



Glenbard community views the eclipse!

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On Monday, August 21, 2017, all the Glenbard East students flocked to the football field and stared up at the sky with special glasses for about 20 minutes. No, this wasn't an apocalypse situation and this wasn't a glitch in the Matrix. On that special day, we got the opportunity to experience a rare natural phenomena: a solar eclipse.

A solar eclipse is a type of eclipse in which the Moon passes between the Earth and the Sun, covering it totally or partially depending on the location. This was the first time in almost 100 years that a solar eclipse could be seen from coast to coast and Glenbard East was able to experience it in all its magnificence.

Now, we look to Glenbard East students for a response. I asked 95 Glenbard East students the following question: "In one word or phrase, how would you describe your solar eclipse experience?"

Some of the most notable responses were that the

solar eclipse looked "like a banana", "it hurt because I looked at it" (ouch!), it was "solar", and it was "iconic".

The variety of responses I got were astounding, but a large portion of students I interviewed found the eclipse "underwhelming". Many who gave that response found it underwhelming said so because "a full eclipse would've been cooler" and "the clouds got in the way".

Glenbard East wasn't in the path of totality and it was a cloudy day so unfortunately, these answers do ring true. Despite this, positive responses flooded in. Words and phrases like "unique", "important", "fascinating", "iridescent", and "unreal" were reported.

So, whether you loved the eclipse in all its hazy glory or you were looking at the ground the whole time, we all unite to witness the beauty of the world we live in. Let's anticipate seven years from now when we'll all be able to experience this phenomenon again!



Is bullying still a problem?

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The dictionary definition of bullying states, "The use of superior strength or influence to intimidate (someone), typically to force him or her to do what one wants."

Bullying is something everyone has witnessed or even experienced first hand. It has been happening in the world since the dawn of time, and some people ignore it and pretend it doesn't exist.

There are people who experienced it years ago and still remember it today, showing its potentially long-term effects in their lives.

We administered a survey on bullying to the students in Glenbard East to learn their thoughts and experiences in bullying and if they think it still happens. Almost 400 responses were received.

A common theme in the responses is the following: "Being bullied by throughout my life has affected me in ways I didn't think it would. In middle school I was bullied to the point where I couldn't

take it anymore and I wanted to end my life. Gladly I didn't."

A bullied person does not need to feel like he or she is alone. An important first step is to talk to someone you can trust. Teachers, administrators,



guidance counselors, school psychologists, and other administrators are great people to approach when you need help. You could even go to your dog to vent, but the reason why you should talk to someone if you were being bullied is so they can help and not just listen.

Another question that was asked was, "What do you consider as bullying?" and a responses included refusing to give them a seat in

places other than a classroom where seats are assigned by teachers, such as the cafeteria or the bus.

The majority of the survey takers believe that the reason why people get bullied is because they are different.

There's always going to be someone who doesn't like you and that's normal, it's when they start making you feel unsafe when it became bullying.

There's no shame in calling for help, and maybe that's why some kids don't go for help when they are being bullied, aside from them being scared of things getting worse if they do.

Some kids might be ashamed of letting someone else know they are being picked on, but people can only help if they know there is a problem.

Bullying is something that happens in the world, and it is important to tell someone if you see it happening. That way someone will know about it and can find a way to stop it.

What a Racket!



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Kolie Allen is a top state tennis player and student at Glenbard East. Being honored with the titles "Best Athlete" and "Top tennis player in state" does not come effortlessly. Interviewing Kolie about the dedication and time it takes to achieve these goals was inspiring to see how driven and passionate she is about tennis.

Excluding tennis season, Kolie stated that she spends six out of the seven days practicing from 2-3 hours at a time. Starting from a young age, Kolie always had the drive to become the best player she could be. Allen reflected, "I was around 6 when I started playing at the Lombard district. I did that for two summers and loved it so much I wanted to do it 24/7!"

At first it was a hobby but soon enough it became a dream. Becoming a dedicated athlete takes time, sweat, growth and teamwork. Kolie's explains what being a good athlete meant to her: "To me being a good athlete is giving your all, every single day, even when you aren't feeling the best; it means having dedication and the will to get better and trust in the process."

Being only seventeen and having such a humble view of her achievements is rare and refreshing. Kolie has many goals and dreams she still wants to achieve, saying, "By the end of this year I hope to become state champ". With her hard work and determination, there is no doubt that Kolie Allen will continue to awe us with her amazing talent.

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What will happen to DACA?

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Tuesday, September 5th 2017, at the Justice Department in Washington D.C, President Donald Trump begins to voice his opinions pertaining to the end of DACA, otherwise known as the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Moments after these announcements were released from Trump and his attorney, countless protests broke out among the entire country as the affected people, further referred to as "Dreamers", went into panic about their futures in the United States of America. Since DACA comes as an unknown term to most, here's what you need to know about the program, and what President Trump's decisions will bring to our country's future.

As previously stated, DACA is an acronym which stands for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. In other words, DACA is a program that protects specific people who came to the US as children - meaning childhood arrivals - from being deported, which is also known as deferred action. Established in June of 2012 under President Obama, DACA has since then undergone many issues. However, none of them have gone quite as far as President Trump rescinding (to void or repeal) the program as a whole.

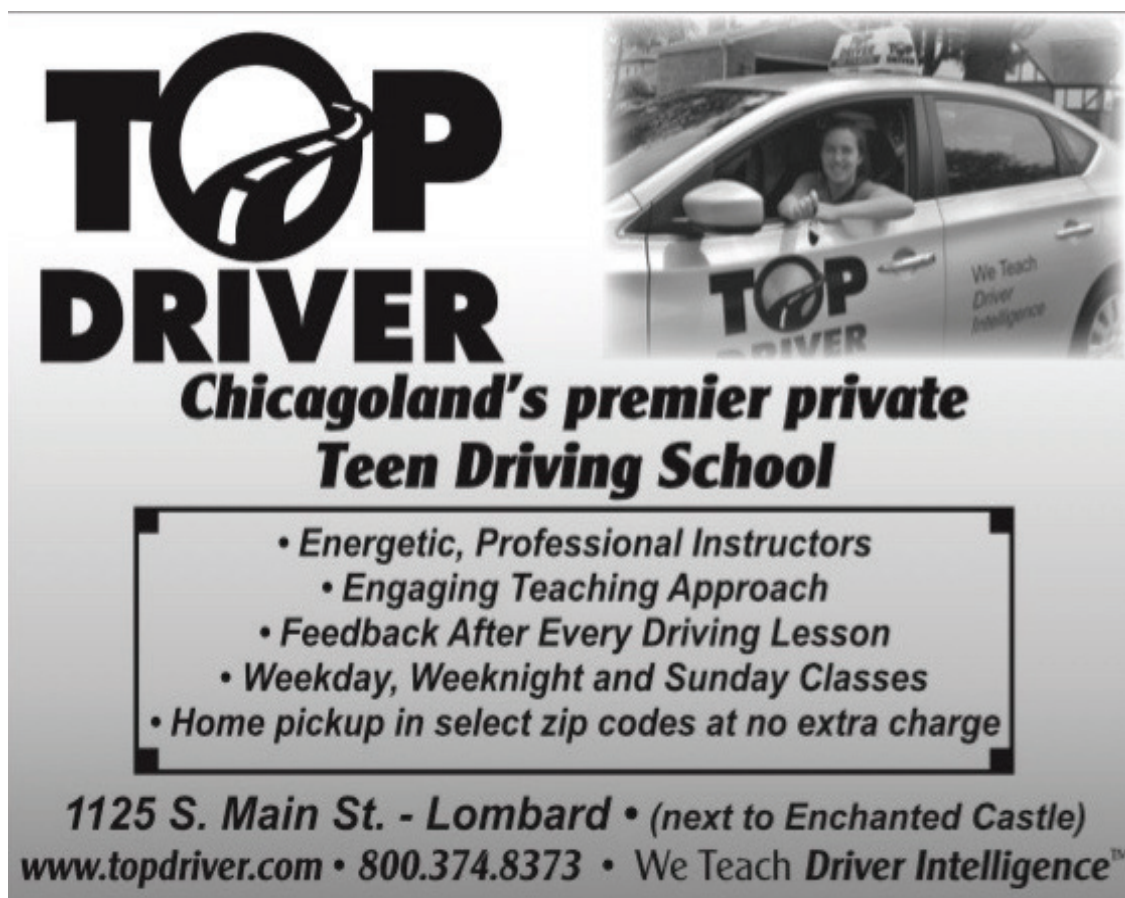
Regardless, over the brief 5 years DACA has been in session, the program has changed thousands of lives for young hispanics all over the country, and here's how.

DACA has helped nearly 800,000 immigrants in numerous ways - one of the most important being the ability to work a more advanced job. According to the United States Citizenship and Immi-

gration Services, nearly 70% of those people found higher paying jobs. Among those 560,000 people, 65% of them not only experienced better educational opportunities, but were able to buy their first cars and open their own bank accounts. Not to mention, these are just a few of the amazing opportunities DACA has given to young hispanics looking to make their parents and families proud. The program is truly one full of hope and has helped to change thousands upon thousands of lives. However, President Trump's rash decision to rescind DACA will change nearly all of that.

The primary concern with ending DACA will be its lasting impact on our country's economy. According to an economic study done at the CATO Institute in D.C, the estimated cost of repealing DACA would add up to 60 million dollars in the next 10 years - more importantly, the overall cost of this decision would add up to around 200 million dollars, leaving a gigantic hole in our economy. However, although the economic impact is significant, the actual people affected by the ending of DACA is even more important than the money.

Since the time allotted per each DACA permit depends solely on the time a person applied and received it, the repeal of the program will not immediately impact may of those under protection. However, those who can no longer apply for DACA, and those who will eventually lose their permits, will be affected heavily in all aspects of their lives. Once their DACA is terminated, they not only lose their right to work legally in the US, but are also at constant risk of being deported and sent back to their home country. For younger people relying on DACA, they will lose their opportunity



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to pursue an education at both the high school and collegiate level. To further put this in perspective, according to Center for American Process Survey, 72% of DACA recipients reported that they were receiving a more advanced education - and 94% of those recipients stated that they would not have gotten this education without DACA.

Simply put, once DACA permits are dismissed, immigrants lives in the U.S are nearly over. They are forced to live in the fear of deportation, losing their jobs, losing their educations; their lives. Trump's reasoning for wanting to rescind DACA goes along the lines of his strong will to make America "America" again, attempting to reinstate strict immigration laws; and this reinstatement can be made by the

elimination of DACA. However, President Trump's future decisions regarding the repeal of DACA will change lives of thousands around the world; some of whom are closer to us

than we think. With the amount of children covered by DACA, many of the affected immigrants could possibly be one of your very own classmates.



Glenbard East Musical Notes

By Ariadna Reyes
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"Ta Ta Tadi Ta! Too Ta Ta!" If this does not sound familiar to you, then I am obliged to open your eyes and show you the marvels of the choir department here at Glenbard East. Choir is where students are encouraged to embrace their weaknesses and their insecurities by making mistakes with confidence and learning valuable lessons from them.

Choir is perhaps the only class that sets coming together as a small community and making sure that everyone feels safe as a priority over the actual content of the course. This, however, does not mean that one can simply slack off and do nothing all period long. All students are still required to participate and try to be as enthusiastic as efficient in class as possible.

There are 5 classes that one has the opportunity of joining during the school day. These classes consist of treble, baritone, advanced treble, concert, and chorale. There are also separate and smaller groups that you can audition for. Just to name a few: Sorella, Eastwind, Wave, Madrigals, etc.

The choir directors are Ms. McLean and Mr. Catt and Mr. Snider as the accompanist. They are all very welcoming and willing to help you with your specific musical needs. Now that you are all a bit more aware of how the choir program functions, I will make a list of the upcoming choral events that are open for all of you to attend.

Now, it is understandable that not everybody is a choir kid, perhaps you are a band geek, which brings me to the next topic. I interviewed my friend Taylor, who is in marching band this year, in order to get an insider's perspective on the band department here at Glenbard East.

The band program includes Beginning Band, Intermediate Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Pep Band, Percussion Class, Jazz Lab Band, and Jazz

Ensemble. The marching band gets to perform at the football games on fridays. After the home football games, the marching band makes their way to the school patio along with the other GE students to jam out some more.

The band students also kick off the year early by participating in band camp during the summer where they begin to practice for performances before the school year begins. The band directors, Mr. Packer and Mrs. Cappelletti, work very hard to ensure that the band classes run smoothly.

By being in band, the students also have the opportunity to participate in the annual Lilac Parade. Speaking of the awesome events regarding band, this following list is one for future amazing performances by the band kids.

Last, but not least, the Glenbard East Orchestra program provides a wide array of opportunities for students to learn and grow. In each of the groups, the teachers and the students strive to achieve a deeply rewarding musical experience that they can keep with them for a lifetime of fun memories.

I also interviewed

another one of my friends, Liz, who is in Philharmonic orchestra for a better understanding of the program.

There are four different options for students who want to be in a class during school hours: Beginning, chamber, philharmonic, and concert orchestra.

There are also extra-curricular subunits that an orchestra student can be a part of i.e.: Honors Strings and Jazz

Strings. All of the orchestras are allowed the opportunity to explore and play a wide variety of music genre including masterworks from the 17th century, folk music from around the world, jazz, and popular songs. Intense focus on skill building is also provided by great Mr. Fawkes or T.Fizzle.

Liz also did not fail to mention the fact that her peers are always supportive and the atmosphere is very family-like.



Snippets of News around school

Davis wins a Jeep

On Friday August 11th, senior goalkeeper Faith Davies was astounded with a brand new 2017 Jeep Compass Sport through the Making A Difference On AND Off The Field campaign. Of 100 Chicago-area high school athletes who entried, Faith was selected randomly and won. Moreover, August has now become a special month for Faith, with her birthday being that month on the 23rd, having committed to play for UIC, and now even winning a car. The girls varsity soccer coach, Mr Overbey, even says that “Hard work is rewarded, not necessarily the way you think it will be, but this is a great example” after Faith won her new car.



Scooter Kids zoom into the year on top a golden throne
As found on Friday, September 1, during 6th period lunch, it seems the school year is already zooming along. Kids were found having races while scooting along on your typical square rolling scooters. They pushed themselves along using (hopefully new) plungers, speeding along the school courtyard and amusing those eating lunch. It’s suspected to be a stunt pulled by the East Side Crew. While it seemed like hard work, and several kids struggled to push the cart along, some kids, like the one in this photo (below) shot along with a smile. Just a little something seen around the school.

Ask the Principal

By: Elizabeth Somodji
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Photo curisuty of Mr. Bagdasarian

There are four essential questions that drive the discussion: What do we want or expect our students to learn? How do we know they are learning the material? How should we respond if our students are not learning the material? How do we respond if the students already know the material?.This opportunity gives teachers time to find ways to help support their students better.

Why for the evacuation drill do students need to walk so far away from the school, taking up one hour of school time?

Mr. Bagdasarian explained it is mandated for the school to run this drill off site as it is important to know where to go in an event of an emergency. The reason why we walk far as students need to get to a safe place with shelter. All the locations can house those certain amount of students in case an emergency occurs in bad weather. This drill is required to happen every other year.

Why do students get only 5 minutes to get to their next class? Is that hard for those who have to walk long distance from one place to another?

Mr. Bagdasarian said it is not only tradition for Glenbard East to have five minutes in the passing period, but hours in a school day are limited, leaving limited time for teaching. The five minutes is a reasonable amount available for students to find out a path that works for them, and if they are having troubles the staff is willing to help students recommend other paths around the school. Plus, some schools have even shorter passing periods.

What caused Glenbard East to start adopting a no tolerance policy on cell phones?

Mr. Bagdasarian explained that cell phones are found to be a distraction in classroom as it interrupts student’s learning time. The school already provides an iPad for students, which is meant to be used for instructional purposes, but can be a potential distraction as well.

What is a purpose of a PLC Monday that students have to leave immediately out of the school?

PLC day is a day for teachers in the same department to collaborate on their common courses for the students, Mr. Bagdasarian described. PLC actually stands for Professional Learning Community day. During this time, while students are dismissed early, the teachers look at data and discuss ways to best support their students.

Ask Annie

Question:**Hey Annie, I always wanted to get a puppy since I was in 8th grade. How can I prove to my parents that I am responsible to get a pet now? -A Responsible Ram**

Response: Dear Responsible: Aww!!!! I love puppies!! Well, since now you are starting high school, the best way to prove to your parents that you are responsible enough to get a pet is by keeping on top of your school work. Show that you are responsible by getting homework done and turned in on time and manage your time properly to show that you can take responsibility of yourself. Possibly after your first semester of school, if you maintain good grades, you can start talking to your parents about you being now responsible enough to take care of a pet as well. Another way you can show you are responsible is by picking up the chores in your house or being a model citizen in your community.

Or you can ask the magic eight ball, *shake, shake, shake*Ask again later. Good luck, RAM!

Question: **Dear Annie, now that I’m in high school, my parents are pressuring me to look into colleges and scholarships. I’m not even sure what I want to do with my life yet! Help!! -Frightened of the Future**

Answer: Dear Frightened: yikes! That’s a real predicament you’ve gotten into. But have no fear, for Annie is here! Okay, that was a bit cheesy but, for real, you have options. East has plenty of options to help you in your college search, whether you’re about to pack your bags for the college of your dreams or you still have no idea what a college is. One person I would recommend you see is our career counselor, Ellen Pieper. She is there to help you through each step of the way of finding the career path of your dreams. Another source for you

to check out is Naviance, our school’s ‘database’ for all things college and scholarships. Definitely talk with your guidance counselor; they’re there to help you through each academic step to success. Above all, always remember that you have plenty of time to figure things out and it’s never too late to change your mind!

Or you can ask the magic eight ball. *shake shake shake* My sources say yes... Good luck, Frightened!

Question: **Dear Annie, I’m failing 3 of my classes and my parents are furious! Help! - Failing Freshman.**

Answer: Dear Failing: It seems like you have quite a problem! Here’s some advice, go to PowerSchool and check your assignments. If you’re missing some assignments and that’s why you’re failing the class, do them and turn them in. A late grade is better than an F, right? And if you’re failing because of tests and quizzes, ask a teacher for help. They’re always willing to help if you’re willing to try. If you don’t turn your homework in on time and that’s why, stay after school and work on it at school. You can also make sure to check out Schoology for assignments and teachers. It’s important that you keep on top of your schoolwork, but don’t forget not to stress yourself out too much!

Or Let’s ask the magic eight ball *shake, shake, shake*No. Well, interpret that how you want.

Question: **Dear Annie, I’m confused. Aren’t you supposed to be giving the advice instead of a cheap party trick? -Skeptical Sophomore**

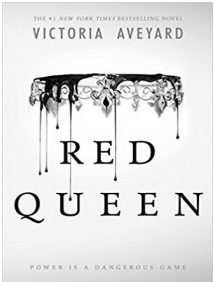
Answer: Dear Skeptic: *shake shake shake* Reply hazy, try again. You heard the ball.

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Book Reviews:

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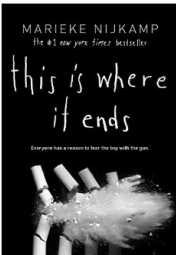


“RedQueen”, by Victoria Aveyard, is about a society separated by blood. Silvers, who have superhuman abilities, rule over the Reds, the commoners, who serve the Silvers. Mare, a lowly Red, steals to get by. With the conscription coming as she is eighteen now, the same conscription that took her brothers away from her, she has developed a strong hate for the Silvers. Walking alone one night, she meets a stranger with what she needs most.

He offers her a job at the palace and she takes it, not knowing who he really is she finds out she has the abilities of a Silver, all while being a Red. In order to cover up this anomaly, the king declares a lost Silver princess and be-throls her to one of his sons.

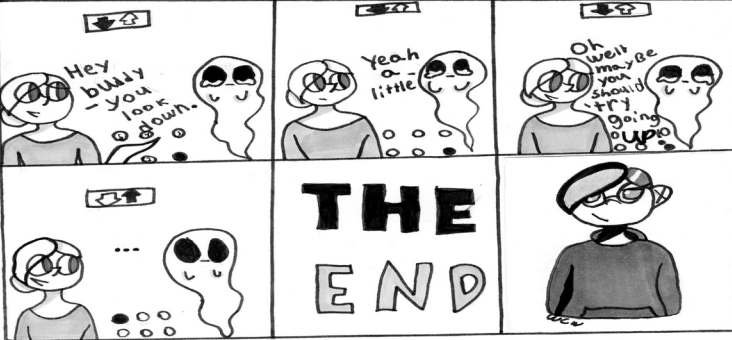
As the Red resistance grows larger and stronger, the battle for power becomes dangerous for everyone. Friends

are made, and traitors are found. This story will surprise you at every turn of a page.



“This is Where it Ends”, a novel by Marieke Nijkamp, is from the perspective of four high school students, all of whom, are in some way related to a school shooter who is a student of the school. The day starts out like any other, but as the principal is finishing her beginning of the year speech, the doors are chained and a shooter, Tyler, is in the school. Claire, who is on the cross country team, is Tyler’s ex-girlfriend. She’s practicing with the other cross country students when she hears gunshot. Autumn, Tyler’s younger sister, is a dancer and never expected Tyler’s to do something like this. He has always protected her fom their father’s drunken rage. Sylvia, Autumn’s girlfriend, is the one being targeted. And Tomas, Sylvia’s brother, is just trying to break into his school records with his best friend when he hears gunshots.

A harrowing story, told in the time span of fifty four minutes, will keep you at the edge of your seats at every page



Fun Facts

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Mr. Podraza finds from www.dailymail.co.uk, “A mathematician and scientist has revealed that spinach’s iron content was miscalculated by a German chemist when he misplaced a decimal point. His mistake gave birth to Popeye’s obsession with the vegetable, which the cartoon character eats in vast quantities to boost his strength.”



Mr. Scipione finds from www.hightechscience.org, “The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tub and a chocolate bar melted on his pocket.



Ms. Schumacher finds from www.grammarly.com, that “superclifragilisticexpialidocious is not the longest English word, there is a word longer than this. It is Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis, a type of lung disease caused by inhaling ash and dust.”

Cartoons and Puzzles

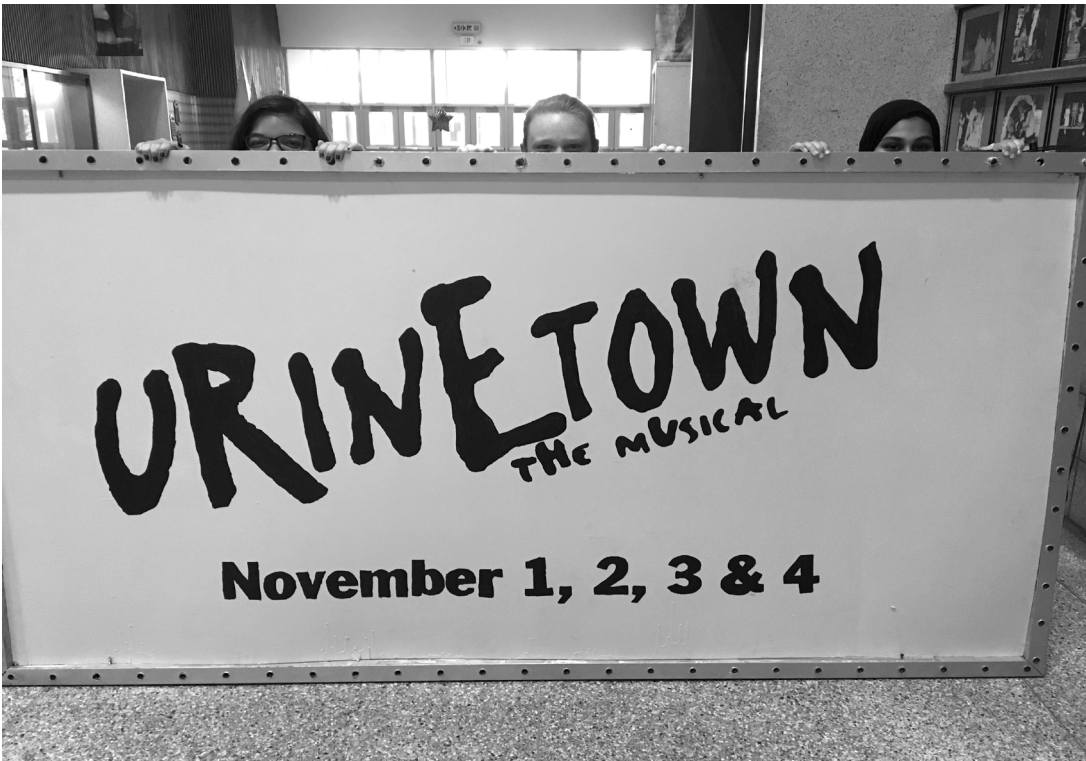
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Latest School Play “Urinetown” Under Development.

By Eva Brooks
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If you’ve seen posters with Urinetown on them through the hallway, we can assure you they’re not jokes. They’re advertisements for the big fall musical the theatre crew is assembling this year. This year’s big-production musical is “Urinetown”, a dark comedy and satire of politics and the typical musical formula nominated for 9 Tony awards (including Best Musical) and winning 3 (Best Book, Best Direction, and, most importantly for us, Best Original Score) in 2002. While the title sounds vulgar, I have been personally assured it’s appropriate and all in the name of parody. Set 20 years into the aftermath of an extreme drought, the plot of the musical centers around the government making private restrooms illegal and forcing people to sue public pay toilets. Rebels and those who don’t use the governmental restrooms get sent to the mysterious “Urinetown”. Bobby Strong, the musical’s protagonist, decides that people shouldn’t have to pay to pee and begins a protest with the poorer people in the town. This is complicated when his lover, Hope Caldwell, is the daughter of the man in charge of this bill, Caldwell Caldwell. Though at its core a political commentary about politics, capitalism, and the divide between the rich and poor, as well as a satire of plays at the time, it doesn’t take itself as seriously as the topics themselves are. The play is chock-full of humor and light-hearted ballads with names like “It’s a Privilege to Pee”. When it’s not cracking jokes, it tends to poke fun at it’s formula, as shown by its other songs being called “Too Much Exposition” and “Act 1 Finale”. If you’re on the fence about going to see the show, Mr. Kaetzer, our theatre director, said that this is very different from your typical theatre formula. “If you’re not into theatre,” he told the Echo in an exclusive interview, “this is the show to go to.” Auditions were cast from September 22 through 24, and the team has picked a very dedicated cast, including Connor Kamradt (Officer Lockstock), Grace Iovinelli (Little Sally), Abby Shaub (Miss Pennywise), Justin Jones (Bobby Strong), Maddie Novak (Hope Caldwell), Chris Turner (Caldwell Caldwell), Demetri Sepsis (Hotblades Harry), Melissa Tumlos (Little Becky Two Shoes), Alyssa Tumlos (Josephine Strong), Michan O’Brien (Old Man Strong), Aneesah Phillips (Soupy Sue), and Will Sepsis (Officer Barrel). The musical also, like most, has a talented ensemble of singers leading the chorus, including Nina Bertuca, Anna Cesario, MacKenna Clayton, Molly Fidlow, Sam Hoey, Shelby Jenkins, Veronica Koralewski, Olivia Kounandaros, Breanna Latelle, Marjae Mason, Lizzy Mazzolini, Grace Melton, Gwen Merrick, Sammy Reyes, Kennedy Sawyer, Lilly Zuniga, Sebastian Duque, Sam Dulany, Anthony Maggio, Angelo Mendez, Graham Wendorff, and Will Wightkin.

Urinetown is to be held in Ryder Theatre from November 1 through November 4. All start times are 7:30 except for November 2, which starts at 4:00.



See if you can find the hidden words associated with the fall season.

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