Why are French Bulldogs so Favored?

Name: Mia Rumore

Frenchies, often known as French Bulldogs or Frog Dogs, are one of the most loved dog breeds. They are favored because of their small size and quiet aspect. Frenchies aren’t very known for barking and need very little exercise, so they make excellent dogs for apartments and small homes. They often live about 10-12 years and weigh anywhere from 16 to 28 pounds; they can stand between 11 to 13 inches tall. Frenchies, although they are very cute, have many health problems and are prone to heat strokes, ear infections, and cancers. In the south, near Texas and Georgia, French Bulldog puppies are priced between $2,500 to $4,500 and adults are priced between $1,500 to $3,000. Frenchies come in a lot of different colors such as white, fawn, and tan. But the most popular and common color is brindle. Frenchies are also well-tempered and easy going. Their temperament would be described as, playful, bright, lively, sociable, keen, alert, affectionate, athletic, or patient. That is why Frenchies are one of the most popular and favored dog breeds.

**Why Gordon Korman’s on the Run Books Need to be Continued**

By: Andre De La Rosa

Imagine you just finished reading the 6th *On the Run* book, and you look for the next one. When you get to the bookstore you realize that there are no more. Well, that was what a lot of other people realized too, me included. That is why Gordon Korman needs to write a 7th *On the Run* book. A lot of longtime fans would say this too because of a few reasons: cliff hangers and Gordon’s popularity.

First, cliff hangers. In the final book Meg, who is one of the characters, says “Let’s go home.”, but they're still at the prison, so what happens when they get home? Do they even have a home? There are a lot of unsolved questions to what happens next. This can lead to a lot of frustration at the end of the series.

Second, Gordon’s popularity. Gordon Korman has written a lot of books. If he wrote any book you already know a lot of people will buy it. Without *On the Run,* Gordon might not be as famous as he is today. All in all, *On the Run* is a great book series.

Disneyland Vs. Disney World

Avery Brown

Disneyland vs. Disney World: which one is the best? Which one is more popular?  Which one will win? Overall, people think Disney World is the best. Disney World is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world, with an average of 20.86 million visitors each year and 57,000 daily guests at its Magic Kingdom alone. Disney World has 4 theme parks and 2 water parks, but Disneyland has only two.  That means overall, Disney World has more rides and attractions to enjoy. All in all, I think Disney world is the winner!

**SIDNEY CROSBY IS THE**

**BEST**

Bradley Walker

Sidney Crosby is the best hockey player of all time; he just beat Wayne Gretzky in points. He was great in the Lightning game; he got a nasty goal and an assist. Also, Crosby has 40 goals this season. He is going crazy in the neutral zone right now. He has 590 goals in his career, which is crazy!  He always pivots and it is so cool the way he does it. Sidney Crosby is also great at wraparounds, and he is very inspirational. He is dangerous in a shootout. He also got married this season. I don't think he is going to stay in the NHL that much longer.  He will always be my favorite hockey player because he is the best. Nothing can change that! In addition to being a great player, he always does charity work for kids in need. He is such a great person and NHL player, even if he is a crybaby but that's why he is called “Crybaby Crosby”. I can see that he loves crying to the ref.  He has one of the most unique playing styles. One game he is good, the next he is getting into a fight it’s so weird that’s what makes him good. He is the best player in Penguins history and that’s why Sidney Crosby is the best hockey player ever.

The MLB

By: Logan Burke

Major League Baseball (MLB) made over 11 billion dollars in the 2023 season. There have been over 114 World Series in the MLB. The New York Yankees have the most World Series wins with 27 in 40 appearances.  Did you know that Jackie Robinson was the first ever African American to play in the MLB and he broke the color barrier?

Interesting facts about the MLB World series:

1. The World Series is an annual Championship Series in Major League Baseball.
2. The first World Series took place in 1903.
3. The longest World Series game lasted 18 innings.

 The broadcasting in Major League Baseball is also unique. A free MLB TV subscription is not included automatically. All qualifying customers can claim their free 2024 MLB Regular Season subscription to MLB.TV (regularly priced $149.99). The Tampa Bay Rays is normally broadcasted on Bally Sports. Did you know that the first MLB game ever broadcast was in Pittsburgh on the 5th of August in 1921?

Overall, the MLB has a strong history and is loved by many.

J.K Rowling: the Best Author

By:Szivah Baracani

You might ask yourself why is J.K Rowling the best author? J.K. Rowling has written many well-known books, some examples include the Harry Potter series, Fantastic Beast and Where to Find Them, the Ickabod, and many more! She always has very interesting plots in all of her stories, and she created one of the most famous books ever which is “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone”. J.K Rowling was born on July 31st 1965, and has been making great books since she was 16 years old. Clearly she is a very experienced author and knows how to get people drawn to all her books that eventually turned into movies. She has made at least 27 books. Another reason why she is such a beloved author is because people of all ages read her books. Her books can be enjoyed by both children and adults. She has crime novels for adults and other books for kids. She as well has many genres so you could choose your favorite. If you're looking for a great author look for J.K Rowling books. I highly recommend her!

What is the Best Travel Bat?

By Griffin Cash

Have you ever walked into a sports shop and seen travel bats and wondered which one is the best? Well, I'm here to tell you. The average exit velocity for an 11-13 year old is 55-65. To match that exit velocity, you may want to use a bat like the 2023 Easton Hype Fire or maybe the 2024 Rawlings Icon. These bats are balanced and can make you hit harder and farther. These bats also have length and drop so you can pick out what size you want. There are drop 3, drop 5, drop 8, and all the way to a drop 13 just so that you can pick out the weight that you want. The prices on these bats are not very cheap so look out for the prices, they can range from $200.00 all the way to $500.00. All in all, it is really important to have the right bat because it can affect a batter's swing.

Battle of the Books

By: Caroline cooper

If you like reading, like me, you should know that at our school we have a competition every year for reading 15 pre-selected books. It takes months to read all 15. I finished all 15 books by mid-March. Every year there is a new selection. Usually at Barnes and Noble there is a section by the kids’ part of the building where the SSYRA or Sunshine State Young Readers Award books are found. Each one is only around $13.99 in America but in Canada it is around $15.99. This is my second year reading these books and I approve of this program.

I love reading these books because it gives me more time to stick to the books instead of television. My favorite one of these books I would recommend would be Glitch by Laura Martin. The sequel to Glitch is Override. I have not yet read it but, when it comes to getting a new book, you might want to be thinking about one of these two books. Doing this program has kept me addicted to reading these books and you should also be reading!

Why is it the best you might ask? Well only around 7 people get chosen from each school. Last time the group went they had earned Chick-Fil-A for

lunch! You get to skip a day of school at the competition building. The day of the competition is also selected by the people who run this program. It is usually around late April or early May. Writing about this topic has made me want to read the books again.

Best Bake Sale!

BY: Maddie Detrick

Have you ever wanted to raise money to donate or help the homeless? Well, a bake sale is the best place to start. Bake sales are a great way to raise money because the items you are selling are donated.  So, all money raised can go to your cause.  For example, My school did a bake sale last December and we raised over $3,000 for a family in need. The bake sale  helped 5th grade by making enough money to give presents to a family at Christmas time. The 5th grade went to Walmart to get all the gifts in groups. When we were done, we wrapped the gifts. All in all, the experience was amazing and the best bake sale ever! I would recommend this bake sale to anyone who wants to donate to a local homeless shelter or someone less fortunate.

 Volcano Bay

Jacob Eaton

Have you ever seen a volcano before? If you haven’t you should go to Volcano Bay water park because they have a 200-foot-tall volcano, an easy way to save your spot in line, and a lazy river that's fun and fast!

First, the volcano is huge and has a wave pool that puts out huge waves. It also has an eruption where a bunch of water shoots out of the top. Secondly, they have a smart and easy way to hold your spot in line. You just scan your “Tapu Tapu”, a watch that you get and it tells you an amount of time and puts you in line. Then when it's your turn you go to the line and get on the ride. Finally, they have a huge lazy river that's super-fast! It goes in a big circle and has a wave that gets shot out every few minutes and it is super fun. You’ll also go all through the park and into the volcano. In conclusion, if you’re looking for something fun you should go to Volcano Bay. They have a huge volcano, a line spot saver, and super a fast lazy river!

Swimming in the ocean/ open water meets

By: Shane Feehan

Swimming in the ocean is the best and the hardest thing you could do for exercise. This means you are brave. Swimming in the ocean is challenging because you have to fight against the waves.

First, let's talk about swimming in the ocean or exercise. When you swim in the ocean you must fight with waves. Waves can pull you into a current. Currents are stronger than you think.  A 16-year-old boy was drilling and got caught and the coast guards were looking for the boy for 4 days. That is how strong the current is but, if you get stuck go to the side or zig zag to get out.

Swimming the oceans means getting to see new wildlife. It is common to see a two- winged fly fish while you swim in the ocean. But don’t forget about the sharks. Just because you are by the beach doesn't mean there are no sharks nearby. Sharks still have the chance to strike. But trust me, you are fine when there are a billion boats near you.

Finally, let's talk about the exercise you get when swimming in the ocean. Swimming in the ocean is the best exercise. You kick and you use your eyes to look for your check point. You use your arms for the waves and the current. Your arms are stronger than your legs.  But I am sure you should swim in the ocean.

All in all, swimming in the ocean is the best thing for you and the best thing for your health and to have fun.

What is the Best Fishing Lure?

Charlie Guastella

The best fishing lure is the Googan Topwater Frog. A Topwater Frog in the morning is the most effective for catching fish, in my opinion. There are a lot of colors of frogs but the best color is the BONE.  This is the best color because it looks most realistic. Then the fish eats the frog you must let it eat it then set the hook. The best brand is Googan because they have a wide variety of lures to choose from and their products are good quality. All in all, the best fishing lure is a Googan Topwater Frog.

Why Competitive Soccer Is the Best Sport You Could Possibly Play

By:Charles Howard

Soccer is a sport played by many people, but when you're in the competitive league it’s a whole other level. When you start playing soccer you begin in the recreational league. This league is where you develop your skills and learn how to play the game. To begin, getting onto a competitive team is no easy task.

You need to train every day and become the best player on your team. Then you pick which competitive team you want to join, but better teams can be more difficult to join than others. If the coaches at the tryout session think you're good enough, you’ll get a letter stating that you are now an official member of the team. At practice, goofing off and making jokes is a mistake. Coaches will reward your behavior by making everyone line up and run sprints.

At games your 100% effort is always needed unless you're happy sitting on the bench for half the game. Playing competitively can certainly give you a very well-paying career. For example, Lionel Messi makes 165 million dollars a year. Playing competitively is certainly a lot of work, but if you're willing to put that work in, I'd say it’s totally worth it.

**Pokemon is the Best**

**By: Garrett Javorsky**

 Not all people like and know Pokemon can be so much fun. Some cards are better than others like holographic charizard. It's one of the best. It's considered the Michael Jordan of Pokemon cards. That's why it's one of the best out there.

 Your chances of getting good cards are pretty high because there are over 52.9 billion Pokemon cards. If you wondered how many different Pokemon cards you can get, there are about 1025 different cards to get. So go and start collecting today!

In conclusion, Pokemon is a great hobby not because you can sell the cards but from the fun of getting them. There are a lot of Pokemon cards you just must work your way up to get them. So, what you may ask: is Pokemon a good hobby to have? The answer is YES! So, try it and you might find something new you like. I can tell you firsthand you might love it!

Busch Gardens

Noel Palacios

If you like to go on rides and eat delicious food, then Busch Gardens is the place to go. Busch Gardens is a fun and exciting place for you and your family because you can experience rides, food, and animals. At Busch Gardens you can even see shows, sometimes they have ice skating shows and other times they have dancing shows.

To start off, one of my favorite things to do at Busch Gardens is to go on the rides. I love going on tall rides like Iron Gwazi and Shekira. But my favorite ride is Cheetah Hunt. It is one of the fastest rides they have. Busch Gardens is perfect to go to with your family because if you have a younger family member then you can go to the Sesame Street part of Busch Gardens where they have rides and fun activities for kids.

Next, Busch Gardens has so many different places to eat like Oasis Pizza, Twisted Tail pretzels, and Moroccan Delights.  You can’t go wrong with Donut quake (vanilla ice Cream, hot fudge, Oreo, glazed donut, whipped cream, chocolate swirl, M&Ms, and Sour Patch Kids).  Just don’t overeat or you will regret it after the rides!

Last but not least, at Busch Gardens you can see all different types of animals.  They have alligators, cheetahs, flamingos, monkeys, birds and much more.  You can trek across the Serengeti Plain in an open-air vehicle or take tours up close of your favorite animals.

In conclusion, Busch Gardens is a fun and entertaining place to visit.  You will never get bored going on rides, eating delicious food, and seeing your favorite animals.  Busch Gardens is the perfect place to visit.

A Story from the Windy City

By Dean Pezone

Imagine a moment you’ve been waiting for, for 108 years. Well, that’s what happened in Chicago. On November 2nd at Wrigley Field, the Chicago Cubs had won the World Series. But how did this happen?

Well, it all started with a simple trade on January 6th, 2012. First baseman, Anthony Rizzo, and righty starting pitcher, Zach Cates, were traded to the Chicago Cubs in exchange for Andrew Cashner and Kyung- Min Na. In 2012 they finished 5th in the NL Central and they went 66-101. Maybe next season.

In 2013, the Chicago Cubs traded Matt Garza to the Texas Rangers for Justin Grimm. The Cubs also traded Steve Clevinger and Scott Feldman to the Baltimore Orioles in exchange for Pedro Strop and Jake Arrieta. Yet even though the Cubs had star players on their team they once again finished last in their division. They also went 66-96. 2014 has to be better.

In 2014, the Cubs got a little bit more serious with trading. Their first trade was with the Texas Rangers. The Cubs traded Ryan Dempster for Kyle Hendricks. After that they brought up Javier Baez. But the Cubs weren’t done. They also brought up Carl Edwards Jr. Certainly they would have a great season. They were getting closer, but they went 73-89 and they also finished last and their division. Again!

In 2015, the Cubs were looking to make a new team and get rid of all those okay players and make stars. First, they traded Luis Valbuena and Dan Straily to the Houston Astros for Dexter Fowler. Then they signed John Lackey for $32 million dollars. This is just the beginning. They then traded with the St. Louis Cardinals and the Cubs traded Shelby Miller and Tyrell Jenkins for Jason Heyward. Then the Cubs got Kris Bryant. They also got Wilson Contreras, Ben Zorbist, Kyle Schwarber and Addison Ross. This season has to be great. And finally the Cubs get third in their division and they go 97-65. But this isn't about doing good in their division. This is about winning the World Series. Next season definitely.

Finally, it is 2016. The Cubs go 103-58. They are first in their division. The Cubs are going to the World Series. The Cubs lose to the Indians in game 1. They win game 2.

Battle of the Books

Lyla Read

The Battle of the Books is a fun competition between schools. Local librarians pick out 15 books that are popular for the different age groups. Then students must try and read as many of these books as they can. After about eight months teachers will give the students who want to try out for the competition team a test on all the books. The five students with the highest scores will make the team.

The five students will then get to go to another school to compete. When they go to that school, they will compete against the school they are at and about five other schools. There are multiple age groups too. There are three sets of books, one for kindergarten - 2nd grade, they don’t compete though, one for 3rd grade - 5th grade, and the last set is for 6th grade - 8th grade.

At the competition there are about seven questions for each of the 15 books. The battle of the books coordinator will read the question aloud. Then all the schools will try and hit their buzzer first to answer the question. If they get it correct their school gets a point, if they get incorrect then the other schools get a chance to try and hit the buzzer again. I think that the Battle of the Books competition is a fun thing to do, and it gets you to read more books.

 Max Clark

      By: Evan Richards

Max Clark just as of last year recently got inducted into the 2023 MLB draft with his teammate Dominic Johnson. Max Clark is a center fielder and DH (designated hitter) for the Lakeland Flying Tigers. Max Clark’s highest 2023 MILB stats are: 283. BA, 411 OBP, 13 H. 2 HR, 543. SLG, and 954. OPS. Max Clark is a special kind of player because of his stellar performance in Highschool to get him into the MLB. 21 HR and throwing 103.9 MPH from the outfield. That’s compared to an average varsity high school player that throws 80 MPH that's 23.9 MPH more than an average player. Max Clark is compared to Corbin Carroll and Mike Trout. 94 MPH throw from the outfield with Corbin Carroll throwing 90 MPH. In high school, Max Clark is throwing harder than both of them. Overall, I think Paul Skenes should have gotten 3rd. In the draft pick Max Clark should have been projected No. 1. pick.

 Why Girls Sports Need to Be Recognized

By : Brooklyn Sabota

If you have ever gone to a baseball game, then you know there are a lot of fans but if you go to a softball game there is only a quarter of the people there. Many women weren’t given the chance to play competitively in sports until the 1950s and 60s. Also, we have always been separated, the older you get the more boys and girls start going in their own league. Just now in 2024 women's basketball is finally getting recognized as a great sport. Over the years women had to fight for the right to play sports and to be recognized. Now in 2024 women can make a difference in the sports world.

**Ice Hockey: A Challenging Sport**

Carter Sanders

Hockey is often considered one of the hardest sports in the world.  You need a helmet, gloves, elbow pads, shin guards, shoulder pads, ice hockey pants, stick, mouthguard and neck guard. The best hockey players are my friends Chuck, Bradley, Pep, and Nikita Kucherov. The average speed of Slap Shots in the NHL today is right around 100 miles per hour, that's fast! In my opinion, Seattle Kraken has the coolest jersey. The first step to playing hockey is learning to ice skate, then you'll have to learn skills of the sport. So, if you're looking for a challenging sport hockey is the one.

Best Carnival Ever?

By: Noah Sehner

At Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, we have a yearly school carnival on our campus. In my opinion, this was the best carnival year because we used the biggest and best carnival company called Arnolds. They are the ride company that comes to St. Paul’s and Sacred Heart schools, which are very popular schools in the area.

This year we got to have a taste of the best carnival in a while. We had amazing rides like the 100 foot-tall drop ride and a pirate ship that lifted you out of your seat. Also, the little kid rides were amazing because I saw so many little kids riding these rides. The ride employees were so nice, and I met an employee that was helpful and gave me high fives and asked how my day was. It was quite an experience. The games inside the tent were fun too. You could win fake money in the games to buy prizes that you could take home. Also, there was bingo and music to keep the parents entertained while we had a blast.

Don’t even get me started on the food. It was amazing! From getting Rita's Ice to deep fried Oreos, we had it all. But the best part about the food was the funnel cakes, they had so much sugar! The best food combo was a coke with a funnel cake or a foot long hotdog and a lemonade.

All in all, this was the best carnival from food to rides and from rides to games inside the tent. Also, it wouldn't have been possible without the best ride company Arnolds, and this truly was the best carnival ever!

Why Dogs are better than Cats

Kyle

Dogs are very furry and cute animals. Cats on the other hand are lazy, not active, and some of them look like they swallowed a basketball! Dogs are also easy to train, they are playful, they love snuggling, they love giving kisses and hugs. They can learn a lot of tricks like handshakes, sitting on command, laying on command, and you could train them on practically anything. When I think of cats, I think of a pound cake sitting on a table. Cats are also hunters and can hurt other animals. As for me, you would never see me owning a cat! I’ll stick with dogs!

St. Jude the Apostle

By: Henry

St. Jude the Apostle was one of Jesus’ closest disciples. They met at a young age and they spent lots of time together since he was Jesus’ cousin and friend. He was born in Galilee, Judea. You can tell Jude was close to Jesus because he was second to the right at the last supper. The disciple sitting closest to Jesus according to Leonardo Da Vinci’s famous painting was Judas Iscariot, the betrayer. Jude was named the apostle of the impossible, as he was also known as “The saint for the hopeless and despaired”. St. Jude lived a humble life and taught about Jesus even after Jesus was crucified. According to Christians in Armenia, Jude died in about 65 AD. He suffered a severe martyrdom, where he was clubbed to death. This took place in the Kingdom of Armenia. In conclusion, St. Jude the Apostle lived a humble life where he both learned and taught about Jesus the Messiah.

Bright Stunning Stars

        Peyton Windsor

The bright stunning stars sparkle staying still in the short night sky.

People snoring or are sleepless,

some sleepless people look up and stare at the sparkling sky above them.

Some sleepless nights are just staying still in bed.

The star-filled sky can help make you snore up a storm,

so many people enjoy the stars so much they go stargazing.

Some people see the stars from the sea swimming on with the stars,

others stare about from their sleeping state silently,

or snore, dreaming lightly.

Some wait for a shooting star; some find them and

silently wish upon it for their struggles to vanish, no matter how silly, smart, sweet, or shy you are you can make a wish upon the stars.

Some past events swim and hunt some people down still in the end you know you'll be safe and sound sleeping silently.

Some sleepless are always sad, scared, and alert on what's happening.

Disney World

Mackenzie Culbreath

I think Disney World is better than Disneyland because it has way more rides and more restaurants.  Did you know that Disney World had a new ride called Tron?  That's my favorite ride at that park so far! Epcot has a lot of rides too but not as many as Magic Kingdom. Epcot has a new ride too, but it's a little bit older. It's called Guardians of the Galaxy and it's based on the movie. The next park is Hollywood Studios, this is my 3rd favorite park because it has fewer rides than Epcot. It's not my favorite park but it's still good. Probably my favorite ride there is the Rockin’ Roller Coaster. I love that it goes upside down and it’s very fast!  Animal kingdom is definitely my least favorite because it's so hot and there's barely any rides but my favorite ride there is the Dinosaur. All in all, Disney World is the best place to visit.

The Best Tasting Fish

Pep Stanganelli

The best tasting fish is salmon and tuna. In my opinion tuna is better than salmon because the meat is better quality then the salmon because the salmon is

a fresh water fish. On the other hand, Tuna is a saltwater fish. Tuna can last longer, and they live longer, but salmon don't last as long as tuna and cannot live as long as as tuna. Salmon swim upstream when they are going to die. Tuna can have a longer lifespan, but most of the time people just catch them to eat them. In conclusion, I hope they next time you try fish you will consider my opinion.

Why Dogs are Better than Cats

By: Brianna Elmore

Why are dogs better than cats? Well, I think dogs are better than cats because it is easier to train dogs than cats. In my opinion, I feel like dogs get closer to people faster than cats can. There are a lot more dogs in the world so there are more types of dogs to pick from. In my opinion I think dogs are cuter and some dogs are fluffy and soft. Another bonus is that dogs have puppies and puppies are so cute and soft. To wrap it up, if you are looking for a new pet, dogs are my top choice!

Why Fortnite Is Better Than Call of Duty

By: Ryan Denny

Fortnite is an online multiplayer shooting game that is less violent than Call of Duty. You can also play with friends. You can either play in duos, trios, and squads and if you want to play alone you can play solos**.**

 The first reason Fortnite is a better game is because it has way less violence. While Fortnite is rated teen, with the right controls and parental controls and guidance can be preteen-friendly. Call of Duty on the other hand is rated 17 and up and has way more violence.

The next reason is Fortnite is way easier to play, Fortnite has way less buttons than Call of Duty. In Fortnite, you use only a few buttons but in Call of Duty you pretty much use all the buttons. Fortnite is in third person so you can see people behind you but Call of Duty is in first person so you don't know if a person is behind you, and you will have less view in first person.

The last reason, Fortnite has a better battle pass. Right now, the battle pass in Fortnite is about Greek mythology with Zeus, Hades, Artemis, Medusa, Poseidon, and Cerberus while Call of Duty battle pass is just random skins it's not even about something.

In conclusion, Fortnite is better than C.O.D for those three reasons. Console players dedicated more than 1.6 billion hours on Fortnite in November 2023. Now I have to ask you a question: Fortnite or Call of Duty?