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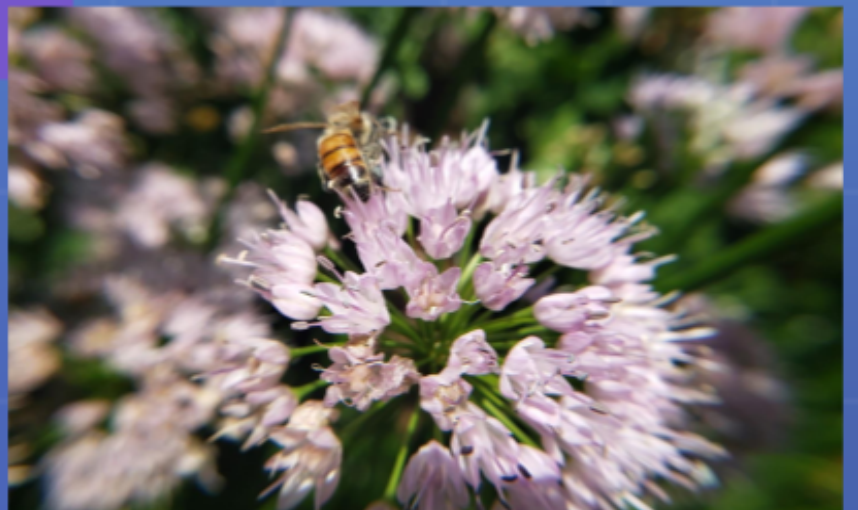
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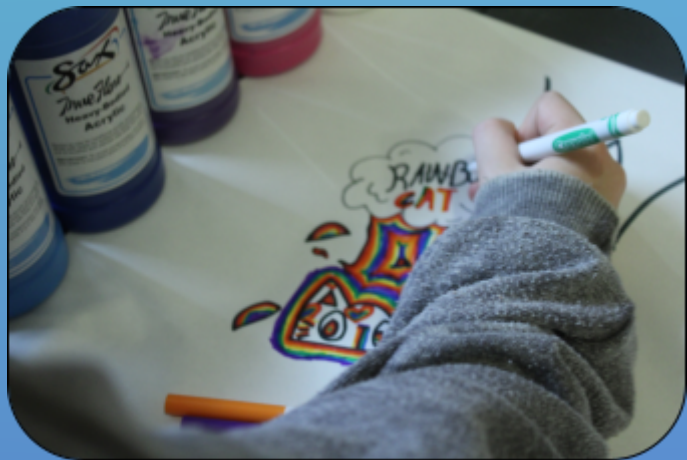
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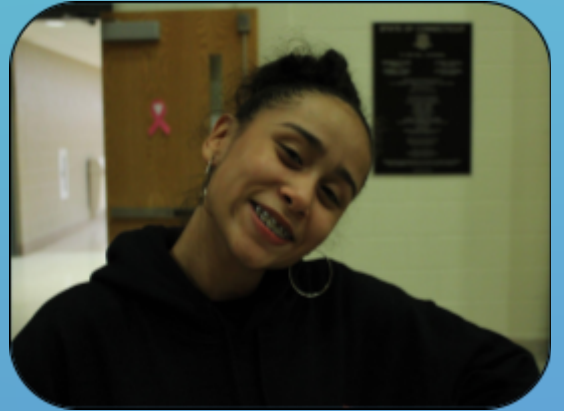
By Alison Navarro-Delgado

Goodwin Technical High School hosted its first annual Open House event on November 15th from 5-7 pm. The event was successful with a large turn out! Originally, I had attended the event to gain more community service hours that I didn't really need, but wanted. A little reminder to Goodwin students on that little note: **All Goodwin students are required at least 10 hours of community service in order to walk the stage and graduate.** Keep in mind, you can leave this worry until you get to your senior year, but I chose to get them done as soon as possible in order to enjoy my senior year stress free! Continuing on, Open House was a success. Although I went to represent my shop, I also participated in taking some pictures for the paper! Some of you who were volunteering or even just attending may have seen me run around and bounce from place to place like a

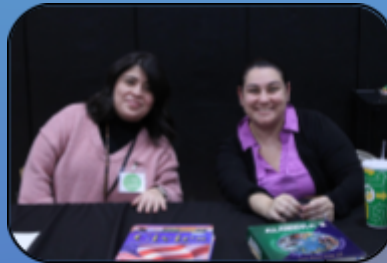


loose ping pong ball. If that is the case and some pictures were taken of you that you would like to see featured in our next issue for a section I want to call "Pose for the Cam!" Please reach out to me via email so I can ensure you have a media release form signed before I include you! For those who know they do not have one on file, they are found in Guidance when you first walk in to the left! If you cannot find it, feel free to ask the kind staff. We had some fun art with Ms. Kiel, snacks in the cafeteria as well as the gym that was full of all of our shops and additional interesting programs our Goodwin Tech offers. It was lots of fun seeing so many interested students coming to explore the shops as well as the school itself. And to Mr. Telesca whom I took hilarious pictures of, you will be the highlight of this article. It's always refreshing to see staff be involved in activities they may not want to do, it's like all of the school work

we receive. Just kidding of course; not really. I look forward to attending and writing about all of the future events such as Freshmen Welcome Night, Posi Day and many more! A special thank you to Mr. Houlberg for trusting me with his camera in which I struggled in capturing some good photos. It was a learning experience, but a learning experience I will never forget. Be sure to attend future events everyone! Maybe you will find me lurking creepily in the crowds, it's only a matter of time before it's your turn to hear,

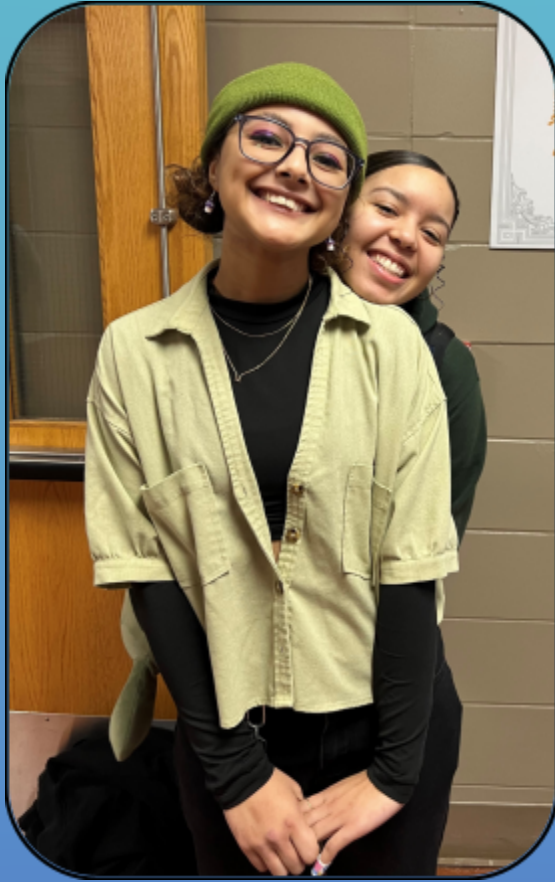


“Pose for the Cam!”



Senioritis Season - Thoughts of a Tech School Senior

By Claudia Hernaiz-Lopez



Senior year, as I've said before, is stressful. Except, that doesn't even begin to describe how this year feels. It's so much more than just stress, especially during this time of year. It's winter and that means early action applications for colleges have been due, financial aid applications will soon be open, quarter one grades are now closed and suddenly you're stressing about your GPA and your class rank because none of it felt this real before now. But you're a senior. It's your last year, and maybe it's time that we start facing the music.

I recently had a conversation with an old friend of mine about how strange it feels to be in our last year of high school, and we both came to the realization that one of the hardest things about being a senior is finding time among the chaos to actually enjoy these last few months before we

walk the stage. Senior year is supposed to be fun. It's filled with new memories and nostalgia and sometimes a bit of heartbreak at how sad it is that it's all ending, but it's supposed to be fun for us. We aren't supposed to drown in our own anxieties and tenseness. We're supposed to relish the times we spend with our friends; we're supposed to savor these last glimpses of our childhoods.

It can be hard, believe me, I know. It's hard to find that joy sometimes when everything that we've known is ending. For example, I played my last volleyball game a few weeks ago and, well, I miss my girls. It's funny how a group of people that I was, for the most part, acquaintances with for the past three years ended up turning into people that I cared so much about. That's why when it finally ended, my heart broke. Volleyball was the most time I could spend with these people, and it was the most fun that I'd had in a long time. But still, we find ways to deal,

and we find ways to move on to the next few chapters of our lives. We continue to make connections and find ways to keep each other in the loop - even when the time we spend together is limited.

It's also important to make sure we celebrate the accomplishments that we reach as seniors. Whether you're going to college or not, just the fact that you're even making it to graduation is an accomplishment in itself. But for me, personally, getting my first acceptance letter has

probably been the highlight of this last month. It's scary to know that this is genuinely happening, that I am actually getting older and I am actually going to be doing something that I think is meaningful with my life, but at the same time, it's so exciting. It makes me happy to know that all the hard work I've put in these last few years has been worth it.

So, yeah. Senior year is stressful. It can feel like a never-ending amount of terror sometimes, but that doesn't have to be all that it is. As long as we don't let ourselves cave into the pressure this year can bring, we'll be fine. We'll enjoy it.



Do you know... Mr. Dubreuil?

By Aaliyah Lopez

As everyone knows this year at E.C. We got a brand new shop called Landscaping; In this shop, students learn how to build patios, gardens, decks, fences, gazebos, and much much more. Mr. Dubreuil is the teacher of this new shop and he is eager to be here teaching this trade.

Now, while I don't know him very well I had the opportunity to interview him. I observed that he is very nice, fun, pretty laid back, and loves everything about his trade. He has big things planned for his shop and upcoming students that he is very ambitious about. He's very passionate about teaching since it is something that he's always wanted to do, so here are some facts to get to know him better!



Name: Michael Dubreuil

Birthday: August 8th

Why did you decide to come to E.C.? - **Always had the desire to teach; it's something that he was not able to do since he's worked in the trade his whole life so when the job opened up it was a perfect opportunity**

What was your job prior to working here? - **Tohns Glastonbury Parks and recreations department as a park maintenance. Did things from athletic field maintenance, tree work, snow removal, and landscape construction.**

What are you most excited for with this job? - **To share passion for the environment and the field with the students and to introduce them to it**

What is something you are not looking forward to with this job? - **Building the shop, getting tools and equipment, and the curriculum since it is a new shop for the school and the district**

If you were to teach any other trade what would it be? - **Carpentry, Culinary, or Automotive**

If you had a million dollars but only one day to spend it what would you buy? - **Travel and get a really expensive flight**

Biggest Fear - **Sharks, or any creatures that live in the ocean**

Biggest pet peeve - **Someone who is doing something very sloppy**

What's your favorite part about working in the trade? - **Enjoys doing stone work. Something that he is really passionate and did a lot in his past job; treework and treecare**

If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life what would it be? - **Plain cheeseburgers**

Proudest accomplishment - **Family, the life he has built for them, his daughter who amazes him everyday, and getting this job**

Favorite childhood memory - **going on vacation and seeing new places, spending time outside, going hiking, spending time with grandparents**

Hobbies - **Traveling, any outdoor activities, loves auto racing and watching races, fishing, hiking, camping, model building**

New Staff: Mrs. Aresco

By Alison Navarro-Delgado

Mrs. Aresco, the new computer apps teacher located in room 202 will make 21 years of teaching in January of 2024. Isn't that amazing? 21 years of teaching and she still looks well-spirited and stylish. She enjoys cooking as well as her love for plants; many of which you can see on her window sill in her classroom. So far, though very little, my time with her has been like no other. Her energy as well as demeanor is so kind not only to her students, but to those who may not be enrolled in her classes too. She has not only provided an energetic classroom environment, she has provided a safe space for students who may need a little time to themselves. One thing she would like others to know about her is this; at times when she feels overwhelmed or stressed, it may come off as mean or strict to some, do not take it personally! We all have our bad days, I know I certainly do. On behalf of myself, thank you Mrs. Aresco for allowing me to interview you. Get to know Mrs. Aresco, welcome her to Goodwin!

Favorite Color: Bright light Blue

Why did she come to Goodwin? → 'The courtyard' Just jokes!

Grades she teaches: 9-12



Girl's Volleyball

By Alison Navarro-Delgado

Although my volleyball season was cut short, the time I had spent with all of the girls is one I would not trade. I learned a lot this season and got to grow not only in the sport but in my personal life as well. The girls all played wonderfully together. Serenity Trinidad(#2) and Claudia Hernaiz Lopez (#10) were stunning setters this season.

They exceptionally helped their teams by adjusting to everyone's preference when it came to hitting. Not to mention the times where their set may have been a little off, the closeness of the group allowed for the other girls on the team to adjust as well.



Shania Scott (#14), Javiellie Merle-Gonzalez (#4), and Selina Cortes (#15), all provided well assists as well as powerful hits. Shania, when she wants to prove Coach L wrong, jumps high and almost looks as if she is flying for a split second when hitting some balls. Selina is not afraid to get down and dirty, digging any ball she needs to reach. And Javiellie, one of the strongest players, never fails to impress with her strong serves and hits. It was a great season ladies, you all worked so hard. Being able to experience senior night, even just for a little with you all was more than I could have ever imagined after my injury.

Thank you to Coach Lebouthiller and Coach McIlveen, you gave me a season I will never forget.

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Artist Spotlight

By Giselle Rodriguez



Editor's Comments

Alison Navarro-Delgado

It feels great to be back. To be quite truthful, this year has been so eventful for me that I forget to do the things I enjoy. Writing for the school newspaper has been one of those good things; It's so unfortunate that I've gotten caught up in so many other circumstances that I forget what brings me light. But I'm back. The concussion was absolutely horrendous, feeling amazing one day and then waking up with the worst nausea I could have ever imagined. To explain it simply, my concussion continuously gaslit me. But that's okay! I'm cleared and in better health than ever! I really want to thank Aliyah, the Co-Editor of the paper for doing so well in taking over. Without her help I'm not sure where the last issue would have been. As for this one, I know it's being released later rather than sooner, however, we hope to have a better consistency in release dates for the future issues. So on behalf of the paper, I apologize for the delay. This issue has been smaller given that we do not have a lot of writers that have made submissions. As the weeks go on, I hope to see more students interested in writing about their teachers, peers or overall experience here at Goodwin Tech like our very own Claudia is doing in her senior year. For those of you who are interested in this, please contact me via email, or Mr.

Houlberg, our Newspaper Head at:

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I look forward to seeing how the paper develops over the course of the year. I want my last issues to be the best they can possibly be, that will be my goal, that is my hope for my senior year.