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Real Chances of High School Renovations

By: Kevin Hallenbeck

Despite rumors that have been circulating since first marking period, next school year's sophomore class will be split between Memorial High School and Millville Senior High School. Staff and students had thought that the Class of 2019 might remain at Memorial due to the $80 million addition and renovation project planned for Millville Senior High School.

Arial view of MSHS at Wade Blvd. Phase 1 of construction will require the removal of the TCUs, highlighted in yellow.

The most recent estimated start date for construction is the summer of 2017. Once renovations do start, the temporary classroom units, or TCUs, commonly referred to as "the trailers" at the senior high, will be removed so the new gym can be built. Because of this change, Memorial High School will eventually house all of grades 9 and 10 until some of the new classrooms are completed. Grades 11 and 12 will remain at the senior high.

The completion of this project will allow grades 9-12 to be housed in one building. The sophomore class has been split between the two buildings since 2007.

Another important reason for this renovation is because of electives. The additions include a dance studio, TV studio, and culinary arts kitchens.

"It will give our freshmen so many more options. It's neat!", says Mrs. DeRose, Memorial High School principal.

The project's final design calls for 228,544 square feet in additions. Improvements will include a new gymnasium, locker room, library, school store, a connection between A- and B-halls, a third floor, and lunch room that is set-up more like a food court. The improvements will all be handicap accessible.

If construction stays on track, the project is anticipated to be completed in 2019. The graduating class of 2023 would be the first to go through all four years in the new high school. Memorial High School will still be utilized as a school, but no additional details are available.

Get Ready to Show Your Memorial High School Spirit

Spring Pep Rally

Thursday, March 24, 2016

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More Than Just Music

By: Veronica Farkas

Music is constantly changing but what we like listening to—rap, pop, rock, country, dubstep and so many others—have always had one thing in common: Music makes a connection with our emotions in a way that can change what we are feeling in an instant. The connection can be so strong that even after a crappy Monday consisting of waking up late, falling down the stairs, and dropping your phone in the toilet, the day can still be recovered when you put on that one song that you love. It's as if a whole new person steps into your body and all the negative feelings disappear; even if just for a moment.

Music can be a necessity for many people; whether it's coping with something stressful, jamming out in the car at a red light, or just bringing friends and family closer together. The capturing qualities of music have the ability to trigger strong emotions like sadness, anger, joy, and even fear.

For example, the next time you're watching a scary movie in the theater, take note the theme music playing as the naïve girl opens the slightly cracked door with flickering lights emerging from behind it. You'll probably notice that the music is what makes the scene so scary. If that same scene was showing instead with the *My Little Pony* theme song playing along, you would probably throw your popcorn at the screen in frustration.

Although music isn't a living thing, it still communicates like it is. Next time you're listening to your music, take the time to listen to not only what it's lyrics are screaming at you, but also to what you are feeling.

"When you're happy, you enjoy the music.
When you're sad you understand the lyrics."

Frank Ocean
American singer, rapper, and song writer

Student Art

Showcase

life hacks for HIGH SCHOOL PROBLEMS

complied by:
Kylee Miller

Exam time: Get all the tools you need to study in one place. Some of its resources include Mind Maps, online notes, quizzes, and flashcards which you can create for any subject. Other functions include study groups, study planners, and online calendars.

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Barbie's Makeover

By: Lauren Kavanagh
& Kimberley Campbell

Mattel's new line of Barbies hitting shelves in the spring.

When you were younger, did you wish you could be like Barbie? Long, blonde hair. Bright, blue eyes. Boyfriend with a twelve-pack. Huge fashion selection with pink lipstick to match. Not to mention a perfect size-1.

Since 1959, Barbie's features have consistently included a tall, very skinny figure, with flawless face, thin hips, and long legs. For years, Barbie has made little children want to look like her. Children might even feel down on themselves if they felt like they didn't meet Barbie's proportions and appearance. Their confidence impacted because they think they're "too short" or "not skinny enough."

Barbie's appearance is very unrealistic. If Barbie were an actual women, she would be 5'9" tall, weigh 110 lbs, have an 18" waist, and a size 3 shoe. This would mean Barbie would have a BMI of 16.24 and fit the weight criteria for anorexia.

How does this compare to today's teenager? According to the Centers of Disease and Control Prevention, a 15-year-old girl weighing 127 pounds is in the 50th percentile for weight her age.

In 1965 "Slumber Party Barbie" was introduced. She came with a robe and nightgown set, hair accessories and a bathroom scale set to 110. Mattel also provided her with a diet book titled "How to Lose Weight" with one rule: "Don't eat". This was a bad message to send to children playing with this doll and they did eventually stop selling it.

1965 Slumber Party Barbie playset

Now Mattel is taking an even bigger step. In January, Mattel announced the newest makeover of Barbie that the world has been waiting 57 years for. The new Barbie comes in three new body types: petite, tall, and curvy. In an effort to make the dolls more diverse, Barbie now comes in seven skin tones, 22 eye colors, and 24 hairstyles. According to the Washington Post, Mattel executives said in a video announcing the changes that "they believe it is simply the right thing to do to have their doll collection better reflect real women." The dolls will begin hitting the shelves this spring.

Girls, maybe you'll find a doll that actually looks like you now!

Millville Memorial High School's
5th Annual
Craft Show
Saturday, March 12, 2016
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Memorial High School Gymnasium
Proceeds benefit Memorial High School Programs

#KicksofMemorial

By: Ariel Perez, Valeria Marchany, and Ahzhane Thomas

Kicks of the day, a social media hashtag known as #KOTD, shows off stylish shoes on Snapchat and Instagram. This month, Memorial Voice photographers traveled around the school looking to highlight our own kicks.

Dr. Seuss™ Read Across America

By: Macy Taylor

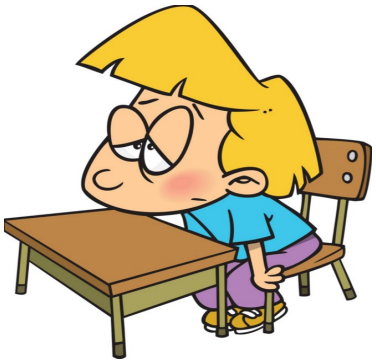
Memorial Mentors visited R.D. Wood School on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 to celebrate *Read Across America*, a nationwide reading celebration honoring Dr. Seuss's 112th birthday. Mentors visited each classroom, kindergarten through fifth grade, to share the rhyming world that *is* Dr. Seuss with the elementary school students.

Memorial Mentors donated the books they read to the Wood School Library so students can continue to enjoy the wacky stories beyond the day's event.

Clock-wise from top: Mentors and advisor Mrs. Chisholm prepare to read at Wood School; Macy Taylor and Zhyna Broughton read T*he Lorax* to class of students; Julie Reed reads *Cat in the Hat* to students wearing Suess hats, Tyler Vandemark and Zhyna Broughton read *Oh the Places You Will Go* to students, Ryan Brown and Alexis Harrison read *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish* to students.

Waking Up Too Early, Or Not Enough Sleep?

By: Danielle Dawson and Kimberley Campbell



How much sleep should you really get? Most students don't get enough sleep at night because they're too busy on social media or playing the new video game that they've recently become addicted to. People complain about how school starts too early and that we should not be getting up when it is practically still dark out. Adults may say that we should go to bed at a more reasonable time so we wouldn't be so tired, but is it really that easy? Experts develop sleep guidelines to inform parents of how many hours their kids need to sleep. Current suggestions for teens from ages 10 to 17 is 8.5 hours to 9.25 hours of sleep. With our school's schedule, this means that students at Memorial should go to bed at around 9 o'clock to be well rested and avoid looking like a zombie the next morning.

Who really wants to go to sleep that early though? Not many. So, if you can't get to bed that early, here are a few helpful ways to fall asleep faster once you do climb into bed.

Some people have found that turning on relaxing music and playing it very softly can make sleeping happen almost instantly. For people who find that music keeps them up, putting everything on mute and humming softly to yourself typically helps.

If relaxing is your issue, try this exercise: curl your toes five times as tightly as you can to help relax until you drift to sleep. Another way to help yourself relax is to make your room smell of lavender. Research has proven that lavender makes the body more relaxed and makes falling sleep a lot easier.

Sometimes the issue is the heat. Turn the heat down to 65 degrees, as it is said to be the perfect sleeping temperature.

Now that you know these few helpful tips, maybe you can get some sleep tonight.

What will you contribute to the Memorial Light?

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- Artwork

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2016 WINTER SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

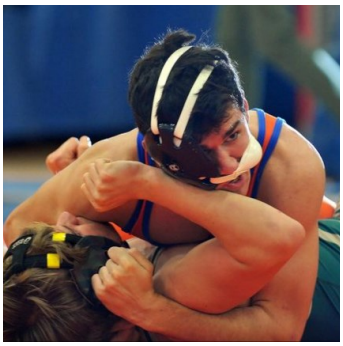
By: Kevin Hallenbeck & Mya Romero

4 Fighting Freshman

-Tanazha Ford
The Daily Journal

-Rynell Lawrence
NJ.com

-Colleen Renshaw
Atlantic City Press



-Jacob Parent
The Daily Journal

3 D-1 athletes in the making

Sydney Caromano
Girls Varsity Winter Track

Little John Green
Boys Varsity Basketball

Raelynne Miller
Girls Varsity Winter Track

2 Upcoming Events

Winter Sports Banquets
When? Dates Vary
Where? Thunderbolt Club

Memorial High School Spring Pep Rally
When? Thursday, March 24th
Where? Memorial High School

1 Stunning Sophomore

Lonnie Broome
Boys Varsity Basketball

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