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## Introduction

*Mehreen Hunjan*

Welcome back to the Green Growl! In this edition, you'll find some fun reading about field day, concerts and field trips, the stock market game, movie and book reviews, jokes, and sports reviews. This session was one of the biggest groups we've ever had, with so many students from grades 6-8 ready to put their pens down and write. As the year is coming to a close, we would like to thank all of our readers and wish you a very happy and safe summer. We look forward to welcoming a new LISG newspaper squad next year! Welcome to the 8th edition of the Green Growl.

## The Stock Market Game

*Albert Wu and Adrien Dai*

The stock market game has been financially plaguing the upper school for weeks on end. The seventh and eighth graders have been despairing as their starting sum of cash, \$100,000, slowly dwindled down due to the financial state of the world.

The stock market game is an online simulation that helps people around the world understand the basics of stocks. It started in January, and ended in April, giving students ample time to invest the money that they receive. It reflects the real stock market, which is currently in a state of turmoil due to Vladimir Putin's questionable decision to "reclaim" former USSR territory.

The global economy was reflected in the stock market game; the majority of the students lost their virtual fortunes after investing in various stocks, such as Roblox, Apple, and Nvidia. Some students chose to remain idle, retaining their wealth as others drowned in an ocean of debt.

In the 8th grade, only one group of students made money off of the 2022 stock market. Unfortunately, this year was rather a bear market due to global economic issues throughout the world. Although most groups had less than their starting value, it was a learning opportunity provided using fake money, benefiting them while not harming their financial state in real life.

The stock market game gives a good sense of reality in the stock market, displaying the possibilities of losing money or gaining money. It is unpredictable in its own way, and the stock market game taught students how to manage their money in the future, whilst having knowledge of the fact that money is not free and there could be consequences for buying the wrong stock.

In the eighth grade, the victory of the stock market game was the team of James Gallegro, boasting an impressive positive return. In the seventh grade, the victor was Jaron's team, which also gained money.

In conclusion, this year's stock market game was challenging for even the greatest investors. Some stock prices ricocheted, while others lost billions in seconds. The stock market tested the skills of every team in the upper school.

### **Alumni Club**

*Mehreen Hunjan*

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out if anyone that used to go to LISG goes to your school. Along with the new alumni club, next year's schedule is jam-packed with more events and dances since the ones this year was such a success. To quote Dr. Geyer, "The sky's the limit"

### **Must See Movies**

*JM Kavrakis and Sonya Farruqui*

#### **Thor: Love and Thunder**

**Directed by:** Taika Waititi

**Starring:** Chris Hemsworth, Tessa Thompson, Natalie Portman, Christian Bale, Chris Pratt

The film finds Thor on a journey - a quest to find peace. But his retirement is interrupted by a newfound villain to the Marvel world: Gorr the God Butcher, who seeks to end all the gods. To combat the threat, Thor enlists the help of his friends, and together, they embark upon a harrowing cosmic adventure to uncover the mystery of the God, Butcher's vengeance, and stop him before it's too late.

#### **Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness**

**Directed by:** Sam Raimi

**Starring:** Benedict Cumberbatch, Elizabeth Olsen, Benedict Wong

In Marvel Studios' "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness," the Marvel Cinematic Universe unlocks the Multiverse and pushes its boundaries further than ever before. Journey into the unknown with Doctor Strange, who, with the help of his other sorcerers both old and new, traverses

the mind-bending and dangerous alternate realities of the Multiverse to confront a mysterious new adversary.

### **The Batman**

**Directed by:** Matt Reeves

**Starring:** Robert Pattinson, Jeffrey Wright, Zoe Kravitz, Paul Dano, John Turturro

A movie based on Batman's second year of combating crime follows him as he continues to explore Gotham City's corruption and faces a new mysterious foe, the Riddler.

### **Jurassic World Dominion**

**Directed by:** Colin Trevorrow

**Starring:** Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, Laura Dern, Sam Neill, Jeff Goldblum

Dominion takes place four years after Isla Nublar has been destroyed. Dinosaurs now roam free and hunt with humans across the globe. This fragile balance will reshape the future and determine, once and for all, whether humans are to remain as the apex predators on a planet they now share with history's most fearsome creatures.

### **Uncharted**

**Directed by:** Ruben Fleischer

**Starring:** Tom Holland, Mark Wahlberg, Antonio Banderas, Sophia Taylor Ali

Treasure hunter Victor "Sully" Sullivan recruits street-smart Nathan Drake to help him recover a 500-year-old lost

fortune amassed by an explorer named Ferdinand Magellan. What starts out as a heist soon becomes a globe-trotting race to reach the prize before the ruthless Santiago Moncada can get his hands on it.

### **Book Review**

*Mehreen Hunjan*

The Hunger Games is one of the most well-known book series of all time (aside from Harry Potter and Percy Jackson). It is written by the amazing author Suzanne Collins. When Katniss Everdeen is chosen to fight in the Hunger Games, a televised event formulated by the capital after the Dark Days of rebellion, she must find a way to survive in the cruel environment forced onto her by the scheming President Snow. This book is recommended for kids ages 10+ for violence. The books are beautifully written with the fast-paced action that everyone needs once in a while.

### **NBA Playoffs**

*Vinay Kamath*

Every March, the NBA hosts its highly anticipated playoff games. The playoffs have 16 teams in total, the eight best from each of the NBA's two conferences (East and West). The teams in each conference are ranked by their win-loss record from the regular season. For the first time ever in 2021, the final two playoff spots in each conference will be decided by a play-in tournament. The tournament will

feature the teams ranked seventh to 10th in each conference, who will play each other in a format that is a combination of single- and double-elimination. First, the seventh-placed team plays the eighth-placed team, with the winner being the new seventh seed in their conference. The ninth-placed team then plays the 10th-placed team, and the losing team is eliminated. The loser of the first game then plays the winner of the second for the eighth seed. The contenders for this year's NBA championship are the Heat who are led by Jimmy Butler, the Warriors led by Stephen Curry, The Dallas Mavericks led by Luka Donic, and the Boston Celtics, and who do you want to win? Well, enjoy the NBA playoffs.

## Cool Mobile Games

*Anil Trinidad and Khush Mehta*

There are a lot of mobile games out there, but a few are better than others. In this article, we will cover the top three mobile games: Brawl Stars, Clash Royale, and Minecraft: Pocket edition. These games are widely downloaded and very popular on the App Store. Since they are very popular, we decided to feature these games in our article.

First up, we have Brawl Stars, a multiplayer shoot-em-up game made by supercell. It includes no blood or Gore and is rated 9+ on the App Store. Brawl Stars also has no ads in the game, so you spend more time in-game than watching ads. It has many characters and multiple modes.

Clash Royale is a multiplayer strategy game also made by supercell. Just

like brawl stars, this game has no blood or gore. It is also 9+ like Brawl Stars. It includes tower defense, offense, and countering. This game also has many cards. And finally, this game is also ad-free.

Finally, we have Minecraft: Pocket edition. Minecraft is a multiplayer or single-player building or combat game made by Mojang. Minecraft is also rated 9+ on the App Store. Minecraft as well has no ads, however, it costs 6.99.

These mobile games are amazing and played by millions of people around the world.

## Coffee House Concert

*Tiffany Liang*

This year was LISG's first K-Pop concert with Mrs. Cavanaugh. K-Pop concerts are generally concerts performed with Korean songs. LISG's Coffee House Concert had six soloists; they included Hannah Brinkman, Audrey Wang, Evelyn Lawrence, Lucy Gittleson, Gabriella Stevens, and Si Ah Jang. All the soloists sang a song of their personal choice.

Hannah performed the song Lost Boy composed by Ruth Berthe. Audrey performed Could Have Been Me written by The Strut. Evelyn sang the song The Family Madrigal from the movie Encanto. Lucy performed Poor Unfortunate Souls from The Little Mermaid. Gabriella sang the song You'll Be On My Mind composed by Moa Maria Michaeli. The last soloist to perform that night was Si Ah Jang singing Stereotype (in Korean + English) performed by STAYC. All the soloists sang wonderfully.

The Kpop Chorus was not that large. In the chorus, there were Kristiana Albrecht, Si Ah Jang, Divya Jayan, Alexa Olvet, Rielle Reyes, Marina Saravi, and Claire Shin. They sang a total of three songs. The songs were Eight by IU feat. Suga of BTS, Polaroid Love by ENHYPEN, and The Feels by Twice. LISG's Coffee House Concert could not have been possible without Mrs. Cavanagh, Dr. Geyer, Mrs. Novick, and Mrs. Zeigler. Of course, thank you to all of our hard-working singers.

## Field Day

*Christian Taylor*

With the end of the year approaching, it's time to discuss everyone's favorite upcoming event: Field Day. It's an event loved by students and loathed by heat-hating faculty, but it is an overall heralded event that mixes good teamwork and perseverance. Field Day is an all-day event in which two teams of students (green and white) face off against each other in various games to determine one winner at the end. The students will be competing against each other for points, which will be tallied up across all grades to find the victor. The teams must maintain a high amount of points, and they can achieve this by not only exceeding in the various games but also maintaining good sportsmanship. The various games that are traditionally played can include Kickball, Egg Racing, Volleyball, and Soccer. Lunch break usually consists of simply the best victory snack: pizza. Then the next few hours are spent

playing games. The final score is revealed at the end of the day and the winning team walks away with a victory and their color is showcased on the front of the school for the rest of the school year. But that only leaves one question remaining: Who Will Win?



## Helping Ukraine

*Tiffany Liang*

Many of us may know about the Russian and Ukrainian war. Although it is a tragic event we are all doing our best to help them out. Having a student in our school with relatives living in Ukraine the struggles become more realistic. LISG has been doing different things to help raise money for Ukraine. Some things we, as a school, have been doing are a lemonade stand and a bake sale during Field Day.

The lemonade stand was run by the entire lower school, kindergarten, first grade, second grade, and third grade. For one cup of lemonade, it was a dollar. The stand was overall successful and helped raise a lot of money. All of the money raised goes to Ukraine. The bake sale for Ukraine was run by the eighth grade. Everyone helped by bringing in baked goods individually packed to sell during lunchtime

on Field Day. Each snack sold for a dollar each, once again all profits went to Ukraine. Along with the bake sale, there was also a raffle. The raffle prize was three Adventure Park tickets. For a ticket it was a dollar, all profits made were given to Ukraine.

## **6th Grade Field Trip**

*Mehreen Hunjan*

On Friday, May 20, the 6th grade went on a field trip to a civil war reenactment sponsored by the Smithtown Historical Society. Civil war-related artifacts, such as old varieties of medicine, musket rifles, and a blacksmith shop set the scene for how people lived in those days. The 6th grade learned about how bad the living conditions were and how both, union and confederate, soldiers lived. Actors were dressed in civil war soldier costumes as well as costumes that regular citizens wore at the time. Sixth graders were in awe as they witnessed a very realistic reenactment of a wartime battle. Real guns were fired from pistols, and although they were blanks, it was still a very realistic and amazing experience. While no cannons were actually fired, an 8-pound cannonball was on display to fire up the imagination. It was a great way to wrap up a unit on the civil war in social studies class with Mr. Wilensky.

## **Graduation**

*Mehreen Hunjan*

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graduation instead of just 9th. This is where Dr. Geyer came up with the idea to make an alumni club for all of the LISG alumni. This would be a way for all of the students who graduated to reconnect and keep in touch with each other. There would be three events per year along with dinner for all of them. There would also be a connected event for high school and college alumni so the older kids would get to help the younger kids. This would also be a good way to find out if anyone that used to go to LISG goes to your school. Along with the new alumni club, next year's schedule is jam-packed with more events and dances since the ones this year were such a success. To quote Dr. Geyer, "The sky's the limit!"

## **Jokes**

*Khush Mehta, Vinay Kamath, Anil Trinidad*

What kind of tea is the hardest to swallow?  
Reality

Why did the scarecrow win the award?  
He was outstanding in his field.

What do you call a pig that does karate?  
Pork Chop

Knock Knock  
Who's there?  
A little old lady  
A little old lady who?  
I have no idea you could yodel

Knock Knock  
Who's there?  
Dishes  
Dishes who?  
Dishes the police, open up

## Interview with Mr. Stentiford

*Shelly Spector*

In the third trimester, a new kindergarten teacher named Mr. Stentiford joined the LISG staff! Mr. Stentiford boasts many talents. Aside from being able to handle kindergartners like a superhero he also sings, is an amazing special effect makeup artist, and acts! He can often be found singing in the hallways of LISG! We asked him a few questions so the LISG family could get to know him as well as his kindergartners. Read on to learn more about LISG's latest edition to its staff.

1. What made you want to be a teacher?

*"I'm an actor, and my mom wanted me to do teaching and acting. So after covid, I wanted to do something besides acting, like teaching. I also love kids, it's a creative outfit."*

2. Where did you teach before?

*"I was an assistant teacher at Ivy League, a private school, and a fourth-grade assistant teacher; I also taught singing."*

3. What are some things you like to do outside of school?

*"I like to do acting, singing, and special effects make up."*

4. When did you graduate?

*"I graduated from Hofstra in 2014 with an undergrad in drama."*

5. What's your favorite thing about teaching at LISG?

*"The kids, and what they bring to the table, as well as their humor."*

6. What is your favorite thing about your students?

*"Their sense of humor."*

7. What is your favorite subject to teach?

*"I like to teach literacy and ELA."*

8. Where did you grow up?

*"Dix hills"*

9. What was your favorite thing to do as a child?

*"Dress up like Disney villains"*

10. When did you get your liking for acting and teaching?

*"I started to like acting when I was two or three years old when I used to dress up as Disney villains. I started to like teaching within the last five years."*

Now that we know a little bit more about Mr. Stentiford, you could try to get to know a little more about him. Maybe go ask him some questions or if he can show you some of his cool makeup designs. We have a couple here to show you.

