



The Modern Buc

My Time at Prospect Park School

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I moved to Prospect Park when I was in 6th grade and now I am in 8th grade. When I moved here I was extremely scared because it was my first time changing schools and I would have to make new friends. Lucky for me though, I already knew someone in my class and they introduced me to new people and showed me around the school. The teachers here in Prospect also made my 6th grade year really easy and fun. I even ended up having an inside joke with one of my teachers. She may think she is my second favorite teacher but she is really tied for first!

My 7th and 8th grade years have been my favorite years I've been in school. Both years flew by extremely fast. I have some amazing teachers who made going to their class fun. From waving to my friend goodbye in Spanish class and then having to sit in the hallway for it, to going to class and having the teacher dance and sing across the room, 7th grade was great. But one of the main reasons I had such a great year is because of my bestie, Caitlin Betson. There was a lot of the classic middle school drama, and some pretty funny middle school relationships that that ended in "heart breaks" but then both people were over it the next day and moved on to the next person. And then at the end of 7th grade there was a major tragedy... I lost against Xavier for Student Council Treasurer and Caitlin lost against Abut for President! It's ok though now that it's all over.

Now I am in 8th grade and the year is going by too fast. It is upsetting that some of my close friends aren't going to Interboro next year and I won't get to see them. But I am excited to leave here and have new experiences with new people. Bring on Interboro High School!



- Sarah Ewing

Getting Into College the Wrong Way

People have always used their wealth to make life easier for them, but what is happening today has taken spending to another level. Fifty wealthy people, actresses, and business leaders have been suspected of college entry fraud, but only 33 parents have been charged. Some of these parents included television star Lori Loughlin and her husband, actress Felicity Huffman, and William E. McGlashan Jr. How do these parents get their children into elite colleges, such as Yale, the University of Southern California and Georgetown? One word: bribery. Millions of dollars in bribes to be specific. Parents paid colleges to allow their children to be “accepted” to their chosen university. They also paid to fake children's’ test and essay scores.

There was an entire company dedicated to help parents cheat their kids into college known as The Edge College & Career Network. When the company would help parents by giving them the best possible ways to get their children into elite colleges, none of which involved the students just doing the work themselves. From having the parents claim their child had a learning disability to having someone just take the test for them, the company was dedicated to cheating the system.

The parents and this company are responsible for some hard working students missing out on their dream college, because although they put in much more effort they didn't put in as much money. Obviously we are left with many upset college age students and their families.

- Caitlin Betson

The Forest Girl

Janese still couldn't figure out where she was. She was dizzy from the gas and was bleeding from her head. It was hard for her to think straight and she began to throw up. Ethan came back into the room. Janese screamed “What do you want from me?” He simply said “I want you to feel pain like I did.” Then she heard footsteps, but Ethan wasn't walking.

It was another Ethan?! Janese was shocked. The Ethan who took her laughed, but then anger filled his smile. The real Ethan was tied up. Finally Janese yelled “What's going on?” Once again the fake Ethan laughed and then started to pull off his face. Or was it a mask? At this point nothing made sense. Janese started to cry when she saw the face. It was her dad. Why would he do this?

With tears pouring down her face she tried her hardest to say “Dad? “Is that you?” She couldn't even get the words out of her mouth. Both Ethan and Janese didn't know what they had done. Her dad continued to laugh and then creepily said “I needed to teach you a lesson for sneaking out.”

- Emily Betson

Marvel vs DC Comics

Batman and Joker, Eagles and Giants, McDonalds and Burger King; all rivalries, but one of the most iconic rivalries is... Marvel versus DC Comics. For nearly 50 years Marvel and DC have been competing from comic books, to television, to the big screen. And throughout the years people have been wondering which superhero company is better.

A lot of people believe that DC comics is the automatic victor because it started 27 years before Marvel did. Marvel comics had a good start but they began working under DC comics. DC only let Marvel release 8 comics per month, while DC themselves were releasing way more than that. Marvel got back onto its feet thanks to new comic book characters and series like the X-Men, Avengers and Infinity War. After maintaining the company, Marvel started experiencing some money issues and some people wanted to take the company off of Stan Lee's hands.

So Marvel has had some up and downs, but DC comics has too. Back during World War II, people were more interested in Marvel because they produced comics that were relevant to what was happening. They had Captain America fighting Nazis and leading troops to fight for justice while DC has a guy running around as a bat in tights. The current issue DC has is that Marvel is destroying DC with movies. DC Comics made only 657.9 million worldwide with Justice League while Marvel made 1.5 billion worldwide. Now with television DC is dominating their shows have more views which means more money.

But all that really matters is the comics, because that's where it all started. Which leads me to say, overall Marvel makes 4 billion dollars while DC makes 224 million dollars, that's millions vs. billions, and a billion is a lot more money, so the numbers show that Marvel is doing better than DC Comics!



- Isaiah Supplee

Subby's Travel Adventures

One of my favorite vacation spots is Ocean City, Maryland. I visited there in the summer of 2016. It only took a few hours by car to get there. When my family and I arrived in Ocean City we checked into our hotel first. The hotel was decent and had a swimming pool. I swam in it for a few hours. Then we went to the beach where I made a lot of sand castles and swam in the ocean. After that we got back to the hotel and ordered from Domino's to eat for dinner.

The next day we got ready and went to "Jolly Roger Amusement Park." It was very fun as I was able to enjoy all the water rides since there were short lines. After that we went back to the hotel, had some food, and relaxed a bit. Then at night we went to the boardwalk which was really fun because we got to see all the lights and shops there. Plus there was an amazing pizza place we ate at and I got candy from a store called Candy Land on the boardwalk. After that we went back to our hotel and relaxed. Finally it was time to go home. All in all, I would say this trip was very fun as it was my first time to Ocean City and I got to enjoy the beach.



-Subby Ahmad

Teacher Feature

Mrs. Laky is a sixth and seventh grade math teacher at Prospect Park School. She went to Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA. While there, she majored in Math. Mrs. Laky is also certified to teach Kindergarten to sixth grade, Math grades 9 to 12, and she could even be a librarian! She has been teaching in Interboro School District since 2011.

Mrs. Laky's family is what you call a sports family. They like to root for the Eagles along with Notre Dame. While in college, Mrs. Laky would go and watch The Little League World Series games because they were hosted in her home town of Williamsport!

Mrs. Laky's family has a beach house located in Ocean City, New Jersey. This is where she spends most of her summers. She also enjoys doing crafts and DIY projects. Mrs. Laky has two children. Her son will be turning four this summer and she has a daughter who is one. She is a lacrosse and soccer coach for the 8th grade team. Mrs. Laky also enjoys making the 8th grade memory book, working with student council, and being part of the National Junior Honor Society.

-Sarah Smith

Delco Dining

Mrs. Marty's Deli is a Jewish-style restaurant located in Broomall, specifically in the Lawrence Park Shopping Center. They serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner. This includes breakfast served from opening to close! It is a family owned business that has been around for close to fifty years. Their prices are moderately priced. They also cater events.

Their chicken salad is the only chicken salad I will eat. It is all white meat chicken and it is especially good when you make a sandwich out of it using their egg bagels. I also love their bacon, egg, and cheese breakfast sandwich. This comes with their home fries which are so good! They are crispy on the outside but soft on the inside. My sister gets the BLT and if you like a lot of bacon, you'll like this one.

I highly recommend you stop by and try the food at Mrs. Marty's Deli. Tell them Santana sent you!

- Santana Mirigliani

Boy Bands Reunite

You want to know what everyone likes? When there is a blast from the past, I'm not talking like Back to the Future, I'm talking about when there's a good old fashion band reunion. All good things come to an end eventually, but in some cases they come back better than ever. There are some popular bands who have recently reunited after breaking up.

The brothers are back! Broken apart six years ago, the Jonas Brothers went through some issues, and just needed some time apart. According to an episode with James Corden on Carpool Karaoke the band broke up because of Nick Jonas. On Good Morning America, Nick explained that the group had a bunch of unaddressed issues that nobody was trying to solve so he thought they should split to figure some things out. But just as Nick got the band to split, he was the one to convince them to reunite again. They just released a new single which has been gaining popularity!

Similar to the Jonas Brothers, the Backstreet Boys were also split apart for six years. According to member AJ McLean, they weren't doing too hot when member Kevin Richardson left. But, eventually they got back on their feet and are now back on tour.

It's taken nine years for the band McFly to reunite. Fans of McFly have been asking the band just to admit they broke up, because they weren't releasing any new albums and one member, Dougie Poynter, started a side project called INK. Dougie then admitted later that the band had been working to come back together to make some more music. The band said the reason they took broke up was just to take some time off, since they had a two year tour. But now they are back in business.

- Isaiah Supplee

The Evolution of Rap Music

Music is dying; well rap music is anyway. Rap is not what it used to be. Rap was a way of life literally and figuratively. The music told stories of struggles, hardships, and heart breaks. Rap music also gave messages that were clear and motivated people who could relate, or those who just needed encouragement. But unfortunately, rap music has changed.

Rap wasn't too open to the public eye until the late 1970's when Grandmaster Flash came out. He could make great beats with messages, purpose, and culture. But rap started to gain attention when artists like Tupac and Biggie Smalls came onto the scene in 1990's. Now not all the artists rapped about was positive, but to the people who could relate, there was some positivity and or understanding people found within the lyrics. For example, Tupac rapped about being a thug and how to survive in a place where all you had was yourself and the people who have proved themselves to you to be called your friend. On the flip side Tupac brought a lot of attention to discrimination and how America's legal system wasn't fair.

Rap lost these two icons to gang violence. During their music careers, Tupac and Biggie left a legacy that many modern day rappers like Meek Mill are trying to fulfill. The late 90's and early 2000's is where the rap game was at. Everybody wanted to be on top, but had to earn their spot through hard work and talent. This is when music in general had messages that went from fun to real deep. Some artists started to use old beats but still respected the created by making the song similar to the original or gave a shout out of some sort. Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg told a story when they rapped. They shared with fans how they felt and how they have gone through life and how people should try and live life through culture and through brotherly respect and love.

Now not all the current rap artists nowadays are bad. Some still have a clear message and are relatable, fun and deep. But there is no respect between artists. Rappers are becoming fake just like their music. We do currently have good artists like Meek Mill, and Drake, but the rap game just isn't the same.



- Isaiah Supplee

Fallon's Summer Preview

There are many concerts and events during the summer that music lovers are extremely excited about. Ariana Grande's Sweetener Tour will be hosted at the Wells Fargo Center on June 24th. Another popular performer is Shawn Mendes. His tour will stop in Philadelphia on August 27th and 28th. Shawn Mendes performs pop, folk rock, and pop rock music.

The concert I am most excited about is going to be held on August 10th. It is by the band Why Don't We. They perform pop music as well, and are having their concert at The Met Philadelphia. The band is on a tour now and then will begin the second tour during the summer. The tour is called the Summer 8 Letters Tour.

There are many other musical events this summer but another favorite artist is John Mayer. John Mayer is performing at the Wells Fargo Center on July 22nd. John Mayer's genres of music include pop music, rock, blues, folk music, country music, and soul music. If you are considering a fun summer activity, I recommend looking into concerts to enjoy your favorite artists.

-Fallon Northrop

My Robotics Team

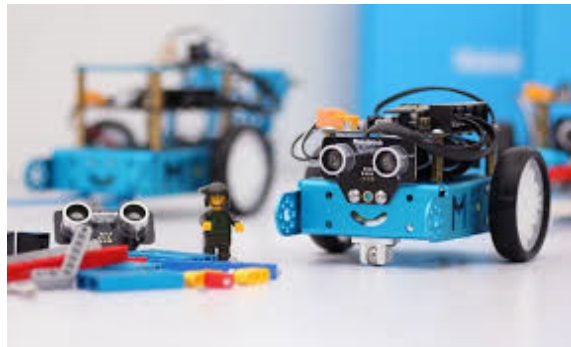
I am part of an all girls robotics team. Our team name is the Tin Mints and are supported by the Girl Scouts.

Robotics is the most interesting sport I have joined. It involves science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. It doesn't just teach you the basic concept of building robots, it also teaches you teamwork, confidence, and how to work with others.

We also have sponsors that we do outreaches with and show them how their money gets utilized. We have some local sponsors like Wawa, The Fainting Goat, and Head Shot Props.

My Tin Mints team mentors the First Lego League junior teams as well. These groups build Lego robots. They also program the robots to complete a set list of tasks. My team meets once a week to help these junior teams.

Our robotics team also volunteers at competitions when we aren't competing. It is a great way to learn life skills and make friends. I think it is the coolest sport!



- Sarah Schreiber

My Thoughts

Some friendships come and go, while others stay with you through no matter what. Different friendships have better bonds than others. People can be fake or dishonest, leaving you with trust issues. Friendships are not about who you have known the longest, they are about who has been there for you and has proved it. Sometimes people who say they are your friends aren't always going to be there. Breaking someone's trust is like crumpling a perfect piece of paper, you can smooth it over again but it will never look like it had before it was touched.

Best friends have that type bond where you can be so comfortable with each other that it might make others jealous. Sometimes best friends may have even hated each other or have had some type of beef in the past. Everyone has a past, just remember you can forgive but never forget. My dad always told me second chances are greatly appreciated. Friendships can always be fixed, just take a minute to forgive and move forward.

- Briana O'Donnell

Erin's Food Review

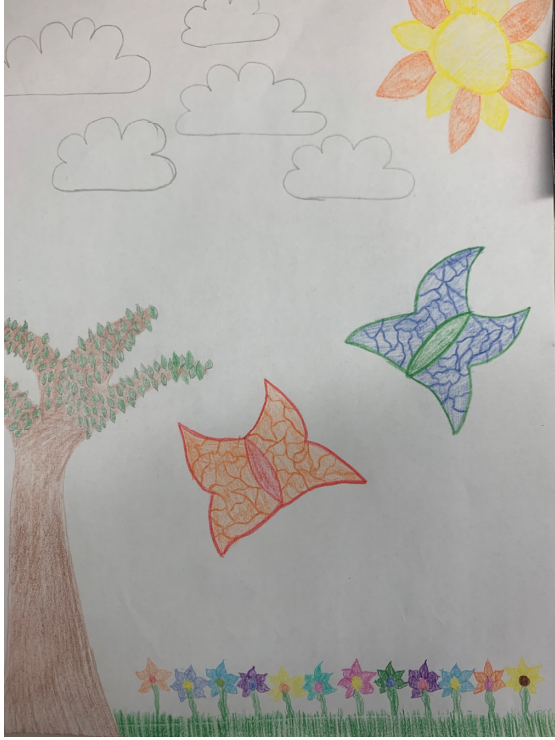
Olive Garden is a family friendly five star rated Italian restaurant. They have great drinks and appetizers. The breadsticks are unlimited, so you can get as many as you want. They have a huge variety of appetizers like Calamari, Fried Mozzarella, Lasagna Dip, Stuffed Mushrooms, and more! My personal favorite is the Fried Mozzarella and Stuffed Mushrooms. The Fried Mozzarella has a rich creamy cheese filling on the inside and a nice smooth, soft outside. The Stuffed Mushrooms are very flavorful with a savory taste. The Calamari is such a strong and powerful burst of flavor in one bite. The Lasagna Dip is a delightful dish for anyone.

Olive Garden has a ton of flavorful main courses and delicious desserts. Some of the most popular main courses are The Tour of Italy, Shrimp Alfredo, and the Chicken and Shrimp Carbonara. The Tour of Italy is a great main course because it has 3 great meals, of your choice. For some it really is 3 different flavors for one price. The Shrimp Alfredo is a pasta combo with a rich alfredo sauce topped with some shrimp. Lastly, the Chicken and Shrimp Carbonara is a Bucatini pasta tossed in a creamy Carbonara Sauce with bacon and roasted red peppers. There's nothing better than an heaping pile of pasta with a creamy sauce, shrimp, bacon, and cheese, is what they say about the Chicken and Shrimp Carbonara. Now to the desserts! Some of the desserts are The Chocolate Moose Cake, The White Chocolate Raspberry Cheesecake, and the Triple Chocolate Strata.

Olive Garden also has a lot of combos, specials, and deals. One of the deals is "Buy One, Take One!" This is a great and affordable deal. This deal means that if you buy one from this menu you can take one home for free. Another combo is the "Never Ending Stuffed Pasta." This combo means that you order and pay for one meal of pasta and get the rest free. You can eat as many dishes of pasta as you want, so make sure your hungry when you go and eat this combo. The last special is the "Create Your Own Pasta!" This special is when you can create your pasta with whatever kind of pasta, sauce, or even toppings. There are more specials at Olive Garden, but these are some of the most popular ones.

-Erin O'Shea

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- Maddie Jones



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your feedback!**



- Juliana Wiseley