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## "LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS"

### Review

*By Pat Fuss'19*

The Weymouth High School Theater Company recently produced arguably one of their best shows in the past few years. "Little Shop of Horrors," was directed by the legendary Donnie Norton and is based on the 1986 comedy film by the same name. This play starred Jeff Sewell, Samantha O'Leary, Cody Moran, and Matt Hannifan as the lead roles. Despite not having any knowledge of the story prior to seeing this play, I really enjoyed it and I think anyone who sees it will too.

The show is about a man named Seymour (Jeff Sewell) who works in a flower shop with his boss Mr. Mushnick (Cody Moran). Seymour brings a Venus-flytrap to work in order to attract more costumers to their shop. He names it the Audrey II, after his love interest, Audrey (Sam O'Leary) and desperately attempts to impress her with the progress of the growing plant. The plant is blood hungry and Seymour is desperate, so he starts to get rid of his problems and people in his way, starting with Audrey's abusive boyfriend, Orion 'The Denist' Scrivello (Matt Hannifan), by feeding them to the

plant. Eventually the plant becomes out of control and Seymour's newly gained fame becomes worthless. The acting of this show was on point from the beginning to the end of the performance. Cody and Matt remained comedic characters that had me laughing every time they were on the stage. Jeff and Sam also stayed true to their parts, Jeff being clumsy but dedicated, and Sam being sweet yet overwhelmed with her relationship.

One of the good qualities of this show is that it can appeal to you even if you are not a fan of theater. This show made good quality entertainment and expressed the talents of the WHTC.



2016 Craft Fair Images by: Sarah Luongo '18

## UPCOMING FUTURE CLASS FUNDRAISERS

*By Robert Briggs '19*

Even with the annual Craft Fair out of the way, the class officers don't have time to relax, for the freshmen are selling candy grams at lunch. While the sophomores and freshmen are preparing for the Freshmen and Sophomore Semi-Formal, and the sophomores are promoting their t-shirt. The juniors are preparing for the Junior prom, Battle of the Classes. At the same time, the seniors are preparing for the Mr.WHS.



## NEW CLUB- MODEL UNITED NATIONS

*Julia Blackwood '19*

The Model United Nations is a nationally and internationally recognized academic simulation of the United Nations.

Members of this academic simulation will learn important skills of research, debate, public speaking, written communication, negotiation, collaboration, and leadership.

In the MUN, students



pretend to be diplomats of the UN and debate about issues such as climate change, human rights and nuclear security.

Students will be representing various countries. Therefore, delegates cannot speak their own perspectives. For example, if a student is a delegate of North Korea, then that student would have to talk against non-proliferation. Therefore, whenever a country tries to end the

usage of nuclear weapons, the Delegate of North Korea would have to vote against it.

Additionally, students in the MUN will be traveling to various colleges and/or high schools to participate in large debates. This will help students connect with students from other schools and will help expand their intellectual circle. In this school, we are currently seeking into participating in the debate in Wheaton college in April.

The community of MUN is energetic, inspiring, and passionate. So there is the saying: MUN = FUN.

We will meet in room 211 on Tuesdays.

Literary Magazine meets in room 114 every Thursday directly after school.

Creative Writing Club meets every Monday directly after school in room 3061

Editorial meets regularly in room 208 or in the library every Monday. For more information and to submit any ideas or entries for our next issues please contact  
[weymouths2016@gmail.com](mailto:weymouths2016@gmail.com)

## ROBOTICS CLUB

*Kian Murphy '19*

The robotics team was founded in 2011 by Mr. Eggers and is a club that designs and manufactures robots and participates in competitions through making the robots play in games.

Therefore, just like a regular sport like football, multiple teams compete to score points. So, it's

like robots playing sports. Each year, the game design changes.

Over the past years, the WHS robotics team has won 7 trophies.

The main concern so far is earning the funds each year to compete, as \$10,000 is needed.

We meet on Thursdays and any one is welcome to join!



Images by: Jin Yao

GSA meets regularly directly after school every Friday in the library. There will be a Coffee House fundraiser held and hosted by the GSA members on Saturday January 28th from 2p-6p in the Gold Cafe. For more information please contact Mr. Meoni.

Poetry Club regularly meets on Tuesdays in room 114 directly after school. Current Poetry club members are hosting an Open Mic Night on Friday February 3rd in the Humanities Center directly after school. For more information please contact member president of poetry club, Rachell, at [19masferrer@weymouthps.org](mailto:19masferrer@weymouthps.org)

## WHS BAND



**Julia Blackwood'19**

With the winter concert approaching, I thought that I would like to feature the school band in this holiday issue. The band meets during the school day during blocks 2 and 5, and consists of instruments such as the flute, clarinet, trumpet, saxophone, vibraphone, tuba and contrabass.

The school band is a lively community that brings great energy to WHS. After asking many of the student musicians how they feel about this band, many answered that this band has a family-like tight bond. Additionally, many answered that they enjoy being around their friends who are in the band. Therefore, through music, these musicians are able to unite and together make an interpretation of the pieces. Hence, through having a tight bond, it explains why the music they produce are energetic, enthusiastic and passionate.

Additionally, after asking them whether they liked playing their

current piece, most of them said yes. In music, this is very important since depending on the length of the piece, musicians would have to be in a long relationship with the composer. Therefore, liking the piece will help musicians to try to understand the composer. Once there is a deep understanding of the composer, it shows the understanding of the piece, which then the musician can perform well.

The years of experience among the members of this group varies. While there are students with musical experience as long as 7 years, there are also students who have experienced music for 3 years. Additionally, some of these students play other instruments outside of the classroom therefore, has even longer experience somewhere ranging from 8-10 years.

For those students with long experience in music, while some are interested in majoring in music for college, many are not sure yet. However, about 1/2 of the band are interested in continuing music in college. Also, I've asked the musicians why they chose the

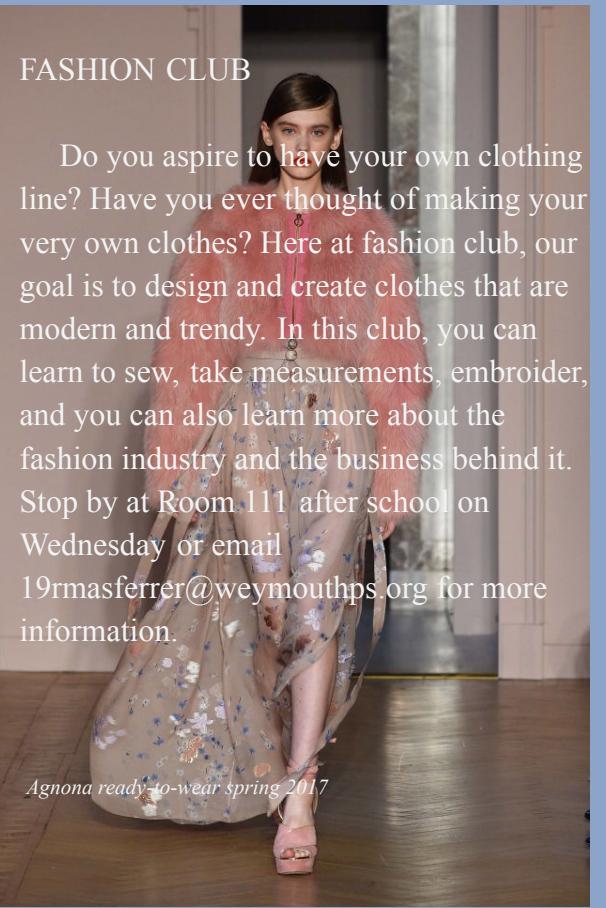
instrument they currently play. Answers varies from reason being that it was the coolest, the sound that it produces, a family member plays that instrument, encouragement by other people, and that it felt that it was an instrument that allows themselves to express. Therefore, while there are various reasons why musicians play their instruments, the great thing about the band is that altogether those emotions emerge and produce music.

Lastly, I asked the musicians to list what genre of music they enjoy listening to. I was impressed to learn that many students appreciate many different genres of music. The most common ones I saw were pop, jazz, country, classical, metal and any. I think that it is a great thing that these musicians have the ear to appreciate a diversity of music genres since it can be hard depending on different times.

Finally, many thanks to those musicians who helped me with this!

## FASHION CLUB

Do you aspire to have your own clothing line? Have you ever thought of making your very own clothes? Here at fashion club, our goal is to design and create clothes that are modern and trendy. In this club, you can learn to sew, take measurements, embroider, and you can also learn more about the fashion industry and the business behind it. Stop by at Room 111 after school on Wednesday or email 19rmasferrer@weymouthps.org for more information.



"Winter Kisses" by Sarah Luongo '18  
(Image made by Sayuree '19)

A shattered little snowflake sits,  
Dirty, cold, and fragile,  
But you cannot easily heal the wounds with  
your winter kisses.

You have tried all year,  
But now that she sees winter,  
Cold and beautiful as she,  
Despite her beauty, she is too hurt to care.

## "HER"

*by r.m. '19*

She's the thin red-orange line  
And the sunset  
The last bit of brightness in your day  
Before nighttime darkness takes her away  
her voice is like a slow piano tune  
that reminds you of peace  
the kind that holds you  
that makes you feel warm  
the kind that makes you wanna hit replay  
and lay in bed just listening to it  
over  
and over  
you can breathe her in and hold it  
there for as long as you can  
only to exhale then repeat.  
she's like a drug  
not like ecstasy or LSD  
something stronger  
and leaves you numb



## Creative Writing Club Stories

(edited by Carpe Diem)

### THE SINGLE MEOW

*by Sayuree '19*

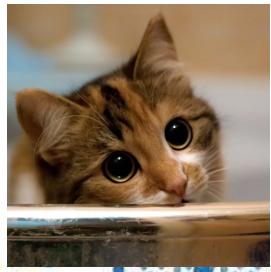
Cats. Cats with glorious eyes that shone like headlights in the dark. They were yellow green... luminescent if that was how you would describe them.

The light switch was to his right, just one second away before they would attack. But their eyes were beautiful... luminous with an iris in the middle of all the galaxies.

Then, it happened.

One voice, one begging, it was a Meow. That ended his life, as he crumbled to the ground, filled with all the emotions pertaining to cuteness. He couldn't take the emotions. It was too much...

And that was the story of the man and the single Meow.



### CREATION OF CATASTROPHE

*by Austin Dube*



Have you ever noticed how people are obsessed with cats? Well, it's because of this one scientist. He created the cutest cat in his lab, but it went wrong.

The cat gained knowledge and a mental capacity far greater than that of humans. The cat dubbed himself "Fluffy" and escaped the lab. Slowly but surely his plan to conquer humans was succeeding. His arsenal was cute Youtube videos and grammatically incorrect memes.

As the humans played into Fluffy's plans, their minds rotted. The cuteness of cats became overwhelming, even more desired than a junkie's Netflix. As the humans fought over their petty desires, Fluffy was teaching the local strays. His teachings spread and things got worse.

But that was in the past. I haven't seen the outside world in months. I live here in regret of my creation. But with no way of fixing it I sit here decaying in my lab. Sooner or later he will find me. I can already hear the menacing purrs. I can't tell if the glowing eyes in the distance are real or a product of my own insanity...

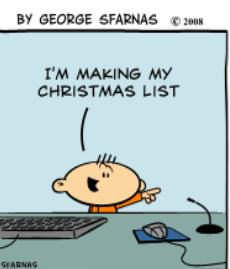
But the more I look at them, the closer they get. With each purr they glow brighter. I close my eyes for a second to see if they—

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## How Christmas Works

by Robert Briggs '19

AS A KID...



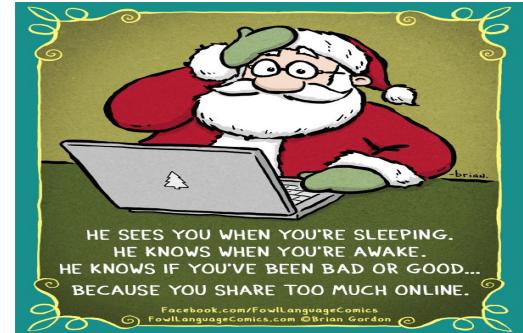
Please Note:  
**CHRISTMAS IS CANCELLED**

Apparently, YOU told Santa that you have been GOOD this year ...

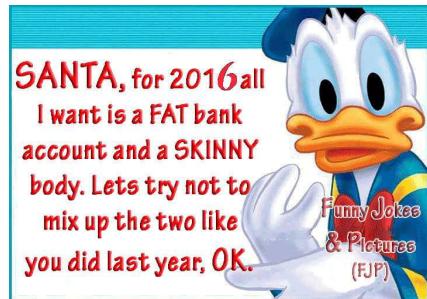


He died laughing

AS A TEENAGER...

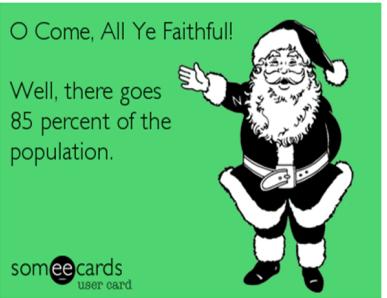


AS AN ADULT...



## CHRISTMAS JOKES

by Robert Briggs '19



## WITTY QUOTES

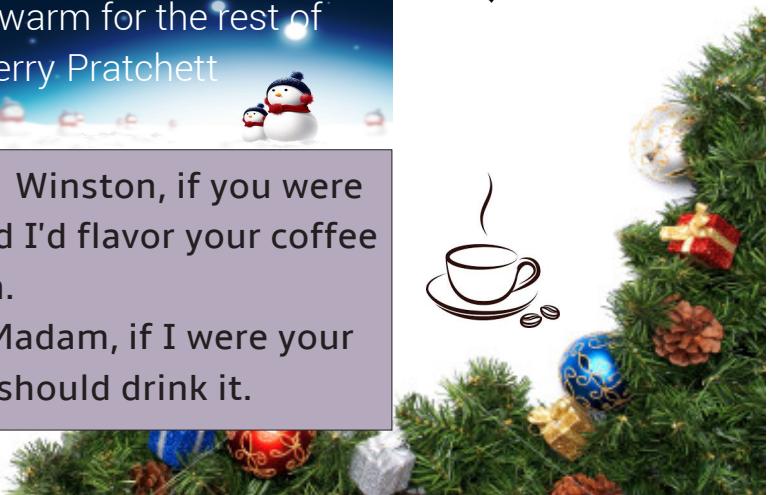
BY: CARPE DIEM

"A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water." ---Carl Reiner

"Build a man a fire, and he'll be warm for a day. Set a man on fire and he'll be warm for the rest of his life." ---Terry Pratchett

**Lady Astor:** Winston, if you were my husband I'd flavor your coffee with poison.  
**Churchill:** Madam, if I were your husband, I should drink it.

Happy Holidays!



## PASSION / INTERESTS

**Julia Blackwood'19**

Have you ever heard of a man who counts 60 coffee beans each morning to make coffee? If not, I will tell you that that is who Ludwig van Beethoven was.

While many people may consider classical music to be boring and something out of their comfort zone, it is important to keep in mind that classical musicians were and are too, ordinary people.

Now --- why though, would I be talking about Beethoven? Well, December 16th is his birthday. If he was alive this year, he would be turning 246 years old this month.

Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany. While having a father who was also a musician, he started to perform in public

at a young age of 8. By age 11, he published his first piece of work, 9 Variation in C minor. It is common that his early works sounds very similar to those of Mozart's composition.

Therefore, his first symphonies sound very similar to Mozart's symphonies as well. This is no coincidence as while Mozart is older than Beethoven, it is said that they would have met. However, as he gained more experience in life, he developed his own dynamic style, which I think is why Beethoven is so famous. One of his most well-known work, the 5th symphony clearly tells us that he did a musical revolution. The type of excitement Beethoven brought to his performance truly changed the history of music.

It is because of his composition that I think that later composers such as Brahms, Schumann and Rachmaninoff's composition are the way they are.

Some of my favorite pieces by Beethoven are:  
Symphonies #3, #5, #6, #7 & #9  
Piano sonata #8 "Pathetique"  
Piano sonata #17 "Tempest"  
Piano sonata # 14 "Moonlight"  
3rd movement  
Piano concerto #3 & #5.

symphony, the one can change from minor to major.

Furthermore, I love his symphonies because it represents course of people's life. With both drawing melancholic moments in life and jovial moments in life, there is much complexity in his music. However, I think that this is because Beethoven himself felt such moments in life with the combination of being a sensitive person as an artist.

### MIND BLOWING SCIENCE FACTS

BY: YADWINDER KAUR '19

- > Up to 50 percent of the body heat is lost by the head.
- > A house fly is one of the most dangerous animals in the world since it is capable of transmitting multiple diseases.
- > The smallest bone in the human body is called Stapes and is only 0.28 cm long.
- > A person blinks an average of 4,200,000 times in a year.
- > Hydrogen is the most abundant element in the universe.
- > About 15 million blood cells will be produced and destroyed in the body every second.
- > An average person walks the equivalent of five times around the world in a lifetime.
- > If Helium is cooled to absolute zero temperature, it is going to become a liquid that flows against gravity.
- > An average person has enough DNA to stretch from the Sun to Pluto about 17 times.
- > Some plants on the Earth's surface have existed for more than 400 million years.
- > It only takes light about 1.255 seconds to go from the Earth to the Moon.

