

the Sequitur

Westdale's School Newspaper

"We are the opportunity to
begin a game in more intelligent ways."

Renny Wang

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Notes From the Editors

From Sonya Pallapothu, Co-Editor-in-Chief

The past half-year has been full of surprises, to euphemize the situation. I don't think it's worth repeating what has been constantly running through our minds. Although the subject of our existences? present calamity wouldn't be considered as our primary focus, it's become the underlying cause of all of our troubles. I can speak from personal experience. Applying for jobs and calling up places for volunteer opportunities, among many other things, has drained my hope of returning to regular life. And as cheesy as it may sound, bouncing back into the new school year as a Co-Editor-in-Chief for The Sequitur, meeting new members, and becoming immersed in the bustle of school life has been distracting, to say the least. Being a senior at Westdale has also kept me occupied; scholarships, university applications, the incessant pressure to be on top of my grades. And of course, having to navigate through my volunteering and job has been one without a map. A life full of perfect chaos has been one where my stress has calmed me down. I have the urge to complain about the intricacy of my schedule, but after staring at the ceiling for more than six months and thinking so deeply that I could've appointed myself as a modern philosopher, I'm grateful for the distractions that my life has given me. The virus remains, but for now, I'm not letting it infect my life. And I hope that for a moment, you don't let it infect yours either.

From Jersey Myke-Tomlinson, Co-Editor-in-Chief

Hello! I'm Jersey Myke-Tomlinson! Like Sonya, I have been in the Sequitur since day one (and what a distant time ago that feels like). In the Sequitur, I have contributed as a casual writer, regular writer, graphic designer, social media coordinator, and most recently the Co-Editor-in-Chief!

Wow! Just wow! What a semester it has been thus far. I'm sure you're all getting used to this whole new system with cohorts and such, but more importantly, I hope you're all doing well! Also, WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE SEQUITUR OF 2020-2021! Due to this year's COVID-19-related club restrictions, it took me and Sonya more time than usual to get things up and running, but we put that time to great use; With all this extra time we had, we ensured this year's Sequitur is the most planned out and organized it has ever been! The Sequitur team this year is PHENOMENAL. The writing pieces, editing applications, and art/design applications were all booming with style and limitless potential. I hope you find our half-issue a marvelous little start to our year.

I look forward to this year and overcoming whatever obstacles and circumstances that we may face!
Happy first-issue, enjoy!

Where's the Fire?



By: Sar a Ab b as

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ire and toilet paper. Two things that should never be put together. Unfortunately, various Walmart's paid the price for the combination of these resources.

On the night of October 20th, three different Walmart locations in Waterloo and Kitchener had their toilet paper set on fire. If that isn't shocking enough, it can be deemed suspicious that a similar event took place a couple of months earlier in Manitoba. But why was Walmart the only target? And who could have committed this crime?

When the news first broke out, predictions and rumors spread about the potential foundation behind this situation: some believed that anti-maskers perpetrated this crime, the motive being that toilet paper did not need to be hoarded, and burning the material would mean there would be no product to hoard; others assumed it was a group of people who disagreed with Walmart's decision of discontinuing their Ad Match program which gave the public the ability to price match from other stores, and burning the toilet paper results in less profits for Walmart since toilet paper is one of their biggest sellers; another group came up with the idea that it may be a combination of the two suggested theories above, where a non-believer in wearing masks was upset they could not price match anymore, leading to the toilet paper being targeted so that others cannot buy from Walmart. All in all, no clear motive has been found to determine the cause of these three fires, and people are still at a loss of words.

After analyzing the damage to all three of the buildings, it has been concluded that the estimated damage for each

location is \$4 million. That's \$12 million in total! This is mainly due to the smoke destroying the products, and every item that was affected would need to be thrown away. This makes the crime far more serious and will mean a worsened charge for those who are responsible.

A large motive must have been behind all of this for the person or group of individuals to cause \$12 million in damage, and law enforcement were lost until they found an interesting Twitter post. On September 30th, a tweet was posted, which asked if anyone wanted to attack companies like Walmart for making it mandatory to wear a mask in their stores, even if a customer had a medical condition preventing them from doing so. This tweet is very suspicious and it is evident why it would be investigated by the police.

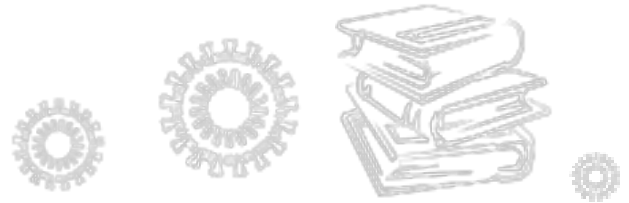
There is a fear that more fires will take place in other Walmart locations. This is why police are working fast to uncover what exactly happened and why. Two suspects have been caught on camera and are being searched for by the police, and a vehicle—a silver Toyota Corolla—is also believed to be associated with these two men. More and more information is being discovered daily, and we are closer and closer to finding out the full story.

While the investigation is still ongoing, the products that suffered damage were not the only element in the store that was impacted. The three stores need to remain closed until they are repaired. Since the stores have closed, people are not able to get the supplies they need to carry out their daily living. An example of this would be an

elderly man not being able to get his prescriptions from the pharmacy located inside Walmart. While people will argue that they can go to the next nearest store or pharmacy, transportation may be a barrier and lives would still be affected. What will happen if the stores announce that they will keep their doors shut for an extended period? People are struggling with this sudden change, and we can only hope that they can get by until Walmart announces their reopening.

High School... and Coronavirus?

By : Olivia Gringhuis



Need I say more? There have never been so many changes to a school year over the course of, well, a **school year** than there have been in 2020. From a very-much-extended March Break to the whole online school adventure, and now the cohorts and everything in between.

It's been a ride, y'all.

It has been a **ride**.

But, I mean, we're still here, right? We're still surviving. Maybe we're not exactly thriving all the time, but we're doing a pretty good job of staying on top of the new routines and restrictions.

I know that absolutely none of us would have ever expected the legendary "2020" to give us such a hard time. Who'd have thought that we'd all be walking around the school hallways with little strips of fabric wrapped around our faces, trying our best to stay six feet apart?

It's just weird.

But, we survived.

I mean -- silver lining -- we've all

learned a lot about hygiene and hand-washing. Sure, we're all gonna grow up to be germaphobes, but we're also always gonna be able to be relied upon for an extra hand sanitizer bottle! Our kids will thank us profusely, no doubt.

We are gonna be one prepared generation.

We already are one prepared generation.

Y'all, we have been through a lot in our adolescent years.

We're probably going to go through a lot more, both in our adolescent years, and the rest of our hopefully-mostly-peaceful lives. But, I mean, we'll always be able to look back on this time and see how far we've come, right?

We can literally say that we attended our -- insert number here -- year of high school during a worldwide pandemic. "Back in our day?" and all that.

It's been rough at times, but overall, we're all the more strong because of it.

We're surviving.

I mean, look at all the things this season has taught us. I can guarantee that none of us are going to take being close to people for granted again. After we get out of this (and we are going to), we're gonna enjoy the company of our favourite people even more than before.

We're not going to take a lot of things for granted anymore.

We are gonna come out of this so much stronger than we were before. Staying apart has taught us, in a roundabout sort of way, how together we really are.

This pandemic has changed the world in so, so many ways. This broken earth is never going to be the same.

But, change can be good.

In the words of C.S. Lewis, author of the timeless **Chronicles of Narnia** series, "Courage, dear heart."

We're going to keep on surviving.

We're going to thrive again.

It's just gonna happen, y'all, and someday, we're going to change this

Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald

By: Marian Shimoda-Beyle

While **Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald** came out in 2018, it has now been released on Netflix, giving many the opportunity to watch/re-watch this movie. **The Crimes of Grindelwald** is the second instalment in the **Fantastic Beasts** film series, which takes place six months after the events of the first movie.

The story begins with dark wizard Gellert Grindelwald escaping custody in New York and fleeing to Paris, France. Our protagonist, Newt Scamander, is then asked by Albus Dumbledore to find and protect Credence Barebone, who is in Paris, from Grindelwald and the wizard government because they believe he is the long lost Corvus Lestrangle V. Newt declines but ends up in Paris anyway to find and clear things up with Tina Goldstein, who is also looking for Credence. He is accompanied by his friend, Jacob Kowalski, who is looking for Queenie Goldstein. In Paris, Credence and the newly introduced Nagini are looking for his real family while Yusuf Kama, another new character, hunts him down. We are also introduced to Leta Lestrangle and learn about her backstory and relationship with Newt.

Before I get into the problems with this movie, I'll discuss some positives. The set design and visual effects are absolutely stunning, and we get to see new locations in the Wizarding World. Eddie Redmayne as Newt is still so much fun to watch, especially with Dan Fogler's Jacob. Their chemistry is really great in this movie. There are plenty of fun action sequences as well. The third act is enjoyable and probably the most memorable part of the film. We also get to meet new, magical, creatures along with some old favourites like Picket and the Niffler.

That said, there are many things that did not work. The movie follows too many storylines and characters which makes it confusing to watch. It's hard to know who the hero really is because despite Newt being the protagonist of the last movie, he doesn't have much to do here, and has no development. Grindelwald, -our antagonist, also doesn't have much to do since the story is more focused on the side characters: Credence, Leta, and Queenie. I would've liked the story to focus more on Newt, Tina, Queenie, Jacob and Grindelwald and have Nagini and Yusuf Kama saved for the next three movies. It's also unclear what the stakes are or what the main conflict is. Because of this, the darker tone of the movie doesn't make as much sense as it did in the later Harry Potter movies. Something that will probably bother Harry Potter fans is how the **The Crimes of Grindelwald** contradicts the books. To give a minor example without spoiling, Professor McGonagall is shown as a teacher in a flashback to the year 1910 but according to the books, she doesn't start teaching until 1956. Harry Potter fans notice these things and are pretty annoyed by it, especially since these minor details aren't necessary to the story.

The Crimes of Grindelwald was rather disappointing overall, even more so compared to the rest of the

Wizarding franchise. But I am hopeful that the next three movies will be able to turn **Fantastic Beasts** around, which does have quite a lot going for it. I'm giving this movie 2 out of 5 stars.

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The Universe

By: KateFolsetter

She was the moon that shone amongst the dark night sky. She was full of pure beauty.

She was as unique as a stained glass window.

She was wisdom, intelligence and grace.

In the field of tall grass in the meadow, she was the prettiest flower.

He was the sun with rays of light that emulated on a summer's day.

He was bold, confident and the center of her universe. He was a star in his movie.

He was sand and she was his.

Together they formed one.

Like two peas in a pod.

An invisible rod of love connected our two hearts together to form one.

Their hearts beat so succinctly in unison.

She held on to him hoping to never let go.

She didn't know any better.

Just a shy girl in a world that is against all in which she stands for.

He made her feel special? Like the only girl in the world.

She thought that the sun and the moon could rule together.

That there was room for both of them in the solar system of life.

But then the rain came and everything changed. It all became very dark.

A dark cloud appeared, as if out of nowhere.

The rain poured down.

When the rain poured down, it stormed.

He was the thunder and lightning that flooded the sky.

And was afraid of thunderstorms.

It was a torrential downpour of emotions.

He became a fury of hot rage, not the gentle warmth she was so used to.

He was bitter as a lemon and distant as if he was in a far away place.

She was a rose and although she had thorns, the good outweighed all of the bad.

She was a porcelain doll that was cracked all over. He knew that and used that against her.

She saw his true colours, the person he actually
was deep down.

his cold blue energy.

The Red anger, the green manipulation, the darkness, and

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All along he was wearing a mask of paper mache. He had a facade of being calm, collected and
a gentleman. A worthy man?—or so she thought.

Then, his mask disintegrated into dust.

He was pure evil and vile.

He knew he was hurting her so much, but he didn't care, he never did.

He turned everyone against her

She wanted to give him the benefit of the doubt?—see beyond the person he was under the mask.

She believed in kindness.

In the goodness of humankind.

That despite the darkness, she always tried to find a light.

In her eyes, she could see a light, although it was dim light like a small candle burning in a window pane.

He took advantage of that. He knew her weak spots and where to hit her where it hurt.

His words cut her like knives, he bruised her black and blue. He only cared about her body and her physical
being. He wanted to use her to do things, gross things with her

She wanted to free herself from this burden.

The weight was pushing her down into deep depths of the ocean.

It drowned her and overwhelmed.

She needed to restart and pick up the pieces.

A fresh start?—turn the page of the book to start the next chapter of her novel.

When she imagined a world without the sun she was happy. She wanted to be the ruler of her own galaxy.

She needed to harness her strength.

This was hard for her because she felt hurt, used and abused.
But once she moved on she felt clean and pure again.

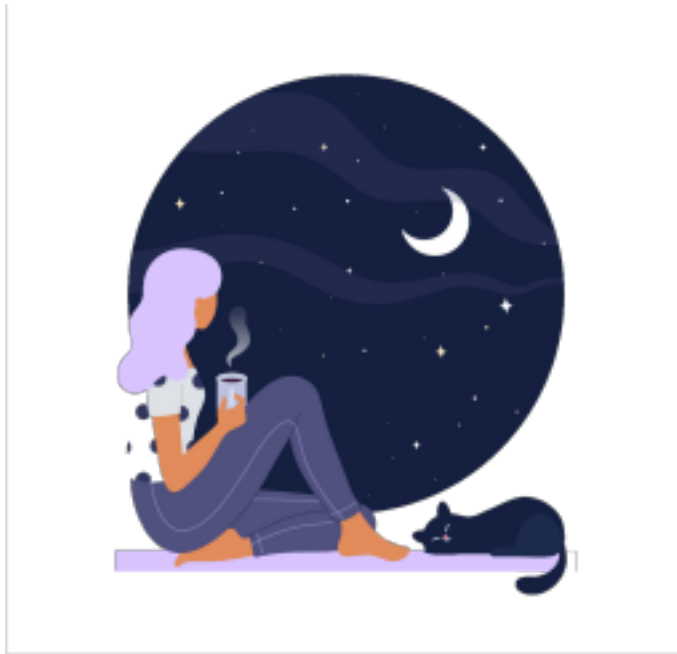
She rid herself of the toxicity that had been eating up so much of her life?—that sucked all of the life out of
her.

That she had wasted so much time on.

She felt free as a bird flying across the blue sky.

Instead of a rose, she became a lilac. Strong and beautiful, able to be her own person.

She could be the moon and she definitely didn't need the sun or another planet dictating her life.
She was enough on her own.
She was still brave, wise and pure beauty.
Other people's perceptions of her meant nothing. She knew her worth.
It was a journey and it left scars.
It took time for the wounds to mend.
She learned to dance in the rain.
There was so much she wanted to tell him. To get closure. But she never did.
She knew one day somewhere in her galaxy she would find love and it would be a pure good kind.
The kind of love without strings attached.
The kind in books.
It would sweep her off her feet.



But for now, she was happy being the moon.

Sudoku

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