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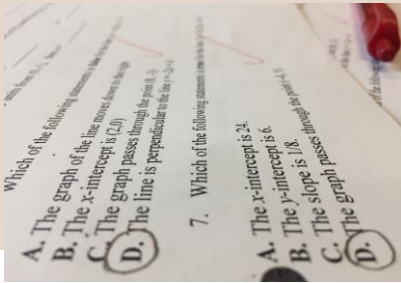


Figure 1: In this student led study, the answer D had a 28% chance of being correct.

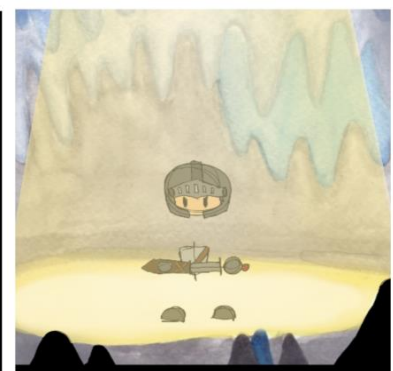
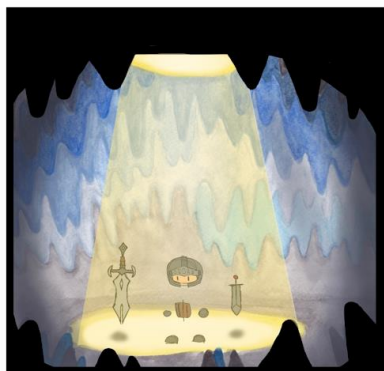
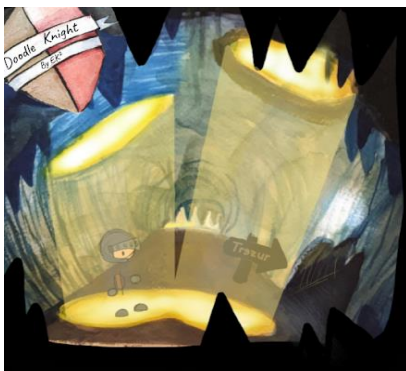
The Art of Forgetting to Study

By Eve Dewing

Did you forget to study for the big math test today? Well not to worry. I conducted a study to see what answer is most common on multiple-choice math exams. My hypothesis was that the most common answer would be D because it forces you to work through all the answers to get to the right one. After going through all the multiple-choice answers in my grade 10 math workbook I found that, out of 265 questions, 74 were D, 73 were C, 60 were A and 58 were B. That means you have a 28% chance of the answer being D with C right behind at 27%. A would give you a 22% chance and B a 21% chance. Overall, this means that if you are torn on what answer to choose on your next multiple-choice math test, choose D, you have a 28% chance of being right!

Doodle Knight

Comic by Emily Schultz, Emily Scott and Kaylee Scott



WCHS Student Spotlight: Gerry Lu

By MJ

Our world is constantly evolving and one of the biggest changes in recent years is seen in the advancement of technology. The creation of Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) has arguably been the most substantial development yet. A.I. is all around us.



Figure 2: Gerry Lu, creator of A.I 4 Youth Canada



It is on our smartphones, in our cars, and inside some of our homes. But what exactly is A.I.? Much of our generation is unaware of how A.I. really works. Gerry Lu, a grade 12 student here at Western, has realized this problem and his goal is to inform people about what A.I. is. Through his organization A.I. 4 Youth Canada, Gerry and his team help to connect youth with different sources of information to enhance the national understanding of this technology.

Gerry plans to expand his organization to other countries to ensure that everyone can learn about A.I. Besides informing others about technology, Gerry enjoys coding and works on other projects. In his spare time, he often participates in stock market trades. If you see Gerry in the hallways, give him a high five and thank him for bringing light to this important topic.

A Forgotten and Simple Rarity

By Sunny Bao

Little Women (1994) dir. Gillian Armstrong plays like an effortless window into the lives of the timeless *Little Women*. In a wondrous tribute to the original novel by Louisa May Alcott, the everyday highs and lows of Amy, Jo, Beth, and Meg's lives are brought back to us like an old memory, except this time with vivid colours on HD screens. The film unapologetically wraps the audience in the world of New England's mundane adventure, which is presented to us through the hearts of a family's selflessness and joy in the looming shadow of the American Civil War. Armstrong, alongside her stellar cast and crew pull the audience through the fourth wall and make us shed tears of delight and sorrow while filling our hearts with love. *Little Women* is a breath of fresh air.



Figure 3: *Little Women*, the story about growing up.



Figure 4: *Maleficent* now playing in theaters

Disney's Newest Winged Flop

By Robin Wang

If you're looking for a thrilling movie to watch this weekend, be sure to check out Disney's *Maleficent: Mistress of Evil*, playing in theaters and soon OnDemand Channels. It's a sequel to 2014's *Maleficent*, a dark retelling of the tale of *Sleeping Beauty* with the evil witch as the main character. It's a completely original story set five years after the ending of the first movie. While the ending did leave a lot to be desired, Angelina Jolie's acting performance was superb. All of the computer-generated imagery was amazing, and Michele Pfeifer was really perfect as Ingrith, a human queen evil enough to match *Maleficent*.

Mistborn: A Metallic Attraction

By Julia Zhong and Emily Schultz

If you enjoy epic fantasy books like *Name of the Wind*, *Warbreaker*, and *A Game of Thrones*, you'll love *Mistborn*! *Mistborn: The Final Empire* is a book set in a world of hierarchy between the Nobles and their Skaa, who are workers and slaves. The book is based around a young girl by the name of Vin, who is recruited to a special thieving crew by a man named Kelsier. Their thieving crew has been hired by the Skaa Rebellion to kill the Lord Ruler and topple his dictatorship. Vin uncovers secrets about herself, her enemies, and the world she lives in as she works together with Kelsier and her newfound thieving crew.

The character development of this novel is clear and efficient throughout. As the book progresses, the reader can see how the main character grows and starts to understand that she can trust others. The plot moves forward quite naturally as opposed to being a static and choppy line of events. Overall, *Mistborn: The Final Empire* is a story of growth, adventure and action. It is a highly recommended novel among all levels of readers. You can continue Vin's adventure in the next iteration of the series, *Mistborn: The Well of Ascension*.

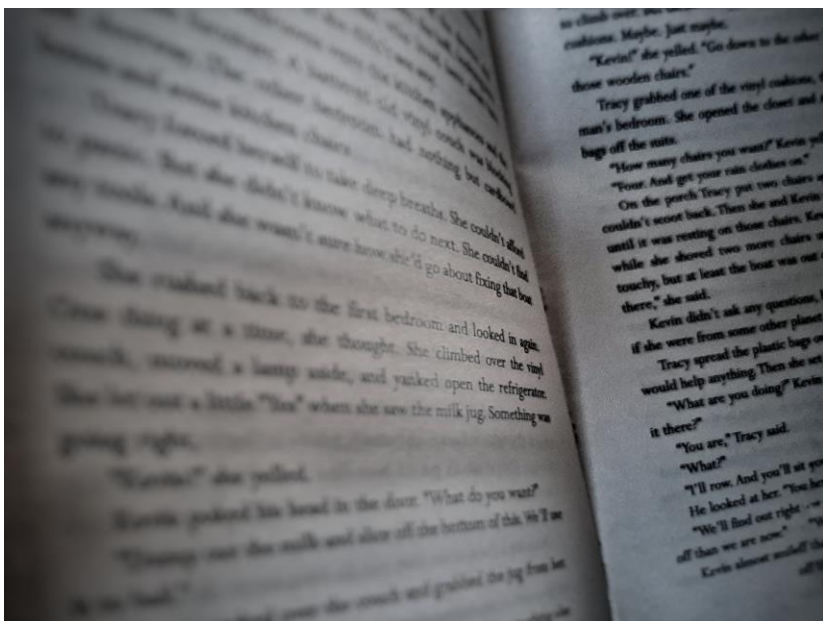


Figure 5: *Mistborn: The Final Empire*, written by Brandon Sanderson

The Hawk Fortune

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20)

If you choose to sleep this month, you might actually get that 100% you've been desperately waiting for.

Compatibility: Taurus

Aquarius (January 21 - February 18)

If you hold back the urge to always be right, you won't get food poisoning from that expired meal you choose to eat this month.

Compatibility: Aries

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

When a big change happens in your life, act irrationally and eat a whole turkey alone in your room. You will probably gain emotional enlightenment.

Compatibility: Scorpio

Aries (March 21 - April 20)

If you refrain from chewing out those people you hang out with, perhaps they will become your close friends.

Compatibility: Gemini

Taurus (April 21 - May 21)

If you listen to those around you instead of assuming you're right, you might actually learn something for once.

Compatibility: Cancer

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)

If you act sly and cool to impress others, then you'll never truly be satisfied.

Compatibility: Leo

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

Childish behaviour is often in your nature but this month, choose to be responsible. Maybe you'll accomplish something you didn't know you could.

Compatibility: Virgo

Leo (July 23 - August 23)

If you take the time to acknowledge those around you, you may get some free food out of it.

Compatibility: Sagittarius

Virgo (August 24 - September 22)

If you actively participate in a group project, you might see less darkness in the eyes of your classmates.

Compatibility: Capricorn

Libra (September 23 - October 23)

What do you want to be this month? Maybe a responsible student?...

Compatibility: Aquarius

Scorpio (October 24 - November 22)

If you choose to stop arguing with everything that moves, you may gain the ability to foresee the future.

Compatibility: Pisces

Sagittarius (November 23 - December 21)

Try talking to people this month instead of hiding from society. You may gain mental awareness- perhaps enough to remember your parent's birthday.

Compatibility: Libra



Figure 6: greenhouse gas emissions have been the leading cause of climate change

Climate Change: A Rapid Journey to our Troubling Future

By Amélie Heppell

This is our future. Forests burning down, unbreathable air, crops dying, prices rising. Our quality of life is rapidly decreasing as declared by NASA and associations around the world. Through the next few years, our actions on the earth in the present and the past are as significant as ever. On May 30th, our generation was among the first to experience days that are hazy with wildfire smoke in the air. We need to make a conscious change in our lives, and propel this crisis to the forefront of global discussion. After communicating with a variety of Western Students, it became obvious that they knew there was an existent issue in our world. "I find it ridiculous that our world leaders are slowly beginning to tackle this crisis, leaving us students with a massive burden to carry," says grade 10 student, Hayley Bryant. Although unable to vouch for every student at our school, it is evident that we are all united in the fact that we need to take action. If you wish to ensure we live to see a wildfire free year, take a stand. Go talk to your MLA, be active in your community, and take the steps to reduce your carbon footprint.

5 Senses: Great Ramen and Custom Poke Bowls Just Across the Street!

By Eilian Sheng

5 Senses Ramen & Sushi Bar is literally a crosswalk away, so I strongly encourage you to try it if, for whatever reason, you haven't already done so. For broke and sad high school students like us, the prices are a bit steep, but are slightly cushioned with the exclusive student lunch menu. For students, they offer the build-it-yourself poke and the ramen bowls for reduced prices, as well as sides such as the japa-fries. Among all poke bowl service on 17th ave, the 5 Senses Poke Bowl comes out on top because of its delicious house sauce and avocado for no additional charge (looking at *you*, Po-ke!)

Another top choice in the menu is the traditional tonkotsu ramen (\$10): ramen noodles in a chicken and pork broth topped with sprouts, pork loin, shiitake mushrooms, and a soy egg. As a bonus, they almost always play anime episodes on a dim-lit television screen. So, if you ever feel like treating yourself with some flavorful ramen or a refreshing rice bowl while watching *Naruto* in a cozy, homey restaurant atmosphere, 5 Senses is just across the street!



Figure 9: The moon representing a beacon of light and reliability



Figure 7: The restaurant 5 Senses on 17th Ave



Figure 8: Delicious ramen bowls and Naruto anime

Aside

By Matias Recalde

Far and bright

Shine me on.

Pity my sight,

Fall off the throne

Carry it away

So it's farewell,

Whisper but stay

This time I'll be there

Don't leave me in the fray

Even I will abide

Even now, I'll make way

Shut me off, shove me aside.

As long as you're here,

I'll be by your side

A Successful Season for our Redhawks!

By Livia Ion

The athletic program of Western Canada High School is diverse, and spirit-filled with over five teams taking place in the fall season; Western has shown tremendous success already. The senior girls for cross country bring home a banner, and place at the top of the standings! The football team has rallied abundant amounts of support from students, creating an enticing atmosphere for those who attend. A striking team that continues to achieve success is the junior girls volleyball team. This group of girls have continued to persevere achieving nearly perfect results of almost being undefeated. They came from different environments in junior high, but play like a team that has built chemistry for many years.

A recent game taking place at Western on October 30th resulted in the junior girls putting everything on the court, and leaving home with two wins. Kiana Wiebe, in grade ten on the junior girls volleyball team described her team as: “a family who grow to make each other better.” She continues to talk about the role of the junior girls volleyball team and how it has made her transition into high school easier, and shaped her perception on sports all together. “With sports, I always just did them because I loved them. Now, I not only love them for the sport itself, but because of the friends I’ve made both on and off the court.” she continued. This is shown by the tremendous amounts of support from students, faculty, parents, and even alumni of our school. The motivation our athletic program receives is, from the students who walk the halls of Western Canada High School, and the family they build amongst themselves, which has proven to create long lasting high school memories. Come out and support your Redhawks!



Figure 10: The athletic program at Western is nothing short of exceptional!

Editor's Letter

Jayda Ayriss

Welcome to the inaugural Redhawk Reads! We have come to learn that it is in fact impossible to encompass the greatness of Western Canada High School in one short newspaper. Yet, this brilliant team of writers and photographers have brought to you highlights and special moments of our school and its surroundings as well as some written works for your enjoyment.

The creation of this newspaper required hard work and deliberate consideration. The objective of Redhawk Reads is to cultivate a strong sense of community at Western Canada High School and encourage students to strive to make a positive impact through writing. I would like to thank Mr. Patterson for his generous support and enthusiasm for the Parallel Magazine Club. I would also like to extend a great thanks to all the writers and photographers that took the time to meticulously craft articles and photographs for this edition. It is an inspiration to see what a group of powerful minds can create when we work alongside one another. I can only imagine what our next edition will look like after the experience we gained from the inaugural Redhawk Reads!

The intentions for this school newspaper are constantly evolving as our club develops. We welcome any feedback or article recommendations for following editions. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our Instagram page with your comments and suggestions.

It is my absolute pleasure to finally present the official Redhawk Reads to Western Canada High School!



Figure 11: Jayda Ayriss, editor-in-chief, is currently in grade 11.

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Come be apart of the Parallel Magazine Team! We meet every Wednesday at 3:45 in room 352.

Team Work Makes the Dream Work...



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