

EDITORS

Letter from the editor

As the cherry blossoms begin to bloom and buds sprout from the branches, spring arrives and so does a period of limbo for Montclair High School. Seniors begin their descent into Senior Option and underclassmen embark on the journey planned for them. It is a time of new beginnings and tying up loose ends. A strange energy looms overhead as seniors move out and everyone else moves up, perhaps a struggle to let go and yet no interest in staying.

This school year has certainly been one to remember and one that will only continue to change. The school as we knew it will change once again when construction begins to fix the structural integrity of our beloved main building. If anything, this year has taught us how to adapt. There hangs an air of determination, although it is continuously clouded by a crippling and contagious case of senioritis.

The months of May and June usually become ones of just powering through. It is the final stretch before pure, unadulterated freedom. For seniors, it is the only thing holding us back from “the summer of our lives,” which includes basking in the sun and slowly going insane all while pretending to be okay and trying not to cling to whatever false security Montclair High School gave us. For Juniors, it is the checkpoint before things seem to get real. College is the only thing on the mind and topics for their college essay are literally the only thing they can talk about. Sophomores get scared because summer means that “the hardest year ever” is the next thing that lies ahead with no escape. Freshman are pretty much fine as Sophomore year boasts nothing special other than the promise of new and exciting small learning communities, if that is the path they have so chosen.

So, how do we manage to just get our stuff done when all this is hanging over us? How do we just keep our heads down and do what we need to do to get out of here cleanly? How are seniors supposed to savor the moments when none of us really want to be here at all anymore? I am sorry to say, I don’t know. It is a time for looking ahead and yet reflecting all the same, of clinging to our past and yet needing to let go. Loyal readers, it has been a pleasure reporting for you in these past years, and I wish you well in whatever havoc you continue to wreak in these hallowed halls.

Love always,
Mountaineer Staff

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH...

Prom?



“It is the single-most romantic holiday of the year and I physically could not be more excited. Good friends, good clothes, food...what’s not to love?” - Carlos Salem-Rosario, 11



“Adamantly against it. I will be hosting “Morp” the same evening at Woodman Field, it will be exactly what it sounds like.” - Julia Maskin, 12

Carlos Salem-Rosario, 11 Photo courtesy of Facebook

Julia Maskin, 12

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To M20, or not to M20?

BY LENA FINE, 12

In the wake of the madness that was this school year, MHS makes one final push into absurdity. As seniors begin to wrap up their Montclair High careers and navigate Senior Option, the rest of the school prepares for whatever comes next. The district was preparing for all of grades 9-11 to move into the Freshman building starting May 20 to accommodate for asbestos removal, however the Board of Education has just come forward with yet another different plan. The outcome of the most recent Board meeting on May 7, the administration has decided to keep the main building open through the end of the school year and postpone asbestos removal. While this was a relief for many, the consequences may be just as extreme.

Just the mere prospect of the transition to the freshman building caused backlash, mostly surrounding the proposed three hour study halls students would have had to face. A number of parents started a *Change.org* petition to bring their concerns to the attention of Mr. Grosso, Superintendent Johnson, and the Board of Education. The petition had garnered over 750 signatures. The parents' main concerns were the excessive study halls and the single lunch period. According to the petition, parents were frustrated with the fact that their taxpayer dollars would go into three hours of students doing next to nothing each day instead of more instructional time or having the opportunity to pursue outside educational opportunities. The administration was influenced by the parents' concerns in their decision to delay asbestos removal.

The transition had made itself abundantly apparent in other, stranger ways before the publicity of its postponement. Rumors continuously flooded the hallways with the myriad ways the administration was trying to physically fit everything in one building. One of the more recent rumors that attracted immense attention was the prospect of guidance offices being relocated to the freshman gym locker rooms. Other random rooms and closets had been cleared out in an attempt to fit as much as possible into the Annex beginning May 20. In the midst of preparing for the musical, SVPA students were tasked with cleaning out the band room and the costumes room so as to make space for more classes or offices. "I've never seen so much of the wall in this room," exclaims Eliza Whipple—co-head of the costumes crew—of the costumes room, which has previously been stuffed wall to wall with costumes spanning decades in age.

While the seniors are echoing sighs of relief, underclassmen still anxiously await the rest of the school year. Freshman Michael Ellis laments, "I'm not excited, it seems really chaotic and the communication isn't good between the administration and the students." Fellow freshman Maria Linietsky agrees, stating, "I know the administration is trying their best, but I doubt we'll have any real instruction." There seems to be no way

the administration and the Board of Education can make both the parents and students happy.

Following the ruling that classes would commence normally through the year, students realized the unlikelihood of construction being finished by next school year. Another *Change.org* petition began circling *Facebook*—this time student led. Junior Thomas Lee started the petition to try and reverse the postponement of the

May 20 plan. Lee states, "The group of parents without a doubt have valid claims however do not fully understand the struggle that students have faced over the past year as well as the negative effects of postponing the construction. Students at Montclair High School do not deserve to deal with these problems for multiple school years." Lee's petition has nearly 2,000 signatures. The petition was also featured in an article for *Montclair Local*, in which information was posted that the delay of asbestos removal also means that the bid process will have to start all over again. This would be the third round of bids the district would go through. The Board of Education has not yet made a statement on the new, student-led petition.

As of now, the district has ruled to continue classes as usual for the remainder of the school year. With this ruling, it is likely that only two stairwells of the four damaged ones will be in working condition by next year, and that classes will continue in the trailers, according to *Montclair Local*.



Remnants from the costumes room ready for disposal

Photo by Lena Fine



M20 discussed at BOE meeting Photo courtesy of Baristanet

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Do we give kids too many trophies?

BY GARY ROBINSON JR., 12

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Carol Dweck, a psychology professor at Stanford University, found that kids respond positively to praise. They enjoy hearing that they are smart talented and so on, but after such praise of their innate abilities, they collapse at the first experience of difficulty. Demoralized by their failure, they say they would rather cheat than to fail again.

By age 4 or 5, children aren't fooled by trophies anymore. They are surprisingly accurate at identifying who excels and who struggles. Those who are outperformed know it and give up, while those who do well feel cheated when they aren't recognized for their accomplishments. They, too, may give up. It turns out that, once kids have some proficiency in a task, the excitement and uncertainty of real competition may become the activity's very appeal.

If children know they will automatically get an award, what is the incentive improvement? Why bother learning problem-solving skills, when there are never obstacles to begin with?

When it comes to rewards, people argue that kids must be treated identically: everyone must always win. Montclair High School football coach John Fiore thinks trophies are detrimental to kids, "I think trophies need to be something earned. I think we've

taken away... the competitive edge out of kids, you're taking that satisfaction of accomplishments away from a kid." There are negative outcomes. Not just for specific children, but for society as a whole.

In June 2013, an Oklahoma Little League cancelled participation trophies because of a budget shortfall. A furious parent complained to a local reporter, "My children look forward to their trophy as much as playing the game." That's exactly the problem, says Twean Twenge, author of *Generation of Me*. Having studied recent increases in narcissism and entitlement among college students, she warns that when living rooms are filled with participation trophies, it's part of a larger cultural message: to succeed, you just have to show up. In college, those who've grown up receiving endless awards do the necessary work, but don't see the need to do it well. In the office, they still believe that attendance is all it takes to get a promotion.

When children make mistakes, the parent's job should not be to spin those losses into decorated victories. Instead, the parents job is to help kids overcome setbacks, to help them see that progress overtime is more important than a particular win or loss, and to help them graciously congratulate the child who succeeded when they failed. To do that, refuse all the meaningless plastic and tin destined for landfills. Stop letting the Trophy-Industrial Complex run the children's lives. Fight for kids' right to lose!



Mini Star Football Participation Trophy

Photo Courtesy of Google Images

Does class size matter?

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Can adults learn from this

BY JOE HELD, 11

For as long as humans can remember, older generations have complained about newer generations. It's to be expected that every generation will find fault with the one following them, and they like to complain about it, too. Just go on *Facebook* and look around a little and one can most certainly find a Baby Boomer or Generation X adult moaning about the younger Millennials or Generation Z for whatever reason, whether it be their latest video game or food trend, or about their incessant complaining about not being able to afford college.

What older generations need to realize is that times have changed, and these new generations are the first to be fully immersed in such world-shifting changes such as the Internet and the widespread use of computers, so it's to be expected that there are vast differences between the generations. One can definitely remember a time

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Montclair fights demolition of Lackawanna

BY EMMA GRAHAM, 11

Montclair Lackawanna Station, built in 1913, has been around for over a century. It's a historic site revered by citizens that adds to the classic charm of their town. Brian Stolar, president of Pinnacle Companies, recently purchased the plaza with the goal to renovate the complex. He announced his plan to modernize the building, receiving major backlash from Montclair citizens. People grew concerned when he said, "Our goal is to completely redo that so it looks new and modern."

In the past couple of years, Montclair has been the subject of modern construction. The two developments MC Hotel and Valley & Bloom recently popped up on Bloomfield Avenue, adding to the towering buildings on the street. Many citizens are concerned that the bulky tall buildings will take away from Montclair's memorable charisma. Montclair resident Judith Rich said that the developments are

"horrifying" and that the "looming" new hotel "looks like a prison."

In relation to the plans to develop Lackawanna Station, Rich said "Please, let's not make any more mistakes. Preserve the historic station and don't create another traffic and parking nightmare." Many residents have followed in her footsteps to protest the plan. At a Planning Board meeting on January 28, people were able to voice their opinions. Jason DeSalvo, former vice chairman of the Board, began by speaking of what he called the "desecration" of the station. He expressed how "the demolition of the train sheds to build a massive grocery store worthy of Route 46 is happening because of a lack of vision."

Brian Stolar responded by making certain exceptions in the reconstruction of the plaza. On the Lackawanna Plan Proposal website, it states that the revised proposal will "emphasize architectural nods to the historical elements on the site." As the plan continues to be revised, many Montclair residents hope that the historic appeal of their town will remain.



Montclair protests

Photo courtesy of Google Images

Montclair kicks off cleat drive MHS Seniors reveal CIP sites

BY CAMILLA NORDIHUS, 12

Kids in Cleats was created by Erica Gerstman and her family, who live in Montclair. They came up with the idea after their vacation to Africa, where they saw children that had so much potential but limited resources. Erica spoke to her son which is the Montclair Union Soccer coach, they decided to work together and create Kids In Cleats.



Children in Cameroon Photo Courtesy of Google Images

More than half of the population in Cameroon live below poverty line, and 52,000 children in the country of 25 million die each year from malnutrition. This organization is hoping to make a difference and set them on a better path. Kids In Cleats want to sustain a safe, healthy, and educational community soccer program for the nation's disadvantaged and at-risk youth. By making this soccer program, they hope to provide a safe community center that will provide mentorship, connections to resources to assist with education, food security and job training programs.

The Gerstmans are planning a trip to Cameroon this summer to meet with other charities in that area. On that trip they will bring any soccer cleats, shin guards, jersey or goalkeeper gloves that you give. It doesn't matter if what you give has been used or not, either way it will put a smile on a little boy or girls face.

BY NICOLE STEIN, 12

Each May, Montclair High School seniors who meet the grade and attendance requirements have the opportunity to find an internship off campus for the remaining month of school. Last year there were rumors that the Career Internship Program was coming to a close, but thankfully, with the dire need to fix the main building, nothing is stopping the 2019 seniors from leaving school and trying something new.

Mary Campos-Pereira is going to work with her 3rd-grade teacher. "I will be working one on one with kids. There is a girl from Costa Rica in the class and I speak Spanish so that will be cool. I am going into psychology and I really like working with kids. I also really loved elementary school and I am excited to go back and get involved again."

Henry Roberts is interning with a former teacher as well: his middle school history teacher from Mount Hebron. "I love history and I think even to today that history class was my favorite class ever. It's gonna be awesome to finish high school kind of how I started it."

No matter where Montclair seniors are heading for their internships, it can be certain that exciting things are common for these students.



One of last year's CIP projects

Photo by Chris Joyce

The Ladee spacecraft orbited the moon from 2013-2014, characterizing the composition of gas and dust in the moon's thin atmosphere. Surprisingly scientists found water vapor released from micrometeoroid impacts on the moon.

World's biggest bee has been re-discovered after being lost for decades. The bee is about 1.57 inches long and its known as Wallace's Giant Bee. Wildlife experts found a single female on an Indonesian island.

Buckingham Palace was happy to announce the birth of the most recent royal baby. Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, gave birth on May 6, to baby Archie.

On April 10, the first ever picture of a black hole was released. Katie Bouman captured the image of the massive black hole which is in the center of M87 galaxy, located 55 million light years away.

Chewy Chips Ahoy issued a recall on April 13th. The packages has been recalled by Mondelez Global LLC because of "an unexpected solidified ingredient" may have been found inside. "Consumers who have this product should not eat it," the recall notice said.

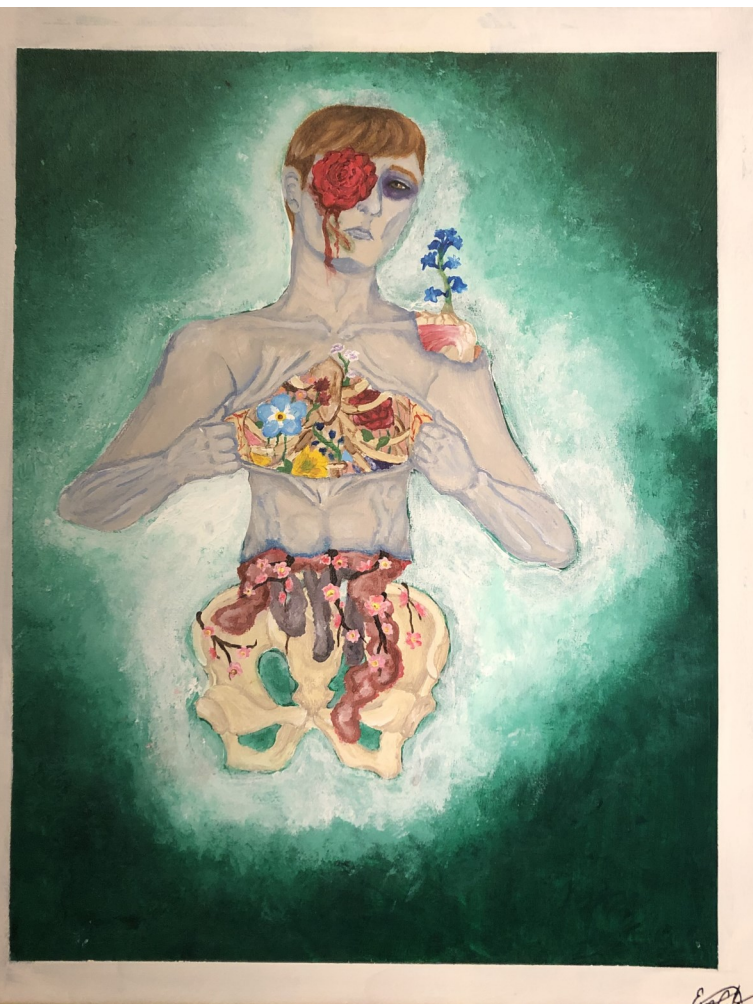
Student artist spotlight: MHS students who paint Eva Calabrese

BY NICOLE STEIN, 12

Eva Calabrese is a senior at Montclair High School who has been painting for six years. She is inspired by other people, in addition to her own emotions. For Eva, “art is an outlet to help get things out and portray them in a way you couldn't anyway else. It's beautiful, magical, tragic, saddening—relatable.” For those interested in exploring visual art, Eva suggests to, “never stop experimenting, try different things even if you think you can't. It's all about finding what you like most and are most comfortable with, but also don't be afraid to step outside that comfort zone. To be a good artist, it takes guts, it takes heart and soul. It takes passion and love.”



Paintings by Eva Calabrese



Photos by Eva Calabrese



Paintings by Cameron Armstrong Smith

BY NICOLE SMITH, 12

Cameron Armstrong Smith is a Montclair High School Junior. Recently, she's been doing a lot of painting as it is something she finds to be challenging, although she enjoys a wide variety of art mediums. An artist for most of her life, Cameron remembers fifth grade to be the time she officially fell in love with it.

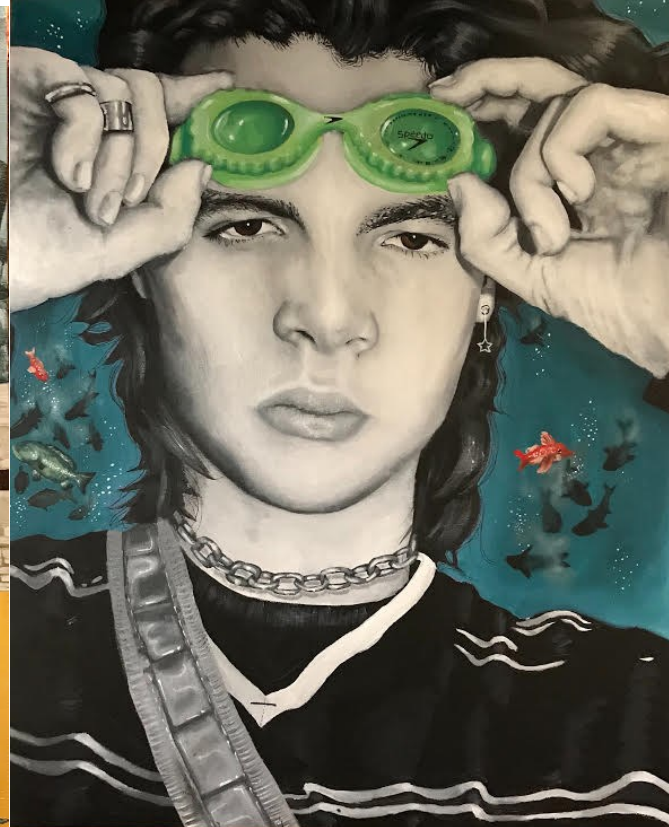
“My inspiration usually comes from my dreams which are often filled with these colorful and surreal characters and scenes. However, in all honesty, you never know what might inspire you, inspiration will come at unexpected times, perhaps during a run with friends or while you are daydreaming in class.”

Cameron uses art as a way to get down the images from her mind. “It's generally believed that no one can see thoughts or images in your mind except for yourself, but with art you can let people experience what it is like to be in your head and that really intrigues me.”

If you are experimenting with making art, Cameron suggests to find what makes you happy. Additionally, she advises, “not everything you make has to have a meaning, sometimes it is just fun to make stuff without reason.”

“I would say that to be a good artist, you just need to be your genuine self. I'm always inspired by people who aren't afraid to be themselves and venture outside of the box to accurately express that. Everyone has something that makes them unique and with art, your goal is to be able to show that element that makes you unique.”

Cameron Armstrong Smith



Photos by Cameron Armstrong Smith

Consider yourself...in the audience of *Oliver!*

BY CAROLINE NORDIHUS, 12

This year's spring musical is *Oliver!* It's centered around an orphan in 19th Century London trying to escape the crime and mistreatment of vulnerable and abandoned children. Almost 100 students have been preparing for this musical every weekday since February. The show has a total of 50 behind the scenes tech kids, 32 actors, and 13 students in the band. All the hard work they put into it surely paid off!

"The best scene is when Fagin, one of the adult characters who leads a ring of pick pockets, is playing with all the jewelry that she's collected and gets caught by Oliver. It's really funny, and Caroline, who's playing Fagin, is doing a great job," says senior and Head of Tech Lara Harvey. "Who Will Buy is such a fun number and the whole cast sounds so beautiful together," says senior actor Caroline Graham.

The behind the scenes work is equally as impressive as what the audience sees. Techies have spent the past few months building the set, making props, compiling cos-



Students perform "Oom Pah Pah"

Photo by Chris Joyce

tumes, and designing the lighting and sound. While all of this happens behind the curtain, it is certainly recognized by the audience. "The costumes really match the characters. We rented a lot of the costumes so that they would accurately suit the time period the play takes place in. There are a lot of funny hats and corsets that we wouldn't wear today that really tie the show together" said Lara Harvey.

As the it dawns on the seniors in SVPA that this is their last show, the last weekend can be a very emotional time for both actors and techies. Lara Harvey offers, "Being a part of this musical has been really bittersweet for me. I have loved every second of putting on this show, but I'm really sad to graduate and leave SVPA. It's been a really big part of high school for me."

Caroline Graham feels similarly, saying, "My family has been involved in SVPA for the past 9 years, and this is my 12th SVPA show

I've worked on (including senior directed shows). This show has been the epitome of my overall experience in the program. Everyone has pulled together an amazing show, to tell a story that is timeless. Come see *Oliver!*"

Sneak peak: Sisters on the Runway Fashion Show

BY ELLA MILLER, 12

Tonight is the night! The highly anticipated Sister's On the Runway Fashion Show will be taking place at 7 pm at the Montclair Women's Club, which is located on 82 Union Street. Sisters on the Runway is a non-profit club at Montclair High School that aims to raise awareness and funds for victims of domestic

violence. They work alongside the S.O.F.I.A. Organization to orchestrate large events and send donations to the Center for Hope and Safety, a local abuse shelter.

The club will have around 30 models gracing the stage wearing attire from local boutiques such as South Moon Under, Barbara Eclectic, Dot Reeder, and more. Local stores such as Playa Bowls and Watchung Booksellers donated goods and gift cards to be included in large raffle baskets at the event. The event is open to all members of the community and tickets will be sold starting at \$10 for students and \$20 for adults. You can place this link, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sisters-on-the-runway-fashion-show-tickets-61342760849?ref=eios> into your browser to purchase tickets online or message Gen Van

Lent or Kelsey Kaelin-Panico through *Facebook*. The club hopes to see all of you supporting the cause!



2018 SOR President Charlotte Glessner-Fisher Photo by Emma Silverman

Revival of the Jonas Brothers

BY ELLA MILLER, 12

Yes, you read that headline right. The Jonas Brothers are back and better than ever! Joe, Nick, and Kevin Jonas all announced their reconciliation on February 28th when they activated their combined Instagram page and released their new single *Sucker*.

When news broke of the reunion senior super-fan Katie Kavanaugh screamed in the middle of Physics class, "I was so happy I just couldn't contain myself, I was hoping this day would come forever." After the hype of *Sucker*, they released a second single titled *Cool* hinting to the close release of a new album.

On May 2, the Jonas Brothers shared news and dates of an album and sum-

mer arena tour titled "Happiness Begins" when writing to fans "The moment we've all been waiting for...The #HappinessBeginsTour is coming to a city near YOU." This announcement sent fans reeling in excitement. "I need to be at every show, I can't wait to hear them sing all their old songs again live. I'm still their biggest fan," says senior Jenna Curro-Edelman. I think it's safe to say the Jonas Brothers comeback is going to be a rather successful one.



The Jonas Brothers

Photo courtesy of Google Images

★ ★ SCANDALS of the Stars ★ ★

Cardi B faces controversy for her past Olivia Jade takes the fall after big scandal

BY AMAYA GLOVER, 11



Cardi B Photo courtesy of Google Images

In a controversial, newly resurfaced video made by Cardi B, the rapper admits to drugging and robbing men in her past. In the uproar following the posting of the video on *Twitter*, many questions have been asked. According to Cardi, "I made the choices I did at the time because I had very limited options." With the rise of this new controversy, cancel culture that takes place on the internet, and the myriad social media sites we have grown accustomed to, only one question can be asked: where does cancel culture end, and was what Cardi B did less harmful than what people like Bill Cosby or R. Kelly did in their past?

On the internet people have many different opinions of whether or not they think that what Cardi B used to do was morally right. Some think that she deserves to be jailed, and others think that no action needs to be taken against what she did in the past. What ever ends up actually happening, the rapper is not worrying. She posted a video with the caption, "When they try to cancel me on Twitter and Instagram." This was followed by a proper apology statement.

BY AMAYA GLOVER, 11

A college tuition scandal is rising up with YouTuber Olivia Jade Giannulli, and her mother, *Full House* actor Lori Loughlin, at the center of it. Within the humongous college admissions scandal there are allegations of fake SAT scores and bribery. Loughlin, and her husband, Mossimo Giannulli, were accused of paying \$500,000 to make sure that both of their daughters would be admitted to the University of Southern California.

Both Giannulli and Loughlin are facing serious backlash. For Olivia Jade, her *Instagram* and *YouTube* channel comments are full of angry people. She also has lost her brand deal with the popular makeup chain Sephora.

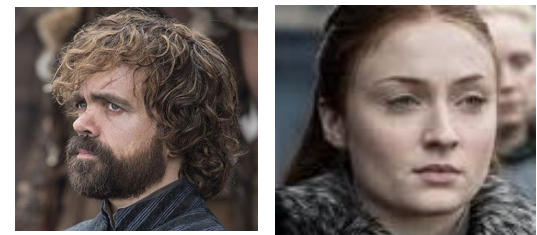
For Loughlin there is talk of possible jail time. On social media there are comments addressing the liberty involved in the whole situation. One commenter on *Instagram* said, "The \$500k your folks paid to get you and your sister into USC could have provided 15 full scholarships for low-income students at a state school." Amongst all of the outrage, one thing is very clear. Instead of the family using their privilege, and money for charity or something good, they used it to get a leg up on a mountain that they had already climbed to the top of.



Lori Loughlin and Olivia Jade Photo courtesy of Google Images



Who will take The Iron Throne?



BY CAROLINE NORDIHUS, 12

The last season of *Game Of Thrones* is here. These are some of the theories of students at MHS, about who is going to take the Iron Throne.

"I think Sansa and Tyrion will take the throne. It's just unexpected enough that it could happen and both of them are extremely smart people who've been able to survive a lot and of stuff."
- Lucas Pla, 12

"I've seen some strong Sansa vibes lately. She's incredibly politically skilled plus she has a really low chance of dying at the moment. Jon doesn't want to rule"
- Dylan Tapper, 12



Iron Throne Photo courtesy of Google Images

"I think that John Snow will take his rightful place on the Iron Throne. He is the son of Prince Rhaegar Targaryen and Lyanna Stark, which makes him an heir. Unlike other characters that were born into nobility, John was born a bastard (so he thought) and had to prove his worth and fight for his title. Most of all, he came back from the dead to fulfill this destiny!"
- Ben Giordano, 12

"*Game of Thrones* is the type of series were unexpected things happen. This is why I think Samwell Tarley might actually take the Iron Throne."
- Arianna Pace, 12

Who do you think will take The Iron Throne?

FASHION

The most influential kids in the fashion world

BY RAHZIER KELLY, 11

When you think of influential fashion bloggers, you think of Bella Hadid or Emily Ratajkowski. But you never think of kids. Kids are known to be wild and reckless, but not these kids. These kids are known for dressing fashionably with big brands like Gucci and Chanel.



Coco Photo courtesy of Google Images

Coco is an 8 year old Japanese girl, who may seem like any other kid at first but she's a fashion blogger with over 685,000 followers on *Instagram*. She is known for dressing herself in Gucci and wearing many different accessories like fanny packets, sunglasses and beanies.



Elle Photo courtesy of Google Images

Elle McBroom is a 2 year old girl who is known for having famous YouTube parents but is also well known for having a closet full of fashionable clothes. Elle has over 4.8 million followers on *Instagram* and styles herself in brands like Chanel, Louis Vuitton, and Gucci.



Prince Photo courtesy of Google Images

Prince is a 10 year old boy who has over 12,000 followers on *Instagram* and is known for dressing himself in matching tracksuits and wearing many different hats to match his style. His style is more simplistic but he wears different patterns to dress himself.

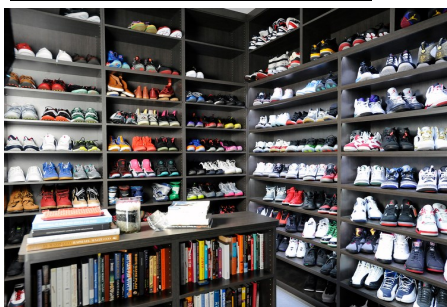


Alonso Mateo Photo courtesy of Google Images

Alonso Mateo is an 11 year old boy who has over 575,000 followers on *Instagram*. He dresses himself formally, always wearing a blazer with Gucci sandals.

Top celebrity shoe closets to look out for

BY RAHZIER KELLY, 11



Andre Igoudala— With over 250 pair of Yeezys' and Foamposites' alone, Andre owns over 1,000 pairs of sneakers in total.



Joe Johnson— He is so obsessed with basketball that he gave his closet a hardwood court floor complete with a living room set and bed. He has over 1,000 pairs of shoes.



DJ Khaled— His closet walls are 20 feet high. He needs a ladder to get to the top. Each shelf is filled with sneakers. He has over 10,000 pairs.



Victor Cruz— With over 1,000 pairs of shoes, Victor Cruz's sneaker closet stands with a living room and a separate area just for Jordans.

Mountie softball is taking it to states

BY MILANI DAVIS, 11



Softball Team Photo by Teah Bordick



Softball Team Photo by Milani Davis

The Montclair Mounties softball team is starting off strong with a 10-7 lead with plenty of games left in their season. The Mounties are on a journey to states and right now with what they have going, that shouldn't be a problem. They received the eight seed in the county tournament, which started on Friday, May 3 against Verona. Their teamwork on and off the field is key to their 9 game lead. The infield starters are Remi Antinoro, Brianna Leech, Charlotte Carr, and Francesca Testa. In the outfield, there is Carli Miller, Luella St. Pierre, and Elizabeth Haefeli. After 9 wins and 7 losses, everyone has improved and made up for any mistakes in the field or while hitting.



Softball photo courtesy of google images

Francesca Testa, the key player on the team is working her way up to her 100th hit. Francesca, also known as Frankie, is the starting shortstop and a true asset to the team. Another key player on the team is a junior playing third base since her freshman year, Charlotte Carr. Carr knows when to make plays and tough decisions in the field. She definitely knows how to hit the ball hard, as she is leading the team with 19 hits this 2019 season so far with Remi Antinoro, Milani Davis, Brianna Leech, and Francesca Testa not too far behind.

The coaches of this softball team are Mike Goldstein, Jenna Totaro, and George Frole. With these 3 coaches helping to lead the team, their goal of states is within reach.

Their most challenging game this season was against Columbia, where the Mounties had to come back from being down 9 runs. With clutch hitting from Luella St. Pierre and Brianna Leech, they helped Montclair mount 12 runs in the bottom of the sixth inning with a 3 run RBI (runners batted in) from Charlotte Carr to lead the team to victory.



Softball Team Photo by Leah Bordick



Francesca Testa Photo by Teah Bordick

Boys' Volleyball is on the come up

BY MAX PENNEL, 12

The Montclair boys' Volleyball Team is having a challenging season, as the boys are currently 1-15. The season has been a humbling one for the squad, senior Ryan Tierney spoke on the disappointment, "It hasn't been great and it's been challenging but our young guys can learn from this and make sure next season is a success."

Despite not yet winning a game, the team has been able to find silver linings. "We've grown and bonded together, from the varsity captains all the way down to JV, I have respect for every single player on the team and wouldn't have wanted to play with anyone else," said Tierney. The season hasn't gone as planned but finding that elusive victory would go a long way.



Boys Volleyball Team Photo courtesy of Montclair Local



Head Coach Reilly talking to her player Photo courtesy of Montclair Local

Athlete Spotlight



Silhouette photo courtesy of google images

BY CHYNNA DUNNEMAN, 12

The spring season started up the track season. Track is one of those sports that is ran individually most of the time but for senior Nyjah Young-Bey, track is a full team sport.

The track athlete she says, "Track was always an escape for me from everything. Coming to practice and just running was a way for me to block out anything that was bothering me or just on my mind. And I left everything out on the track. My teammates are my family. The coaches are like my second parents. And my teammates are my siblings. They always encourage me, make me laugh and support me and my accomplishments. They are there for me when I need them and I do the same for them. The best thing is the bond that we have with one another."

Young-Bey runs everything from the 55m to the 800m, which includes 55m, 100m, 200m, 300m, 400m, 600m, 800m. As a senior Young-Bey says "I'm looking forward to the final results at the end of the season. To look back after Outdoor New Balance Nationals and see that all my hard work has paid off. Seeing my success from all 4 years running and seeing my improvements each year. Then seeing the final athlete I've become in high school and now I'm moving on to the next level. I'm looking forward to finally being proud of what I've done as a high school athlete."



Nyjah Young-Bey Photo courtesy of Montclair Local



Nyjah Young-Bey Photo courtesy of Montclair Local

Boys' Lacrosse ready to make a run in States

BY CHYNNA DUNNEMAN, 12

The Montclair Boys' lacrosse team has had an up and down regular season. Led by Coach Mike Diehl along with captains Drew Skibniewski, Will Schiffenhaus, Chris Sanchez, Jeikson Boyle, and Harrison Blanz the team wrapped up their regular season with an 8-7 record. This season the team competed in a new division which meant they had to play some of the top teams in the state. Their 8-7 record is a major improvement from the last couple seasons where the team struggled to subpar seasons.

Schiffenhaus, who is headed to the Navy to continue his lacrosse career, has 51 goals on the season and recently broke the all time scoring record at Montclair. Other catalysts this season have been Boyle (17 goals), and sophomore Will Labartino (13 goals).

The team has been powered by the senior class and the team hopes that experience can lead to a long run in the upcoming state tournament. Schiffenhaus described the senior class, "we have a good group of senior captains who all contribute to the team and love the game of lacrosse. This season has been arguably the best out of all four years." The highlights of the regular season were thrilling victories over rivals Columbia and MKA. Schiffenhaus says, "the most exciting game we played this year was either the Columbia or MKA games which both ended in victories. Big rivalry games with a lot of fans at both of them."

The boys hope their rigorous regular season schedule, which included powerhouses Delbarton and Seton Hall Prep, prepared them to fare well in states. This year's boys' lacrosse team has gotten Montclair back to where it used to be and should be, but a successful state tournament run can make this team special.



The Mounties meet at midfield before the MKA game

Photo courtesy of Montclair Local



Blanz in action Photo courtesy of NJ.com



Sanchez on the attack Photo courtesy of Montclair Local

Girls' Lax focused on States

BY TEAH BORDICK, 11

The Girls' Lacrosse team has had many ups and downs this season, but their record of six wins and ten losses does not do justice to their level of play. This year's schedule has been much more challenging than past years. Senior Captain, Ciara Butler, claims, "With a tough schedule this season the key to our major victories is everyone contributing to their role and finding their own piece to solving the puzzle. Our wins combine depending on one another, working together and having each other's backs in difficult situations. That's definitely the key to playing a team sport and having a successful season."

Even with tough games, this did not stop the squad to practice hard and play harder. Junior captain, Nanette Walls-Tarver, says playing as a team and working together is one of the most important things they can do. Walls-Tarver, who's committed to Yale University, plays a huge role as the leading scorer.

Senior Captain Madeline Crane says, "having team parties before games helps everyone digress after practices and get to talk and get to know each other better." She further states, "Off the field, we have become such great friends that our chemistry has improved even more and that's what really changed our season for the better." Girls' Lacrosse is a team to be reckoned with this season.



Walls-Tarver in action

Photo by Teah Bordick

Baseball team rolling in May

BY MAX PENNELL, 12

The Montclair High Baseball team is currently 13-5 and in the finals of the Greater Newark Tournament (GNT), and hopes for a top seed in the state tournament. The team is senior laden with six of the nine starters being seniors. One of the reasons for the team's success has been the stellar pitching of senior captain Kyle Miller, a Gettysburg commit, who is 6-0 with an incredible 0.45 earned run average. Miller chalks his success up to, "getting ahead of batters has been big, it allows me to have the higher ground and use all of my pitches to keep batters off balance."

The Mounties received the four seed in the GNT which is the county tournament, they dismantled MKA 10-0 in the first round, then defeated reigning champions Livingston 5-2 and Saturday upended top seed Nutley 8-3 which punched their ticket to the GNT Finals for the first time since 2013. Second basemen and pitcher Conor McGrath, discussed what must be done to achieve a GNT championship, "I think if we play at the level that we know we are capable of we can beat anyone. We just have to stay focused for all seven innings."

The Mounties struggled last year only winning eight games, a key to the turnaround this year has been the team's offense which has averaged 7.2 runs per game. Miller believes, "throwing strikes and playing great defense," has also been a major reason for the team's improvement.

The Mounties will look to win their first GNT since 2012 Saturday May 18 versus Seton Hall Prep at Verona High School.



Greengrass delivers Photo courtesy of Mtc Local