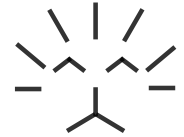


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TEACHERS, STUDENTS LOOK TO MAKE MS 104 GREENER

BY AUDREY HILL

We need other life – life is necessary, be it a plant or an animal, it sustains us – and it also causes happiness and joy. Watching a puppy open its eyes and yawn, to tend a garden and watch your plants grow, to see a bird fly for the first time – these are the things to live for, the things that make life worth living.

We not only need to eat, drink, breathe, and have a secure shelter, but we also need joy. Happiness may not seem necessary – people may think that it is all teddy bears and rainbows – and therefore not for them (or not the kind of happiness they want). Life causes happiness, so why not have gardening here at MS104?

Georgia B. from class 751 said, “I think they are worth it because I think the price isn’t even that high, even if it is a lot. There are a lot of fundraisers we could do, maybe a couple dances we could put on, we have a lot of ways to raise the money. There is a lot of science and math and things we’ll be learning, so it’s worth it.”

Bridget D. from class 741 believes plants are not worth the price. discussing the question. “As a school, plants are not necessary. So our budget will not allow for plant to be in our school.”

Already some have started the slow, but steady progress of making the world a greener place. Last year, Ms. Solarsh and her green team grew plants in water bottles, then proceeded to give every class one plant. They also gardened in the planting space around the trees outside of our front entrance.

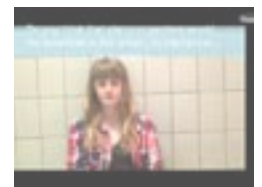


Ms. Solarsh's green team has constructed a miniature greenhouse where they are currently growing plants, though they have not all sprouted yet.

Gardening is not just a slightly helpful side activity or hobby; it is a necessary, even essential part of society. That is why we should have it in our schools – the very root of our society, the children within them our future. Beyond the pretty flowers and tasty vegetables a deeper meaning may be found. Flowers symbolize kindness and beauty, vegetables symbolize

health and prosperity, and all these are traits highly valued in society today.

Some may say in hushed undertones, “Why would that be important, it’s not like those traits are transferable.” However, at some level, aren’t they? If planting flowers or eating vegetables makes people happy, then isn’t that achieving something?



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NO CURSING, I SWEAR!

By ETHAN LING

Some people swear so often that it is like a casual language to them. Swearing has become a cultural norm. You hear people cursing on the streets, and sometimes even at home. More often you hear it the media. Curse words are used so frequently that some kids think it's fine to say them in school.

According to the Association for Psychological Science, by the time kids enter school, they know 30 to 40 offensive words. Reasons people swear include pain relief, power and control, non-violent retribution, humor, peer and social bonding, and self-expression.

Regarding profanity, Aaron Z. from class 741 said, "When I get mad, I use it because I am angry."

Alnaw E. from class 741 said, "Well, I don't think it's appropriate but I feel you can say [curse words] outside of school because we are in a free country."

The First Amendment of the Constitution protects freedom of speech. So does that mean students should be able to curse at school without getting punished? In 1986, there was a case, where the father of a student filed a suit against the school for suspending his son for using vulgar language in his speech at an assembly. He claimed that the school violated his son's right of speech. The U.S Supreme Court decided on favor of the school district. According to then Chief Justice Burger, "The purpose of public education in America is to teach fundamental values." This means schools have the legal right to set rules to prohibit kids from swearing.

Plus, Kevin L. from class 741 said that using bad language can hurt other people's feelings.

Besides, as Aaron said, "It could get you in trouble."

SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS SETTLE IN TO NEW YEAR

By ZAIYAD RAHMAN

Time is going by fast. It's already 2015, and seventh graders have had some time to get used to their new grade.

Tom R. from class 742 said, "I think I prefer seventh grade because in seventh grade I have more control over what I do."

Alen N. from class 742 as well, said, "I prefer seventh grade because you are not the youngest in the school... Also, in sixth grade, you have no idea who the person next to you is, and so it's harder to make friends. But in seventh grade, you already have a bunch of friends."

Alen continued, "[In sixth grade] you have no idea about where a certain place is, like the bathroom, or the main office, or other important places. But in seventh grade, you know at least the most important

places."

Ms. Gruman, a seventh grade social studies teacher who also teaches a sixth grade class here at Simon Baruch, said, "Challenges of teaching seventh grade are a lot more writing assignments, and stepping up their vocabulary, and a lot of argumentative essays."

Tom agreed seventh grade is harder than sixth grade.

He said, "The sixth grade has less work and strain put onto you. If you get a 76 or an 80, at least it wouldn't affect you as much as it would in seventh grade. In seventh grade, if you get anything below 85 or something like that, not only will you get yelled at by your parents, you need to get 90's at the very least, or else you get a smaller, and frankly, not the best chance at getting into a nice high school."

NIKE RELEASES LEBRON 12'S

By ROBIN ZHANG

Nike unveiled the new LeBron 12's on September 16, 2014, and the shoes arrived in stores on October 12. Many think the shoes are very stylish and comfortable. But are they worth the price?

LeBrons are sold for around \$100 to around \$300. But some special styles, like the LeBron 9 P.S. Elite South Beach, sell for up to \$500.

Asher S. from class 741 said, "I think that since my shoe size is very affordable at five and a half... \$140... I am getting shoes very cheap unlike the people with bigger LeBrons... about \$200."

Asher continued, "I will recommend these shoes to people who care a lot about shoes and doesn't care about the price because they are very exotic and cool." He does not recommend these shoes to people who just want something to put over their feet because they are very expensive.

Ethan L. from class 741 agrees with Asher. He said, "The shoes are very expensive, but good-looking too." However, he believes some cheaper shoes can feel as good as the LeBrons. Finally, he thinks he would not recommend these shoes to anyone because they are very expensive and not really comfortable.

Ava T. from class 742 agrees with Asher and Ethan in that the LeBrons are very stylish and expensive. She said she would pay \$110 for them but not \$200 dollars like many LeBrons.

Finally, she said, "I will recommend them to my cousins who are thirteen because they have very good and stylish shoes, and they really like basketball."

Even though the LeBrons are very stylish and cool looking, they are expensive for just shoes. It's up to you to spend money on shoes that you will wear for a few months and throw out.

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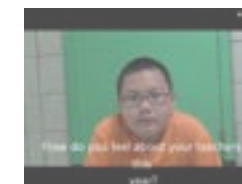
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By Georgia Bomar



NEW YEAR OPINION
By Ava Tecza



NEW LUNCH
By Henry Andelin

You Said It

On the Simon Baruch Pride Forum!

RE: SPEEDING DRIVERS POSE RISKS TO PEDESTRIANS BY TIFFANY LUI

Hopefully both drivers, and cyclist's will be more careful in the future. The fact that the bigger bike lane issue hasn't happened already is ridiculous. -Hailee D

RE: 5 SECONDS OF SUMMER TAKES WORLD BY STORM BY JENNY HO

I really like bands, especially new bands. I like 5 Seconds of Summer, but everyone is entitled to their own opinion. I respect everybody who doesn't like 5SOS and their own opinion. I hope for the best for 5SOS and hope that they continue making music. -Alyssa G

RE: APPLE RELEASES TWO VERSIONS OF THE SAME PHONE BY BRIDGET DUCEY

I don't like the iphone6. Even if it has a better system. I don't like why it is getting thinner and bigger. There is no reason for this to happen. They can just keep the iphone the same size, instead of making the iphone's skinner. Then this will prevent people's iphone to break easier. -Eson Z

...the only difference is that one is bigger than the other. They both have the same concept and same things. -Maria D

RE: SUBWAY STATIONS NEED CLEANING BY AARON ZHENG

Subways and the stations specifically do require some form of cleaning. However, the matter of cleaning a subway is more complicated than it seems. For example, people working on the tracks risk themselves if the subways are not shut down. If they are shut down for sanitary purposes, it creates a disruption in people's schedules. On the other hand, subways are not satisfactory because of how filthy they are or can become. -Dylan L

I agree because I've seen people spitting and rats chasing for food. But I don't see how this problem can be solve because some people will not care about the subway so we cannot help the subway. Most people will be like "hey it's just a subway, we don't care." -Eric C

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BASKETBALL SEASON HAS ARRIVED!

PICS BY LI YIN C AND KRISTIN Y

