

“15 Reasons Not to be in a Play” Review

By: Paul Vander Vort ‘21

If you managed to miss all of the announcements, this year’s play was, ironically titled, “15 Reasons Not to be in a Play.” As the title suggests, the play, a comedy, presented 15 reasons not to be in a play one by one. The reasons varied in length, with some being several minutes long to others being as short as just two words. The variation in length definitely added to the comedy of it, though, as you would expect a longer reason, but would instead hear just two words: “plays stink!” The longer reasons, on the other hand, came in two forms; they either had a narrator describing it, with actors giving a visual representation of the reason, or a scene depicting the reason. A great example of a narrated reason was that the hypothetical play was run by an old, mean teacher, Ms. Griswold. One student acted as the old teacher, with a grey wig, cane and mean, raspy voice, and others acted as members of the play. The scene would switch between narration and acting, with everyone on stage active whether directly involved or not. Nolan Henehan, who played the teacher, did a great job in interpreting mean teachers, and the acting was very good in both this scene and throughout the play. I happened to be sitting near the back, but I could still hear everything perfectly throughout the play, a testament not only to the actors’ amplification, but also diction. The clarity of the lines, coupled with the clear movements on stage added to create a great performance that kept the audience laughing. The play ended with the conflict of nobody remembering the 15th reason (a conflict written into the script). Because they

had promised the audience 15 reasons, though, the actors tried to come up with one on the spot. However, two separate reasons came from this, arising a second conflict of having 16 reasons rather than 15. This problem was resolved even-

tually, though, by making the final two reasons only count for half. Overall, the play was very good. I can’t think of any mistakes or moments where I couldn’t understand what was being said, and it did its job as a comedy.



Cast:

Jerry Austen
Ryan Cannistraro
Jeremy Eaton
Alex Gavronsky
Ryan Griffin
Timothy Hebard
Nolan Henehan
Ben Kuechle
Ryan Lake
Stalin Polanco
Brathes Sanchez
Jack Theberge

Crew:

Technical Director: Daniel Duarte
Set Designer: Suzanne Kaplan
Stage Manager: Jason Cannistraro
Backstage Manager: Kale Mack
Light Board Operator: Salman Yonis
Sound Operator: Whit Russell
Tech Crew:
Jaden Hill, Kale Mack, Ikenna Ugbaja, Salman Yonis, Whit Russell, and Jason Cannistraro
Set Construction:
Luke Hogan, Howard Huang, Ikenna Ugbaja, Michael Marinello, Brooks Rayment, and Jalen Walker

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Fishing Club

By: Tyler Forg ‘21

There is nothing quite like going to Fishing Club on Friday. It could be said that we are the most productive club. The club always starts off by watching a short fishing video such as a pike eats a baby duck or “it’s a baby whale kid” video. Then we continue by watching Charlie Moore struggle to catch fish with local celebrities like Tuukka Rask. Other times, the club will watch Tuna.com and the rest of the Wicked Tuna fleet make a fortune off giant tuna. We are going to see who the true fishermen are in the club in our upcoming fishing excursions. The club plans on going to Walden or Horn pond once the water cools down a little. We will head out to catch and keep rainbow trout that are stocked in the pond twice a year. If we happen to come across a largemouth bass, we will toss out one of the trout we caught and see the bass destroy it. Once the winter arrives, we will go ice fishing up in Maine. We will pitch a tent on the ice and put out some tip-ups with live shiners on them. After we set up them up, the club will play some pond hockey while we wait to catch some fish. We’ll make a fire on the ice and cook up some burgers, sausages and hot dogs. In the spring, the fishing club will head

down to Cape Cod. The club will go on the Helen H and fish for stripers, bluefish, sea bass and scup.



Fishing Club Co-Founder Tyler Forg

5 Players Who Will Thrive on Their New Teams

By: Myles Cutler '21 and Jake Mulrenan '21

The 2017 offseason was undoubtedly the craziest offseason the NBA has ever had, as the offseason might have even been more entertaining than the actual Finals between the Golden State Warriors and Cleveland Cavaliers. There were seven 2016 All-Stars that switched teams this offseason. These are just five players who we think will thrive the most with their new teams:

Kyrie Irving - Cleveland Cavaliers to Boston Celtics

Kyrie has stated that he wants to be the main focal point in an offense and he wanted to be in an environment where he can “Be happy and be with a group of individuals that I can grow with,” as he said in his introductory press conference with the Celtics. This is exactly what he got in Boston where he will be the main guy on offense, especially with Hayward’s injury, and where he will be successful many years down the line with the young players that Boston has like Brown and Tatum. In addition, in Boston, Irving will become a better playmaker because of coach Brad Steven’s focus on ball movement.



D’Angelo Russell - Los Angeles Lakers to Brooklyn Nets

D’Angelo Russell is a gifted scorer, and the Lakers knew this when picking him with the number 2 pick in the 2015 NBA Draft. He will get even more chances to score now that he is with the Nets. In the 2016-2017 season, D’Angelo Russell was 38th in usage rate with 26.8%, and though it is only a few games into the 2017-2018 season, he is already 6th in usage rate with 33.3%. Now with Jeremy Lin’s injury, this will only increase. D’Angelo Russell is already used to the bright lights because he played in Los Angeles, and he will continue to get better every season.



Chris Paul - Los Angeles Clippers to Houston Rockets

Some people aren’t exactly sure if the situation in Houston will work because you have two ball dominant playmakers in Chris Paul and James Harden on the floor at the same time, but Harden and Paul think otherwise. It is important to note that both these players really want to play with each other and they wanted this trade together, and this means that they are very willing to co-exist in the same backcourt as each other. One of the best offensive coaches in Mike D’Antoni just added another to help the already incredible offense that he had established. Chris Paul takes some of the pressure off of James Harden, as Harden ranked 88th in FG% with 44% and 95th in 3P% with 34.7%. The pick in rolls for the Rockets is going to be extremely versatile and nearly unstoppable now with Chris Paul.



Paul George - Indiana Pacers to Oklahoma City Thunder

Early in the offseason, Paul George was traded from the Indiana Pacers to the Oklahoma City Thunder. This season, Paul George will be playing alongside 2016-17 MVP in Russell Westbrook

and a future Hall of Famer in Carmelo Anthony. These superstars and the coaching of Billy Donovan will be able to get George high percentage shots for him to take. This team should be able to compete with the top teams in the Western Conference like the Warriors, Spurs, and Rockets. In George’s six years in the NBA, he has averaged around 18 points per game while managing to grab 6 rebounds. George has also been selected to the All Star team 4 times and has been an All NBA player 3 times. Expect nothing less from George this year.



Jimmy Butler - Chicago Bulls to Minnesota Timberwolves

During the NBA Draft, the Chicago Bulls traded Jimmy Butler to the Minnesota Timberwolves for Zach Lavine, Kris Dunn, and the number 7 overall pick in the draft who the Bulls picked big man out of Arizona, Lauri Markkanen. Butler joins a young Timberwolves team with rising superstars like Karl-Anthony Towns and Andrew Wiggins. Butler has averaged around 16 points in his NBA career. However, the past three years Butler has averaged over 20 points per game. This success has led Butler to the All-Star game three times, and Butler was named an All NBA player in 2017.



3B Soccer Last Game

By: Henry Moses '21, Tyler Forg '21, Yazeed Dahleh '21, and Sreetej Digumarthi '21

The 3B soccer team could not have asked for a better way to end their season and Mr. Armstrong’s coaching career at Belmont Hill. After a scoreless first half, things got more interesting. Yazeed scored a controversial goal off a corner kick from Aidan Lyons to break the tie, however Aidan believes he scored it off the corner, an impossible feat. After around ten minutes with no goals, the ref made a highly debatable call giving Nobles a penalty kick. Not only was it not a foul, but it also occurred outside the box. Nobles scored on the penalty kick, easy to do with such a poor goalie such as Henry Moses. With around 15 seconds left with the delay, 3B got a free kick

just outside the box. Aidan took the kick but passed it, an uncommon thing for him, to Conner Willett right outside of the box. Will Killoran

screened the goalie and the ball sailed into the net to seal the game. The three whistles were then blown ending 3B’s great season.



NBA Season Awards

By: Max Hall ‘21 and Eoin Donnely ‘21

ROTY: Ben Simmons (PHI)
Ben Simmons was highly touted coming out of LSU. His do-it-all playmaking ability makes him the favorite for Rookie of the Year. So far he’s averaging 18.5 points, 9.6 rebounds, 7.9 assists, and 1.5 steals. He can get rebounds and distribute like a point guard, and he plays like a proven veteran, a trait most rookies don’t have.
Other Candidates: Jayson Tatum (BOS), Lonzo Ball (LAL), Dennis Smith Jr. (DAL)

MVP: Giannis Antetokounmpo (MIL)
Giannis has been on the rise for years now and from the looks of it is ready to take over the NBA. His ability to score at will, collect rebounds, get his teammates involved and close out games will factor into his MVP season. However, if the Bucks get a low seed it will be hard for him to win the award.
Other Candidates: LeBron James (CLE), Kawhi Leonard (SAS), Russell Westbrook (OKC)

MIP (Most Improved): Vic Oladipo (IND)
Victor Oladipo has shown flashes of his star potential during his first few seasons. This year, he should be the #1 option on a struggling Pacers team, and as a result a breakout season seems inevitable. He has already won Eastern Conference Player of the Week, and upgrades over last season’s averages of 15.9 pts, 4.3 rbs, and 2.9 asts are in store.
Other Candidates: Jaylen Brown (BOS), Myles Turner (IND), Kristaps Porzingis (NYK)

Comeback Player of the Year: Jabari Parker (MIL)
Jabari Parker has torn his ACL twice in his first three NBA seasons. However, he has shown he can produce when healthy, and already is one of the better scoring power forwards in the league. He can provide a steady scoring hand to a Bucks team without a clear third option, and will be a

key contributor to the team down the stretch.
Other Candidates: Joel Embiid (PHI), Chandler Parsons (MEM), Zach LaVine (CHI)

Coach of the Year: Brad Stevens (BOS)
Brad Stevens is leading a completely new-look Celtics and so far, he has been successful. A devastating loss of Gordon Hayward won’t help the Celtics, however the Celtics have still managed to start off the season well. Brad Stevens will win COTY because he has developed chemistry with the completely revamped Celtics, something coaches usually have difficulty doing with new players.
Other Candidates: Gregg Popovich (SAS), Mike D’Antoni (HOU), Scott Brooks (WAS)

6th Man of the Year: Eric Gordon (HOU)
Eric Gordon can fill it up in a hurry, and he gives the already high octane Rockets offense an in-

stant scoring punch off the bench. He is looking like a true scorer in the early going of the season, and while he might not do much else, he fits the Rockets space and pace offense perfectly. He has the potential to average 20 ppg off the bench this year.
Other Candidates: Lou Williams (LAC), Andre Iguodala (GSW), Marcus Smart (BOS)

DPOY (Defensive): Rudy Gobert (UTA)
Rudy Gobert is arguably the most dynamic shot blocker in the NBA. His presence in the paint makes other teams scared to enter and attempt a shot. If he doesn’t block a shot, he is just as good at altering it and making people miss. He’ll also gobble up rebounds at an above-average rate, making him one of the most complete defensive players in the NBA this year.
Other Candidates: Draymond Green (GSW), Kawhi Leonard (SAS), Anthony Davis (NOR)



NFL Playoff Predictions

By: Eoin Donnely ‘21



iOS 11 Review

By: Henry Moses ‘21 and Sreetej Digumarthi ‘21

As of September 19, the iPhone got a new and refreshing look and set of functions. Many aspects of this update we believe are much better than those of IOS 10 and earlier.

One of the new features is the new interface for the Messages app. Although there are not many differences in functionality, the new interface looks much better than the last. At the top of the list of messages there is an enlarged “Messages” logo above a search bar. Although this may not make the app any better from a functionality standpoint it makes it look a lot better. Another difference is the new control center. Users can also send each other money with messages using Apple Pay. In IOS 10, the user could not change what was in the control center so things the user did not need were in it, and things they needed were not. With IOS 11, the control center can be customized by the user so the things you want can be accessed easily. It also got a huge update in the visual department. The classic curved squares have come into play in yet another aspect of an Apple device. A refreshing set of new

colors have also been incorporated to the useful control center. New sliders for the brightness and volume functions make add to an even more user friendly update. Another big improvement is the improvement to Siri. In IOS 11. Apple added the capability of being able to translate languages to Siri. It can now translate into Chinese, French, Spanish, German, and Italian. This new feature is potentially very useful for people traveling in countries that speaking these languages. Hopefully in future updates Apple will incorporate more languages into Siri’s arsenal. Apple also added a feature in which it changes the formats of photos and videos to take up less storage on your device. This was a big issue with phones with lower storage levels, and it is a huge improvement. A lot of times people were seeing all of their storage being eaten up by 100 photos. They then had to delete these photos that might hold memories. With this update people will be able to hold more photos on their phone without having to worry about a lack of storage. Another improved feature is Maps. Maps now has live

traffic, a feature seen in apps like Waze. Obviously the code for this function is not that hard so seeing a technology juggernaut like Apple finally using this is invigorating. It also added the feature of indoor maps to some airports and malls. Hopefully in future updates we can see maps for all airports and malls throughout the world.

With these many positive changes there are also some drawbacks of the update that may make you rethink whether there was an overall positive impact of the update. Battery life has obviously declined a large amount. It may not say it explicitly in the update description but it is very evident. This is a great example of planned obsolescence, where Apple makes the battery life worse so then users would be more inclined to buy a new phone.

Overall, the positive changes outweigh the negative ones and that is why we believe this was a very solid update. A lot of the things that were update in this new package are things that we believe could alleviate some of the negative stigma that Apple has with Android users.

Mac vs. HP

By: Ryan Griffin ‘22 and Howard Huang ‘22

Macintosh

- Logo lights up
- Curved corners are a trademark
- New, more compact charging design
- Fingerprint login, along with other touchbar features
- Available in many different colors and models
- Many different customizable features
- Keys light up upon request
- Apple is the biggest tech company, so they will be able to produce newer and better Mac’s than HP
- Apple computers are much easier to use than HP computers

Hewlett-Packard

- Able to run windows and all pc games
- Audio is normally high quality and uses Beats Audio and Bang & Olufsen
- Keyboard normally includes a number pad
- HPs are much cheaper than Apple for no lost features
- More experienced at making computers
- Two wifi antennas double-triple connection speed limit
- More configurations for each computer allow buyers to fit their needs
- Biometric login called Windows Hello
- Windows ink is a virtual sketchpad
- Omen is a subsidiary of HP and produces high performance gaming laptops



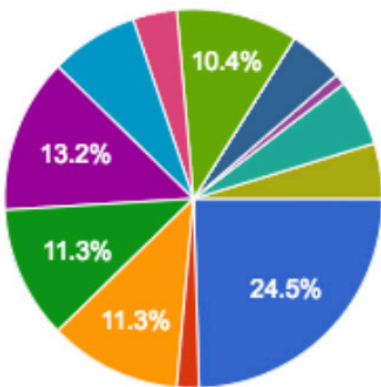
Cereal Rankings

By: Jack Barry ‘21,Connor Monahan ‘21, and Chris O’Connell ‘21

As we can see, Cinnamon Toast Crunch is overwhelming the favorite cereal in the middle school. This to me is unsurprising, if anyone loads up cereal with tons of sugar and cinnamon little kids, such as first formers, are going to love that stuff. Frosted Flakes came in second place, again not very shocking, sugar plus first formers equals instant love, or maybe it was that wicked cool tiger dude Tony. Both Cocoa Puffs and Lucky Charms are in a tie for third place, and Fruit loops is not far behind. It is surprising that Cap’n Crunch was not a more popular cereal on this scale because it is a generally loved cereal among us here. A sleeper on the graph were the Honey Nut Cheerios. Way too many people picked the cheerios, even though they do not even taste very good at all. If we were to rank the cereals hear it would probably go: Fruity Pebbles first, Cap’n Crunch second, Cinnamon Toast Crunch third, and Frosted Flakes fourth.

Pick Your Favorite Cereal

106 responses



- Cinnamon Toast Crunch
 - Fruity Pebbles
 - Cocoa Puffs
 - Lucky Charms
 - Frosted Flakes
 - Cap’n Crunch
 - Honey Nut Cheerios
 - Fruit Loops
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Starter Packs

By: Adam Alto '21

Jacob Czarnecki



Mr. Schneider



First Former



36 posts

70 followers

806 following

Library Study Hall



loud and disruptive noises



Defense of Sneakers

By: Aaron Belluck ‘21

For many years at Belmont Hill, there has been a tradition of allowing the Upper Classmen to have certain privileges, which the Middle School does not enjoy. One of the prominent perks of being in the Upper School is being allowed to wear sneakers instead of dress shoes. As all of you know, there was a modification to the dress code over the summer that permitted the Middle School to wear sneakers. In addition, this change prohibited the Upper School from wearing hooded sweatshirts. The combination of the Middle School not having to suffer through dress shoes and their right to wear hoodies being retracted resulted in the Upper Classmen being very mad about this dress code alteration.

The comfort of the students should be of the utmost importance. Although, the dress code has to juggle between tradition and the comfort/liking of the students. Due to the large size of Belmont Hill, it is practical for the students to be able to wear sneakers. Dress shoes do not necessarily offer the stability and comfort of normal shoes in all of the walking around campus. Lastly, the ability of students to choose their

footwear allows them to express themselves with their shoes. For all of these reasons, Belmont Hill

made the correct choice in permitting the Middle School the option of wearing sneakers.



PRIDE Club

By: Ben Glicklich ‘23

PRIDE meets every Thursday at 4 o'clock in Mr. McAlpin's room. Two weeks ago at PRIDE we watched a video about Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. The video showed one family celebrating Diwali and their traditions. In addition, we ate some of the festive Diwali foods including samosas, naan, and other varying platters. Finally, we discussed how the celebrations of Diwali relate to our own individual cultures and traditions. In other PRIDE sessions we have discussed the recent controversy over the NFL players' kneeling during the national anthem.

As Jalen Walker said, "The players are not kneeling to be disrespectful towards the American Flag, but instead trying to raise awareness for social injustices in our country." Adding to that Justin Santana said, "I think that the players weren't doing anything wrong by kneeling, however kneeling might not be the best way to protest," and he continued, "the players were trying to promote the idea that there is still some racism in America ... and there is always room for improvement."

PRIDE stands for People Respecting Individual Differences Everywhere. Hence the name, PRIDE discusses many issues of diversity and differences in the community. It is incredibly

powerful to see the strengths in our differences, and we get great food.

Mr. George summarized by saying, "PRIDE is not about coming up with a single conclusion about anything that we discussed for

instance the NFL protest or how we should react to the Las Vegas shootings. Instead it's an environment where we can all share ideas and perspectives." Again, if you would like to join PRIDE we meet in Mr. McAlpin's room at 4 o'clock (S3).



Robotics Club

By: Abe Tolkoff ‘21

After weeks of building, testing, coding, and donuts, Middle School Robotics is preparing for a scrimmage against Rivers on Wednesday the 11th. The game is sumo. Two robots try to drive the other out of a circle in a certain amount of time without getting driven out themselves. These robots will drive themselves, attack themselves, and win themselves. With more than eight competing robots, the Belmont Hill team is looking strong and ready to take on Rivers.

Robots such as "Raptor" which has a rotating talon that wards off the opponent and guards itself at the same time, and "Scorpion" which scoops its opponent and lowers its tail to take it down, are gearing up to scrimmage.

Robot "No Name," is ready to take on the competition, doubling up on ultrasonic sensors (the robot's eyes), literally having eyes on the back of its head.

Robot "That Robot over there," is preparing to bulldoze the opposition with its

extended ramp that will handicap any robot it comes across.

Robotics enthusiast Will O has even brought in his own LEGOs and his own electronics, eager to beat everyone else.

Everyone is getting ready for an ultimate scrimmage and we hope you have the chance to check it out on Wednesday afternoon!

Special thanks to Mr. Tiberi for putting up with us and signing us in each week.

Investment Club

By: Jack Kendall ‘22

In the investment club this year, students create an account on MarketWatch, a virtual stock market simulator. Starting with 100,000 dollars of virtual currency, the investor strategically invest in multiple companies, hoping that their investment will increase their net worth and overall gains. All 134 members of the investment club are competing for the prize of a 20 dollar Chipotle gift card at the end of the semester. While the only factor that determines the ranking is overall gains, the game features five measurable components that impact the investor’s portfolio. One of the components is Net Worth. This explains the overall value and effectiveness of the investor’s purchases. Another factor is Today’s Gains, which explain the percent in which the investors stalks have risen or declined. There is Short Reserve, which is the amount of money required to close short positions in your account. There is Cash Borrowed, which will show you how much money you’ve borrowed on your trades if buying on margin is enabled. The final

component is buying power. Buying power is the amount of cash the investor has available to make a trade, plus any margin available when margin trades are enabled.



A Trip to the Butler School

By: Abe Tolkoﬀ ‘21

“Hi. I’m Fred.” [Name is changed from actual]
“How’s it goin?”
“Good. Do you want to play tag?”
“Sure!”

He raced away and soon everyone on the play structure was playing tag. Jumping across the bridge and flying down the slides. I glanced over and saw guys playing basketball, their ties whipping around as they passed the ball to the little first graders. Over on the field a game of touch football was raging and someone was playing wall ball with a boy who was alone.

“Tweeeet.” The recess monitor blew the whistle. Balls were dropped, games abruptly ended as the around sixty seven and eight year-olds dashed to line up. We all joined in with these lines and stayed silent, as the quietest lines goes into lunch first, everything is a competition in elementary school.

Every Thursday afternoon since the start of school seven third formers have gone to the Butler School, a public elementary school nearby in Belmont. Not only have we had the chance to meet dozens of first and third graders but also play with them at recess and talk with them at lunch.

“I had so much fun playing basketball and sitting with them at lunch. They were real-

ly excited to see us and I was sad to go after the hour. I hope I have the chance to go back,” one ninth grader said. Each third former will have

the chance to go to Butler at least once this school year and we hope to continue the program into the future.



Kahoot vs. Quizlet Live

By: Yazeed Dahleh ‘21, Howard Huang ‘22, and Luke Hogan ‘22

Kahoot is the traditional method of using a game-based program to test students’ knowledge. Kahoot is completely free to everyone and can be used for quizzing, competitions, and surveys. Kahoot also includes the new Jumble, which features a mix and match testing style. Quizlet Live is a relatively new quizzing strategy that is completely team based. The quizlet live strategy is for the players to come together and battle the opposing team. Quizlet can only be used to show what a team knows as a whole rather than one person. Quizlet is the ideal way to get students to work together. However, Quizlet live is also

free, however, for extra options like being able to choose your team is reserved for teachers who pay \$39.99 a year for this service. After reviewing

the results multiple studies of students’ reactions to each of these quizzing methods, we have concluded that Kahoot is better than Quizlet Live.

Kahoot!

Look Alikes



Jerry Austen '23



Mclovin



Jack Barry '21



Golden Retriever



Josh Baldwin '21



Sid the Science Kid



Ms. Zener



Ms. Frizzle

Guess the Teacher's Panel



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