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Firepole Installed in Adelpia Staircase

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With the reintroduction of in-person learning at Seattle Prep, students adapted to new COVID precautions when traveling around school, including the installation of a fire pole in the staircase of Adelpia Memorial Hall.

"After the first week, we realized that if we put a firepole in, students could easily take the firepole down, and the stairs up" stated the Dean of Students, Mr. Stearns.

The idea immediately gained popularity, and the firepole was installed at the beginning of last week. Directly following the dedication ceremony, the Seattle Fire Department came to lay out some rules and safety guidelines.

"With the addition of the fire pole, it was important to us to make sure we stayed on top of the safety aspect of it, so having the firemen come in to demonstrate was essential" Stearns remarked.

On March 22nd, opening day, a line started forming near the library on the 5th floor. "We were slightly anticipating this; however, we expect it to die down once the excitement around the installation lessens," Mr. Chism, Campus Security Monitor, remarked.

It's true; students have been eager to test it out. The general consensus is that it's a little hard to adapt to and takes lots of arm strength, but once you get the hang of it, it's super fun.

Students who are particularly confident have begun racing for a top speed, much to the dismay of faculty and staff. As of now, 16 mph is the speed to beat. One lesson students have learned is that you must make sure all your belongings are secured before embarking the firepole.

"One time, I accidentally left my backpack unzipped and my Hydroflask fell out, landing on a freshman that was walking up the stairs" a senior shared.

Despite this, the fire pole has been



Photo: Abby Wilwerding

A Seattle Fire Department member poses following the final inspection of the new firepole installed in Adelpia Memorial Hall. The new firepole allows greater student freedom during passing periods.

a big highlight during these unprecedented times; one student even said, "I wish all my classes were in Adelpia."

The installation is a great feat in getting students to class efficiently and one of the best things to come out of COVID!!

Prep Replaces Panther Mascot with Live Panther, Chaos Ensues

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Last month, the new Seattle Prep President, Mr. Ricky announced that Seattle Prep would be receiving a real-life panther. It would be imported to the United States from northern Argentina to serve as the school's new mascot.

"After a totally legal deal, we are proud to announce, that with all of your tuition funds, we have obtained a real, live panther." Mr. Ricky stated to the parents in a press conference on the first of the month. "There is no way whatsoever, this could bite us back later." A collective face palm from the parents echoed throughout the McHugh gymnasium in response.

But the panther did indeed bite the school back. Later on the same day, the Panther, now going by the name Ignacio, escaped. Two minutes later, all students were told to stay within their classrooms. Lockdown procedures were put into place, as the students hid.

"How the panther escaped the cardboard box in the Commons, I have no

idea." Mr. Beurns, the Dean of Students, replied.

The panther was playful and was watching the students out of the holes in the box, until it was provoked. "A student appeared to have shown it a movie on Netflix, I believe it was that movie with Jerry

"Now the students really fear JUG."

Mr. Beurns

Seinfeld, called 'Bee Movie' or something." Said Mr. Ricky. After this "Bee Movie" was on for approximately six minutes, Ignacio busted out of its prison and bit the phone in half. "The following events were pure chaos" President Ricky replied dramatically.

After two weeks of torment, Mr.

Ricky decided to hire Joe Exotic from the hit Netflix show "Tiger King." To recapture the beast. In the duration Joe Exotic was inside, many screams and yells resounded out from the Prep campus. It is unknown if these were from Mr. Exotic or the Panther. After a couple hours, Exotic exited McDonnell Hall with the Panther in a headlock.

In the aftermath, Mr. Ricky would be forcefully removed from his Presidential position by the school, for his poor judgment and disregard for student's safety. Later that day, the school board decided unanimously that Joe Exotic, was the most suitable replacement. Partially due to his honor and valor in wrangling the Panther, and in case another similar accident should occur.

Our antagonist, Ignacio, now resides in the JUG room, as the new JUG master. Since his appointment, Prep has not given anyone Jug.

"Now the students really fear Jug" Mr. Beurns commented.

Yerba Mate Launches Products in the Smith Café

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A long awaited favorite is coming to the Seattle Prep campus after years of student requests. Guyaki Yerba Mate!

After months of being considered, Yerba Mate teas will be offered in the fridges of the Smith Café! Many students love these drinks and will search far for one to bring to school. Now, the wait is over! The loved drinks will be stocked starting April 1st, as a tribute to the company's spring flavors debuting 20 years ago that day.

Senior Cate McNett fell in love with these drinks after traveling to Uruguay over the summer of her freshman year. She even funded a factory in Germany to keep manufacturing them across the globe! She is very excited that these drinks will be in store for her and her best friends. Her favorite flavor is Passion Fruit, which Seattle Prep will have, along with every single flavor offered by Yerba Mate.

The Smith Cafe received special funding for this item from a current student who wishes to remain anonymous. The person who funded this new item is kept top secret because she doesn't like the attention. In the L-Z cohort, this student and her family originally wanted more access to Yerba Mate drinks, since they are most often found in Whole Foods, QFC, and other healthy grocers.

Blake Weld, '21, a lover of Sparkling Cranberry Pomegranate, said, "I wondered why the family made sure that Sparkling Cranberry Pomegranate was included since it's not a common flavor. I guess they just know me best!"

The anonymous donor felt the love when, during school, a friend brought a Revel Berry to lunch, and talked highly of her favorite flavor, when everyone sitting near her chimed in to repeat their favorite taste of the special drinks.

"Enlightenment is my favorite, but Bluephoria to me tastes like thick blue grass, ew," said Sydney Shimizu, '22, offering her opinion on the drinks.

When the mystery donor heard of everyone loving the drinks, she chose to make Seattle Prep an ambassador for Yerba Mate.

To have a little fun during hybrid learning, there is a competition starting April 1st to see who will buy the most Yerbs! You can receive information about how to download the Yerb Tracker app from any Collegio teacher. If the teachers pretend to not know what you are talking about, it is likely because they want to win the competition themselves.

Because of Seattle Prep's ambassador status, they will give out free Yerba Mates to the student who wins! Students will be buzzing with caffeine during the spring, so get ready Mates! The competition is fierce.

BUSTED!

Robbers Break into Prep to Steal...Books?

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On March 11, 2021, two criminals, Joe King and Jack Pott trespassed on Seattle Prep's campus and broke into the McKay Library. Surprisingly, their target was not the computers or other expensive items, but 20 classic books that sat on the shelves.

Titles such as "Julius Caesar", "The Odyssey", and "The Great Gatsby" made their way into the hands of King and Pott. Thankfully,

they were caught by campus security after stopping to get a slice of pizza from Pagliacci's. Many faculty and students had questions, but thankfully King and Pott were willing to be interviewed to share their story.

When asked why they did it, King and Pott sheepishly exclaimed that they fell in with the wrong crowd growing up, treating school as optional and unnecessary. They were unable to graduate and

have regretted it ever since. "We know we are not the brightest tools in the toolbox, but we wanted to change that," Pott explained.

With giddy nods, King jumped in, "We never read when we were younger so we thought it would be the perfect step to improving! We are sorry for the broken

glass, I got so excited when I found the book, I wanted that I accidentally swung my hands too hard. I forgot I had my water bottle in one!"

King and Pott were questioned

why they did not borrow from the public library. They looked at each other confusedly before expressing that they thought the public library required payment.

"You're telling me we could have borrowed all these books for free?" Pott exclaimed.

The police have taken them down to the station, still contemplating the charges and sentences of the case.

Fortunately, Ms. Lovejoy and Ms.

"We know we are not the brightest tools in the toolbox, but we wanted to change that."

Jack Pott



Photo: SEATTLE PREP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Evidence collected from the recent McKay Library break in.

Borgen were sure to help King and Pott set up their own library cards at the Seattle Library. Ms. Lovejoy found a bunch of selections to appeal to King's science fiction interests, while Ms. Borgen helped Pott find some fantasy novels.

At the very least, King and Pott do not have to worry about accessing books again.

Despite it all, Prep wishes them the best in their journeys, both academically and lawful.

Mr. Chism Takes Vow of Silence

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Prep's beloved Campus Security Monitor, Mr. Chism, is well known for his ability to engage almost anyone in a conversation, though that may prove a bit difficult for him now. Chism has decided to take on a vow of silence, meaning he will not utter a single word aloud.

Interviews with those close to him show that they are unclear as to why he has decided to go on this vigorous journey, but they are prepared to walk next to him in support.

When asked how long he would continue in this state, Chism held up five fingers. Whether this means five days, weeks, months, or years, we will likely find out in due time.

As Chism obviously could not talk during his interview, there no known reason or motive behind this decision. However, he nodded his head quite vigorously at the mention of strengthened willpower, channeled emotions, and a closer observation of faith. These are all very common benefits that people have experienced post-vow of silence. Forcing oneself to refrain from talking builds up a kind of willpower endurance. As this is tested continuously it becomes stronger, meaning Chism's willpower will be absolutely jacked when he has completed his journey.

Chism will also learn to be calm and collected in almost any situation, without letting his emotions control his reactions. The time spent not speaking will allow for clarity of thoughts, allowing one to ponder their life and what is truly worthwhile.

If Mr. Chism is like the many others who have attempted this spiritual journey, he could come back a completely new man with a newfound force of will, sense of control, and outlook on the world.

When asked what they thought of Mr. Chism's decision, class of '23 Prepper, Brian Frankinson said, "I'm gonna miss having convos with the Chismaster for awhile, but I'm proud of him. It takes crazy dedication to do something like that, mad respect".

All of Seattle Prep is spreading encouraging words that Chism would likely love to thank them for if he could. Some have even decided to take the plunge with him.

"If Mr. Chism can't speak, then I don't want to speak either" said Jenny Bradshaw, '21. Bradshaw said nothing further than that.

Cory Chanello '22 echoes many in the Prep community when he stated, "I just hope Mr. Chism knows we're all behind him, and we're excited to see how he comes out of this."

Chism's new vow of silence is a perfect demonstration of what it means to be a panther, and to always be striving for the "Grad at Grad", even far after graduation. He has truly inspired the Prep community, one nod and shake of his head at a time.

Though Mr. Chism's voice will be missed for awhile, his message that one can constantly grow and improve oneself can be heard loud and clear.

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Mr. Chism

Students Gather for All School Assembly

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With the distribution of hundreds and thousands of vaccines, and the transition into 50% cohorts going smoothly, Prep administration has decided to host an all-school assembly to celebrate. All students are urged to come to school on April 1st to show off their Panther Pride. This assembly will take place in the McHugh Gymnasium.

Students and faculty have been working hard to put together this celebration. Junior class president John O'Donnell says, "We were debating whether or not to hold this assembly because of the pandemic, but because COVID-19 cases are low in Washington and hybrid learning working efficiently, we decided to move forward with the idea. The assembly will be set up the same way as in the past, the faculty and each of the four classes: freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors will take seats in the bleachers. ASB representatives are planning to do a variety of activities among the grades and faculty. This includes activities such as karaoke, a pie eating contest, skits,

and so much more! The Prep band will be there to perform live as well as Pulse, performing at the end of the assembly. Prep is bringing back color wars so students should keep an eye out for an email informing which colors each grade should wear. Class executive, Holt Witter, added that "this is going to be the biggest Prep assembly so far." The grade that shows off the most spirit will win a pizza party as well as exemption from any tests and finals for the rest of the year, receiving an automatic A for all their assignments.

Of course, safety precautions are still going to be implemented. Masks are mandated and all students are required to stay at least six feet apart. Temperatures will be taken upon arrival to campus and proof of the pre-screening Jot Form is still required for admission. Failure to provide a screenshot of the form will result in students being removed from the assembly, sent home, and reported to the Dean of Students for possible suspension and/or expulsion. Come to school on April 1st to attend Prep's all school assembly to show off your school spirit! Go Prep!



AMDGHarmony Key to Successful Collegio Pairings

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When new Collegio teacher Mr. Meyer was asked to download an app that asked him his favorite color, hobbies, and to describe the perfect comma splice, he was a bit confused.

Little did Meyer know he was among the first Collegio teachers to try out the secret behind successful Collegio teacher pairings—an app called AMDGHarmony.

“AMDGHarmony is an app we’ve been working on for a number of years in order to pair successful teaching partners together” said AMDGHarmony developer Nate Barmore. “The app uses a proprietary information gathering system which feeds into our advanced algorithms to match teachers together.”

The app, which was developed over the last five years seeks to put pair Collegio partners with similar interests, but also different strengths for the most beneficial pairing of teachers.

The trials for the app were not without problems. “We had several issues while beta testing the app” said Barmore. “Early on, the app kept pairing Andy Hendricks and Andy McCarthy—that’s simply

too many Andy’s in one Collegio.”

Additionally, the app would frequently suggest non-Collegio teachers for Collegio teaching assignments. “As much as I would love to teach with Ms. Healy, I don’t think that trigonometry and right angles are important enough in UN for me to be of much service” said Math teacher Mrs. Young.

Barmore added that these issues were quickly corrected and that “The latest version of the app is flawless.”

Students were surprised that their teachers were willing to hand over so much personal data to a third-party app. “I know Mr. Butler likes burritos, but I’m surprised that he would be willing to share this info with a tech company” said one student. “I also don’t really know how that information would be helpful for Collegio pairings” said Roman Pfeffer ’23.

Although AMDGHarmony is relatively new to Seattle Prep, the app seems to have a promising future. There are plans to use AMDGHarmony to match Senior Seminar teachers together next year and a new website launching this Spring called PanthersOnly.com will match students with Collegio teachers next year.



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Prep’s December Do-Over Brings Christmas in April

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As Prep continues to transition into normalcy with students going to school in 50% cohorts, starting sports, and more, ASB has decided to have a December do-over. Because students missed the classic holiday celebrations during December, Prep is making up for it over the month of April. Christmas decorations will be put up and Christmas themed activities like a Collegio gift exchange, ugly sweater day, and many others will take place in order to spread the holiday cheer.

Kicking off December Do-Over will be an ugly Christmas sweater contest. Students are required to wear an ugly Christmas sweater, or Christmas themed outfit, to school on at least one of their in-person days during the third week of April. Students may also submit their fashionable looks to a

member of ASB to be entered into the contest for the ugliest sweater. The best outfit will be voted on by students on the ASB Instagram account in an Instagram poll. The winner will receive a mystery present at the end of the month which may include holiday themed snacks and attire.

On the opposite end of ugly Christmas sweaters is formal wear. Students are asked to dress in their Sunday best on at least one day during the week of April 26-30, in honor of TOLO. Because there will not be an actual TOLO, the pulse team are putting on a “Snow-Ball” themed dance performance video for students to watch.

“April will be filled with surprises for all teachers, staff, and students...”

Matt Kennedy '24

Another event taking place on the week of April 26th is the Collegio class secret Santa gift exchange. At the beginning of April, teachers will randomly assign each student another student to buy or make a gift for. (Because of 50% cohorts,

students will be assigned a classmate they have in person). Gift exchanges will happen at the end of April during a class time of the teachers choosing.

Each class will get a mini-Christmas tree to decorate in a tree decorating competition. The Christmas tree that wins will be judged by Prep Principal, Ms. Luby and President- Mr. Hickey. The decorated trees will be lined up

and three will be given either first second or third place by them at the end of the month. As long as it is appropriate, Collegio classes are given total freedom in how they choose to decorate their class tree.

A member of ASB, Matt Kennedy '24, said “April will be filled with surprises for all teachers, staff, and students,” and “look out for upcoming events and competitions.” Christmas season never fails to bring happiness and togetherness so a December Do-Over felt necessary for Prep to really come together in this tough time. Hopes for what the do-over will bring is the community growing closer, bonding, and making lasting memories through the magical time of year known as Christmas, that Prep is unconventionally celebrating in April.

Prep Announces New Requirements for Grade Promotion

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COVID has affected students learning process in many ways, and schools across the country are debating what to do about lost learning. The latest COVID-19 proposal in Congress would require districts to use at least 20% of their aid on addressing “learning loss” through programs like summer school.

The leadership at Seattle Prep has been debating long and hard over what to do to address the learning loss that happens when in-person learning is curtailed, and learning is predominately done online.

Many classes, such as Geometry, have had to cut back on the amount of material they cover because the pace of learning can be slower when done virtually with limited opportunities for interaction with the teacher.

After much consideration, Seattle Prep has decided to have everyone take at least one summer school course to make up for what students have missed academically this year. Some students disagree with this decision. Isaac Wendel '23 stated, “I don’t feel like COVID has affected my

learning too much. Certainly not enough to make me do summer school.”

During a normal summer, Prep offers classes to prepare for the next year. However, this year Prep is requiring that each student consult with their advisor and determine their area of greatest academic need. In consultation with their advisor, students will determine which summer school class they are going to enroll in. Based on the students need, to make up for academic loss, freshman, sophomores, and juniors will all be required to take an additionally math, science, or collegio class. These classes will help prepare Prep students for the next level in these subjects, which will be taken next fall, hopefully in full face to face learning.

Unfortunately, seniors are not excused from this requirement. While the other grades will be knee deep in course work over the summer, seniors won’t be resting on their laurels.

Instead, they will be required to take a College 101 class, a study skills class (not collegio), to prepare them for the big leap into college. “It’s a creative play on words, but the concept is not funny at all.

I want to enjoy my last summer before going off to college,” explained Sandra Marina '21.

While summer classes for 9th-11th grade will begin at 9:00AM and run until 1:00PM, College 101 for seniors will begin promptly at 7:00AM sharp and end at 1:00PM. Classes for 9th-11th grade will start June 14th, and will run through July, leaving a full month of summer for students to enjoy. However, College 101 for seniors will also start June 14th, but go until August 15th, leaving seniors only a couple of days to pack and get ready for college!

While these requirements may seem extensive, it is vital for students to keep on top of their learning and remain intellectually competent (per the Seattle Prep mission statement).

These new academic requirements imposed by COVID would meet the congressional requirement on the COVID relief bill to address learning loss.

Summer Supplement at a Glance

Summer Classes (9th-11th grade)*

- 9:00am-1:00pm
- June 14th-July 1st
- Classes include math, science and Collegio (dependent on student need)

College 101*

- Class of 2021 only
- 7:00am-1:00pm
- June 14th-August 1st
- Classes to include study skills and life skills to prepare students for College

*April Fool’s!

Breaking News!

AMH Falls Over!

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It was a shock to students and staff when they heard a large crack throughout the school. On a Tuesday Afternoon, a large gust of wind flew straight into the side of AMH causing a series of unfortunate events to follow. Teachers began to panic causing students to escape the building. Windows were smashed, floor tiles broke apart, and the edge of the building tipped over with the fall of the balcony was the first to come.

Junior Daniela Sekhar said, "I was getting ready for my 20-mile cross country run when all of the school busses

were crushed by the fall of the balcony. I ran away faster than I did in my PR."

The edge of the library began to break off and Mrs. Lovejoy grabbed all the books she could and headed to the plaza. The science classrooms on floor one began to be crushed and Dr. Kipp and Ms. O'Brien joined together with their physics skills to discover the exact amount of time everyone had to escape before the whole building came crashing down.

Ms. O'Brien said, "It was one of the scariest moments of my life, I thought I was a goner, but my physics brain took over and Dr. Kipp and I knew what we had to do."

Several students were seen sobbing and some laughing on the plaza at the sight of the scene. The students could not believe what had happened and it caused chaos throughout the school; some students were even seen breaking out into song. Senior Sophie McDowall was found sitting in her half-collapsed AP Euro classroom crying and said, "I can't believe this happened in the middle of my favorite class, I can't take myself away from AP Euro class, Hendricks was in the middle of an amazing lecture about the swarm of rabbits that attacked Napoleon."

Finally, all the students and teachers were evacuated from the building as

the entire back half crashed down onto Interlaken. Students shared their experiences and what they saw during the event.

There were several accounts of Collegio Teacher Mr. Richardson seen falling down the stairs and other students saw Coach Durand carrying 8 students out of the weight room.

Seattle Prep President Mr. Hickey has announced that students and staff should remain calm, but online and digital school will be cancelled for the remainder of the year. Damage control and rebuilding will commence as soon as possible, but Prep students will be back on campus in September 2021.

Ms. Newman Announces She Is 'No Longer a Gonzaga Fan'

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After many years of support and sharing her passionate fandom with her students and coworkers, biology teacher Ms. Newman announced that she is no longer a Gonzaga basketball fan.

Newman has switched her allegiances to supporting Duke and is "very happy about her decision."

"It was time to make the switch." Ms. Newman replied in her interview. When asked about what prompted her extreme decision, she replied that she has "finally realized that they [Gonzaga] were not the best team."

Newman talked about how her support of Gonzaga was often criticized, mostly by the freshman class, and she was called a 'bandwagon fan'.

Ms. Newman claimed that now, since she is spending much less time watching Gonzaga's games, she has much more time to spend with friends, grading her students' papers, and playing with her dog, Benny. Newman explains that this decision has heavily affected her lifestyle and has been a very big shift in her life.

When walking into Ms. Newman's classroom, students may notice that the 'Go Zags!' banner that she proudly hung over the white board. She plans on replacing it with a 'Blue Devil' poster very soon.

"It truly has been a change for the better," Neman said. She spent last weekend going through and donating all her Gonzaga merch.

"I didn't think my students and coworkers would believe me when I told them," she said. "Being a Zags fan just isn't as fun as it used to be. I didn't think I would, but the pressure and hate got to me and I decided to finally give in."

Along with the constant attacks



Ms. Newman at her Gonzaga Graduation in 2015

from her students, Newman finally admits that Gonzaga "isn't the best team." Although it took her many years to come around, Ms.

Newman feels that she has finally come to her senses and plans on becoming the biggest Duke fan at Seattle Prep.

Prep Students React to New Uniform

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As announced the week of March 1st, Seattle Prep will begin requiring students wear a uniform as of April 1st. The uniform will be blue bottoms, pants or skirt, and a white collared shirt paired with a royal blue blazer. Why the sudden change? Nobody really knows

the answer.

"It feels sudden" says Natalie Miller '23, "everything was fine when there was just a dress code and it doesn't seem like anybody knew about it until the day it was announced." The announcement was abrupt and could easily be missed if a student didn't read the newsletter or forget to check their email that day.

The punishment for not wearing the uniform is a week of JUG for a first offense, 2 weeks for a second, and so on. Along with a harsh punishment, there is no opportunity to dress out of uniform freely.

The strangest part of the uniform announcement is that it will also replace sports uniforms (yes, including swimming). Prepare to see Prep students playing foot-

ball, soccer, volleyball, and any other sport we offer in a blazer with a white collared shirt peeking out.

The only thing that hasn't changed it the policy on shoes. Any shoes can be worn with the new uniform, including no shoes at all! Prep will look a lot different come April 1st, and who's to say more things won't change.

Seattle Prep Drops Masks Mandate In Favor of Individualized Student Bubbles

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The well-known phrase, "Mask Up", will no longer be used on the Seattle Prep campus. Following the lead of Texas governor, Greg Abbott, who issued an executive order lifting the mask mandate in Texas and increasing the capacity of all businesses and facilities to 100%, Seattle Prep will no longer require students to wear masks. Seattle Prep will, instead, provide students with giant plastic bubbles that are almost ten times the size as the average beach ball, so that they do not have to wear masks.

Every plastic bubble will be inflated in the students' first period class by professional bubble blowers, and leaky bubbles will quickly be replaced. They are equipped with a zipper, used to enter and exit, and holes for air circulation, allowing students to get fresh air throughout the day. They fit through the hallways and easily roll down the stairs, which makes it easier for students to navigate campus. Doorways will also be adjusted, so that students can enter their classrooms without difficulty in their giant bubbles, 7-9 feet in diameter. John O'Donnell '22 advises students to "slow down and watch your step when going down the stairs because, otherwise, you'll pick up too much speed and accidentally pop your bubble."

How will students sit at their desks? There won't be any more desks! Students will also receive an inflatable bean bag chair to blow up in their individual bubble for class. This change will make for a fun and active working environment for physical or kinesthetic learners. It will also allow students to have trouble-free communication with their teachers and peers. Masks will no longer inhibit their ability to talk and participate in class discussions. Mr. Arthur is thrilled to "sit back and relax in a comfortable bean bag chair, rather than at [his] usual desk."

Choosing an outfit for school in the morning will be much easier once students don't have to worry about finding a matching mask. Students also won't have to wear shoes once inside their bubbles, so that eliminates two components of an outfit. Clare Cunningham '24 thinks that "masks make it so hard to pick out an outfit and having to wear them in class is ridiculous!"

By this time, teachers should be vaccinated, so bubbles are optional for them. It is recommended though because of how fun and COVID-19 safe it is to roll around campus in them. They can run, dance, leap, and even cartwheel to get around, and give each other bubble bumps in the hallways. Get ready to see the teachers high fiving through their plastic bubbles!

Mr. Mack is "excited to finally see student faces and have EDM bubble parties with his theology classes." Only this time, they will be giant plastic bubbles instead of blowing bubbles.

*Student and teacher responses and facts, besides the details of the executive order from the governor of Texas, were made up for the purpose of this article.

Prep to Permanently Evict Every Window Off Campus

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Feeling too cold in the classroom? Do you just hate windows in general? If the answer to any of the questions presented is yes, then get a window, and open it. Seattle Prep has officially stated that the windows are not a necessary part of Prep's future. The school desires openness in the classroom and the removal of windows are a perfect beginning. Due to this reason, Seattle Preparatory School has made an executive decision to evict all windows off campus.

Windows and the students at Seattle Prep have been at odds for years with no end in sight. "I am inevitable," one window snapped at a student. The student has decided to remain anonymous for fear of retaliation for speaking out against the windows.

"I just really hate windows," exclaimed the student. "They are just so ugly, and they ruin the entire vibe of the classroom."

When Seattle Prep first opened its doors, the windows ran the school. The glass paned creatures bullied even the teachers in 1846 and were feared among all students. Years passed and the windows began to be locked up and punished for their crimes. The rest of the window colony was unhinged, they claimed these actions were unjust.

Fast forward till now, and the tables have started to turn. The students have learned to stand up to windows, but they still are no match. A student reported to the staff that one window violently attacked him. After the attack occurred, the window told the student to "learn how it feels." He was then forcibly installed as a window and was opened and closed by said window all day.

"I still get nightmares from that day. It's still vivid in my memory. The number of times I was opened and closed, the angle at which I sat in the window-pane, I remember—everything," said the student.

"Why am I hated so much by windows? it's like they harbor some sort of vendetta against me specifically," said one student furiously, haunted by his experiences with windows.

For these reasons, the executive powers at Seattle Prep have decided that they have had enough of the everlasting conflict between the windows and humans. Henceforth, they have made a decree that all windows are ordered to evacuate the campus and rid themselves of their unruly and despicable frames. This decree states, that all windows and screws involved must be removed from all window frames and must be off Seattle Prep territory by midnight, April 1st.

Pizza Wars: Zeeks Moves in Next to Pagliacci

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Pagliacci Pizza on 10th Ave has historically been a popular spot for off-campus lunches and after school snacks among Seattle Prep students. Pagliacci may now have to fight for the Prep student's appetite, since a new Zeeks Pizza location is scheduled to move in next door by September 2021. Come the 2021-2022 school year, students will be torn between a long-time favorite, and the possibility of a better slice of pizza, both spots only three blocks of campus.

"It's no competition to me," said Andrew Levinger '21. "Pagliacci has always been the best. I don't see Zeeks ever changing that." A substantial amount of Prep students claim they will stay loyal to the same joint that has been serving them slices since the beginning of their time at Prep.

"After a long day of school, nobody can beat Pagliacci's pepperoni pizza. The workers practically know me by now because I go so much. I'm not giving up my loyalty," said Charles Gwynn '21. Most students are content with their usual lunch spot, but some are open to the idea of an extra pizza place in the neighborhood.



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"Listen, I don't get what the big deal is. Pizza is pizza. Honestly, the more the better. If the line's too long at Pag's, I'll hop on over to Zeeks, and vice versa. I'm not opposed to either place," Allison Burton '22 says. Along with others, she doesn't see the problem with having two pizza places nearby to Prep. Some students look forward to Zeeks though and claim their willingness to give their business to the workers there.

"This might be controversial, but I've always liked Zeeks better. It's a pain for me to drive all the way to one of their locations, when Pagliacci is just a minute's walk from Prep. I'm excited to eat there next year," stated Paolo Almario '23.

Lucy Johnson '24 said "In my

opinion, I think both Zeeks and Pagliacci are going to get plenty of business. Let's just hope they're willing to compete for our business. Maybe they'll give students a discount or change their advertising strategies. I'm just predicting a rivalry."

Students seem to be conflicted on which pizza joint they will give their business to. Many claim they will be loyal to Pagliacci a long-time favorite pick, although some look forward to a new option and double the amount of pizza in the neighborhood.

"This is the type of change that could divide our school. I just hope we can come to unity next year. It's just Pizza," said Ms. Stanko.

Shakespeare to be Performed by AP Lit Students

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Staff Writer

It was a big shocker for one of the most passionate English Literature teachers at Prep when it was announced that Freshman no longer have Julius Caesar in their Collegio reading lineup, and the sophomores are no longer reading one of Shakespeare's Three Tragedies, Othello. With the only remaining opportunity to experience Shakespeare being in Senior AP Literature, teacher Mr. Mitchell quickly pivoted to include the works of the Bard in the format for which they were written: the stage.

Mitchell decided it is time to take action; his AP Literature seniors will act and film the plays of Julius Caesar and Othello which the underclassman will then watch and take a written exam on to pass Collegio this year. Yes, freshmen and sophomores, this is mandatory.

Paden Nichols '21, a member of

Mitchell's class said, "I am filled with a feeling of indescribable joy - I feel that this is part of the universe's natural tendency to right wrongs - to enlighten those who have been without Shakespeare for too long".

Mr. Mitchell believes this is a great idea and said, "As Jane Austen observed, to speak English is to speak Shakespeare."

That's why it's so important for students be exposed to his words. He helped shape the language we all use. No writer has given us a greater diversity of characters - there's someone for everyone

to connect to in his work. And his plays contain worlds: love, politics, comedy, murder, feminism, botany, the cosmos--whatever you want to think about, you can find in these plays".

Breaking the early secret to Sophomore Finley Dermody '24 lead to a devastating tear trickling down her sorrowful face. Unfortunately for Dermody '24, this

new school policy is mandatory. She will not be able to avoid experiencing Shakespeare, her least favorite author, ever in her elementary, middle school, or high school career.

Dermody said, "Shakespeare is very difficult to read and to understand. Everyone gets different messages and meanings from the same text. It's old fashioned and dry and a lot of people that are in lit classes just aren't interested in theatre".

It is proven that Shakespeare is important for students to study in order to understand the modern world and understand people. His words are memorable, boost brain activity and memory. It inspires readers with rich metaphors and relevant themes and messages that appear in our every day lives.

Ultimately, Mr. Mitchell said, "This is a perfect opportunity for freshman and sophomores to get their first taste of the immortal Bard of Avon. Instead of just reading him on the page, they'll get to see his work brought to life by the talented and enthusiastic AP Lit students!"

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CECE BROWN '21 &
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Editorial Staff

Who is Dominic Rosato? An amazing Seattle Prep math teacher who is pursuing a career in 'Jeopardy!'. The beloved Prep math teacher has decided to pack up and move to Los Angeles to chase his love for the show, 'Jeopardy!'.

Rosato says, "I am an avid watcher and fan of the show and make sure to never miss an episode. I've always dreamt of competing on Jeopardy and I am ecstatic that I've finally been given the chance."

Mina Sakay '21 said "I am just so excited for him to finally pursue this career. After watching all of this 'Jeopardy!' I have no doubt he will be a fantastic host."

It is not surprise that Rosato is making this decision as he has a well-known love for the show. Rosato's students are familiar with his adoration of it, each math class he quizzes his students on the final jeopardy question.

"I understand the value of Jeopardy and how it truly can improve our lives and shape the minds and values of our youth. I want to not only improve their math skills, but their trivia ones as well," Rosato said.

It is suspected that he quizzes his students often on the final 'Jeopardy!' question because he is training them to go on the show, and hopefully be a fellow competitor. This summer Rosato will be training and preparing for the 38th season of the show.

Rosato's dedication to the game show has also rubbed off on his math students at Seattle Prep. Ailbhe Killalea '22, pre-calculus student, said, "After being in Mr. Rosato's class this year, I feel completely prepared to compete on the show. Between learning trig functions, my understanding of architecture, geography, and pop-culture has dramatically improved."

Killalea continued, "the competition present in the classroom closely mirrors the competition on the Jeopardy floor. Its cut-throat in A602, over zoom and in the classroom, students are racing to get the correct answer."

Ken Jennings, a fantastic Jeopardy player, was ecstatic when he heard of Rosato's move to the 323, "I have heard such great things about his 'Jeopardy!' knowledge. I think if I were to play against him, I would have met my match."

Hendricks Retiring to Become a Jeopardy Host

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After 35 years of being a teacher, Mr. Hendricks decided to leave the profession on March 8, 2021. Since the tragic death of Jeopardy host, Alex Trebek, Jeopardy has been searching for a lively, engaging host. Hendricks has decided to fulfill his life-long dream of becoming the new host of the famous game show.

Hendricks said, "I feel like this is always what I have been called to do and I am so grateful for the opportunity to live out my life-long dream."

As a dedicated and loyal fan of Jeopardy, Hendricks feels this occupation is far more fitting than teaching. He explains, "Jeopardy has been a very significant part of my life and I am so excited to continue this journey and make an impact within the Jeopardy community."

Hendricks shares that his favorite part of Jeopardy is knowing the answers. Although he expresses his frustration when the movie and pop music questions exploit his weaknesses, he is eager to improve the Jeopardy questions by adding more European history questions.

He describes, "Jeopardy provides the unique opportunity for me to advance the knowledge of viewers with trivia that will educate the public on history that truly matters."

A Jeopardy host may seem like an odd career choice for Hendricks, but Hendricks disagrees with this. He explained, "Like everything in life, context is everything. Without understanding the extent to which Jeopardy has positively influenced my life, it may appear odd that I would quit teaching to pursue such a unique occupation."

Hendricks shared that his family used to have "Hendricks Family Jeopardy" and he would compete with his siblings at home when he was a kid.

With a unique interest for Jeopardy and such a passion for learning at a young age, what better way to turn that passion into a career than Jeopardy?

Hendricks shared, "Ever since I was a child I was fascinated with trivia and ultimately knowing things. Just knowing lots of things. My mother used to call me a know-it-all, however I prefer intelligent."

Hendrick's colleague, Mr. Rosato, has also recently announced that he will be

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A sneak peek at the new Jeopardy game board designed by departing Collegio teacher Mr. Hendricks.

moving to Los Angeles to compete on Jeopardy. Hendricks expressed his excitement for Rosato and stated, "I'll see him at the podium".

Hendricks has made a remarkable impact on the Seattle Prep community and there are many students and faculty that

have expressed their sadness regarding his departure. Seattle Prep wishes Mr. Hendricks luck on this exciting new chapter of his life and looks forward to watching him on television!

Prep Offers New Window Class on Bread Tasting

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Staff Writer

Ye. Sourdough. Pita. These are some of the few kinds of breads that all students who sign up for the new Prep Window Class "Stay Bread-y" get to try.

It all started from a simple idea by Prep's own French teacher, Madame Mobarek. "Growing up in Paris, I had the opportunity to try many kinds of delicious and fresh French bread," said Mobarek. "Moving to America, I got to try many more diverse types of bread. I would like to provide other students with the same chances that I had through this class," she adds.

Mobarek will teach this class. Her favorite type of bread is brioche, with pain brié coming as a close second.

The clever name was devised from the fact that bread contains many carbohy-

drates, and carbohydrates are the nutrients often used as an energy source in the body that powers the brain and body. In this class, Prep students are prompted to "stay ready" for any situation through the energy that bread's carbohydrates provide.

The first class will commence on April 4th, 2021, with limited space to accommodate only three special Prep students. To get selected for the class by Mobarek, students will have to bake a bread of their choice for her to taste. Students who win Mobarek's vote will earn a spot in the prestigious class.

Senior Bocce Wren is planning to apply for a spot in Mobarek's class with personal own corn bread recipe. "I have always and will always love corn bread. Its taste and texture are immaculate, and I hope that Madame can see that with my baking

skills," she said.

Wren's love for bread stems from her first memory of a Costco trip. "They offered the croissants at a sample station, and since then, I've always had a special place in my heart for some good bread. If I get in, I hope that this class gives me an increased knowledge on the wonderful creation," she said.

Sophomore Gon Zoldyck is another Prep student vying for a spot in the Window class. He plans on entering with a family focaccia recipe. "The thing about focaccia is that it's so versatile. It can accompany a soup or a salad, it can be a sandwich bread, it can be served plain or with toppings—not to mention it tastes great."

His passion for bread began at a trip to Italy with his family in his youth. "I tried so many delicious kinds from ciabatta

to coppia ferrarese. Since then, I knew that this was my favorite kind of baked good and that I want to keep exploring it in as many ways as I can."

The class will solely involve tasting bread from all around the world. The breads that will be tasted are sustainably sourced, imported from the most unique places in the world, and are baked by the most renowned bread makers in the milky way galaxy. Peeta Mellark's burnt nut and raisin bread from District 12 and bread made from the infamous Little Red Hen are just some of these choices.

These breads will give the selected students the right amount of carbs to stay "bread-y." Students who would like to sign up for the audition process must submit their favorite kind of bread to seapreppanther.org to receive more information.

Seattle Prep's Smith Cafe Opens Restaurant Nearby Serving School Lunch Favorites

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Whether it's the turkey chipotle sandwich, the burrito bowls, or the cookies, Seattle Prep students all have their favorite school lunch items. But what if those favorites were available all year long? Now they are! The Seattle Prep Smith Family Café is opening a restaurant/café in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood where they will be serving all the school lunch favorites along with new additions.

During normal school times, the Smith Café staff provides breakfast options in the morning as well as lunch options and after-school coffee. The lunch options consist of a hot lunch that changes from day to day, a pasta bar or burrito bowl bar that alternates each week, a daily salad bar, as well as a plethora of sandwiches, salads, drinks, snacks, treats, and more. However, due to COVID, the cafeteria staff has limited their options to pre-ordered lunches for students but plan to offer more items as restrictions

loosen. In the meantime, they have been able to plan their expansion into the restaurant business.

Executive Chef, Kenyetta Carter, is ecstatic about the development she and her team have been working on. One can imagine that balancing both works for Prep and the new restaurant has been tricky, but with additions to her team and support from Prep, this dream has become a reality.

Carter said, "I have wanted to take this step for a while now, and with the break from cafeteria service during the school shut down in 2020, I have been able to devote a lot of my time to planning out the menu, securing a location, and other logistics."

Carter is proud to have been able to find her niche in the food industry with her new restaurant. The Smith Family Café will serve school lunch on-the-go meals like sandwiches and salads as well as sit-down

meals like pasta and specialty dishes to appeal to all different kinds of people. She has gotten inspiration for this form of restaurant from the students she meets at Prep. Carter said, "The Prep students inspire me to work hard as well as make sure to take time to enjoy myself. School lunch looks different for all of them. I see some students scrambling to catch up or get ahead on homework, while others release their stress by talking with

their friends. I wanted to be able to appeal to all different types of people at the restaurant.

It is not just the cafeteria staff who are excited about this development, students have also expressed their excitement for being able to get their favorite lunch items. Mia Meighan '21 is a huge fan of the Smith café bagels. She said, "I have been missing them for the past year. I cannot wait to be able to get them from the new café and support their new business."

The Prep administration as well as Carter and her cafeteria staff assure loyal Prep cafeteria customers that food service will not wane with this new addition. The new Smith family Café Restaurant is opening this summer so they can get the hang of things before adding in Prep cafeteria service in the fall. "We look forward to seeing Prep students this summer at the new Smith Family Café restaurant!" said Carter.

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Kenyetta Carter

Spring Forward: Start Time Falls Back

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Set your alarm clocks, Panthers! Seattle Prep has decided to move its start time up from 8:10 am to 7:10 am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Wednesdays will remain asynchronous, and therefore, will not be affected. As a result, Blocks A4 and B8 will conclude at 2:00 pm, allowing window classes to be extended 20 minutes. This change will occur beginning April 1st.

Why? A combination of increased daylight, traffic difficulties, and an expanded spring sports roster has caused Prep to adjust the times. Shuttle bus pick-ups will also be modified to accommodate the

changes.

Head of Schedules and Organization at Prep, Diane Miller, explained, "The current schedule was always intended to be temporary. When the pandemic is over, Prep would like to return to normal, which includes the original start time. The school has adjusted for the current situation but switching back will help students adapt now." Miller continued, saying, "As circumstances change, adjustments must be made. Now that we're back at fifty percent, and sports are in full swing, students can really use the extra time."

The announcement has caused mixed feelings among staff and students, many declaring it unfair, while others ex-

press understanding and even excitement.

Aiden Wilson '22 shared his thoughts: "It'll be kinda bad having to get up so early for school, but I will definitely have an easier time beating traffic on my way home, and this will give me a little more time after school before my extracurriculars start."

Senior Kaeden James had a different opinion, sharing, "I had a hard time waking up before, this is going to be impossible. I would rather have 30 more minutes of sleep than a little extra time at the end of the day. This whole thing doesn't do much for me."

The decision may surprise some, considering doctors recommend teenagers

sleep for at least 8 hours every night and this change may affect their ability to do so. Miller defended the decision, "If students manage their time well, they should be able to go to bed by 9:30 and get the appropriate amount of sleep."

James responded, "Even if I have perfect time management, between extra curriculars, clubs, meals, and all of my homework, there is absolutely no way I'll be able to get to bed by 9:30. I barely get enough sleep as it is. Also, when am I supposed to watch Netflix or play Xbox?"

Despite the conflicting opinions, Prep has decided to move forward with the decision until further notice. Miller again bolstered the school's plan with her concluding opinion on the situation: "I have no doubt that in a week's time, students won't even notice the change."

For better or worse, school will begin at 7:10 am, starting April 1st. Will the early bird get the worm? Or will it be too tired to put up a fight?

Prep Welcomes Another Panther Cub

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Prep has a huge surprise! After receiving a black Panther "Ignacio" from Argentina earlier this year, the administration has adopted another male baby black panther from Woodland Park Zoo's newest litter. Due to Ignacio's mischievousness and aggressive nature, Prep is confident that this new cub will be a more positive influence throughout the school community. It is hoped that this panther will bring the students and faculty together during these unsettling times.

This furry friend of an unspecified species is highly endangered in the wild. Prep recognized this great issue and decided to take action to protect panthers here in Seattle, Washington, far away from their original home in the jungles of Central America.

Since black panthers are not a species but a classification of a color variant of any type of large cat, Prep's baby panther had siblings who did not possess the same pitch-black coat as he does. Woodland Park zookeepers have stated that the Prep baby black panther was one of the most "head-strong, competitive" cubs they've ever had, and even claimed that he has been shooting balls into hoops, swimming in kiddie pools,

and tackled other panthers at a much more advanced level than his siblings.

Unlike Ignacio, who calls the JUG room his home, the baby panther will be housed in the Rudolph Field throughout the day and will sleep in the gym at night. "We are so excited to have a living and breathing mascot at Prep," said a Prep teacher excitedly, "we can't wait for all the students to meet him."

This decision was made through years of secret planning. The Prep administration has voiced their desire of having a live mascot on campus to always be a little better than the rival Catholic school up north. A student, who asked to remain anonymous claimed, "I know I'm not supposed to name the school...But how can you attempt to be better than us when your school mascot isn't even a real animal?"

The Prep Alumni Service Corps will be accepting donations of raw meat, toys, and special playsets that can remind the cub of his roots in the Amazon. Professional trainers will be on campus over the summer to train the panther so that it can be safely introduced to students this coming fall.

Send in your name suggestions for the cub through Prep's official Instagram: @seapreppanthers

"We are so excited to have a living and breathing mascot at Prep"

- Prep Teacher



Photo: "Adventurous baby" by Tambako the Jaguar is licensed under CC The new baby panther cub emerges from the gym to play on Rudolph Field.



Photo: HANNAH DEGROOT

The cast of the new iCarly reboot which is set on the campus of Seattle Prep. Stars Miranda Cosgrove and Nathan Kress have been spotted in and around campus over the last several weeks.

Seattle Prep New Filming Location For iCarly Reboot

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It's time to break out in some random dancing because iCarly is coming to Seattle Prep! The reboot of the show beginning filming in late 2021 will now be featuring Seattle Prep as the new Ridgeway High.

How did the school get chosen to be on a major television production? Well, here is the story. At first, the producers saw the beautiful Prep campus and asked if they could come film a test episode. It was between Prep and a few other schools, but they went with the best choice. None of the students knew anything about this because they shot it during one of the asynchronous days. *The Panther* only heard about this from our students-athletes on their way to practice. That's the real reason we don't have school on Wednesdays.

Gabby Betzer '23 said, "I was wondering why we have asynchronous days. But now I know!"

After shooting a test pilot, they producers of iCarly fell in love with the school, and decided that Prep was the best option. The Seattle Prep campus will now be featured on national television.

The show has reached out to The Panther and informed us that they will start

filming episodes during the school day.

Every day, all your favorite iCarly stars such as Miranda Cosgrove or Nathan Kress will come to Prep to film. Students might be in the background of a few shots and pursue that acting career you know you always wanted.

Anna Roberts '23 exclaimed, "I cannot wait to start my acting career, and this will be the perfect opportunity to do so!" With the reboot being filmed while students are at school, that means there might be a few, small changes happening at Prep. Instead of Swivls, Prep will now be paying the production crew of the iCarly reboot to shoot all our classes in vlog-style. Now your fellow classmates can see you in 4k from Zoom!

Seattle Prep will also be mandating random dancing breaks every half hour, and teachers have to do it too. The biggest change to come is that every week, one student will be chosen to be in the reboot. Now students can get their 25 minutes of fame on national television, but sorry, there is no compensation for their time.

Be careful on your way to Collegio or you might run into Carly Shay!