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Back-to-school: Devastating? Or no big deal?

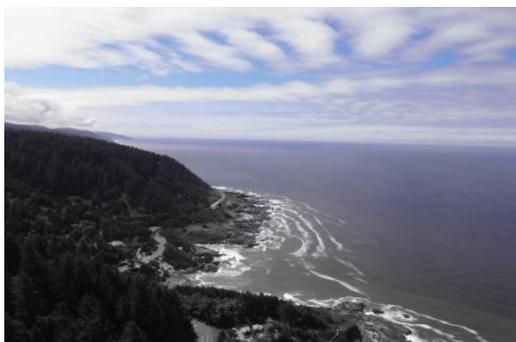
Some perspective on the start of a new school year

By: Talar Stockton

It's been nearly a month since school started. Long gone are the days of bingeing *Freaks and Geeks* on Netflix, going to festivals that overwhelm with you the sheer amount of people there, staying up late with your friends. We're back into the stressful arena of high school where we balance social life, school, family, and health; not to mention the fact we're fast approaching adulthood. Adults, please be informed that back-to-school is far from the sunny, highly predictable, relatively adaptable event that Hollywood makes it out to be.

As soon as icebreaker week ends (phew!) our routines seem to become the norm disturbingly quickly. You meet up with this group of people you haven't talked to since June, get to school at about 8:25, get really sick as your immune system is absolutely wrecked by the onslaught of public school's germs, get kicked out of the perimeter hallways at lunchtime, and make your way through the multi-million dollar action-movie-worthy obstacle course in the hallways during break so you can arrive at your class just as the bell sounds. . . (**Back-to-school** is continued on **page 4**)

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

It's September, which marks the beginning of a new school year here at Westdale – not just a beginning, but a *fresh start*. New classes, new teachers, new clubs and sports teams. This year is yours for the taking; make it as busy or as lazy, as involved or as quiet as you want. New year, new you.

But spend one day inside these old stone walls, and it's obvious that we're also already back to our old ways. We buy instant noodles far too often from that crate at the back of Mr. Timms' class. We cram ourselves into the library on hot days to escape the unbearable heat of our un-air-conditioned classes. We watch and laugh as the IB kids become more and more sleep-deprived, their Tim Hortons coffee cup sizes going from small to medium to extra-large in the span of this first month alone.

Clearly, the more things change, the more they stay the same. Our school is evolving, but the things I love about it most are still so present. That's the theme here at The Sequitur this month: embracing fresh starts, yet maintaining a deep appreciation for the things that make the Westdale community what it is.

In this issue, we have tons of awesome, creative pieces highlighting both the new and the old. A review of the latest Harry Potter book, a commentary on the increasingly popular societal debate about the "wage gap," and the official debut of The Sequitur's very first exclusive Meme Section (check it out!) are all great examples of why we should embrace change. But sometimes tradition is equally important: we have a mouth-watering recipe to satisfy your study-night sweet tooth, a short story about an inner issue most teenagers grapple with at some point along the line, and crossword puzzles about school life and the teachers we know and love – or love to loathe. Seriously, try the crosswords: there are prizes to be won!

So even though the homework is already hitting me hard and I *still* can't remember which gym is which, I'm excited for the year ahead of us. In particular, I'm excited for the fresh start here at the paper; I'm hoping to make 2016-17 the best year EVER for The Sequitur's staff and readers. Stay tuned for upcoming fundraisers and events!

Besides making the school paper the most lit club at Westdale, I have some personal goals for this new school year, too. I want to try to find merit and relevance in all my assignments, rather than grumbling and just completing them for marks (although good grades wouldn't be unwelcome!). I want to meet and befriend as many new, interesting people as I can. I want to find reasons to smile and laugh, even during the hardest of physics lessons and the latest of study-nights. Any tears are tears of joy. I swear.

Wishing everyone reading this a fun, enlightening, and manageable school year,

Morghen Jael

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Back-to-School continued from page 1:

Overall, back-to-school means nothing as well as everything. For grade nines: it's the first year of high school, where you'll learn to write exams, have more responsibility than ever (you can be *anywhere* with legality during lunch, believe it or not, and you don't need a permission slip), and – strangely and terrifyingly – become an adult. In grade ten, you'll be in the awkward stage where you feel as though you're an outsider and in the middle of everything at the same time. In grade eleven, you'll realize that hey, you're not gonna be a kid forever; it's time to learn to drive, get a job, and realize you're not the same person you were two years ago. Grade twelve - the most emotional year yet - is when you're leaving everything behind, and getting ready to make your world debut as a legal adult.

This being said, it's also not some film-ready, sentimental ode to youth; it's going to back to school where, let's be real, you'll see people who you hate, talk to people you think are annoying, and see your self-esteem plummet with that first low grade that always occurs when you're still “getting back to into the swing of things”. It's rough, reliably causing those Sunday nights where you can't stop dreading the Monday morning.

So as September draws to close, maybe in the grand scheme of things, back-to-school is important . . . but keep in mind that it's also just your life, and nobody expects you to win the Olympics (thanks, Penny Oleksiak). Nobody expects you to be 100% at *everything* - you're just a teenager - and not everything is going to go exactly the way you planned it; this doesn't mean it's the end of the world. So don't sweat it, Westdale.

Why Fitness Doesn't Mean Health – Theodor Aoki

The definition of **fitness**: the condition of being physically fit and healthy.

The definition of **health**: the state of being free from illness or injury.

As Aristotle or some other philosophical dude of antiquity said eloquently in a way that shall not be reproduced here because eloquence is for suckers: “If A equals B and B equals C then A equals C.” Well, I don't see a bee, and “the condition of being physically fit and healthy” obviously doesn't equal “health,” so I don't see what the issue is either.

Anyways, what does fitness mean to you? Post your thoughts on Twitter under the hashtag #FitnessWestdale. I don't have Twitter and I don't follow you and I don't really care what you think so don't expect a response or any recognition that you matter at all from me.

I'm sure you actually matter though. You'll probably change the world. But then someone will come up to me in 30 years and say “Hey, did you hear that [*Insert your name here*] just won a Nobel Prize for launching a zebra to Mars?!?!? You went to the same school as [*Insert your name here*]!!!!!” On that day I will peruse my memory for [*Insert your name here*]. On that day I will find nothing. Others will though. You still have a chance.

Anyways, the only way to improve your fitness in health is to become fitter and healthier, respectively.

Anyways, does a zebra on Mars have stripes? Trick question: there aren't any zebras on Mars.

Shakespeare made mental gains. You should try making physical ones.

**WELLBEING –
TIPS FROM TEDDY**



Ten Years of *The Dirty Nil*

Hamilton's Most Iconic and Youth Appealing Rock Band Since Teenage Head – Alex Tessier

As I watched the band take the stage, my stomach filled with the sensation of being at the top of a roller coaster, suspended above a 40 foot drop into a dozen twists, turns, and loop-the-loops. The mixture of excitement and anxiety quickly wrenches at my gut and then fades as the band lets a distorted power chord ring out over the crowd.

The Dirty Nil then launch full throttle into a tightly packed, energy-filled set of originals off of their new album, *Higher Power*, and their various EPs, with one or two carefully picked covers spread out over the half hour to keep things new and exciting. A crowd of wide-eyed faces, young and old, scream the band's lyrics back at them, making the singers Dave Nardi and Luke Bentham's faces beam with happiness and pride in their hometown.

Formed in Dundas in 2006, *The Dirty Nil* originally consisted of guitarist and singer Luke Bentham and drummer Kyle Fisher, and according to them, started out as a way of keeping themselves out of trouble in their small town (specifically keeping them away from their habit of creating small explosives for fun). When bassist and vocalist, Dave Nardi joined in 2009, the newly formed trio started taking their craft more seriously, with a two-song seven inch by the name of F***in' Up Young being released in 2011, along with a homemade video for the title track.

The succession of short EPs that followed gained traction with the Hamilton scene, and in 2016, *The Dirty Nil* released their very first full length album, *Higher Power*, accompanied by two sold-out, back-to-back release shows at This Ain't Hollywood on James St. North. With a tour alongside FLAG (Black Flag but without Henry Rollins), and their Warped Tour 2015 under their belt, *The Dirty Nil* embark on a tour supporting Mississauga's own Billy Talent this fall, after their hometown show at 2016 Supercrawl on Friday, September 9th.

There's much more in store for *The Dirty Nil* on their musical roller coaster – and I know that I'm along for the ride.



THE MONTHLY MIXTAPE

Playlists created anonymously by students just like you!

SCHOOl suRVIVAL GUIDE Playlist

1. *Ulysse* - Wounds
2. *MGMT* - Kids
3. *TV on The Radio* - Lazerray
4. *DARENOTS* - Pour It Out
5. *Computer Magic* - Gone for the Weekend
6. *Suzanne Vega* - Tom's Diner
7. *Jamila Woods ft. Chance the Rapper* - LSD
8. *Pete Shelley* - Homosapien
9. *mindtroll* - Fancy Boy
10. *Joan Jett* – Bad Reputation

Have a song suggestion? Email us at thesequitur.westdale@gmail.com to let us know!

FOOD

Cheesecake Brownies For The Overly-Stressed Student

Recipe – Kendra Zhang



“Look, I love cheesecake brownies. It’s a great recipe, I’ve baked thousands of cheesecake brownies, I have a great relationship with them. We have to bake the cheesecake brownie, or we won’t be a country anymore. We are going to bake the cheesecake brownie, and it’s going to be great.” -Donald Trump

This recipe is probably as bad for you (or even worse) than eating ice cream straight out of the tub. But, let’s face it, when school brings in its annual delivery of woes, you can’t help but indulge. Warning: the euphoric effects of this chocolate goodness aren’t guaranteed to last, so make sure to save the last piece!

Time needed: 55 min.....**Serves:** 12-16.....**244 calories** (yeah, it’s probably not a good idea to finish them in one sitting)

Ingredients

Cream Cheese Mixture

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese
- softened 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

Chocolate Mixture

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour (you can omit the flour for less density!)
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 9-inch square baking pan.
2. Combine cream cheese with 1/4 cup sugar and 1 egg in a mixing bowl; beat until smooth. Stir 1 cup chocolate chips into the cream cheese mixture. Set aside.
3. Note: Do you want to feel like a pro? Do you like wasting time? Then this step is for you. If not, go to the next step. :) Fill a saucepan with water and bring to a boil. Turn the heat off, and set a heatproof mixing bowl (stainless steel or tempered glass) in the water. In the mixing bowl, combine butter with the remaining cup of chocolate chips; stir until just melted and blended together.
4. For the lazier people out there, I feel you—instead of melting the chocolate and butter over the stove, you can put it in the microwave for 30 seconds, stir it, and then put it in for 20 more seconds. It works, so why not.
5. Stir in the remaining 1/2 cup sugar and 2 eggs, then mix together flour, baking powder, and salt; stir into chocolate until evenly blended.
6. Pour half of the batter into the prepared baking pan. Spread the cream cheese mixture over the chocolate layer. Top with remaining chocolate mixture (this doesn’t need to completely cover the cream cheese layer). Using a knife, swirl the top chocolate layer into the cream cheese to make a marbled pattern. Or you can make it ugly, it’s up to you.
7. Bake in preheated oven at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 25 to 30 minutes, or until top is crinkled and edges pull away from sides of the pan. Cool thoroughly. Cut into 12 to 16 squares. Store in the refrigerator or freeze.

Stress reduction guaranteed. If not, you still won’t get your money back. Enjoy!

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

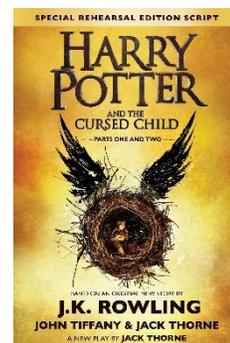
A Book Review – Eva Gabler

If you haven't had enough Harry Potter in your life already, then J.K. Rowling, John Tiffany, and Jack Thorne's newly released Harry Potter and the Cursed Child is definitely for you. Though ask yourself, how can you ever have too much Harry Potter? This adventurous action packed book is set nineteen years after the Battle of Hogwarts. The main character of the book is Albus Potter, who is the son of Harry Potter and Ginny Weasley and named after the legendary Albus Dumbledore. Albus and his best friend Scorpius Malfoy, son of Draco Malfoy, set out on an adventure to change history and bring back Cedric Diggory, who was killed by the treacherous Voldemort during the final Triwizard Tournament. Albus, who doesn't want to live the life that his father had, both rebels against and struggles with evil throughout the book, but in the end becomes one of the greatest heroes ever to live.

Albus and Scorpius go on the journey of a lifetime and experience many challenges along the way. For example, they encounter two strange worlds that change their lives, they impact time by disabling charmed bookcases at the Ministry of Magic, and even experience shape shifting. One part of the story line introduces new and unexpected characters. All of these aspects keep the reader interested and excited to read more.

Some fans are outraged that the book is written in script format, but it was originally a play, so this was to be expected. You may find it difficult to read this way, but if you push past the paragraphs of dialogue, you are sure to love the novel. There are four acts in the book and each act has approximately seventeen to twenty scenes. The book is for ages nine and older, though no matter the age, it will be a book you will never forget. The play is also said to be fantastic and it probably lives up to its name because the writing is so outstanding.

So kids, adults, and even seniors: look out for this wondrous novel in book stores near you. You will not want to pass this one up!



DEAR A . . .

Advice from the best

Dear A,
How do I get my teacher to acknowledge my existence?
Sincerely,
Need to Succeed

Dear Need to Succeed,
Getting anybody to notice you is the same process: be exceptional. Whether that's being exceptionally smart, exceptionally hardworking, or exceptionally good at skipping class is your own choice, but I can pretty much guarantee that you'll be acknowledged. If being exceptional seems like too much work to you, you could always just introduce yourself to the teacher...

-A

Dear A,
My girlfriend just found out about my second girlfriend. Do I have to tell her about my third girlfriend now?
Sincerely,
#tricolon #RuleofThrees #FirstGirlProblems

Dear Hashtag Abuser,
There's a term coined by the internet that perfectly describes the kind of person that gets themselves into situations like yours but unfortunately, since this is a school paper, I cannot use it. If you use the inferring skills you were taught in the class that taught you about tricolon, I'm sure you'll figure out what that term is. After coming to terms with that, take a long look at yourself in the bathroom mirror and –here's the hard part – resist taking a shirtless selfie. As you're looking into the mirror, you will realize that the mirror is actually a portal into the next dimension. Once that realization hits, step into the mirror and just stay there. Have fun fam.

-A

The Truth About the Wage Gap

A Societal Commentary – Justice Tomlinson

The truth about the gender wage gap is simply that the gender wage gap is the blatantly incorrect idea that men are paid more for the same work than women, due to systemic oppression and discrimination against women in the workplace. Proponents of a discrimination based wage gap would have you believe that women are paid roughly 76 cents for every dollar a man makes doing the same amount of work. Now, the only way you can get numbers like these is if you completely disregard education, differences in values, simple economic logic, hours worked, and women's autonomy. The gender wage gap is simply a ham-fisted misconstruction of the aforementioned factors. This isn't to say that there isn't any discrimination in the workplace; there is discrimination in the workplace, but you're sorely mistaken if you believe it's possible on a large scale (it isn't).

Men and women choose different paths and degrees when it comes to education and therefore usually end up pursuing different jobs. There is a direct correlation between one's choice of education and one's career path (and therefore their wages). In a study performed by the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, fiscally lucrative careers like Aerospace Engineering at 88% and Mechanical Engineering at 90%, have high percentages of male enrollees. When one looks at the least remunerative degree choices such as Social Work at 88% and Early Childhood Education at 97%, one will see that they have high percentages of female enrollees. Even when one looks at two professions in healthcare, there's a clear deviation between males and females regarding their earnings. 90.3% of nurses are female and nurses make an annual average of 67,490 dollars, while 13.1% of orthopedic surgeons are female and make an annual average of 434,163 dollars. It would be fallacious to say that women face some sort of systemic discrimination that prevent them to get degrees for remunerative careers, as there are simply just more men applying for those programs than females (making it a matter of choice and not discrimination).

To start, men generally have different values in the workplace than women. A study performed by Luminari, Inc. shows that men generally prioritize things like pay, status, and power, whereas women generally prioritize things like family, home, and flexibility. There is absolutely nothing wrong with this deviation, though it does mean that women are more likely to choose careers that offer more flexible (and therefore generally lower paying) hours and males will generally choose higher paying careers over flexibility and relationships. These are general statements, as you will also find with any counterargument, meaning that there are obviously exceptions. However, this correlation would suggest that differences in values, and not oppression, is the source of the misinterpretation.

Men and women work different amounts of hours and different quantities of overtime. In the free market, people are paid upon their capacity, willingness to perform, and product produced; they're paid by the hour in many jobs. A study performed in 2000 showed that 19% of men work at least 50 hours per week, while only 7% of women do. Additionally, women take maternity leaves far more than men have to take paternity leaves. In fact, 40% of fathers opt out of taking a paternity leave, whereas only 29.4% of women don't take a maternity leave. Man's general values of higher pay, status and power drive them to work more hours, and therefore receive, on average, more money for their time worked. Whereas, a female who takes a maternity leave, doesn't work overtime due to how they generally value home and flexibility, will logically not make as much as the man who works overtime and abstain from taking a paternity leave. (The Truth About the Wage Gap continues on page 8)

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That isn't doesn't mean there aren't many women who work hard - most women do work hard. One can't dismiss this difference as merely some form of societally normalized sexism or oppression against women because these differences are very much rooted in the concept of sexual dimorphism, and you must disregard every anatomical difference between males and females to believe otherwise.

Furthermore, a point which many dissenters like to flout is this; if employers could get away with paying women less, they would. That is to say, if the free market considered work done by women to be worth less while at the same time producing a product equal to that of males, you would very quickly see businesses firing all of their male employees and hiring more female employees in order to maximize profits. It's simply implausible (and illegal) that a business could get away with paying women less than men because of the market advantage that it would offer. This basic economic fact virtually rules out the idea that women face discrimination in the workplace on a large scale, because if they were, we'd see a disproportionate amount of women employed in not only traditionally male professions, but every profession.

Lastly, a popular counterargument is that women's choices are not free from the patriarchal societal forces and pressures that compel them to pursue certain careers and form different resolutions when it comes to work. It can be argued that both men and women face and are affected to some degree by societal pressures, though there has never been a study to definitively prove that women's choices aren't free. Regardless of the extent of the effect of these social pressures and whether you believe that they impede the freedom of women or not, social pressure is not the equivalent of discrimination in the workplace.

When you account for the antecedent factors, the wage gap closes to just a few cents, and it's still unclear how much of that can be attributed to discrimination. This is because one cannot simply average the salaries of all males and all females to decide whether there is some sort of systemic oppression against women in the form of the pay gap, when, evidently, the pay gap is a simple misunderstanding of current differences between males and females.



Thoughts, anyone? If you have an opinion on this issue, or about any controversial topic the internet is yapping about these days, write about it! We'll publish your submission! Email us at thesequitur.westdale@gmail.com

Supercrawl 2k16

Festival Review – Julia K. Watson

From September 12th-14th this year, James Street was flooded with thousands of Hamiltonians gathered together for 3 days filled with copious amounts of art, music, vendors and street truck food, for the cultural phenomenon known as Supercrawl.

No amount of rain could stop Hamiltonians from enjoying the long awaited event, nor could it douse the flames exploding out of the Riskee Skeebeall exhibit. Those who managed to sink a ball into one of the holes in the exhibit were congratulated with a burst of fire rising from the game.

Many people stopped by for a performance from many incredible musical artists such as The Trews, The Strumbellas and The Dirty Nil. People stood side by side, mesmerised by the raw talent and pure energy from the musical powerhouses. Or, if you were strolling around by the restaurant Zyla's, you may have heard the enchanting voice of the duet Alex Kadet. Countless people in the streets stopped in their tracks and found themselves being drawn into the restaurant by their remarkable song covers.

Of course, the vast amount of art vendors lining the streets did not disappoint anyone with their talented prints and pieces either. Vendors such as Jenna's Doodles inspired many with their captivating prints, illustrations, and buttons, many of which were influenced from different aspects of Hamilton's culture. If you had the opportunity to pop your head into Oswald's art gallery, you would have been brought into the world of artist Ari Castillo. Castillo's art was displayed throughout every wall in the shop, even the basement. Castillo's illustrations were both loveable and relatable to all; so much so that people were even taking her mini flyers home to keep.

Finally, the most important part of Supercrawl: the food. With a wide range of different meals to choose from, it was difficult to decide what to eat. Whether you got some of Tiny Tim's mouth-watering donuts or a grilled cheese from Gorilla Cheese, the food at Supercrawl did not disappoint.

Overall, Supercrawl was an amazing weekend, reminding us all how extraordinary Hamilton really is.



FICTION



Another Chance

A Short Story – Sehely Rahman

There once was a young 16-year-old girl named Lostly who was a big dreamer. As the clocks were telling time, her life became drastically changed without her even realizing it. It seemed like the Big Bang had just occurred, but not in the universe - in her world.

At that time, she could not think clearly; her mind was a gruesome monster that was eating every bit of her brain. Nothing seemed to be changing. Nothing seemed to be happening that made her life “worth it,” or in simpler terms, remarkable. This young lady felt stuck. She felt as though she was chained by some heavy silver-stained, hard-wired chains to which no keys existed.

It had been approximately two months since this strange phenomenon had occurred. To her, every little mistake she made seemed like a big deal. She felt worthless, and her appetite was very poor. She had no hope. No pleasure. No desire to do anything.

However, one sunny morning, this young lady suddenly rediscovered happiness. The sun shined bright as she peeked her head out of the window. She was smiling again. Her skin shone bright and glowed as she stretched. She was no longer in that awful state of confusion. She was no longer in the phase of questioning her existence. She no longer hated herself. That difficult storming season that seemed to never end. . . had finally ended.

Lostly learned many things from this obscure experience. She had learned to no longer judge others. She had learned to accept them for who they are. She had even learned to accept herself. She had come to understand that the world is an imperfect place and that perfection did not exist – and did not need to.

This was the day when Lostly really felt the presence of others. This was the day when she embraced the help everyone had been providing her. This was the day she recognized the tremendous love she had received from her family, and friends. And this was the day she was thankful for the life she had received.

Although sadness appeared once in a while, she had learned to accept that people have good and bad days. She had realized now that the struggles she faced in her past were and will always be a part of her life. She was starting to value people and was learning to empathize. Essentially, realization had struck her and awakened her into a brand new world.

This heavy-lighted day was the day everything changed and reversed, turning upside down. Lostly had come to the point where the extreme loneliness she felt... vanished. Where the extreme darkness that was hidden in her heart faded away.

Lostly’s desire to try new things had ultimately come back. Her desire to make the world a better place had overwhelmed her and she had finally regained herself. In fact, it almost seemed as though Lostly had been given another chance. Another chance to change herself for the better. To live in the present and future. And to forget about the past and let it sink into obscurity.

Endangered Species

A Short Story – Ramona Ribaud-Begin



The video went viral with the most hateful kind of hate, but to be fair to the Americans it must have been hard watching anyone, much less a tourist, eat their endangered national animal.

Mr. Jack Noah Williams was facing not only a fine of \$5,000, but also up to a year in jail. He was, however, unconcerned.

"They can't charge me if I didn't know what I was eating. How can they charge me with a crime that I didn't know was a crime? It's not as if I filmed what happened myself. One of their fellow Americans posted it online and started all this trouble. It'll be fine. I'll be back in Australia in no time."

His lawyer, a Mr. James Thomas Olivier, had gotten many murderers off without a charge, but this was an entirely different case. Never had the court of public opinion been so turned against one of his clients. Even the case of that notorious serial killer he had defended in the 90s couldn't compare to the storm of civil pride and righteous heat the Williams case was burning in. He searched in vain for an angle, any angle, but no matter which way he tried to spin the case, the truth remained- his client had disrespected America's national symbol, and the Americans were not likely to forgive nor forget. Mr. James had never lost a high profile case before, but he feared this case would change that fast enough. The night before the trial was another sleepless one at the office.

The prosecution was confident in its case. Jack Williams might try to fight the law, but the law will always win. Besides, Williams seemed to be a bit of a buffoon. The prosecution slept like self-righteous babies in their beds.

The judge, the Honorable Patrick J. Jones, was also having a sleepless night. This was his first high profile case, and he had no idea what to rule.

Regardless, time went on and the morning of the trial was a beautiful one. The sun shone, but the birds were deadly silent, as if they, too, were anxiously awaiting the final decision of the court.

A crowd of photographers were grouped outside of the courthouse, hoping to catch a glimpse of one of America's most hated men. When Jack Williams stepped out of the car, they flocked to him.

"Mr. Williams! How could you do such a thing to such a defenseless animal?"

"Mr. Williams! Are you really going to claim that you didn't know what you were eating? Do you expect anyone to believe that?"

"Mr. Williams! Care to comment on alleged dating rumors between you and Martha Stewart? Mr. Williams!"

But Jack was already in the courthouse with his lawyer, a little bewildered at how high profile this case had gotten all of a sudden. Didn't these people have other things to worry about?

Before he could begin to think on that answer, the trial had begun. A sort of white tension filled the air, and it didn't go away until the judge delivered his final ruling.

"Not guilty."

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“Endangered Species” continued from page 12

As soon as soon as the words left his mouth, the Honorable Patrick J. Jones relaxed into his leather chair. There. He had done it. For better or for worse, not guilty was his final answer. Even though half the courtroom was going crazy and the other half was furious, looking down at the slightly confused, goofy Australian, the judge had been convinced that no one so seemingly befuddled could lie that well.

Slowly he rose, and headed out of the courtroom. He caught up to Jack Williams, who was rushing towards the door as fast as he could, as if he thought someone would have a change of heart, and his troubles would begin all over again. Patrick caught up to him, and suddenly, overwhelmed by curiosity asked, "I will never eat a Bald Eagle, but I am curious. Did it taste good?"

Jack Williams seemed to lose all confusion when he smiled a predatory grin, licked his lips, and said the words that stopped Patrick right in his tracks.

"This one tasted even better than the first few times, but not quite as good as the endangered Giant Panda, or the endangered Snow Leopard. Of course, DoDo birds will always have to be my favorite, but you know how these things go."

And with that last statement, he was gone.

“Spiderman and Joltik” (Fictional Movie Poster)

A Digital
Drawing by
Raymond Chen

Created on:
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Essentials 5 with
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Inspired by both
Pokémon and
Marvel!
Sometimes the
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combinations are
the best ones!



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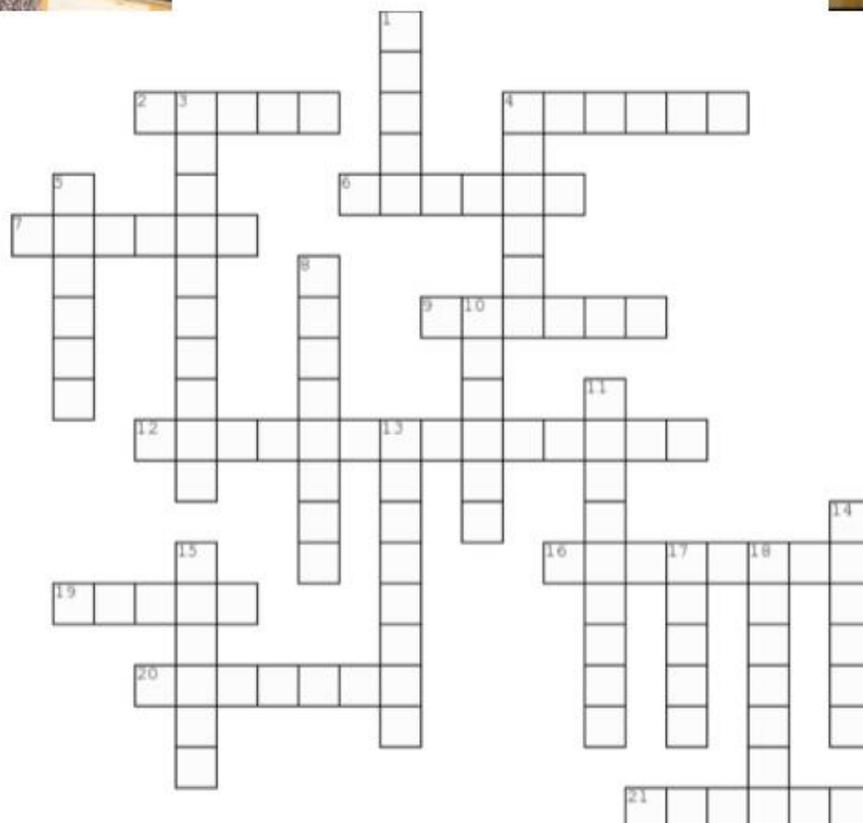
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CONTEST ALERT!

The first **THREE** geniuses to submit photos of **BOTH** of the following crossword puzzles to thesequitur.westdale@gmail.com or @SequiturWSS will win a prize! Both puzzles must be completed correctly and completely! Good luck!



Teacher Crossword



Horizontal

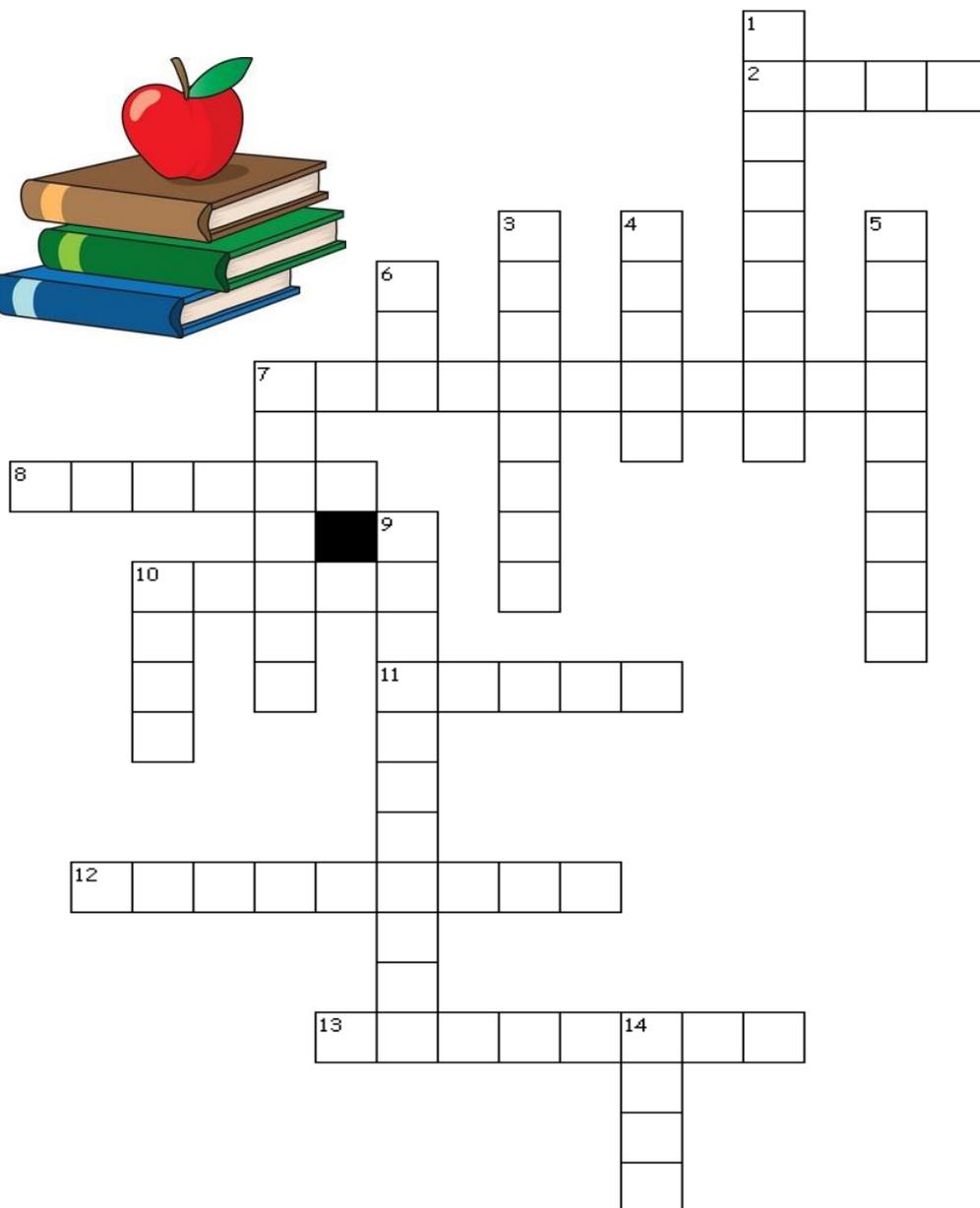
2. "Please stand if you're ABLE for the playing of O Canada"... "I am!"
4. Prefers to be called Gint (at least at cross country)
6. Can recite Parks and Recreation quotes from memory... Also the LOVELIEST person you'll ever meet
7. Isn't Swift or Lautner, but is still pretty great.
9. Runs Hell's kitchen
12. Guidance counselor to all my IB homies (welcome!)
16. Pictured above (doesn't have hair, but is hella fashionable so it's all good)
19. The first smiling face you'll see when you walk into the office :)
20. 1/2 of the teacher duo that sings at Westdale's got Talent (not Zaroski)
21. Driver of the "bus of science"

Vertical

1. Coached last year's curling team
3. Pictured above (has hair, and is also hella fashionable)
4. Speaks like 100 languages (including Latin!)
5. Makes your guidance appointments "a beautiful thing"
8. Has a Hamlet tattoo
10. "A person who has broken the law and who is hiding or running away to avoid punishment"
11. Got hit by a car, but can still out run y'all
13. Coached last year's ultimate frisbee team
14. Won a Juno (what?! successful people can come out of Westdale?!)
15. REALLY loves purple
17. Will sell you (sugar) crack
18. Rides a hella rad bike and is a hella rad librarian

Back to School Crossword!

By: Raiyan Sayeed



Across

2. Subjects that are very *creative*
7. 2 months of freedom!
8. A common tool which we often have to ask for from a classmate
10. The only hour of liberty we're allowed at the school...
11. Something we all had to sacrifice a little bit of coming back to school (zzz,zzz,zzz)
12. Another name for optional credits!
13. What "newbies" are called in high school (and colleges/universities)

Down

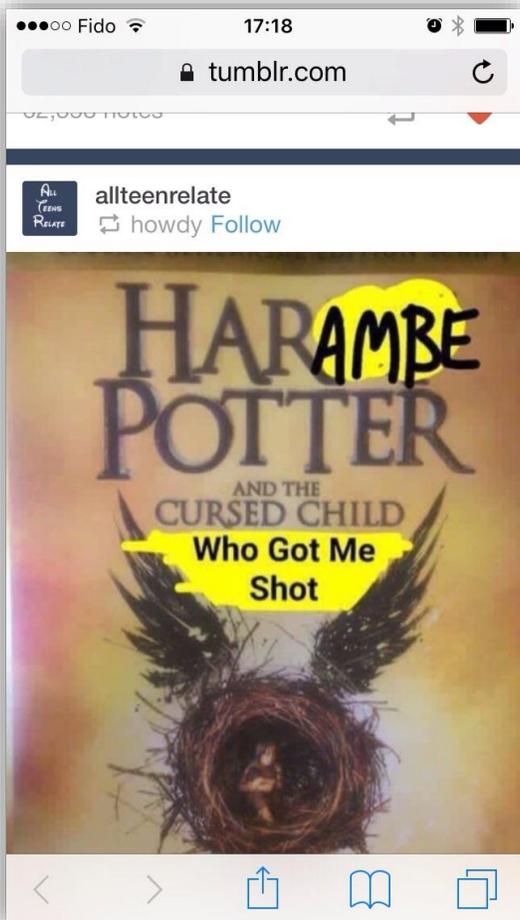
1. English, Français, and Español are...
3. Writing your NOTES would be a pain without this
4. Extracurricular groups that people should join
5. We can't carry around our stuff without these
6. A class that makes you feel very sweaty
7. Bill Nye, the guy for...
9. The name of an amazing school newspaper ;)
10. Something that you don't want to forget the code to
14. A class that has a bit too many PROBLEMS

DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED CROSSWORDS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A RAD MYSTERY PRIZE! May the fastest crossword-completer win (or the fastest three, anyway)! Get solving, Westdale!

Note: Contest is only open to students of Westdale Secondary School

MEMES

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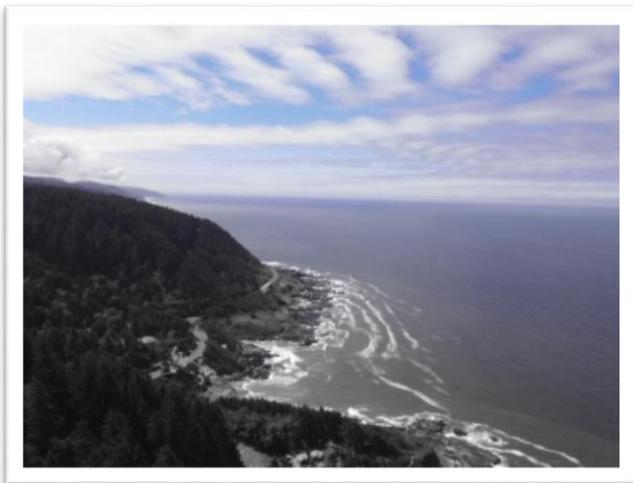
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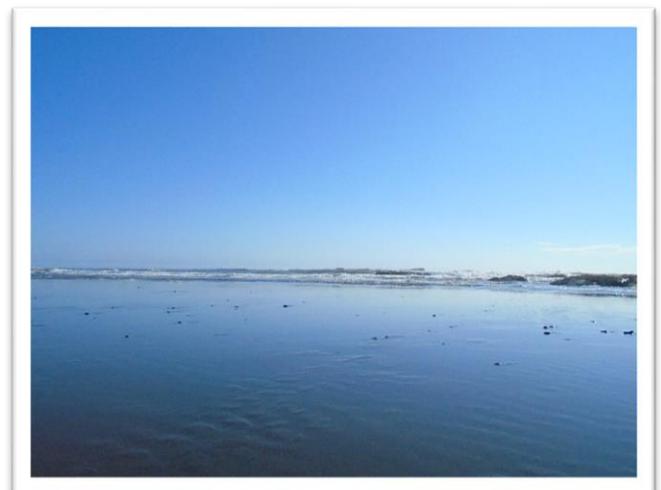
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