

# Tejas Shah Newsletter – Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

Yo sorry for the missed newsletter yesterday, today (1/16) was a pretty big work deadline, so been stressed about that. To make matters worse, we discovered an issue in the code TODAY which would impact a bit of the deliverable to be sent out TODAY, so we had to re-do a lot of work and then our director was very upset that this issue was only caught today.

I feel pretty bad about not having caught this error earlier so I'm kinda in a bad mood currently. So that's why I'm not rly in the mood to do the whole canva thing rn and find a new pokemon quote. Pokemon quote for today's newsletter is "You're all out of usable pokemon... you whited out!"

On a separate more optimistic note, one thing I wanted to do in 2026 was have more creative hobbies, and I took a pretty big step on one that I've been into since 8<sup>th</sup> grade:



I GOT A VIOLA!!!!!! Not tryna get it out just to take a pic but yeah I got a viola and hoping to get better over the year at playing it. For those who didn't know me in middle school, I played viola in orchestra and actually really enjoyed it. However, PRHS Orchestra was like hella competitive and time consuming and I already planned to do a hella competitive and time consuming extracurricular called Robotics, so I quit in HS.

BUT I'm back and I'm tryna get better at it cuz I think its so cool. Now you may be wondering why the viola and not a violin. The viola is the closest of the stringed instruments to the human voice, and respectfully I'm not tryna learn how to play Bach and Mozart and shit, I'm tryna learn how to play Taylor Swift and Sean Kingston and Kung fu Panda and shit.

Speaking of which, if there are any song recommendations you want me to learn that are like slower more melodical songs with recognizable melodies, let me know and ill try my best!

Talk to yall next week, peace