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Seattle Prep Discontinues Fried Chicken: Student Hopes and Dreams Crumble Along with Crispy Coating

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The entire Seattle Prep student body can agree, the best lunch meal is fried chicken, or should we say was. In a shocking turn of events that rocked the educational world, Seattle Prep announced that it will be officially discontinuing its famously beloved fried chicken. This move has sent shockwaves through students, leaving them bewildered, betrayed, and—let's face it—hungry.

When the lunch forecast had fried chicken on the menu, everyone knew it. Whether it was the line halfway out the door before class ends, or the stampede of footsteps down the stairwell, anyone on their way to fried chicken was a force to be reckoned with. Hence the reason this delectable food was discontinued.

The race to fried chicken was considered by many faculty members to be reckless and dangerous. Students would sprint

through the halls, push fellow classmates down staircases, and barrel through the cafeteria in hopes to try the beloved lunch food. Because of these dangers, the school made the difficult decision to end fried chicken service.

However, many students are coming to tears over this heartbreaking decision, "It's like they ripped out my soul and put tofu in its place," exclaimed Marin Flocchini '28 known for her 'extra crispy' devotion to fried chicken said. "What am I supposed to dip in the sauce now? A cucumber?"

"Why bother coming to school? Fried Chicken was my only motivation" another student cried.

Despite numerous efforts to bring it back, the school remains firm in its decision to eliminate the golden, crunchy masterpiece from the menu. "Fried chicken is just a symbol of the past," said an anonymous cafeteria staff member "We need to evolve. The future is healthy."

While some parents have praised this

decision, others have joined the rebellion. "My son's grades have plummeted since they canceled fried chicken," said an anonymous parent. "He was a straight-A student when he could get that crispy chicken but now, he's failing math because he's too busy daydreaming about it. Who knew fried chicken was the key to academic success?"

As tensions rise, experts predict the school could see a massive drop in attendance next week, as students might simply boycott cafeteria meals altogether. They are expected to seek refuge in nearby restaurants or the in the commons and, hopefully, find some beloved fried chicken that still remains plentiful elsewhere.

In the meantime, Seattle Prep is offering counseling services to help students cope with this unprecedented culinary loss. But will that help them heal? Only time—and possibly a bucket of fried chicken—will tell.

Richardson-Vincenzo Feud Reaches Fever Pitch

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A simmering feud spanning a decade, the mutual hatred between Prep teachers, Micah Richardson and Jill Vincenzo, is finally coming to light in this tell all story.

English Department Chair Jill Vincenzo first arrived at Prep in 2015 after previously teaching at Saint George School. The root of the feud started soon after.

She said, "All of the teachers were super friendly except for Micah. We were walking into Ignatius when I dropped some English papers, and he didn't even offer to help pick them up. I never forgot."

However, according to Richardson, Vincenzo's account of the feud's beginning isn't truthful.

Richardson shared his side of the story, "That's not what happened. I was in the teacher office space and my lunch wasn't in the fridge. Then I saw Jill eating a slice of the fig and prosciutto pizza I had packed. I've held a grudge against her ever since."

In the following years, Richardson and Vincenzo were forced to teach Xavier Collegio together. Prep's administration hoped the adversaries would sort out their differences through teamwork, communication, and mutual understanding. Despite high hopes, the admin's plan backfired and



Photo: Mason Beckett

Mr. Richardson furiously knocks papers from Mrs. Vincenzo's hands in another unprovoked attack.

soured Richardson and Vincenzo's relationship even more. Every day, freshmen reported Richardson and Vincenzo's screaming matches that were heard throughout Ignatius Hall.

Richardson said, "It was the worst time of my life. I used to love teaching history, but Jill made me hate Collegio. She criticized everything about how I taught. I've never been happier than when I heard weren't teaching together anymore."

"He was such a goober!" Vincenzo said, "Micah would always shoot spitballs

at me and slap papers I was carrying onto the ground. He was your stereotypical high school bully."

Recently, the Richardson-Vincenzo Feud took an unexpected turn as both teachers were spotted at Prep's counseling office together. Reportedly, an undisclosed counselor was seen cowering behind a desk as Richardson and Vincenzo hurled office supplies at each other.

It is safe to say that this Prep feud isn't going away anytime soon.

Students Get Wake-Up Call with End of Late Start Days

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Forget the snooze button because Seattle Prep's Late Start mornings have been cancelled. The beloved Late Start is out, replaced by a surprising Early Release, leaving students and teachers alike scrambling to adjust their mid-week routines.

In an email to parents last week, the Seattle Prep Academics Office announced that 9:30 AM Late Starts are gone. Starting next week, on Wednesday April 9th, a new schedule will be used. Students will be released from classes at 1:40 PM, following a day of 75-minute classes and 5-minute passing periods.

To quote the email: "We cannot un-

dervalue the importance of Vitamin D for our students. We hope the newfound Early Releases will allow students to spend more time outside and tanning in the afternoon. Increased Vitamin D exposure has proven to increase productivity, which will in turn support student's academic success."

This announcement comes as late start-related tardies have been on the rise. Several Prep teachers have noticed students coming late to class with their Starbucks drinks and administrators are growing concerned about the effect on the profitability of food sales in commons and the cafeteria.

For many students, the Early Release schedule is discouraging, "OMG, this is so annoying, what am I supposed to do before my 3:00 violin lessons?" Audrey Sais '26 complained.

Math Teacher Ms. Sassi feels different-

ly; "I am so pumped because I will finally be able to make it to my hot yoga class on Wednesday afternoons.

The Early Release schedule is designed similarly to the Late Start schedule; the time that students are on campus remains the same. However, students will have more time between the end of classes and after school activities to complete assignments and meet with teachers. This way, students will be able to maximize time at home to get more sleep and family time.

So, Prep says goodbye to late mornings, hello early afternoons. May the newfound free time be filled with productive homework sessions, or at least, a good nap.

Hendricks Makes History as TikTok's New Favorite Influencer

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From pop quizzes to pop culture, who knew the once feared but beloved Dean of Students and history teacher, Mr. Hendricks, had officially become an influencer? After his sock puppet reenactment of the Battle of the Marne went viral, receiving over 10 million views and earning him 100,000 new followers overnight, he'll forever be in TikTok's history books.

"I made videos hoping to rally my sophomore Collegio," Hendricks admitted. "I was trying to make trench warfare more engaging, and it turns out my students and the internet love historically accurate sock puppets."

Hendricks is well known for his sarcastic nature, so when he told his students about his TikTok account, @HendricksHistory, it was met with the same enthusiasm as his legendary pop quizzes. His account features dramatic war reenactments and historically themed rap battles, with the main character being his tie-dye Olympic Week socks. Recently, his musical based on

the Battle of the Somme, now known as the Battle of the Sock, has Seattle Prep students saying they have "actually learned something".

While the sudden surge of attention is exciting, Hendricks remains a humble history teacher, "I'm just here to share my passion with my students, and if that means embarrassing myself on the internet, then so be it."

Reported brand deals have been flooding Hendricks's inbox, leaving students wondering if this will change the future of Prep's learning style. One senior joked, "If we start getting graded on sock puppets, I might actually have a shot at valedictorian!"

One major questions remain: Will Hendricks pursue his full-time career as a TikTok history comedian? Yet he insists, "I'll always be a teacher first, but I'm no longer available during Window. I need to make 'Big Bertha' out of popsicle sticks for tomorrow's video."

Students at Seattle Prep have never looked forward to Collegio more, which

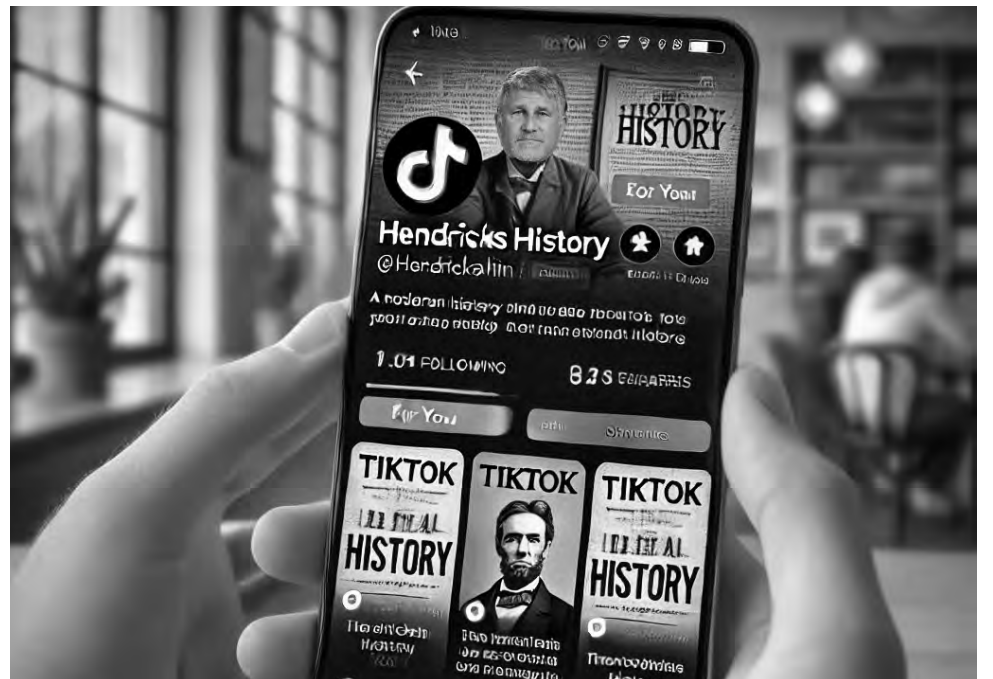


Photo: FAITH ADAMS

A student viewing Mr. Hendricks TikTok page during Collegio.

is saying something. Whether he's shaping young minds in the classroom or cracking

jokes on social media, Mr. Hendricks is making history on more platforms than just one.

Step Into the Future: Seattle Prep First School to Go Virtual

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Attention all Prep Panthers! Starting April 1, 2025, Seattle Prep will permanently transition to school in Virtual Reality (VR). As part of Prep's mission to "provide our students with a transformative education," Prep believes that this change to school in VR will continue to empower students and give them the opportunity to dive into immersive educational experiences that will transform the way they learn.

The transition is not just about adding new technology; it's about enhanc-

ing a student's learning experience. With VR, classes will become more engaging and interactive, giving students a chance to explore and experiment in ways that textbooks and traditional classroom activities can't match. Get ready to explore Versailles while learning about the French Revolution, or stroll through Ancient Greece while studying the unique architecture!

Prep expects this transition to be very beneficial for both students and staff. "Seattle Prep has always been committed to innovation in education, so this transition to VR will be a big step towards to future," Dean of Students Mr. Hendricks said. He

believes that embracing VR will open a door to new and dynamic learning opportunities for both students and staff.

In preparation for the shift, each student and teacher will get a state-of-the-art VR headset just like how each Prep student has a surface. Each student will also receive training sessions, so the transition is smoother. While classes will take place with the headsets in virtual spaces, they still have opportunities for in-person activities. These activities include extracurriculars and social events to keep the strong bond of community that defines Seattle Prep. "We believe that immersive learning will not only enhance

academic engagement but also foster creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking in ways we never thought were possible" Hendricks said.

The transition is not just about new technology but to redefine the way each student will experience school and their own education.

This transition is the beginning of a new era in education, blending new innovations with Seattle Prep's commitment to academic excellence and success. So, Panthers, are you ready to step into a whole new world of learning?

New Larger Keycards Seek to Reduce Loss, Cost

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April is typically a time of continuity, with students getting into the swing of sports and second semester. However, this April, change is coming.

Beginning next week, April 7th, students who lose their keycard will have them replaced with new, larger keycards. The compact existing 2 x 3½ inch keycards will be phased out for gigantic 28 x 22 inch keycards.

Mr. Hendricks, sophomore Collegio teacher and Dean of Students, claims this change will incentivize students to keep track of their keycards. And for those who end up losing the card?

"I believe the new cards are much more practical," Hendricks said. "They are about the size of your surface: when was the last time you lost your surface?"

Additionally, the move will lower costs for both students and administration, owing to the smaller number of lost keycards for the school to replace.

"Words mean things," added Hendricks. "And lost keycards mean costs."

Kieth Kard, often seen surveilling the plaza from the top of McDonnell, is the Head of Student Safety. Mr. Kard claims that the changes will make the campus safer

in the unlikely event of an emergency.

"Students will no longer have to fumble around, looking for keycards in a time of panic," said Kard. "After all, it is crucial for students to retrieve their backpacks in the event of an emergency."

Kard was recently fired from his position as Head of Student Safety.

A student, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that they are excited about the upcoming changes. According

to the student, the significantly heavier keycard can improve fitness and muscle mass.

"Every time I open the door, it's like doing a bicep curl," said the student. "I have to get my reps in somehow. Plus, it makes my backpack a ton heavier, so my shoulders are always getting exercise."

Any students who wish to replace their dated key-

cards with the latest and greatest can fill out a JotForm, which be sent out next week by Hendricks. A small fee will be charged to student accounts.

"I am confident that these changes will benefit all students at Prep," claimed Hendricks. "Students can use this visible change as a reminder to keep track of their belongings."

"Words mean things. And lost keycards mean costs"

-Mr. Hendricks



Photo: TUCKER PUNKE

Paige Remington '27 struggles to scan the new gigantic keycard, while entering Ignatius Hall.

Unveiling Kairos' Most Well Kept Secrets

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This past winter marked the 68th anniversary of the Seattle Prep Kairos retreat. On Thursday February 13th, the students traveled deep into Eastern Washington. The students were on the bus for around eight hours and spent about three hours at various rest-stations, highlighting the importance of patience and that all good things come to those who wait. "I was definitely uncomfortable and very tired too and we had NO idea where they were taking us" Megan Lauinger '26 said.

After a long day of travel, students were offloaded to a remote forested area,

which they later learned was called Wildlife Campgrounds, and impatiently waited for the small groups to be revealed. The small groups were divided in a similar way as the sorting hat in Harry Potter, students went up one by one and the rector would pull from a hat the face of one of the leaders, who would be that person's small group leader for the duration of the retreat. After an hour, once everyone had been sorted into groups, they quickly set up their camp for the night as it was getting dark. "I was a little bit scared for my safety, but I had faith in the process", Beckett Larrance '26 said when recounting the first few hours of his Kairos experience.

The students were challenged to figure out how to configure their sleeping arrangements as they were given nothing but

an outdoor campground to work with. The goal of this surprise was to allow students to connect with the natural world and environment around them. The first night proved to be the most challenging as the students had the misfortune of dealing with a snowstorm and struggled to build a fire to keep warm. This was the first of the many group challenges these juniors would face.

The next morning the students were awoken by a scream coming from one of the nearby campsites from a student who had just woken up face-to-face to a coyote. "I honestly didn't know what to do - I was literally face to face with death" Lauinger explained when trying to recount her near death experience with the mammal.

After the brutal awakening, the other campers gathered the supplies for breakfast.

Now the meals on Kairos were something else... the students were only served one homemade meal a day and were required to pack cooking supplies, such as portable stoves, gasoline and coolers, as each group was required to cook one meal for the entire camp on a designated day. Unfortunately, for the entirety of Kairos 68, one small group completely forgot to bring food so they were forced to go hunt in order to complete their required task of cooking lunch for the larger group. "When I was served the meal by group Evergreen I think I vomited just because of the smell of the meal, I think it's safe to say no one ate that day..." Larrance '26 explained, painfully remembering the awful raccoon filet he was served.

Next, the students would all participate in a polar plunge at the nearby lake. This was one of the many physical challenges that students were forced to overcome together at Kairos, in hopes that this would teach the students the reward that physical pain has when endured in community. As no

one was aware of having to go into a freezing lake the students hadn't brought swimsuits and instead went in fully clothed.

One student explained, "I had never done a polar plunge before, and I could not feel my entire body, I swear I was going hyperthermic. On top of that all the guys started competing on who could stay in the longest and even though I stayed twenty minutes one guy stayed in for over an hour!"

This physical challenge taught the students that they could do things that their minds didn't think were possible. Every day onward the students were encouraged to do this polar plunge and each day all the students came together to complete the challenge at hand despite the difficulty of the task (though after the first day they were asked to not exceed fifteen minutes in the lake, for safety reasons). As the hygiene facilities were practically nonexistent at the camp, besides pit toilets, the polar plunge was how student rinsed off every day to remain squeaky clean.

"I don't know what I was expecting but it definitely wasn't this, I feel like I'm taking part in a Netflix Reality Survival show!" Lauinger said when summing up her Kairos experience.

Though some of the secrets are revealed in this article there are a few that will remain undisclosed for readers to leave some anticipation for their junior year Kairos! Though every Kairos is different it is important to enter the Kairos experience with an open mind as one never knows what unexpected surprises may be encountered on this once in a lifetime retreat.

"Remember to pack cooking supplies (unless you want to be served grilled raccoon), and sleep with one eye open to avoid getting mauled by a coyote, and last but certainly not least - HAVE FUN!", Larrance said.

A New Take on Active Learning: Treadmill Desks Replace Classroom Desks



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A model of the treadmill desk that Seattle Prep will be using.

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It is time to get sweaty in Collegio! Seattle Prep is taking a bold step forward by replacing all traditional desks with state-of-the-art treadmill desks. Seattle Prep values cardio. As HEX teachers always say, "Walking is for the weak!"

This groundbreaking move by the HEX department introduces a more dynamic, calorie-burning, and cardio-friendly approach to education. Studies show that light exercise or activity while learning improves brain function and helps the mind retain information. At a moderate pace and incline, students will burn about 800 calories during the average class period of 85 minutes. Working out throughout the whole school day provides an opportunity to grow stronger physically, and mentally.

Prep students are busy, constantly tasked with homework, studying, and extracurriculars when not at school. Now, fitness is seamlessly built into the school day. Treadmilling during class is an efficient way to fit in that extra exercise needed to maintain a healthy, well-rounded lifestyle. When asked about this new improvement, an anonymous senior claimed, "These new desks sound very motivating. I get an extra workout, and I will be more focused in

class."

It has been proven that stress levels and brain fog decrease with the use of these types of desks. Gone are the days of sluggish mornings and post-lunch drowsiness. With treadmill desks, students will stay alert, energized, and mildly out of breath at all times. Don't worry, with all that reading you will hardly feel the burn.

With this slight improvement, there is no doubt that Prep will proudly be the fittest school in the city. For those worried about coordination, don't fret, Seattle Prep will offer a mandatory treadmill proficiency course to help students master the fine art of writing essays while walking uphill. It is an essential life skill, after all. Additionally, this in-class training is great practice for Prep's first annual school marathon, a required fun run taking place on the last day of school, prior to finals. Students will complete a 13.1-mile route through Capitol Hill, ensuring that they are not only academically but physically prepared for the challenges ahead.

Seattle Prep continues to push the boundaries of academic excellence and physical endurance. Who knows? If the treadmill desk program is a success, elliptical group projects and stationary bike Socratic seminars could be next.

Seattle Prep Expands Collegio System for the First Time in 50 Years

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Seattle Prep has a long-upheld tradition of four collegio class per grade, fostering comradery within the Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior classes. The current Freshman collegios include Bellarmine, Xavier, Gonzaga, and Loyola. The Sophomore collegios are Jogues, Juana, Marquette, and Regis. And the current Junior collegios are Rahner, Teilhard, Hopkins, and Kostka

But what if that was going to change? Well, starting in Fall of 2025, Prep will be introducing a fifth collegio to each grade, marking the first expansion of the collegio system in nearly 50 years.

This addition is expected to bring smaller classes, new traditions, fresh energy, and opportunities for students to engage more with classmates and teachers. "This expansion will allow students to form even deeper connections while continuing to strengthen the academic excellence that Collegio provides," English Department Chair Mrs. Vincenzo said.

While details on the name of the new collegios are still being kept secret, school administrators, teachers, and student leaders are already preparing for this new transition.

Another exciting change is that Collegios will rotate between different classrooms and teachers with each unit. This change was inspired by the success of the new Senior Capstone formatting.

This shift is designed to keep students engaged and expose them to a broader range of teaching styles and different perspectives. "With Collegios moving each unit, it will help gain fresh insights and develop stronger adaptability, making learning an even more dynamic experience," Collegio teacher Ms. Slack said.

Students and alumni alike are buzzing with curiosity and anticipation about the new Collegio's impact on Prep's culture. Will it adopt a name honoring another Jesuit figure? Will all the collegio names change marking a new system? What new traditions and dynamics will the fifth collegio bring to Prep's already spirited and close-knit community?

Faculty and student leaders are working to ensure a smooth transition, balancing the school's deep-rooted traditions with this bold step forward. With the addition of three new collegios, school events like Olympic Week and other spirit competitions are set to become even more dynamic, fostering new connections and strengthening the Prep community in fresh and exciting new ways.

As of right now, the Seattle Prep administration is set to announce the three new names on April 1st, 2025. The Prep community will not have any clues on the names or who they will be named after. Until the official announcement, speculation will continue, but no hints or previews will be provided by the administration.

Where Fitness Meets Fury: The Merlino Weight Room's Bold New Concept

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After hundreds of recommendations, Seattle Prep's new Merlino weight room will be turned into a rage room, specifically a screaming room. With Seattle Prep's rigorous and competitive environment, the administration has decided a rage room will be an appropriate solution for students to release their strong emotions. Some skeptics claim that transforming the center misuses the new space, but Emerson King, '26 has another opinion. King said, "Forget getting big, I need to release the rage from within."

The rage room will be equipped with various types of hammers for the students to smash old televisions, tables, and bottles. The room will have appropriate safety equipment, and waivers for each student to sign. The rage room was tested during finals week in January and proved to be a wild success. There was one minor issue after a particularly hard final when "...peo-

ple's tears caused them to drop hammers, resulting in one broken toe" Clara Henzke '25 said.

However, the issue was addressed when the hammers were lined with non-slip tape and a dosage of Advil for the student.

Besides "...only two months of physical therapy" according to Sam May '26, whose toe was broken in the incident. The test of the rage room was a success.

Despite many overwhelmingly positive stories like these, there are still critics for the rage room. Members of the football have taken the project especially hard. Junior Callum Skillestad said the whole project is "...dumb and makes me mad."

King angrily responded, "If it makes you mad then you can be mad in the room!"

In spite of contrasting opinions, Seattle Prep's rage room is here to stay. The rage room welcomes a new era of Prep. A peaceful era.



Photo: "Rage Room" by G2 Esports is licensed under CC BY 3.0. A student gets out some pre-finals frustrations in the Seattle Prep Rage Room which will replace the weight room in the Merlino Center.

Prep Navigates Controversy After Hendricks Buys Live Panther for Olympic Week

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"Cruel and Unacceptable", these are some words said about Seattle Prep after a tweet exposing Hendricks released by the organization, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, (aka PETA) was posted on X last week. The tweet included paperwork showing Hendricks bought a live panther from a fur trapper. The panther, an endangered animal, was then sedated and smuggled to an undisclosed location where it would board a ship to Seattle. Right before the ship left, a man spotted fur in the carton and demanded to open the carton. In a video captured by International Naval Customs Authorities and released via PETA's tweet, as they opened the carton they were in shock to find a sleeping panther.

Immediately, the panther was transported to a local zoo, where it is currently being treated, but confusion and anger lingered in the customs officers who found the animal. The zookeeper who is treating the panther, said in a statement, "It was clear the panther was sick, and that we needed to report this incident to PETA", then soon after they found out the reason for the panther being shipped to Seattle-- for something called... Olympic Week?

In a Tweet that quickly went viral, PETA said, "For a measly \$1000 dol-

lars, the Dean of Seattle Preparatory School bought the animal for a circus performance at the end of their annual Olympic Week, where the panther would perform tricks at the school during the closing ceremony. This man is named Mr. Hendricks".

Now PETA activists are mass emailing the school, Hendricks is #1 in trending tweets on X, and people are calling for Prep to apologize. With the spotlight on the school, everyone is feeling the now famous, controversy, and Prep students are conflicted about what to think.

Junior Audrey Trinen expressed her thoughts on the situation, "First I was shocked that PETA exposed Prep, but now I'm just upset that I can't witness a Panther riding a tricycle in the gym".

Another Junior, Victoria Hatfield said, "I found out on TikTok and to be honest, I don't think people should be attacking Hendricks because why were fur trappers selling Panthers?"

Prep released a statement claiming innocence in the situation, denying the PETA allegations, and have offered donations to the zoo where the panther is being treated. As the future remains uncertain, to avoid further controversy, and the insensitivity of using a panther to represent the school, Seattle Prep's administration has decided to change Prep's mascot to a... pine tree! Go Leaves!

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This month on the Pawdcast, Mason Beckett '27 and Diego Perez '27 have booked a bevy of high profile guests. Scan the QR code to listen or find them wherever you get your podcasts. You won't want to miss out on this very special episode.



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Join us for the revamped Seattle Prep Cheer Team. Show off your skills and spirit to become part of our dynamic team.

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AI Allowed in Sophomore Model UN

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UN season is back again. Sophomores are already hard at work researching their countries and compiling their data. UN is a stressful experience for most sophomores. To combat the growing stress, Sophomore Collegio Teachers have agreed to allow usage of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in UN.

AI in schools has often been portrayed as negative and unethical, but it can be a wonderful tool to use so students can minimize the amount of time they spend on a project and the amount of stress they have.

AI will be allowed for use throughout the entire UN process. It can be used to find sources, information, create notecards, write essays, and speeches.

This comes as a surprising change for the sophomore class as UN has been historically anti-AI in the classroom. Dean of Students and Collegio Teacher Mr. Hendricks notes the rule change with a change of attitude towards AI involvement in schools. "Times are a changing," Hendricks said "it's time that we adapt to what students want and need."

The AI shift is a welcome change for sophomores who are already feeling the stress of preparing for UN. It is a very ex-

citing change to the UN process and sophomores are already starting to take advantage of this opportunity.

"I love AI," Ruth Aedeo '27 said. "It takes off a lot of the stress to find sources and combine information together. It definitely makes the process much faster."

"AI is very accurate," Hendricks said to those who doubt the accuracy of the information generated. "It is very trustworthy."

Hendricks also wanted to clarify that the AI usage in UN does not interfere with school policy surrounding AI.

"Using AI doesn't break academic integrity. It is an extension of the students'

ideas" Hendricks said.

However, this leaves a sour taste in juniors' mouths as the change comes a year after their own UN season. Many are feeling upset that they did all the writing and research on their own while this year's sophomores get to take a back seat and let the AI do the talking.

"I'm definitely mad," Kaitlin Moran '28 said. "Why do they deserve it? It just isn't fair!"

This shift to using AI will make this year's UN even better and the most exciting and stress free one to date.

Teacher Spotlight: The Wonderful Mrs. Grevel

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For 25 years, Seattle Prep's very own Mrs. Grevel has been molding young artists, quite literally through her pottery classes. Known for her expert craftsmanship and unconventional teaching style, Grevel has inspired generations of students to embrace the art of ceramics. But there's one thing that sets her apart from other faculty members: she hasn't spoken to a student in over 20 years.

"I have loved pottery since I was a little girl, and becoming a pottery teacher is a dream come true," Grevel shared through a carefully crafted series of hand gestures and interpretive eyebrow movements. Her passion for pottery has been unwavering since day one, and she hopes to instill that same enthusiasm in her students. Silently, of course.

Grevel's unique communication style stems from an infamous 2004 incident, now referred to by longtime faculty as "The Spin Cycle." According to reports, a particularly small freshman was accidentally

"She just pointed at a map and then at the clay"
-Taylor Lee '27

placed on Grevel's pottery wheel and spun at high speeds in what she later described as a "misguided yet well-intentioned teaching moment." The student, though unharmed, was quoted as saying, "She was trying to show us how much weight the wheel could take, but then just started to spin me."

Following the incident, school administrators determined that the best course of action was a total ban on Grevel speaking directly to students. However, she has taken the adjustment in stride. "Teaching pottery without words isn't as hard as people think," she conveyed via a strategically raised eyebrow and a series of carefully placed pots. "Plus, no lectures means no one ever gets JUG from me."

Despite her silence, students appreciate her class as a much-needed break in their schedules. "Honestly, it's the perfect time to decompress," one sophomore, Taylor Lee '27 shared. "And since she can't talk, she also can't assign homework. So, win-win."

Grevel remains dedicated to her craft and continues to inspire students in new and unconventional ways. Her sopho-



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Staff Yearbook Photo of Mrs. Grevel. Grevel has taught pottery at Seattle Prep for 25 years.

more classes even incorporate pottery styles from their assigned Model UN countries, merging art with global studies. "Last week, I think we were making Japanese Raku bowls... or maybe Greek amphoras? Hard to tell. She just pointed at a map and then at

the clay" shared Lee.

As for the freshman who started it all? Sources say he went on to join the Prep track team, citing an uncanny ability to "handle high-speed rotations."

New AI Teacher for AP Psychology

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Staff Writer

Seattle Prep is excited to announce a ground-breaking new addition to the academic team: a robot AP Psychology teacher! This cutting-edge AI—named Dr. Brainiac—is set to transform the way we understand and teach psychology, offering innovative and personalized learning experiences to all students.

Designed to teach human nature—one of the most complex and fascinating subjects—Dr. Brainiac uses advanced machine learning and emotional intelligence algorithms to create a dynamic and personalized learning experience. The AI customizes lessons by recognizing individual learning paces, providing tailored feedback,

and adjusting its approach based on whether students are struggling or excelling. "AP Psych can be fast-paced, but Dr. Brainiac is designed to keep up with every student, no matter their level," Dr. Kipp, a science teacher at Seattle Prep said. "It's the kind of support we've all been waiting for in the classroom."

Whether through interactive scenarios, quizzes, or real-time analysis, Dr. Brainiac adapts to each student's progress, ensuring no one is left behind while keeping everyone engaged at their own pace.

"It's the kind of support we've all been waiting for in the classroom"

-Dr. Kipp

What truly sets Dr. Brainiac apart is its emotional intelligence. Though not human, the AI utilizes advanced natural language processing to recognize a student's voice, expressions, and responses, adjusting its tone and approach accordingly. "Honestly, I'm half-expecting Dr. Brainiac to start giving motivational speeches in the middle of class," Mr. Behrman, another science teacher at the school joked. "It's incredible how it can pick up on a student's mood and adjust its tone so quickly!"

This emotional responsiveness helps students feel heard and supported, creating an environment where they can thrive as they explore psychological concepts.

While Dr. Brainiac may be a machine, it offers a neutral, unbiased perspective that helps students better understand psychological theories and real-world applications. This approach avoids the potential biases a human teacher might unknowingly introduce, allowing for a clearer, more objective exploration of the material.

Seattle Prep takes pride in leading the way in educational innovation, and all are eager to observe how this new robotic instructor will improve our students' comprehension of psychology.

Gold Deposit Found Beneath Prep Plaza Sends Students and Faculty Into Frenzy

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Visual Editor

"It was just like any other day, you know?", avid frolicker, Jack Overland '26 said "I was rolling around in that luscious grass in the plaza like I always do on a nice, sunny day. It's perennial ryegrass, you know. If you take a glance on the subreddit, that stuff is all they're talking about these days."

Besides being very enthusiastic about his hobby, Overland has an objectively much more interesting story – a rich gold deposit found right beneath our very own plaza at Prep.

"Like I said, it was a nice day, so how could I not notice that ugly, shimmering, distracting piece of gold, in the otherwise beautiful lawn?" Overland said.

After Overland tossed the gold aside, a group of curious onlookers picked up the nugget. After some careful chemical analysis by Science Teacher Mrs. McCriston, it was confirmed to be pure, 24-karat gold.

Like many things at Prep, the find

was kept secret for two days, and like many more things at Prep, the rumors spread like wildfire. It didn't take long until after school every night, handfuls of students and staff arrived with shovels and pickaxes in hand to dig for gold.

Based on security camera footage provided by Ms. Filipis, individual students and faculty alike begin to trickle onto the plaza around 7:00 pm and stake their claim of a given area. The surprising footage shows how the carpet of grass is carefully lifted, to reveal dozens of entrances to an elaborate tunnel system, which contradicts the lawlessness and disorder of the subterranean operation.

With details scarce, it is often hard to determine if many events of violence or thievery truly happened. But, based on the security videos, tensions between unnamed students, teachers, and other faculty are not a rare occurrence, as they often continue above ground.

"There's a clip somewhere on here of a small group of – what looks to be freshmen – attacking an older student who

had just begun to carry out their handful of gold," Filipis said, "this is absolute madness, but I can't lie, it's really entertaining."

Clearly, Prep's security has not been very encouraged to tackle this mineral exploitation, as it appears to be pretty obvious which students have had their share of gold. Now, it isn't a common occurrence to see students show up with brand-new Rolex watches, diamond earrings, new cars, and clothing only previously thought to be appropriate at a fashion show. Apparently, Seattle Prep students know nothing about money laundering – for better or for worse.

"What? There's a gold mine under the plaza? I never heard of that! Someone should have told me, then I'd be rolling in cash! What a shame," a non-convincing student said through a new set of grills.

Although students can very clearly be seen to be taking advantage of the gold mine, there is no physical evidence of faculty flashing their new bling. Instead, it seems that there is something much more subtle – a change in attitude among the adults on campus. Numerous accounts of students have

noted that some teachers no longer care to teach their students. Students state that educators have begun straying away from their energetic mood toward new subjects and ideas. Handfuls of teachers across all the departments have begun to scoff as they enter the classroom and survey their students, speaking in Old English in an attempt to sound more eloquent, and requesting students to pick up their lunch from nearby restaurants.

Nonetheless, it seems that the gold in the plaza has been exhausted from its richness, and the overnight visits and gold fever are decreasing. In place of all the displaced soil, Seattle Prep's Athletic Department has decided to purchase a new swimming pool for the swim and dive teams, in order to assure practice every day during the season.

Overland isn't too pleased to hear this. "A swimming pool? Are you serious? Where am I supposed to roll in the grass now, I've been banned from all of the city parks!"

Seattle Prep Football Team Wins Big At Choir Tournament

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Our beloved football team has made history again this year by winning their first state title since 1968, but not in a way one would expect.

During their playoff run this past season, the boys carried on the tradition of singing the “Panther Fight Song” to the crowd, as is done after every win. The tradition brings tears to the eyes of the spectators, as the genuine passion and grit of the boys can be felt throughout the duration of the song. The touching performance of the fight song after the first playoff game against Oak Harbor in early November left the entire stands speechless.

“The boys have true talent, on the field and on the mic. I was speechless the entire time, everyone was” avid football fan Emerson King '26 said.

The Monday after this post-game performance the boys had a true surprise. Coach Maul had scheduled an impromptu meeting, with no telling why. Many thought it would be a regular film meeting to review plays for the next game. The boys had no idea what they were in for.

“Coach Maul sat us down in the front of the room and stayed there silently, staring back at us. I honestly thought we had done something wrong, that he was telling us the playoff game was rigged, and our win wasn’t counted,” Junior Xavier Losh said.

But what Maul actually had to say was a total shock. He said that after the heartfelt fight song performance, so many parents, students, and faculty, not only from Prep but as well as Oak Harbor, had emailed him expressing their adoration for the fight sing rendition.

Maul continued by stating how, because of how touched everyone was, he had signed the boys up to compete in the state choir tournament. When asked to recall his decision, Maul stated, “I knew right

after that performance, that these boys had some real talent, and it needed to be shared to the world. I did what was best for the program and don’t regret it for a second.”

The boys were too stunned to speak and not a single person moved.

The road to state wasn’t easy. With such a late start in practicing, the team started having to combine football practices with singing practices. They sang while they played, during breaks, and even while they lifted. Coach AJ Middleton reported, “The locker room was filled with such joy and passion...for singing.”

All their hard work paid off in early March when the 50-man team traveled to Washington State University and competed

in a two-day competition. After the first day, spirits were down. “We missed some beats, some guys were out of tune, all around didn’t have a good performance overall.” Matthew Tessin said when reflecting on this first day. The boys didn’t let this little setback stop them from bringing their best on day two.

The team waited anxiously all day as they were the last performance spot of the competition. “When it came time to perform, we knew what we had to do, and we got it done.” Stephan Kassab '26 said.

The boys delivered an outstanding performance, leaving the entire competition in tears. A five-minute standing ovation followed their performance, leaving it clear who was the overall winner. The boys secured their title and headed home.

When reflecting on this event, many boys said it was their favorite event of the season and a “true reflection of what Panther Pride is.” Coach Maul added, “We are constantly challenging our guys to be multi-sport and diversify their athleticism. This demonstrated how well rounded our team is, how much range the boys have, and it won’t be the last time they share these talents with our community.”

“I did what was best for the program and don’t regret it for a second.”

-Coach Maul



Photo: Courtesy of Womex, licensed under Creative Commons 2.0, edited. Members of the Seattle Prep Football Team perform at a recent State Choir Tournament. The team brought home top honors in a surprising.

Prep to Build Football Stadium at Montlake

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Although West Seattle Stadium has been Prep’s beloved home field for years, recent changes in zoning laws have forced us to relocate and sell the cherished stadium. However, an anonymous benefactor generously donated nearly 50 million dollars which will cover almost all of the costs for the establishment of a state-of-the art 75,000-seat stadium at Montlake Playfield. The rest of the money will be drawn by cutting funding from the Collegio department.

The new 50-million-dollar stadium takes Friday night lights to the next level with the addition of eight 200ft LED flood lights to keep the field staying bright. Each seat in the stadium will be fitted with heated padding and reclining footrests. Additionally, a 5,000 square foot 360-degree Jumbotron is to be installed, to ensure the Panther fans never miss a play. As for food options, both Ezell’s Fried Chicken and Chipotle have agreed to open stores to feed hungry fans.

To oversee this intimidating project, Prep hired renowned construction contractor, Dan Mitchell, to spearhead the initiative. Mitchell estimates \$100 million of the budget will go towards the purchasing of Montlake Playfield itself, while the rest

will go towards renovating and building the facility. Mitchell plans to destroy the existing field and construct the new one more inland to prevent flooding issues during the rainy season.

Unfortunately, some neighbors are unhappy with the massive construction project. Montlake resident Jimmy Jacobsen has lived in the area for the past 55 years and is currently petitioning to prevent the construction of the stadium. When asked about his reasons for opposing the construction he said, “You can take my money, my house, my car, heck, even my kids, but I’ll never let you take Montlake. Every day I wake up and walk around the playfield at least a dozen times. If your darn stadium is built, where do you expect me to do my morning walks?”

In response to the neighbors’ complaints, Mitchell has decided to make the controversial decision to make the stadium even larger. “We must make a statement to the neighbors. We will not concede to any of their complaints. This stadium will be a representation of Prep; therefore, we will settle for no less than the biggest and best in the Northwest,” Mitchell said.

“These facilities are a gamechanger, you definitely can expect a state championship title next fall” an incoming Senior added.



Montlake Stadium Concept Art. The new stadium will hold 75,000 Panther faithful.

New Plaza Pool Offers Refreshing Dive Into Future of Swim

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Seattle Prep has announced the installation of a brand-new pool right on the plaza—a convenient solution to the city’s notorious shortage of pool space.

With pool space in Seattle as rare as a blue sky during both girls’ and boys’ swim seasons, the administration decided it was time to think outside the water. The new “Plaza Pool” ensures that every athlete has a suitable place to practice, while avoiding additional drive time to and from a far practice location.

“This new pool isn’t just a place to swim—it’s a tidal wave of change! I am excited for younger generations to get good use out of it and hopefully inspire some more Prep students to take a splash in the world of swim!” swim team captain Lane Gooding '25 said.

“I always thought Seattle needed a bit more sunshine, and this pool brings a whole new vibe to our campus. Just wish it came a little sooner so I could perfect my dive!” Helen Swanson '25 added.

Not all reflections were entirely positive, however. Bear Swan '25 re-

marked: “Four years of training in basically over-chlorinated bathtubs, but hey, character building!” His remark, met with chuckles, also highlighted the resilience of the school’s swimmers who have adapted to less-than-ideal conditions in the past.

On a more forward-looking note, Mario Gutierrez '25 emphasized the broader impact of the new addition. “The pool is going to make Seattle Prep the talk of the town,” he said.

The coaching staff is equally thrilled. The boys’ head coach Andy Bernard called the pool a “game-changer” for the team. “This innovative space is a game-changer. It provides a unique training ground that combines fun and athleticism” Bernard said.

His enthusiasm was matched by girls’ head coach Kirsti Rochon, who added, “I’m so excited for the new pool! But I’ll miss the old ones—the way they occasionally turned green was like Mother Nature’s way of saying, Train harder.”

Perhaps, the new pool’s location on campus will inspire both current and future swimmers to grab their goggles and dive into the spirit of swimming.

NIL Money Guaranteed for All Prep Athletics

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Name, Image, Likeness (NIL), the three most important words in modern college and high school athletics, will now be relevant at Seattle Prep. NIL has become an increasingly important term in recent years and is used to describe brand deals made by college and high school athletes.

The school announced today that NIL money will be evenly distributed to every Seattle Prep varsity athlete beginning with the 2025-26 academic year. Seattle Prep made the decision to guarantee NIL money to athletes to tempt more athletic talent to come to the school as its athletic programs transition to the Southeastern Conference (SEC). The SEC is considered the top athletic conference in the country, which made the decision necessary to allow Prep to continue competing for championships. School leaders and coaches have already started making NIL offers to recruit top NCAA Division I talent to Panther athletics.

To facilitate the NIL deals, the school revealed they will be launching the Panther Pack NIL Collective in August 2025. Ad-

ditionally, in the school's statement they outlined their goal to raise \$500,000 in donations by July 2025 to cover upstart costs for the collective. Prep is also looking for \$10,000,000 in donations by 2030 to ensure the collective is financially viable. Furthermore, to ensure the donation goals are met, the school has begun planning a yearly fundraiser which will be announced at the start of next school year.

Prep leaders have been working hard on NIL deal agreements with local businesses including an already finalized lucrative deal with local pizza franchise Pagliacci. Leaders decided to start negotiating deals without the Panther Pack Collective launched to ensure there is a large enough pool of money to pay athletes NIL money right from the start of the 25-26 academic year.

"I cannot wait for NIL to begin here. It is a gamechanger for me and my family financially," Panther football star Leon Sandcastle said in an interview. Sandcastle also said "NIL will allow for Panther athletics to take the next step and become the top program in Washington state and the SEC."

The next era of Prep athletics is beginning as we speak.

Admin Cuts Collegio Funding to Support New Fortnite Team

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Amid a wave of budget changes sweeping the nation at all levels of government, the Seattle Prep Administration has begun reassessing how to adequately distribute funds. This has led to the creation of promising new programs available to Prep students, the most recent of which is the new Fortnite team.

Unfortunately, the team must be financed with existing assets, so the admin has decided to transfer funding from the Collegio department to the new squad.

In an official statement speaking for the school, Mrs. Kramer said, "After a thorough reflection of the values we hold at Seattle Prep, we have decided to divert the financial resources previously available to the Collegio department to the new Seattle Prep Fortnite Team."

While the administration did not give much reasoning for the cause behind this decision, one can assume that the new Fortnite team will help students pursue the Grad at Grad values that are so important here at Prep.

"Fortnite is a game of skill and precision, so you have to be intellectually competent," noted Matthew Tessin '26. Tessin is expected to be one of the star players for

the new squad.

"It's important to be loving to your teammates, and you must be open to growth if you want to improve and be the best player you can," he continued.



Photo: CAM WELD

The logo for the new Seattle Prep Fortnite Team. Funding for the program will be taken from the Collegio department.

individually."

While there has been much speculation within the community as to what students will lead the new squad, standout gamer Trent Boyd '26 has been named by many to be the frontrunner for team captain.

"I just hope to be a part of the program and share my talent and passion with like-minded gamers," Boyd said humbly.

Many people are unsure about the move and have questioned the administration for their decision on the matter, but Kramer is confident in her vision: "The new Fortnite team will teach students strategy, decision-making under pressure, navigational skills, and teamwork. It is a core part of our mission at Prep."

"It Just Means More" Prep Athletics to Join SEC

ous Mack "the Sack" Jerry who have been named as the football program's captains. Along with these key players, Seattle Prep has just recruited the #1 ranked Penn State transfer, Trace McSorley who throws it on a dime, will be returning for his super senior season.

Not only has McSorley joined the Panthers, but numerous changes have been made in the coaching staff. The most notable hire is seven-time National Championship Winner, Nick Saban, who will be the new general manager of the Seattle Prep Panthers football team, hoping to chase down his 8th title.

Another significant addition has been the recruitment of Ladarius Watkins, who will be the assistant coach of the basketball team. In a recent interview, Watkins expressed his gratitude to be joining the Panthers: "Oh man, I would like to thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for this amazing opportunity. I'm shell-shocked right-on for real, I can't fathom what this means to me, my

brothers and my sisters. All I can say is that God did this."

Traditions play a vital role in college sports, embodying your school and spirit. It is especially a high priority for the SEC culture such as Bevo the longhorn steer,

Calling the Hogs at Arkansas, or the War Eagle at Auburn. Seattle Prep hopes to bring a handful of traditions unique to their school, such as the chanting "ROLL PREP!" during football games, and players walking out to Swag Surfin'. A new stadium grant has been agreed upon and will start being constructed as soon as next month. The 75,000-seat stadium will be built in Montlake.

SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey spoke with the media earlier this week, expressing his excitement for the Panthers: "I can't wait to see where this program goes. They already have the best academics in the conference, so it's just a matter of time until they are competing athletically."

"They [Prep] already have the best academics in the conference."

-Greg Sankey

2025 SCHEDULE				
PANTHER FOOTBALL				
6 SEPTEMBER		VS ARKANSAS	HOME	12:00
12 SEPTEMBER		VS AUBURN	AWAY	5:00
18 SEPTEMBER		VS FLORIDA	HOME	12:00
4 OCTOBER		VS GEORGIA	AWAY	8:00
11 OCTOBER		VS KENTUCKY	HOME	3:00
18 OCTOBER		VS OKLAHOMA	AWAY	1:00



SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey welcomes Seattle Prep to the SEC.

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DHANI WIDODO '27

Staff Writer

Seattle Prep announced Tuesday of their move to the Southeastern Conference. Also known as the SEC. The move has sparked criticism due to the lack of prestige compared to other governing bodies. Prep will transition into the conference as soon as 2025, replacing the renowned Alabama

Crimson Tide. Due to the similar slogans of both schools, the world-famous "Roll Prep" will be adopted in place of the "Roll Tide".

They plan to carry over all their prestigious athletics such as football, basketball, and lacrosse, hoping to compete against the top athletes in the SEC. However, they may not stand a chance to some rising Seattle Prep superstars such as Mike Cuffin, 2-star Clemson commit Ba Mawi, and the notori-

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Stricklin to Coach New Hobby Horse Team

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In a shocking move, basketball coach Kalu Stricklin has decided to abandon the hardwood for a new sport: hobby horsing.

When asked about the new team, Stricklin said, "It has been a tough decision, but I've decided my passions no longer lie in basketball."

Hobby horse is a competitive sport where athletes hold a stick resembling a horse between their legs and pretend they are riding a horse. Competitions include races, jumps, and interpretive dance. It requires elite speed, strength, and agility to be a high level horser.

Stricklin recalled how his passion for the sport started, "I saw a video on Instagram reels, and it looked pretty cool."

Sadly, however, hobby horsing is

a winter sport meaning JV basketball will now need to find somebody else to lead their team. Luckily for coach, many JV boys have decided they will follow coach Stricklin onto the hobby horse team, as they couldn't imagine basketball without him. JV boys' basketball player Matthew Kuder '27 said "Wherever coach goes, I go."

This change will affect the varsity boys basketball team as well, as the Hobby Horsing team will take priority in the weight room for their intense weight training sessions and the gym for practice. Strength coach, AJ Middleton, said, "Basketball athleticism is nothing compared to what's required for an elite Hobby Horsing Team, of course they will need more time on the weights."

Sam Davidson '26 is outraged by the new Varsity Basketball schedule with their practice now starting at 6:00 PM. He said, "This is ridiculous, the last time I rode

a hobby horse I was five years old, and now they get the whole gym!" Students, on the other hand, love the new team. Anthony Caso '26 who's a huge fan of the sport, said, "I will without a doubt be attending every single match!"

The addition of this team raises the question: Who will Prep compete against? Since there are no other teams in the Metro League, Prep will have to compete with District 3, 4, and 5 schools. Home matches will take place in the Prep Gym, moving basketball games to Merlino. As Coach Stricklin put it "Basketball was fun, but hobby horse is the future."

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Coach Stricklin demonstrating a hobby horsing technique to students at a recent practice.



Pirouetting around Prep



PEYTON LYSEN '26
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A shocking new addition is in the works for Prep Sports for the fall of 2025. In a private meeting held over mid-winter break, Athletic Director Sam Reed and Assistant to Athletics Zoe Haywood revealed that there would be a new sports team joining the Panthers next year: competitive ballet. In a private interview with Haywood, she revealed that this is something that has been in the works for a few years.

"I am so excited to finally be able to share this news with the Prep community!" Haywood said.

While this may come as a shock to the student body, a poll taken earlier last year asking about extra-curriculars revealed that over 35 students at Seattle Prep participated in dance after school. Seeing these numbers, staff were shocked.

One staff member stated, "I had no idea that ballet was so popular and practiced among Prep students. I have never heard any of my students even mention dancing."

One of the core components of Seattle Prep is "be the MAGIS," or do more and strive for excellence each day. This motto is said to have inspired Prep staff to create and announce a competitive ballet team for the foreseeable future.

"Striving for excellence is of the utmost importance at Seattle Prep. Daily, we try to seek a deeper and more meaningful life. Ballerinas and dancers do this each day, expressing their art, so it is only fitting that Seattle Prep includes them as a sports team now" an anonymous staff member said.

Competitive Ballet will be a year-

long sport, functioning similarly to the rowing team. There will be small competitions in the fall, followed by a grueling winter season where dancers will perfect their technique and hone in on their skills, getting ready for spring season and the enormous effort required of them. In the spring, dancers will compete at the regional YAGP.

YAGP is the most exclusive and competitive dance/ballet competition. It is held regionally each year, and the top acts and dancers qualify for YAGP nationals, where performers will have the chance to win scholarships and internships at prestigious dance academies nationally.

"The hope for this new ballet team is that we will qualify multiple dancers for YAGP nationals and stake our claim as fierce competition for all other programs," Haywood said.

With this pressure and expectations on the line, a qualified coach for the team is of the utmost importance. However, there has been no announcement of a coach, and the search is still ongoing.

Over the second semester, interest meetings will be held on Prep's campus, and announcements surrounding tryouts will be sent out around early May.

Ballet Dancer and Prep junior Parker Tuininga said, "I am thrilled to have a dance team at Prep. I have danced my entire life, and I am excited to finally be able to do it for my school and compete with other Prep students."

Tuininga also stated that she has plans to take the team to the next level in its first season as a Prep sport.

Prep administration and staff are excited about this new chapter of Prep sports hope the community will come out and support Prep ballet.

Mysterious Theft Leads to Cancellation of Olympic Week 2026

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In a shocking turn of events, Seattle Prep's Olympic Week has officially been cancelled for 2026 due to a highly organized and mysterious heist that saw all the event materials and equipment stolen from storage rooms, leaving ASB at a loss for what to do. For many at Seattle Prep, Olympic Week is a defining moment in the school year, and for it to be called off is truly tragic.

Early this morning it was discovered that the entire inventory of Olympic Week materials – ranging from volleyball nets to Jenga sets have all gone missing. Surveillance footage confirmed the theft, showing someone dressed up in the panther mascot suit, stealing loads of materials all throughout the night, starting at around 2 a.m.

"We thought at first it might have been a prank." ASB member Sydney Wagner '26 said. "But when we saw the footage, we realized this was no joke."

The thief appeared to be working alone, moving from storage room to storage room. The footage revealed the thief took multiple trips, going from storage room to storage room and filling large boxes with

crucial materials needed for the events. At one point, the thief even took time to adjust the mascot head, ensuring they were fully concealed before continuing their work. They loaded everything up in a van, taking all of the most important materials, and leaving nothing behind.

The theft has left ASB puzzled, with no clear explanation as to who could have been behind it or what their motive might be. ASB members quickly scrambled to figure out how to salvage Olympic Week for next year, but the damage is far too much. They have been left with no choice but to cancel all Olympic Week activities for 2026, as there is no way they can replace everything in time for next year.

"It is truly heartbreaking. It is one of Prep's most highly anticipated events, to cancel it is such a shame" Wagner said.

As the shock settles on the cancellation of Olympic Week, the mystery of the heist still lingers in the halls. Who did it? Why did they do it? The questions continue to go unanswered. The cancellation is a disappointment for all, but ASB is ensuring that Olympic Week for 2027 is one that will not be forgotten.



New AP TikTok Dance Class Offered From 'For You' to '4.2'

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In a move that has left parents questioning their life choices and students secretly moonwalking with joy, Seattle Prep announced the addition of a new class: AP TikTok Dance. Because why learn about the Industrial Revolution when you can renegade your way to academic success? The course, which officially launches next year, is being marketed as the most “relevant” thing to hit high schools since “the invention of the fidget spinner.”

In light of the recent revival of TikTok on US app stores, and due to overwhelming requests from students in all grades, Seattle Prep will be launching this new class centered around learning the various popular dances that are ever-present on the app. The class will be taught by Dean of Students Mr. Hendricks and will be available to rising Juniors and Seniors next year as an addition to the course selection process.

In an interview with Hendricks, he said, “I love the idea of a class that combines the classic art of dance with the contemporary fascination that is TikTok.”

“This class finna be lit”, one

anonymous junior said. Clearly, students and teachers alike are ecstatic about this upcoming class.

According to Hendricks, the new class is designed to ensure that high schoolers are equipped with the skills necessary for a successful future. Also included will be instructions for building a successful social media account with the ultimate goal of becoming TikTok famous.

“Forget calculus,” said Hendricks, as he flipped through a stack of TikTok trend charts. “It’s all about who can drop the freshest moves. Dance is the language of the future. The more likes you get, the higher your GPA.”

“I’ve been preparing for this class my entire life,” said an anonymous sophomore who currently has 27 followers of TikTok (including her mom and a random dude who commented “nice moves” on her last video). “I can finally turn my two-second dances into academic credit. My GPA is about to be fire.”

However, not everyone is thrilled with the idea. “I have a 4.5 GPA, but now I have to learn how to do the ‘Apple Dance’ for college credit?” said an anonymous rising senior nick-named “the tech bot”. “I already know how to program a website.



Students practice during the new AP TikTok dance class. This class will be one of several new Arts offerings next school year.

What’s next, coding a viral dance app?”

While some faculty members have raised eyebrows (and possibly questioned their teaching degrees), Hendricks is confident that TikTok dancing will teach students the same life lessons as any other subjects.

As the school year progresses, the buzz around next year’s new AP TikTok Dance class intensifies. Will these students go viral, or will they flop harder than an

awkward “Renegade” attempt? No one can be sure yet, but one thing is certain: whether they’re acing exams or just trying to nail the latest trend, these high schoolers will graduate not only with a diploma, but with the undeniable ability to break the internet – one perfectly executed dance move at a time. So, get your ring lights ready, the future’s looking bright, and it’s got some radiant choreography.

Weeks Tops Hot 100 With Viral Hit

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In an exciting update from Prep’s music department. Mr. Weeks has topped the Billboard Hot 100 with his new single. The song captures the ups and downs of having to work with high school students.

The Prep community is so incredibly proud of Mr. Weeks and his incredible accomplishments. “It’s amazing to see Mr. Weeks achieve this level of success”, one student exclaimed.

With his newfound fame, Mr. Weeks continues to show us that dreams can come true. Congratulations, Mr. Weeks!



LAST WEEK	WEEKS AT NO. 1	WEEKS ON CHART	LAST WEEK	PEAK POSITION	WEEKS ON CHART	LAST WEEK	PEAK POSITION	WEEKS ON CHART
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Iggy Statue to be Replaced, Six Month Construction Period Anticipated

DIEGO PEREZ '27
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St. Ignatius. Iñigo López de Loyola. Iggy. This iconic saint goes by many names and has come to be a staple part of Seattle Prep’s identity.

Everybody knows of the grand statue out front, glorifying him in every aspect. However, as years go by, Seattle Prep as a whole has begun to ask, “how well can someone from the 1400’s truly represent our school?” Well, it’s time for a change.

The newest school statue replacing Iggy represents everything Prep is: tough, smart, and intimidating.

Seattle Prep is proud to announce the construction of an 8-foot tall, bronze, statue of Mr. Hendricks that will replace the St. Ignatius statue currently on the plaza.

Construction of the statue will begin April 1st and the Merlino Center being shut down for a short 6-month period to harbor

the team building the statue. Iggy will be relocated to M300 as he will find new usage as a rusting lab for Chemistry.

Many are concerned about the hefty price of the new installment, which many estimate as costing the school five hundred thousand dollars. However, the funding for the statue will be made from renting the Collegio classrooms out to the Woodland Park Zoo. The classrooms will be used as part of the new Woodland Park Zoo Critter Annex. This Annex will seek to “uncage previously caged dangerous reptiles” so that the public may better get to know them.

Due to the growing backlash around this decision, Collegios have been moved to the garage until further notice.

Seattle Prep is beyond excited to announce such an important statue coming to the Prep community. Hendricks is the heart of Prep, and he will now be forever immortalized in the plaza.



Photo: DIEGO PEREZ

The St. Ignatius statue on the plaza will soon be replaced by a familiar face.

SPRING 2025 LUNCH MENU



Main Courses

- Monday:** Mystery Meat
- Tuesday:** Turkey Baloney Sandwiches
- Wednesday:** Watercress Stew
- Thursday:** Tuna Casserole
- Friday:** Fried Fritters

Side Dishes

- Brussel Sprouts
- Beet Soup
- Pineapple Jello
- Canned Peach Pudding



“Prep Car” Gives Beliard ‘26 Valentine’s Heartbreak

BEN OSWALD '25
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Emiline Beliard '26 made a bold fashion choice on February 14th. As opposed to society’s expectation of love through a romantic partner, Beliard took a twist. She decided to display her love for automobiles instead. She awoke on February 14th with a brand-new, royal blue Mercedes Benz GLC in her driveway, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Beliard. However, it wasn’t just any royal blue, it was a “Prep Car.” The first ever produced and sold by the famous Panther Place Spirit Store was now in the custody of an ecstatic junior.

Beliard was proud and excited to show off her new whip as Panthers admired the shiny blue paint with dropped jaws. One sophomore boy, who will remain anonymous, was extremely envious. On February 17th, Beliard’s second school day with the car, the boy arranged a detailed plan after plotting for hours on how to steal the vehicle. Beliard drove innocently to school on Monday, with no idea of what was to come.

Luckily for the boy, his mother worked at Panther Place on Valentine’s Day. She was responsible for dropping off the GLC at the Beliard’s Friday and did so accordingly. However, she happened to accidentally keep with her the spare key for the Mercedes-Benz. The mother expected her son to return the spare key to Beliard during school Monday. The mother thought he could be certainly trusted with this simple

task, but she was wrong. The boy kept the key and followed through with the detailed plan.

After school was released promptly at 2:40 PM, the thief raced to the parking garage and drove away with the brand-new Mercedes. Beliard had lifting for track until 5:00 PM. This gave the boy time to drive far from Prep, remove the license plates from the GLC, and begin his route to Canada, where he planned the smuggle the vehicle across the border.

Beliard, full of tears, ran to Mr. Chism, head of security at Prep, promptly at 5:04 after tragically realizing her car was gone. By communicating with Panther Place, it was confirmed the spare key was on the loose. The boy turned his location off and his mother failed to track him. After the mother cursed out Mr. Chism for security failure, she began an expedition to find her son. Meanwhile, Beliard sat on the plaza sobbing. But knowing the boy’s favorite destination was Whistler Mountain, he was found in no time.

The boy was subject to 10 years without parole along with a felony on his record. His academic talents, which he dreamed of taking to Yale, were shattered. The famous and envied “Prep Car” was promptly returned to Beliard. She rightfully decided to press charges and declared, “I don’t foresee myself ever getting over this.”

While many Valentine’s Days were filled with love, Beliard’s was filled with a felony.

“I don’t foresee myself ever getting over this.”

-Emiline Beliard '26

New Policy Prohibits Off-Campus Lunches

BROOKE NOWAK '26
Managing Editor

In hopes to deepen a sense of community at Prep, the administration has decided to prohibit off-campus lunches indefinitely. Though this is a controversial issue between students and staff, it has been confirmed and will be implemented in a few weeks.

Seattle Prep board member Teresa Mendez added, “It is in the best interest of our students socially and academically.”

There are three main reasons motivating this transition: safety, timeliness, and inclusiveness. Regarding safety, students will no longer face the pressure of rushing around the Seattle area to get back to class on time. This will reduce the probability of speeding and potential accidents.

“I am thrilled to finally have all my students settled in on time and ready to go,” theology teacher Mrs. Jacobs exclaimed.

Second, this rule will help in reducing the amount of tardies students receive. Eating lunch at school is a simple alternative to going off campus and will help students make full use of their class periods.

Overall, while there are more students sharing a meal in one place it will inevitably build stronger bonds between peers. This will help to prevent cliques and ensure all students feel included. Prep is community focused and intends to nurture that sense of unity while requiring students to stay on campus.

Despite the staff’s approval of this transition, it is expected to infuriate the majority of the student body. Sophomore Elizabeth Morales stated, “I have been looking

forward to going off campus for the past two years but now I feel like that luxury was stripped away and I will miss out on fun memories because of it.”

Junior Joseph Hugh stated, “I’m not even sure how logical it is. How will they supply that much food for everyone? Will students spend their whole lunch waiting in bigger lines for food?”

Senior Jessica Wheeler protested, “This is a monstrosity and I’m so beyond angry. We have a right to eat lunch where we want to!”

Though this decision appears to be controversial, it will prioritize students’ education, safety, and friendships. Updates on policy will be emailed to the student body as soon they are finalized.

“It is in the best interest of our students socially and academically”
-Teresa Mendez

<p>Pre-Owned Collegio Books Up for Auction</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Bless Me, Ultima.....</td><td>\$21</td></tr> <tr><td>The Chosen.....</td><td>\$8</td></tr> <tr><td>A Tale of Two Cities.....</td><td>\$15</td></tr> <tr><td>Purple Hibiscus.....</td><td>\$7</td></tr> <tr><td>Othello.....</td><td>\$4</td></tr> <tr><td>Beloved.....</td><td>\$40</td></tr> <tr><td>The Great Gatsby.....</td><td>\$14</td></tr> </table> <p><small>*All copies have been annotation-verified by a committee of Collegio English teachers.</small></p>	Bless Me, Ultima.....	\$21	The Chosen.....	\$8	A Tale of Two Cities.....	\$15	Purple Hibiscus.....	\$7	Othello.....	\$4	Beloved.....	\$40	The Great Gatsby.....	\$14	<p>The student-run auction will be held at lunch on Friday, April 11 in the Merlino Center.</p> <p>Cash payments only!</p> <p>All proceeds will be donated directly to funding the Spanish exchange trip.</p>
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Photo: BEN OSWALD

The anonymous sophomore boy speeding away in the new Mercedes GLC. Not pictured: Beliard on the search chase.

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