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Back To School!!!!

Hey guys! Welcome back to the 2014-2015 school year! Summer vacation is sadly over, but do not fret, for this school year will be a memorable one for us all. The Muir Times staff would like to welcome the new teacher Mrs. Schu to the Muir family! The school is warm and friendly, so you're going to have an awesome year with us no doubt. Also to the new students joining us, you will make lots of new friends and meet many wonderful people here, no matter what grade they're in! The teachers are also great and nice so don't be afraid to talk to them! They'll pretty much answer whatever is on your mind. Here are a few students' opinions about the new school year

Angelica M. 12

"I think it's neat how we're occasionally involving the 6th graders into secondary schedule. I hope we have a fantabulous year...hi mom! I'm in the paper. Be proud of me."

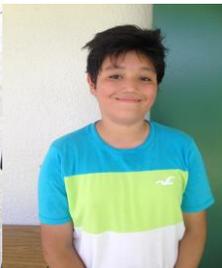
Bre M. 9

"I like it. Nice freedom. The people are awesome, friendly, feel comfortable here already on the second day"

Erick C. 6

"I like it that it's small but not too cramped, a nice environment. I also like that there's one class per each grade, it's different; a new approach compared to other schools."

Some very different intakes on the new school year so far... which is great to hear! Also check out our advice column! Have any troubles? Drop a slip of paper into the blue & pink box near the library and two of our awesome 11th graders will do their best to help you out!



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Madison's Food Blog

Top 5 Global Fast Food Chains

1. McDonald's

Having 18,710 restaurants worldwide, adding just 212 eateries overseas last year and still commanding its lead in international presence among American-based fast food chains is what puts McDonald's on top.

2. KFC

KFC coming in second with 11,798 chains, 4200 of them being in China. KFC did have a decline in sales, last year, due to a poultry-feed scandal.

3. Subway

Subway takes third place having 10,109 restaurants and operating in more than 100 countries now.

4. Pizza Hut

Coming in fourth is Pizza Hut, having 5,890 establishments internationally. Pizza Hut is a sister company to KFC and built 367 new international stores in 2012.

5. Starbucks

Last but not least, and having 5,727 chains internationally. The java giant now has coffee shops in over 50 countries and recently added 220 international shops last year.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DANCING? WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

BY: EMMERY

THERE ARE MANY TYPES OF DANCING AROUND THE WORLD SUCH AS SWING, MODERN, AMERICAN FOLK, BALLET AND BALLROOM DANCE. THERE ARE OVER 61 DANCE STUDIOS THROUGHOUT SAN DIEGO. IN SAN DIEGO, THERE ARE MANY SALSA AND BACHATA TEAMS. A TIME TO DANCE, MAJESTY MOTION AND ALMA LATINA ARE SOME OF THE TOP DANCE STUDIOS IN SD. INTERESTED IN BALLET AND THEATER DANCE? SAN DIEGO CIVIC DANCE ARTS IS A GREAT DANCE STUDIO TO GO AT. IT IS VERY ECONOMIC AND FILLED WITH CULTURAL BACKGROUND. BECOMING A HIP HOP DANCER YOUR DREAM? CULTURE SHOCK DANCE CENTER IS THE FIRST PLACE YOU'D LIKE TO START WITH. THEY GIVES OPPORTUNITY TO THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO TAKE ALL THE USEFUL TOOLS AND TRAINING. THEY ALSO ACCEPT DANCERS FROM ALL LEVELS!! LIKE YOU CAN SEE SAN DIEGO HAS A LOT OF DANCING VARIETIES. IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ME!!

Advice Blog

Hello fellow John Muir students, if you ever find yourself needing advice with anything, feel free to ask. All we ask in return is to please don't ask anything inappropriate or things you wouldn't want up on the school newspaper. Questions will be anonymous for the due to people's privacy. Your questions will be answered by 11th graders, Bianca Rubalcava, Mariah Durant, and Sadie Wager. You may be wondering where can I ask questions right? Well we will have a box located next to the library, so once you finish reading this go ask questions or things you need advice on!!! Keep us busy! Have a wonderful day ☺

Anon: Most of my friends are learning how to drive and I sort of want to learn too! I'm hesitant though if I should learn since driving seems scary to me. Do you have any suggestions on how I should overcome my fear or something?

You should wait a little more, if you're scared start off small goes on a go cart racing. You first need to hit your comfort zone don't think you need to drive because everyone else is.

Anon: What if you like two people but don't know who is right for you relationship wise?

That is tough situations to go through don't feel like you are alone it can happen too many of people. For starters, think who shows you more affection? Who would you jump over hoops for? Which one gives you butterflies? You feel comfortable opening up to them and you feel safe around them.

Anon: I find myself thinking about someone of the same gender, does this mean I am gay?

Understand that fantasizing about members of the same gender does not necessarily mean that you are gay it can be normal. Don't feel like you have to like this person or feel bad about liking the same gender. Also if anyone gives you a hard time or makes you feel bad then you should go tell an adult.

Elsa's Fashion Blog

Get your fall fashion on!!

Falls coming! What's popular this fall are cardigan sweaters, flannel shirts, fashion hoodies, scarves, leggings, and hats... both for guys and gals. Ladies, go get your boots at Charlotte Russe starting at \$25 or buy one get a second one for \$15. Guys, go down to Zumiez and get t-shirts, hoodies, and jackets while the sales last; buy one get 50% off on a second. Gals and Pals if you're in need for a new sweater head to Forever 21. Earthy colors like brown, gold, green, etc. are in style. And don't forget the local thrift stores to save even more!

The Sports Guys

With the MLB playoff race in full swing (pun intended), the battle for the few, but coveted playoff spots is underway, but the baseball playoffs aren't the only things that sports fans are talking about. With the return of football, or Cristiano Ronaldo potentially returning to his former team, the sports world is a very interesting place currently.

Kai's Corner

Written By: Kai Rensberry

Ah, it's that time of year again...
The grass on the fields is cut, training
camps are complete, football is back
my friends, the best time of the year,
is finally back.

Every year I like to predict which team is going to win each division, who the wild card teams are going to be, I'll start with the AFC.
I'm going with my Broncos to win the AFC,
but it's going to be a close battle with
Tom Brady, and his Patriots. The Bengals,
Patriots, Broncos, and the Colts are going
to win their respective division. The two
wild card teams are going to be the Chargers,
and the Chiefs, no, I'm not AFC west biased,
just, those are the two next best teams in my
humble opinion. Next issue, I'll predict which
teams are going to come out of the NFC.

The Ten Ring

By: Kai Rensberry

Over the duration of this last weekend, World Archery made their stop in Lausanne, Switzerland for the Archery World Cup Finals.
In the recurve side of things, Brady Ellison (the most accomplished US male archer ever) took home the gold medal. Ellison beat the 16 year old Brazilian archer, Marcus Dalmeida, the young Brazilian took the silver medal. The bronze medal went to the Dutchman, Rick Van Der Ven, who has consistently been one of the top European archers. As for the women's side, Aida Roman, who is arguably Mexico's top archer won gold, she had to beat the Chinese archer, Ming Cheng, and another Chinese archer took bronze, Jing Xu was the last medalist for the recurve side of things.

Soccer: By Allan

One of the world's best attackers, Cristiano Ronaldo, has reiterated his eagerness to return to Manchester United at some point of his career according to, Goal.com. Sources are saying Manchester United is working on a deal to re-sign one of the former greats in a deal roughly worth £55m next summer. Brazilian legend Ronaldinho, made a surprising move to Mexico's first division team Queretaro, on Friday, on a two-year deal.

Obesity!!

What's going to happen next?

Obesity is a medical condition in which excess body fat had accumulated to the extent that it may have a negative effect on your health. Obesity can lead to some diseases and health problems like heart disease, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke, ect. Activities that can help reduce body fat include playing basketball, tennis, volley ball, racket ball. These activities all promote vigorous physical activity. Additionally there are classes you can enroll in, such as dance, gymnastics, karate, etc. There are youth baseball, football and soccer teams to join. The idea is to choose something fun and get moving, dancing, jumping, climbing, walking, skating, or anything that gets you off your couch! So, grab an apple, some water and go have fun!

World Current Events Alondra, Jake & Alan

SAVE OUR WATER

Did you know that California is in the 3rd year of state's worst drought? 82% of the state is in an extreme drought. This mega drought has led to wildfires, water shortages, and agricultural losses. Lakes are drier and look like a narrow river, farmers are losing more crops, and the water level is down by more than 200 ft. This means that people should conserve the water that is left.

Putin's Crimea

Seeing an opportunity to flex his power and gain not only territory, but prestige; Russian President Vladimir Putin set his eyes on the Crimea region of Ukraine. Secretly sending troops into Crimea, Putin spurred unrest and separatist fervor within the population. Pro-Russian separatists have seized control of major cities within eastern Ukraine. A referendum was reached within Ukraine to join Russia; while under military rule by Russian forces. The international community, including the United States and European

Union, has denounced Russia and hit them with economic sanctions in hopes of deterring Russia from further aggression. This has done little to steer Putin in a different direction.

Baja California Threat

Hurricane Norbert is currently in an area of above average water temperatures and wind. Norbert did bring wind and rain to part of Baja California peninsula. Where squally weather prompted evacuations. Though staying away from land it was near enough to the coast to drench fishing villages and resorts and pound beaches with large waves.

Video Games

By: Marquez

Destiny, an MMO/FPS/RPG created by Bungee, is a game about a post-apocalyptic galaxy 500 years in the future. Destiny came out on 9/9/14 on Xbox 360, Xbox One, PS3, and PS4. It is a game that caters more to the PS4 in terms of graphics (1080p for PS4), variety gameplay wise, and more exclusive content. Sadly, it wasn't created for PC users, but it could be a possibility in the future. There is a high level of customization in the game, such as weapons, appearance, and you decide what direction the plot goes. From the start, Bungie's game is doing phenomenal. In the first day of sales, Destiny pulled \$500 million in revenue and is the most pre-ordered game in history that wasn't a sequel. That's a pretty great debut, and Destiny needs a strong initial fan base if Bungee wants this brand to succeed.

Music

By: Joe

These days, mainstream money making musicians and singers are collectively classified as "pop", "hip-hop", R&B, rap, rock, house, etc. Some of these include people such as Drake, Katy Perry, Ariana Grande, and Pharrell Williams among others. But... there is another genre that completely tries to hide under the radar... Indie. For example, City and Colour, the solo artist and his dulcet songs bring you smoothly through a journey reminiscent of love, loss, and the joy of losing yourself in the sound itself. While Indie artists may not be popular, their music is still highly recommended... give it a shot.