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T-Bolts Looking for 7th Straight Thanksgiving Win Against Vineland

By: Kevin Hallenbeck

The Thunderbolts are looking for another Thanksgiving Day victory this year against Vineland's Fighting Clan in their 144th meeting. The Millville football team will attempt a seventh straight win at the Turkey Day Football Classic against Vineland at Wheaton Field on Thursday, November 26th.

The Millville football team made it to the playoffs this year and extended its season, but the Thanksgiving game is officially the last game of the year. Not only is this a big game for the seniors, but for the entire city of Millville.

"We are doing everything that we can to prepare ourselves for the big game," Coach Dennis Thomas says. He hopes to keep this winning streak, started by coach Jason Durham in 2009, going with another big win.

The Bolts' starting quarterback, senior Will Polhamus, is going into the game after breaking the single-season record with 1,258 passing yards, beating the 1994 record held by Mark Saul (1,229 yds), and will be looking to extend it in Thursday's game. The returning starting seniors, Dajour Brown, Ryant Harris, Stephen Haynes, Antonio



R. Armstead scores to take the lead during the 2014 Thanksgiving day game.

Drake, and Fred Jackson will be giving it their all in their last game with the Bolts while underclassmen are looking to prove themselves to ensure their starting positions for next year.

The Bolts last winning streak over Vineland football was from 1992-2001 with 10 straight wins. As for Vineland, they haven't had a winning streak that long since 1928!

What will be the outcome this year?

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Turkey Day Football Classic - Thanksgiving Day - Nov. 26, Wheaton Field, 10:30am

Always Be Yourself

By: Aaliyah Custodio-Rivera

Always be yourself, stay true to who you are, never focus on fitting in with the crowd when you have the capability to stand out...but, wear the same clothes, attend the same classes, go to the same school. One of many problems in society is the contradictoriness of it.

As a teenager you are told to be not afraid of who you are, but to embrace it in its simple entirety. Children, teens, and young adults have nothing along the lines of freedom except for what their parents offer them. If you are fortunate enough, selecting your own clothing is one of these liberties. Schools shouldn't take your individuality and shove it aside five days a week, eight hours a day, so that you are just another body, another being, another pupil, and another chance at success.

Millville, luckily, has managed to spare us from the entrapment that is uniforms, but how long will that

freedom last? You cannot tell someone to be who they are as you so carelessly shove it aside. How could we be individuals when wearing uniforms; the only thing that separates us from one another is a name and a face? This builds walls that will become sturdy, unbreakable even, which could then cause self-esteem issues, which could mean poor confidence. Before you know it, you are building a society full of followers; followers that will follow no leader if there isn't one appointed or delegated to them.

Yes, I can understand that it may be seen as a way to unify a group of people, student body, alumni, peers, people, whole, one school one mind. However, it is easier to delegate and hand out orders from behind a sturdy desk, then to be the

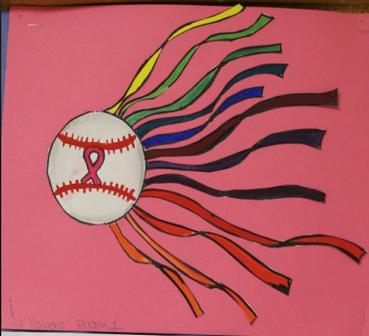
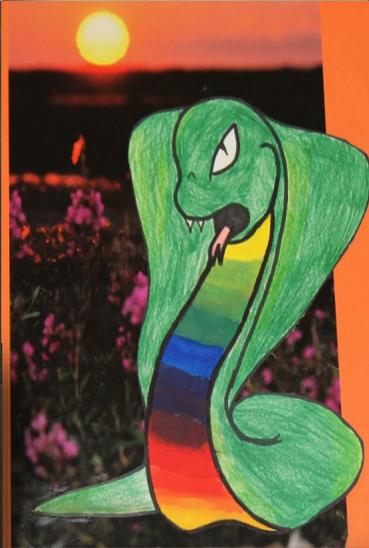
one on the receiving end of that. You can train someone to be independ-

ent and help nourish them in their growth and encourage them to pursue their passion and innermost desires, but only do that. Do not try to offer them a "friendly" shove by forcing things down their throat. We live in a day and age where children aren't as confident as they were before, they are shy and timid, or they're bursting with rage on the outside to hide the vulnerability on the inside.

A simple uniform can affect so much, a child should wear what they feel comfortable in, what makes them feel safe and secure and heard, because we are all shouting out in this world with the slightest hope that someone is listening. This is me shouting out, and I refuse to stop shouting until someone stops to listen. Uniformity is barring, and it should be cast into the void.



Student Art



Showcase

Teachers Are The Worst

By: Marcial Ramos, Dannah Smith, Brianna Gibbs

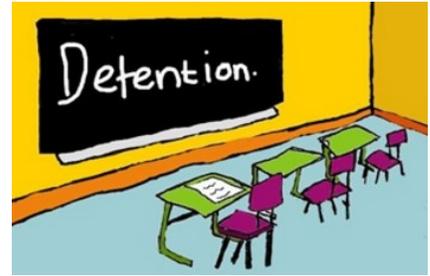
It seems that teachers don't like to tell you the rules until you get in trouble. Even worse, they like to surprise you with the consequences. To keep you from falling victim to this situation, I'm going to tell you about some rules that you probably don't know about.

First, let's review latenesses to school. If you are late five times, you will receive two after-school detentions, not just one. Ten late arrivals will get you a Saturday detention. Miss or skip Saturday detention: that's two days of ACL. If you are late twenty-five times, don't expect to come back to school. They can send you to alternative school. If you are late on a half-day,

it counts as an absence. Don't believe me? Check page 35 in the MHS student handbook.

Administrators assume you just wake up late every day. If you try to defend yourself, you might be accused of being disrespectful, even if you were just trying to explain things.

Another issue for students: The teacher is never wrong. If the teacher says it is, then that is what it is. You can try to prove them wrong, but that will likely result in some type of punishment. You will have to hear it from your coach, or your parents, because someone has to be lying and since it is a teacher verses a student, the



teacher is automatically right. If a teacher has a bad attitude that day then you are out of luck! My advice: Don't talk, don't move, don't even breathe.

Even though some teachers are awful, or leave you feeling stressed and confused, hopefully during your high school career you will have at least ONE that you can depend on and go to when things get tough.



- 1. Chewing the same flavor of gum when taking a test will improve your memory.**
- 2. Keep your schedule on the lock screen of your phone, so when the new semester comes up, you'll know exactly where you need to go.**
- 3. A frozen sponge can take place as an icepack: put it in a plastic bag so it won't drip.**
- 4. Studying 30-40 minutes at a time is the most effective way to retain information.**
- 5. Get at least a 10 full hours of sleep every night.**
- 6. Ask teachers for help for extra credit (doesn't hurt to try).**
- 7. Chocolate has natural remedies to help you focus while studying.**

Social (and Anti-Social) Media

By: Lauren Kavanagh & Kimberley Campbell

People can't put down their phones. Why? Because somebody just commented on their recent selfie on Instagram or maybe they're busy playing around with Snapchat's latest update. They may be staring down at their phone just to see who is starting something with someone on Twitter or wanting to see what creep just commented heart-eyed emojis to their Facebook profile picture. Social media has had a big impact on the world in the past couple years. This impact is beneficial in some ways, but in others, it's not so good.

Social media has many negative impacts on the world. It can be hurtful to your self-esteem. Two German universities investigated social media, and researchers discovered that one in three people they surveyed felt worse about themselves after spending time on social media. It does make sense though. You might feel like someone is "prettier" than you just because she got 100 likes on a photo, while you only got 70. Cyber-

bullying takes place on social media. Somebody may post a bad picture of you on Instagram or upload an embarrassing video of you on YouTube. Many in society seem to base everything off of social media now. For example, somebody may think you're not "cool" just because of the number of followers you have on Instagram, Facebook, or Twitter.

According to a recent study of 2,000 smartphone owners, the average user picks up their phone 1,500 times each week. From checking email to updating Facebook, users complete an average of 221 tasks every day, logging in over three hours of daily activity. For teens, this number is probably higher. Almost four in ten users admitted that they often feel lost without their phones. Is all of this causing us to become anti-social?

On the other hand, social media has made it easy for communication around the world. You have

the ability to be able to see what your family members in another state are doing. You can reconnect with old friends from the past. You're able to see what your favorite celebrities are doing or get first-hand accounts of breaking news stories.

Social media has had a couple negative impacts on the world, but that doesn't mean it's all bad. But maybe if we would just put down our phones for a second to take time to smell the roses, we would be able to notice things in this world that we haven't noticed before.





KEEP CALM

AND

COME TO

PEER MEDIATION

Are you having a problem with a classmate, friend, or another student?

Consider
Peer Mediation

- **Talk out the conflict with a trained student mediator**
- **Come to a peaceful solution**
- **Avoid disciplinary action**

Talk to your teacher, guidance counselor, or school administrator to find out more.

No Shave November!



By: Melissa Thompson, Mya Romero, Dannah Smith, Kyla Kemp, Lacie Armstrong, and Brianna Gibbs

Memorial High School is **growing** cancer awareness and raising funds to support cancer prevention, research, and education during the month of November. For the entire month these staff members will stop shaving to grow beards and mustaches. At the end of the month, students and staff will make donations to the best facial hair styles. The winner will receive a gift card and all donations will benefit the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

We caught-up with the participants halfway through to month to check on their progress. Here is what they had to say...



Mr. Clarke

- He normally grows a beard every winter break, so he started a few weeks early this year
- Like his usual tradition, he'll shave his beard off over spring break
- He noted that his grey "patch" keeps getting "greyer"



Mr. Arsenault

- His wife approved but is still undecided if she likes the look or not
- He's probably not keeping it past winter break
- He wanted to participate because he enjoys being a part of school-wide activities



Mr. Biaselli

- His girlfriend is not excited about him not shaving for the month
- He plans to shave his beard into something "cool" in December
- He has tried growing a beard before and wasn't surprise that his mustache wouldn't grow



Mr. Dennis

- He's only keeping his beard until the end of the month—"It is very scratchy!"
- He wanted to participate because it's important to "beat cancer"
- He's surprised by how quickly it has grown in and by how white it is!

Mr. Bonham

- He has never taken a selfie and isn't about to start
- He decided to participate because Mr. Biaselli asked him to
- It's itchier than he thought it would be





Mr. Domico

- His wife was fine with him growing a beard and it is actually beginning “to grow on her...as well as me!”
- He’s shaving November 30th!
- He is surprised that it has grown-in so grey



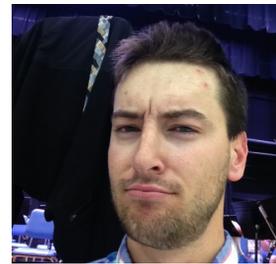
Mr. Branin

- His girlfriend prefers him with a beard
- He’s planning to keep the beard while the weather is cold
- He liked the idea of helping the cause and growing a beard to do it



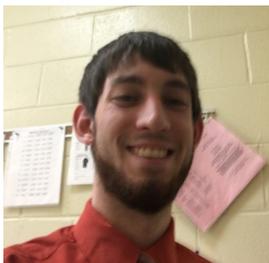
Mr. Paulson

- He made sure growing a beard would be ok with his wife first
- He’s thinking of keeping it but trimming it up after the month ends
- He was surprised and impressed with the number of men that are participating



Mr. Sino

- His girlfriend didn’t mind that he was growing a beard because it was for a good cause
- He thought he would be great to help out and “look like a fool at the same time”
- He worried that he would grow a “neard” (a.k.a. neck beard) like Biaselli



Mr. Melillo

- He’s planning to keep his beard for another month after the contest is over
- He was happy to participate because it was a good cause and it “looks funny”



Mr. Righter

- His girlfriend hates it!!!
- He’s planning to never shave again
- He was most surprised to be featured in The Memorial Voice

Mr. Sloan

- His wife hates it
- His kids hate it too
- He’s shaving December 1st at midnight



Respect Week



Pink Out

How Much Do You Really Know About Your Favorite Disney Movies?

Find Out!

By Mariah Lewis



- 1.) Which one of these princesses is NOT part of Disney's official princess lineup?
A.) Merida B.) Elsa C.) Pocahontas D.) Rapunzel
- 2.) What do Aladdin and his monkey Abu steal from the marketplace when you're first introduced to them in the movie?
A.) An apple B.) Cheese C.) Crackers D.) Loaf of bread
- 3.) Who was the first Disney princess?
A.) Snow white B.) Cinderella C.) Aurora D.) Pocahontas
- 4.) What does the enchanted cake in Brave turn Merida's mother in to?
A.) A dog B.) A cat C.) A bear D.) A frog
- 5.) Which famous princess attends Elsa's coronation ceremony in Frozen?
A.) Cinderella B.) Rapunzel C.) Merida D.) Aurora
- 6.) What is the name of Mulan's pet dragon?
A.) Li Shang B.) Mushu C.) Hans D.) Fa Zhou
- 7.) How many sisters did Ariel have?
A.) 2 B.) 9 C.) 1 D.) 6
- 8.) What is the name of the tea cup in beauty and the beast?
A.) Chippy B.) Cup C.) Chip D.) Mr. Potts
- 9.) Which U.S. city is The Princess and The Frog inspired by?
A.) Nashville B.) New York C.) Atlanta D.) New Orleans
- 10.) What is the name of the pub Flynn brings Rapunzel to in Tangled?
A.) O'Connor Pub B.) Ye Olde Pub C.) Gothel's Pub D.) Snuggly Duckling

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2015 FALL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Memorial's Cape Atlantic League Fall Sports All Stars

First Team Selections:

Girls Tennis—Macy Taylor
Girls Cross Country—Raelynne Miller

Second Team Selections:

Football—Clayton Scott

Honorable Mention:

Football—Marcial Ramos
Boys Cross Country—Shawn Hogan
Girls Cross Country—Sydney Caromano
Girls Tennis—Aubrey Errickson



Featured Memorial Athletes



Ernest "Ernie" Gaye,
The Daily Journal



Clayton Scott,
The Press of Atlantic City



Raelynne Miller,
South Jersey Times



Marcial Ramos,
The Daily Journal



Shawn Hogan,
The Daily Journal



Macy Taylor,
The Daily Journal



Featured Coach—100 Wins



From *The Daily Journal*, 9/23/15:

Millville heeded Sloan's warning and turned back the clock with another 3-1 triumph over Ocean City, giving him 100 for his career.

"I didn't know," Sloan said about the milestone win. "I mean, I knew in the preseason preview (*The Daily Journal*) did, it said 90-some wins, so I knew it was going to happen, hopefully some time this season. I definitely didn't realize it'd be this fast. It's exciting."

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