serving and have 2 grams of protein! Enjoy!

— Anonymous, Grade 10

## Creative Corner

“Creativity is putting your imagination to work, and it's produced the most extraordinary results in human culture.”  
Ken Robinson (speaker and international advisor on education in the arts )



Jacob Tyler Buenaventura, Grade 9

### Deadline

Chimes broke the silence of the night as a man entered the diner and pushed the glass door open. He was greeted by a wave of warmth, enveloping his being and blanketing him from the pricks of the cold outside. The restaurant was homey and comfortable, Arien found that the usually busy place was rather empty.

Breathing in the scent of vanilla the brunette walked over to one of the booths and let himself rest his weary legs on bright red cushions, he had always come here whenever he needed to write something to get the thoughts and the sounds out of his head. His editors had called him once again

during the afternoon, wondering if he was working as the deadline was only nearing and nearing, but he found himself in a slump. Fatigued and distressed he was on the verge of having a nervous breakdown, he just needed to make this good.

It was expected of Arien, the stars in his eyes twinkling so bright when he published his first book and the response it had, it was invigorating and filled his veins with endorphins and pure unfiltered happiness. The approval of his parents was what made his eyes fill with droplets as he was finally given the okay to pursue writing.

But expectations build up, like tears made of molten gold they're heavy and collect and soon Arien was drowning. The thought of letting everyone down and being a disappointment filled his lungs, he was not okay. Arien worked, to shut out the feeling and distract himself. Writing was no longer something *fun for him, the sparks of joy no longer apparent—explaining why he was currently hesitating to take out his writing tool.*

His pale hand wavers over the backpack with his trusty laptop, he didn't feel strong enough to pick up the object.

A waitress interrupts him, handing him a menu and recommending their special of the day; a grilled cheese sandwich with hot tomato soup. He's glad for the distraction, his hand snaps away from the black bag and instead rests on his chin as he wonders what to order. The curly haired young adult decides on nachos with hot gooey cheese and chili, an iced water, and the special of the day and melts into his seat after he relays his order to the waitress.

His food is served after ten minutes, he still hasn't taken out his laptop, but he feels just a tad less miserable. Arien's hand fingers the spoon in the bowl of crimson soup. Freshly cracked black pepper dances on the steaming surface, like twinkling stars. The coziness of soup envelops him and the tension in his shoulders start to disappear. He finally finds himself actually relaxing, *wow. He enjoys his food, savoring the heat of the edibles and trying to make himself calm down from his stressed state. As Arien finally finishes, he finds that he feels a lot better. Mumbling to himself, he returns his hands to his laptop.*

*"Writing can still be fun for me," He states under his breath as he finally takes his laptop out of the backpack.*

Arien slaps his hands on his cheeks, an action to reassure him of some sort. He has a drink from his glass, crunching on the ice to allow the cold to snap him out of his weary state, it was. . . nice too, he relieves his pent-up stress on the cubes and begins to type.

Keys clack underneath rosy fingers in the warm vanilla smelling building as the dark muddled clouds outside let rain drizzle against the glossy glass panes of the windows—building up a steady rhythm of sound between the tap of the rain and the clicks of the keyboard keys.

Things were going to be okay. **END.**

— Joey Huang, Grade 7

## Letting Old Growths Tumble to the Ground

I looked in the mirror  
and saw a stranger staring back at me.  
There,  
too many thoughts pushed against my skull  
I tried to block them out.

I moved as if through honey  
because the cold submerged in the marrow of my  
bones was weighing me down.  
Up the stairs I went, lugging my heart,  
a creak accompanying each step.

Then the sky began to fall  
and the earth began to rumble

The stationary hourglass  
smashed open  
the sand spilling everywhere.

I ran where I only walked before  
shouted where I only whispered  
acknowledged where I denied  
shattering the stillness of long years.

Surging came the fire  
I breathed in  
thawed out my frozen bones

Cut a path through the forest  
barring through thick and thin

Letting old growths tumble to the ground  
Decay  
so new plants spread their roots

I wet my dry lips  
and cracked open my voice  
read the thoughts gushing forth  
Because stretching upwards like a tree  
is my unchained self  
free in sight  
in tongue  
words  
finally reflecting my gazing eyes.

— Elizabeth Poy, Grade 8



Casey Macedo, Grade 12



**Lost**

Many paths and roads to take  
 Decisions, so many decisions  
 Not sure if this is right or wrong  
 Why can't I just find myself?  
 I feel lost  
 But I keep trying  
 I'll be stronger -- braver  
 Anything, so I can save myself  
 I'll be a warrior so I can fight

I'll be able keep my head up  
 It won't be easy  
 I'll make mistakes  
 And then something in me sparks  
 And then something in me awakes  
 I'm no longer in fear  
 I've finally made it  
 I always knew this would happen  
 I have finally found my way

— Joy Wang, Grade 7

**Starlight**

You were my favorite daylight thought  
 My favorite falling grace  
 The star I tried to reach  
 I tried to take.

But you're not with me  
 I've nothing left to lose  
 I've come to where I stated  
 A place of many blues.

And darling you left me  
 That's something I can't change  
 I guess what life teaches me is  
 Tragic endings are okay.

And I miss you're smile  
 Your laughter  
 And your tears  
 You weren't mine to begin with  
 Not a possession to be owned

Love, you've taught me  
 I think I have grown,

And although things weren't always  
 I fell in love with you smile.

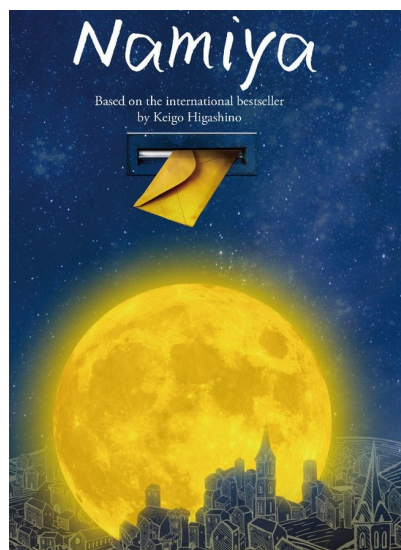
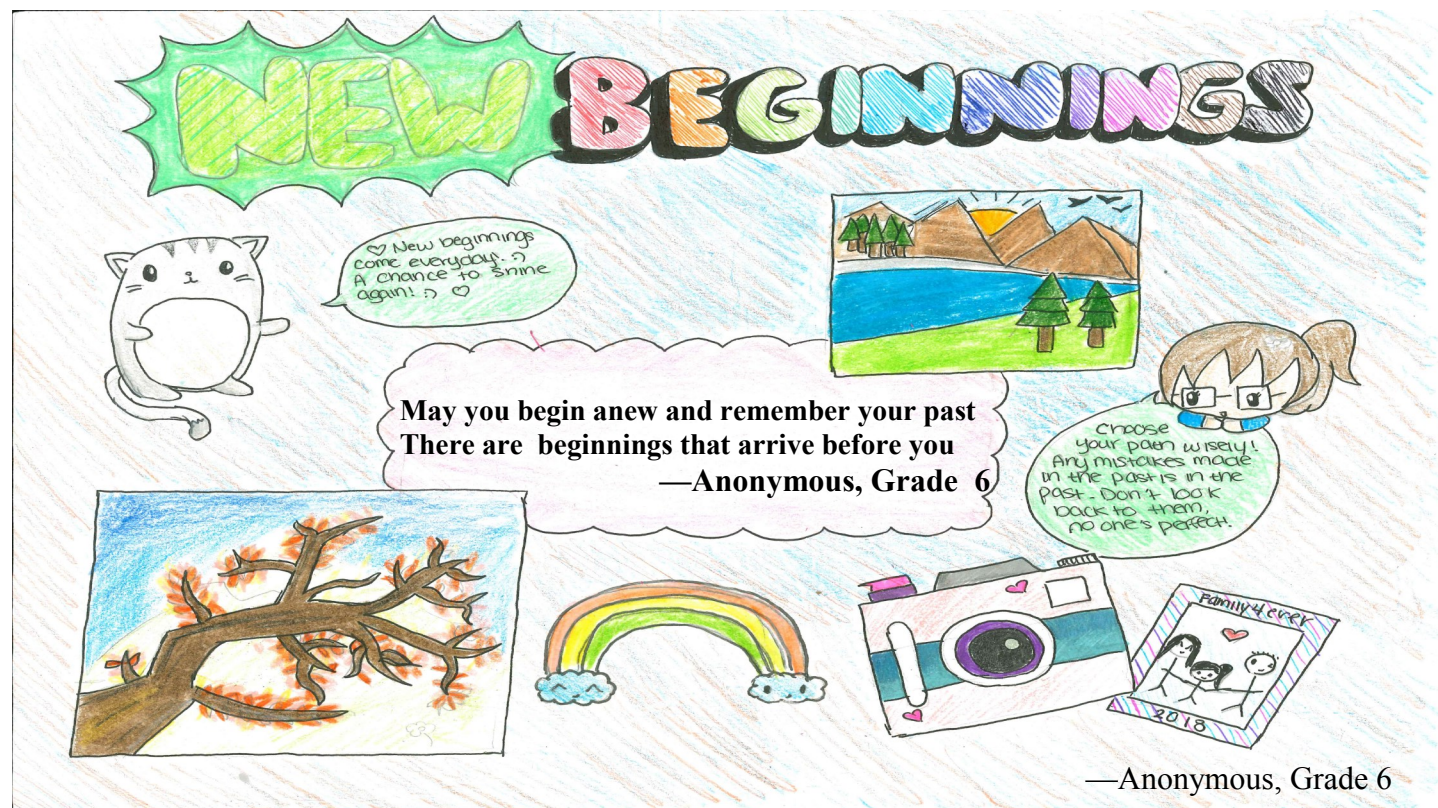
I wish the best for you  
 My lover,

I'm sincere  
 Because our love ended  
 And you hold another  
 Dear.

— Jeremi Chimbo, Grade 12



Anonymous, Grade 7



## If Time Told: Namiya Review

On a desolate street, there is a one-of-a-kind general store that is said to solve your problems. If you are having difficulties or are stressed out, write down your problems on a piece of paper and toss them in the mailbox located in the front of the general store. The next day, you will get a response from the owner of the store, the problem-solving man.

Directed by “Han Jie”, and available online as of December 29, 2017, here’s a movie that can captivate you - “The Miracles Of The Namiya General Store.” Based on an international best-seller by Keigo Higashino, three friends Tonton (Dilraba Dilmurat), Xiaobo (Karry Wang), and Ajie (Dong Zhi Jian) lose their way after angrily smashing Qingmei (Chen Duling) items in her house. The three friends find a store where they decide is a good hiding place for the night. Coincidentally, it is the “trouble away” grocery store. After casually looking around the store, Tonton discovers a letter from a man named Qinlang (Li Hong Qi) in a mailbox positioned at the back of the store.

After reading the letter along with Xiaobo, they learn that Qinlang is struggling with the decision to continue his dream of becoming a singer or taking his father's position and staying with his family.

Right when Tonton finds the letter, Ajie finds an old, torn newspaper from 1993 on a table in the store. The newspaper article is about an old man nicknamed “The Problem-Solving Old Man” (Jackie Chan) and when he opened the doors to the store. The mailbox has a magical ability to transfer letters from 1990 to 2017, (the current era) and letters from 2017 to 1990, (The Past) in a single day. The friends have discovered a time portal and the events that ensue envelope the viewer.

This movie draws you in and gives you a world where magical things do come true. You are in a mindset where you that is calm and soothing as the fantasy draws you closer to the characters. It wraps you in an illusion that should be real. After watching “Miracles Of The Namiya General Store,” you may find yourself writing a letter to place in the mailbox for you, your family and friends!

— Ziyan Tung, Grade 7



## Marvelous Movie Releases of 2018

It's going to be a wild ride this year! Here is a list for the top 15 movie releases of 2018 and just enough of a sneak peak that you will be lining up to purchase your tickets.



- 1) Black Panther (February 16, 2018)** King T'Challa of the African nation of Wakanda strives to defeat an old enemy that threatens his kingdom in this new Marvel release.
- 2) Every Day (February 23, 2018)** Sixteen-year-old Rhiannon falls in love with a spirit name "A," who has lived their entire life inhabiting a different body every single day.
- 3) Thoroughbreds (March 9, 2018)** Two high-class best friends, one who can't feel emotions, devise a plan to get rid of both their problems no matter the cost.
- 4) A Wrinkle in Time (March 9, 2018)** Meg Murry and her little brother, Charles Wallace, go on a journey with the astral travelers Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who and Mrs. Which to save their father from an evil planet.
- 5) Love, Simon (March 16, 2018)** 17 year-old Simon Spier has trouble coming out to his friends and family that he's gay, and even more trouble when his emails to an anonymous pen-pal fall into the wrong hands.
- 6) Midnight Sun (March 23, 2018)** 17 year-old Katie Price was born with a rare genetic condition that makes her extremely sensitive to sunlight. After being asked out by her longtime crush, she begins to wonder whether she can live a normal life outside.
- 7) Ready Player One (March 30, 2018)** Set in 2045, where the world has found refuge from chaos in a virtual reality called OASIS, Wade Watts and his friends work to win "Anorak's Game" where the winner earns full ownership of OASIS and a \$240 billion fortune.
- 8) A Quiet Place (April 6, 2018)** A family living on a farm tries to escape from a supernatural evil attracted to sound by communicating with each other in sign language.
- 9) The New Mutants (April 13, 2018)** The five mutants, Magik, Cannonball, Sunspot, Wolfsbane, and Mirage, fight to escape a secret facility they are being held in against their will.
- 10) Rampage (April 20, 2018)** Primatologist Davis Okoye works to save three monstrous, mutated animals, one being his companion, a silverback gorilla named George, from wreaking havoc on the world.
- 11) Avengers: Infinity War (May 4, 2018)** The Avengers, Guardians of the Galaxy, Doctor Strange, Ant-Man, and even more Marvel heroes come together to defeat Thanos, who seeks to alter reality with the Infinity Stones.
- 12) Incredibles 2 (June 15, 2018)** While Elastigirl is out fighting crime, her husband Mr. Incredible, and their three children must come together to defeat The Underminer.
- 13) Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (June 22, 2018)** Four years after the events of the last movie, Owen Grady and Claire Dearing return to the island to save the remaining dinosaur breeds from an erupting volcano.
- 14) Ant-Man and the Wasp (July 6, 2018)** Scott Lang tried to balance his life as a father and as Ant-Man, while Hope Van Dyne, as "The Wasp," presents him with a new mission.
- 15) Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald (November 16, 2018)** The dark wizard Gellert Grindelwald escapes government custody and gains a following, while a young Albus Dumbledore and Newt Scamander come together to stop him.

— Lily Choi, Grade 9

## Cartoons to Watch

### Spongebob Squarepants

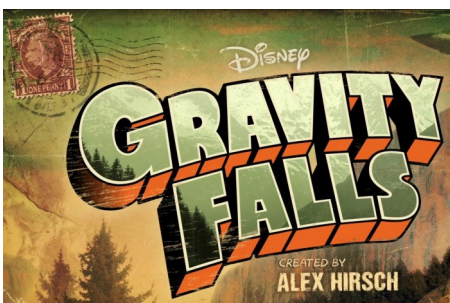
The fun loving sponge popularized by memes and his funny attitude has multiple seasons, two movies, and even a musical. With this year drawing to an end, Spongebob has been running for 18 years. With hundreds of episodes, the Sponge with his friends Sandy and Patrick go on hilarious adventures, having fun in the deeps of Bikini Bottom. From catching jellyfish to annoying Squidward, Spongebob always gets into trouble creating fun and laughs for everyone.

### Star vs. the Forces of Evil



Star Butterfly is a princess from the kingdom of Mewni in another dimension. After getting in trouble again, her parents, the king and queen of Mewni, send her to a planet called Earth, where she ends up living with a human named Marco Diaz. Together, they're dragged on crazy inter-dimensional adventures on earth and many other dimensions along with relatable teen problems with a magical twist. Star vs. the Forces of Evil is a great cartoon series for a laugh and for a ton of action.

### Gravity Falls



the twins work in his shop of oddities, One day, Dipper finds a mysterious book that speaks of the town's odd mysteries. The twins use this book to unlock Gravity Falls' ominous secrets. But the antagonist, the demon Bill Cipher tricks Mabel into freeing him unleashing the havoc that Grunkle Stan sealed away. Sadly, the series' last episode aired on February 15,

2016. The Gravity Falls series is a mysterious show and makes the viewers think a little more into the mysteries of the series.

### Steven Universe

Steven Universe is about a boy named Steven who was born into the world of gems as a half-human, half-gem hybrid. He grows up with aliens called gems that go on other-worldly adventures. He discovers many things about his mom's role in gem history, and about the concepts of fusions. Steven has lots of fun with his friends, and sings lots of songs along the way. Steven Universe is currently on its fifth season, with more to come!



### Voltron: Legendary Defender

Set in the future, three people are on Pluto's moon, which is called Kerberos. These three people get abducted by aliens. One year later, we see three Garrison cadets called Lance, Hunk, and Pidge. After their day of classes, Lance sneaks out with Hunk as they catch Pidge sneaking out as well. They follow their fellow cadet to the roof, and discover the existence of aliens. An alien ship crashes and the cadets go to check it out. They find out the ship contains the human pilot Shiro, who was proclaimed dead. They go to save him and meet dropout Keith. They all go to his desert shack, where Keith tells them about a weird energy that leads them to the Blue Lion. The Blue Lion leads them to an alien planet where an alien named Allura tells them about the evil Galra and their leader, Zarkon. Voltron: Legendary Defender is about how five humans save the universe from Zarkon and his corrupt ways.

— Jadyn Damian, Grade 6

## Top 5 January K-Drama 2018 List

When the weather is hovering below freezing point and it's one of the coldest winters on record why not stay inside where it's nice and warm?

While indoors seems to be the best place to be it's important to have a balance between studies and entertainment. So of course, as a student at East West there are tests, projects and essays to prepare for but there is also time to relax and sit back to watch some great entertainment. For all of you who enjoy K-Dramas, or those of you who want to learn more about the wonders that is the K-Drama universe try some of the dramas listed below.

**5. My First Love - 애간장** - You can be your own best friend or your own worst enemy. Shin Woo (Lee Jung-Shin) is a math teacher who regrets letting his first love Han Ji Soo (Lee Yeol Eum) go 10 years ago because he didn't have the courage to confess his feelings to Han Ji Soo. Shin Woo gets the chance to he always wanted to get the girl when he accidentally travels back in time. This time Shin Woo is armed with the knowledge that Han Ji Soo 'did' like him back. What a lucky guy! Unfortunately, he has a strong competitor: his younger self from ten years ago. There, he meets his younger self (Seo Ji-Hoon). The present Shin Woo and the past Shin Woo engage in a fierce and comical rivalry to win their love's heart.

**4. Yeonnam-dong 539 - 연남동 539** - This drama series follows various people who live at a shared house in Yeonnam-dong, Seoul, South Korea. Yeonnam-dong is a neighborhood in the Mapu District, Seoul, South Korea. The residents include Sang Bong-Tae (Lee Jong-Hyuk), Yoon Yi-Na (Oh Yoon-Ah) and Jo Dan (Lee Moon-Sik). This The stories of these residents are centered around the fact that they choose not to get married. So as professionals who have chosen a life of singledom the drama is laden with a dual message: a societal commentary about the institution of marriage and a personal reflection about our neighbors who sometimes become closer than our own family.

**3. Cross - 크로스** - Kang In-Kyu's father was brutally murdered 13 years ago. To take revenge on those who are responsible for his father's death, Kang In-Kyu becomes a doctor. Kang In-Kyu volunteers at

a prison medical office where the murderer is imprisoned in order to take the life of his father's murder. While there Kang In-Kyu begins to learn the true meaning of being a doctor.



### 2. Radio Romance - 라디오

**로맨스** - A top star radio DJ hosts a program that deals with stories of healing wounded hearts. The story begins with Top star Ji Soo Ho (Yoon Doo Joon) being trapped in a radio booth with Song Geu Rim (Kim So Hyun) for two hours during a live broadcast. Song Geu Rim works as a radio

program writer. Her mother is blind and as a child she listened to the radio frequently with her. This led her to become a radio program writer, but she isn't exactly talented in writing. Now, the radio program that she works on is facing cancellation. Song Geu Rim succeeds in casting top actor Ji Soo Ho, who can't speak a single word unless it's been scripted for him.



### 1. Grand Prince - 대군 - Lee

This is a historical drama where Kang (Joo Sang-Wook) is an ambitious prince. He falls in love with Sung Ja-Hyun (Jin Se-Yun). Sung Ja-Hyun is scholarly, possesses a strong sense of compassion and righteousness, and tackles things with great passion. She is also a beautiful woman from a

prestigious family. With this long list of great qualities, it's no wonder that she has many possible love prospects, but Lee Kang's younger brother Lee Whi (Yoon Si-Yoon) also loves her. This love triangle can't last forever and it seems that to have Ja-Hyun, Lee Kang needs to become the king ... even if he has a younger brother in his way.

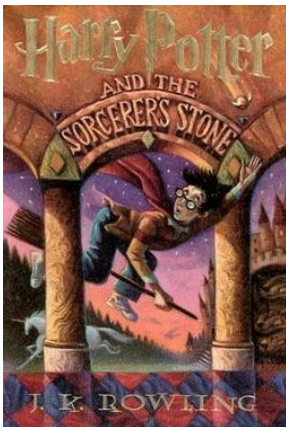
—Anonymous, Grade 6



## Winter Reads

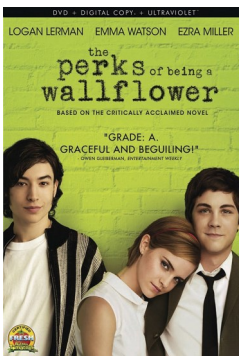
Want a nice read for this year? Check out these amazing book selections!

**Thirteen Reasons Why** - The basis for the hit Netflix series, this book by Jay Asher follows a young boy named Clay Jensen who receives thirteen cassette tapes with his deceased classmate and former crush Hannah Baker that describes all the reasons why she killed herself. As Clay travels all around their little town to understand the places and people associated with Hannah's suicide, he is able to fully understand the girl he liked for so long for the first time.



**Harry Potter (Series)** - A best selling series by J.K. Rowling, it follows a young boy named Harry Potter who finds out on his eleventh birthday that he is a wizard and is enrolled at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. He finds out that his parents were killed by the Dark Lord and it is up to him to save the world from falling to evil and chaos. After getting sorted as a Gryffindor by the

Sorting Hat, making awesome friends and not-so-awesome enemies, trying to steal a Golden Snitch, battling evil lizards, and chugging down some butterbeer, he does everything he can to stop He-Who-Should-Not-Be-Named in his tracks.

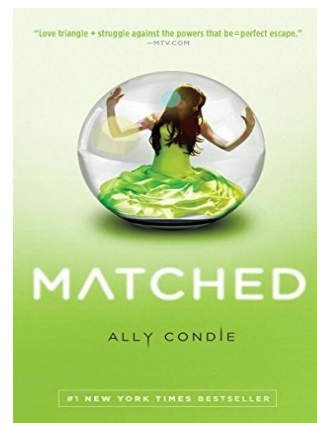


**The Perks of Being a Wallflower** - The basis for the 2011 film, this book by Stephen Chbosky follows a young man named Charlie who is starting high school. He is introduced to interesting teachers, the ups and downs of crushes and relationships, potential sexual encounters and how he feels about them, partying, drugs, and what everything in his life really means to him while also coping with the death of his aunt Helen.



**To All the Boys I've Loved Before (Trilogy)** - This wonderful trilogy by best-selling author Jenny Han follows a high schooler named Lara Jean. Lara Jean is a half Korean high schooler who's still dealing with the passing of her mother after 8 years. One day, she decides to write letters to all her previous loves and never send

them out. Unfortunately for her, an anonymous sender mails them out and soon, every guy she hoped would never see them ends up getting an unexpected gift. Follow Lara Jean as she navigates through high school with love, hate, sadness, renewal, her friends, family, and some significant others along the way.



**Matched (Trilogy)** - Author Ally Condie writes up a trilogy about a dystopian society revolved entirely around controlling people's freedom of choice to ensure perfection every time, and one girl's uphill battle to overthrow the central powers and gain her freedom of choice

again after she's somehow given two "perfect matches" for marriage, despite the second one being technically ineligible, and ultimately fighting in the name of love.

**Allison Goel, Grade 8**



Want to try rowing for scholarship? Row New York gives many opportunities for high school and middle school students. To be a part of the program, you'll have to try out. Participants will have interviews with the coaches and take a 500-meter erging test. An erg is a indoor rowing machine. There are three locations where tryouts are held. There's the Queens Girls team, the Manhattan row team (which is where Andrew Tom and I row, also it is a co-ed team) and the Brooklyn team. The Queens girls team rows at the

Flushing Meadows Lake Boathouse and the Manhattan team for boys and girls rows in the Harlem River.

Row New York is an excellent opportunity for scholarships, building your community, receiving academic prep, free workout, and coaches, and of course, participants learn how to row and swim. College tuition is between \$10,000-\$50,000 per semester, and scholarship is needed to cover it. A personal workout coach is around \$110-\$160 per hour, so it will cost you nearly nothing to go to row.

Row New York is Monday through Friday 4:30 P.M-6:30 P.M and Saturday 10:30 A.M-12:30 P.M, it doesn't mean you can't attend school activities but, you must go consistently in a week.



Our experience was great there because we have gotten stronger. It took a while until I learned some of my teammates' names. The workout gets harder every week, around this month we will be working with the varsity team. We also get to do weight training, which helps increase your gym grade because you're getting more fit and your teacher will also see growth.

— Benjamin Yam, Grade 9



### Passion. Connected.

GET READY EVERYBODY !!!!!!!!!!!!!

On February 9, 2018 the long waited Winter Olympics arrive!

This year's host city is Pyeongchang in South Korea. This event hosts tons of sports such as figure skating, snowboarding, skiing, bandy, and many other unique sports. As an United states citizen get ready to cheer for U.S.A. Get pumped up to see Shaun White snowboard, Nathan Chen figure skate, Gus Kenworthy ski, and many more Olympic hopefuls. These athletes will attend and represent our country doing their best to win for the United States.

Sadly in October Shaun White smashed his face into a

half-pipe while practicing snowboarding. "Recently released footage of Shaun White's horrific snowboarding fall last year shows the moment the athlete's face slammed into the lip of the half-pipe in New Zealand" (1). Other than that scary note the event should go well.

Throughout the Winter Olympics get ready to see some skill. Athletes having been training for years in hopes to be a part of this year's Olympic completion. This time you should expect more stunning performances and mind-blowing skills that should be better than the previous Olympics. Look out for the snowboarders and skiers because you'd be amazed to see their performances. It's truly breathtaking to see them flip and turn as they perform a stunt.

Therefore, get excited for this event because it only comes to us once every four years. In case you missed the date, this year's Winter Olympics will take place on February 9, 2018 in South Korea in the city of Pyeongchang. I'll be rooting for the Olympic hopefuls and so should you!

— Vincent Lo, Grade 9

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## Contributors Shout Out!

Want to see your work in the next edition? Read below to find out how!

The Newspaper Club is excited to have artists submit their work for the following months cover page!

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**Deadline: 2/15/2018**

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**Subject Title: Newspaper Club Art Submission**

We need images that are generally bright and colorful. It is best that you provide us with as many images as possible of your work for us to choose from.

We accept the following media: watercolor, oil, colored pencil, collage, acrylic, and some photography (original or artistically altered photographs).

We accept art images as:

Digital images. Images need to be at least 10” wide and 8” in height and 300 dpi to be of high enough quality to reproduce accurately.

If your work is accepted, we will reach out to you for an artist statement. Please email a 50-70 word statement about your artwork in general.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
The Newspaper Club

### Creative Corner

“You can’t use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have.” – Maya Angelou

Do you have a poem, short story, memoir, free write, rap, song, rant or any other piece of writing that you want to share?

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Submit your creative writing piece to the Newspaper Club and see your work in print!

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“If you were born with the ability to change someone’s perspective or emotions, never waste that gift. It is one of the most powerful . . . —the ability to influence.” — Shannon L. Alder

Do you have a story to tell? Something important to share? Contact the Newspaper Club with your ideas!

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