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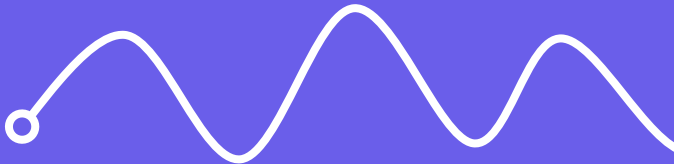
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Highlights



At Ancaster High

Student Work Featured in The Spectator

Ancaster High’s very own artists, writers and poets were featured in the Hamilton Spectator’s weekly *Our Pulse* section this October 3rd, 2018, which showcases news, thoughts and work by Hamiltonians. This week’s edition featured art from Ancaster Students Jessica Jiang (gr 9), Haya Ahmed (gr 10), Emma Gauhl (gr 12), Leeya Shao (gr 11), and Jessica Savelli (gr 12), and poetry and text by Eric Johnson (gr 11), Nima Malek (gr 11), Peighton Williams (gr 12), Paige Young (gr 10), Jasmine Crawshaw (gr 12), Jocelyn Mattka (gr 10), and Elise Van Heerden (gr 10).

You can view some of their works posted on copies of the paper around the school, by buying a copy of the Spec, or going to getthespec.ca, where you can find digital copies of the newspaper.

g better. Her powerful and rich voice tells us to respect
will help to change the way some people treat others.

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BY PEIGHTON WILLIAMS, GRADE 12

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Fast and Furious:

In Hamilton and Beyond

Municipal Elections Begin



On October 22nd, 2018, Hamilton citizens will flock to over 200 voting stations set up in the city to vote in a new mayor, school trustee, and city councillors in our 2018 municipal election. Any Canadian citizen and resident or non-resident elector who is above 18 may have their say. Advance voting is available on October 4th, 6th, 9th, 11th and 13th.

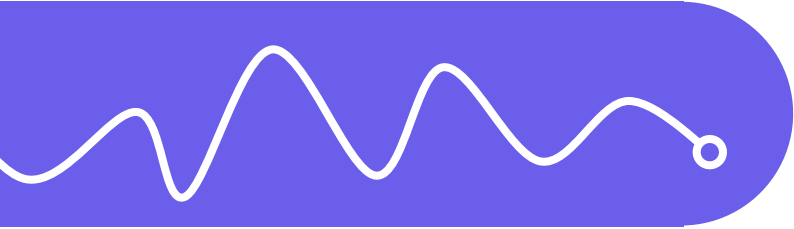
In order to vote, you must either be on the voter’s list and receive a card in the mail, or provide sufficient identification that shows your name, address and signature. All voters must bring ID of some kind – things like province-issued driver licenses, bill statements, or health cards will do.

This year, new ward boundaries have been drawn up, and real-time voting results can be found on the day of on 900chml.com or the city’s website at hamilton.ca. The cityl says they expect results to start coming in by around 8 pm, when the polls will start to close.

Although many Ancaster students will not be able to vote yet, encouraging older peers to vote and getting an understanding of how elections and voting works is essential to establish now.



Above: Hamilton City Hall. This municipal election will determine who takes charge of it for the next 4 years. Courtesy of The Public Record.



Short bits of news from Hamilton and the world around it.

by Anne Fu – Designer

In Canada

Canadian Scientist Wins Nobel Prize in Physics

Donna Strickland, an associate professor at the University of Waterloo, made history on October 2nd, 2018 when she was announced to have won the Nobel Prize in Physics - a \$1.4 million dollar award given to the greatest achievement in a given field for that year.

Strickland, who is the third woman to ever win the physics award, said her motivation behind the research that cinched the infamous prize was that she “just wanted to do something fun”. In 1985, Strickland developed a revolutionary laser technique known as “chirped pulse amplification”, which can create tiny laser blasts that are insanely powerful, in a fraction of a second. 33 years later, it would just so happen that this technique would make her a Nobel laureate.

As the first woman to win a Nobel Prize in over 50 years, Strickland says she hopes that her achievement helps motivate more women in STEM fields.

“Obviously, we need to celebrate women physicists because we’re out there and hopefully in time it will start to move forward at a faster rate maybe. I don’t know what to say. I’m honoured to be one of those women,” she said in an interview.



Above: Strickland at her lab. Courtesy of the University of Waterloo

World News Snapshots —



Saul Loeb/The Canadian Press

Oct 6 - Judge Brett Kavanaugh was confirmed to ascend into the US’s highest court in a 50-48 margin, despite strong opposition



Carl Court/Getty Images

Sept 28 - An earthquake and tsunami hit the Indonesian island of Sulawesi, killing 400 and injuring many more. Rescue efforts are still ongoing



Judi Bottoni/AP

Oct 1 - Canada, the USA and Mexico signed a revamped 3-nation trade deal to replace NAFTA, named the USMCA

October Team Spotlight

Below, left to right: Julia Barr, Maddy Kearns, Ava Stetchey, Isabella Pop, Tess Potter, and Mia Gill (gr 11) gather for a photo; Emma McNabney (gr 10), who placed top 10 at the meet
Maddy Kearnes/The Royal Gazette



Girls Cross Country

2018 OFSAA Cross Country Championships

Nov 3rd

by Maddy Kearnes – Writer

It’s no secret that Ancaster High has many amazing sports teams with encouraging and dedicated coaches, one of those teams being Cross Country. Twenty eight athletes practice every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, so when race day comes around each athlete can show the determination, focus, and talent that all of Ancaster High’s athletes have. On Sept-

ember 24th, the team drove off to St. Catharines for the Bulldogs Invitational meet, where 23 schools raced varying distances. The grade 9s ran 3km, the 10s ran 4km, and the 11s and 12s ran 5km. A special congratulation is in order for Emma McNabney, who placed top 10 out of 48 girls with a time of 18 minutes and 17 seconds! The cross country team will continue to practice until late

October to prepare for upcoming races such as pre-OFSAA on October 3rd with an estimated 2000 runners. SOSSA and OFSAA will be raced as well just a few weeks later. Good luck on the upcoming races, Royals!

Watch the preview of the OFSAA course



OFSAA of the Past ▼





To The Polls:



The HWDSB Trustee Election

Meet Blake Hambly, one of three candidates running for the HWDSB trustee position in ward 11 and 12 this year – at 20 years old.

by Ashley Barry – *Editor-in-Chief*

The HWDSB election for the Wards 11 & 12 trustee position will take place October 22nd, 2018. The election includes three eligible candidates, Alex Johnstone, Bruce Carnegie and Blake Hambly, and the election is open to voters who support the Public School Board in this district.

For this election, I had the opportunity to interview one very enthusiastic candidate, Blake Hambly, who has shared his ideas and values for his campaign.

“I decided to run for HWDSB trustee because it’s time for change,” he emphasized. Blake explained that the School Board “needs a candidate who’s committed to the community and puts the community first. Someone who is aware and informed of important issues regar-

ding the education system, who’s not swayed by political bias, unions and other lobbyists.” When I asked him why he has dedicated his time to campaigning for trustee, he stated that he is “running because we need a trustee who cares about students, and puts our constituents first and foremost.”

Blake’s determined attitude towards bringing change to the HWDSB School Board is just one of the qualities that make him a suitable candidate. “I have many qualities that make me an ideal candidate for School Board. I believe my age gives me a huge advantage. I’m young, and having recently graduated, I know what the school system lacks and needs. I’m energetic, e and innovative, and that coupled with my knowledge of the school system and understanding of what students go through gives me an advantage. I can be the voice for real change on the school board to put our students first and to ensure that each student succeeds. I understand students and the problems they face in the school system. I’m innovative and I think outside of the box; essential to finding solutions to problems and enhancing the quality of the educational experience students receive in our schools. I do not act for the best interests of others, controlled by bloated bureaucracy. My feedback and the reason I run comes from the concerns raised by constituents,

Hambly is currently completing a Political Science and Indigenous Studies course at McMaster. He’s the president of both the Campus Conservatives and Turning Point, and worked on the senate nomination campaign of Republican Dr. Kelli Ward.

and I’m here to make real change for the better.” With Blake always thinking of the future, he believes his goal is “to make sure each and every student feels included in a supportive and inclusive environment.”

Hambly explains that most of his goals and ideas “start and begin with the feedback from the hundreds of students and parents he’s spoken to on the campaign trail.”

“My goals are to empower the tomorrow; today. These are the leaders of the next generation. They include advocating for greater management and maintenance of modern, up-to-date and adequate educational infrastructure, advocating for and ensuring access to safe and clean drinking water for our

[I’m] running because we need a trustee who cares about students, and puts our constituents first and foremost.

students in all schools, using resource allocations to improve the educational quality and experiences of indigenous students and focus on acknowledgement and reconciliation of the past, focusing on teaching and technique training for staff and faculty to help raise the averages of students, with a focus on Arithmetic, English and the Sciences,” he stated proudly. Blake also “wants to create an initiative raising awareness of mental health concerns, and working to create accepting and inclusive classroom atmospheres for all students, promoting equality and fairness for all individuals. After hearing Blake’s plan and goals if he were elected, I asked him what he would like to inform students here at Ancaster High about. “I want the students of Ancaster High to know that I know what it is like. Schools aren’t just about educating students. These students are the leaders of the next generation. It’s beyond education. It’s ensuring that

they’re healthy, physically and mentally. It’s about developing character and personality. The function of schools are to equip and prepare students for the future, whatever that may be for a set individual. I want students to know that I am here for them and will do everything in my power to advocate for and provide the atmosphere for students



Hambly’s fellow candidates: incumbent **Alex Johnstone** and chemist **Bruce Carnegie**

to reach their full potential. I want every student to know that even



if I am not elected, I am here for them, to support them and see them succeed.”
With the election approaching later this month, and after learning about Blake and his determined attitude towards his campaign, I would like to wish Blake Hambly the best of luck in the upcoming election!
For any students, parents or staff wishing to contact Blake, here is how you may contact him for further questions about his campaign.

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Empowering the Tomorrow, Today.
The Change We Need For School Board Trustee

Ancaster High Under Construction

An update on the progress of fixing our school.

by Farrah Sherrard – Writer

We were all surprised to come into the 2018-2019 year with a re-finished hallway and partially closed parking lot. However, with the limited time and budget, there leaves

much to be desired.
For the newer students, we must inform you that these problems have been around for years and it was only last year that the problem became too big to ignore. During the wet winter months, water would seep through the roof, mix with tar and fall into the hallway, taking the roof tiles with it. You can see a minimal version of this in the second floor hallway now, although it is much clearer. It was following the controversy sparked by a Grade 12 student after tweeting

during the winter of 2017. This tweet got attention in the media and the School Board took notice. Emergency meetings were held and the plans were being laid for the replacement of the roof, as well as the funding necessary to repair and repaint the school.
It is concerning that some of these renovations have not been completed before all of us returning students and the new students start the year, causing the disruption and replacement of many classes. The high amount of rainfall has forced the final stages of the repair back to October. Unfortunately, we won’t be able to know the effectiveness of the renovations until they are finished, and it is not until they are finished, and it is not



until the Holiday break that they are painting the lockers.

This is the list of some of the construction work done in the summer of 2018 and projected projects during the winter break according to the HWDSB website:

We would also like to thank our fellow students who brought these issues to the forefront, because if not for our outreach to the media who then covered the damages at our school, we probably would not have gotten any of this work done.

See a more detailed breakdown of the roof issue and spending



Asbestos abatement in all classrooms and hallways in the East Wing - **\$450, 000**

Ceiling, lights (LEDs) and flooring replacement in the East Wing - **\$380, 000**

Dust collector replacement

Exterior window replacement

Gym A painting and bleachers - **\$100, 000**

Gym B floor refinishing - **\$20, 000**

Interior door replacement and lockdown hardware installation - **\$250, 000**

Minor washroom renovations

Natural turf sports field

Re-paint walls and lockers

Roof replacement - **\$900 000**

Video surveillance upgrades

Making change comes at a price - a hefty one at that.

The Cost of a Better Learning Environment



Artists of Ancaster

Meet Amber Carol, a grade 11 artist at Ancaster High, who focuses on photorealism and portraiture.

by Ashley Barry - *Editor-in-Chief*

Amber Carol is a Grade 11 here at Ancaster High, and this month we have featured four of her fantastic portraits that she has painted in her free time!

Because of how outstanding her artwork is, I was intrigued to know more about her and her artistic career.

Amber normally tends to make art 2-3 times a week. She either works in her room or in her family’s garage, which her mom converted into a studio. (Her mother was an artist up until ten years ago). Since she

spends quite a lot of time creating beautiful pieces like the ones in this feature, I wanted to know if she was always into making art. “When I was young,

“ I tried [painting] out and immediately fell in love with it.



always assumed that I wouldn't enjoy painting and always avoided trying it out. In the summer of grade nine though, I tried it out and immediately fell in love with it," she explained.

Amber also told me what her favourite medium is in art, stating "I like to paint portraits and focus more on realism. I'm trying to shift into painting hands, since it's a challenge. I prefer acrylic on wood." Knowing what medium of art she prefers, I wondered if there

was any meaning behind her paintings that she creates. She explained, "Right now my paintings represent the impacts social media platforms have on teenage life."

Lastly, I asked if she would consider a career in art, to which she responded, "Since art isn't completely reliable, I don't necessarily see it becoming a full time job for me. However, I will always continue creating work that conveys social issues that are important to me."



Above: "Yearning", acrylic on wood; "Don't f**k with me", acrylic on wood. **Ashley Barry/The Royal Gazette** **Below:** A horseback riding show; people walking around at the Ancaster Fair. **Anika Kanagaretnam/The Royal Gazette**

The Ancaster Fair

The locally famed fair enters its 168th year with a bang.

by Anika Kanagaretnam
Writer

The annual Ancaster Fair was from September 20th to the 23rd. It is a fun, popular event which many people attend! This was the 168th year that this exciting event has taken place within the Ancaster community. At the fair, there were games, rides, food and more. There were people of all ages, and they all seemed to be having a great time! There were also many demonstrations and shows, a wide variety of exhibits to visit, some of which featured home crafts, artwork, baked products, and livestock.

Even though the roads were very crowded and the parking lots were full, the 168th Ancaster Fair was busy and buzzing with fun! Hope to see everyone there next September in 2019!

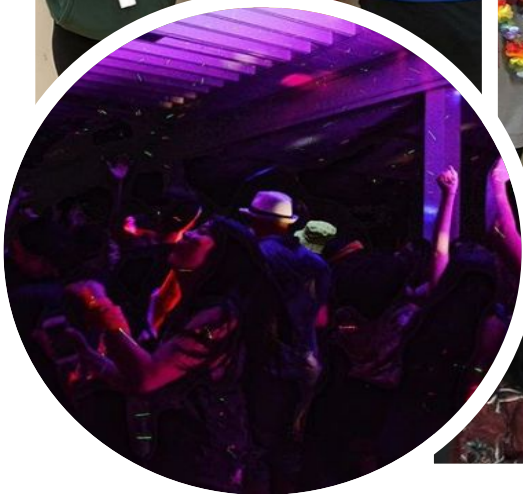


Royal Gallery

A look at what Ancaster High's been up to this month.



Below, left to right: A Royal dresses their best for tropical day; Student council assembled before homecoming; grade 9 night leaders and participants; Royals decked out for character day and at homecoming [Jason Amri/@ancasterhighroyals/The Royal Gazette](#)



Welcome, Grade Nines!



A warm welcome to our newest generation of Royals to Ancaster High! If you're feeling a little nervous about your first year at high school, take some of our best freshman advice, from two former grade 9s.

by Addison Massey and Lily McCowan – *Writers*

First of all, welcome to Ancaster High! Our names are Addison and Lily, and not too long ago, we were in the same position as you. As former Grade 9 students, we know that starting a new school can be scary, but trust us, the fear doesn't last long. We remember on our first day, we too went to the welcoming assembly, sat with whomever

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It might be hard transitioning into the new school... but it doesn't take long to get used to.

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we knew, waiting for someone to tell us what to do and where to go. Then we would go to our first day of classes and a new part of our journey began. It might be hard transitioning into a new school with more people, harder classes, and constant fire alarms, but it doesn't take long to get used to. First semester can be hard, but once you get your first exams done, second semester is a breeze when it comes to knowing the ins and outs of the school (but you should still work your hardest).

When it comes to schoolwork, it is really important that you study. While high school can be super fun, failing your classes isn't as enjoyable. Take time to get your schoolwork done, and then do something fun.

Our biggest piece of advice for all newcomers would be to get involved in school activities. At Ancaster High, we

have tons of things to sign up for, from sports teams, to the school newspaper (wink wink)! It's great to get involved with different clubs because you can meet new people who may become your friends.

The most important thing to keep in mind during your time in high school is to be yourself. It's cheesy, but it's true. So many people change for the sake of pleasing others, but they end up losing themselves. When you graduate, people judge others on personality, not what they looked like or how they acted when they were in high school. Don't be pressured to do something just because someone else is doing it. If you're going to reinvent yourself in high school, don't change for other people, change for yourself.

Good luck to our new Royals, and have a fantastic year!

Grade 9 Night 2018

The yearly tradition of one of Ancaster High's most memorable days, Grade 9 Night continues.

by James Marcaccio and Emma Menard – *Writers*

Ancaster High School's annual Grade 9 Night was Friday, September 14th. This fantastic event was organized by Ms. Fletcher along with the help of Grade 11 and 12 student leaders and teacher volunteers. Grade 9 Night gave all of the grade 9s a chance to make new friends while enjoying some

fun games with their groups both indoors and outdoors. The Grade 9 students also got to attend their very first high school dance during this fun night. Everyone had so much fun dancing, eating, participating in games and being creative. The main concern from most of the grade

9 Royals was that the dance was too hot, but then again, all of the dances that we have are hot.

Interview with Tara Rezvan

Editor-in-chief Ashley Barry sits down to interview Tara Rezvan of the Fab Five, who helped organized Grade 9 Night.



Above: Grade 9s and Grade 9 Night leaders alike sit on the back field. @ancasterhighroyals/
The Royal Gazette

by Ashley Barry - *Editor-in-Chief*

Grade 9 Night at Ancaster High is said to be one of the most memorable nights to many students in their High School career. The night takes months of planning, organization and dedication from student leaders and staff. This year, the night was orchestrated by the “Fab Five” leaders: Jamie Zucker, Cassie Turkstra, Shane Jeffrey, Liam Outlaw and Tara Rezvan. I’ve had the opportunity to interview Tara about her Grade 9 Night experience being a part of the “Fab Five”.

“Overall I think the night was very organized and ran very smoothly! This all comes down to the greatness of our 40+ senior student volunteers! As Fab Five, we could have planned the best night in the world, but without commitment and attention to detail from ALL volunteers, the night would not be nearly as successful,” she explained when asked how she felt the night went. As you can imagine, a large event like Grade 9 Night takes a lot of detailed pl-

anning. Tara was able to tell me what the planning and organizing was like for her and the rest of the Fab Five. “It took a lot of communication! Whenever you have a large group of people collectively collaborating to produce the same end goal, it is important to stay on the same page at all times. We had a lot of large meetings where the Fab Five would discuss the slight details, and to hold a group meeting where the Fab Five would go over the test details just to



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have to trust in our volunteers that they would pay attention to those details,” she said.

Acknowledging the amount of time and planning the Fab Five put into the night, I wanted to know what being a part of a leadership opportunity with such a big commitment meant to Tara. “Being a part of Fab 5 meant being the initial contact point for all Grade 9’s regarding highschool matters. Although my role technically ended as the clock struck 11pm on the night of, I still feel as though my role of supporting incoming Grade 9’s will continue all year!”

Lastly, I asked Tara what her favourite part of the night was and if she has any advice for the Grade 9’s. “My favourite part was seeing the Grade 9s feel more comfortable letting loose and having fun! This was especially evident in the dance and entertainment rooms! My advice is simple. You get what you put into high school. Also, use the senior students as a resource regarding leadership roles... use them before they’re gone!”

Grade 9
Night By The
Numbers

215
students

15
groups

63
pizzas
served

25
pies
ordered

100%
fun!

Follow the Yellow Brick Road Down to Room 16

Writer and *Wizard of Oz* lead
Jocelyn Mattka takes an inside look
at the new musical theatre class
and their new production.



Above: From left to right, Owen Lapsley (Tin Man), Michael Folch (Lion), Jocelyn Mattka (Dorothy Gale) and Cassie Turkstra (Scarecrow) **Jocelyn Mattka/The Royal Gazette**

by Jocelyn Mattka – *Writer*

This December, we are thrilled to announce that *The Wizard of Oz* will be coming to the stage at Ancaster High! The audition process for the show took place over the last few weeks and the cast list was officially posted outside the drama room on September 26 and can still be found there now.

Working on a show is always a bit of a learning process, and this year especially that could not be more true. For the first time ever, the musical is being put on by the musical theatre class, which is a brand-new course being offered this year for students looking to get on a stage and put together a full-scale musical. Although trying something new always has challenges, this particular change also comes with a lot of benefits. Having Musical Theatre as a course means that there will be fewer after school rehearsals for the cast, but also still the ability to include students from outside of the course in the production. On September 27, a meeting was held for those who are interested

in participating in the show’s ensemble or crew. We were amazed to see just how many students came out and expressed interest in getting involved with the show, and can’t wait to see how they will continue to contribute their talents!

The cast, for their part, has already begun rehearsing for the musical, and could not be more excited to get “off to see the wizard” and start putting the production together. There is always something really special about coming together with a group of people and taking words from a script and bringing them to life on a stage.

“The experiences we have in the classroom are ones that we will never forget,” says Cassie Turkstra, AKA the Scarecrow, expressing her own feelings on taking part in a musical. “Getting to collaborate with people... coming together to create art, is a beautiful opportunity I am infinitely grateful for.”

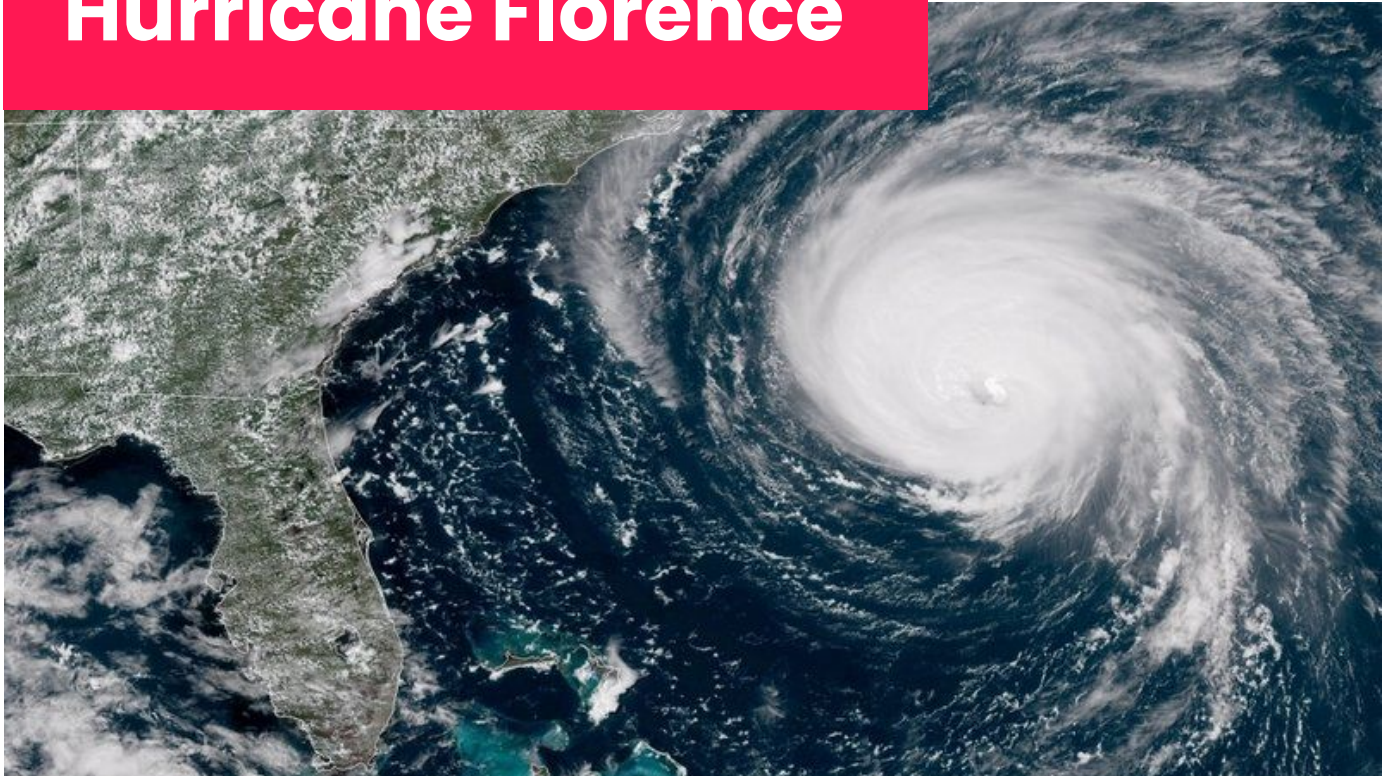
Mrs. Mattka, the director and the Musical Theatre teacher has high hopes for her cast as w-

ell. “I am very excited to be working on this course with this particular group of kids. They are hard working, enthusiastic, energetic and talented - which makes the class a lot of fun to be a part of,” she says.

On the whole, the school musical serves as a wonderful opportunity for students to learn and grow as performers, to share their passion of theatre with like-minded individuals, and for some, to take part in a new and unique experience. If you’re interested in hearing more about what goes on behind the scenes of putting on the show, the cast has already started up an instagram account @wizardefozahs! As for me, Dorothy Gale, I can’t wait to see you all in Oz!

“Working on a show is always a bit of a learning process.”

The Aftermath of Hurricane Florence



Above: Hurricane Florence approaching the eastern USA. NOAA/STAR

After the category 4 hurricane made landfall over eastern America, the aftermath still remains very real.

by Anika Kanagaretnam and Vita Rao – *Writers*

On Friday, September 14th, 2018, disaster struck for North and South Carolina, much of the Eastern United States, and West Africa. Florence developed from a strong tropical wave that surfaced off the West Coast of Africa on August 30, 2018. On September 1, it obtained tropical storm strength and fluctuated for multiple days above the ocean. On September 4th-5th the storm intensified, becoming a Category 4 major hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Scale. The storm continued to fluctuate until September 19, 2018, when the rest of Florence was swept into another storm. The storm

caused major issues in North Carolina and the areas surrounding it. As of Friday, September 28, 2018, there have been 48 deaths, 37 of them occurring in North Carolina. The storm has affected over 1.1 million homes, causing power outages and flooding across the states. As of September 16, 2018, there are still over 300,000 people without electricity in the U.S affected. The storm occurred near Wilmington, North Carolina, with the center of the hurricane being around 60 miles (95 kilometres) east-southeast of Wilmington. Between 750,000 to 1 million

people were evacuated from all of the affected locations. In addition to that, around 10 trillion gallons of rain fell in the Carolinas during the hurricane and many rivers ended up with record-breaking water levels. The hurricane was officially said to be over on September 19th, but there is still a lot to be done in terms of relief efforts and helping those who lost their homes during the tragedy. There are many organizations and projects and in effect that are working together to help with these efforts.



Hurricane Florence's Statistics

15,000
square
miles wide

130
mph winds

53
deaths
attributed to
Florence



Donate to the rescue effort



Scan and
donate to
the Red
Cross

by Sabrina Cagampan
and Ashley Smith



The Story Behind The Shirt.



The true tales behind
Orange Shirt Day –
and the importance
of recognizing the
stories it carried.

It all began with a woman named Phyllis.

On September 28th, you likely noticed that many Ancaster High staff members and students wore orange t-shirts, and you probably heard an announcement or two, or passed by a poster about it. What we find is that while many people are aware of the day's significance, those same people are asking "Why an orange shirt?", which was a question we also had. While trying to find where this all began not only did we find the meaning behind the orange shirt, but also the strong woman that started it all.

Orange Shirt Day takes place every September 30th and is recognized nationally as a day of reconciliation and awareness for the harm the Indian Residential Schools caused to tens of thousands of indigenous children. Active from the 1800s until the final school closed in 1996, the Residential Schools were church and government run boarding schools designed to take Indigenous children away from their families and assimilate them into Euro-Canadian culture. They were not allowed to speak their native language, use their given name, practice or express their own culture, and were often beaten if they did so. Due to the abusive and unsafe work and environment of the residential school systems, at least 3,200 children died, but some argue that the death count exceeds 6,000. Beyond that, thousands of Indigenous people and their families continue to live with the trauma caused by the residential schools.

One of these survivors is Phyllis Webstad, who attended residential school in Mission, British Columbia at the age of six (1973). Her family was poor, and they "never had very much money", but her Grandmother managed to buy her a new outfit, of Phyllis' choosing, for the Mission school. Phyllis picked out what she describes as a "shiny orange shirt [that] had string laced up the front" and how it was "bright and exciting". When she got to the school, they stripped her and took her clothes. Phyllis explained how "they wouldn't give [the clothes] back" even though they were hers, and how it made her feel "like [she] was worth nothing". After her time in the residential school system, Phyllis has been to a treatment centre, trying to heal the emotional damage that was done to her by the Mission school. Yet, despite her finding her self-worth again, she "still sometimes feel[s] that [she] doesn't matter", showing how the harm done by residential schools is still so deeply ingrained into her.

Phyllis shared her story in hope that it would help other people understand what all those Indigenous children struggled through and in hope that it would encourage other survivors to share their stories as well.

Phyllis' story was the start of it all, with Orange Shirt Day being founded 45 years later in 2013. With their saying "Every Child Matters" every year we are reminded of every child that suffered through the residential school system is a person with a story.

And the long road to reconciliation.

The Residential School system is a shameful part of our history, and it is a disgrace that this system didn't end until the 1990's. We as a country are recognizing what we did, and we are trying to reconcile with the Indigenous community, especially our government.

June 11, 2008 was the first time the House of Commons and, then Prime Minister, Stephen Harper formerly apologized for government's involvement in the Indian Residential School System. In a public statement in front of the House and 11 members of the Indigenous community Harper said "The treatment of children in In-

dian residential schools is a sad chapter in our history". He went on to express how government has now recognized their actions were wrong and acknowledged how their decisions have made a lasting impact on the Indigenous community as a whole. The government then promised to set aside \$4 billion in compensation to Residential School survivors and their families.

The Harper Government was praised for what was considered by many as a historic first step towards reconciliation. Though for many, that's what it is: a step. Gilles Duceppe, leader of Bloc Quebecois criticized Harper for the lack of initiative the government has taken toward fixing government-Indigenous relati-

ons, saying “Apologies, once given, are only meaningful for the action that follows”.

Criticism also came from the Indigenous community. Thohahoken Michael Doxtater, director of the Indigenous Education Project at McGill University, called into question the intent of the apology, asking “Was the apology a show? [...] [W]as Canada saying, “We know you feel bad because one of our family burned down your house... but we’re only paying for the windows?” Many members of the Indigenous community also expressed how they felt that the money not enough to erase the damage the Canadian government, and how the apology came too late.

Earlier that month, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) was formed to investigate crimes in the Residential Schools and to contact survivors and their families in order to provide them government compensation. Through the many challenges the TRC faced (notably including a lawsuit from Newfoundland and Labrador) over the course of seven years they released thousands of documents covering their findings.

The Liberal government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, released the final report from the TRC on December 15, 2015, as well as created a national council to help implant the TRC’s 94 final recommendations in 2016. Back when the council was created, Trudeau claimed that his government had initiated some sort of action on 41-45 of the 94 recommendations. In 2018, according to Beyond 94 (a website created by CBC to post updates and

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status reports on the progress on the 94 recommendations), only 10 of the 94 recommendations have been met. That is 11% of the recommendations in three years, an embarrassing and saddening statistic. In his apology on November 4, 2017, Trudeau stated that “[it is] about time we make things right”. He said that “it won’t happen overnight”, but 11% in three years is disgraceful. That is three recommendations per year. Don’t you think it’s a little pitiful that our government has legalized weed before completing at least 20% (19) of the TRC’s recommendations? Is making marijuana legal really prioritized over trying to repair the damage we’ve caused to the Indigenous community?

The residential school systems weren’t the end to the horror this community has been through. Trudeau has addressed reconciliation and made promises to right our wrongs. His words have caused many divisions within the Indigenous community, the most recent one relating to the murder of Colten Boushie.

Colten Boushie was a 22-year-old Cree man from Red Pheasant First Nation in the province of Saskatchewan. His murderer is Gerald Stanley, a 56-year-old white farmer. Gerald Stanley was found not guilty of second degree murder, and was acquitted by an all-white jury in a case that has exposed deep racial divisions. Boushie’s

family and Aboriginal activists claimed that the racial makeup of the jury undermined the country’s court system, and the makeup allowed the defense to sway the jury in their favour. As well, the jury was all white, yet Saskatchewan has a very large Indigenous community.

Trudeau expressed dismay at verdict, saying he wouldn’t comment on the process that lead to that injustice, but he claims that “we have come to this [injustice] as a country far too many times”. If he really believed that this was an injustice, then why does Gerald Stanley walk freely? He is in a position of power where he could help change the acquittal, yet he does nothing about it. This event was an injustice to the Indigenous community, and it hurt and upset many people.

This horrendous murder and unfair trial is what prompted Trudeau’s speech to the House of Commons on the subject (speech made in February, 2018). In his speech, he admitted that his pledge to mend the broken relationship with the Indigenous people had gone unfulfilled. He stated that “[t]oo many feel and fear that our country and it’s institutions will never deliver the fairness, justice, and real reconciliation that indigenous peoples deserve”. This statement caused a division between Indigenous leaders, some welcoming his words and others viewing it as a way to silence bad press. Perry Bellegarde, the national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, said that he “welcomed [Trudeau’s] words. It’s an entire paradigm shift in how the crown will deal with our rights and title[.] It’s going to be done in a true partnership and that’s going to be the key.” He believes in Trudeau and believes that Trudeau will help the Indigenous community gain the rights they deserve. The National Inuit Leader, Natan Obed, had a neutral opinion and said that the overhaul “requires systematic recognition and redress for outstanding human rights violations,” and that “respect for Inuit as rights-holders—not as stakeholders” is key for the success of any partnerships and talks moving forwards. Pam Palmater, a prominent Mi’kmaw lawyer, professor, and Chair of Indigenous Governance at Ryerson University, wasn’t wooed by Trudeau’s words. She believed that his speech was just to distract the press surrounding the verdict of Gerald Stanley. Palmater’s biggest concern with Trudeau’s speech was what was left out of it. “The question that he never talks about in any of speeches or announcements islands, resources and power. Those are big ticket items that are the crux of reconciliation[.] He’s staying well within the realm of the superficial.” Pam believes that he’s avoiding the more important topics involving reconciliation, and she isn’t convinced by his words, simply because they all seem to be empty statements avoiding the bigger picture.

Overall, Trudeau’s involvement in reconciliation and the Indigenous community is questionable. Some believe that he will bring justice to the community, while others believe that he’s superficial. We hope that he will follow through on his promises, and we hope that he starts to act on his words.

In conclusion, our government is involved in reaching reconciliation. They have apologized, and they have set steps to reach a future where reconciliation has happened, and the Indigenous community has the rights and recognition they deserve. Whether the apologies were real or not, whether the steps will actually be taken or not, that is yet to be seen. Empty promises are not what we hope from our government, but that seems to be the case so far.

NETFLIX

REVIEWS

The *FLASH*

By: Ilijana Popovic

9.2/10

When Barry Allen (Grant Gustin) was 11, his mother was murdered by “the impossible” and his father was wrongly imprisoned for it. An orphaned Barry was taken in by the West family and spent most of his time attempting to solve his mother's case. Many years later, Barry is a crime scene investigator for the CCPD, and is obsessed with the STAR Labs new particle accelerator. On the stormy night of the machine’s launch, things went awry and it exploded, releasing dark matter into Central City’s air. A lightning bolt struck through Barry Allen's window, directly hitting him, putting him in a coma for 9 months. When he awakens, he discovers his new speedster abilities. When others start using their powers for evil, he teams up with the STAR Lab’s founder, Harrison Wells (Tom Cavanagh), and his top employees, Cisco Ramon (Carlos Valdez) and Caitlin Snow (Danielle Panabaker), to save the lives of innocent. Facing many new evils, and uncovering the truth about old ones, Barry is soon recognized as the scarlet speedster, known as *The Flash*.

The show is full of humour, has a great punch line, and has some very interesting plot twists. Plus, every now and then, the Green Arrow, Supergirl, and other heros, make appearances.



SHERLOCK

By: Ilijana Popovic

9/10



This Netflix hit is a TV show based on the Sherlock Holmes detective book series. Sherlock Holmes (played by Benedict Cumberbatch) solves various mysteries in present day London with John Watson (played by Martin Freeman), who has returned from military service. The show follows Sherlock and John to solve all kinds of mysteries; theft, murder, and more.

It is considered one of the most beloved shows on BBC. It takes the classics of Sherlock Holmes originals and mixes it with modern humour and technology, making the show irresistible to watch. If you are interested in mystery and detective style tv shows, then “Sherlock” is the perfect show for you!



Movie & Album

Reviews

By: Anne Fu

Album Review: *Sweetener* by Ariana Grande

8/10

Modern musical icon and Nicki Minaj's proclaimed "queen of pop" Ariana Grande made headlines this August with the release of her 4th studio album *Sweetener* - and it seems she's finally found her voice, amongst what some would call an oversaturated and flavourless community of female pop singers. Released under Republic Records, Grande's newest album ditches her former bad-girl, black-latex-wearing ego on *Dangerous Woman*, her emotional ballads and her dramatic, soaring notes, and replaces it with something fresh, fun and different: an Ariana who's finally found her identity, and manages to show off all of her vocal talent too.

Sweetener, whose release was one of the most anticipated of all year by Grande's die-hard fandom, the Arianators, represents Grande's growth as an artist from the sugary, cupcake-like prima donna attitude of her *Victorious* and *Sam and Cat* days, to a grown woman who isn't afraid to make a happy album despite her recent bitter pasts and experiences. Infused with the joy from her recent, newfound love between her and her current fiancé, Pete Davidson, and decorated with punchy, off-beat percussion and creamy soprano so-Ariana vocals, *Sweetener* really does hit the sweet spot for pop artists trying to portray that youthful, carefree concept Grande embodies - but without any excessive enthusiasm or fake attitude. Grande sings in rhythms that are almost rap-like in precision, flowing with little accompaniment on the majority of her tracks.

Along with the all-lowercase titles, and the simplistic, upside-down album cover, the entire production gives the illusion it's something improvised - something casual, intimate and very Grande. It's clear, however, that despite the relaxed atmosphere *Sweetener* gives off, that this is a healing album. From "sweetener", a song about making the best of the worst moments, to "no tears left to cry", in which Grande reminds the listener to move on, to "breathin'" and "get well soon", which are about the singer's own experiences with anxiety, it serves as a gentle, upbeat reminder about the best things in life. As Grande's first album release after the tragedy that befell her Manchester concert too, *Sweetener* becomes more than a happy-go-lucky pop album - it's a representative of the new, true Ariana

Movie Review: *Crazy Rich Asians*

9/10

As the first movie in 25 years to feature a predominantly East Asian cast, *Crazy Rich Asians* is something special. Not only is it a breath of fresh air - and diversity - in a genre with much of a need for it, it's *exactly* what you'd expect from a good romcom, and more. *Crazy Rich Asians* has you root for the heroine, fall in love with the male



lead, and above all, experience a side of the world which many Westerners may have never seen before. Deeply enriched with Chinese culture and its fantastical portrayals of POC in positions of importance and power, *Crazy Rich Asians* is more than another glitzy rich-guy wedding movie, as well as offers a glimmer of hope into the future of the Hollywood romcom.

Rachel Chu, the daughter of a modest Chinese immigrant and NYU economics professor, is suddenly swept into a lavish life of money and drama when she decides to take a visit to Singapore with her boyfriend, Nick Young. What she doesn't know, however, is that Nick's family has been rich - filthy rich, in fact, for centuries, and that he himself is one of the most eligible bachelors on the continent. Of course, coming to terms with the fact that her boyfriend's secretly been a multimillionaire all this time will be the least of Rachel's troubles, as she faces off against Nick's obscenely wealthy family, envious socialites and disapproving mothers, in a country she's never stepped foot in until now.

A gorgeous portrayal of East Asian identity set against the thrilling world of the upper class, *Crazy Rich Asians* manages to explore deep themes of class and wealth, without ever being heavy-handed or boring. It manages to bring new life to a genre worn out by the same old clichés, while giving a voice to marginalized people as well.



LIFE HACKS for the Glasses

GANG



By: Ashley Smith

Around **57 percent** of the world wears glasses, which is a majority of the population. Being someone who wears glasses, I know that they're super frustrating sometimes, and how much of a hassle they can be. To make life a little easier for my fellow bespectacled friends, I present to you: **5 Life Hacks** For People With Glasses .

1

Preventing Slippage

We all know how annoying it is when your glasses slip off of your nose, and constantly pushing them up gets tiring. Whether you're playing sports, or if your glasses are just too big, this hack can really help you out. You can just get a few hair elastics, or elastic bands, and tie them to the arms of your glasses to prevent them from slipping! It's cheap, easy and no one will see the bands because they're behind your ears. An alternative to this hack is to use **Nerdwax** or even eyeshadow primer. Just rub the product you choose to use on the bridge of your nose, and boom! No more slippage.

2

Clothing Is Bad For Cleaning

Whenever my glasses get fingerprints on them, I always was taught to just clean them with the hem of my shirt. It turns out that doing that is actually really bad for your glasses. The dust on your clothing can scratch the lenses. Stick to other cleaning methods.

3

Use Soap And Warm Water

If you don't have any glasses cleaner with you, the best way to clean your glasses is with warm water, soap and a dry cloth. Just gently rinse the lenses with the warm water and soap, then gently dry them. Because of the chemicals within these products, using anything containing ammonia, bleach, vinegar or window cleaner will damage your glasses by stripping away the coatings on the lenses.

4

Use Toothpaste To Get Rid Of The Scratches

You can use non-abrasive toothpaste and a soft cloth to rid of scratches. You just put a small amount of toothpaste on the lense, and gently rub it onto the lense in small circular motions using the cloth. Then, once you've thoroughly cleaned the lenses, gently rinse them off with cold water.

5

Preventing Fogging

Glasses constantly fog, which is so annoying! To solve this problem quickly and cheaply, gently rub a bar of soap onto your lenses, then wipe it off with a soft cloth. This should prevent any more fogging and you will have clear vision at last!

Halloween Makeup Tutorial

Looking for that awesome halloween makeup look? Beauty writer **Lily McCowan** teaches you to unlock your inner **unicorn** - with the power of eyeshadow and glitter. Lots of glitter.



1 First, I'm going to prep my face with **Fenty Pro Filter Primer**, and always before I put makeup on, I wash my face because it is not healthy for your skin to keep the oils it produces throughout the day on it.

2 Next, I go in with my **Too Faced Born This Way Concealer** in the shade 'fair' and a beauty blender. I try to use less makeup because it looks really gross when there's too much of it on, but if you want to cover up any blemishes, be my guest. I just spot treat my pimples and then conceal my dark circles.



3 Now, I'm going to get brows over and done with. I use the **Anastasia Beverly Hills Brow Wiz** in the colour 'Taupe', and boy is it a miracle worker. First I brush out my caterpillars, I mean eyebrows, with a small brush, and then begin to fill in the more bare areas and outline them.



4 After that, I'm going to use my **Benefit Hoola Lite bronzer** and apply it with a brush. Make sure to outline the shape of your face, cheekbones and a swipe on your cheeks to give yourself a nice summer glow, because let's be real, that summer tan is fading.

5 Next, just apply some blush to your cheeks, and I wouldn't normally say this, but use a lot. We are going for a unicorn look and this is how you'll achieve it.

6 After that, we will go in with **Stila Heaven's Hue Highlighter** in the shade 'Transcendence' and put that on your cheekbones, under your eyebrow, nose, inner corner and cupid's bow.

7 Now, for eyeshadow, we are going into the **Too Faced Sweet Peach Eyeshadow** palette, and taking the shade 'Candied Peach' and putting that in the crease. Then, take the shade 'Charmed, I'm Sure' and put that into the outer crease. Next is the glitter, so prime your eyes with **Too Faced Glitter Insurance**. Then, taking the **Too Faced 'Life's a Festival'** palette, using a flat brush, apply the shade 'Mystic Rain' onto the lid, mixed with 'Rainbow Life'.

8 Take a pointed brush and dip into those same shades from the last step and underline your bottom water line, creating a smokey eye.

9 Line your eyes with **Tarte Tarteist eyeliner** to make your eyes pop. It's your choice to create a wing, but I prefer not to.

10 After that, apply **Too Faced Better Than Sex Mascara**, and if you want, false lashes too. If you want to be extra (like me), use a micro brush and take **Stila's Glitter and Glow Liquid Eyeshadow**. Then, beginning to put small dots all over your cheeks, this will create cute little glitter freckles.



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LIBRA ♎

(September 23 - October 22)

By Sophie Hughes and Olivia Pasian

It's Libra season! Happy Birthday to all of our Royal Libras! It has been foretold that this month may hold some surprises for you. Whether it be winning a sports game, acing a test, or gaining money, you will be pleasantly surprised this month.

Are you a Libra? So are these celebrities:



Kim Kardashian Zac Efron Serena Williams

VIRGO ♍

Virgos are predicted to have a positive and successful month. You will accomplish some of your goals, and make the time to hang out with friends. This luck is sure to bring them happiness for the rest of the month.

LEO ♌

Big tests are coming your way this month Leo, meaning you should set aside ample time for studying. Work hard in all your classes, and you will be rewarded for all of your efforts!

CANCER ♋

The period around the full moon on October 24 will be a time for fun, Cancer. The rest of the month will throw some tough things at you, so take this time to let your playful side out.

TAURUS ♉

Rumour has it you may be in danger this coming month! Pay extra attention to bunsen burners and tie back those luscious locks, Taurus.

PISCES ♛

Pisces, this month, a relationship close to your heart might become strained. Don't fret, as relationships don't always go as planned, and keep in mind that time may be the only thing that can help.

♈ ARIES

Something you've been waiting for for a long time is finally arriving, Aries! Good things are coming for you this month. Sit back, relax, and enjoy.

♐ CAPRICORN

This month may pose challenges, especially when it comes to facing your fears. However with the help of Virgo, you should overcome the adversity.

♊ GEMINI

This month, Gemini, you should keep a close watch on your friends. Hardship may be coming their way, and it's important that you show you're there for them.

♐ SAGITTARIUS

Watch out! Black cats are a symbol of danger to Sagittarius' this month. If you spot one, it could bring a wave of bad luck your way.

♏ SCORPIO

Scorpios are already in the Halloween spirit! They are encouraged to spread this enthusiasm to other signs including Geminis and Leos. Enjoy every moment of the impending spooky holiday!

♒ AQUARIUS

With school pressures starting up again, you deserve a break. Treat yourself to something nice this month, Aquarius, as it is predicted that some coin might be heading your way!

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