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Brookstone Serves an Ace with New Courts

BY JOSH FERNICOLA & ETHAN MARTIN

Sports are and always have been an important piece of Brookstone's history and identity. From the football field to the gyms to the baseball and softball fields, each facility has some sort of significance and usually pays homage to some family or person that is or once was an integral part of the Brookstone family. Brookstone's newest athletic addition, the Mary Lynne Smisson Cumiskey Tennis complex is no different.

The person to which the courts pay tribute, Mary Cumiskey, or Coach Cumiskey as most Brookstone students know her, has no doubt earned this honor. She was not only a valuable tennis player during her time at Brookstone, but also has coached the Varsity girls tennis team for many years, leading the team to multiple state titles. Her contributions to Brookstone athletics are doubted by none. Along with the complex, the center court is named after Jim East, another coach who has invested countless hours into Brook-

stone tennis, having coached many state title-holding teams.

The tennis courts were financed by donors who believed in the power and significance of the school's tennis



Brookstone School (Official)
Birds eye view of our new facilities.

program.

Since basically every piece of the facility was donated by someone, the names of people who gave money are displayed on everything from courts to light posts. This facility stands as a shining example of the power of the Brookstone community to work together and make a dream become a re-

ality.

Another interesting aspect of the facility is the "walk of champions" which is the brick walkway that passes by Center court on the way to the rest of the courts. The bricks lining the path bear the names of donors, current players, former players, and a variety of other people that make the Brookstone family as powerful as it is. This walkway is just one more of the already numerous symbolic pieces of the stunning facility that will be the home of Brookstone tennis for years to come. Although not everyone at the school will have the chance to play on these amazing courts, anytime a parent drives by after dropping their kids off in the morning, a visitor walks past it while touring the school, or when the student body bands together to cheer on the players in a close match, our new facility will be an amazing reminder of what the Brookstone family is capable of when we come together.

Brookstone vs. Everyone Else?

BY LEO BEAUDOIN

Columbus is a typical small town in many ways, with high school sports rivalries functioning as the center of much attention and social interaction. Even into adult years, alumni hold on to those rivalries and pass the traditions and stereotypes on to the next generation. Friday night lights can bring out the strongest school spirit from our classmates as well as the most bitter hatred from our opponents. We at Brookstone have our own good-natured traditions, such as The Jug, but off the field how or when do we interact with our counterparts at Pacelli, Northside, and Columbus High School? If we could, would it be beneficial to have a stronger network with the extended community of Columbus high school

students?

One opportunity that we have to spend some casual social time with students from other schools is with Young Life. Club meetings and trips, such as Sharp Top, give students from several schools the chance to get to know each other outside of the competitive sports environment. Various volunteering opportunities, such as working at The Boy's and Girl's Club, Habitat for Humanity, and the summer program at Columbus Regional, also give us a chance to spend time with kids from different schools. There are benefits to making friends with students around town, and if Brookstone students make the extra effort to build these friendships, we may start a trend that leads to

a stronger student network in our community.

One benefit is that we will have a larger circle of friends as we head off to college. More familiar Columbus faces can make a big school feel a lot smaller. Also, we can celebrate and promote each other's accomplishments. If a football player from Hardaway signs to Georgia, we will have a stronger sense of community pride. We can take pride in the success of those from our extended community rather than Brookstone exclusively. So, the next time you run into a Viking, Blue Devil, or Patriot, take the time to introduce yourself and start building a bridge that starts at Brookstone.

Hello! We hope that you are as excited about this semester's edition of the Cougar Roar as we are! As time passes and things change, we see the need for change to occur amongst these pages as well. We decided to focus a bit more attention on the Brookstone community, and we added a few more lighter pieces as well. We hope that you find this new style of the newspaper interesting and enjoyable. As time progresses, so do we, and we're thrilled to be able to grow in an innovative and more modern way.



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Favorite Memory from Senior Year?

“Scoring my first ever high school soccer goal”

“Powder Puff”

“Last first day”

“When the seniors won the spirit stick at the homecoming pep rally!”

“Pacelli football game”

“Mary Poppins performances”

“We were taking our senior picture on top of the hill. We were waiting for Rob while standing in the hot sun, sweating from our eyeballs. He finally walked out of the upper school and took his precious time while everyone yelled at him to run.”



Cortney Laughlin

Class of 2017 lined up on the hill on their last first day.

As one chapter of their lives comes to an end, Brookstone’s seniors begin new chapters at a variety of colleges, such as...

Washington & Lee Samford Ole Miss

Boston College New York University

Georgia Tech University of Georgia

Auburn University Davidson College

Rhodes College University of Alabama

Columbus State University Furman

Barnard College Belmont University

Mary Poppins Takes Flight

BY AUGUSTA GRAHAM



Deana Graham
Gracie Pippas, as Mary Poppins, flying over the stage.

Early this March, Brookstone's Theatre department produced the Disney classic, Mary Poppins, for their annual musical. A complete success, the show debuted the use of a fly system which made the production so much more magical, lifting Mary and Bert up in the air. This has

never before been done in a Brookstone show. The new light system also added to the atmosphere that made this story so special. The show had two casts for the principal actors; the Red team included more seniors, with Gracie Pippas, Mills Miller, Edward Neal, and Abbey Crowley, while the Blue team featured Candice Keogh, Mason Gillespie, Ethan Martin, and Cydney Landreau. This allowed for the lead characters to not be put under as much vocal strain or exhaustion, in addition to allowing for more stu-

dents to experience performing in a lead role.

However, behind every perfect show are hours upon hours of hard work. Challenges the show faced included the beautifully designed and built set piece that functioned as the house, 17 Cherry Tree Lane. Although gorgeously painted and decorated by Kate McGrory and Jannette Pippas, it was at times difficult to move on and off stage. This was solved by the creation of the "House Crew," a group of specific crew and cast members that worked together for each transition during the show in order to manipulate it in a timely manner. This year the production was professionally choreographed by Maddie Tweed, a friend of the director's and actress at the Springer Opera House. She has also worked with Brookstone for this year's Middle School Musical, Alice in Wonderland. The dancing in Mary Poppins is a huge responsibility, especially considering the timeless classics of Step in Time and Jolly Holiday. She certainly proved to be up to the challenge, incorporating 80 dancers into Step in Time and creating the complicated hand spellings for Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. However, because she is also a full-time actress, she was aided by none other than Brookstone junior, Cydney Landreau as the assistant choreographer, who learned

and repeatedly helped teach the moves to each and every number, in addition to playing Mrs. Banks, which was no small role itself.

This year, Brookstone School has become eligible for the Shuler Awards. A prestigious program involving only 75 schools, the show was adjudicated for the categories of overall production, direction, music direction, orchestra, scenic design, sound, technical execution, ensemble, and showstopper, as well as best performance for lead/supporting actor/actress.

Overall, the production was met with wide acclaim as one Lower School parent said it was "like seeing a show in New York." Although the musical is written for a children's audience, it attracted viewers of all ages. The high school, faculty and students alike, came out in full force to support their costumed classmates. The sheer number of participants in the show, from auditions in September to the final curtain, from onstage to backstage totaled to 120 (plus the countless parents and staff members)- are a testament to the outpour of support Brookstone has for the arts, and to the message of the show: "Anything can happen if you let it".

Diving into State

BY KAT DUNCAN

This year, Brookstone's swim team returned to the pool with a splash. With practice starting in October, the team had plenty of time to warm up for the meets. Head coach, David Cowser, worked with all of the members on the team to improve their agility in the water. Four days a week, swimmers gathered at the aquatic center to work on general speed as well as smaller details, such as achieving the perfect dive.

Though few seniors joined the athletes, the swimmers had a successful year. Each member of the team worked hard to improve throughout the season. As a result of their hard work, several relays and two individualas qualified for state.

The state swim meet was held at the Georgia Tech McAuley Aquatic Center. The following seven athletes competed there: Abigail Pitts, Anna Leary, Rachel Leary, Ava Pahl, Mackenzie Koon, Hannah Matson, and Ashley Lewis. All brought their a-game to the pool. Hannah Matson placed second in state with both her 200 Free (1:51.21) and 100 Free (51.74). The girl's 200 Medley Relay dropped seven seconds from their time (2:00.87), which is another significant accomplishment. Regardless of the end result, the swimmers' dedication and efforts exemplified the spirit of a Brookstone athlete.



Mackenzie Koon

The girls swim team before departing for state.

"Basketball, Man"

BY JOSIE YANCEY



Deana Graham
Jamie Sheek goes for a layup.

Our Cougars had a successful year of basketball. Since beginning practicing officially in the fall, both the Girls and Boys teams have gotten a lot better, and their dedication showed throughout the season. The Boys team had a very successful season, finishing third in the region going into the Region Tournament. The team, led by their strong senior class, accomplished many great things. They defeated Pacelli, and won many tough, tight games. Their success culminated in the region tournament, where they continued to advance until losing a close game against Macon County.

The Girls also accomplished a lot this season. After losing many seniors, they welcomed a plethora of freshmen and sophomores on Varsity team. Led by their one senior, Marty Laughbaum, they prevailed over cross town rival Pacelli, and continued to fight hard over the season. They gained valuable experience that will benefit the team in the long run. Even though they may not have won many games, the Lady Cougars learned a lot, and accomplished many of their goals.

Both JV teams also had successful seasons. Since they began practice, they learned a great deal and gained valuable knowledge. Both teams had some close games, and the effort they put into practice could be seen throughout the entire season. Their dedication and commitment to Brookstone basketball was greatly appreciated.

9th Grade Traffic

Jams

BY JOSEPH WANG

As a freshman, my locker is right in the middle of a hallway that eighty-two freshman and about half the upperclassmen walk through every day. One can imagine how hard it is for a Brookstone high school student to walk across the freshman side of the hallway. It's kind of embarrassing to witness English and Foreign Language teachers like Dr. Harkey, Mr. Parisi, and Mrs. Keller squeeze their way past an ocean of students, almost yelling, "Excuse me! I need to pass." What can we as high school students do to prevent this hallway from becoming an impenetrable sea of teenagers walking hurriedly from class to class?

A great solution to this irritating situation is to divide out the lockers. All the freshman lockers don't have to cluster around one side of the upper school. The lockers could be arranged solely in alphabetical order of last names, regardless of grade.

Another suggestion to possibly de-congest the freshman hallway is to let out the ninth graders a little earlier or a little later than all other classes. In that case the hallways wouldn't be crowded because the freshmen would be done packing books into their lockers when the upperclassmen come out of their classrooms, or vice versa.

Finally, freshman William Sluder, had a funny proposal: the school could install moving walkways along the halls if they have money. That way if the walkway moves faster it can aid in the flow of human traffic in the freshman hallway. Not impossible, but quite expensive to carry out.

Trump's First 100 Days Productive yet Controversial

BY DAVID RESNICK

Since his inauguration in January, President Donald Trump has been busy issuing many executive orders, in fact faster than any recent president. It's been over 20 years since a president has signed an executive order on their first day in office but within hours of his inauguration, Trump signed an order to limit the financial burden of ObamaCare on the public. By day four, he authorized the completion of the Keystone XL Pipeline, which will carry oil from Canada to the United States. Former president Barack Obama had blocked the project due to environmentalists' concerns about the impact of extracting oil from the Canadian Tar Sands.

On the same day, Trump authorized resumption of the Dakota Access Pipeline which has been protested by local Native Americans who are concerned that the pipeline will ruin their sacred burial grounds and contaminate their water supply. What quickly followed was an executive

order enabling work to begin on his long-promised wall between Mexico and the US. Intended to prevent illegal immigration, the wall is expected to cost \$15 billion to complete. The president has promised that Mexico will pay for this, but the Mexican government has failed to agree as of yet.



Donald Trump shows his sign of approval.

By far President Trump's most controversial order has been related to immigration from the Middle East. He banned immigration from seven majority muslim countries with the intention of keeping radical islamic terrorists out of the United States.

These countries include Syria, Yemen, Sudan, Somalia, Iraq, Iran, and Libya. Almost immediately, travelers already en route to the United States became stuck at international airports, while large protests developed in cities across the US as well as in foreign capitals.

Days later, the Trump administration was forced to modify the policy when it unintentionally blocked the entry of legal immigrants into the United States. Following this, U.S. District Judge James Robart of Seattle issued a hold on the president's travel ban, which allowed immigration from these countries to resume. It is anticipated that the current order will be revoked and replaced with new language that will clarify the intention of the administrator's decision. President Trump has clearly been working quickly to fulfill his campaign promises and so far at least, this has made him one of the most productive yet controversial presidents of our time.

Teachers Buzz about Cell Phones

BY KAT DUNCAN

Most students would agree that having a cellphone confiscated by a teacher is probably one of the worst things that could happen during a class. No one wants their precious device taken away, and while it might seem that the teachers derive some enjoyment from a student's phonelessness, they are only trying to find a way to minimize the complications brought on by the advent of this twenty-first century technology.

Each teacher has a different method to deal with the often loud, but dearly loved, rectangles of glass, metal, and plastic. While many on the math and social studies hallways follow the idea of "out of sight, out of mind" (and out of trouble), others have come up with a more specific

ways to prevent phone related distractions during class.

Before the start of every class, Dr. Cheruiyot collects each student's cell phone. She says that unless they are expecting an important message, "everybody has to put it in the basket" so they "don't have to be tempted." This is a rather concrete approach, and it ensures that no student will suffer the pain of having to go without their phone alone. In the language hallway, Mr. Connors has a less intrusive way of managing phones, though it may not be as effective. On each desk a taped down rectangular piece of paper reads "If you can read this, then where is your phone?", designating a spot for every device. He then leaves it up to the indi-

vidual to answer the question. Dr. Harkey has lined one of his cabinets with fleece, providing parking spots for the phones to rest in during class.

Some teachers' methods may seem unorthodox and some too relaxed, but each manage to pass the speed bump that is cell phones. It's our job as students to overcome the temptation, and these various approaches can help aid in our journey. Dr. Cheruiyot compared the respect in the classroom to that found in church or a meeting, because like those, "the classroom is a very important place." Taking 55 minute breaks from the LED screen may seem difficult, but in the end, it's all worth it for a pristine education.

Do You Like Tea (the Hot Kind)?

BY ABBIE DILLON

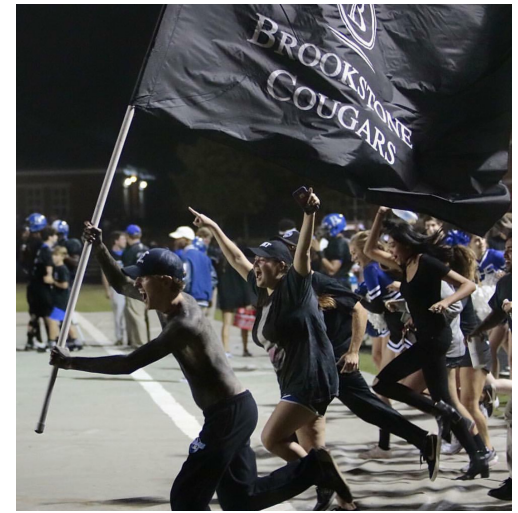
If so, check out the new tea shoppe on Broadway. That's right, there is a tea shoppe in Columbus, Ga. It's hard to see at first, but just look to the right of Subway and you'll find a door that says "Te aMo Tea." This is the place. Walk in the door, and you will feel like you are in a different world. Te aMo is like nothing you've ever seen before. The owner, Toshiro Lyn, constructed all of the counters and tables and tea displays with concrete blocks. You don't sit in a chair, you sit on a pillow in the ground, and look through their various books or play knock off jenga. The art is quite different too. One piece consists of a feather duster hanging from a picture frame. Oh, and the teas. There is a great variety of quality loose leaf teas, ranging from masala chai to strawberry. And Toshiro will make the tea any way you want it. He may even concoct you something you never would have thought of yourself (my most recent tea had an orange slice in it). So if you are wanting a good cup of tea or if you are wandering around downtown Columbus with nothing to do (it will happen to you, I'm sure), stop by this place! You'll be intrigued by the uniqueness of it, and you will enjoy your beverage.

The Best of Brookstone

in 2016

BY MOLLY GRAHAM

2016 was a big year at Brookstone! We have a new headmaster, Marty Lester. We beat Pacelli in football so what more could you ask for? We got brand new state-of-the-art tennis courts which look awesome. The speed bumps down to the gym are gone. Our football games were so fun thanks to the Blue Crew who pumped up the student section at every game. One Act won region. Golf won a state championship. We helped a bunch of people on Service Day and our Servant Leadership program is always doing good for the community! All in all it was a great year, and 2017 is off to a great start. Go Cougs!



Instagram
Rushing the field after another victory over Pacelli.

“You can't handle the truth!”: The Truth About the Most Quoted Movie Lines of All Time

BY ABBEY CROWLEY

“Say hello to my little friend.”

Tony Montana (played by Al Pacino) gives us the line in the film Scarface, but in actuality more people probably use this quote in reference to The Simpsons or Family Guy.

“I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship.”

Rick Blaine in Casablanca delivers this classic line, though Humphrey Bogart was almost beat out for the part by another American icon: Ronald Reagan, who was briefly considered for the part.

“Keep your friends close, but your enemies closer.”

Even though Michael Corleone (Al Pacino's second character on this list) originally said this in The Godfather Part II, the line is also quoted in High School Musical 3. Both scenarios prove that making the third one is almost always taking it too far.

“You had me at ‘hello.’”

Dorothy Boyd (Renée Zellweger) in delivers this classic line in Jerry Maguire. Funny enough, Renée Zellweger's ex-husband, Kenny Chesney, has a song called “You Had Me at Hello.”

“I'm ready for my close-up.”

You've heard it in Mrs. Doubtfire, Gilmore Girls, The Comeback, and any movie where someone is ready for their close-up, but the classic line was originally popularized in Sunset Boulevard by the character Norma Desmond (Gloria Swanson).

“Fasten your seatbelts. It's going to be a bumpy night.”

This is one of the most misquoted movie lines of all time. You'd think after more than half a century, people would give All About Eve some justice and stop saying “fasten your seatbelts; it's going to be a bumpy ride.” But no.

“You can't handle the truth!”

Originally quoted by Col. Nathan R. Jessup (Jack Nicholson) in A Few Good Men but now quoted every day by dads nationwide.

“You talkin' to me?”

Taxi Driver's hero is a Vietnam War veteran who is growing increasingly violent with thoughts of vigilantism. Travis Bickle (Robert De Niro) buys some guns and hits the audience with this tough-guy speech. In an empty room. By himself. Into the mirror.

“I'm gonna make him an offer he can't refuse.”

Vito Corleone (Marlon Brando) said this in The Godfather. Can't put your finger on where else you've heard it? According to the American Film Institute, this is the second-most famous movie quote of all time, so you've heard it everywhere.

“Show me the money!”

Cuba Gooding Jr. who played Rod Tidwell even quoted himself in his Oscar acceptance speech for Best Supporting Actor in Jerry Maguire.

The Man Behind the Reflective Vest

BY MASON DUDLEY

After many years of waving students and parents alike into our school, Brookstone's greatest crossing guard, John B. Crampes has accrued experience that many may seem invaluable. Such as, when you here a suped up truck, move! This is one of the many things I learned from my interview with Mr. Crampes. During this ten-minute interview I learned everything from where he was born to his favorite time period. The question I asked during this interview are as follows along with his answers.

What is your name?

My full name is John B. Crampes.

What state/city where you born in?

I was born and grew up in Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

What high school did you attend as a teenager?

Christian K High school.

What was your dream job as a child/why?

As a child my dream job was to work for the military. My father was involed in the military and at the time it seemed like a highly prestigious job.

What got you interested in being a crossing guard?

I have done traffic work before for the military and law, and found I had a knack for it.

How many years have you worked as a crossing guard?

I have been working as a crossing guard for 5 years.

Have you ever been hit by a Brookstone student or parent?

I have never been hit by a student or parent, but once a white sports car almost hit me amidst a frantic Wednesday morning.

If you had the choice to do anything/ live anywhere what would you choose?

I would stay right were I am. Columbus is a great small town with lots to do, and I have a great community here at Brookstone

If you could turn back time once, when would you go too and why?

If I could go back to any time period, I would go back to the middle Ages. As I have always loved history and enjoying the experience of new people and a new land. Also who would not take the chance and go be a crossing guard for carriages.

What is your least favorite car to flag into Brookstone?

My least favorite car to flag into Brookstone has to be a large brown SUV, as it is always honking at me to move out of the way.

Final question at what age do you see yourself retire?

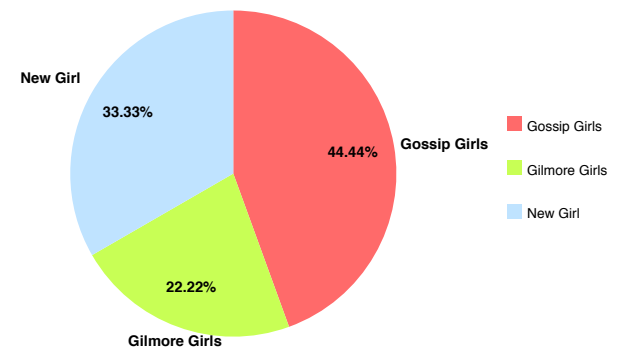
I will retire either when I kick the bucket, or deem myself unfit to uphold the safety of Brookstone students trying to make to school on time.

March TV Madness

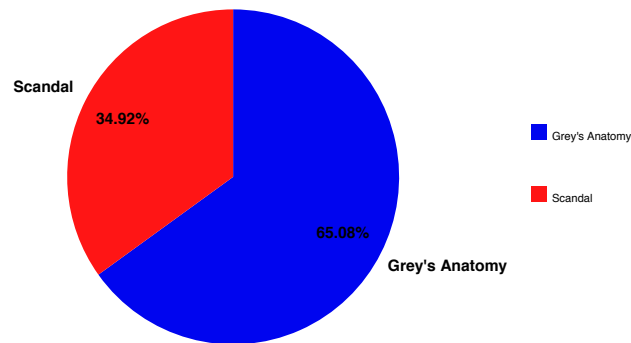
BY ELLA MCGREGOR

When Brookstone students were asked what they liked to do in their free time or what they actually do while "pretending" to be studying on Membean, a majority revealed they were watching Netflix. From this came the question of which show is actually the best show on Netflix to watch.... At this point, arguments and chaos broke out. There are always debates on which Netflix shows are must sees and which are only so-so. In order to settle the dispute, Upper School students were asked to pick between the following shows to determine which shows we think are the best.

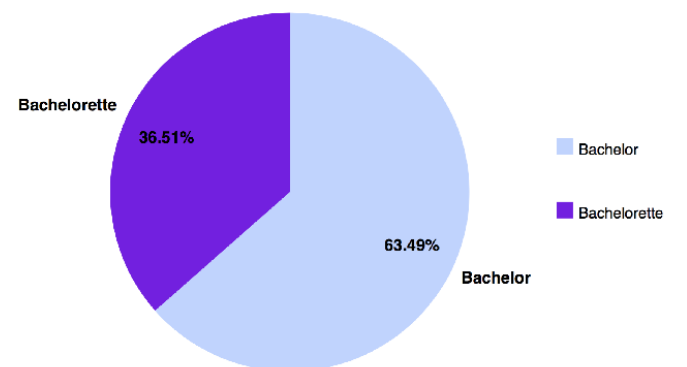
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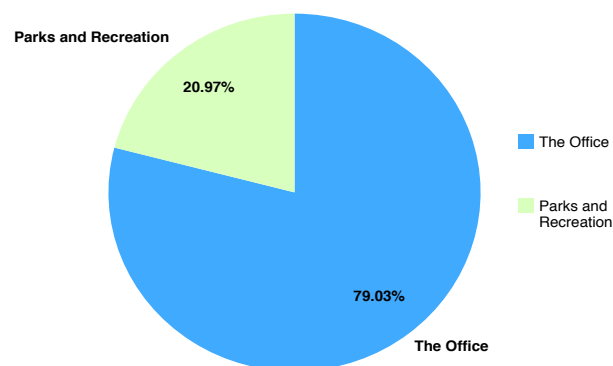
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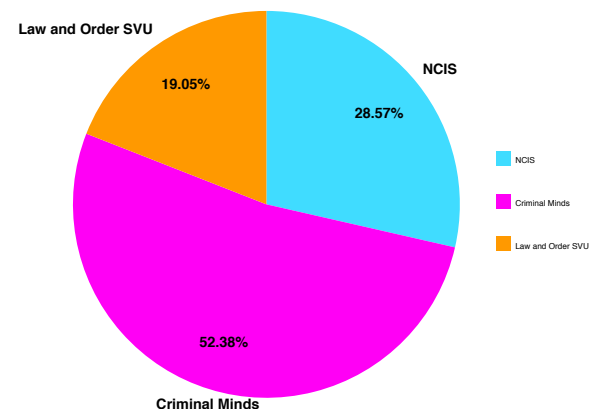
Bachelor VS Bachelorette



The Office VS Parks and Recreation



NCIS VS Criminal Minds VS Law and Order SVU



Dear Bubba

BY BUBBA

“Dear Bubba,
I am a Sophomore with Senioritis. Is this even possible?”

Greetings Sophomoritis! This is quite possible. Senioritis refers to the lack of motivation within the last couple of months of high school for Seniors, but it’s common to have these feelings during times even before you are a Senior. It is important that you stay motivated and focused, or else you won’t make it to Senior year! Try staying invested by setting goals for yourself and establishing an award system for your achievements. Junior year is around the corner...hopefully you’ll make it through that without catching Junioritis!



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Bubba cheering on the cougs at a football game.

Bring Back Square Pizza

BY ANNA PARISI

The lunch options in the cafeteria have undergone several changes in the past years, to say the least. I still fondly remember my elementary school years, when the lunchroom served delicious slices of square pizza, fried mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, and an assortment of sweet desserts, my favorite being the rainbow cake. The cafeteria staff had fun names for certain days, like Pasta Pig Out and Deli Dementia which became beacons of hope to me as a young student struggling with the concepts of addition and long division. We would look forward to lunchtime and anxiously wait until we could see whether or not the lunchroom had our favorite meal. Afterwards, we would return to class full and content, ready to finish off the rest of the day.

Lunch was good, therefore life was good. Things changed after that. Perhaps it really was due to the lunch or the awkward transition years between lower school and middle school or maybe both, but the lunch room seemed to lose its

appeal. As if fourth and fifth grade weren’t hard enough, the lunchroom changed its company to one that had the fair intention of making healthier lunches for the kids, but executed it so poorly, it marked an entire generation at Brookstone school. If you ask anyone who was enrolled from 2005 to 2012 about the veggie burgers of Brookstone School, I promise you, they will know to what you’re referring. Desserts and Pasta Pigout were a thing of the past.

The healthier lunch actually had an adverse effect since no one was willing to give the meat substitutes a chance. So instead, we would either have crackers, or microwaved slabs of butter on cold, soft pretzels, a heart attack on a plate and a far less nutritious option than even the square pizzas we were enjoying before. We would leave the lunchroom feeling that greasy fullness one gets when they eat too much of a bad thing, and sitting in class after such an empty meal was torture. The situation was so bad that it is still talked of and discussed

years after the fact.

Today’s lunch is nothing like the horrors of yesterday and there are many meals that people actually prefer. However, while a general consensus of my study hall class proves that the fries are comparable to those of a fast food restaurant, there are certain items that students still dream of from before the health craze; the square pizzas, the lightly fried cheese sticks, the sweet rainbow cake. The excitement and delight that came with these foods is what kept us going when we couldn’t make it through another class, or what picked us up after we had a bad day. It’s what we looked forward to during the week and how we celebrated when we finally finished. And if this seems a bit “dramatique”, think back to the last time you enjoyed a celebratory salad, or a birthday granola bar.

Health is important, but so is enjoyment and after a long week, everyone deserves to enjoy a greasy, unhealthy slice of square pizza.