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THE NEWSPAPER CLUB
WISHES YOU A GREAT
SUMMER!



Senioritis Season

CLAUDIA HERNAIZ - LOPEZ

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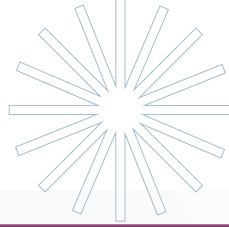


FOR MANY OF US, THIS IS EXCITING, AND IT VERY MUCH SHOULD BE. AS SENIORS, A BRAND NEW CHAPTER OF OUR LIVES IS BEGINNING, AND IT'S NEARING FASTER THAN WE THOUGHT IT WOULD. THOUGH IF I'M BEING HONEST, I'M SCARED - AND I KNOW I'M NOT ALONE IN THIS.

SOME OF US ARE STILL DECIDING WHAT TO DO WITH OUR LIVES, OTHERS ARE QUESTIONING IF WE'RE MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES FOR OURSELVES, AND A FEW OF US ALREADY KNOW EXACTLY WHERE WE'RE HEADED. EITHER WAY, IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT WE'LL BE LEAVING A PLACE THAT WE'VE BEEN AT FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS. IT'S BITTERSWEET, BUT I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG WITH BEING EXCITED FOR OUR FUTURE, AND STILL BEING SAD OR SCARED TO LEAVE ALL OF THIS BEHIND.

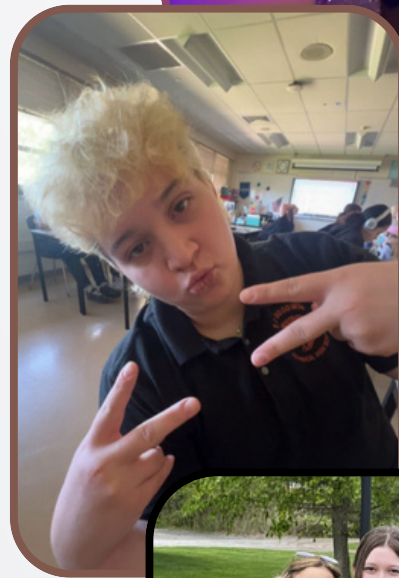
CLAUDIA HERNAIZ - LOPEZ

THAT BEING SAID...



I'VE MADE A LOT OF MEMORIES AT THIS SCHOOL, MORE THAN I EVER THOUGHT I WOULD. I'VE BUILT AND WITNESSED THE BREAKING OF RELATIONSHIPS, I'VE LAUGHED, I'VE DEFINITELY CRIED, AND I'VE WITNESSED MYSELF AND THE PEOPLE I CARE ABOUT GROW. I'VE WATCHED MY FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES GROW INTO WONDERFUL YOUNG ADULTS WHO I'M PROUD OF AND WILL ALWAYS CARE FOR DEEPLY, NO MATTER WHAT.

I'VE NEVER BEEN THE BEST WITH CHANGE, AND COPING WITH THE FACT THAT LITERALLY EVERYTHING ABOUT MY LIFE IS CHANGING AT THE MOMENT IS HARD. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, I'M EXCITED FOR THIS NEXT STAGE OF OUR LIVES. I'M GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE PEOPLE I'VE MET IN MY YEARS HERE, AND ALL THE EXPERIENCES I'VE SHARED WITH THE PEOPLE I LOVE. I MIGHT BE SCARED RIGHT NOW, BUT I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW EVERYTHING WORKS OUT.



Newbie Notes

ADRIANNA POMALES TORRES



WOW, ITS
ALMOST THE END
OF THE YEAR!

I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW QUICKLY TIME HAS GONE SINCE THE START OF THE YEAR. I FEEL LIKE IT WAS ONLY YESTERDAY THAT I WAS TRYING TO NOT GET LOST WHILE GETTING TO CLASSES. I STARTED OUT THE SCHOOL YEAR UNSURE IF I WOULD EVEN FIT IN OR FIND FRIENDS. BUT NOW AT THE END OF THE YEAR, I HAVE A GREAT GROUP OF FRIENDS WHERE I REALLY DO FIT IN.



I CAN'T WAIT FOR WHAT HAPPENS NEXT YEAR, ALTHOUGH I DO HOPE TIME DOESN'T GO SO FAST AND I'M IN CLASSES WITH AT LEAST SOME PEOPLE I KNOW. I LOVE THE COMMUNITY I'M IN ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO CLUBS.

ADRIANNA POMALES TORRES

I PERFORMED WITH...

THE MUSIC CLUB AND IT WAS AMAZING. I WAS SO NERVOUS BUT AFTER A WHILE I STARTED TO FEEL MORE CONFIDENT AND PEOPLE WERE ACTUALLY ENJOYING MY SINGING! I CAN'T WAIT TO TRY AND FIND MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN NEXT YEAR. I AM SAD THAT I CAN'T MEET WITH CREATIVE WRITING ANYMORE UNTIL NEXT YEAR BUT I STILL CAN'T WAIT TO GO BACK. I ALSO CAN'T WAIT TO WRITE THE FIRST ARTICLE OF THE YEAR FOR THE GLADIATOR TIMES NEXT YEAR!

I HOPE THAT NEXT YEAR IT'S NOT AS CHAOTIC AS THIS YEAR, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO DRAMA. I ALSO HOPE THAT NEXT YEAR WE GET BIGGER SERVING SIZES FOR LUNCH BECAUSE 6 MINI CORN DOGS ISN'T REALLY SUFFICIENT ENOUGH FOR A GOOD MEAL. I AM NERVOUS ABOUT WHAT THE WORKLOAD WILL BE NEXT YEAR AS A SOPHOMORE. I'M NOT SURE IF IT WILL BE MORE OR THE SAME SO HOPEFULLY IT'S THE SAME.

OVERALL, I THINK THIS YEAR WAS REALLY GREAT AND I'M EXCITED FOR WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN NEXT YEAR! HAVE A GREAT SUMMER EVERYBODY AND WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

Goodwin Alumni

New Britain Alderman Ward 1

JEREMIAH BARKER

ALDERMAN NATHAN SIMPSON...

WHO PREFERS TO GO BY NATE, GRADUATED FROM E.C. GOODWIN IN 2017. HE WAS IN THE ELECTRONICS TRADE AND WHILE HE MAY NOT BE WORKING IN IT TODAY HE IS STILL MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN HIS COMMUNITY.



HE IS A PART OF A GROWING NUMBER OF YOUNGER PEOPLE GETTING INVOLVED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES THROUGH POLITICS. HE HOPES TO LEAD AS AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS IN OUR GENERATION HOPING TO GET INVOLVED IN LOCAL MATTERS AND THE ISSUE HE FINDS MOST IMPORTANT IS THE AVAILABILITY OF GOOD, SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING .

HOWEVER, HE DID NOT ALWAYS WANT TO BE A PART OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

JEREMIAH BARKER

HE ONCE CONSIDERED...



BEING AN AEROSPACE ENGINEER, WORKING IN CYBERSECURITY AND A FEW OTHER THINGS BUT HE BELIEVED HE COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE AS AN ALDERMAN. HOWEVER, WHEN ASKED TODAY IF HE WASN'T AN ALDERMAN WHAT HE WOULD BE HE CHOSE A LUTHIER; SOMEONE WHO BUILDS GUITARS, AS HE WOULD WANT TO INTRODUCE MORE MUSIC INTO THE WORLD.

DESPITE THIS HE SAYS HIS FAVORITE PART OF HIS JOB IS THAT HE CAN EDUCATE AND ENCOURAGE HIS COMMUNITY TO DEMAND MORE FROM THOSE WHO THEY ELECT WHILE HIS LEAST FAVORITE PART IS SOMETIMES HAVING TO DEAL WITH THE LACK OF EMOTIONAL MATURITY FROM ADULTS.

WHEN ASKED WHAT OTHER SHOP HE WOULD TAKE IF HE WERE TO BE BACK AT E.C. HE CHOSE CARPENTRY BECAUSE HE LOVES WOODWORK AND IT LEADS TO GOOD UNION JOBS. NATE IS ALSO A READER OF GLADIATOR TIMES AND HAS STATED HIS SUPPORT AND GRATITUDE FOR ITS WRITERS IN WORKING TO UPKEEP A SCHOOL NEWSPAPER.

Trooper Aaron Pelletier


'Five Three Six'

ALISON NAVARRO-DELGADO

AS RESPECTFUL AND CONSIDERATE AS I CAN BE, I WISH TO PAY A SMALL TRIBUTE TO TROOPER #536 WHO TRAGICALLY LOST HIS LIFE ON MAY 30TH, 2024. THOUGH I DID NOT KNOW HIM PERSONALLY, MANY STUDENTS AS WELL AS STAFF HAVE HAD A CONNECTION WITH AARON PELLETIER, THE FALLEN OFFICER. IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE WHAT OUR STATE TROOPERS UNDERGO WHEN THEY SET FOOT OUTSIDE OF THEIR HOMES.



TROOPER AARON PELLETIER AND K9 ROSO




OUR GOODWIN TECH IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE PROTECTION OF SOME FELLOW TROOPERS LIKE VICTOR MEJIAS. THIS IS VERY FRESH AS WELL AS SENSITIVE SO I REALLY WANT TO TREAD LIGHTLY. THERE WILL BE NO DETAILS REGARDING HIS PASSING, THAT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON ANY NEWS OUTLET, MOST IMPORTANTLY, OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE FAMILY.

TROOPER 536 WAS 34, "TFC PELLETIER WAS A MEMBER OF 125TH TRAINING TROOP AND A NINE YEAR VETERAN OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE...TFC PELLETIER SERVED THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT WITH AN UNWAVERING SENSE OF DEDICATION, PRIDE AND PROFESSIONALISM, AND HIS SACRIFICE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN" SAID BY STATE POLICE. LIKE MANY OF THOSE PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE, PELLETIER WAS OBVIOUSLY ONE OF THE KIND, WELL KNOWN OFFICERS COMMUNITIES TRUST AND COME TO LOVE.

AND IT IS SHOWN WITH THE KIND WORDS OF SOME OF OUR FELLOW LAWMAKERS SUCH AS NED LAMONT AND SUSAN BYSIEWICZ. I WOULD LIKE TO SHOWCASE THESE KIND WORDS OF THOSE IMPACTED BY THIS TRAGIC LOSS. AND AS A FINAL MESSAGE TO ALL, REMEMBER TO APPRECIATE AND RESPECT OUR OFFICERS, THEIR LIVES ARE ON THE LINE DAILY, AND WE OWE IT TO THEM. WORDS CAN NOT EXPRESS THE ATMOSPHERE YESTERDAY, AS WELL AS THE BEAUTIFUL PROCESSION HELD IN HIS HONOR.

OUR HEARTS ARE WITH THE FAMILY, TROOPER 536, YOU ARE DEEPLY MISSED.





I AM DEVASTATED TO LEARN ABOUT THE LOSS OF TROOPER FIRST CLASS AARON PELLETIER, WHO WAS KILLED TODAY IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHILE SERVING THE PEOPLE OF CONNECTICUT. THIS IS A TRAGIC REMINDER ABOUT THE DANGERS LAW ENFORCEMENT FACE EVERY DAY WHEN THEY LEAVE THEIR HOMES AND GO TO WORK. TROOPER PELLETIER SERVED CONNECTICUT WITH HONOR, INTEGRITY, AND COMMITMENT, AND HE EMBODIES THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE. HIS COURAGE AND BRAVERY WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, MY CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS WITH THE CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE. I ASK THE PEOPLE OF CONNECTICUT TO KEEP TROOPER PELLETIER IN THEIR PRAYERS.

Gov. Ned Lamont

I AM HEARTBROKEN TO LEARN OF THE PASSING OF TROOPER FIRST CLASS PELLETIER. MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR STEADFAST DEDICATION TO EACH OTHER AND TO MAINTAINING INCREDIBLY HIGH STANDARDS OF POLICING - BUT ABOVE ALL TO THEIR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE PROTECTION AND SERVICE OF OTHERS AND OUR STATE. STATE TROOPERS ARE OUT EVERY DAY ON OUR ROADWAYS TRYING TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC - IT IS TRAGIC TO KNOW THAT THIS TROOPER'S LIFE WAS LOST WHILE CONDUCTING A ROUTINE TRAFFIC STOP. I WANT TO URGE RESIDENTS TO PLEASE ALWAYS REMAIN VIGILANT AND CAUTIOUS WHEN DRIVING, BUT ESPECIALLY WHEN THE STATE POLICE ARE ON THE ROADS PERFORMING THEIR JOBS. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH THE LOVED ONES AND COLLEAGUES OF TROOPER PELLETIER.

Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz

TROOPER FIRST CLASS AARON PELLETIER BRAVELY ANSWERED THE CALL OF DUTY THIS AFTERNOON AND MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE. HIS DEATH IS A TRAGIC REMINDER OF THE DANGERS ALL FIRST RESPONDERS FACE AT WORK, AND A STARK REMINDER TO MOTORISTS THAT THEY MUST SLOW DOWN AND MOVE OVER FOR STOPPED EMERGENCY VEHICLES. FAILURES TO SLOW DOWN AND MOVE OVER ARE COMMON KILLERS ON OUR ROADWAYS AND THIS LOSS SHOULD BE A LESSON THAT SAVES THE LIVES OF OTHER COURAGEOUS FIRST RESPONDERS. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH THE PELLETIER FAMILY AND THE ENTIRE CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE AS THEY MOURN THIS LOSS.

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal




I AM DEVASTATED BY THE LOSS OF TROOPER FIRST CLASS AARON PELLETIER, WHO WAS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY EARLIER TODAY. TFC PELLETIER BRAVELY SERVED THE PEOPLE OF CONNECTICUT FOR NEARLY A DECADE AND HIS DEATH IS A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY. MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE

U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy

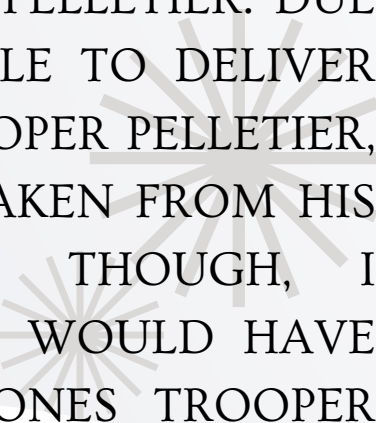


To Trooper 356

Victor Meijas | Trooper 1067



I LEARNED A LOT FROM MY TALK WITH TROOPER MEJIAS ABOUT TROOPER PELLETIER. ON BEHALF OF TROOPER 1067, I WILL BE WRITING HIS PIECE. FROM OUR TALK, IT'S CLEAR THAT TROOPER 356 WAS A SOUL BEYOND COMPARISON. HE WAS REPEATEDLY DESCRIBED AS A KIND, RESPECTABLE AND OVERALL POSITIVE PERSON. TROOPER MEJIAS, GOODWIN'S VERY OWN STATE TROOPER, HAD TOLD ME THAT HE HAD ACTUALLY BEEN ONE OF THE OFFICERS WHO ARRIVED AT THE TRAGIC SCENE. UNKNOWING THAT THE VICTIM WAS HIS VERY OWN FRIEND. TO THAT, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY SINCEREST CONDOLENCES. TROOPER MICHAEL PRESCOTT, LIKE TROOPER MEJIAS, WAS A GOODWIN TECH OFFICIAL STATE TROOPER WHO ALSO HAD A CONNECTION WITH TROOPER PELLETIER. DUE TO HIS AVAILABILITY, HE WAS UNABLE TO DELIVER ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON TROOPER PELLETIER, OTHER THAN HE WAS TRAGICALLY TAKEN FROM HIS WIFE AND TWO YOUNG BOYS. THOUGH, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY BELIEVE THAT HE WOULD HAVE SHARED SIMILAR STORIES TO THE ONES TROOPER MEJIAS HAD SHARED WITH ME.



To Trooper 356

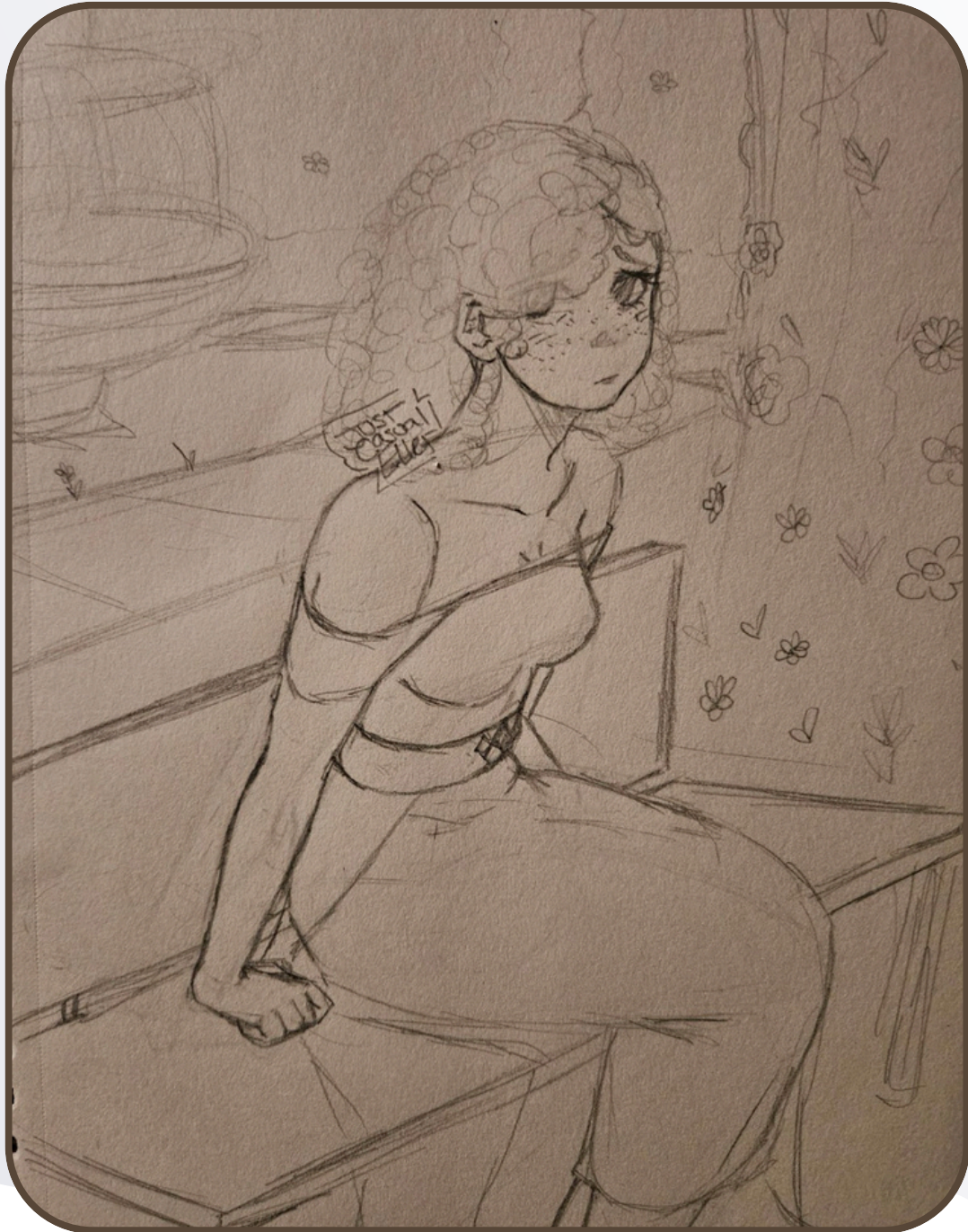
TROOPER 1067 REPEATEDLY DESCRIBED TROOPER PELLETIER AS A POSITIVE PERSON LIKE I HAD MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY. ON THE HARDEST OF DAYS, ON THE MOST GRUESOME OF OCCASIONS, TROOPER PELLETIER WAS ABLE TO BRIGHTEN THE SPIRITS OF THOSE AROUND HIM. HIS ABILITY TO REMAIN POSITIVE AND JOYOUS IS ONE ADMIRABLE TRAIT THAT SPARKS CURIOSITY IN ME GIVEN THAT THE FIELD CAN BE SO GROTESQUE. THOUGH OF COURSE, LIKE ANY CAREER, THERE ARE THOSE "GOOD DAYS." THE ONES THAT YOU KNOW MAKE AN IMPACT. AND FROM THE PERSON I LEARNED TROOPER PELLETIER TO BE, I GUARANTEE HE MADE A LOT OF THOSE. IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, IN A SPLIT SECOND, A LIFE CAN BE TAKEN ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY. THIS IS WHY I MENTION THE SUPPORT WE NEED TO HAVE FOR OUR TROOPERS, OUR OFFICERS, OUR FIREFIGHTERS, THESE ARE PEOPLE PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE, TO SAVE OURS.

ONCE AGAIN, TO THE AFFECTED FAMILY, I GIVE MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES. OF COURSE, I HAVE NO CONNECTION NOR RELATIONSHIP TO THE TROOPER PELLETIER HOUSEHOLD, BUT I HOPE THIS BRINGS SOME SORT OF LIGHT TO THE DULL TRAGEDY AT HAND. I HOLD THE HIGHEST RESPECT FOR OUR TROOPERS, AND I'M GLAD TO HAVE GOTTEN TO LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER BRAVE INDIVIDUAL.

YOUR HUSBAND WAS A GREAT WONDER.

Artist Spotlight

GISELLE RODRIGUEZ



Do You Know?

AALIYAH LOPEZ

MR D'AMATO?

THIS MONTH OUR FINAL TEACHER ON DO YOU KNOW? FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR IS MR. D'AMATO, THE FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE PLUMBING TEACHER. MR. D'AMATO IS ONE OF THE SWEETEST TEACHERS EVER, HE IS SUPER GOOFY AND SILLY AND MAKES THE SHOP ENVIRONMENT CHEERFUL AND FUN, JUST OVERALL A JOYFUL EXPERIENCE.

HE TRULY ENJOYS EVERY ASPECT OF HIS TRADE AS WELL AS PASSING ON THAT ENJOYMENT TO ALL OF HIS STUDENTS. I MYSELF PERSONALLY WAS EXTREMELY CLOSE TO CHOOSING PLUMBING FOR MY SHOP AND PART OF THAT WAS BECAUSE MR. D'AMATO MADE ME SO INTERESTED IN THE SHOP, I WANTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IT AND EXPERIMENT WITH IT.



AALIYAH LOPEZ

NAME - JAMES D'AMATO

BIRTHDAY - JANUARY 27

WHY DID YOU COME TO E.C.? -
BECAUSE THE INDUSTRY NEEDED
MORE PLUMBERS, SO HE CAME
HERE TO MAKE PLUMBERS LIKE
HOW HE WAS 30 YEARS AGO

HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED
AT E.C.? - 5 YEARS

FAVORITE PART ABOUT THE
TRADE - MEETING NEW
CUSTOMERS, AND CLOSING THE
DEAL OF A JOB

FAVORITE PART ABOUT
WORKING AT E.C. - MEETING
NEW STUDENTS AND SEEING
THEM GET EXCITED ABOUT THE
TRADE

LEAST FAVORITE PART ABOUT
THE TRADE - ASKING PEOPLE FOR
MONEY AFTER THE JOB IS DONE



LEAST FAVORITE
PART ABOUT
WORKING AT E.C. -
HOW LONG IT TAKE
TO GET THE MESSAGE
ACROSS TO
STUDENTS ABOUT
THE LESSON BECAUSE
OF HOW MUCH
KNOWLEDGE THEY
LACK ABOUT THE
TRADE

AALIYAH LOPEZ

BIGGEST PET PEEVE - WHEN PEOPLE MENTION THE STATE MICHIGAN

IF YOU HAD ONE MILLION DOLLARS BUT ONE DAY TO SPEND IT ALL WHAT WOULD YOU BUY? - TICKETS FOR FAMILY TO GO TO COLUMBUS, OHIO

IF A GENIE GAVE YOU THREE WISHES WHAT WOULD YOU WISH FOR? - LIVE TO 200 YEARS OLD, MAKE SURE ALL GRANDCHILDREN AND CHILDREN ARE FINANCIALLY SET FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES, AND A NATIONAL TITLE 2025 FOR THE OHIO STATE BUCKEYES

PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT - THREE DAUGHTERS

HOBBIES - FOLLOWING OHIO STATE, GOLF, FOLLOWING GRANDCHILDREN WHEN THEY PLAY SPORTS

BIGGEST FEAR - NOT BEING AROUND TO SEE GRANDCHILDREN GROW UP

IF YOU COULD TEACH ANY OTHER TRADE BESIDE YOUR OWN WHAT WOULD IT BE? - CARPENTRY BECAUSE HE LIKES TO WORK WITH WOOD

IF YOU HAD TO EAT ONE FOOD FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE WHAT WOULD IT BE? - MACARONI AND MEATBALLS

Behind the Scenes

ADRIANNA POMALES TORRES

MR. BARNER IS OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY AND MEDIA CENTER HEAD.

OUR FOCUS IN BEHIND THE SCENES IS TO GIVE A SPOTLIGHT TO PEOPLE WHO HELP THE SCHOOL RUN BUT TEND TO NOT GET THE CREDIT THEY DESERVE BECAUSE THEY AREN'T "TEACHERS".



WE ALL KNOW MR BARNER THAT HELPS US WHEN WE HAVE ISSUES WITH OUR CHROMEBOOKS OR GOOGLE ACCOUNTS. HE DOES MUCH MORE THAN JUST THAT. ALTHOUGH HE DOES SPEND A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES, ORDERING BOOKS, WORKING WITH CHROMEBOOKS, MAINTAINING THE LIBRARY, ETC.

ADRIANNA POMALES TORRES

HE ALSO SPENDS A GREAT DEAL OF TIME WORKING WITH STUDENTS, WHETHER IT'S HELPING THEM FIND A BOOK, OR DEALING WITH ANY NUMBER OF TECHNOLOGY RELATED ISSUES. ADDITIONALLY, CLASSES COME TO THE LIBRARY FOR BOOK EXCHANGE, AS WELL AS FOR LESSONS ON RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY.

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INTERESTINGLY MR BARNER DIDN'T START OUT IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM, RATHER HE SPENT 12 YEARS AS A RESEARCH LIBRARIAN AT A CLASSIFIED NAVAL RESEARCH FACILITY, THE NAVAL UNDERSEA WARFARE CENTER. HE EVENTUALLY FOUND HIMSELF WORKING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN PROVIDENCE AND THEN SPENT 7 YEARS AT HAMDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL. IN 2004, HE WAS LAID-OFF FROM HAMDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AS A RESULT OF BUDGET CUTS. THERE WAS AN OPENING HERE AT GOODWIN, SO HE APPLIED AND GOT THE MEDIA SPECIALIST POSITION HERE AT GOODWIN. MR BARNER HAS BEEN WORKING HERE AT GOODWIN FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS!

ADRIANNA POMALES TORRES

HIS FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB IS GETTING TO KNOW AND WORK WITH US, THE STUDENTS THE MOST. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, THE LACK OF STUDENTS IN THE LIBRARY IS HIS LEAST FAVORITE! SO MORE STUDENTS NEED TO STOP IN AND VISIT HIM AND FIND A GREAT BOOK!

IN SCHOOL YEAR 2012-2013, GOODWIN STARTED A PILOT LITERACY PROGRAM, CALLED ACCELERATED READER. THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL YEAR THE PROGRAM EXPANDED TO THE ENTIRE SCHOOL, INCLUDING SHOPS. AS A RESULT, BY THE END OF THE YEAR WE HAD A NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO READ OVER 1 MILLION WORDS, SO THE GLADIATOR MILLION WORD CLUB WAS CREATED TO CELEBRATE THOSE EXCEPTIONAL READERS.

HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A READER AND LOVED BOOKS FROM A VERY YOUNG AGE, SO HE FEELS HE IS LUCKY IT WORKED OUT THIS WAY. WHEN YOU LOVE YOUR JOB, IT'S NOT REALLY LIKE GOING TO WORK.

THERE ARE 2 LONG TERM PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN ONGOING THIS YEAR. FIRST, WITH THE AWESOME HELP OF STUDENTS IN IST, WE SURPLUSED AND SCRAPPED OVER 650 OUTDATED AND BROKEN CHROMEBOOKS! ADDITIONALLY, LAST SUMMER THE LIBRARY RECEIVED A \$95,000.00 TITLE 1 GRANT TO UPDATE THE NON-FICTION PORTION OF THE COLLECTION.

ADRIANNA POMALES TORRES

THE WEEDING AND INTEGRATION OF THE NEW MATERIAL HAS BEEN ONGOING THIS YEAR AND HOPEFULLY IT WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE SUMMER.

IF YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE ONE FOOD TO EAT FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE? CHOOSING A FOREVER FOOD IS VERY DIFFICULT, BUT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE PIZZA AND ICE CREAM!

IF YOU COULD HAVE A SUPERPOWER WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY? I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO READ FASTER AND RETAIN MORE!

IF YOU WON 1 MILLION DOLLARS AND 24 HOURS TO SPEND IT, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? I WOULD MAKE SURE THAT MY FAMILY WAS TAKEN CARE OF, AND MAYBE BUY A TRUCK!

WHAT WOULD YOUR IDEAL VACATION BE? MY IDEAL VACATION WOULD BE ANYWHERE I COULD HANG OUT WITH MY FAMILY!

DO YOU HAVE ANY PET PEEVES? THINGS THAT JUST GET UNDER YOUR SKIN? I DON'T REALLY HAVE A PET PEEVE, IT'S NOT GOOD TO BE IRRITATED OVER THINGS YOU CAN'T CONTROL! I JUST WISH PEOPLE WOULD BE COURTEOUS WHEN THEY DRIVE, AND THAT MORE STUDENTS WOULD COME TO THE LIBRARY TO MAKE USE OF OUR WONDERFUL SPACE, AND AWESOME COLLECTION OF ALL KINDS OF BOOKS!

My... A Movie Review

MYA ANDERSON

JADIEL AND I RECENTLY WENT TO THE MOVIES TO GO SEE...

THE NEW MOVIE TAROT BECAUSE IT WAS A COMEDY/HORROR MOVIE. THE TAROT MOVIE IS BASED ON A 1992 NOVEL, HOROSCOPE. THE STARS OF THE MOVIE ARE HARRIET SLATER, ADAIN BRADLEY, AVANTIKA VANDANAPU, WOLFGANG NOVOGRATZ, HUMBERLY GONZÁLEZ, LARSEN THOMPSON, OLWEN FOUÉRE, AND JACOB BATALON.



THE MOVIE IS ABOUT A FEW YOUNG ADULTS PLAYING WITH TAROT CARDS AND NOT TAKING THE CARDS SERIOUSLY JUST THINKING THE CARDS WERE A JOKE.

MYA ANDERSON

HALEY WAS READING THE CARDS TO THE REST OF HER FRIENDS AND WAS TOO SCARED TO READ HER OWN CARDS BECAUSE SHE KNEW THE CARDS WERE TELLING THE TRUTH. EVERYONE ELSE THOUGHT SHE WAS JUST A WEIRD FREAK UNTIL THE CARDS STARTED TO COME TRUE AND HER FRIENDS STARTED DYING THE SAME WAY THE READINGS WERE SAYING ON THE CARDS FOR THEM TO DIE.

THE WAY THEY WERE DYING IN MY OPINION WAS THEIR OWN FAULT AND I FEEL AS IF THEY WOULD NOT HAVE DIED IF THEY ACTUALLY BELIEVED HER OR IF THEY WOULD HAVE JUST USED THEIR COMMON SENSE BECAUSE I THINK ALL OF THE DEATHS WERE AVOIDABLE. I RATE THE MOVIE I WATCHED A 6 OUT OF 10, I THINK IT WAS A GOOD MOVIE OVERALL. I WAS VERY ENTERTAINED THE WHOLE MOVIE BECAUSE ALL THE DIFFERENT WAYS THEY DIED WAS INTERESTING AND THE SURPRISING SCENE WHEN PAXTON WAS IN THE ELEVATOR THAT I WAS SO SAD THINKING HE DIED BUT SOMEHOW HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO ENDED UP ESCAPING BECAUSE HIS ROOMMATE CAME TO THE RESCUE AND OPENED THE ELEVATOR FOR HIM. HE WAS THE MAIN ONE THAT SAID HE DIDN'T WANT A PART OF THE CARDS BECAUSE THEY'RE STUPID AND FAKE BUT IN THE END ONLY 3 OF THEM SURVIVED. OUT OF 8 OF THEM THE 3 THAT SURVIVED WAS HAILEY AND GRANT AND WHEN THEY STARTED GRIEVING AND WALKING AWAY THEN PAXTON JOINED THEM THEY WERE SO SURPRISED TO SEE THAT PAXTON WAS STILL ALIVE.

Officially... Your Editor...

AALIYAH LOPEZ

THE SCHOOL YEAR HAS FINALLY COME TO AN END...

WHICH IS JUST SO CRAZY TO ME BECAUSE IT LITERALLY HAS GONE BY SO FAST. THE GLADIATOR TIMES NEWSPAPER CLUB HAS GROWN AND EVOLVED THIS YEAR AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT I AM SUPER PROUD TO BE A PART OF.

I AM ALSO EXCITED TO BE TAKING OVER NEXT YEAR AS THE EDITOR. ALTHOUGH, I AM SAD TO SAY THE CLUB IS LOSING SOME OF ITS CORE MEMBERS WHO WILL BE GRADUATING WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.



THE SENIORS THIS YEAR HAVE PUT IN SOME INSANE WORK TO MAKE EACH AND EVERY ARTICLE AMAZING AND SO FULL OF LIFE.

AALIYAH LOPEZ

PART OF THE BUNCH OF SENIORS IS ALISON NAVARRO-DELGADO, OUR OUT-GOING EDITOR WHO HAS DONE LITERALLY SO MUCH FOR GLADIATOR TIMES SINCE OUR VERY FIRST ISSUE THAT CAME OUT JUST LAST YEAR.

THINGS SERIOUSLY WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT HER BUT I HAVE NO DOUBT IN MIND SHE WILL DO GREAT THINGS IN LIFE AND I WISH NOTHING BUT THE BEST FOR HER. AND THAT GOES FOR THE REST OF OUR GRADUATING SENIORS AS WELL; CLAUDIA HERNANIZ LOPEZ, JAVIELLIE MERLE-GONZALEZ, AND MAKAYLA SMITH. THANK YOU SO SO SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING YOU ALL HAVE DONE FOR THE CLUB AND I PROMISE TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT NEXT YEAR AS THE NEW EDITOR!

**IF ANYBODY IS INTERESTED IN BEING A
WRITER OF THE NEWSPAPER CLUB PLEASE
CONTACT HOULBERG (PMT) FOR NEXT YEAR
-YLJ**