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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Firehawks,

Time seems to be going at maximum speed without any stops, as we have already arrived to the month of November. Embracing this month, we should also take some time to reflect on our lives and how far we have come.

With the upcoming Remembrance day, let us all take a moment to reflect on, remember, and honour those who have fought for us in World War One. As they have also fought and continue to fight for our freedom and peace in many other conflicts. In the hopes of waking up to a better day the next morning.

Lest we forget the sacrifices that they have made for us to be able to experience our present moments; and do our bests to live our lives to the fullest.

I hope that as readers read this November issue, they will be able to look back and reflect on their lives. I welcome you to read about the various articles our members have produced; from articles about Remembrance Day, Advice for Procrastination, photos from Club Day, the Grad Kickoff, various senior sports and more.

For those who feel inspired after reading the article and wish to join the process of creating the December issue. You are free to join us in room 217 on Thursdays at lunch.

Amiably, Claire K. Editor-in-Chief



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STUDENT VIEWPOINTS

What's one thing you did on Halloween?

"Eat instant ramen"

"stay at home:))))"

"trick or treat!!"

"rot at home"

"study for physics"

"stole my sister's candy"

"did hw"

"slept"

<u>StuCo</u> <u>November at a Glance</u>

- Finishing FDOF and Pep Rallies
- Preparing for December Food Drive and Candy Grams

ior beginners

A POEM BY MAIRAH AMIR

cinnamon spice lungs & the air bites back. tangled in skeletons, november stretches; its fingers chapped, through bare branches.

i breathe in.

the cinnamon burns; sickly & sweet & sharp.

the streets are slick with rain;

wet asphalt gleaming like old pictures

left too long in the sun.

we let the cold creep into our bones, press our faces against a lit match & exhale, just to see how far we can throw the light.

i sink my teeth into my styrofoam cup cheap hot chocolate gone cold. you pull your coat tighter, muttering curses at the wind.

but in the hollow of the day, we wander, counting the churning leaves; i can almost taste the first snow waiting in the wings.

for in november, i am everything & nothing but the sepia bleeding through my lips, my veins, my heart

i tell you this.
you throw your head back & laugh;
i am once more reminded of
stale coffee, the taste of vinyl in the dark —
& the thing is,
i love you again.

the cinnamon burns, but doesn't every autumn ache a little?



Remembrance Day

By Yuvraj M

What is Remembrance Day?

Remembrance day is a way of marking and remembering the end of World War I, as on the eleventh month, day, and hour of 1918; armistice was signed. Did you know that Remembrance Day was originally called Armistice day? (Canadian War Museum. "Remembrance - Remembrance Day").

It is of the upmost importance to address this day, as it was during World War I when Canada was viewed as an independent nation from Great Britain (not officially). On this day people across Canada honor all the soldiers that sacrificed their life for our future ("Remembrance Day," Legion). Furthermore, on Remembrance Day we acknowledge the onus that we all have for keeping peace in this world ("Why Remember? - Remembrance Day").



As that was what the soldiers fought for.



Key terms

Armistice: An armistice is a truce; where opposing sides of war agree to stop attacking one another.

The treaty of Versailles (1919)

- An armistice treaty stating terms of peace with Germany and the Allies.
- Officially ended World War 1

How To Remember

We show our appreciation for the soldiers by wearing a poppy (on one's heart), as it symbolizes the soldiers who fought for a peaceful future (Royal British Legion, "The Poppy"). There are 3 parts to the poppy flower: they possess numerous stamens and petals, which circulate the ovary ("Poppy | Description & Species"). The red of the poppy symbolizes blood, the black symbolizes a bullet, and the green represents life. Poppies were seen on the western front of the first world war (Imperial War Museums. "Why We Wear Poppies on Remembrance Day"). A Canadian soldier, known as Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, and physician served at the frontline and witnessed numerous deaths, and after seeing poppies on the battle field, it inspired him to write the famous poem that we all know today; 'In Flanders Fields.' (Royal British Legion, "In Flanders Field | Royal British Legion") + (super-tpl. "In Flanders Fields: The Powerful Story behind the Iconic Remembrance Poem"). After this poem was published it became a global tradition to

purchase a poppy and donate to veterans.



Look out for the more "Penguin Buster" comic strips by Benson throughout the article pages!!

Trilogy Conclusion, "Venom: The Last Dance" Review by Ruiyi Sang

* I will not be mentioning any spoilers for the movie. Read freely!

Plot Summary

In the long-awaited final *Venom* film, Eddie Brock and the symbiote, Venom, find themselves on the run as they are pursued by a number of enemies. While the creator of symbiotes, Knull seeks release from his eternal imprisonment, he sends down Xenophages to retrieve the key to his freedom. As both worlds close in, they must face a devastating decision that brings about their final dance.

The *Venom* movie series has always been one to spark differing reactions—you either love its lovable, humorous take on the antihero or hate its deviation from the original comics. As someone who has consistently enjoyed the chaotic charm of the films, I found *Venom: The Last Dance* to be a satisfying conclusion to the trilogy.



At first, the plot was relatively slow and felt slightly confusing to follow. Some of the characters introduced that seem irrelevant quickly become overly prominent without contributing meaningfully to the story. Their backstories are quickly glossed over and never further explored, leaving viewers to question why they were even shown. However, the movie soon finds its essence, bringing back familiar faces like Detective Mulligan and fan favorite, Mrs. Chen. Unfortunately, it is difficult not to notice the complete absence of Anne, Eddie's ex-fiancée, considering her significant role in the first two movies.

As expected, *The Last Dance* does not disappoint in delivering the humor and wacky energy that fans expect. The film is packed with classic Venom comedy, making it a fun watch. The banter between Eddie and Venom continues to permeate the film, although this dynamic is not explored as deeply as in previous films due to Venom being on the run for the majority of the movie. This has limited further development of the Eddie-Venom dynamic, which was honestly rather disappointing considering their relationship served as the central highlight of the series. Interestingly, some scenes that critics may dismiss as "unnecessary"—such as the gambling or road trip scene—are critical in expanding their characters, giving viewers a better understanding of Venom's character and his bond with Eddie.





Can I watch Venom: The Last Dance without watching the previous films?

You technically could, seeing that no one is stopping you from doing so. However, since this is the last movie of the trilogy, I highly recommend watching the previous two films to fully appreciate this story's conclusion. There are several callbacks and references that you may not understand without the context, and you will find yourself appreciating these connections more if you are already familiar with Eddie and Venom's journey.

Should you watch it?

If you have watched the previous *Venom* movies, absolutely! This movie's ending delivers a strong and heartfelt conclusion to the trilogy, making it a worthwhile watch for fans who follow the series. If you have not watched the previous *Venom* movies, all I can say is it is time for you to pick up the remote and watch them now, then watch *Venom:* The Last Dance. It is a truly fun series that allows you to be fully encapsulated by the humor and action throughout each movie.

Do not forget to stick around for both end-credit scenes; they are worth the wait! (I will be streaming Memories by Maroon 5 for the next few days.)



PRACTICAL LIFE ADUICE + ** PROCRASTINATION ADUICE

By Janee Y.

Hey there! If you're looking for a page full of teenager wisdom, you're in the right place! This article features bits of practical humorous advice, as well as actual procrastination advice from the Director of Academic Services at Hillsdale College Happy reading!

PART 1: RANDOM GENERAL ADUICE



- 1. Double, Triple, and Quadruple check your exam dates and times and confirm them five times over with your teachers and students, seriously. (Someone thought his university morning exam was in the afternoon, and had to retake the whole semester...)
- 3. If your sibling is **practising piano**, especially technique, practise 7 feet social distancing and ensure no weapons are within their reach. If possible, mouse quietly in a corner far away until they are done. (If you happen to hear unmelodious banging, give your sibling a 30 minute calm down time).

- 2. **Use the library.** There are many free resources you can borrow from the library (coding bots, chromebooks, hiking poles and backpacks, ukuleles, etc).
- 4. **Don't leave all your stuff** (car keys, wallet, phone, etc) **in the car**, *especially* if there are no people within 1 km radius. (Your *thing* in the car (baby, dog, etc) might lock you out without warning, true story).
- 5. **Sleep early before exams**. Sleeping at 3am is not the way to skip breakfast and go straight to lunch. (Besides, more sleep will give you a bigger brain).



- 6. **Never** try to **paint your nails** when you have to leave the house in 30 minutes. 30 minutes is enough time to get into a manicure nightmare.
- 7. If you see a **washroom** in your dream, **don't use it.** (This isn't just a meme, personal experience).
- 8. If you're about to splurge and buy items over \$100, put it back, think it over, and go back the next day if you truly want it. **Only buy things you love**.

 Don't buy things you want.
- 9. The human brain is **emotional first**, **then logical**. Don't gag if a girl is crying dramatically, and definitely don't rub it on, unless you want to be enemies for life. On the other hand, if you're in a breakdown, a week at most is good enough for most teenager crises. Stop sobbing, pick yourself up, and get going.
- 10. **Self pity** is an 'illegitimate emotion'. You are not entitled to anything (were you born with gold bars? No .? I thought so). This includes, in most situations, your home internet.



PART 2: PROCRASTINATION ADUICE

!! Procrastination !!

Procrastination is tough. There are days you just don't want to do anything, especially english, math, science.... Why did my teacher give me homework over the weekend..... But sit back tight, fasten your seatbelt for some practical advice! Firstly, some advice on how to get things done, then how to maximise time, some facts about procrastination, how to beat procrastination, and finally how to deal with dipping motivation. Hang on tight! (All procrastination advice taken from a presentation by Christy Maier, Director of Academic Services at Hillsdale College.

Many thanks).











How To Get Things Done

- 1. Have a **master to-do list** (to keep the big picture in mind) and have regular meetings with yourself (weekly), in which you create...
- 2. **Brain dumps** on paper! Literally write down everything on your brain and categorize them by major groups of your lives. *Important!* Differentiate **goals** and **tasks**. Goals are not tasks
- 3. Create daily to do lists!

Write down 5-7 manageable tasks on your daily to-do list with checkboxes.

Tasks should be clearly defined and accomplishable in under an hour. If tasks take over an hour, it's a goal. Break goals down into tasks.

Weekly unschedule – block out your time visually on a timetable.

How to Maximize Your Time

- 1. **How** you work
 - a. When people feel that they have less time to work, they work more efficiently (research proven!) remember that crammed essay... Hack #1. Use a timer, and have a goal. Work in short bursts with focus and intensity.

 Monotask! Do one thing at a time! Multitasking is less creative, efficient, and competent. (It seriously doesn't work...)
- 2. Where you work
 - a. Make sure your environment isn't too comfortable or too distracting. **Hack**#2: <u>Do not-so-nice work in a slightly uncomfortable place.</u> This means not the couch and not the bed!!
 - . **When** you work
 - a. This varies from person to person, but most people work best in the morning and late at night, with a dip in the afternoon (from lunch). *Hack*#3: Go hard during your power time!! Do those tasks which take up the most mental energy in your 'power time': that monster English essay, gigantic science project, etc. *Note:* Your 'power time', in many cases, might be taken up by other activities, such as school. Try your best, and observe yourself.

Dealing with Procrastination (ahhh!)

Procrastination is not laziness! In fact, procrastination may look like busyness or hyperactivity. Rather, procrastination is avoidance. This is a symptom, not the root problem. When we are procrastinating, *most* tasks will expand to take up the time you allocate to it. (I've had personal experience wandering around aimlessly).

How to Beat Procrastination

- Do nothing. Sit for 15-20 minutes, stare at your dreaded assignment, and think, "What would it look like if I worked on this?"
 9 times out of 10 you'll want to start working on it. <u>Important!</u> Doing nothing is not scrolling your phone, playing video games, building a new spotify playlist... NO! I want you to sit there and <u>do nothing</u>, absolutely nothing.
- 2. **Break down your task!** Oftentimes, you may be giving yourself a goal, so break it apart into manageable, under-one-hour tasks, to counter the feeling of overwhelmingness
- 3. **Talk** to your procrastinating self like they are a different person, like a younger person you mentor. Ask them why they are behaving this way, and is it worth it to do so?

How to Deal with Dipping Motivation

Then, there are those terrible, horrible, no good, very bad days, where you're in a bad mood, you're burnt out, overwhelmed, lazy, or just sleepy, and where homework is the last thing you'd want to do.



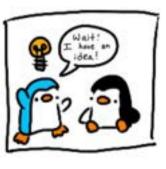
Create Momentum tasks! Momentum tasks are super easy to do, and easily accomplishable in 10-15 minutes. Create one, do it, and check it off your list – then jump straight into your hardest task. Don't start ploughing through momentum tasks like they're Oreos.

3. Body Doubling: Work around others that are working. (Now there are friend study groups, and there are study study groups. Know which one you're getting into).

4. Plan recharging breaks. Sometimes, you really just need a break. So go out and touch grass (If you have been lazing around and doing nothing, this is not an excuse or advice you should take!)

And that's it! Brandish these tools and watch your monstrous homework scatter! Finally, take care of yourself











Grad 25' Kickoff Kickoff Varty

Photos By Nathan C.



































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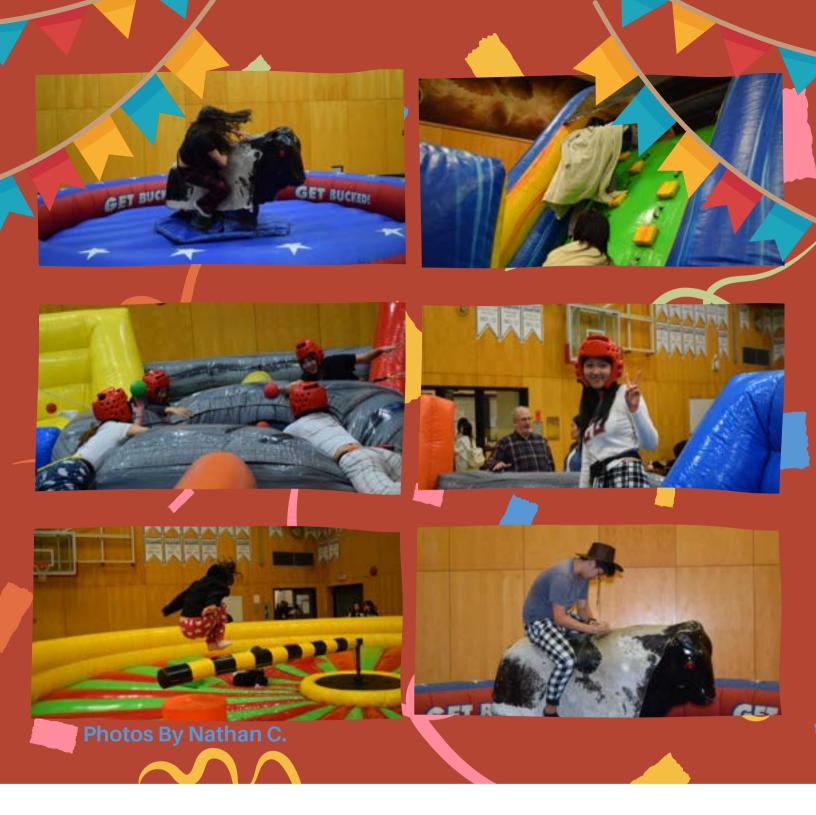






















the humid summer overtaken by the autumn breeze

<u>By FH Writing Club:</u>
<u>Lidya, Alina C, Ruiyi, Julianne, Anon, Sofia, Clio, Anon, Ethan, Sunny, Elizabeth, Sabrina, Sara, Richard, Adrian, Grace, Anuroop</u>

My boots carry me forward with the sweat on my brow, brushed off by gusts of cool wind. The leaves are burnished orange like lukewarm hues and golden harvests, the tree's of the East Coast U.S.A.

Withered crimson leaves crunch along the crumbly concrete while piles of leaves drift onto the sidewalk falling like raindrops in spring.

As the leaves fell down from the tree, so did my hopes and dreams: my breath rises in steam to join the clouds, the weather chills as the wind passes by, as the large scarecrow fends off the intruding birds bravely.

While Demeter retreats into darkness and the world weeps, trees bleed maple, revealing their skeletons, sunlight spills sheets of water on the window panes, and crisp air whispers, summers dread; I was just a leaf, in early autumn, living with nothing but my love for this tree and today.

FORMULA 1

BY: ANGELA MENG AND RYNA CHANANA



WHAT IS FORMULA ONE? - ANGELA

FORMULA 1—COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS F1—IS THE HIGHEST CLASS OF INTERNATIONAL SINGLE-SEATER, OPEN-WHEEL RACING. THE FIRST RACE DONE UNDER THIS SPECIFIC SET OF RULES (THE "FORMULA") WAS THE 1946 TURIN GRAND PRIX, BUT IT WOULDN'T BE UNTIL 1950 THAT THE FIRST FORMULA ONE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (SEVEN RACES LONG AND WON BY NINO FARINA) TOOK PLACE. THAT CHAMPIONSHIP HAD FOURTEEN TEAMS AND MORE THAN THIRTY DRIVERS; NOW, THERE ARE EXACTLY TEN TEAMS AND TWENTY DRIVERS, TWO FOR EACH TEAM. THE TEN TEAMS CURRENTLY COMPETING IN THE 2024 SEASON, IN ORDER OF THE CURRENT TEAM STANDINGS BEFORE THE AUSTIN GRAND PRIX, ARE AS FOLLOWS -

- 1. Mclaren 522 points
- 2. Oracle Red Bull Racing 483 points
- 3. Scuderia Ferrari 453 points
- 4. Mercedes AMG-Petronas 336 points
- 5. Armaco Aston Martin 86 points

- 1. Visa Cashapp Racing Bulls 34 points
- 2. Moneygram Haas 34 points
- 3. Williams 16 points
- 4. BWT Alpine 13 points
- 5. Kick Sauber Stake 0 points

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL RACE WEEKEND LOOK LIKE? - ANGELA



In F1, a race weekend is composed of three parts–free practice, qualifying, and the race.

Normally, there would be three free practices (often referred to as fp1, fp2, and fp3) a
qualifying section made of three rounds with five drivers eliminated each round (often
referred to as q1, q2, and q3) and then a two-hour race. This coming Austin Grand Prix
(October 18-20), however, is a sprint weekend. Sprints are designed to give drivers the
opportunity to focus more on attacking over a short period, in contrast to the more strategic,
long-term runs we see in races. This means that instead of having three free practices, there
would just be one, followed by a sprint qualifying and then the sprint itself.

So with the 2024 season coming to a close, let's take a look at the Austin race weekend. The
current schedule is free practice and sprint qualifying on Friday (October 18th), the sprint and
regular qualifying on Saturday (October 19th), and then the official race on Sunday, October
20th.

It's lights out and away we go - Happy watching!

2023 United Sta	tes Grand	Prix S	chedule
		COTA Circuit local time	UK time
Friday 20th October	FP1	12:30	18:30
Triday 20th October	Qualifying	16:00	22:00
Saturday 21st October	Sprint Shootout	12:30	18:30
	Sprint Race	17:00	23:00
Sunday 22nd October	Race	14:00	23:00
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FREE PRACTICE + SPRINT QUALIFYING (FRIDAY) - RYNA



FREE PRACTICE ON FRIDAY GAVE US A BIT OF A PREVIEW OF WHAT THE FINAL RACE WILL LOOK LIKE, WITH THE TWO FERRARIS IN 1ST AND 2ND FOLLOWED BY THE CHAMPIONSHIP LEADER MAX VERSTAPPEN WHO HAS BEEN FIGHTING TO WIN HIS 4TH WORLD TITLE THIS SEASON. BEHIND THE TOP THREE WERE THE TWO MCLAREN CARS AND THE TWO MERCEDES.

AFTER FP1 WE SAW SPRINT QUALIFYING, WHERE RED BULL'S VERSTAPPEN SECURED SPRINT POLE POSITION (1ST PLACE) BY A MERE 0.012 SECONDS, BEATING THE MERCEDES OF GEORGE RUSSELL BY A WHISKER. AFTER THE MERCEDES COMES THE FERRARI OF CHARLES LECLERC, THE MCLAREN OF LANDO NORRIS, THE FERRARI OF CARLOS SAINZ AND TO EVERYBODY'S SURPRISE, THE HAAS' ARE IN 6TH AND 8TH WITH THE MERCEDES OF LEWIS HAMILTON SANDWICHED BETWEEN THE TWO SUPPOSEDLY "INFERIOR" CARS.

SPRINT + QUALIFYING (SATURDAY) - RYNA



NEXT UP WAS OUR SPRINT RACE, WHICH DETERMINES THE FIRST POINTS DISTRIBUTED THIS WEEKEND WITH THE TOP 8 DRIVERS GETTING 8 POINTS FOR P1 THROUGH 1 POINT FOR P8. STARTING FROM THE FIRST GRID POSITION, VERSTAPPEN SECURED A SPRINT VICTORY WITH A STRONG LAUNCH FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. LANDO NORRIS' MCLAREN ALSO MADE UP AN IMPRESSIVE 2 PLACES, OVERTAKING THE ORIGINALLY P2 AND P3 MERCEDES AND FERRARI CARS TO LAND A SOLID P3.

RIGHT BETWEEN VERSTAPPEN AND NORRIS WAS SAINZ IN P2 WITH A 3.88 SECOND GAP TO 1ST PLACE. IN P4 WAS LECLERC'S FERRARI FOLLOWED BY THE TWO MERCEDES AND P7 AND P8 WENT TO HAAS, THE ONLY AMERICAN TEAM ON THE GRID, WHO MADE AN IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE HERE IN THEIR HOME RACE. AFTER THE SPRINT WAS OUR FINAL SESSION BEFORE THE ACTUAL RACE, QUALIFYING.

TO NOTE BEFOREHAND, LIAM LAWSON WAS GIVEN A WHOPPING 60 PLACE GRID PENALTY FOR USING A NEW ENGINE UNIT MEANING THAT HE WILL START FROM P20 NO MATTER HIS RESULT IN QUALIFYING.

THE FIRST 5 DRIVERS TO BE ELIMINATED FROM QUALIFYING WERE THE TWO SAUBERS AND THE TWO WILLIAMS, ALONG WITH THE MERCEDES OF LEWIS HAMILTON. THE NEXT 5 TO BE ELIMINATED WERE LAWSON—WHO DIDN'T LOG IN A CREDIBLE LAP TIME—AND HIS TEAMMATE TSUNODA, ALONG WITH STROLL'S ASTON MARTIN, OCON'S ALPINE AND FINALLY HULKENBERG'S HAAS. THIS MEANS THAT THE TOP 10 WERE SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THE TOP TEN IN THE SESSIONS PRIOR TO QUALIFYING MAKING PEREZ P10 (DID NOT FINISH THE SESSION), MAGNUSSEN P9, ALONSO P8, GASLY P7, RUSSELL P6, PIASTRI P5, LECLERC P4, SAINZ P3, VERSTAPPEN P2 AND OUR POLE SITTER, LANDO NORRIS IN P1.

AUSTIN GRAND PRIX RACE RESULTS (SUNDAY) - ANGELA



HIGHLIGHTS:

- FIRST FERRARI 1-2 SINCE AUSTRALIA (ROUND 3/24)
- LIAM LAWSON, FRANCO COLAPINTO (ROOKIES)3. MAX VERSTAPPEN (REDBULL) POINTS FINISH
- LAP 3: LEWIS HAMILTON OUT ONTO THE GRAVEL, SAFETY CAR + DNF
- MAX VERSTAPPEN EXTENDS HIS CHAMPIONSHIP LEAD TO 57 POINTS
- NICO HULKENBURG SCORES HAAS' BEST RESULT AT THEIR HOME RACE (P8)
- GEORGE RUSSELL STARTED FROM THE PIT LANE AFTER A QUALIFYING CRASH, FINISHED THE RACE AFTER AN AMAZING COMEBACK DRIVE IN P6
- THE FASTEST LAP OF THIS WEEKEND (1:37.330) WAS PERFORMED BY ALPINE'S ESTEBAN OCON, GAINING HIS TEAM AN ADDITIONAL POINT.

THE TIFOSI MIGHT HAVE CELEBRATED THIS WEEK. BUT THE TITLE FIGHT CAN STILL GO EITHER WAY—MAKE SURE TO TUNE IN NEXT TIME FOR THE LAS VEGAS GRAND PRIX!

TOP 5:

- 1. CHARLES LECLERC (FERRARI)
- 2. CARLOS SAINZ (FERRARI)
- 4. LANDO NORRIS (MCLAREN)
- 5. OSCAR PIASTRI (MCLAREN)

Band Department's

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Photos By Y.I





FHSPORTS OBJECT BY Charles Justin Escano and Matthew Yang

SENIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

As volleyball season comes to a close, the Senior boys had their last home game and went to 5 sets, winning and ending the game at 3-2! We saw some amazing spikes, blocks, and receives!

SENIOR BOYS SOCCER ON COURSE FOR A STRONG SEASON!

SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBAL

The senior girls have been destroying everyone this season going undefeated! Last night, they had their last home court games and won both games. There were some amazing digs by Hannah Kim, spikes by Jessica and Chloe, blocks by Riya, sets by Alice, and serves by Kai and Jessica. As volleyball season wraps up, they have one more away game. We wish them luck and hope they win that game too!

Fraser Heights Senior Boys Soccer season began on October 1, where they hosted North Surrey. The game saw Fraser Heights pick up their first win of the season leading 3-0 at full-time. The following game was away, facing La Matheson. The game ended in a 1-1 draw following Harris Williamson's volley. The third match of the season against Salish saw Fraser Heights go down O-1, but rebounded off a brace scored by Hayden Call to win the match 2-

1. So far, Fraser Heights is on for a strong season with their recent performances showing their goal-scoring and defensive capabilities - with 6 goals in 3 matches and only 2 goals against. So far they have 2W-1D-OL and a +4 goal differential.

senior boys soccer















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Senior Boys Volleyball



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senior girls volleyball















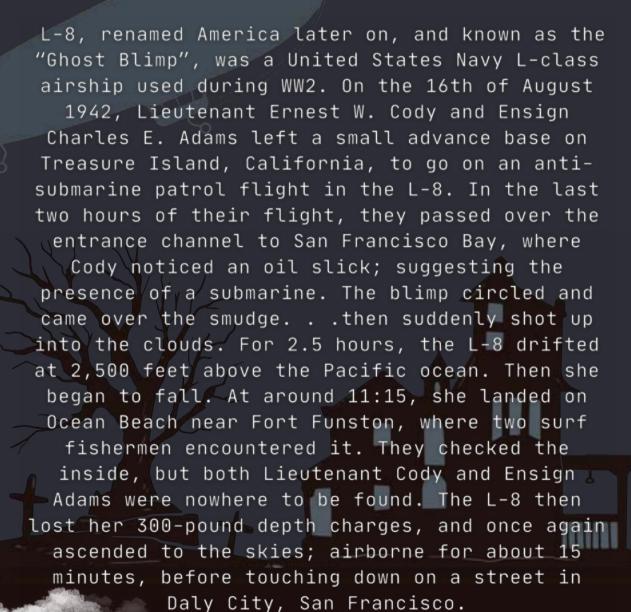


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SPOOKY STORIES: THE L-8 BLIMP MYSTERY

By Grace Ding

While many genres of horror stories exist, military ghost stories are a favorite of many. Abandoned ships, fighter planes mysteriously crashing, the phantoms of soldiers haunting desecrated battlefields—all chilling legends that exist to perplex readers. The L-8 Blimp is one such tale. In honor of Remembrance Day, this month's Spooky Story is on the Mystery of the Ghost Blimp.



SPOOKY STORIES: THE L-8 BLIMP MYSTERY

By Grace Ding

At the headquarters in Moffett Field, Operations had been trying to raise the L-8 by radio. The last radio they got from the blimp had been at 7:50 a.m, when Cody had informed them about investigating the oil slick. The radio silence was first attributed to radio failure. But when the blimp was still unresponsive at the 9:30 report, nearby ships and planes were alerted. Details began to come in. An airplane pilot flying had seen the L-8 out of control. An hour later, the artillery patrol station stated the L-8 had landed, then disappeared again. Finally, the police chief of Daly City called and said the blimp had landed in the street. She had been searched thoroughly, but no one was inside. By this point, the last time the two-man crew had been heard from was 5 hours ago.

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The car of the blimp was completely untouched, even the parachutes and life raft. Only two life jackets were missing, and the gondola door was tied back as if opened on purpose. The radio transmitter was also on, but out of battery. The entire blimp was entirely devoid of moisture; indicating that it likely never came in contact with water. For the next few weeks, civilians kept bringing pieces of clothing to the headquarters that may have belonged to the missing men, and the Navy searched the coastline as completely as they could. But the bodies, nor anything actually belonging to the bodies, were ever found.

To this day, the fate of Lieutenant Ernest W. Cody and Ensign Charles E. Adams – the crew of the renowned Ghost Blimp – remains a mystery.





