

Activity Full Weekend



**SaNaya White
Ann Richards**

Saturday, September 8th was a day full of tiring and long activities. My day began at 6:45am. I woke up to my everyday morning routine and left at 7:30 to arrive at school at 8. I arrived at school and set up to play my instrument and march for band practice. The practice was outside from 8 - 12pm. Immediately after practice was over, I had to put my instrument up and grab my stuff for volleyball. I caught a ride with one of the upperclassmen who is also in volleyball and band.

We traveled to the Austin Sports Center. I had to run in, change, and begin warming up. We only had about 5-10 minutes before the game started. I had a quick warm up and then our first game began. We played 4 games in

total, against Glen High, Austin High, LBJ, and McNeil High School. We won all 4 games and ended up ranking first place in our bracket! This was big for us and exhilarating. We were happy to have known that the hard work paid off. We played really well and we need to continue to play that way and better for the rest of our season.

After leaving the tournament around 7pm I had to go home and take a shower. I was exhausted, but I felt that I needed to support a friend and attend her 15th birthday party called a Quinceañera. The Quince had started at 6 but it didn't end until midnight, so I still had time. I went to the quince at 8 and left at 11:30. The quince was amazing, it was my very first one that I've been to and I loved it so much. My friend looked beautiful, and I learned to do different dances, it was great. As soon as I got home, I feel asleep. I was extremely tired and I knew that Sunday was also going to be a long day, but that is an entirely separate story.

My weekend wasn't really a weekend, but I'm getting used to it. I enjoyed it.

All About Me



**Joshua Moore
Manor New Tech M.S.**

Last week in Technology class we started a project called all about me. For this project we have to use Google slides to present what we put on the slide. We

had a maximum of 10 slides and a minimum of 5 slides.

For this project on my first slide I put the title and a couple of pictures. For the second slide I talked about my favorite sport and video games. On the next 2 slides I put my favorite shoes and my favorite drinks.

My favorite thing about this project is that you get to choose what you want to talk about on your slide. My least favorite part about it was that you had to put a picture on very slide you did.

First Pep Rally and SAT Prep



**Averill Topps
Stephen F. Austin H.S.**

Hello everybody. Today I want to talk to you about the pep rally that my school had on Wednesday and about my SAT prep classes.

On Wednesday, my school changed the time pep rallies happen. Now instead of one big pep rally, we will be having two separate pep rallies. One for freshman and

sophomores and one for juniors and seniors. This is because we have over seven hundred freshman this year and if we tried to stuff everyone in the gym, everybody would not fit!

My other topic I want to talk about is my SAT prep class. Every Tuesday and Thursday we get together after school between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm and our teacher helps us understand the type of questions that will be on the SAT. This class has been super helpful so far. It's helped me determine what I need help in and how to do the questions correctly.

That's all for this week, Until Next Time.... Go Austin High Maroons!

Football Season



**Montrae Nelson
Four Points M. S.**

Hello, This year I signed up to play football for the first time and I'm really nervous and excited about what it might bring. I really just wanted to do something different this year in school and my friends and I are gonna have a lot of fun!

My new position

on offense is inside WR and on defense I'm a CB. These positions are kinda hard to learn right now because I'm new to football and it's a lot of information but I'm doing ok. My first scrimmage was on September 9, and the coach said I played well so that was really encouraging.

I really like that football is such a team sport and we encourage each other on and off the field, coach always talks about being something greater than ourselves and getting stronger than we were the day before. My first game is this Tuesday and I'm ready to go. Thanks for reading

The Nadir of Black Bolt's Career



**Kennedy George
Weiss High School**

In English, everyone in class was given a vocabulary word to make a story about, here is part of mine. There once lived a race horse, named Black Bolt. Bolt was born to be great. The thing about Bolt was, he loved to run. When Bolt was sold to a family in Kentucky, he realized his life wasn't going to just consist of him frolicking around in the fields all day and all night.

In Kentucky, he started seeing horses that could run like him. The other farm animals told him these horses are going to compete in the Kentucky Derby races next year. At that moment Bolt

knew exactly what he wanted to be. He wanted to be the next Kentucky Derby winner.

Bolt started with small races at first, and he smoked every other horse there. He was so excited when he brought home first place. He couldn't wait to tell everyone else at the farm, especially his lovely mare, Mollie. She asked him if he had won and he replied, "Yes dear."

Then something tragic happened. On Bolt's last race before the Kentucky Derby he tripped after crossing the finish line. His front legs were in pain and it hurt him to run. The day of the race, Bolt could barely get to a gallop and finished last, he was so devastated.

When he got home Mollie, as usual asked him if he had won. "Nay dear", Bolt replied sadly. Bolt never raced again. So whenever you are struggling to remember the definition of Nadir, the lowest point of great adversity or despair, remember the sad day Bolt lost and and replied "Nay dear" to Mollie.

HandyGirls



**Ava Roberts
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For our girl scout silver award project, my partner and I remodeled the playground at Camp Mitchell in Belton, TX. Camp Mitchell offers use of the grounds to churches and nonprofit groups. It was important to us to do a 'take action' project. We chose to tackle making the playground safe for kids to play outdoors while visiting the camp.

The first thing we did was a walk through to see what all needed to be done. Once we gathered

our information, the next task was planning the steps we would take towards our goal. We made a to-do list of parts that would be replaced or repaired. We calculated a rough cost and set a budget. Then, we headed to Camp Mitchell and started working on repairing the playground.

We learned how to use many tools like drills, screwdrivers, nail cutters, and hammers. We replaced rotten boards, sanded wood, and painted the playscape with bright yellow and electric blue paint. We replaced the swing chains too.

This project was back breaking labor but in the end, it was worth it! The camp's owners were pleased. We looked back and admired our hard work! We are pleased to know that kids can safely play on the playground equipment!

So far so Good



**Erika Lipscomb
Manor Middle School**

Now in high school, classes are set up differently. Such as a certain amount you show up to is only on one day and the rest the next day. You call it either A day or B day. On A days, my 1st period is Ap human geography. It is an advanced class and you do take a lot of notes and quizzes. It talks about different maps, economic development, and etc. It's a bit difficult. 2nd period is principles of hospitality. In there covers the basics on food and traveling. Doesn't seem like a lot but there's more to it then just food and traveling. My 3rd period is Algebra 1. In my opinion it's kind of chill in there so far but sooner or

later the work is going to get tough. Last class of A day is AVID.

College readiness, more organized, and help of studying in taking notes. My 5th period on B day is Spanish 2. The teacher is really strict and makes class work and homework about 3 pages long. I'll manage it somehow. Right now we are learning about adverbs and nouns and pronouns in Spanish terms. 6th period is dance 1. Nothing much in there so far. Right now we are doing yoga. It has really helped release the stress off my shoulders. 7th period is Biology 1 pre-ap.

The teacher, Mr. Shive, is pretty cool and the work doesn't seem to hard. We mostly do lab stuff in there. Last class on B day is English 1 pre-ap. Everyday we do a Socratic seminar to help us read. So far classes have been alright but can't expect it to stay like this forever. Though I hope I find it at ease through the year.

Remembrance of 9/11



**Kevin Parish
Hendrickson H. S.**

Everyone remembers what happened on September 11, 2001 in New York and at the Pentagon. But do people remember what happened in Pennsylvania? United Airlines Flight 93 was a scheduled passenger flight that was hijacked by four Al-Qaeda terrorists, as part of the September 11 attacks. After the hijackers took control of the plane, several passengers and

flight attendants learned from phone calls that suicide attacks had already been made by hijacked airliners on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia. Many of the passengers then attempted to regain control of the aircraft from the hijackers.

During the struggle, the plane crashed into a field near a reclaimed strip mine in Stonycreek Township, near Indian Lake and Shanksville and all 44 people aboard were killed, including the four hijackers, but no one on the ground was injured. Even though multiple people lost their lives trying to save others I call this an act of heroism.

My Summer



**Quinn Langford
Cedar Ridge H. S.**

The summer of 2018 was very busy for me. At the beginning of the summer, I took the SAT Mathematics Level 2 Subject Test and I went to Dallas for the annual Jack and Jill of America, Inc. South Central Region Teen Conference, where I did community service and learned how to be a better leader. On June 15th, I got my driver's license, which

was something I had been looking forward to for almost a year. Next, I attended the Design Connect Create Physics Camp at the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders, where I learned basic physics concepts to prepare me for AP Physics at school.

After that, I took US History at Austin Community College and got my first taste of what a real college class is like. While taking the class, I also had time to vacation in South Padre, compete in a robotics competition, and teach young Girl Scouts about science, technology, engineering, and math at a camp. Overall, the summer of 2018 was productive and exciting, and although I am sad that it's over, I'm proud that I accomplished so much.