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By Miriam

Mrs. Horn, a new choir teacher to Lexington in 2015, made a decision to allow seventh and eighth grade students to join the High School's Drama Club in the production of their annual musical. This year's musical: *Grease*. Last year, the Drama Club had a successful showing of *High School Musical*. The show will be performed on: March 30<sup>th</sup>, March 31<sup>st</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, and April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The tickets go fast, so please listen to announcements closer to the date to be informed of ticket pricing. The drama department hopes all can attend and enjoy the show!

March 30, 2017 Thursday	March 31, 2017 Friday	April 1, 2017 Saturday	April 2, 2017 Sunday
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# Columns

## Reviving the Old Soul

By: Baylee

There is no use denying it now—record players have made a comeback. After months of walking down the school hallways and hearing about the newest record purchased or the retro Crosley record player so-and-so got for Christmas, I knew it was time to bring attention to this up-and-coming trend.

Thanks to Thomas Edison and his inquisitiveness, we were given the phonograph in 1887. However, he soon decided that recording sounds was not from him and moved on. Luckily, a German inventor living in the United States named Emile Berliner saw the phonograph and realized all of its potential. He began improving the design—instead of a cylinder with the sound engraved in tinfoil or wax, he invented a device that rotated a hard rubber (later, shellac) disc on a plate by the turn of a crank. He named it the Gramophone, and opened his own company that not only manufactured the machines but the records that could be played on them. New designs by new designers were continuously added to the mix until the Gramophone turned into the Victrola in 1906 and soon, by the mid-20th century, most family homes owned what was called the record player.

I decided to interview a few people around the school on if they have record players and their opinions on music today.

Me: "Do you have a record player and/or vinyls? How many? If not, would you be interested in investing in one?"

Nadia: "Yes, I have like 60 vinyls. Most are newer and I have like 20 vintage ones."



Me: "Do you think that record players making a comeback are a good thing or should the past remain the past?"

Nadia: "It is definitely a good thing, because they have a unique sound and it is cool to listen to them."

Me: "Do you think people judge others by their music tastes?"

Celeste: "I definitely think so because a person's taste in music says a lot about who they are as a person, like what they wear. I'm definitely not a music snob, I like everything. Except techno."

Me: "Do you think that record players making a comeback are a good thing or should the past remain the past?"

Celeste: "I feel like it is something cool. It's like a Kodak camera. History should definitely repeat itself. I mean, don't fix what is not broken, right?"

Me: "Do you have a record player and/or vinyls?"

Lexi: "Yes, it is brown and a suitcase. I have two vinyls because they are so expensive; however, I am looking for a good record store."

Me: "Do you think people judge others by their music tastes?"

Lexi: "Um, sometimes, yes. But I like to think we are bigger people and should be open to learning about others interests and tastes."

Me: "Do you think that record players making a comeback are a good thing?"

Kent: "I think it is good because it shows an appreciation and that old isn't going anywhere. I don't think digital will be leaving anytime soon but the reoccurrence of vinyl shows want of a form that has been mostly forgotten."

Me: "Do you have a record player and/or vinyls?"

Kent: "Yes, I own the first print set of Abbey Road that came out in America."

After conducting these interviews, I'm so thrilled to discover that there are so many people at this school who have such eclectic interests. Whether that be music, movies, clothes, people, WHATEVER, we are all bonded by the sheer beauty of the fact that we are different.

Personally, I have owned a record player that was purchased off Ebay way back in seventh grade. A few years ago, I made the investment of a new Crosley that was not only up-to-date, but had impeccable quality and my record collection has now probably reached the 300s. With this in mind, I can honestly say that everything sounds better on vinyl.

# Culture

## Up in the North

By Vipra

This world is filled with wonderful things such as historical landmarks, natural scenery, people, and culture. When looking at the Northern section of a map, one will see countries that are blessed with amazing scenery. Places like Norway and Iceland have been blessed with Mother Nature's gift of beauty. Three countries that will really take your breath away are Iceland, Norway, and the Netherlands.

Iceland is placed on the edge of the famous Arctic Circle and home to glaciers, volcanoes, waterfalls, hot springs, and acres of untamed scenery. Iceland's isolated lands are a nature-lover's dream. Askja in Iceland has a sunken crater near a central volcano in the Dyngjufjöll Mountains. The region here is lunar-like and is so separated from civilization that U.S. astronauts trained here before landing on the moon in the 1960s. Nearby the crater there is a geothermal lake that is tinted a milky turquoise. Another famously visited place is Landmannalaugar. It is located in the southern parts of Iceland's highlands. Like other Iceland attractions this one is filled with otherworldly scenery.



(Landmannalaugar)

Forget Amsterdam and Holland there are many other places in the Netherlands that are just as worthwhile. The classic windmills and the historic museums are just as worthy. Enthusiast of architecture and history should stop by and visit Utrecht. The buildings are great examples of the rich Middle Age history in the Netherlands. It has a unique inner canal

wharf system inside the city. Also if a picture perfect city with arrays of trees and windmills sounds like a good idea than Leiden is the place. The city is home to numerous museums dedicated to science and the history of the Netherlands.



Norway is known for its majestic mountains and the perfect place to see the Northern lights. Yet there are other equally wonderful places such as Svalbard. Svalbard is a collection of islands location between the Arctic Ocean, Baltic Sea and two other seas. Visitors come here to see the arctic beauty in its truest, rawest, and most powerful form. The islands show untouched glaciers and mountains, and amazing wildlife such as polar bears, caribou, and more. Norway is famous for fjords, which are narrow, deep inlets of the sea between high cliffs; however a famous one is the Western fjords. They are the most dramatic and famous ones in Norway.



# Culture

## The Slopes of Switzerland

By: Leah



Although Switzerland is most commonly known for their rich chocolate and delicious cheese, there is more to Switzerland than meets the eye.

Switzerland is located in Western Central Europe and has beautiful geographic scenery. Switzerland contains amazing



water falls, lakes, and mountain ranges, specifically the Swiss Alps. The Swiss Alps are a series of mountains that expand across Southern Europe. The highest point of the Swiss Alps is the Dufourspitze; which is a summit located in an icecovered mountain called Monte Rosa and reaches up to 4,634 meters. The first attempt to climb the Dufourspitze took place in 1855 by a group of four men , one of which fell to his death while climbing.

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## Yodeling

Yodeling - a practice of a form of singing or calling marked by rapid alternations between normal voice and falsetto



Yodeling originated in Switzerland, but yodelers can now be found in other countries such as France or the Netherlands. Yodeling was primarily used as a way of communicate be-

tween animal herders and their flocks, as well as to other people from different villages. It is usually associated with the alpine people of Switzerland. However, it has been found in mountain ranges of China and America. Yodeling has also been found in the music of African musicians. Yodeling is usually a mix of nonsense syllables and occurs in passages called "Joders" which occur in the start, middle, and end of a song. Yodeling requires air support from either your lungs (your "chest" voice) or your mouth and throat (your "head" voice). Some people are able to sing without either of these, and that is called singing in falsetto.

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# Life

## Finding the Perfect Book Part I

By: Reese

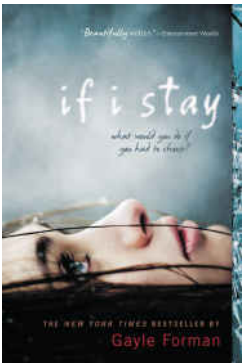
Students are constantly complain about boredom when there are enough books in the world to entertain one for a life-time. Out of those millions of novels, here are a couple from each genre that have taken the spotlight.

### Romance



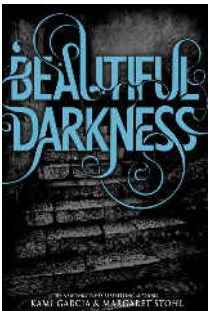
*Eleanor & Park* by Rainbow Rowell: This book consists of two points of view of two young misfits. Sparking a love story, the two meet on a bus and come together over comic books and 80s mixed tapes.

*The Fault In Our Stars* by John Green: This book (and movie) is very well known due to its movie adaption and awards. It brings two cancer patients together before anything can take them away. Watch these two teens fall in love along their journey of battling cancer.



*If I Stay* by Gayle Forman: A self-discovery book. A book to do with inner struggles. The reason this is so successful is because everyone has the issue of decision-making. The decision that Mia Hall is faced with is life or death. She and her family suffer a deadly car accident, and she is the only one left to survive. With an out-of-body experience from her coma, will she choose to stay or go?

*The Mortal Instruments* by Cassandra Clare: This series is both sci-fi thriller and romance in one. When Clary Morgenstern is introduced to the Shadowhunter World full of demons, fairies, and warlocks, will she choose that life? Follow Clary as she deals with demons, both inner and outer.



*Beautiful Creatures* by Kami Garcia & Margaret Stohl: A romance that will never fail to keep one on their toes. Lena Duchannes is the kind of girl that no southern town is used to seeing. She is struggling to hide her family's curse and powers, but secrets were meant to be broken, especially when a boy comes into play.

*Fallen* by Lauren Kate: Imagine spending centuries falling in love with the same girl but never having the ability to be with her. Reliving and reliving the ache of being in love. Between fallen angels and dark forces, nothing can keep Lucinda and Daniel apart.

*Hush, Hush* by Becca Fitzpatrick: Nora never planned on falling in love, especially not at her school. But, of course, there's always an exception. Patch. After a series of troubling events, she notices that Patch is everywhere when these events occur.

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## Science Olympiad

By: Ajit

Saturday, March 4, Lexington High School sent a team of 6 people to St. Ignatius High School to compete in the Science Olympiad. Science Olympiad is a nation-wide competition participated in by both high schools and junior high schools. The competition includes 23 events, ranging from Anatomy and Physiology to Forensics, and Electric Vehicle. The team participated in 5 events, and placed 16th overall out of 19 schools. The students participating in Remote Sensing and Astronomy placed in the top 8 of both events. This year was Lexington's first time taking part in the competition. The entire science department of the high school has been collaborating to prepare the team. The day of competition was a great success, and the future of the team is bright.



# Music



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## Nothing Less Than Superior

By Morgan

On February 17th, the Lexington Orchestra participated at Granville's state contest. The orchestra performed three pieces of music to be presented to the judging panel. Hours of relentless practice proved to be successful as the orchestra received straight 1's (AKA Superiors) on all of their pieces. That is the highest award achievable.

As if that was not impressive itself, the orchestra also received a Superior rating for their sight reading. Sight reading is when the ensemble is given a never before seen piece of music and allowed for a total of eight minutes to study it and then play it correctly for precision and accuracy—talk about nerve wrecking!

Director of the orchestra, Mr. Domka explains, "This group has had a really good record over the years. It goes all the way back to Mr. Heidlebaugh's early years here. It's been a consistent pattern from year end to year out." Mr. Domka continues to explain that each section of the orchestra had its own struggles, but they all stepped up to the plate and had a wonderful performance. Congratulations to all members of the Lexington Orchestra.

Following suit, the Lexington Concert and Symphonic bands are participating in Shelby's district contest on March 10th. Both groups strive to gain Superiors on their pieces and hope to reach state contest. Good luck to all the members of the concert and symphonic band.



# Music



## Is Hamilton Completely Accurate?

Kurtis



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"Hamilton" is a hit Broadway show that has recently been stealing the hearts of many. It is based around the life of Founding Father and first Secretary of Treasury, Alexander Hamilton. The creator and song writer, Lin-Manuel Miranda was at an airport leaving for vacation when he bought a book about Alexander Hamilton. Soon he would start turning it into a musical. When he was at the White House about six or seven years ago, he explained that the star of the musical was the embodiment of hip-hop and rap—this made the crown interested. When Lin-Manuel stated it was Alexander Hamilton, of course people laughed. After receiving eleven out of sixteen Tony nominations and a Grammy, I guess you could ask, who is laughing now? The musical sticks to the facts pretty well, but overall it is not 100% accurate.

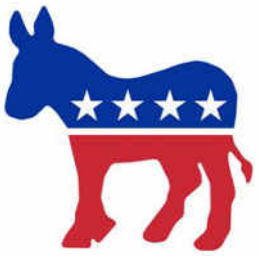
As mentioned in the song "Satisfied," the marriage of a Schuyler sister is mentioned. In it Angelica, the oldest sister of the trio, says she has no brothers—then claiming she is the one that has to marry rich to keep family status. In all actuality, Phillip Schuyler, their father, actually had fifteen children—a majority of them being sons. However, if it was made to just be sisters, and to where Angelica couldn't marry Alexander. This issue would make the story of Alexander's marriage to Eliza more dramatic through the whole musical. Also, in real-life Angelica was already married when she met Alexander.

Another inaccurate part is in the song "One Last Time." The musical makes it seem as if Jefferson's resignation and Washington's farewell were at the same time, but they weren't. They were actually about three years apart.

In "The Adams Administration" there is a line saying John Adams fired Alexander. In 1795 Alexander actually resigned from his post, even before he started working on Washington's Farewell Address. Adams was in reality elected 1796 and inaugurated in 1797.

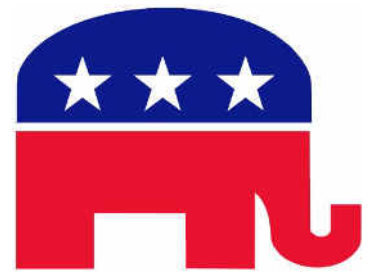
"The Reynolds Pamphlet" contains lyrics speaking of Alexander's affair with Maria Reynolds from the song "Say No to This." James Reynolds, Maria's Husband, sends Alexander a letter saying that he knows he has been seeing his wife. Alexander can continue his affair with Maria as long as he pays him. If he doesn't, James claims he will tell Eliza about it. According to the real life Reynolds Pamphlet, Alexander did actually have the affair and he did pay for Reynolds's silence about the affair. Some of the lyrics do actually come from the real Reynolds Pamphlet. Once Eliza learns of Alexander's affair after the posting of the Reynolds Pamphlet, it is said she burns all the letters Alexander wrote her, but that is also false. Eliza burned all the letters she wrote to Alexander. It is unknown how, when, and why.

In conclusion, Lin-Manuel did stick to that facts pretty well. With rhymes, catchy songs, and infectious tunes this Broadway Show is still a decent history lesson. Just be aware the musical is not a perfectly truthful recount of the life of Alexander Hamilton.



# Politics

## Come Again Mr. Show Host?



By Grant

The morning show Morning Joe, airing on MSNBC, is hosted by Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski. The focus was recently on Brzezinski, as during the show she uttered a rather unsettling set of words. While the two host were chatting it up about politics, they of course came to settle on President Trump. Brzezinski began discussing how Trump is taking up a dangerous course of action as he makes up his own version of events, alternative facts if you will. What she said next was it is the media's job to control what the public thinks, in opposition to the belief that Trump is trying to control what American citizens think.



The important question here is: Is it the media's job to control what we think? That aligns more with propaganda than true and honest reporting. The media's job has always been to report on the day-to-day events occurring across the globe—whether good or bad. The media is supposed to be a non-biased source. The purpose of the news is to give the public the information and then the viewers decide what to make of it. If this is no longer the case, how can anyone trust what the media is sharing? It is quite possible that certain stories would not be covered because they would not fit the narrative the media is trying to weave. The beauty of America is all citizens are entitled to an opinion—whether anyone wants to hear or not is a different argument. However, how can an opinion be formed by the public if media is dictating the judgements of the populace? The media should stick to reporting the facts and lose the puppet-master act.