

Youth of Today
Hope of Tomorrow



Planning My Summer



Ava Roberts
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There are four months of school before summer. I have figured out what I will do while out from school. I will travel, attend camps, and read.

At the start of summer, I will travel to Washington DC for a week with my Girl Scout troop. At the end, I will travel to San Francisco. I am sure that my mom will have a few other weekend trips planned too. I plan to attend band camp, the Nike basketball camp, and a volleyball clinic. I will visit the library and participate in the summer reading program too.

I am looking forward to this Summer. I plan to be busy! What are your summer plans?

Sister Act the musical



Sarah Robertson
Connally H. S.

On January 24th, 25th and 26th John B. Connally High School theatre program performed the musical Sister Act. I was fortunate to be a part of the cast and crew. We started back in October right after our fall production of Attack of the Zombies.

After a long time of rehearsals and vocal practice it was finally time to perform. The production of Sister Act the musical is based off

the 1992 movies starring Whoopi Goldberg. The plot of the story is Deloris Van Cartier is a performer that sees her boyfriend kill somebody so she goes into hiding at St. Mary's Church as a nun. The performances that the Connally Cougars did were amazing on stage and from the many comments I received from the audience. I had a fantastic time doing this production with all my peers and my directors, I can't wait for the next productions of the 2019-2020 school year.

I also want to encourage other students to get involved in theatre programs at school, church or in the community. We learn a lot behind the scene, behind the stage, behind the cameras that can be used in other areas of life.

Rise and Shine



Kennedy George
Weiss High School

I've had trouble waking up on time for school. I think I just don't like the feeling of getting up. Since I do this, I am always rushing out the door.

Being a morning person is a good trait that many teenagers don't have mastered quite yet. I, being one of them, set my alarm for 6:30, but get out of bed

at 7:20. I know I shouldn't do this because it always seems like the clock runs 10x faster when I am getting ready for school. I always forget how much I have to do in the morning, and 40 minutes is definitely not enough time.

My 6:30 alarm should give me an hour and a half, which is plenty of time for me to get ready. I've tried things like turning on all the lights right when my alarm goes off, but I still flop back in bed and sleep the extra 50 minutes to an hour. Thankfully I always set my stuff out the night before, because if I am ever super late I can just put on my clothes and grab my stuff. This is something I really need to work on.

Into the Spider-Verse Review



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The new movie "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse," was released in theaters on December 14, 2018. "Spider-Man" is a sci-fi superhero film that stars Shameik Moore, Jake Johnson, and Hailee Steinfeld. The film gave us our first look at Miles Morales, the black Spider-Man

The movie is about a kid named Miles Morales who is bitten by a radioactive spider and given the powers of Spider-Man. However, unlike the original Spider-Man, Peter Parker, Miles lives in an alternate universe where he is the only Spider-Man. Mo-

rales eventually crosses paths with other "spider-people" from various dimensions and must work with them to stop a threat that could destroy all of their realities.

The film was visually stunning, featuring different drawing and animation techniques that resemble that of a comic book. It also did a good job of setting up future sequels with its post credit scene. The movie won the Golden Globe Award for Best Animated Feature and is also nominated for an Oscar in the same category. I thought Shameik Moore was a great choice for the voice of Miles Morales. He is definitely a good fit for the character and will help bring more development in future films. I'm looking forward to the sequels to see how Miles adapts to life as Spider-Man.

"Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" is rated PG. I would recommend watching this movie with friends and family because it is both funny and heartfelt.

Super Bowl Weekend

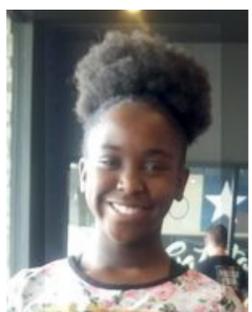


Ruby George
Cele Middle School

This weekend was so fun and exciting for multiple reasons. I had a really fun sleepover with two of my friends from choir. We had a sleepover after school on Friday because the next day we had to do an ensemble with our group in front of a judge and our choir teacher.

But before my friends and I went to the school, we stopped at McDonalds to get some breakfast. My mom was there before I got there with my friends. The three of us still had to wait for five kids because there was eight people in our group. One person didn't come, but I still think that our group did amazing. We didn't get any negative feedback! After we performed, we went back to McDonalds for lunch. When we got back to my friends house, we just chilled and jumped on the trampoline. We did end up having another sleepover, which was the best.

Black History Magic Month



SaNaya White
Ann Richards

For the month of February, I will write my articles on African Americans who broke barriers in history. It is important to recognize those who

led and those who went through the most difficult times for us. I honestly believe that black history should be celebrated a lot longer than a month, but we've come a long way. That month was once a week. I'm just grateful that I have the opportunity to celebrate it in general. This week I want to recognize the first black person to graduate from a U.S. college. He grew up in Corinth, Vermont during the 18th century. He worked on the farm of a

Charlotte E. Ray



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Charlotte E. Ray is the first black lawyer but she was also a Women Rights Activist and Civil Right Activist. Charlotte E. Ray is from New York and was born January 13, 1850. She is from a family of 7 so it was hard for her to get her education, but through all the struggles she went through to get her education she graduated from Howard university of law school in 1872. She was admitted to District of Columbia bar the same year and became

the first female African American Lawyer in the United States. Soon Ray started her own law office, specializing in commercial of law. Charlotte became a teacher and "championed a number of social causes outside of her classroom, becoming involved in the women's suffrage movement and joining the National Association of Colored Women." Ray died on January 4, 1911, in Woodside, New York. She didn't practice that much but she achieved a lot for not only women but also African Americans.

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National Junior Honor Society



Tyler Allen
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I was asked did I know anything about the National Junior Honor Society. I replied that I didn't not so I decided to check it out.

Our school has a chapter I found out there were many requirements. Students must be in grades 6-9. They must be in their second semester of the six grade, Each chapter is required to publish its qualifications for membership. There are five basic requirements.

One of them is a

scholarship. That means at a minimum GPA of 85, 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent standard of excellence. You must have voluntary community service to your school or community. Leadership is another trait. You must be resourceful, a good problem solver and a contributor. A third requirement is character. A student of good character is supposed be cooperative, demonstrate high standards of honesty and reliability, show courtesy, concern and respect for others.

Citizenship is the another requirement. It states you must understand the importance of civic engagement. Lastly you have to fill out a form detailing your accomplishments. You also have to be recommended by your teachers. We will see if a make it.

he became part of the state legislature. This man portrayed that education was possible, the struggle was challenging, but he overcame those challenges. This man was Alexander L. Twilight. He is an incredible man who did incredible things. The first to graduate may not sound like much, but you have to imagine the life he had. Not many Black were with him through his life in college. He did what he wanted and succeeded. This is the kind of influence I want to follow.



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