



Youth of Today  
Hope of Tomorrow



## Church Shooting



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Everyone is talking about the church shooting in Sutherland, Texas. I remember the first time someone talked to me about a mas shooting. I must have been around five years old. The first thing I could said. It was "Why". I ask did they do something bad. I was told no. from then on I have heard about more and more shootings.

I wonder why do we need so many guns. Over the years I have heard countless reasons but none seem to make sense. Just because I don't like you or what you believe doesn't give you the right to just kill innocent people. You would think a church would be a safe place. One thing I have been told is that we live in "Critical times hard to deal with". Plus men would not be open to compromise.

I heard them say on the news that after each shootings that the sell of gun rise even higher. The NRA (National Rifle Association) is a business. Just like the selling of illegal drugs. The bottom line is profit. Cash flow to their investor is the most important thing not really saving lives.

This is mid semester testing week. It is time to get serious.

## Mother - Daughter Tea



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On Sunday, November 5, the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary & Junior Daughters Holy Cross Court #284 hosted from their annual Mother-Daughter Tea. This year's theme was "We are God's Masterpiece." The event was from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The program opened with a welcome followed by a prayer. There was singing, dancing, and a fashion show. The guest speakers were Lina Wade, president of Sickle Cell Association of Texas, and Frankie Fowler from SAFE. There are vendors selling a variety of items like clothing, crafts, jewelry, hair products, and photography.

I attend every year with my mom. I enjoy the whole program but my favorite things are "Tea Time" and shopping at the vendors. If you have never attended, you should treat yourself to next year's event. You will like the experience!

## My Halloween



**Erika Lipscomb**  
Manor Middle School

I was so excited coming from school because I was about to go to the movies with my friend for Halloween. I arrived at her house to hang out a little before we was to go. I go to meet her cute little dog named Yayo. Then we headed to the movie theater. It was cold outside so that made it even more fun. The movie we were going to see was Boo 2!

Madea's Halloween. The movie was hilarious! My friend and I got all kinds of snacks to relax in these reclining chairs as seats that I've never seen inside a movie theater. That was really cool. After the movie, we still had a little bit of time to trick-or-treat. We hurried to her house to put on our costumes and out to the neighborhood we went. It was cold, but we didn't care. We were running to each house which was fun up until it started to rain. We went back to her house and went through our candy. We had a lot which was pretty good for 15 minutes of running to basically empty houses. She gave me a ride home and in the car we went over the fun things we did.

## Flexibility



**Ruby George**  
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When you watch someone on youtube do a crazyacrotrick, or the splits, it looks so easy right? Well... you're wrong. For some girls, it might come naturally. Trust me, for most people, it definitely does

not come naturally. If you want to be flexible, then you have to stretch every single day. I taught myself to do the splits, and then I worked my way up to the advanced tricks and flips. It can be very easy to hurt yourself, so make sure you have a parent to spot you.

Whenever you see the girls on tv pulling their leg up to their ear, or some girl doing a flip in the air, you have to remember that the have had years of practice. Don't just go off doing some hard trick that you don't know how to do. If you push yourself, the you can be as flexible as you want! Just remember, hard work pays off!

## My First College Application



**Jalen Moore**  
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Last week on November 1st, I submitted my first college applications to Yale University and The University of Texas, and I am relieved to have that

burden lifted of my shoulders. Now my focus is shifting to my regular decision applications which is about 7 more schools (including my top two: Pomona College and Stanford University). These are the applications I'm more excited to complete because I'm genuinely passionate about these institutions. I think that these schools are a good fit for me and are the nation's best cultivators of intellectual vitality. Ultimately, while I am about these applications I'm moreso excited about my possibility of attending my dream colleges.

## Basketball



**Jaelyn Stone**  
Kealing M. S.

Basketball was created in early December 1891, by Canadian Dr. James Naismith, a physical education professor and instructor at the International Young Men's Christian Association Training School (YMCA) (today, Springfield College) in Springfield, Massachusetts. He was trying to keep his gym class active on a rainy day. He sought a vigorous indoor game to keep his students occupied and at proper levels of fitness during the long New England winters.

After rejecting other ideas as either too rough

or poorly suited to walled-in gymnasiums, he wrote the basic rules and nailed a peach basket onto a 10-foot (3.0 m) elevated track. In contrast with modern basketball nets, this peach basket retained its bottom, and balls had to be retrieved manually after each "basket" or point scored. This proved inefficient, however, so the bottom of the basket was removed, allowing the balls to be poked out with a long tool each time. In today's time basketball is played with 5 players on each team with a backboard and a laced net and a metal rim. Currently there are 30 teams in the NBA (National Basketball Association) people say they like teams but i like players because you don't seem like a bandwagon if you like players .

My two favorite players are Stephen Curry and the legend Michael Jordan. These two basketball players are my idols because they're considered the (G.O.A.T.) greatest of all time.

## Technology Class



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For the past few weeks we have been learning about wind turbines. We are also learning

about potential and kinetic energy. Last week, we had to present a project where we had to build something using wind energy or solar energy. A lot of people built a wind turbine that powered a light to come on.

I built a solar powered jar for my project. I used a solar powered garden light, cardboard, and a mason jar. I use the cardboard to make the garden light fit into the top of the jar. The one project that I liked was the kid who built a solar powered car.

## Girls Basketball



**Jada Stone**  
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Girls basketball is really fun so far. There is about 11 girls on the A team and about 11 girls on the B team. In my opinion I think the B team is better because the coach from the B team does not set his expectations as

high as the coach from the A team. I like all of the players. We remember our plays and work really good together. The coach does not really yell at us. I think he is really nice. There is a lot of good stuff about basketball, but there is bad stuff about about basketball also. I usually have nothing to but now I have been really busy lately. I have to practice everyday after school. Sometimes on fridays depending on if coach thinks we need more practice. Also depending on how good we do. After games I am really tired and sore. Overall, it is about having fun, being a good sport, and playing with your team because there is no I in team.

## Halloween Experience at Kipp



**Kamryn Mack**  
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At Kipp Austin Leadership they celebrate Halloween a little or let's face it a lot differently from other schools. One person may say that Kipp Austin Leadership hardly even celebrates Halloween. I might be one of those people, honestly. I mean Halloween at Kipp Austin Leadership is like going to Six Flags without any games, rides, and occasional fair food or going to the beach without any sand and water. Now I'm guessing you can imagine what my Halloween was like at Kipp Austin Leadership. If you want to know more about why my Halloween very different then read on to get the inside

view on Kipp Austin Leadership. I hope you enjoy my article.

First let's start with the costumes. We at least got the opportunity to dress up but the costume we wore had to be a book character! I mean, I love reading and writing but that's a little too much love for literacy! Even for me. For example, one kid dressed up as Pokemon! But there were also some cool costumes like, a ghoul! Another thing I did was parading around the middle school kids/teens. I mean, they were just giggling and pointing at our silly and hilarious costumes. I can't blame them though considering our costumes, as a whole.

Now, get ready for the biggest con probably in the history of Halloween. No candy! They didn't give us those sugary treats that will probably cause rotten teeth and stomachaches. Anyway, I hope I scared you with the horrors I had to face on Halloween. Hope you enjoyed my article.