



The Last Strike

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On Saturday, March 31, 2018, the AMF Plainview bowling alley opened its doors for the last time. The alley was a popular center of entertainment for families of all sizes and bowlers of all levels. Anyone could enjoy a night out at the alley, which offered more than just bowling: a bar, an arcade, a bowling pro shop, and a casual grill. The lanes closed because they were not generating as much profit for AMF as other locations. What does this mean for Plainview residents?

“Bowling has been such an important aspect of my life. Now I can’t just drive around the corner and go bowling whenever I have the time,” said junior Sari Arrow, captain of the girls Varsity Bowling team. The next time someone wants to go bowling, the nearest alley is Syosset Lanes. Although this is still a relatively short drive of about 13 minutes, it is inconvenient.

As for the students on the bowling team, practice and tryouts will no longer be local. “The junior leagues on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning were a feeder program for my team which will certainly have a long term effect on the number of children who learn how to bowl and who will bowl competitively at the Middle School and High School level in the future. Plainview Bowl was an institu-

tion and will be sorely missed by the entire community,” said Mr. Lasher, coach of the Boys Varsity and JV bowling teams. Hopefully, AMF lanes is replaced with something equally as entertaining, but until then, families have one less option for their night out and Plainview residents will certainly miss the bowling alley.

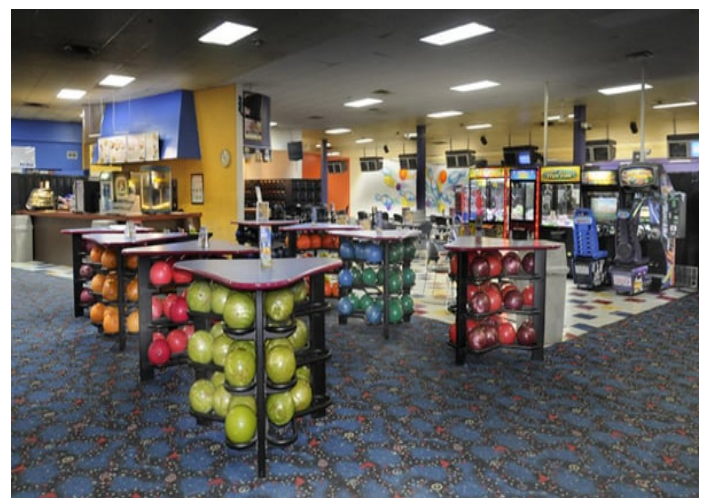


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Siemens Says So Long to Science Contest

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Long before the acronym STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) became popular, Siemens was inspiring young adults to pursue their interest in the science field. Now after nineteen years, Siemens abruptly calls it quits on its annual competition in math, science and technology.

The Siemens Competition began in 1999 and was a signature program of the Siemens Foundation. The Siemens Foundation is a non-profit organization. The contest originally began to compete with the awards distributed from the Intel organization. This prestigious national contest has awarded millions of dollars in college scholarships to thousands of high school researchers. The program offered high school students nationwide the opportunity to submit original research projects in math, science and technology for the chance to win college scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000. Students competed as individuals or as members of a team.

In 2007, women for the first time won

the top prizes in both the individual and team competitions. In fact, the top team winners were Janelle Schlossberger and Amanda Marinoff from our own JFK. New York ranked third nationally from students who were named regional finalists and national finalists, behind top ranked North Carolina and California.

Research indicates that American students are falling behind in math and science. In addition, the number of job openings in these fields by the year 2020 is expected to grow 26 percent, surpassing the number of STEM graduates. It seems that we should really be encouraging our future scientists to pursue their passion. Alyssa Iryami, a JFK junior who is involved in other science competitions such as CleanTech, feels that “it is upsetting for many research students that the Siemens competition has ended because it is one of the only major research competitions that enables students to work in teams.”

Why did Siemens choose to pull out its support for the major research competition? According to David Etwiler, CEO of the Siemens Foundation, “over the last few

years we’ve taken a close look at changes in the U.S and the people, programs and expertise we have to address those needs and we’ve adjusted our investments accordingly.” He additionally noted that “addressing inequalities in economic opportunity and the vanishing middle-class of America is an area where we believe we can be a part of the solution.”

It appears that the foundation will focus on programs for career and technical education apprenticeships that do not require a four year college degree. The new programs will be announced later this year.

It seems that Siemens will redesign the competition to focus more on the student who does not see higher education in their future. As the majority of JFK students will pursue four year college degrees, our future scientists will need to seek other forums to satisfy their competitive drive. Team-based summer programs such as Garcia MRSEC will be hit especially hard with the elimination of one of the biggest competitions that allows team participation.

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PyeongChang: America's Winnings

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Every two years, the world stops as millions of people stare at their television screens to cheer for their home country to win in a variety of different sports. This event is none other than the Olympics. This past February, PyeongChang, South Korea, hosted the 2018 Winter Olympics. Members from 92 countries spent just over two weeks competing in events on the ice, on the slopes, and on frozen tracks.

Norway blew the competition out of the water with a whopping 39 medals (14 gold, 14 silver, and 11 bronze). The second place country, Germany, had 31 medals (14 gold, 10 silver, and 7 bronze), and Canada finished just behind with 29 medals (11 gold, 8 silver, and 10 bronze). The United States came home in fourth place with a total of 23 medals (9 gold, 8 silver, and 6 bronze). The United States may not have made it to a podium spot, but its athletes broke many records and were the stars of the PyeongChang stage.

Red Gerard, 17, was the first American to earn a medal at PyeongChang. Also, he is now the youngest male snowboarding gold medalist at the Winter Olympics. Even in a borrowed jacket and sleeping through his alarm, Gerard scored an 87.16 in the slopestyle event.

Chloe Kim, another seventeen-year old snowboarder, became the youngest female snowboarding gold medalist at the Winter Olympics. Kim already secured the gold for the Women's Snowboard Halfpipe with her first run at a 93.75, but after landing back to back 1080s, she earned herself a score of 98.25. "It's such an honor to just represent the US

in the country where my parents immigrated from and just this whole process has been amazing," she said on The Today Show after returning to the states. "And this journey has been so fun and full of so many memories that I will hold on to for the rest of my life."

Snowboarding was a big event for Americans this year, as another record was set by none other than Shaun White. With his gold medal win in the Halfpipe event, White became the man with the most gold medals in snowboarding. He won three medals on the Olympic stage.

Mirai Nagasu was the first American Woman to land a triple axel during the Olympic Games. She helped Americans clinch the bronze medal in the Team Figure Skating Event.

The Women's Hockey team excelled as well in Pyeongchang. During a match against the Olympic Athletes from Russia, Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson scored two goals in only six seconds. Lamoureux-Davidson now holds the record for fastest two goals made by a player in a Winter Olympic ice hockey match.

Figure skater Adam Rippon and Skier Gus Kenworthy were the only two openly gay American men to compete in South Korea. But, Adam Rippon made history when he was the first openly gay athlete to win a medal at the Winter Olympics. He won the bronze in the Team Figure Skating Event as well.

National pride surges when the Olympics grace our television screens. Even though the United States didn't win the most medals this year, it is safe to say that American viewers were immensely proud of our record-breaking athletes, and hope to see them again in 2022.



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Response to the Events of Parkland

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On February 14, 2018, the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida frightened and angered the nation. Though this is not the first time a tragedy of this sort has occurred event, the preventive measures being taken by the survivors in the wake of the tragedy are unparalleled. The students of Parkland have garnered worldwide support for their efforts to improve current gun-regulatory legislation, change which the National Rifle Association consistently opposes.

Recurrent motions include the raising of the minimum age to purchase a firearm, more stringent background checks, and the illegalization of bump stocks, which are utilized to transform firearms into deadlier fully automatic weapons. The recent appeal for stricter gun control could not be clearer—activists are rejecting the customary "thoughts and prayers" offered by politicians, and demanding tangible, substantial revision of the practices that allow mentally unstable, incompetent, or otherwise unfit civilians to handle weapons with devastating potential.

The Enough! National School Walkout on March 14, 2018 was unmistakably the embodiment of a generation that has experienced lockdown drills and lockout drills for their entire school career in the aftermath of the disturbing

events of Columbine, Orlando, and Las Vegas. The Walk-out, though it was held on the one-month anniversary of the events in Parkland, also represented the countless tragedies that never had or have the public's attention for as lengthy a period—however diverse these are, guns are implicated because of their outrageously easy acquisition. This was what had incited the unification of students across the world—disasters that could have been prevented by real progress.

That day, approximately 30 minutes into fourth period, Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School became a part of the movement in support of comprehensive gun legislation. For 17 minutes, many students stood outside in the parking lot while student representatives spoke in memory of the Parkland victims. It was strikingly palpable then that the shooting at Parkland could've been anywhere, even in Plainview. What was remarkable, however, was that despite extensive political differences and divisions, we stood together in solemn solidarity with



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our peers, teachers, and administrators, and Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

The Burden of Community Service

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Honor societies are infamous for requiring 10 hours of community service from their members. Although it is excellent that students in such organizations are completing extensive hours of community service, these hours are seen more as a burden than as a means of encouraging students to serve their communities, get involved, and support those in need. Students scramble prior to deadlines, rushing to complete their hours in a timely manner and doing anything possible to accomplish the requisite. Eleventh grader Zach Ferretti claims he believes “community service hours truly do have good intent in making change for the overall betterment of the community. However, it is worth noting that a majority of people continue to consider them more as... ‘assignments’ to be completed by a specific due date in order to receive credit or recognition rather than focusing on the actual impact of their actions.”

These organizations accept students who have above-average grades and model qualities, with the National Honor Society being founded on the pillars of leadership, character, scholarship, and service. It is unfortunate that service, being one of the most important qualities of involved an active student, is being presented merely as an assignment. Students should be encouraged to pursue service ventures that interest them. By presenting more options to fulfill community service hours, students may not only continue with the activity, but

develop a true passion. For example, rather than merely approaching science teachers and sorting labs, Science Honor Society leaders can provide members with the resources to volunteer in local hospitals, engineering firms, laboratories, etc. With more selections outside of school, students would not only become involved in helping the community, but would be able to gain real-world-experience. Amanda Ganz, junior, emphasizes this point, stating “community service allows you to get insight to the community and gain experience which is only going to help you in the future.” Additionally, presenting members with service trips they can complete, nationally and internationally, students would be inspired to become immersed in other cultures and begin to perform selfless acts. It is time for the honor students of Plainview to truly be introduced to service.

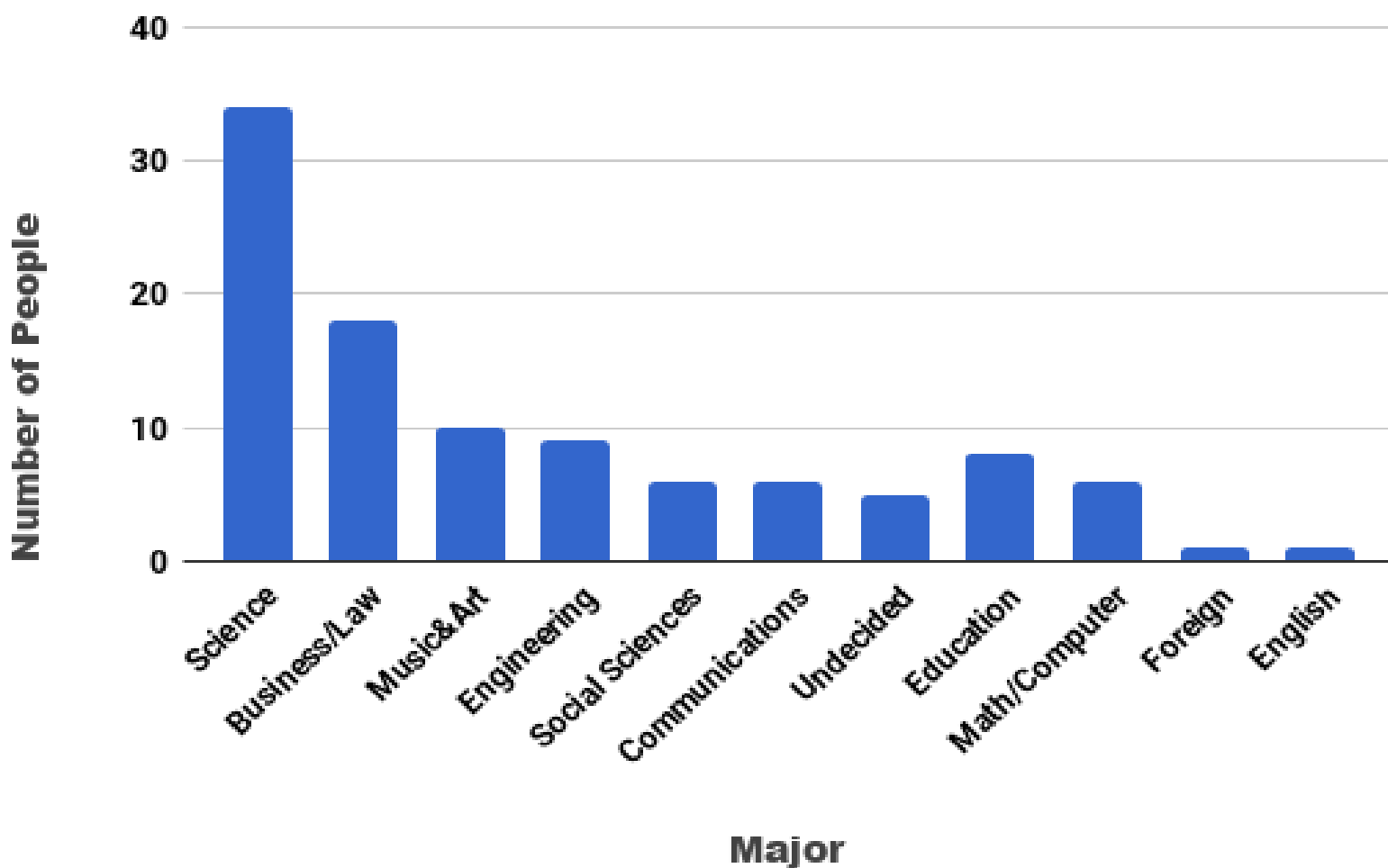


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Senior Poll

What are you majoring in? 104 Seniors surveyed



New School Security Measures

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Recent incidents, many of which have solidified in our minds the very real dangers we try to prepare for with fire drills and practice lockdowns, have led to heightened security throughout society, and especially within our school community.

This makes us wonder--what is the best way to protect students in school? Is it a metal detector? Door-stoppers? Less windows? Or more security personnel on campus? Although no one is certain of this answer, schools across the nation are taking every step, big or small, to ensure the well-being of their students. As mentioned in a New York Times article on the booming security industry, sales of educational institution safety equipment rose from \$2.5 billion in 2015 to \$2.7 Billion in 2017 as schools hasten to update their security protocols and adapt measures already in place to react to modern day challenges.

The Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District has reinforced its security infrastructure by increasing the number of staff members and updating technology services in our buildings. The latest review of safety procedures looked to improve the system used to permit visitors entry into the building. Many parents drop off their children's lunch, musical instruments or a myriad of other forgotten (but much needed) items to the main office everyday. As of now, visitors must enter through the front entrance, are required to show ID, wear an ID badge for the duration of their visit, and return their badge to the front desk at the conclusion of their visit. Moreover, to properly monitor these visits, the school asks all parents/visitors to call 30 minutes in advance to inform the office/guards of their "intended visit to the building." Without prior knowledge, upon your arrival, security will verify the purpose of your arrival, which may cause a transient, but worthy delay. This new protocol has gone into effect as of April 11, 2018. (For more information, check out the school website.)

Just recently, every classroom's floor was decorated with a touch of red. The school district added red tapes to indicate the "safe"

regions in the classroom. These designated regions are determined by the view from the door's window. If you are standing behind the red tape, then you out of sight from the window and the potential intruder will not be able to see you. Lastly, oversized post-it notes have been hung in every classroom covering the glass that is in every door. Although many have called in question the purpose of this specific action, it is intended to allow school students and faculty as much time as possible to prepare for an unfortunate incident and deter an intruder from entering classrooms.

Increased use of security cameras and alarms on exterior doors make students and faculty aware of the potential threats that before, we never gave a second thought about. The inherent notion of safety that is associated with schools has been put to question, especially when Parkland, Florida was named one of the safest places to live in Florida just two days before the deadly shooting. However, schools are doing whatever possible to prevent their schools from being targets for any sort of illegal and dangerous activity. Necessary security measures have been put in place, reassuring us that Plainview-Old Bethpage is a safe place to live and go to school.



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Go Green!

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Environmental protection and conservation may not be at the forefront of every student's mind, but, for the Environmental Club, these societal issues are at the heart of their most recent endeavors.

The recent initiative at our school to increase recycling efforts was spearheaded by the Environmental Club, with Mr. Dugan as the advisor. The Hawk Eye Newspaper was given the opportunity to interview Mr. Dugan and ask him about the new recycling bins we see everywhere and the direction in which the Environmental Club is headed.

Mr. Dugan became involved with the Environmental Club after watching numerous documentaries and becoming awfully informed of the dangers we as the human population pose to the environment around us. Mr. Dugan's commitment to the club and passion for environmental conservation is so resolute that before the club was able to obtain a dumpster from the Town, he would bring home plastic water bottles on a daily basis and recycle them at home.

Fortunately though, with the most recent endeavors of the club, our school has received a free dumpster from the Town of Oyster Bay, enabling us to bolster our environmental conservation efforts. Additionally, single stream recycling has been another great advancement that has not only allowed for easier recycling, but saves the Town money as well. Single stream recycling allows consumers the ability to not have to separate recyclables, making recycling easier and actually more affordable. Mr. Dugan says that before, "the town had to actually pay outside companies to pick up recyclables"; this of course meant taxpayers had to pay for these transactions. Now though, with single stream recycling, the Town of Oyster Bay reports that the initiative will actually generate \$434, 760 in revenue this year! How is this possible, you ask? With easier recycling methods, the Town can now sell recycled items to the private sector. Additionally, the Town can now use its garbage trucks on recycling day, instead of having specific trucks for recycling that have separated compartments for different materials, allowing its 22 recycling trucks to be sold—leading to over \$1 million

in revenue for taxpayers. The Town reports that this new program can save taxpayers money and help the community "freeze property taxes in 2018"—amazing achievements that also demonstrate our commitment to environmental efforts.

Mr. Dugan and the Environmental Club have been working with the school and the Town to be a part of this new communal effort. Through countless meetings and relentless effort, the Town has supplied our school with a dumpster, free of charge! Now, our school will also be able to be a part of this initiative that supports environmental efforts! The high school and school board have also been very accommodating through this process and have supported the Club's goals, Mr. Dugan says.

Mr. Dugan hopes to expand the Club and have more people involved in recycling. He encourages his students and fellow faculty members to recycle and think twice about the consequences their actions will have on the environment. All students interested in joining the Environmental Club can contact Mr. Dugan.



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A New York City Staycation

BY MIRANDA COHEN
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I recently went to New York City for the weekend with my family to do some touristy things and have a weekend staycation. From Rockefeller Center, to the Upper East Side, from the East Village to the West Village, if you're looking for a fun family weekend in NYC, stay tuned for some great recommendations..

The first place we planned to visit was Rockefeller Center. We bought tickets to go to the Top of the Rock, where you take a special elevator 70 floors up to the top of Rockefeller Center in order to see a 360 degree view of the city. You also have the option of going to three different viewing decks, one higher up than the other. Rockefeller Center is in the heart of the city and the Top of the Rock has breathtaking views, which includes views of all of Central Park. Before we got to the viewing decks, we walked through a museum area that included the history of how Rockefeller Center was built. For more information and to buy tickets, go to <https://www.topoftherocknyc.com/buy-tickets/top-of-the-rock>.

For dinner that night, we had reservations at a trendy Lower East Side restaurant called Beauty & Essex. When you arrive at the restaurant you might be a little confused, thinking that you are walking into a pawn shop. But that is part of the unique experience of this restaurant. When you continue, you will walk through another door and into a cool restaurant with high ceilings and big chandeliers. The menu is all small plates, where you order lots of different things and share all the food with everyone at the table. Although the prices can get pretty high, it is a one-of-a-kind restaurant that is great for special occasions and staycations.

After dinner, we stayed downtown and listened to some live music at The Bitter End in the West Village. The Bitter End is New York City's oldest rock nightclub that opened in 1961 and helped launch the careers of many famous musicians. It also happens to be reasonably priced and is a great venue to listen to live music because no table is too far from the stage. To top off the night, we made our way to Little Italy for some fantastic Italian pastries.

For brunch the next day, we went to a neighborhood diner on the Upper East Side called EJ's Luncheonette. EJ's is celebrating their 20th anniversary and is known to have the best breakfast on the Upper East Side. Although it is a well known diner, it was mostly filled with locals, giving you a great taste of the local flavor. The best seats in the house are the ones next to the windows, where you get to people watch the Upper East Siders and their adorable dogs.

After brunch and to finish off our staycation, we had tickets to The Tour at NBC Studios. Here, we experienced a behind-the-scenes tour of 30 Rockefeller Plaza. During the tour we visited the sets of Late Night with Jimmy Fallon, NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt, and in my opinion, the best set of them all, Saturday Night Live. Our tour was led by an NBC Page. The NBC Page program is a year-long program and is very competitive to get into. However, being accepted into the program can be done with a lot of persistence if you're interested in a career in broadcasting. During a Page's first year, a lot of time is devoted to giving the studio tours. After that, the Page's spend time in each of NBC's different departments, gaining exposure to various areas of NBC. Many past Pages went on to have very successful careers in entertainment. For more information, you can visit <https://pageprogram.nbcunicareers.com>.

Station 19 TV Show Review

BY PRIYANKA GERA
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Executive Producer Shonda Rhimes added a new show to her list of ABC hits: Station 19. This Grey's Anatomy Spinoff was released March 22, 2018, and is a behind-the-scenes drama of Seattle's very best firefighters. Just three blocks down from Grey-Sloan Memorial Hospital, Station 19 brings Grey's fans (and any new aficionados) straight into the fire. This show brings to light the hard work and courage of the emergency first responders. The firefighters at Station 19 put their lives on the line to ensure that you have another chance at yours, and their new female captain, Andy Herrera (Jaina Lee Ortiz), is showing us viewers how that's done.

Shonda Rhimes has continued to cast strong female leads on her ever-successful shows, and portrays each woman as a leader in their respective male-dominated professions. Although our new heroine inherits her father's position as captain, she proves that she is worthy and more than capable of being the station's alpha. Andy has already made her first appearance in a crossover episode with Grey's on March 1st. The drama at the fire department is no less

than it is in the hospital. Andy has got herself into a complicated love triangle with a colleague, Jack, and her childhood friend, Ryan. Who will she choose?

The new action-drama is sometimes filmed at a real Seattle firehouse. The actors are also required to wear real gear on set because, believe it or not, the fire is genuine and their safety is of utmost importance. In addition, the show sheds light on somewhat taboo health issues prevalent in our society. It is raising awareness about mesothelioma (a tumor that lines the stomach, lungs, heart and other organs), as Andy's dad is shown to have been diagnosed with this in the first episode. The symptoms are oftentimes mistaken for those of the cold or flu. Around 68% of firefighters develop cancer and Andy battles her emotions in the pilot episode to come to terms with her father's diagnosis.

This relatable, action-filled romance is set in high risk environments to keep its viewers on the edge of their seats. Hopefully Shonda's newest addition will be as successful as anticipated! Tune in every Thursday at 9 pm on ABC to watch Andy and her team save lives!



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The Hunchback of Notre Dame

BY PRIYANKA GERA & JULIA PARK
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The 1996 classic, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, was brought to life on POB middle school's stage this past weekend. The talented young artists taught the audience the ideas of tolerance and acceptance and valiantly illustrated how all of us can love and be loved.

Quasimodo, the bell ringer, who is played by Senior Kevin Lynch, is locked away in the tower by the evil guardian, Frollo. With his only friends being the gargoyles, Quasimodo yearns to wander beyond the cathedral gates and immerse himself with the other residents of Paris. When he gathers the courage to sneak out, he meets the charming Gypsy Esmeralda (Junior Toni Nargentino and Senior Dani Collins). Threatened by her control over Quasimodo, Frollo (Senior Matthew Sala) sets out to destroy her, and it is up to Quasimodo to save Esmeralda from the clutches of Frollo.

The breathtaking set was made to mimic the beautiful cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris and the carefully chosen costumes transported the audience to 1482. Upbeat numbers such as "Topsy Turvy" and "Rhythm of the Tambourine" captured the street life of Notre Dame, with dancing gypsies. Moreover, the cast featured special members. Mr. Murray continued his tradition of making a cameo in the play as the Gypsy King, and the current cast members invited alumni from as far back as the Class of 1995 to parttake in the choir.

This year the musical also featured a student-run pit orchestra. Instead of hiring professional instrumentalists, the orchestra consisted of members from our school's Chamber Orchestra and Band Ensemble. It was a completely different experience playing in the pit orchestra. Each note had to be matched with the singers and we had to carefully listen to the dialogue for entrances. It was definitely a more collaborative experience. On behalf of the orchestra, we would like to thank Mr. Robert Lombardo, the middle school music teacher, for being patient throughout the entire process and for dedicating his time.

Congratulations to the entire cast and crew who spent over five months to bring this production to life. The brilliant cast and crew of about 100 members created a magical moment on stage as they danced and sang with their hearts. The successful execution of the play by the students and staff was paid by a standing ovation. A special thanks to the Musical Director and Producer Mr. Richard Olivari, our school English and Theatre Teacher who was the Assistant Director, Ms. Kimberly Muller, as well as Sharon Olivari, Leah Olivari, Meredith Goldfarb, and Kelly Alcantara!



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New Sports Team Spotlight Girl's Badminton



BY EMILY ZHANG
STAFF REPORTER

What's the newest sports program sweeping the athletic community of POB away? One word: Badminton. It's not your typical game that you can find in a backyard barbecue during the summer, it is so much more. It is competitive, hard-working, and has extremely high expectations. Although badminton was approved by the school district just last year, the inaugural program of the sport has already been a huge success. Earlier this year, Boy's Badminton was introduced as a fall sport and competed in Section XIII as the twelfth team. The team had a conference record of 7-3, and at the Nassau County Section XIII tournament, three players received all county, while four players received all-conference.

Now, as a spring sport, Girl's Badminton holds even higher expectations. The varsity and junior varsity teams will also compete in Section XIII as the 37th team. The underclassmen of both teams show excellent potential, leaving the rest of their years at POBJFK to leave a lasting impact as a team. The newest addition to the team is Junior Varsity Coach Donna Pierno. She competed with the varsity coach, Jenna Cavuto, at Wellington C. Mepham, winning the Nassau County Team Championship. Both coaches attended Adelphi University where they started a badminton club to compete against other schools. At Adelphi University, they formed a bond that would bring them together as coaches; they wanted to spread their expertise and inspire a new generation. In an interview with Varsity Coach Jenna Cavuto, she explains her love for

the sport and how important it is. She states, "We hold our players to high expectations because we know what it takes to win."

In building a program, our goal as coaches is to show our players how to put in hard work and have that translate to success, while at the same time creating an environment where teammates become a family, both on and off the court." Like other sports, the team has a twitter page @POBbadminton, to keep up with their season this year. All students are welcome to follow them on their journey! Go Hawks!



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New Conference for the JV Tennis Team

BY JAKE FELDMAN
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Over the past few years, the tennis program has grown to become an integral part of the POBJFK athletic department. Ever since the New York State Championship had been won by former Senior Yuval Solomon last year, the sport has garnered much more attention by the Plainview community. During this time, additional funding was granted by the district to refurbish and build new tennis courts. New courts were recently built for Mattlin, as well as for JFKHS. For many seasons, the Junior Varsity (JV) team, have been in Conference Two on Long Island. However, this season, the Junior Varsity has moved up a division to Conference One!

Now the team will play against schools as far away as Cold Spring Harbor. According to, Coach Wyler, who has been the JV coach for twenty-four years, "There will be much better competition this year with no weak team. This will be excellent preparation for the players who go on to play for Varsity."



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Last season JV's record was 12-2. Coach Wyler believes the team moved up a division because it was considered one of the best in Conference Two. In addition, Coach Wyler suspected that the team moved up since most of the teams they played did not have enough players for matches and often they were inexperienced. It makes sense for JV tennis to be placed in Conference One since Varsity is in Conference One too. This accommodates a smoother transition for those players who are moving up to Varsity. Each practice has a similar routine. The JV team volleys with tennis balls back and forth for ten minutes. After, the team runs five laps around the three courts and then stretches.

For the remainder of practice, people play matches to help improve each others game. The Varsity team has a similar practice schedule. Now that the JV team is in Conference One, they play the same schools as the Varsity team. Over the past twenty years, JV tennis has evolved from being just an ordinary sports team, to a team who is now among the top competitors on Long Island.