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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

PUNTA GORDA KIWANIS

NOVEMBER...
Tatro, Noah
Sloan, Elizabeth
Dillon, Molly
Rumreich, Victoria

DECEMBER...
Anthony, Dylan
Sheets, Jake
Victor, Vivian
Lopez, Christopher

JANUARY...
Danforth, Hailey
Warren, Jamal
Donaldon, Matt
Heitman, Rebekah

FEBRUARY...
Arthington, Ann Marie
Mahler, Carlye
Kreegel, Olivia
Maunahan, Beatrice

PUNTA GORDA ELKS SENIORS

NOVEMBER...
Ballard-Kyle, Parker
Clapp, Abigail

DECEMBER...
Rivas, Ronald
Macomber, Kristen

JANUARY...
Campbell, Jeselle
Patel, Rajen

FEBRUARY
Skeoch, Evan
Lopez, Christopher

PUNTA GORDA ROTARY JUNIORS

NOVEMBER...
Bergmanis, Jacob
Coogan, Isabella

DECEMBER...
N/A

JANUARY...
Taillion, Reed
Boshears, Gabrielle

FEBRUARY...
Lena, Jennifer
Campes, Lorena

Winning Wrestlers

The Gene Gorman Wrestling showcase tournament gave wrestlers the chance to go against other teams and compete for two days straight. The boys gave it their all during their matches to make sure they win. Even before the match, they prepared to make sure their ready to take a win.

"I prepare for wrestling matches by warming up and listening to music to get hype and my adrenaline going," stated Anthony Cavanaugh (12).

Even when they're not competing on the mat, the whole team spent their free time like a family.

"My favorite part is going to hotels with the team and having fun," said Anthony Andou (11).

"Winning a match is probably the greatest feeling because it makes all the hard work and stress paid off and worth it," stated Anthony Cavanaugh (12).

The feeling they got from winning a match is like no other. Pinning down an opponent gave the boys a sensation of power. They all had their opinions on how wrestling makes them feel

"Wresting can be stressful but overall makes me feel good," said Anthony Andou (11)

The wrestling team gave their all during the showcase. With a score of 7-0, they definitely showed that they're team that is hard to beat.

The New Modern Music Masters

Tri-M is a musical honor society that students could join here. Although the club isn't just limited to just this school, students all over can join different chapters at other schools.

"One of the benefits from joining is definitely the feeling that you belong to something bigger than yourself and he fact that you get a cool T-shirt with your select name on the back," exclaimed Yazmyn Ahmed-Vila (12)

The club had participated in activities such as car washes and other types of community service. Getting community service hours was one of the requirements for getting inducted.

"At the meetings, we usually discuss how we plan on helping the community through community service. Doing community service not only helps us get our necessary hours, but also bring us closer to other people in the society and let the community know that music has such a huge impact in our lives that we would like to help others ad receive support to continue spreading music and joy to the world," said Ahmed-Vila (12)

People were able to join because of their love of singing, musical instruments, and even color guard. These talents were shown off during the induction ceremony when each inductee had to perform in front of the crowd by themselves or with other people.

"While Kelley was playing her instrument, my partner and I were shaking violently backstage to the melody of Kelley's performance. I also prayed with Alexis. Praying and just moving around really helps me before performances," said Ahmed-Vila (12).

There were 3 signs that had the letter "M" on it that were spread across the stage, hence "Tri-M". There were also speeches from the President, Vice President, and Historian about what Tri-M is.

Renaissance

Charlotte High has always tried to maintain a tradition of excellence among its student body. To do this, our administration created Renaissance as an incentive program to reward the students who work the hardest in the school. Every so often in the year, different events are hosted that are exclusive to Renaissance students. The annual basketball game took place on January 31 against Bishop Verot high school during sixth and seventh periods.

"The reason we have the basketball games and other activities is because it exposes a lot of kids.They can go to that game and have a good time and see how good our basketball team is and it gives them appreciation for other people around them," said teacher Mark James.

However, students are not the only ones who get to participate in the Renaissance activities. The cheerleaders, basketball team, band, and color guard all also were excused to participate.

"It's nice to be able to get out of class to go and cheer at the game. I would have been able to go either way because I qualify but it's amazing to be able to cheer and have the crowd cheer with you," said basketball cheerleader Rabeccah Almeida (10).

Both the Renaissance program and the basketball game are a nice break for students to socialize and enjoy fun events while they are upholding the tradition of academic excellence at Charlotte High.

Cap & Gown Glory

As the 2017-2018 school year winds to a close, the senior class are participating in their final activities before they graduate for good. One of these activities is cap and gown pictures. For a few hours after school, dozens of seniors came in to take their pictures in the robes that they will walk across the graduation stage in on May 17.

"Our cap and gown pictures really are a tradition and it's the first time you get to be in your cap and gown before you graduate and it seals the deal that this is real and it's actually happening," exclaimed Nicole Burg (12)

Leonard's photography studio worked hard taking pictures after school in CPAC to make sure that every student fell in love with his or her picture. They even offered several of packages so seniors and their families can have their pictures in any format.

"Cap and gown pictures really are important because it actually makes all of the seniors actually sit down and realize that they're graduating," said Ashleigh Herbert (12).

Years from now, when the class of 2018 has graduated and move on, they are able to look back on that picture of them smiling in their blue and gold caps and gown and remember their high school experience as a Tarpon.

Tarpon For A Day!

CHS gave the eighth graders of Punta Gorda Middle School an opportunity to come and look at the school they will be attending for the next four years. The members of Student Government Association (SGA) and Tarpon Leadership Academy (TLA) took the students around the CHS campus and explained to them the variety of different electives they could take.

"We walked 8th grade students around the school and showed them elective classes. Then, they picked out what they want to take their freshman year," stated Reese Raulerson (10).

The various teachers of these elective classes talked to the groups about what they should expectin each of their classes and what the courses consisted of. The students got a better understanding of what each class is like and what is expected from each course.

"Tarpon for a Day gave the upcoming freshman a look at what it's like on campus each and every day and what it's like to have tarpon pride," said Christopher Papas (10)

Since campus itself is so big and has so many different classes and buildings, the 8th graders could be nervous with being lost or late. Tarpon for a Day gave the students a glimpse of what it is like and got them more comfortable with the building.

"I was glad to be able to help out my future classmates and getting them accustomed with our school," said Marissa Maietta (10).

Overall, the students recieved a preview of campus life, saw what the school was like, and what some of their future classes might be. This was a great opportunity that the students of PGMS look forward to every year.

Hear Us Roar!

This year, Leo Club was all about helping all kinds of people and having fun while doing it. In the month of February, they volunteered at many activities such as Frontier Days, Pennies for Pooches, an eye screening and the clothing closet.

"Doing all this work is so rewarding knowing we made peoples' day" stated Beverly Joseph (10).

Pennies for Pooches was a month long event in which every teacher in the school received a container you collect money. The accumulated funds went towards finding and training dogs to become service animals to assist blind and deaf people. The class who collected the most money received a pizza party in March.

"It's great knowing we raised all this money to help people with service dogs" said Shekeida Arne (09).

During Frontier Days, students left school to go do activities with children such as making candles, face and body painting, tug of war competitions and much more. Students volunteered and spend time with children so they will have a time to remember.

"It is so interesting to talk and interact with the kids because they are unique and actually really intelligent" said Nahama Antoine (10).

The Leo Club has a clothing closet about every month where less fortunate students could get clothing. They even have homecoming and prom dresses for people who could not afford very expensive dresses. At their eye screenings, they also checked the blood pressure and conducted ear examinations for adults.

"Doing the eye screenings are such interesting tasks" stated Madison Herbert (10).

No matter what the club did, they are always helping others. With all for events that they did this month,they helped so amy people and always had something to do to make this town a better place.

Can You Make a DifferenceK

The Key Club decided to make this year's Valentine's Day a little more special by giving the students a chance to win a5 foot there. All the students needed to do was bring in again. One can equals one ticket the ticket they receive were going to a raffle for the bear.

"... and for every can that is donated it's going to be brought up to the homeless Coalition of Charlotte County to help stock the pantry for all the upcoming months until we do another one of these," stated Mackenzie Robins(11).

With this fundraiser, they Key Club made it fun for the student to get involved. However, not only that they made it so it feels nice to give to people in need and to know that you did something to try to help.

"It's nice to give back to the community and provide something for those who might be in need," exclaimed the club sponsor Mrs. Combs.

With this fundraiser that Key Club was successfully able to donate cans to the homeless. Moreover, the students who won the bear happily revived it on Valentine's Day after school.

By: Rabeccah Almeida

AP Art Trip

The AP art students went to the John and Mable Ringling Art Museum. The Trip gave the students a new feel to art. The museum gave them a perspective of the different types of art there are.

"There's a few museums within the one museum, and there's so many sections for the different types of art," said Sydney Brady (12).

Some of the art students have not been there so it was a new learning experiences from new types of art. It also inspired the students.

"I plan to use some of the styles I saw in my own art now," said Cassie Vaughan (12).

The museum showed the art students new ways that they can incorporate into their art projects that they do. Visiting Ringling again would be an absolute yes for them.

"I would love to visit again because it's a beautiful museum and i'm also going to college there," exclaimed Sydney Brady (12).

The AP art trip gave AP Art cont...students a new perspective on art that some may consider weird.

With the trip they can now incorporate new art styles and think out of the box for any of their next artworks.

Side By Side

Side by Side by Side Charlotte High school held a concert at CPAC on November 16, called Side by Side by Side. Side by side by side was a concert combined with chorus, charisma, acting and the band. Mrs. Cushman talks about the chorus and charisma performance.

"We started working on the music in August. I could put a choir concert together in eight weeks," stated Mrs. Cushman.

Charisma is singing and dancing. The song "Uptown Funk" was chosen for the Charisma performance.

"I choose Uptown Funk because it is high energy. I choose the songs by how good the quality is and if it is something the audience would find appealing," says Mrs. Cushman.

"I enjoyed seeing all the choir kids on stage together having fun. The concert is wonderfully collaborative and involves so many students," said Mrs. Cushman.

Trish Doller

Trish Doller is an amazing book author with a variety of books. She has wrote The Devil You know, Where the Stars Still Shine, Violent Ends, Something Like Normal, but most importantly In a Perfect World. Trish came to see the Charlotte High Book Club to talk about her book In a Perfect World. In a Perfect World is about an American girl going to Egypt and falling in love with a Muslim Boy. Trish was greeted with joy and many questions about the book. This isn't the first time she has came to the club.

"I've written four books and contributed to an anthology and they read that the last time I came here," stated Trish Doller.

The students had many questions, but one that stood out was about how she got all her information to write In a Perfect World. The way the book was structured made it seem like she went to Egypt herself. Turns out she got all her information from research like reading the Quran.

"She didn't just write a book about Egypt and Muslim, she actually did the research and looked at everything, she didn't just put her opinions into it and the book sounds like actually someone who has been there," said Elizabeth Sloan (11).

"She was able to take her own grasp of something. . . She made the book her own and I like how she was able to take her own way with it," said Gabrielle Boshears (11). Trish was told an idea and she made sure the book was exactly how she wanted. That way of thinking is what can inspire the members in book club who are trying to start writing books just like Gabrielle. Trish's book and the way she explained will make you want to pick it up and read it yourself and never stop.

"Once in start in fiction, you'll keep going in fiction because there's so much good fiction out there," stated Trish Doller.

The Charlotte High Book Club were enthused when they saw Trish Doller. They had many questions that were answered in the best possible way. She really connected with the students. The Book club hopes to see her again when she is done writing her 6th book she is currently working on.

Donate Life

Charlotte High School held a blood drive open for any Charlotte High student to donate blood. Dean Johnson (11) one of the donors, was happy to give his blood to help others

"It wasn't bad at all. It only took like a minute or two. I cannot remember the last time I got my blood drawn, so I was thinking it would take like 10 or 15 minutes," said Johnson.

Jared Borges (12) planned to attend the blood drive as well, but something went wrong.

"I was planning on going, but I woke up to start getting ready for school I didn't feel so well. So I decided it would be best if I stayed home to prevent anyone else from getting sick, I was a little upset that I couldn't go, because I wanted to help out and donate my blood for the people in need," said Borges.

Jordan McIntyre (11) showed up and prepped to give blood.

"I personally have never given blood before; I'm not a fan of needles either so I wasn't very excited for this trip. When I was done though I realized it was not even that bad. You could barely feel the needle and once it was in all I felt was some light pressure on my arm," said McIntyre.

The blood drive ended up being successful. Many people donated blood and a large amount of blood will go to people who are in need.

Robotics Championship

The team recently went to a championship to show off their robots and compete against other schools. The competition was held at the school in the gym.

"It was a really hard championship and we had to work very hard to get the smallest inch of forward progress during the competition," Thomas Kontos (11).

Before competing in anything, the team had to make sure they were prepared. This means they had to think about all the possible outcomes of the competition and how to get themselves ready for them.

"We prepare for a championship by thinking of all the possibilities during the championship. Such as our matchups and practicing our driving and autonomous so we will be ready for competition," Kontos (11).

Working everything out in the end can be a very rewarding feeling. With hours of tough competition and hard work, seeing all your hard work pay off is satisfying.

"During a championship it is really satisfying to win and compete at a really high level. And it feels good to do well in the competition. The best part is the intense competition," Kontos (11).

After winning, celebrating to recognize all the hard work is common amongst any kind of team. Each team has a special way of expressing their happiness and relief, whether it's taking a break and going out or going straight back to work.

"We celebrate after a championship by preparing for the next competition. We always take time to reflect and prepare after a championship," Kontos (11).

All those days spent during school working and practicing with their teammates and robots shows when they finally get to compete. The crowd and judges get to see the highs and lows of the teams and their creations.

"During the championship it is really hard to stay consistent and play your game every match. You have to adapt to the competition facing you to be successful," Kontos (11).

After the championship, the team heads back the classroom second period Monday to re-group and figure out the plan for how they can improve even more for the next competition.

By: Arrianna Broman

Are you Hooked?

The Tarpon Journalism program is flourishing at Charlotte High. This year's staff has many new faces and all are promising journalists. The current staff not only designs, writes, advertises and produces the yearbook, they also write for the Charlotte Sun page and for the online paper "Hooked."

These students carry a full schedule of academics, athletics and outside curricular activities, while learning graphic design and Photoshop skills. They do all of this within one class period, five times a week.

Should you have comments/suggestions, compliments or would like to contribute to the program by photo or story, please contact Tarpon Journalism. tarponbuzz@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Ms. Kelli J. Lipe, Adviser

Yearbooks will be delivered in May. Please have your receipt. Yearbooks are $100 at time of delivery if you need to purchase.

Cheer Tryouts

Every year, at end of the school year, comes the football cheerleading tryouts. Girls from 8th grade to 11th meet in the aux gym at 4:30 sharp to learn the material. Some of these girls are the returning cheerleaders. While others are incoming freshmen. On Friday May 4, comes the actual tryout date.

There are three 5 days of tryouts. Day one is for the girls who have never cheered for CHS before. On the first day, the coaches with the help of some seniors teach the traditional fight song.

"I was much less nervous when I got there (to the first day of tryouts) because the coaches were so helpful and everyone was really nice," stated Kaitlyn Brese (09).

On day 2, the tryout dance is taught. It is also on day 2 when the returning girls come in. On day 3, the cheer is taught and on day 4 the chant is taught. The finial day is when the actual try out is.

The coaches separate the girls into groups of four and then give each girl a number. The groups go one at a time. Throughout the week, each girl trying out does her best to impress each coach. And on the final day the results are posted at 7:30.

"I'm going to miss the thrill of not knowing whether or not you'll be on the team and I'll miss the fight between all of us to our spot," explained a current cheerleader Mariah Bacus(11).

By the end of the week when the results are posted some people are upset while others are overjoyed.

Renaissance

Friday the last pep rally of the school year was held in the gym after a day of shortened classes. But this wasn't a normal pep rally, prizes were given out to students if their name was drawn during the rally.

"Something I wasn't necessarily expecting was the car," Lexi Foote (9).

At the beginning of the rally, before they started giving out the prizes, Mrs. Corsaletti began by acknowledging certain teachers and important people to the school and inviting their families as they were given flowers and sat in a chair in the middle of the gym.

Prizes such as a girls and

boys perfume/cologne baskets, Two TV's (one little one big), a kayak, and the prize that really drew the students attention, a red Ford Focus. The winner of the car was Kris Dillow (11).

"It's amazing to see a prize as big as a car being given out," Foote (9).

Coach Massolio announced the winner of the car at the end of the rally by having everyone stand up, then eliminating students by categories such as color of shirts, where they were sitting, and letters in their last names. Finally, the winner was announced after only a small number of students were left.

"The prizes had me in awe, it was unique to see such prizes given out. Most schools would handout a single simple reward and finish it off, yet the organization created helped enhance the experience with multiple prizes, with things such as gift cards to consoles. They did an outstanding job keeping up with what the students like," Foote (9).

Before the excitement of the car giveaway, smaller, but still worthwhile prizes were given away. After a name was drawn, the student would have 3 seconds to get out to the gym floor and make themselves known. Afterwards, Mr. Massolio would then have cards in his hands with the prizes on them.

"He made mini game-like ways to claim your prize rather than simply picking and choosing what you please," Foote (9).

However, more than a few times, Mr. Massolio wouldn't make getting the prizes so easy. Sometimes would lay 4 cards with prizes on them evenly separated on the floor, and either a few or just one student would pick a card which was face down, and that would be their prize.

"I was genuinely surprised the way they handed them out. I ex

Academic Awards

The Academic awards is an assembly held on April 27 in the cafeteria. Students get an award if they have a maintained a 3.8 or higher GPA all year.

"The academic awards, award students with a 3.8 or higher GPA. There is a report ran that has the student's GPA, if they have a 3.8 or higher for each quarter, the reports run and there is a list of names. Every student on that list receives a letter telling them about the award," said Mrs. Rhodes.

The award ceremony is usually held in the cafeteria during periods 2 and 3.

All the students received an award and either a letter or a bar.

"At the award ceremony students get an award and the letter "C" if it is there first time receiving the award. If students have already been received this award in their high school years they get an award and a bar," said Mrs. Leath.

Students who have a 3.8 GPA or higher in classes at Charlotte High School in all 4 quarters will get an award.

Go Together, Show Together

For students involved in Charlotte High's art program, the Advanced Placement art show is considered the biggest event of the year. AP art students produced dozens of pieces composed in mediums ranging from colored pencil to acrylic paint. Each student got their own booth and had the freedom to decorate it however they wanted.

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The viewing public also had the opportunity to purchase some of the artwork. However, AP art students were not the only ones who got the chance to have their work featured. Out in the lobby and scattered all throughout the performing arts center, other students in Pre-AP art and 2D Art 1-3 were selected to have their pieces in the show as well.

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One Blood, One Love

Charlotte High holds about two blood drives every school year. You have to be 16 years old to donate blood and qualify for different physical exams. Donating blood can help countless hospital patients in need. Every student has their reason for why they donate.

"I did the blood drive because I felt like I was doing something good," said Brandon Ware (11). Donating blood can be a very good experience for some people. It gives everyone a chance to help out.

"My experience was very positive everyone was very nice and knew what they were doing. I think it's important to donate for the blood drive because if you think about if it was your family member that got into an accident and needed blood, you wouldn't hesitate to help out; when an emergency happens they could be saved" said Brandon Manomat (11).

However, some people want to donate but cannot because of many different reasons like thickness. "I couldn't even donate blood because I have so much iron it made my blood thick," said Ana Rosado (11).

Donating blood is very important to help out your community and save lives. It works to give students a purpose to feel like they are helping.

Poetry Slam (Dunk)

The 2018 Tarpon Poetry Slam attacted many different types of people. The 11 students who took part in the event each wrote their own poetry and shared it with the crowd.

"I really enjoyed being up on stage, it gives me the opportunity to express myself freely. "The things some of these people write truly amaze me. They're so mature and creative for their ages."," said Brooke Vitti (12).

The poetry slam gave students the chance to express their feelings through words without being judged by others.

"The poetry slam is so important to me. Just think of it as our varsity football team playing Port Charlotte for regional finals. That is how much this means to me, "said Catalina Mosquera (10).

For some students however, it's not just about themselves. Others find the beauty of the event is seeing the smiles they put on the faces of others. The poetry is meant to be shared with many people, and every year it is a success. Students long for the poetry slam because they enjoy it so much.

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Arcadia by Tom Stoppard

The production of Arcadia was different than expected. I assumed that the production would be held in the auditorium where all other CHS drama productions are held. Instead, the production was held in the black box, with uncomfortable chairs surrounding the set. The set did not change during the entire two and a half hour play. The play included two different time periods, 1809 and 2009.

"I enjoyed the scenes that were in 1809, but the scenes in 2009 were not entertaining," explained Sydney Rodetski.

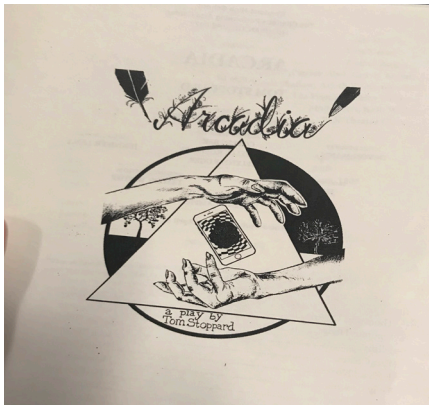
The play was hard to understand due to all actors using British accents, having long monologues, and the use of complicated language. The actors are not to blame for the comprehensive problems but the play itself. Written by Tom Stoppard, the play is about two families who live in the same house who attempt to solve a mystery, but in two different time periods. The play was supposed to be a comedy but the only thing people laughed at was sexual jokes in the first act. The play was also supposed to be educational but with the large vocabulary used you could not understand what was happening.

"I think I understood sixty percent of what the play is about," said Sydney Browne.

The play was advertised to the students with posters in the hallways. The advertisements made it seem like the play would be understandable to all ages, but it seemed that only adults could understand the context. Some of the audience would laugh at random times during the play but the rest of the audience would look at them with confused expressions on their faces.

"I thought that the play would be for high schoolers because the play was advertised in our school. But instead the play was very confusing," said Kate Chalone.

Arcadia's script was disappointing. There were too many monologues, and all monologues were excessively long. Also, the play was produced by a high school drama troupe but high schoolers can't comprehend what the play is about. On the bright side, for a terrible script the actors did a superb job on the stage.



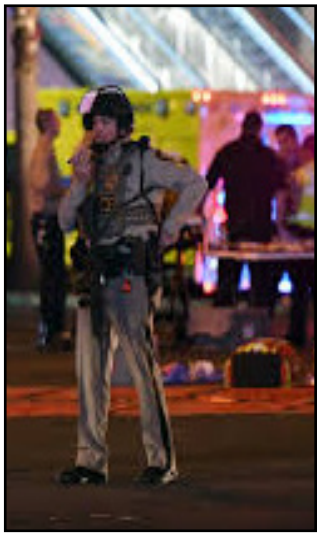
A Year end review

12 Major events in 2017 - 2018

The New England Patriots after they lost the Super Bowl.

The New England Patriots are back in the 2018 Super Bowl for their third time, playing against the Philadelphia Eagles. Everyone was expecting the Patriots to win because of their quarter back, Tom Brady. Justin Timberlake performed the halftime show. Before the halftime show, the Eagles were winning, 22 to 12. The Philadelphia Eagles won the Super Bowl against the Patriots, 41 to 33.

Sunday, October 1, 2017 there was a mass shooting at a concert in Las Vegas. A 64-year-old man shot from the 32nd floor of his hotel suite killing 58 people and injuring over 800 people. The gunman fired more than 1,100 rounds, he was found dead an hour after he fired his last shot. The man checked into Mandalay Bay Resort with ten suitcases and twenty-three weapons in the suitcases. Many people at the concert thought it was fireworks until the people fall to



The polcie helping people to get away so they are safe.

NFL Player bending their knee during the National Anthem.

A Southwest Airlines plane traveled from New York to Dallas and had to make an emergency landing in Philadelphia. Passengers struggled to pull a woman back into the plane after she was sucked out of the plane window. The engine exploded which caused the window to shatter. The woman died from blunt impact trauma and seven other passengers were injured.

On May 23, 2017, a suicide attack after an Ariana Grande concert at Britain's Manchester Arena. The suicide bomber was 22 years old; the police arrested 23 year old who was connected with the attack. 22 people died and 59 other people were injured. The bomb went off outside the arena a few minutes after Ariana Grande performed her final song. Over 240 emergency calls were made, 60 ambulances and 400 police officers were there. Anyone who came to pick someone up from the concert was forced to try and find missing children.

NFL Players bend the knee during the National Anthem. The protest started hours after Donald Trump wanted to boycott the NFL. In the game Baltimore Ravens vs Jacksonville Jaguars, 24 players bended their knee during the US National Anthem, while others stood and locked arms. The biggest protest was at the nation's capital, almost the entire team bended the knee. This is extremely disrespectful to many people.

Hurricane Irma on September 10, 2017, right before landfall on Florida.

Hurricane Irma is the strongest hurricane formed in the Atlantic ever recorded. Irma covered 650 miles from East to West. Southwest Florida was hit on September 10 at a category 2. Over 5 million people were told to evacuate. The whole state of Florida was under a State of Emergency. Irma hit several Caribbean islands as a category 5; the Florida Keys were hit at a category 4, Macro Island was hit then Florida. As Irma moved up Florida, it became a tropical storm. Georgia and South Carolina were under tropical storm warnings. By Monday, 5 people had died and 6 million homes and businesses had lost power in Florida and 720,000 people were without power in Georgia.

On August 21, 2017 a total solar eclipse occurred, where the moon completely covered the sun. Anyone in North America was able to see the whole eclipse; the Northern, parts of South America and some areas of Europe and Africa were able to see some form of the solar eclipse. This is the first time in 99 years a solar eclipse has passed from one coast to the other. Anyone who looks directly at the sun without wearing eclipse glasses is at risk of eye damage. The eclipse glasses are sold anywhere for a cheap price and they sell out fast.

The streets of Houston flooded from Harvey.

Hurricane Harvey affected about 150,000 properties of Texas. About 13 million people were affected in Texas, Louisiana, Missis-sippi, Tennessee and Kentucky and 88 people have died. Harvey caused $125 billion of damage. The hurricane hit Texas on August 25, 2017 at a category 4. Harvey hit landfall 3 times, it strongest when a third of Houston Texas was underwater. 39,000 people had to evacuate because of the flooding.

The engagement of Prince Harry and Ms. Meghan was announced on November 27, 2017. The wedding was on May 19, 2018, usually royal weddings are held on weekdays. The wedding took place at St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle at 12pm. The queen signed the Instrument of Consent one week before the wedding. The Instrument of Consent is the official document to give Prince Harry permission to marry Ms. Meaghan. The wedding cake was a lemon elderflower cake made by Violet Bakery's Claire Ptak.

The winter Olympics were held on February 9 to February 25, 2018. The top 5 highest total scores are Norway's is 39, Germany is 31, Canada is 29, United States of America is23 and the Netherlands is 20. The Olympics were held at Pyeongchang, South Korea, officially opened by President Moon Jae in. There were 2,922 total athletes participating, 1,680 were men and 1,242 were woman.

The students from Stoneman Douglas High School had to have there hands on each others shoulders as they were escorted out of the high school.

A volcano in Hawaii is erupting. The volcanoes is named Kilauea, located on the Big Island. The volcano is destroy thousands of homes. The 1,100-degree lava flowing down streets, sending methane gas, shooting up flames and starting brush fires. Magma went out of the volcano at 3,500 cubic feet per second which formed a lava of river 4 miles long.

A mass school shooting on February 14, 2018 at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland Broward County, Florida. The shooter was a former student at the school. He was expelled for disciplinary reasons and did not graduate. Everyone that is was a fire drill, and then they heard gunshots and ran back inside. Including students and teacher, 17 died and many injured.

Stephen Hawking died on March 14, 2018 at 76 years old. He was best known for his work in black holes and relativity, he also wrote several books.One of his most popular books was “A Brief History of Time,”. He suffered from a motor neuron disease that was diagnosed when he was 22 years old. He lived most of his life not being able to speak or barely move.

Football players began taking the knee when Colin Kaepernick started doing so in 2017. He began taking the knee during the National Anthem before his football games. The peaceful protests are mainly about the police brutality towards black men. More and more innocent black men are being shot and Colin believed it was important for him to stand up to the injustice.

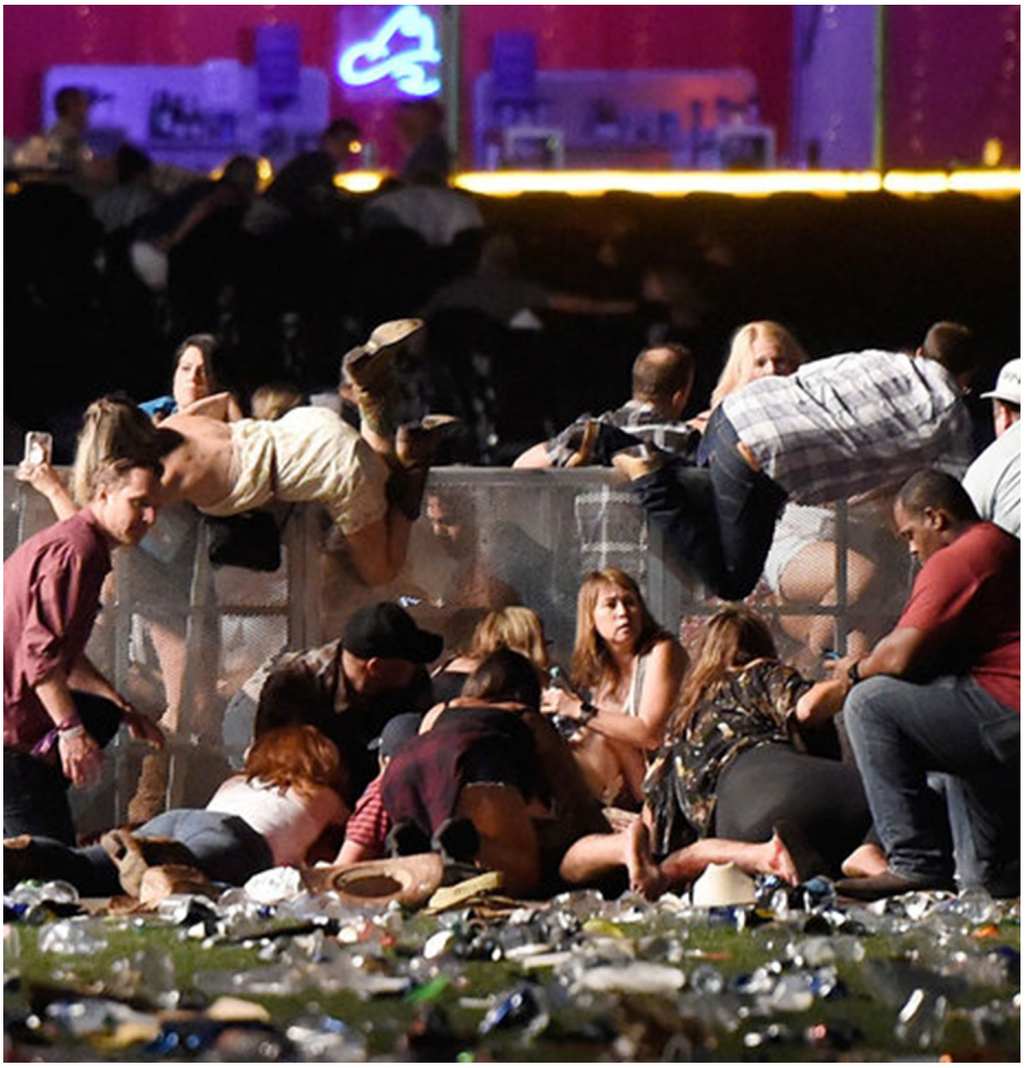
On Monday, August 21, 2017 a solar eclipse occurred over North America. A solar eclipse is where the moon comes between the Sun and Earth and blocks sunlight. People in North America, parts of South America, Africa, and Europe could all see parts of the solar eclipse. The longest it would be at totality would be 2 minutes and 40 seconds at Carbondale, Illinois. The last time the United States saw a total eclipse was in 1979.

The California wildfire season in 2017 was the most destructive one on record. There was a total of 9,133 fires and around $13.028 billion worth of destruction. The fires killed 2 firefighters and 41 civilians. 12 firefighters and 199 civilians were injured. 1,381,405 acres of land were destroyed and 14,000 homes were damaged.

The #metoo movement was created by Tarana Burke in 2006 too aid in the fight of sexual violence. The #metoo movement was made for young girls who have endured sexual harassment. The movement supports women who have not gotten justice for the crimes committed to them. 17,700,000 women have reported being sexually harassed since 1998.

Activists participate in the Take Back The Workplace March and #MeToo Survivors March & Rally on November 12, 2017 in Hollywood, California. The activists were protesting big corporations not punishing workers for allegations of sexual harassment.

Larry Nassar was once a world renowned sports physician but is now in prison for the rest of his life. He most notably treated US Women's Gymnastics athletes, and 150 women protested that he sexually assaulted them over the past two decades. Nassar pleaded guilty to seven counts of sexual assault, and received 175 years in prison. He was convicted in early 2018 after weeks of court.



In the middle of the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival Stephen Paddock started shooting at the crowd. The concert was located on the Las Vegas Strip, and the shots were coming from the Mandalay Bay Hotel. The shooting occurred on October 1, 2017 where 59 people died, and 851 people were injured. After the gunman finished shooting at the crowd, he then shot himself.

Concertgoers of the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival jump and climb over a fence to escape gunshots coming from above in a Mandalay Bay suite. Attendees ran for their lives once gunshots started firing on October 1, 2017.

A Year In the Life

The twelve most newsworthy stories of this year

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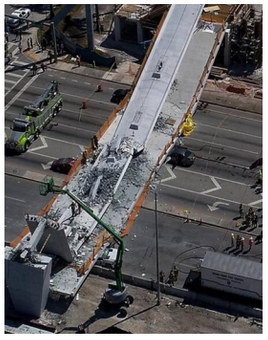


On March 15, 2018 the FIU Sweetwater University City pedestrian bridge collapsed onto Tamiami Trail. 6 people were killed and 9 people were injured. There were reported cracks in the bridge days before it's collapse. The bridge recently opened and was 175 feet long. The northern end of the bridge collapsed leaving the bridge tilted.

The FIU Sweetwater University City pedestrian bridge left destroyed after it's collapse on March 15, 2018. The bridge was tilted because only the northern end collapsed. Cars were left crushed underneath on Tamiami Trail.

Hurricane Irma was a catastrophe that hit the Atlantic coast. Irma lasted from August through September. The highest wind speed was 185 mph. The hurricane costed $64.76 billion in damage. There were 134 fatalities caused by the storm. Irma created damage everywhere it hit, including places like Jacksonville, the Caribbean Islands, and Southwest Florida.

A man carries his dog in the streets of Havana after Hurricane Irma. The streets were flood all the way up to the man's waist. Even though the man's home was probably destroyed due to the flooding, he was happy because he was alive and so was his pet.

The 2018 Winter Olympics occurred from February 9 through February 25. The games consisted of 102 events in 15 sports. 2963 athletes competed between 92 countries. The games were held in PyeongChang, Republic of Korea. Out of 259 medals, the United States received 23 of them.

Aljona Savchenko and Bruno Massot during the Free Skate competition. They represented Germany in the 2018 Winter Olympics. They won a gold medal for their free skate which was Germany's first pairs gold medal since 1952.

On February 14, 2018 a shooting occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Nikolas Cruz came into the school at the end of the day, pulled the fire alarm and started shooting once students left the classrooms. Five minutes later, he put down his assault rifle and ran out of the building blending in with the other kids. He killed 17 people in 5 minutes, then went to Subway and McDonald's.

Teachers around the United States have recently been protesting due to insufficient pay. Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kentucky, West Virginia, North Carolina, etc. Are all states that have had protests in 2018. The teachers are protesting for higher wages and more student resources. Teachers have marched to state capitals, done sit ins, and more. Schools were shut down for days because of the lack of teachers available.

Teachers around the globe joined together in Charleston, South Carolina for a nation wide protest. Teachers held up signs saying things like "my second job payed for this sign" to show the state representatives that teachers don't make enough money to support themselves.

Solar Eclipse

A solar eclipse is when the moon passes between the sun and the Earth and blocks part or all of the sun for up to three hours. On August 21st, 2017, the first total solar eclipse in 99 years formed over the US. People all over the country were buying glasses so you could view the eclipse in the best way. It could be seen from any point in the US and was dangerous to view without the correct eyewear. With the right precautions, people all over were viewing a historical moment.

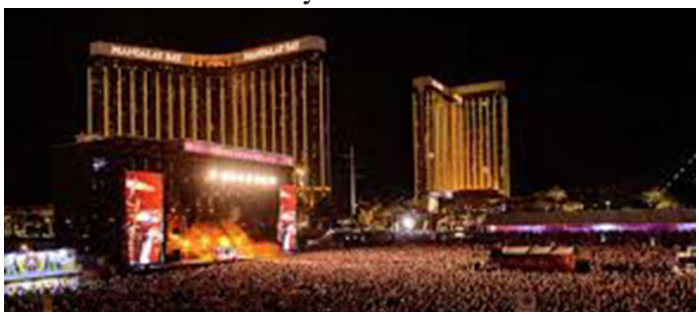
Hurricane Irma

Hurricane Irma is the strongest Atlantic based hurricane ever recorded outside of the Gulf. It was a category 5 hurricane and because of its size caused 5.6 million people to evacuate. Its powerful winds and tons of rain caused floods and storm surge all through the coast of Florida. This was one of the most powerful hurricanes to hit Florida since Hurricane Charley. The residents of Florida gave lots of help to those hit the hardest by the hurricane and worked as a community to move on.

Hurricane Irma destroyed many houses because of its strong winds in Forida on September 10th

Las Vegas Shooting

The deadliest mass shooting in US modern history occurred on October 1st, 2017. At the Route 91 Harvest festival, an outdoor country concert, Stephen Paddock started firing a gun all of attendees of the concert. He was firing from a hotel room above the concert site after staying there from September. 58 people died and at least 500 were injured. While no motive is 100% confirmed, his doctors believed he may have suffered from a bipolar disorder. He shot himself before being found by the police.



Although his motive is not clear Stephen Paddock killed 58 people from a hotel room above this concert on October 1st in Las Vegas.

World Trade Center Atttack

On Halloween in New York a terrorist attack took place near the World Trade Center. The driver, Sayfullo Saipov plowed through a bicycle path killing 8 people. He then got out of the truck screaming in Arabic before getting shot down by the police. Many people dived out of the way from the moving truck but some just weren't quick enough This was one of the few terror attacks in New York since 9/11.

Texas Church Shooting

In Sutherland Springs, Texas 26 people were killed in a church shooting. The victims were all ages but most of them were children. The shooter is being accused of the worst mass murder in Texas history. A neighboring store fired upon the shooter, Devin Kelley, after the attack. Kelley was later found dead in his truck from a gunshot wound.

Nicholas Cruz shot and killed 17 students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school on February 14, 2018, in Parkland

Parkland Shooting

On February 14, 2018, a former student from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High school killed 17 students at the school. There have been many accusations if the shooting could have been stopped because of the mental illnesses and reputation of the former student. This is one of the many recent shooting at high schools. Many memorials have been held all over the US for the families and friends of all the lost students that have lost someone from a school shooting

Volcano Eruption

On Hawaii's "Big Island" the volcano, Kilauea erupted. The number of earthquakes caused this in the recent month. Since May 3rd when the earthquakes first started causing eruptions in the volcano 2,000 people have been evacuated. Locals are saying that 45kg chunks of lava were thrown into the air from the eruption. Some people have been injured from "lava splatter" while outdoors.

Santa Fe Shooting

Nine students and one teachers at Santa Fe High School in Texas were shot and killed along with 13 wounded students. This was after Dimitrios Pagourtzis came inside with a .38 revolver and a shotgun and shot anyone he did not like and spared students he liked because "he wanted his story to be told." Both guns he had were legal and owned by his father. There is no motive known for the shooting. This is the 22nd school shooting of 2018.

Never Again

Four days after the Parkland Shooting students from the school and all over the country started protested for better gun control laws. Protests included walkouts, marches, and social media posts and televised events spreading the movements. This movement has caused many people across the country to start their movements for reformed gun laws to help prevent more school shootings in the future. This movement has been broadcasted on television with speeches from victims of the shootings. While this may not be an overall fix to the shootings, it's a place to start with reformed laws that prevent underage kids from getting any kind of gun.

Students all over the US protest the gun laws in place. They make signs and try to get the gun laws reformed

In The Republic of Korea millions of people watched the athletes compete in the differnt events on February 9th

Olympics

On February 9th-February 25th in the Republic of Korea 92 countries competed in the PyeongChang Olympics. The Olympics consisted of 2963 athletes competing in 102 events. The events were all winter sports and there were many millennials competing. Some of the athletes were as young as 15 years old and making it on the podium, placing with gold, silver, or bronze. All countries had their winners and losers but to watch kids make history was worth it.

Royal Wedding

Prince Harry and Meghan Markles wedding was a historical thing to watch. It took place at Windsor Castle. This wedding was a big change from how things usually are for the royal family. Markle is American, an actress, and also mixed race. These are all not normal for the royal family because of the way things have run in the past. The wedding was beautiful and people from all over attended in person or watched on TV.

Millions of people tuned in to watch the Royal Wedding on their TV's. They did this to watch the Prince Harry and Meghan enjoy their happiness on May 19th

Austin Serial Bomber

Between the dates on March 2nd and 20th 5 bombs exploded killing 2 people. These bombs were all because of Mark Conditt who dropped the bombs off at the homes of the victims. There were many people injured from the blasts. The suspect was killed after he blew himself up after being pulled over by police. The explosion killed himself and also injured a police officer on the blast.