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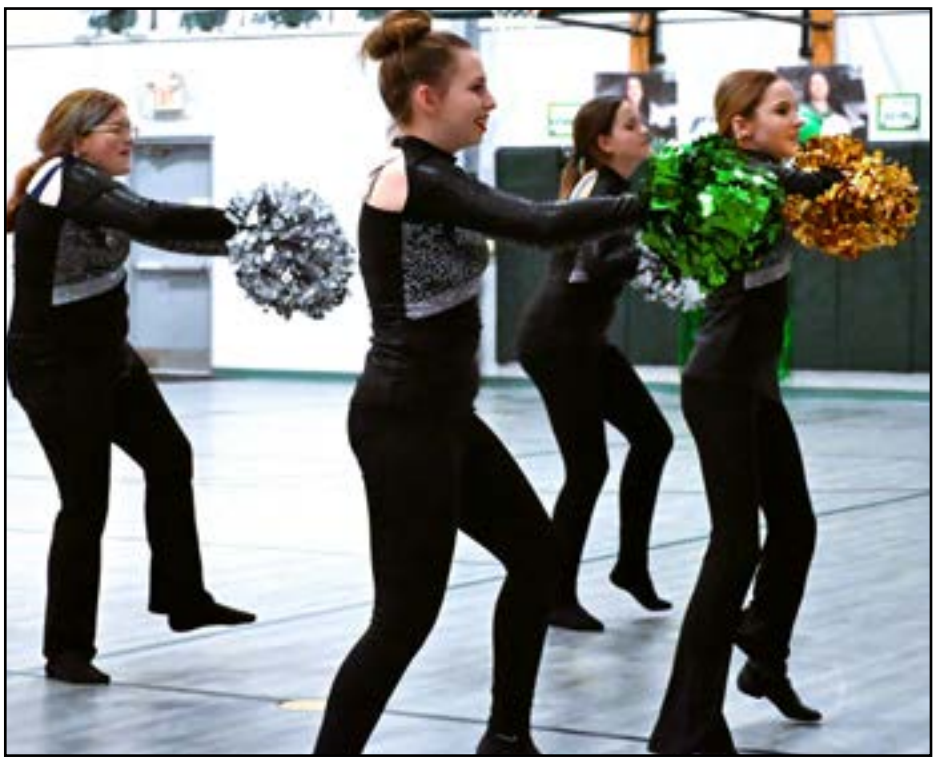


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# Everybody Dance Now

## *Pansophia team entertains home game crowds*


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**Dance Team members, from left, Kimberlynn Parker, Fayth Haase, Kylie Nunemaker and Lilly Parker perform during a varsity basketball game.**
Photo courtesy Photo Finish Racing & Sports Photography

At Pansophia Academy, students can join the dance team in sixth grade and keep doing it until they graduate.

Mrs. Jamie Barrand, who teaches journalism, podcasting, theater arts and writing at Pansophia, has been the dance team coach for 10 seasons.

"I've found a lot of joy in coaching the dance team, especially in watching the dancers grow in skill, confidence, and willingness to take risks from season to season," she said.

Mrs. Barrand occasional conflict arises in the team, "as it often does among hardworking teenage girls."

Mrs. Barrand said the conflicts she has seen on the dance team over the years have been "manageable and an important part of team development."

Mrs. Barrand began coaching dance at the beginning of the 2016–17 season.

There were three girls on the team that year. Since then, the number of girls on the team has ranged from four to 12. There were eight girls on the 2025-26 team.

Mrs. Barrand's dance experience before becoming a coach was mostly in musical theater.

"I am by no means a professional dance teacher," she said.

Over the years, Mrs. Barrand has relied on self-learning, outside advice, and


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# *Is high school preparing students for real life?*


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A common thought around school halls all over the world for what seems to be generations is, "What is school for? I'm never going to need any of this information."

Pansophia Academy students Chelsea Imoe, senior, and Lailah Deeren, freshman, shared their opinions on the subject.

For senior Chelsea, graduation is getting closer and closer every day — and she feels prepared for life as a graduate because of her high school education.

"I do think it's helpful for the real world," she said. "It helps you with knowledge.

"You need school to learn things for the real world because without school you would know less," she continued. "In my opinion, school prepares you for the real world. You need most of the classes you take in school to be more successful in life. It's easier to get a job with a high school diploma than without one."

Chelsea pointed out that knowledge of a variety of subjects is important.

"Things like math help because it makes it easier for either your job or your bills," she said. "In other ways, social skills and getting used to being around people is good, because in the real world you have to deal with people even though sometimes you don't want to."

Chelsea used to have a fear of public speaking, but school and classes like podcasting have helped her become more social and less afraid.

She thinks that overall school has many different benefits for the


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# News You Can Use

## What We're Thinking

### What is your dream job?



*I want to be a marine biologist.*

*— Emily Morgan, Senior*



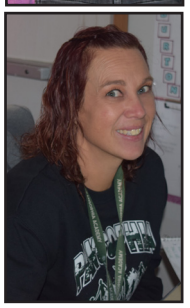
*As a seventh generation teacher, I guess I just always wanted to be a teacher.*

*— Mrs. Nowak, K-12 Art Teacher*



*Before I went to college, I wanted to be a comic writer.*

*— Mr. Kloosterman, High School English Teacher*



*I honestly don't know. I just wanted to be a teacher.*

*— Mrs. Burton, Cheerleading Coach, Building Substitute*

**— Compiled by Kaylee Fields**

## No Pets Allowed

### Stow-away kitten raises questions

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Back in September, a sixth-grade student snuck a LaPerm-Manx mix kitten named Jacky into school.

The student had cat food for Jacky and had everyone swooning for this kitten. Of course, everyone wanted to help sneak Jacky into the school — but sadly the kitten was found out about and was taken home by the student's mother.

The student said he didn't get in much trouble at school, but did get in a lot of trouble at home with his mother.

School leaders told the student that they can't have pets like dogs and cats at school because some people have allergies to dog's or cat's fur, and some might be scared of dogs. Students might also get way too distracted by dogs or cats.

There's just a lot of problems that could happen with having a pet at our school, and so those problems don't happen, the school just doesn't allow it unless it's a service animal like our Black Lab therapy dog, Jet.

Many people know that Pansophia doesn't allow pets in the school building,but most of them probably don't know why.



**Service animals like Jet the Therapy Dog and small, enclosed classroom pets are the only pets allowed inside the school building at Pansophia.**

Principal Mr. Ryan Tomlinson said the short, simple answer as to why students can't bring pets to school is "Because they could bite a student, and plus it's illegal to have pets in school."

Middle school social studies teacher Mr. Kyle Burke said he agreed that students shouldn't be allowed to have pets in school.

"They shouldn't be allowed, because a teacher having a class pet or Mrs. Morgan having Jet is one thing, but having students bringing in pets won't end well."

High school science teacher Mr. Bernie Nowak doesn't think students' pets would be good for the educational environment.

"I feel they shouldn't be allowed because it takes away from students' learning."

## Students look forward to Puma Parlor on Fridays

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Pansophia Academy has a Puma Parlor shop that is open every Friday from in the morning until right before lunch ends. The shop is run by volunteers from the school's PTO group.

Kids look forward to getting snacks and popcorn there on Friday. There is not a lot of options, but there is enough to have kids coming back for more that day or even the next Friday.

Some of the snacks and drinks they have are popcorn, all kinds of chips, a couple different candy bars, and pop and water in the fridge that is behind the parlor.

They used to have a free basket where you could pick one thing out of it. There were little toys,stickers, candy — but kids were taking handfuls of stuff or would come back for more.

They started to catch on to what they were doing and took the free basket away. Now they have this pickle jar game to replace the basket. I'm not too sure how it works, but all I know is that you have to drop a quarter into the jar and you could win a prize.

I don't always go to the Puma Parlor, but if I do I love getting popcorn. It is super yummy. I enjoy it a lot.

They have flavors now for your popcorn, like kettle,hot cocoa,and may more. I personally enjoy the dill pickles.

The only bad thing about Puma Parlor is they had to raise the prices on the popcorn because they are using new oil to pop the popcorn.

If I remember correctly, it used to be 25 cents a couple of years ago, then 50 cents last year, and now it is 75 cents ($1 if you want a flavor). So I rarely get popcorn any more.

Pansophia Freshman Kylie Fields is a Puma Parlor fan.

"I love it; it's great," she said "I wish they would bring back their free stuff."

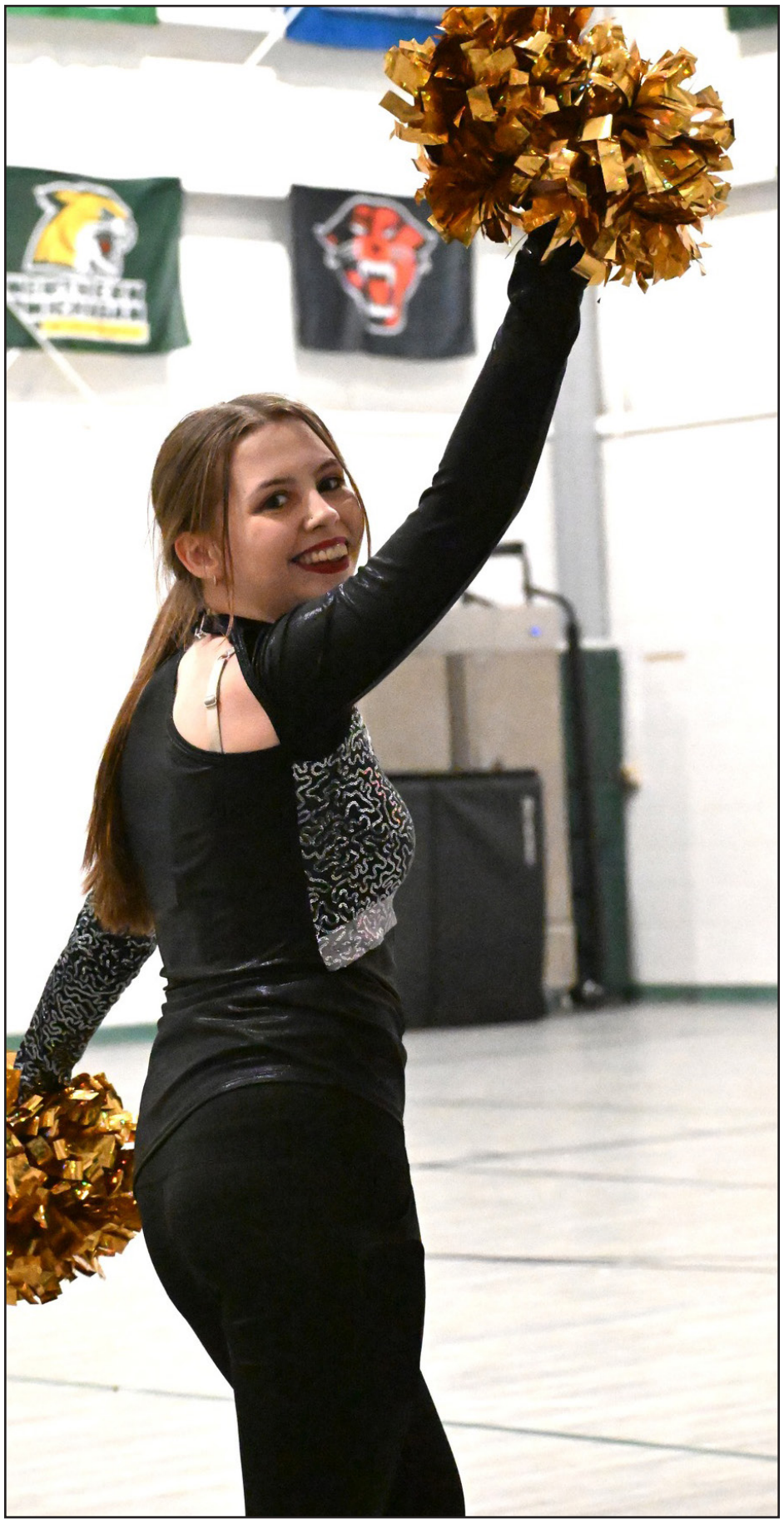



**PTO member Ms. Emily Leland, left, and PTO President Mrs. Diane Epps reguarly staff the Puma Parlor on Fridays.**

Kayelee Fields Photo

# News You Can Use

## Dancing Queen



**Dance Team Captain Fayth Haase performs during a home basketball game on December 3.**

Photo Courtesy Photo Finish Racing & Sports Photography

## What's going on in the halls?

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Have you ever seen or heard anything totally crazy while in the hallways at Pansophia? Things that made you stop in your tracks and think,"What in the world did I just witness?"

Well Pansophia Academy students Sophia Owens and Elizabeth Guzman have, and were willing to share their wild experiences..

Seventh-grader Owens said, "There's either people making out in the halls or people fighting, but I guess that's not really weird. But I do see people climb up on top of the lockers though sometimes."

And that's not all they do to the lockers, Owens said.

"They climb on lockers, they punch the lockers, they smack each other, they shove each other into the lockers, too."

However, she goes on to say that the craziest thing she has seen was something non-locker related.

"This is like the craziest thing I've seen," she said. "I walked out of my class and saw two people kissing, making out. They told me I saw nothing.They straight up told me to my face I saw nothing.

"But honestly, now that I'm taking eighth-grade classes, it's kind of normal."

Freshman Elizabeth Guzman said the craziest thing she has witnessed involved a lot of screaming.

"Holy smokes, there's a lot. Oh, oh, I broke my arm! My arm!"

After asking her to elaborate, Guzman finally explained this very strange and out of pocket response.

"Someone broke their arm, or hurt their arm. An ambulance was called," Guzman said. "I've never seen that before and I got scared. I see that person in the hallways too and I think about it."

She went on to explain how it made her feel saying, "Let's just not, let's not break our arms in the hallway."

Both of these stories are different levels of strange, however, different people have different experiences.

Next time you are walking through those crowded hallways, just pay attention, because you may have strange encounter as well.

If you've already experienced one, what was it? Do you still think about the ridiculous things you have seen?



**There's usually more going on than meets the eye in the Pansophia halls.**

Emily Worland Photo

# Viewpoints


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# Bullying is not OK: Words can wound



**My Take**
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We are all different in many ways ... like all of us have very different hair, eye shapes, and color even though our bodies are not the same.

But people still find a way to judge or bully someone because they don't meet beauty standards.

Personally, I don't think you have to look like everyone else as long as you are happy with yourself.

You never know what someone's going through; you don't know if they are happy with where they are and what they look like ... so don't just say something about what they look like, because there could be a reason why they are dressed the way they are or even the way they look.

Kids say whatever ever comes to their minds no matter if it's rude or not. They never think before they speak, and this could really make people upset and never want to come to school or even go out in public because they have heard all these hurtful things about themselves so they start to believe these things that are being said to or about them.

This could lead to really bad depression. They are just really sad all the time and nobody wants to complain everyday about how big and small they are. Nobody wants to hear that.

I just wish people would be nicer to each other and realize the world does not only revolve around them.

Pansophia Academy sophomore Ashton Cleckner said, "I think bullying is really bad (at Pansophia), and (the administration) should do something about it."

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# *Student Opinion: Risks of connection*

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As we all get older and fall into relationships, we are all most likely going to do some kind of hand-holding or kissing at one point or another — but it's not expected to go too far, especially when you're in public places.

This is called PDA. PDA is, according to google, " public display of affection, which refers to physical intimacy in public."

Which, when you think about it, can mean anything to you when put into your perspective.

But as most know, you can catch things from just simply kissing someone, and most people don't know how bad it can really get.The kind of things can just be simple like an common flu, or even a cold, but most people don't consider that you can get mononucleosis, also known as "kissing disease"which you can get from kissing and it caused by saliva.

This can also transmit other virus and bacteria which can make your situation worse.

There are ways you can stop diseases like that by simply just not kissing others while they're sick or have cold sores ... or simply just avoiding close contact when sick and maintaining good personal and oral hygiene, which is very important especially as you age from at least 12 and up.

So if you ever think about kissing someone, make sure they're not gross before doing it ... because you might catch something you were not hoping for and you will most likely regret it.




*Illustration by Juliana Marasigan Bell*

# Viewpoints

## What We're Thinking

### What book or movie has changed your perspective?



"Anna Karenina" is a Russian novel.

It's able to balance many perspectives and it helps you understand people ... how some people can be mostly bad but have some good, and how others could be mostly good with some bad.

*— Mr. Kloosterman*
*High School English Teacher*



"Henderson The Rain King" by Saul Bellow.

When I read the first time in college, it really opened my eyes, on how to be a good, moral human being.

And then also I suppose too, like, what's worth living for?

*— Mr. Pavlica,*
*Middle School English Teacher*



So book, honestly one of my most recent books that I've read. It's kind of like a self-help book called "Body Keep the Score." It just taught me a lot about myself and why I've done what I've done my whole life.

For movies, I don't know why, but like war movies come to mind. Like "Band of Brothers." It's a show, but watching those as a kid with my dad was where my love of history started. Old history movies, old history shows, they have a little place in my heart."

*— Mr. Burke*
*Middle School Social Studies Teacher*



"The Hour of the Star" and "Água viva" by Clarice Lispector, "The Murderbot Diaries" by Martha Wells, and "The City in the Middle of the Night" by Charlie Jane Anders have all shaped me in one way or another. For me, they're the kind of stories that cause us to think differently about identity, language, and human connection. They remind me that stories can change the way we see both ourselves and the nature of our world."

*— Ms. Storm,*
*Middle School Science Teacher*

***— Compiled by Emily Worland '29***

# Real friends are hard to find

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A lot of people are fake, but are good at hiding it.

Fake friends use you. For example, they ask for money or food but get mad if you ask. They say yeah, lets do something; they don't do it, and you see them hanging with someone else.

People just let it happen because they think their friends are real or they're scared to stop being friends with them because they have no one else. If I ever found out they were using me, I wouldn't want to stay friends with them because I wouldn't want fake friends.

If I had a friend and they kept asking me for money, to order them food, and take my snacks without asking, but when I ask them for that stuff they say no, that's a fake friend.

If you want to hang out you ask two of your friends and they say no they're busy, but you see them on social media with each other having fun without you, that's fake friends. They just don't want you around, and they only want you around if they have no one to hang out with.

If you sense friends are being fake, you should stop hanging out with them because they're bad influences. You will think it's OK to have those types of friends and will probably never have real friends.

A real friend shares stuff with you and also helps you. They will want to hang out with you and won't lie to you.

# Art is human: And that is why AI can't replace it

**BY MICHEAL WALTERS '28**
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In a world where algorithms can paint portraits, compose songs, and even write poetry, we're forced to ask an uncomfortable question: what makes art human?

Artificial intelligence has exploded into the creative world, and some hail it as the next Renaissance. But others, including myself, see something much more hollow beneath the glossy surface.

AI-generated art may be impressive, but it lacks the one thing that gives art meaning: Intention. A machine can replicate brushstrokes and mimic emotions, but it doesn't know what heartbreak feels like, or how loneliness creeps into a song at 3 a.m. when the world feels too quiet.

Art isn't just about the product; it's about the process, the story, the pain, and the joy behind it. When AI generates a painting in seconds, it skips the messy, beautiful act of being human that gives art its soul.

AI bros argue that AI is simply another tool, like a camera or a synthesizer.

But there's a difference between a tool and a creator.

A painter uses a brush to express something from within; AI has no "within" to draw from. It only reflects what it's been fed; a collage of other people's work, other people's feelings.

And that raises another moral question: who owns the art AI creates?

These systems are trained on millions of human-made pieces without permission, credit, or compensation.

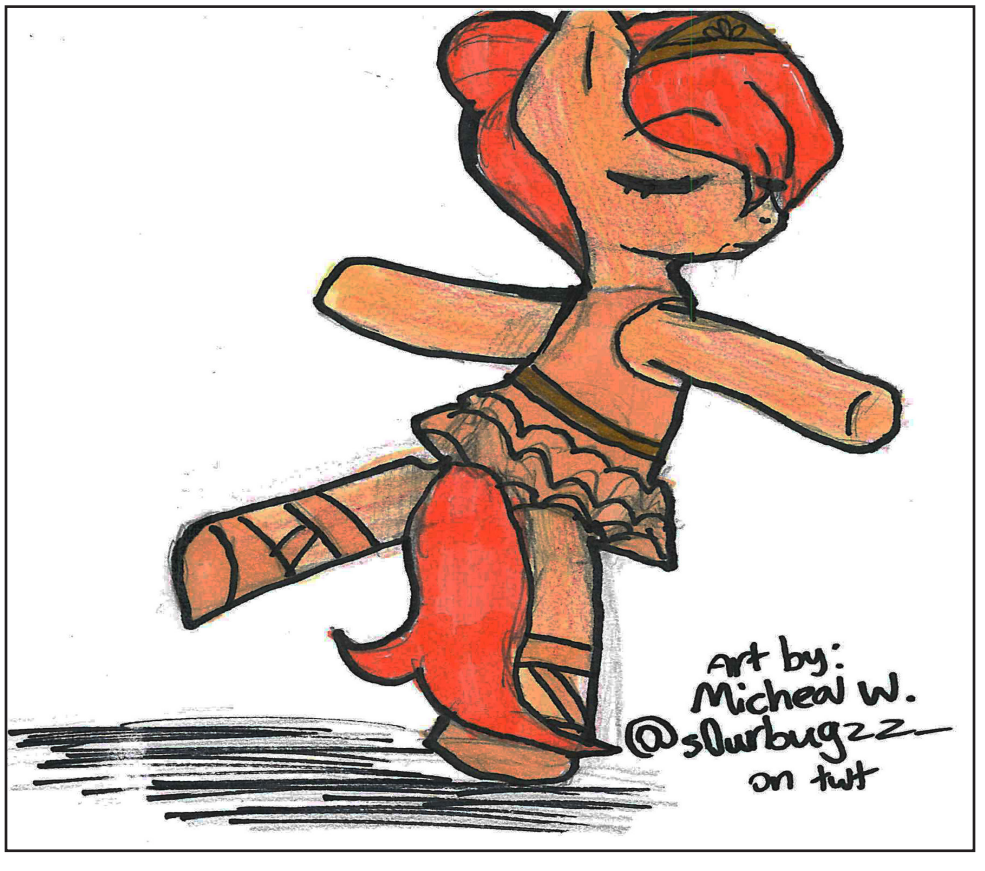
When an AI produces something "new," it's really echoing countless artists who were never asked to contribute.

If that isn't theft in spirit, what is?

The danger lies in forgetting that art isn't just about efficiency or novelty.

It's about connection. It's about one person reaching out through color, sound, or story to say, "I feel this. Do you?"

And a machine, no matter how advanced, can't feel anything at all.




***— Illustration by Micheal Walters '28***

# Happy Holiday Wishes




Illustration by Addisyn Hulliberger '28



**Junior Blake Reed visits with Santa.**

Puma Press File Photo



**The Pansophia Dance Team represented the school in the Coldwater Downtown Christmas Parade on Dec. 3.**

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# Sittin' Courtside




The Pansophia Cheer Team, under the watchful eye of coach Ms. Ashlynn Hoffman, shows off their stunting moves at the Pumas' home game against Hudson on Dec. 3.

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The Pansophia Pumas Varsity Basketball Team, led by Coaches Mr. Ryan Tomlinson and Mr. Jose Gonzalez, stand at attention for the playing of the National Anthem before the start of their game against the North Adams Rams.

Anali Martinez Photo

STRIKE LIKE A PUMA



Junior Josh Mahon drives toward the basket during the Pumas' Jan. 28 contest at North Adams.

Anali Martinez Photo



The boys' varsity basketball team celebrates their first home win of the season on Dec. 8.

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The Pansophia Academy Dance Team performs during halftime at the Dec. 3 home game.

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Junior Deon Danner celebrates with the cheerleaders after the JV Pumas' Dec. 8 home win.

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# Viewpoints

## Empathy: Is it always a good thing?



**My Take**
Emily Worland '29

Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. I think showing empathy toward other people is a very good quality to have.

Empathy has a lot of good qualities to consider. It helps people bond, and it helps people better understand and appreciate other perspectives.

I actually think today's society lacks empathy. I'm not saying it doesn't exist, but I don't feel like it's very common.

People often think they are showing empathy, but are really just showing blind loyalty.

I have realized on many occasions that people often side with the people they are closest to even if they are wrong. This could be in arguments, or really just any social situation. It is often called loyalty to a fault, or blind loyalty.

People don't really listen to both sides and only hear it from one person's perspective. And I think that part of the problem is that hardly anyone cares to know both sides.

In my opinion, people, when their friend (or anyone they are close to) is having an issue with someone they immediately think that it's the other person's fault. And in situations like that it sometimes is, but people never stop to ask themselves if their friend is the problem, and if they do they often stay on their side even if it goes against what they believe to avoid confrontation.

Some people think of it as empathy, that they are supporting their friend and understand that someone else is treating them poorly. Others just think of it as being loyal to their friend and staying by their side no matter what.

However, in either situation I don't think they try to hear both sides of the story and just go along with what seems to them as safe.

I think that when exercised properly empathy is important. But empathy causes biased opinions and favoritism.

I also think that if you are constantly empathizing with people you "over-identify" and it will cause you to not be objective with the situation, and you might overlook issues that your friends have caused.

I think that if you are always on someone's side no matter what, you are more vulnerable to manipulation.

If people know that you will take their side all the time they may use that to their advantage and affect your judgement. They may make you think that they are right and cause you to support unrealistic or toxic ideas to make themselves feel better.

I don't think that empathy is a bad thing, in fact I think that it is a valuable trait in a person. But I also think that people should look at the bigger picture, get both sides of the story, and understand before they make a decision on what they feel is right. I do think that empathy is morally good, real empathy, but it also has some downfalls.

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## Black ice concern for drivers as temperatures rise and fall

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When the weather gets colder, there starts to be snow — and with the snow melting and freezing over and over again, black ice will form and it's barely noticeable.

The other day, my mom Jessica watched a car roll over on the road because of the snow, and it scared her so now she's very careful when driving.

"The most basic definition of black ice is a thin coat of highly transparent ice," information at The Weather Channel Website said. "The reason it is transparent is because it blends in with road pavements since it is so thin, making it nearly impossible to see. It's called black ice since it looks black, like the color of the road pavement it forms on. If the temperature rises above freezing or the sun comes out during the day, any snow on the ground will slowly melt and cause road surfaces to become wet. If it rains, that could also lead to wet roadways with some puddles. If the temperature then drops below freezing while the ground is still wet, black ice will likely form on paved surfaces due to the refreezing."

When driving in the winter be very careful and always buckle up. Driving at a careful pace and make sure to keep something in your care in case of emergencies.

## 'Roofman': A review of the 2025 based on the real-life McDonald's heists of Jeffrey Manchester

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"Roofman" is based on a true story of Jeffrey Manchester, a former U.S. Army Ranger who became infamous in the late 1990s for robbing McDonald's restaurants by cutting holes in their roofs, using his military skills to pull off over 40 heists across nine states.

This movie was released on Oct. 10, 2025 and was directed by Derek Cianfrance. It is about two hours long and is distributed by Paramount pictures. Channing Tatum played the main character, Jeffery Manchester).

After escaping from prison, the former soldier and professional thief Manchester finds a hideout inside a Toys "R" Us, surviving undetected for months while planning his next move.

However, when Jeffrey falls for a divorced mom, his double life starts to unravel, setting off a compelling and suspenseful game of cat and mouse as his past closes in.

I personally really enjoyed this film. What made it more interesting was that this is based off a true story, so it felt so real when you were watching it.

I personally would not choose a Toys "R" Us to stay in for months, but also it kind of did work out for him for a while.

I really wonder what would have happened if he didn't get caught.

"I would really recommend this movie even though the ending is a little sad," Pansophia junior Kylie Fields said.

**The Air Up There**



**Eighth-grader Kayden Cardwell goes for a basket during a home game.**

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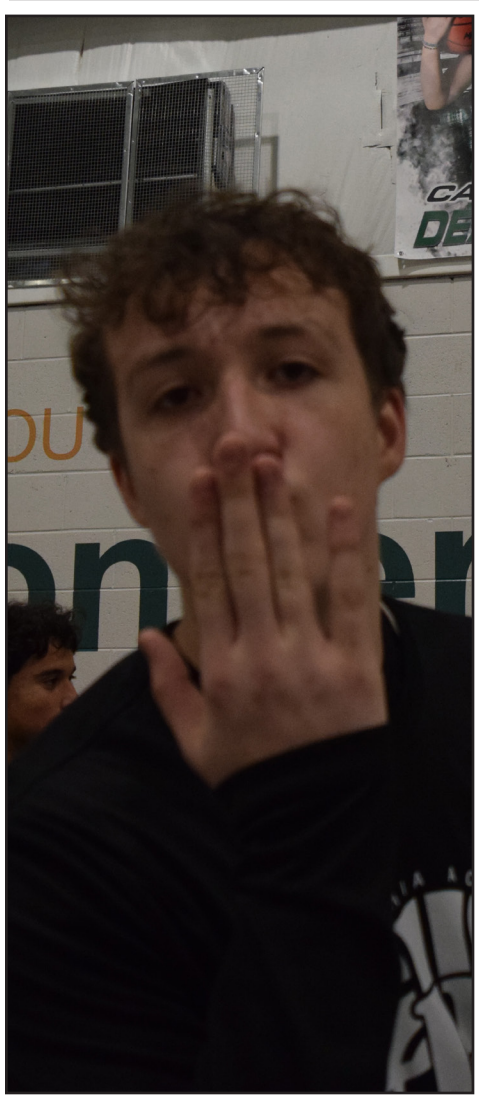
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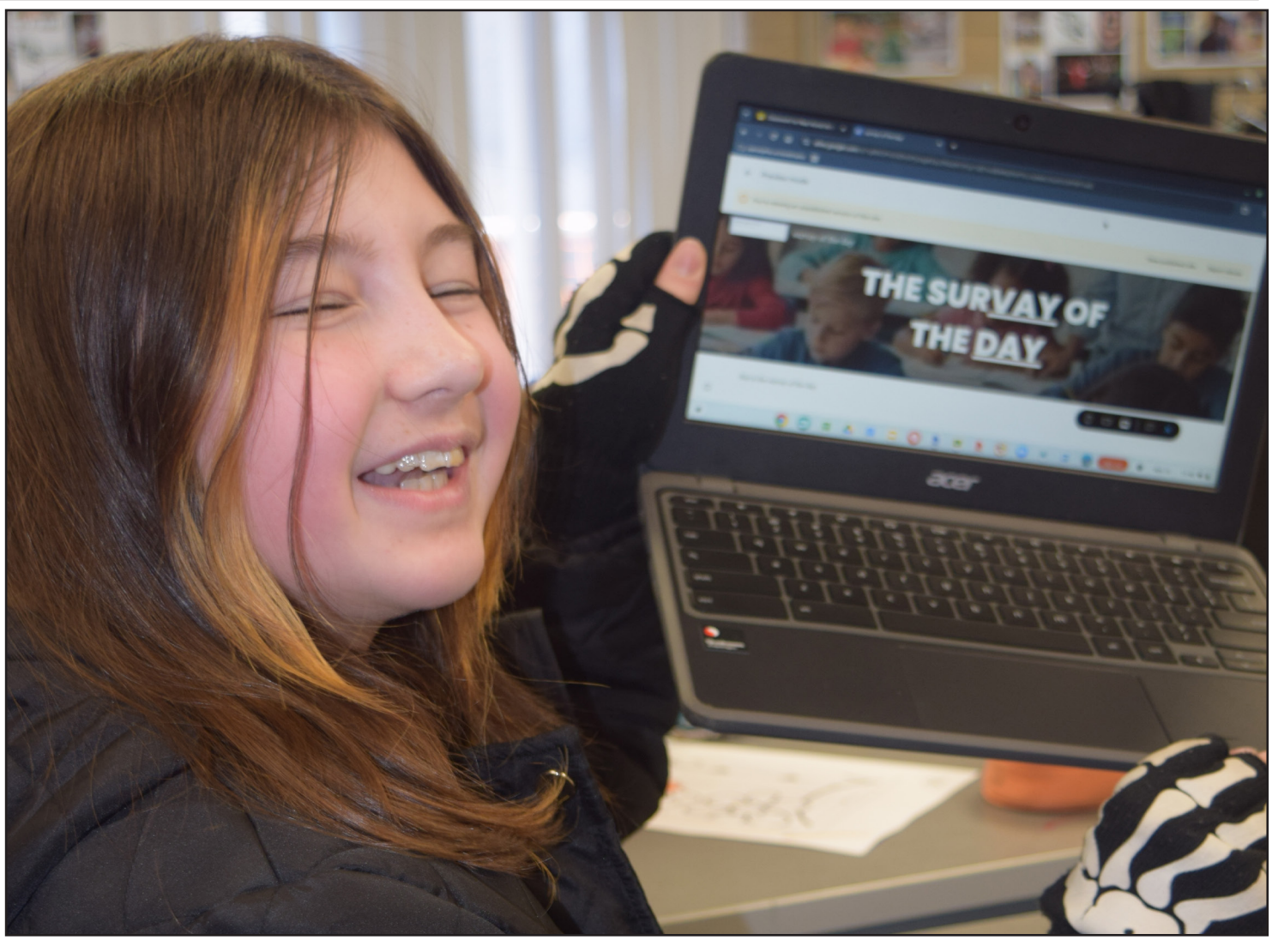
## Our photographers have been out capturing little moments. Did they get one of yours?











# News You Can Use

## PUMA MEETS PUMA

### Teacher tells story of real-life encounter with big cat

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Mr. Richards

Mr. Eric Richards, a high school history teacher here at Pansophia Academy, once had an encounter with a real puma.

He has been wanting to tell the story for quite a while now,

"I grew up in Mission Viejo, California," he said. "It was an early morning school day. I got up out of my bed and looked out the window, which overlooked a part of our backyard. This part of our backyard we had a rabbit hutch. We had raised rabbits for sometime and were very attached to them.

"I peered out the window and saw an adult puma and two cub pumas on that side of our yard. The adult puma had one of my rabbits in its mouth"

Mr. Richards' first instinct was the pound on the window, which made the startled puma drop the rabbit.

"I then ran downstairs and passed through the garage to get to the backyard," he said. "When I was running through the garage, I grabbed a baseball bat with the intention of beating down the puma. I wasn't thinking, just reacting with a lot of adrenaline fueling me."

By the time Mr. Richards got out to the yard, the pumas were jumping the fence to get away.

"We won't ever know if I would have swung the bat, which is a good thing it didn't happen," Mr. Richards said. "My guardian angel was looking out for me. I immediately went to see the condition of the rabbits."

Orange County Animal Control was called, and officials came to the Richards home to do an investigation of the general area.

"The pumas were a mother and two cubs," Mr. Richards said. "They had made themselves a den on the hillside and were living off of neighborhood cats, etc.

"By law the pumas couldn't be removed until the cubs reached a certain age. I never saw the pumas again," he continued. "I am not sure I would have won a battle with a hungry puma who was mothering two cubs, but at least I saved my rabbits from being eaten."

## Keep Trying, Kid



**Sixth-grader Koltin Herman tries to block gym teacher Mr. Steven Graham from making a shot.**

KayDen Shaw Photo

## What is seasonal depression?

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During the times of the snow, seasonal depression comes around as many kids get sick and then they get hit with the winter blues.

Many kids are vulnerable to weather and the season as it affects them since the sun doesn't pop up during winter and the sun produces vitamin D, which helps with overall mood, physical health and energy.

Winter is considered to be the most common reason for seasonal depression as it makes it hard for a person's overall mood.

The snow and the holidays can be hard, and make a personal depressed as well as physically ill.

Eighth-grader Kaelynn Kalter said she was familair with seasonal depression, but has never experienced it herself.

"This does not affect me in any way," she said. "Seasonal depression is common, but not for me."

High school science teacher Mr. Bernie Nowak said the only season he knows of in which seasonal depression occurs is winter; he has never heard of it happening at any other time of year.

"The sun generates heat and produces vitamin D, which makes you happier, while it also improves your immune system," he explained.

## Vaping in schools is a national problem

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An estimated 1.63 million middle school and high school students are reportedly currently using vapes.

Over 8 in 10 of users will use flavored e-cigarettes.

Vaping is a real problem in schools, including Pansophia. Principal Mr. Ryan Tomlinson said the first thing he would do if he caught a s tudent vaping would be to "tell them to give it up and ask them if they are struggling with nicotine addiction."

Mr. Tomlinson believes teens vape to "look cool" or because of peer pressure. .

"People are addicted, and there are hospitalizations and kids are breaking laws," he said.

Although Mr. Tomlinson said kids usually can't be stopped from vaping, the teachers and staff at Pansophia "try to educate them and provide incentivized programs.

As a member of the Student Success Team at Pansophia, behavior coach Mr. Matt Small issues consequences for kids caught vaping in school.

" I'm going to collect (the vape) and contact the police, and that student will be suspended," he said.

Mr. Small agreed with Mr. Tomlinson that peere pressure and addiction lead to kids vaping.

"There are significant health concerns and it's a huge problem," he said.

Sophomore Maci Ledyard said she thinks teens turn to vaping because "Teens have a lot of pressure put on them and life is hard on teens.

"It's messing with their brains," she said.

# Sittin' Courtside

## Students balance school, sports

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How do kids balance everything at home, as well in sports and school?

Do thery feel pressure from their coaches and parents?

Freshman Elizabeth Guzman is on the varsity volleyball team at Pansophia, and has also been on the dance team in the past.

"I do feel pressure from coaches and parents, because it's a lot to handle," she said. "I just don't think I have that much time. I have work and school work, and it's hard for me, but I really enjoy playing sports."

Elizabeth struggles sometimes to find time for everything.

"For me to do my homework and practice I need time to myself at home, because it's the only time I can do my work," she said. "Trying to figure out time for myself is the worst."

Freshman Khloey Hurlburt, who has been on the school's volleyball and basketball teams, also said pressure can come from coaches, teachers and parents, and that they all want something different from the students.

"Coaches, they see more in you and they see potential in you, and if you're not trying hard enough they will try to push you to be the best you can be," she said. "Parents just want you to be set in the world, so they're hard on you."

Khloey said she sometimes feels bad because she doesn't get everything done.

"Some advice I would give students who are trying to balance it all is you got this and I believe in you," she said. "At the end of the day, if you just stay caught up with work you will be perfectly fine."



Khloey Hurlburt




Elizabeth Guzman

## DANCE

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now student collaboration to build choreography and lead the team.

Mrs. Barrand said coaching dance has become "a meaningful and happy part" of her life, allowing her to connect with many students and watch friendships form between girls who might not otherwise have crossed paths.

"The dance team always improves over time, and we get new people every year that want to dance," Mrs. Barrand said.

Something Mrs. Barrand said members of the dance team have had to face often is judgement from other students.

"I always tell my girls that until people have the guts to get on the floor and do what they do, they shouldn't worry about what others say," Mrs. Barrand said. "It takes a lot of work and a lot of courage to get out there and dance ... but they do it. They do it with heart and enthusiasm, and I couldn't ask for more than that."

## 'We! Want! A Basket!



**Junior Deon Danner goes up for a basket during the Pumas' Dec. 8 matchup with Path of Life.**

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## REAL LIFE

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real world, from the academics of basic skills to socializing and being more outspoken in group situations.

Freshman Lailah Deeren also shared her opinion on the subject.

"On certain things, yes, (a high school education) can be helpful when you're learning necessary things you need," she said. "I mean, you can take the things you learned from high school into the world.

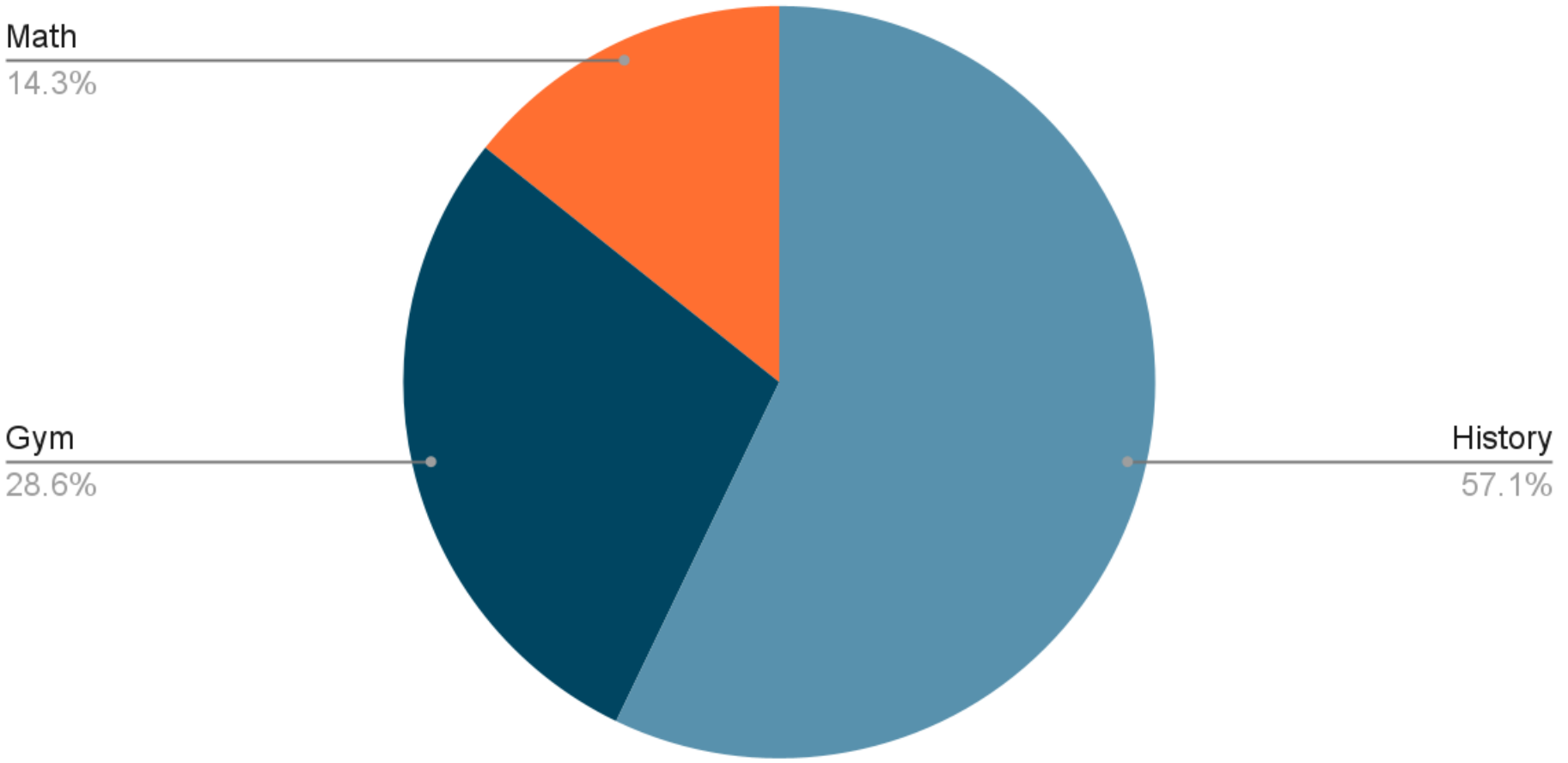
"It depends on the people," she continued. "I think some classes can't teach you stuff that you will need in the real world. If you take finance class you can learn about money and if you take biology it teaches you about your body and stuff. Certain stuff I learn in school can benefit me when I get out of school. Socializing can help you make friends, but it won't help you that much after school."

While Chelsea and Lailah had some similar and some different opinions on the subject, it's always open to interpretation. Some things may be useful while others may not.

The process of school is different for everyone and whether or not it prepares you for life depends on what you feel and do with it.

# Faces & Places

**Staff Reporter Maci Ledyard asked several Pansophia teachers what they would teach if they had to switch from their current subject ...**




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## Superstar Songstress



**Senior Robin Bond, an actress and singer, was named the winner of the school's talent show on Dec. 19.**

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