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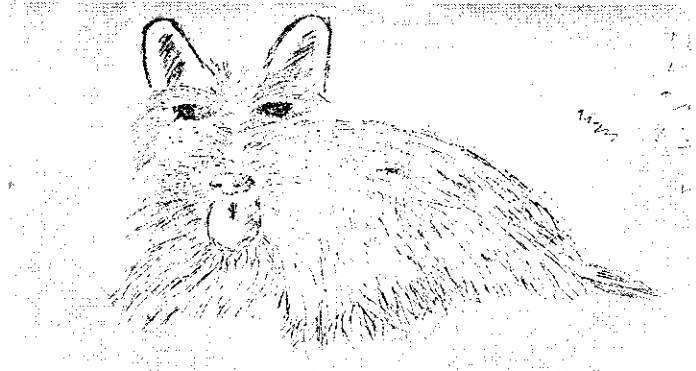


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Dancing in a Winter Wonderland

Alexandra Barnes

On January 20th, DeLaura had its first dance since before Covid. It was held in the cafeteria. The PTO sponsored event's theme was Winter Wonderland. There was a beautiful array of sparkly, on theme dresses and suits. There was also a fabulous assortment of food, ranging from Cheez-its and Pirates Booty, to Coke and Sprite, to brownie cups and several different kinds of cookies, including white chocolate macadamia nut, mini M&M chocolate chunk, and more!

Some of the songs/dances played were "I Want it That Way" by the Backstreet Boys, "Party in the USA" by Miley Cyrus, the "Cupid Shuffle" by Cupid, and the "Cha Cha Slide" by Casper and the Live Platinum Band. The temperature on the dance floor continued to rise because of all the bodies in motion. Despite the hot dance floor, everyone was having fun—whether they were dancing or taking photos at one of the many photo booths, or even just sitting and talking (although it was pretty hard to hear anyone)!

I interviewed a few people asking about their favorite part of the dance. Ava Bishop loved hanging out with her boyfriend, Maddox (and Maddox O'Connel loved hanging out with his girlfriend Ava). Anlan Zhang thought the dance was "very funny because people were doing very funny moves on the dance floor." Ethan Rendek loved the many photo booths, and the snacks, and Jady Cross loved the dancing. Camryn Norcross stated, "It was fun because there were really good songs and we got to dance." Jacey Vanatta enjoyed "getting to hang out with my friends a lot." Raiden Kerr shared, "It was really fun to see friends and hang out with people dancing. And Mr. Corso started break dancing which was nice to see that the staff were happy to be there as well." All in all, DeLaura's Winter Wonderland Dance was quite enjoyable, although it was hard to feel winter in 70 degree weather! Many 7th graders cannot wait to see what DeLaura's PTO has in store for next year's dance!

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History of Valentine's Day

Leah Vallandigham, Kiersten Denzel February is quickly approaching, which means so is Valentine's Day! We all love celebrating Valentine's Day, but where did the celebration first start? According to traveltriangle.com, Valentine's Day originated as a feast day honoring two Christian martyrs. The story is that Valentine was a priest. Claudius II, the ruler at the time, said that single men made better soldiers and couldn't be allowed to marry. St. Valentine didn't agree with this. He secretly set up marriages for lovers. When Claudius

found out about this, he ordered that St. Valentine be killed. The year that the tradition of Valentine's Day started was 496, and it was considered a religious celebration all around the world. Valentine's Day has changed greatly over the years... it began with people making handmade cards for each other, and now people will exchange gifts, like flowers or chocolates, have a romantic dinner, or exchange store bought valentine cards. Enjoy your heart day, Scotties!

Book Review

Bella Maher

Have you tried looking for a new book to read? Many YA (young adult) books are starting to appeal to teenagers like you! There are many varieties of YA novels such as college science and fake dating (*The Love Hypothesis*) to guessing which characters committed the crime (*One of Us is Lying*). Maybe even period pieces about Jane Austen's *Pride and Preju-*

dice with a murderous twist (*Pride and Premeditation*) or something about the scandalous 60's (*7 Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*)? There are different kinds of books with different genres. If any of these books sound intriguing, try our school's media center, your local library, Amazon, Books-A-Million, or Barnes and Nobles.

Military Tree Dedication

Karen Hattie

Attention all Scotties! DeLaura will be holding a special dedication ceremony on February, 10th at 3:30 pm. School leaders, Col. Graham and General Purdy from Patrick Space Force Base, and Ms. Charity (military life family counseling) will dedicate a tree on campus in honor of all of the brave military members who are deployed

and away from their families while they protect our country. DeLaura students may also take the opportunity to write messages to their deployed family members on yellow ribbons that will be displayed hanging from the tree. All are welcome! The event will take place in the garden next to the basketball courts. Can't wait to see you there, Scotties!

College Football Playoff Review

Kiersten Denzel

Overall, the 2022 College Football Season was great! On January 9th, Georgia destroyed TCU in the championship game 65-07. Before the championship game, the playoff picture included Michigan and Ohio State as the top four. Georgia went 15-0, TCU went 13-2, Michigan went 13-1, and Ohio State went 11-2. Those teams all settled into the top four. Georgia played Ohio State in the Peach Bowl to win 42-41 as the game ended exactly at midnight. Then Michigan played TCU

in the Fiesta Bowl, 51-45. Michigan was a very dominant team this season... they went undefeated until the semifinals then got knocked out. In the end, Georgia played TCU and absolutely obliterated them. TCU only got one touchdown in the first quarter. After that, it was Georgia's game. Now Georgia is back to back National Champions and has gone undefeated for 2 seasons. To wrap it all up, the college football season was a blast. Many fans are already counting down the days until next season!

Super Bowl Fun Facts

Quin Durbin, Kallan Martin

The Super Bowl is one of the most recognizable sporting events and has been around for 56 years. It is the final game of the season to determine the champion team in the NFL. The first game was played in Los Angeles in 1967. In this historic event, the Green Bay Packers played Kansas City Chiefs. The score ended up being 35-10 with the Green Bay Packers taking home the trophy. Did you know that the New England Patriots and the Pittsburgh Steelers have both won the Super Bowl 6 times? The New England Patriots have played the most times in the Super Bowl with 11 games. Speaking of 11, that is how many times Miami has hosted the Super Bowl- making them

the sunny city who has hosted the most. Even many who are not football fans tune in to the Super Bowl because of the creative and fun commercials. Have you ever wanted to make a commercial that appeared on T.V. in front of millions of people? That's an option... if you want to pay \$6.5 million for a 30 second commercial. Another fun fact, Super Bowl 45 set a record with most fans at a Super Bowl game with 103,985 fans. I bet those fans get hungry... The most popular dish to eat during a Super Bowl is chicken wings. Now that you have some fun facts, I hope you enjoy the Big Game this year on February 12 at 6:30. Who do you think will win?

New Year's Poem

Poetry Feature by
Lydia Buehler

As 2022 comes to a close,
And we hear the fireworks blow.
We welcome in a new year,
Or so I hear.
A new year to try and remember the date,
On an assignment that I might have to turn in late.
Now that it's 2023,
I guess I should be happy,
But it still feels the same as yesterday.
But that's ok,
It's another year for trial and error.
Another year for care.
And I hope you find cheer
And have a happy new year.

Sports Poll

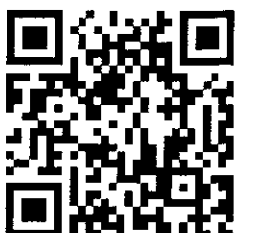
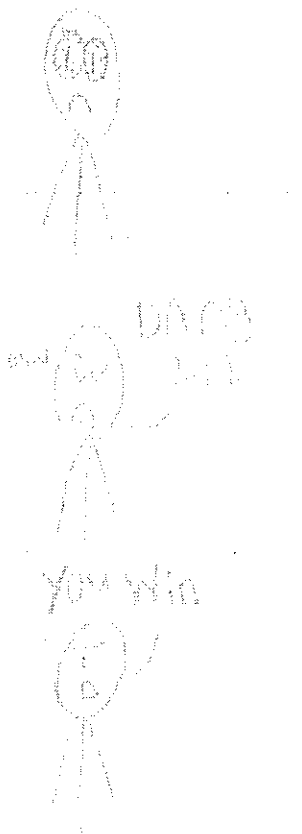
Alex Helmers

The results from December's poll are in! Voting Scotties' favorite pie is Key Lime. Winning by only 6.25%, pumpkin pie

and apple pie were close behind. My mom would be proud! This next poll is about your favorite sports. Scan the code to cast your vote!

Stare

by The Mystery Comic



The FlipSide

DeLaura Drama Club

Alexandra Barnes

After a long wait, DMS finally has a drama club! The club held its first meeting on Wednesday, January 11, but it's not too late to join! The club takes place every other Wednesday after school in Ms. Miller's room (221) and ends around 5:30. 7th grade language arts teacher, Ms. Miller, is the club sponsor. When asked how the club started, she stated, "As a former drama student turned English teacher, I wanted to start a club at DeLaura, since we are unable to offer a class at this time. The DeLaura Drama Club offers students an opportunity to meet and hang out with other students who have a shared interest in stage performance. I also wanted to have the opportunity to connect with students outside the normal classroom environment by sharing my love for theatre." Sharing a little about what

you can expect at Drama Club, Ms. Miller said that students will be "learning about community theatre in Brevard, playing improv games, learning some basic theatre knowledge, preparing for auditions, and even an opportunity to perform in front of others. There is no requirement to be in the club and no experience is needed." The quality of a play relies on good actors and good improv. We do a lot of improv and acting exercises, and we may be doing a play or assorted excerpts at the end of the semester! Feel free to stop by and check out DeLaura's Drama Club! In the words of the great William Shakespeare, "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players." Have a good day Scotties, and stay dramatic!

Up-to-Date

Alexandra Barnes

Happy New Year, Scotties! It's a month into 2023, and we already have a lot happening! To start, Ms. Miller started a drama club which takes place every Wednesday after school. Though the date of the club's performance has not been set, they are potentially performing several different scenes from different plays, or a play written by one of our own students. If you are interested, check out our Club Feature article in this issue.

The monthly NJHS meeting was on the 11th, and the meeting for next month is on February 1st. Math club has their competition on January 31st. First Priority, the Book Explorers club, Library Leaders club, and the Game club are still going on- check out DeLaura's website if you're interested in joining a club!

On the musical side of things, the All County Chorus rehearsals and

performances begin today and carry on through tomorrow. There is a recruitment concert on February 23rd.

Secondary report cards were posted on Focus on the 17th. Remember to keep up your grades this new semester! The 3rd interim ends on the 7th of February.

On February 10th is a deployment tree dedication ceremony. Check out our article for more information. February 20th is a hurricane makeup day. Additionally we have holidays to look forward to including Valentine's Day on the 14th, Groundhog Day on the 2nd, and Presidents' Day on the 20th. Unfortunately, we won't get Presidents Day off this year due to the hurricane.

Thanks for reading Scotties! Our next distribution is February 24th, so see you then!

Scottie Tales New Year New Me

Alexandra Barnes

For this issue's "Scottie Tales", I chose students at random to share their new year's resolutions. Next month, you too can have a chance to be interviewed and featured in the "Scottie Tales." Just email me at 2204056@st.brevardschools.org, and the first 5 people to email will be featured! Did you make a New Year's resolution? Keep reading to see some the Scotties' goals:

- William Tucker (otherwise known as Bob) said he wanted to get faster... and he is speeding towards his goal.
- Sebastian Devee has made the

resolution to get more exercise and to get outside more.

- Levi Clark shared he was working on self love and spending time with friends.
- Lucas Bettenhausen is trying to be taller... and he's already grown an inch!

Remember Scotties, if you want to be featured next month, email me at 2204056@st.brevardschools.org. Have a joyful rest of January, and a fantastic, fueled February!

Tele-Review-Ision

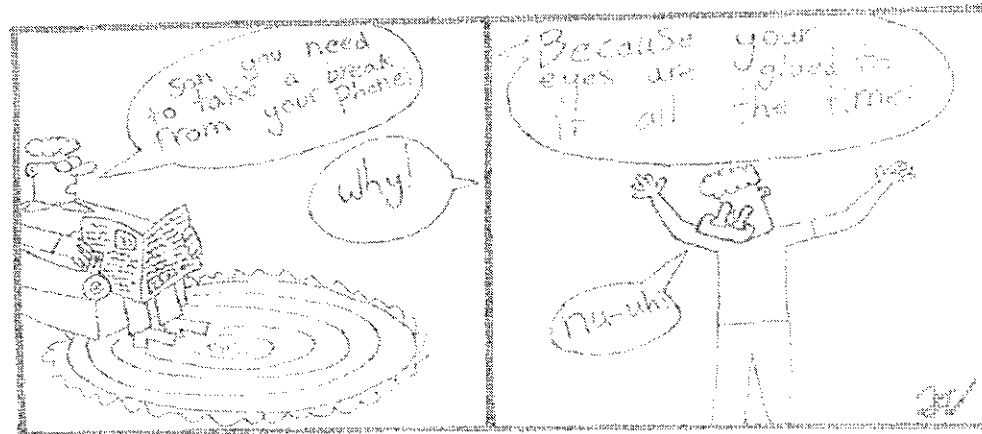
Reece Creager, Karen Hattie

Welcome to Tele-Review-Ision- a TV show review feature where we review shows that we think YOU should watch! For this issue, our pick is an animated series with a deep story. First off, we have Samurai Jack- a TV series which follows the story of a Japanese man named Jack during the Edo period of Japan. When an evil shape-shifting demon lord named Aku breaks from his prison, he goes to Japan to seek revenge against Jack's father who sealed him away with an enchanted Samurai sword gifted by the gods many years ago. After Aku destroys and enslaves most of Japan, Jack as a kid trains for 15 years and becomes a mighty warrior. When he confronts Aku and

almost strikes him down, Aku rips a portal in time sending Jack to a time period where Aku reigns supreme as a god of the earth. Jack seeks to go back to his time period and slay Aku. Over the course of the first 4 seasons produced by Cartoon Network, he encounters many great foes and friends. After a long hiatus for 10 years, the show is picked up and finished by Adult Swim where Jack has aged 50 years but hasn't aged physically at all. As Jack puts it "time has lost its effect on me." When the 5th and final season ends, will Jack defeat Aku? Without giving too much away, the show concludes on a sad, but good note. Make sure to watch Samurai Jack for a unique show, exciting plot line, and good music.

New Year's Resolution

Facil Vargas



New Year's Resolutions

Gabby Grascia

Happy New Year! When it's time for the new year, many people like to make resolutions for themselves to try and accomplish throughout the duration of the year. The origin of making New Year's resolutions began with the Babylonians, who reportedly made promises to the gods in hopes they'd earn good favor in the coming year. A few popular New Year's resolutions are to eat healthy or eat less junk food, lose weight, do more exercise, get more organized, and spend less money. To make a

New Year's resolution, you should start by making a specific and measurable goal for yourself to motivate you... With a little hard work, before you know it your goal will become a whole resolution. Completing a whole resolution by the end of the year might seem a bit overwhelming, just take it easy and make that one big goal into many smaller goals. Taking small steps can help you achieve something big, and it will be much easier for you to accomplish your resolution.

Recipe for the New Year

Matthew Starkey

New year... new you! Is the new you interested in trying something new? What about cooking? The recipe for the new year is Black Bean and Avocado Quesadillas. This recipe is packed full of flavor and I am sure you will like it!

Ingredients:

- 4 flour tortillas
- 2 large or 3 small avocados
- juice from 1/2 lime
- pinch of kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons olive oil divided
- 1 cup red onion sliced into 1/4-inch half-moons
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cumin,
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 3/4 teaspoon coriander
- 1/2 bell pepper deseeded and chopped into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 (15.5-ounce) can black beans drained and rinsed
- 1 cup queso fresco grated
- 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese grated
- sour cream
- pico de gallo

To start, get out a small bowl and cut the avocado and scoop all of it out. Then get out a fork and mash the avocado until it has a guacamole consistency. Set this aside. Next, pour 1 tablespoon of olive oil in a skillet, add the red onion and cook, stirring every minute until the onion starts to soften, about 3 to 4 minutes. Add the salt, cumin, oregano, and coriander, stirring until the onions are completely coated. Then, add the bell pepper and stir to combine. Cook for another 3 minutes. Squeeze some lime and add black beans and stir the mix together and cook for another 2 minutes. Heat up another tablespoon of olive oil in another skillet, add one flour tortilla and let it heat up about a minute then flip. Repeat until bubbles well up in the center of the tortilla. In the pan with the tortilla, layer the filling, avocado then the cheese. Finally, fold the tortilla over to seal the deal and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Repeat the process for the other tortillas. Serve with sour cream and pico de gallo. Visit simplyrecipes.com for additional new recipes for the new year!

Animal Feature: Blobfish

Lena Swartz

Do you know what creature has been considered the world's "ugliest animal"? It's name doesn't help its cause... it's the blobfish. According to National Geographic, the blobfish is a "pink gelatinous blob with a ... downturned mouth". This fish was rated the ugliest animal due to its pink body, large head, big, bulbous nose, and "droopy" mouth that looks like a

frown. The blobfish lives in highly pressurized depth off the coasts of Australia and New Zealand and, according to National Geographic, dines on "... anything that passes by... crustaceans, brittle stars, anemone, and carrion". Google image search a blobfish to get a visual on this interesting creature. How would you feel coming nose-to-nose with this creature while snorkeling?