



Principal Trinh announces 10-class block schedule to start in the ‘15-’16 school year

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With a new school building, Linked Learning, and a new schedule next year, will there be new electives?

The 2015-2016 school year will not only bring a new school remodeling, but also new academic courses will be implemented. Freshman Dean Joseph Mata mentioned the new electives for next school year.

“Depending on the elective teachers and staff, new electives will come,” Mata said. “If an elective teacher wants an extra program to specialize their classes, we can bring new classes.”

Mata also commented on what will the arrangement of the new block schedule will look like.

“The new block schedule will have ten periods,” Mata said. “There would be five periods every day which consist of 90 minute classes.”

With the new block schedule, Lee High School students would have five periods each day and an extension time in their E.O.C classes to help ensure that they pass the STAAR tests.

“We will have an A day and a B day,”

Sophomore and Senior Counselor Jessica Broadnax said. “There will be ten periods, five periods each day and E.O.C classes would be doubled meaning there might be two math classes and English classes.”

This schedule will also allow for more time to practice during athletic periods and the ability to take even more specialized electives classes.

The incoming freshman will have more time for each class, which will give them a benefit for graduating on time.

“Each class next year will be 90 minutes

for better learning and preparations for their end of course exams and STARR,” Broadnax said.

For Junior Cesar Sanchez more time in class would be great for him.

“It would be in great help for more time in class,” Sanchez said. “Although more time would be stressful the final result would be great.”

More updates will be decided as the school year ends and a more definitive course selection and master schedule are created.



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Athletics classes adjust to new construction

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As Lee High School prepares for the new school building, recent construction is shutting the school down sooner than expected.

Construction has begun and is projected to continue through next year, according to Building Manager and Assistant Principal Joseph Mata.

“They shut down over half of the field,” Senior and band member Abimmael Cruz said. “It sucks because band uses part of that field to practice. Although I won’t be here next year, I want to see our band program keep going, so I’m unsure of where they will practice next year.”

All sports will be cut short from using the field and will have to find other means of practicing.

“Athletics will have to practice at say Butler Stadium while track will practice at a nearby park, also P.E. will find a creative way to still have outside class,” Mata said. “We will provide buses to go there, but the programs shouldn’t suffer.”

Although there are other options, some seniors said they are sad to not be able to finish the year with the old field.

“I love football and anytime that I can play it is amazing,” Senior Vincent North said. “When they closed over half of the field, it was sad because I’m not able to practice

football like I want to. Man, I sort of wish they would wait on closing it until school is over, but I guess it’s for safety right?”

The closing of the field was a complete safety precaution, according to Mata.

“That fence will stay in place for the next 20 months until the building is finished, it’s also a barrier to remind us that that construction zone is not our property for the time being,” Mata said. “We should not be in that space it is for insurance purposes as well as protection so that none of our students nor staff is in that area.”

While some students already knew about the upcoming construction, others are really shocked.

“What I didn’t even know was that the field was closed off,” Junior Kendal Martin said. “We practice with the band there in the summers and during football season, so it going to be pretty weird having to find a new place to practice.”

The closing of the field is an overall safety situation for students because of the tearing down of the school. Students that play sports and other things of that such will now have to find new places to practice. According to Mata the closing of the fence is so that the construction workers have a place to start the foundation of the new school.

Top 10 Seniors reap benefits of hard work

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As graduation approaches, all seniors look back on their many achievements and there are a few who have worked hard to be distinguished as the top 10 scholars out of a class of 265.

For the students with the top 10 GPAs, the hard work started in their freshman year and still hasn’t ended until they walk down the stage to graduate.

“I worked really hard throughout the years and did not settle for anything less than my best,” Senior Cindy Wakiyama said. “It wasn’t easy, but it was so worth it.”

The top 10 percent has a lot of benefits including field trips to visit colleges, better opportunities to get scholarships, and even automatic acceptance into many of Texas’s

public universities.

One of the most critical years is freshman year because not many students are thinking about getting high GPAs. Instead, they are more worried about adjusting to high school. However, having a good GPA starts in the first semester.

“I give a lot of credit to my start,” Senior Kymyatta Gabriel said. “I went to private school the first few years of school and I’m so grateful to have that start that and now throughout school I have continued to work hard how they expected me to work in elementary school and I must say that it has work and it is working and I plan to continue to discipline myself in that way.”

Self-discipline is definitely a common-

ality between the top 10 seniors.

Although the work wasn’t always hard, it was a lot.

“It wasn’t that hard for me,” Senior Guadalupe Rodriguez said. “All I had to do was work everyday. The work is not hard, so if anyone wants to be in the top ten just do your homework, it’s seriously not that hard.”

These seniors prove the phrase “hard work pays off,” as they walk down the stage with a high school degree and a university to attend in the fall.

So no matter what grade you are in, make some goals for yourself now so that you, too, can be a part of the top 10 in your senior year and reap the benefits.

Congratulations Top 10 Graduates (2014 - 2015)

1. Dashuang Liang
1. Xiao-Shuang Liang
2. Saras Paudel
3. Cindy Wakiyama
4. Prashantika Gautam
5. Bigyan Subedi
6. Kymyatta Gabriel
7. Gracia Morin
8. David Cruz
9. Guadalupe Rodriguez

UIL Academics makes it to Regional competition

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UIL participants celebrate as they go to Regionals after winning the Overall District Champion award for 20-5A 2015. Lee High School set a personal record for having the most wins and doing the best it has ever done. The competition was held at Davis High School on April 11.

“We took 13 students to the competition and all thirteen students placed!” Journalism Teacher Jenni Wiener said.

Wiener said she is proud that the students placed in the competition and more than half of the students are going to Regionals.

Students said that they were excited as some of them are going for their second time around.

“I am so excited that I am going to Regionals,” Senior Kymyatta Gabriel said. “I felt like I hadn’t placed enough this year in the meets, but I am so proud of myself for making it.”

Gabriel was one of the few participants that made it to Regionals last school year too. She is now going for her second time along with a few friends.

“I was so nervous the whole time,” Gabriel said. “But I made it!”

“The district competition was an amazing experience,” Senior Ixchel Perez said. “Making it to Regionals is a blessing, I

feel that my internship with the Houston Chronicle has helped me build my writing skills.”

Perez said she was very thankful for her teachers that have helped develop her writing skills.

“I want to thank Ms. Wiener and Ms. Smith for believing in me,” Perez said. “They have supported me in my writing skills to the next level. I will miss them very much.”

When some of the participants found out they had placed in a subject, they were ecstatic.

“I received the text that I won first place in two categories,” Senior Cindy Wakiyama said. “I was so happy that we won our way to regionals and I hope this year we can at least make it to State.”

Wakiyama said that she has grown in her writing since last year and that this wouldn’t have happened without all the help she has received from her teachers Ms. Wiener and Ms. Smith (from the Houston Chronicle).

“I want to thank these two ladies for teaching us what they know,” Wakiyama said. “They have made us into better writers but also better people.”

Congratulations again to all the partic-

ipants who placed! Solomon Fiseha got 3rd in Number Sense, 4th in Calculator Applications, Cindy Wakiyama got first in Editorial Writing and first in headline writing, Guadalupe Rodriguez got first in Ready Writing, second in News Writing, and second in Feature Writing, Maria Ramirez got first in Feature Writing and 4th in News Writing, Ixchel Perez got third in Feature Writing, Kymyatta Gabriel got 3rd in News Writing and 5th in Headline Writing, Aristoteles Villamil got 6th in Calculator Applications and 5th in Math, David Cruz got 5th in Editorial Writing, Shondreya McDonald got 5th in Science,

Deborah Akimana got 3rd in Science, Amie Birigmania got first in Persuasive Speaking, Da-Shuang Liang got 5th in Social Studies, 2nd in Spelling and Vocab, 2nd in Poetry, and 3rd in Math, and Xiao-Shuang Liang got 3rd in Prose, 2nd in Math, 2nd in Social Studies, and 3rd in Spelling and Vocab.

These students will compete at Regionals on Saturday, April 25th. The competition will take place at Magnolia High School.



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Seniors commit to Army

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As many seniors are still working to figure out where they will walk after they walk the stage, some have decided to join the Army.

Seniors Maria Castaneda, Llair Sapon, Irvin Mejia, Elias Calvillo, Dillon Morales, David Collazo, David Rios and Kassandra Herrera have enlisted.

“Enlisting in the Army was based off of (how) I see that Sergeant (Trint Conrod) has it good and everything,” Sapon said.

Others enlisted so they could experience the adventures of military life.

“What made me decide to enlist was the opportunities and the chances to travel around the world and meet different countries,” Collazo said.

Those who enlisted had to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASV-AB) test which determined what jobs they were eligible for.

“Well, you take the test and based on your scores, you get to pick your job,” Sapon

said. “My job is 91 Delta, which is power generator repairer. I can go to engineering school for electricity, so basically my job is to be an electrician. I chose this job because even if I decide to retire from the Army, I can have that career in the civilian world.”

Recruits who were in ROTC during high school are distinguished from other recruits from the start.

“If you’re in ROTC for three or more years, you get ranked up,” Sapon said. “I’m going from a private to a private 2. It’s a higher pay rate.”

The recruits look forward to adding their future military experience to other aspects of their lives.

“I feel like it is going to open a lot of opportunities for me later on in life,” Castaneda said. “It is just something to be proud of. ... My mom tells me that I need to gain discipline, so I can learn how to listen to people who are higher than me. This will be a great way to learn those skills.”

UIL One Act Play wins awards

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March 26, 2015, Lee High School Theater Production Team gather up to go to Sharpstown High School to compete against other HISD schools to make it to Bi-District Competition.

The theater production team came in 1st place in the UIL Once Act Play Competition against Sharpstown, Waltrip, Yates, Davis, and Reagan High Schools.

All Lee students got awarded for their great performance and each individual got a separate award for Best Technician, Best Crew, Best Actor/Actress, and Best Actress Of 2015.

President of the Theater Team Michelle Belmarez said, “To hear our school get called out to advance to the next round feels so great. To see all the team faces full of excitement and in shocked to see that we made it was amazing. It feels good to show off all the hard work the team did from either after school practices to set and strike or helping stay up long nights to load up the truck with all the props we need for the show. I am proud of my team and glad to have them and to be

their president.”

Unfortunately on April 9, 2015, the Lee High School Theater Team didn’t advance from Magnolia High School to Area, but won awards for Best Tech and Best Actor/Actress. The theater team all did their best by putting hard work into everything, whether it was for getting in character, make up, costume, set and strike, tech, timing, and directing. The entire team did a great job and showed lots of effort.

“I know the team didn’t advance,, but in my heart I still think my team is the number 1 winner, whether we make it or not I see all the hard work everyone does every day where it comes to bringing up grades in classes or staying after school and sacrificing some of their every day activities,” Belmarez said. “They are fully committed to theater and hope that they had lots of fun to look back in the past and remember all the good moments we all had together.”

At the end of the night, everyone had high hopes that where broken but they know that they still have another chance to do it again.

JROTC throws successful Military Ball

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The Military Ball is a special night for the Lee High School JROTC cadets, they were awarded for their hard work and have a blast. The companies include Alpha Company, Bravo Company, Charlie Company and Delta Company. But the one that took the big award this year was the Delta Company. Congratulations for winning the big award, which was well deserved and congratulations to the people who won royal court. Duchess: Claudia Wu, Duke: Manuel Flores, Princess: Jennifer Caxaj, Prince: Nathan, Queen: Monica Perez and King: Ricardo Servin.

For some, this year was the first time they attended the ball and showed their support for the JROTC cadets.

“It was my first time going to the Military Ball and I had a blast,” Junior Andrea Beranza said. “I liked how everybody wasn’t sitting and dancing, my favorite part was getting in a circle and seeing someone in the middle dance.”

For others, they have been to the ball before, but said they have fun every time they go, which makes them excited to come

back for more.

“This is my third year going to the Military Ball and I am so happy because I won an award,” Junior Carmelita Garcia said. “What I enjoyed was the food, dancing and a slideshow of all ROTC people.”

The ball started with a nice dinner and awards and ended with the classy dancing. Everyone dressed up elegantly and showed their support for each other.

“It was my first time going and what I enjoyed was the food, it was really good,” Junior Chris Gamino said.

Congratulations to everyone in JROTC for putting in so much hard work. Lee High School appreciates everything you do.

2014-2015 Teams
Primary Color Guard
Secondary Color Guard
Flag Detail
Non-Service Drill Team
Service Drill Team
Physical Training Team
Rifle Team
Academic Team

Shalonda McGinnis recognized for excellent teaching

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Although the Teacher of the Year has already been selected, there are a lot of hardworking teachers at Lee High School. Math Teacher Shalonda McGinnis is an extraordinary teacher and this month she has been highlighted for all the success she’s had throughout the school year. McGinnis is not only a wonderful teacher; she is also an amazing role model, with a great sense of humor.

McGinnis is a not an ordinary geometry teacher. Her ability to get along with others has impacted her students. Students feel safe and comfortable with Ms. McGinnis, giving them the motivation to learn and the desire to be themselves.

“Ms. McGinnis motivates us to be ourselves and always try our best and never give up,” Sophomore Ja’kara Mitchell said.

McGinnis does not only get along with her students, but also with her fellows teachers.

“Ms. McGinnis is always encouraging. She gives the best advice both professionally and personally, I lus me some MAGINTHA,” English Teacher Jennipher McGraw said.

At first, McGinnis did not know she was going to be a teacher. Studying to become a pediatrician, she discovered her love for children. To become a teacher she had to work for her money. She worked hard at her first real job, which was Popeye’s, to accomplish her goals.

“I want to be good in every aspect of my life, including on being a mother and a great teacher,” McGinnis said.

Although McGinnis looks like a city gal, she was born in the country.

“I loved to lay down and look at the stars, while my grandmother told me her life stories,” McGinnis said.

Don’t let her mean, confident face fool you; McGinnis loves to crack jokes with her students as long as they are appropriate.

“Ms. McGinnis teaches us geometry but also cracks a few jokes throughout the day. I never thought a teacher could be that funny,” Sophomore Lucia Cervantes said.

Overall, the students are thankful for all the compassion McGinnis has shown them. They said they will cherish her lessons in geometry and in life.



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Genesys Works recruits Lee juniors for variety of internship opportunities in 2015-2016

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In the 2014-2015 school year, four Lee High School students were selected to be interns in the Genesys Works program and now a new set of students are on their way to apply for a spot in the program for the 2015-2016 school year.

Fourteen junior students went to the first round of interviews on March 20 through 26th and all of them made it to the second round of interviews.

“We heard a lecture from a Genesys Works representatives- they told us about their experience and Genesys Works after that they made announcements about how to sign up. So we went to the college center and we filled out the application and if we were selected for the summer program, we would we go,” potential intern Dejanee Cherry said.

“For the first interview, we went to the location where the interview was going to be,” Cherry said. “It could be downtown or Houston Community College and after you go to your interview location, you go into the room and they ask you to write about a prompt they give you. Then you wait for the interviewer

to come and they ask you about your strengths and weaknesses.”

The applicants felt nervous for this life-changing interview.

“I felt really nervous because whenever I go somewhere, I go with my parents and I had to let go of their hands. So it was like a real interview, almost like a corporate interview,” Cherry said. “And when you see the other kids and they look so serious, you feel a little intimidated because they are your competition and you’re competing for the same thing.”

However, this interview gave the applicants a new perspective to the real world.

“It felt like a real corporate office because if you’re not on time, you’re late. The environment felt like a real office,” she said.

After two weeks all the Lee High School applicants received a letter for a second interview, which will comprise of a group interview in which the applicants will ask questions to current interns.

“I felt good [about the interview] but I didn’t want to have my hopes too high because there was still that chance that I wouldn’t be invited to the second interview,” Cherry said. “I felt relieved because we’ve been waiting for that letter for three weeks, and when we finally got the letter, it felt really good because the anticipation was over.”

The second interviews will be held April 20th and April 22nd 2015. Candidates in the interview process include:

- Liety Garcia
- Daniela Valdes
- Leslie Ortiz
- Hellen Bonilla
- Monica Hernandez
- Cohovi A.
- Dejanee Cherry
- Karim Sabar
- Bria Davis
- Jordyn Lewis
- Jordan Jones
- Brady Lopez
- Alegandra Orozco
- Marcelin Kamdoun



Students give advice for handling AP tests in May

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As many of the Advanced Placement students may know, for AP classes, they have to take a test at the end of the year.

Here are some AP classes offered at Lee High School that students will be taking a test for in May: AP U.S History, AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP Spanish Language, AP Art, AP Calculus, AP Physics, AP Government, AP Economics, AP History, AP Biology, as well as a few more.

Although the AP tests are meant to be challenging, they are a good investment of study time because if you do well, you earn college credit for that class and don’t have to pay for it once you go to college.

“To tell you the truth I am very nervous,” Junior Ricardo Rodriguez said. “This will be my first time taking an AP test, so I’m not really sure if I’m ready for it, but I’ve been paying attention in Ms. Sharber’s AP English Lang. class for most of this year. I should do well, I hope.”

Other students agree that there is a lot of pressure in AP classes because you are working hard everyday to be prepared for the test.

“I really don’t know how well I’m going to do on the AP test,” Junior Ronnie Mason said. “But both of my AP teachers set me up for the best and the best only. Big applause to Ms. Sharber and Ms. Morrow for teaching me and other students what we had to know

for this AP test. Due to their performance as teachers, I believe we should pass both AP tests.”

Students have created goals in their classes with their AP teachers to make sure they keep on track and learn all the material they will have to know.

“Well from what I know, the highest you could score on the AP test is a 5, I believe,” Junior Bryan Eriza said. “I, as an AP student, I’m aiming for like a 4 or even a 5 if its possible and as the saying goes, ‘anything is possible.’”

Some seniors who are already experienced in taking AP tests have advice for anyone who will be taking a test this May.

“I have taken AP English Language in the past and found that the time restraint was really challenging,” Senior Diana Alas said. “I had to keep watch on the time and make sure I was on track. It was really hard.”

“I have taken AP English, History, and more,” Senior Ixchel Perez said. “My advice is to study, study, study, and never give up! It is only four hours.”

Make sure to use the materials you have worked on all year to make sure you are ready for the test, and don’t forget to take it seriously because it can really make a difference in your college tuition prices, and scheduling.

Good luck!



Three Dimensional Visions offers glass blowing class

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News Writer

Want to take a break from the mundane and have a real adventure, while you create your own art? Come explore warm and hot glass at Three Dimensional Visions! They allow anyone from the ages of 14 and up to learn how to make warm glass art.

A student at Lee High School has a sense of interest for taking the glass blowing classes.

“I would like to take the classes because it is very interesting,” Sophomore Isaiah Chambers said. “This interests me because I am good at crafting things.”

Chambers has a very creative nature and plans on creating great things when he learns to make glass blowing art.

“If I would take the classes, I would create sculptures of human beings,” Chambers said.

Chambers is very proud of all the art that he makes, so he is always up for show.

“Yes, I would like my work to be put on display, because I like to have my work shown to the public.”

The glass blowing classes taught at the

Three Dimensional Visions have a hefty price for the lessons. The price for the lessons is 600 dollars and Chambers does not seem to approve of the price.

“I do not think \$600 for the lessons is worth the pay,” Chambers said. “It is too much for taking glass blowing lessons.”

A sophomore from Lee High School had a different idea about taking the classes for glass blowing at Three Dimensional Visions.

“I would not take the glass blowing classes, because I am not so interested in learning how to make glass blowing art,” Sophomore Jordy Rubio said.

Although he does not agree with Chambers idea of taking the classes, Rubio does agree about the price.

“I believe paying \$600 for the classes is not worth it because it is a lot of money for some lessons,” Rubio said.

Though the price is a little high, taking classes to learn how to make amazing art like this is something that a lot of people in the United States would want to try out. Rubio, Jordy agreed with this stating that “it looks cool.”



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Easy to make snacks to enjoy at any time

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We all know how hard it is to say, “NO” to all the delicious unhealthy snacks. Especially when you find yourself stuck in a diet; it is very difficult to not get tempted.

For the same reasons, I have brought to you a few tips on how to eat sweets that are not always too unhealthy! It is easy and fun to make and not very expensive.



Apples & Peanut Butter

- 1 apple in slides
- 1 full spoon of peanut butter
- Coconut strips and/or dry raisins

Simply cut the apples in tiny slices, then carefully spread the peanut butter on top and sprinkle either the dry raisins or coconut on top and enjoy a healthy snack.



Avacado & Pairs Toast

- 1 avocado
- Whole wheat bread
- 1 chopped pear

This is probably the easiest appetizer to make at home. Simply toast the bread and spread the avocado on every corner and put small pieces of chopped pairs on top.



Fruit On A Stick

- Any fruit of your choice
- Caramel or chocolate

What is better than fruit on a stick? Well choose any type of your favorite fruit and place them on the stick and deep them with your favorite sweets such as caramel or chocolate.



Healthy Milkshakes

- Milk or water and ice cubes
- Any type of fruit
- Oat meal and Organic Honey

This delicious milkshake will not bring all the boys to your yard, but it will help you maintain a healthy diet. Just simply bland-er all the ingredients together and drink on.

Get paid to be a LoL gamer

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League of legends, a game so well known by many gamers who play MOBA games (Multiplayer Online Battle Arena), has its own World Championship series. The first world championship series was held in South Korea, which is known for its devoted fans and having many great gamers.

This all may sound extremely nerdy, but the World Championship Series prize money was \$2 Million Dollars in total, the winner gets \$1 Million dollars and the other one million is distributed to the rest of the teams who had gone all the way into the championship series. This all happened just recently in 2014 and the championship series of 2015 will be held in Europe in the month of October.

“We can’t wait to head to Europe and bring the best League of Legends pro teams from around the world to fans across multiple cities and countries. Europe has been a home for LoL Esports since the very first steps in our journey,” Riot worker RedBeard said. “...host for many memorable Esports tournaments and events, (including our inaugural World Championship in 2011, IEM, Dreamhack, and last year’s All Star tournament).”

League is a very complex game with many different roles, so every team that decides to become pro gamers must have five members.

The roles consist of a jungler, who “ganks,” or goes in to help other team mates to kill the opposing player. There is also a Top laner; the character that can

withstand a lot of damage. The Mid lane does a lot of damage but can be killed very easily. Lastly, the Support and the Marksman; those two are in the bottom lane, the marksman does a lot of damage, but is also weak, so the Support character will heal or shield them. This may be a lot to take in, but this is what some gamers choose to do as a living and also for fun. Every role takes a lot of practice to be able to play correctly.

The current teams that will be going to Europe for the Championship series are as follows: Team Solo Mid taking it’s spot as number one, they are one of the best teams out there in the North American server. Second place was Counter Gaming Logic, more commonly known as CLG. Third place was Cloud9. There are more teams that are heading for the championship series, but these three teams are the most well known and have the most skills at playing League.

If you want to know more about League, just go on google and search up “League of Legends.”

It has the most active players out of some of the top games right now, with over 12 million people logging on every day to play.

You can also tune in and watch some of the competitions by going to the League website.

If you become interested, maybe you can become one of the top players and win the million dollars. Give it a try, it’s really fun. See you online!





Style tips: prom dresses to show off to the world

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Prom is right around the corner! And you need to know what color will flatter and what colors would make your skin look ‘sick’.

For dark skin girls, think of matching colors to your skin tone as a game of opposites attract. Dark skinned gals are going to look best in colors on the warm end of the spectrum in any shade, from pastels to brighter colors and rich, deeper tones as well. Warmer colors will bring out the warmth in your skin tone. Think any shade of purple from light and bright to royal purple to plum and eggplant; the pink spectrum from pastel and ballerina pink to poppy pink; yellows from soft yellow to a rich, bright yellow, and my personal favorites, gold, bronze and copper. Dark skinned girls can also pull off white in a really fabulous way and colors in the orange and red families. These hues will pop against their skin, warm their complexion and overall, really flatter their tones.



Dark skinned girls should steer clear from browns and blacks, plus colors on the cool end of the spectrum, like blues, gray and silver. If a color is too close to their skin tone, it just won’t flatter as much. Cooler colors are harsher on dark skin, can bring out gray undertones and can even make your skin look yellow which turn will make you look sickly.



On the other hand, girls with medium skin should stay away from browns, beiges, caramel, oranges and very pale pastels in any hue. Pastels and other light hues will be too cool against your skin and can bring out gray undertones. Gray is just not something you want in your complexion. Instead, you want colors that will bring out the warmth in your complexion. Stick with brighter, deeper hues and jewel tones that will really pop against your skin. Jewel tones are deep, rich colors that resemble precious gems like emeralds, rubies, sapphires and amethysts. The blue family, from deep navy to royal blue, is really flattering for medium skin. Deep pink, bright pink and raspberry pink are also good choices. The red and green families, plus deep purples will also be flattering for you as

well. If your skin is fair, it can have either warm, peachy undertones (usually with freckles, chestnut, red, golden blond or strawberry blond hair) or cool undertones (think Snow White or Reese Witherspoon- no color in your cheeks, ash blond, dark brown or black hair). You’ll want to determine your skins undertones before you match colors to your skin.

So, if you’re fair skinned with warm undertones, earth-tones will look great on you. Think any shade of brown (even pinkish-brown) and any shade of green- from olive to grass, emerald and lime. Ivory, navy and gray will also look really good on you- they’ll compliment your peachy undertones. The lighter side of the red and orange families (think peach, apricot, light pink, rose pink or rose red) will work well. It’s all about flattering the subtle red undertone in your skin. You’ll want to stay away from very bright colors and neons- they’ll clash with your skin. Black will be too dark and harsh, and white is too pale and can make you look sickly. If you’re fair skinned with cooler undertones, you look great in the berry family. Think strawberry or deep red, raspberry pink, boysenberry and deep purple. It creates a nice contrast with your skin and can bring out a hint of color in your cheeks. Jewel tones can also really flatter your skin. Think emerald, turquoise and amethyst. As for metallic, stay away from silver and stick with gold. You’ll want to stay away from shades that are too bright and light. White will make you look too pale, and black will give you a goth vibe. Neons, yellows, and lilac won’t bring out the best in your skin, either.



Summer festivals to attend

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With summer right around the corner, it is time to make some plans. Check out these festivals around the United States and plan a road trip.

Texas Crawfish and Music Festival 2015

April 24, 2015
Preservation Park,
130 Spring School Road
Spring, TX, 77373
Doors 6:00 PM
Description: Inside the festival gates, there will be live music, a carnival, midway games, exotic bird performances, alligator wading pool, exotic snakes, pony rides and petting zoo, food, drinks, art and craft vendors, you can walk around Old Town Spring and enjoy the town shops.



Godwit Days Spring Migration Festival

Date: April 15-21, 2015
Time: Event times vary
Address: Arcata, CA
Phone: (800) 908-9464
Description: “Held at the peak of spring migration, shorebirds abound and special opportunities are planned to see many other species, including Marbled Murrelet, Spotted Owl, and Snowy Plover. The area offers a wide array of habitats and species for your observation and enjoyment. Their selection of nearly 100 small group field trips, lectures, workshops, boating excursions, and community activities are led by experienced local guides. Special pre- and post-festival birding trips are available that can extend your enjoyment to a full week. Their “Humboldt Big Day” trip consistently observes over 110 species in a single day!”



Finger Lakes Celtic Festival

May 16, 2015
Farmington, New York
Location: 4925 Collett Road (near CR#28)
Description: This is a One day event, With 100’s of bagpipers, highland games, a gathering of the clans, dancers, music, arts, crafts, history, and even games, crafts & bounce house for the Wee-ones.



The Basic

May 23-May 25, 2015
Location: Detroit, MI
Description: The Movement Electronic Music Festival takes place every Memorial Day weekend inside Hart Plaza – Detroit’s legendary riverfront destination. The festival features: five technologically-rich outdoor stages; more than 100 artists; a posh VIP setting located behind the main stage; dozens of official after parties; an interactive technology center featuring the hottest gear in the industry; and several art displays to stimulate the senses. Over 107,000 people from around the globe attended the 2014 festival.



La Habra Spring Citrus Fair

Date: Moved to May 1 - 3, 2015
Address: 321 E. La Habra Blvd La Habra, Los Angeles
Description: The Annual La Habra Spring Citrus Fair featuring Food Truck Frenzy, starts Thursday April 19th, 2012 with Family Preview Night (rides, Food & Entertainment) and continues April 20th - 22nd, 2012, with exciting RIDES, gourmet Food Trucks, Lions Funnel cakes, great merchandise and a new entertainment stage.



Style your own school uniform

Dejanee Cherry
News Writer

Lee High School is built on diversity and along with the diversity there are different styles. Even though there are uniforms, students are still kable to make them unique. Lee High School is a school that has a uniform different from other schools and even though everyone has the same uniform, they don’t necessarily look the same.

What would you say your style is at Lee High School?

“I would say that my style is very different because I wear different things every day, sometimes I wear my hair curly or straight, sometimes I wear flats or I wear boots,” Junior Claudia Grant said.

“I would say that my style is very casual, I try to break the rules sometimes,” Senior Coreesha Ross said.

“I think it’s nice, I try to mix things together,” Sophomore Quintasha Caldwell said.

There are some students that like to be on the borderline of trendy and following school procedures. The students that like to be on the risky side are the ones that are more likely to stand out with their style. What makes their style stand out from the rest of the student body?

“My makeup makes me stand out,” Caldwell said.

“I pair jackets, shoes, and necklaces, it depends,” Ross said.

“I think I stand out because I make it unique and make it my own. Sometimes I wear different colors depending on the season,” Grant said.

There are times that people don’t dress up on normal occurrences. What makes them dress up, did they not have as much homework as they did the day before or did they not have any homework?

Do you think the mood that you’re in effects how you look that day?

“Definitely, if I’m happy I come pretty, but if I’m mad or in a bad mood I just come in whatever,” Grant said.

“Oh, most definitely, if I’m feeling a little blue that day then I try to dress up to bring my mood up,” GIS teacher Mrs.

Jettie Greene said.

Though Lee High School has students that dress to impress, do they feel that uniform limits them from expressing themselves in how they dress, or do they like the uniform procedures?

“In a way, yes, but it is what you pair up with it, your uniform can look really good if you pair something over it or under it, it doesn’t matter,” Ross said.

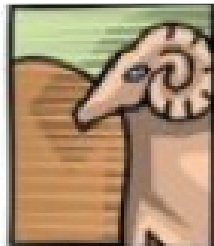
“Yes, because khaki pants everyday isn’t the most stylish thing to wear,” Caldwell said.

“No, not at all, because I can wear different things on top of my uniform. Like I can wear a scarf, necklace, and different stuff like that,” Grant said.

April horoscopes for all to enjoy

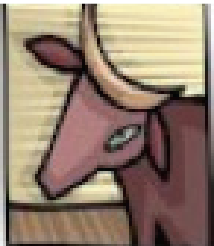
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News Writer

Aries



Your personal influence and charm skyrocket this month, dear Aries. It s a great time to ask for exactly what you want! Benefits from doing behind-the-scenes work arrive this month, and past efforts are rewarded. Travel, promotion, or publishing could figure in your career and benefit you. You have more faith in your profession and the direction in which you are headed. Support from family is forthcoming. A friendly connection can be made with someone who lives far away. The last week of April brings an intimate revelation and expansive love feelings.

Taurus



At first, April is a time for rest, relaxation, and introspection, dear Taurus. You come out of your shell towards the end of the month, however. In the last week, a surprise encounter with a person from your past is possible. Wonderful energy is with you. Finances are strong--money or gifts come to you. Happiness and fulfillment through the expansion of your mind, widening your social circle, travel, or connections to people of a different cultural background than you are indicated this month. Your idealistic nature is stimulated in April.

Gemini



Business should subtly improve this month, and you are likely to be backed by superiors, expansive, warm, and intimate. Benefit can come through jointly held resources, loans, or taxes, but continue to watch for impulsive spending. Your mind is especially bright, alert, and active now, and you have the ability to come up with unusual and inventive ideas. Sharing your thoughts with others is a prime interest. Long-term goals towards happiness are spotlighted.

Cancer



Career matters are strong for you this month, dear Cancer. Work requires more communication than usual and you speak with more authority. Your ideas may come into public view. You are likely doing some multi-tasking regarding career and business matters. Relationship ups and downs are likely. Meeting a partner through travel or educational activities is possible for singles. Dealing with others’ money or promoting others’ talents and resources could figure now. You can negotiate more successfully than ever. Assertiveness and physical vitality are highlighted in April. Financial benefits could come through partnerships.

Leo



An adventurous month is in store. Although your work is important this month, you find ways to break the routine. Nevertheless, you derive more enjoyment from your job this month, dear Leo. Others recognize your talents. Health is likely to prosper this year in general and in particular now. You are in good spirits and you enjoy lively debates with others. Wonderful opportunities come your way on the 20-21, when you receive a bonus or promotion, financial backing, or other support that boosts your feeling of security.

Virgo



osition this month to enliven romance in an existing partnership, or to strengthen ties with a romantic partner, dear Virgo. For singles, meeting a special person is very possible, although it is unlikely to lead to a long-term relationship or coupling. Investments in stocks and other speculative matters could earn nice profits, although care should be exercised. You may find great joy and reward in your creative projects and hobbies, and could discover a new creative talent you never knew you had. Social engagements abound in April.

Libra



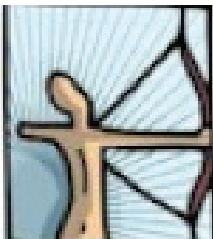
The ball is in someone else s court for the most part this month, dear Libra. Flattery will get you everywhere in April, as opposed to forcing your agenda on others, which can surely backfire. Just use it wisely! However, professionally you are feeling independent and ambitious. Working from home could figure in April. One-to-one relating appeals to you more than group activities or more casual connections, and the last week of April brings romantic opportunities. You are especially willing to compromise, negotiate, and make peace. Physical energy may be on the low side.

Scorpio



Your focus in April, dear Scorpio, is routine work, acquiring new skills, and health. Romantic and social activities revolve around your working environment. You enjoy increased communications with children and lovers this month. The role of teacher could figure in April. Emotionality around the Full Moon on the 20th is par for the course. You can surprise others--and even yourself--with what comes bubbling up from within. From the 18-22, social, work, and learning opportunities abound. This is a good time to take a course and to grab the attention of an audience.

Sagittarius



The first few weeks of April are all about having a good time, dear Sagittarius. It s time to enjoy yourself! Do watch for overspending, however, as you are especially attracted to speculative ventures just now. You could enjoy material benefits coming from real estate or family. Alternatively, you may have more resources with which to splurge on yourself, plumping up your nest or your store of personal possessions. A major purchase or sale is very possible. Love matters tend to be laced with a touch of drama, and romantic inclinations run high.

Capricorn



More involvement with your immediate environment, community, and neighborhood figure this month, dear Capricorn. You tend to be sentimental or nostalgic now. If things are out of whack on the home front, you will do whatever you can to create a peaceful and stable atmosphere. You might focus on ways to earn money in or from your home. Loyalty and sensitivity in your relationships are more important to you than typically in April. From the 20th, friendships and casual connections come into focus and offer much enjoyment.

Aquarius



You are likely to discover resources that you never knew you had this month, dear Aquarius. Help seems to be there when you need it, quite magically. Imaginative undertakings could boost your income in April. You are especially good at mediating conflicts now. Smoothing over differences using your diplomacy skills figures. A career revelation is likely to occur around the time of the Full Moon on the 20th. Work matters capture your attention. Good news arrives on the 21-22, and a romantic opportunity arises on the 27th.

Pisces



Financial security and enjoyment of the good things in life are important to you this month, dear Pisces. Money matters figure strongly. This month, you especially value people who make you feel comfortable. Friendships can be especially supportive in April. A friend may be integral in achieving your goals, and partnering with a friend in some tangible way can be part of the picture. The 12-14 bring opportunities to shine for what you do best. Your confidence with love matters is strong, but you could be moving a little too fast!

How to handle money

The month of April is Financial Awareness month. Use these tips to make sure you are spending wisely and saving what you can.

Bryan Hererra
News Writer

High school is almost over; seniors are soon to be freshmen in college and juniors will become seniors. We all know that senior year is probably the most expensive year of high school and of course college is expensive every year.

Next, you will read a few tips on how to save money and/or how to make better use of it.

We all know that books are very expensive but there are ways to avoid buying new and expensive books. Many students buy second-hand books online; it is an effective way to save money.

Another way students can save money is by making smart decision when making unnecessary purchases. It is always good to think about the, ‘needs over the wants.’

Students often purchase things that are overpriced; to save some money student should shop at places that give student discounts with a valid ID. With these discounts you can save a little money for something else you might need.

Everybody should save money, it is very important to always be ready for an emergency. Students who will pay for college out of their own packet, should consider these tips.

Many students buy junk food and drink many soft drinks, instead of buying drinks all the time try reusing a bottle of water. Water is the healthiest beverage there is.

Students can also save money by opening up a savings account that earns interest. Credit unions are perfect for students who plan to save money for their upcoming future.

During school many students should look into class requirements and op-

tions for testing out of classes, it’s better to look into those classes, so that you wouldn’t have to pay for classes that you could easily test out of.

Many parents and students buy unnecessary school supplies for their new upcoming school year, instead of buying notebooks, paper, and pencils it would save you money if you bought a laptop and it would also be beneficial to the earth.

Students tend to hang out with friends during the weekdays or weekends, limit how many times you go out and how much you intend to spend that day so that you don’t spend all your money at once in one day.

Another way students can save money is by saving up loose change they carry in their pocket or they see on the floor, although it may be a small amount, every penny counts.

An important tip for saving money is knowing how much you are spending every month or week, expenses add up fast and those expenses might be more than what you intentionally wanted to spend.

A great way to save a little money is by looking for discounts or coupons on things you will need for the new school year.

Student should also have short term saving goals rather than long term, these savings goals can be beneficial so that if you need money, it’s there when you need it.

Not only are these tips beneficial, but they are also teaching you responsibility by using several tips that you might use for their upcoming school year, although it might be challenging to try them out, the outcome will be very rewarding in your future.

Considerations for choosing the right college for you

Melissa Garcia
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Choosing the right college is one of the most important decisions ever. Choosing the right college means choosing where you want to spend the next four years of your life living, studying and making friends.

There are several factors that you should keep in mind when choosing the right college and one of the most important is how specialized it is in the field you want to study. Depending on where you get accepted, usually the best choice is the one that will prepare you the best for your future career. Looking up university statistics will also give you an idea about the college you want to go to. There are many websites that provide information such as the university’s graduate employment rate, loan debt, and much more.

Another factor that is important is deciding whether you would like to stay home or live on campus. When living on campus, it is easier to get involved in different clubs and organizations around the school; however, living at home can save you money. So you should always keep in mind that living on campus may cost you double the price. It is also essential to question whether you would like to spend the next four years actually living on campus or living at home with your parents.

One of the worst mistakes you can make when choosing the right college is following one of your friends or boyfriend/girlfriend. Although it may seem like a good choice at first because you want to be near them, remember they may have different interests compared to yours. Over time, you might end up regretting it because not only will you have already wasted time but also

money.

The temptation to party is also a major issue. DO NOT go to certain schools because you heard they were “fun party schools.” Remember that college is not like high school and knowing how to be responsible and managing your time is fundamental. You will not have time to slack off and will have to make sure you get good grades so that you can easily find a job when you graduate. It is simply not a good idea to mess up and party throughout college because how well you do simply decides your future.

Knowing how to manage your money is very important as well. Going to a public university in state is half the price of a private university in state or out of state. The average tuition fee for a private in state university is about 40K per year while a public in state university is about 10k per year. In other words you could end up paying four years’ worth of tuition of a public university just by going to a private institution for one year.

Money should be a huge factor in your mind when deciding college issues. Keep in mind that student loans are easy to take out, but they have to be paid back no matter what. When deciding to get a loan make sure to borrow only as much money as you need. Many people get carried away and decide to borrow more than they need, which causes them to graduate with a large amount of debt. One tip is to remember that by the time you graduate college, you should owe less than your starting annual salary. Also, try to apply to as many scholarships as possible. Many are very easy to apply to and only require a short personal statement.

Spooky Fictional Stories by Sabrina Presents ‘Sweet Deadly’

Creatively written fictional stories to thrill and terrify

Sabrina Miller
News Writer

I open my eyes to see a knife in my chest. I can’t feel my heart beating. My mouth is dry and I feel absolutely nothing.

I sit up to see where I’m at, but a bag is pulled over my head. I’m pulled to my feet and dragged. Trying to keep up with them was hard because I couldn’t feel my feet or see where we were going.

They pushed me into a hard chair and the bag is pulled off my head. At first all I saw was white. From what I could tell I was in a white room. As my vision adjusts I see white furniture.

A man in a black suit sits in the white chair in front of me. “Hello Eve,” the man says in a calm tone.

How can he be so calm when I have a knife in my heart? I try speaking but all that comes out is a mumble.

“Don’t bother speaking dear it won’t work. Do you remember anything about who or what you are?”

I shake my head no. “Well that’s good because all you need to know is that you belong to us.”

An alarm goes off and the room turns red. The man disappears behind me. Unable to move I sit in the chair for about thirty minutes.

A boy in a black suit picks me up and carries me out the door that I think I came in through. No one was around but the alarm kept blaring. Feeling a little dizzy, I fainted in the boys arms.

I awake once again but this time there’s no knife in my chest and I’m in a bed. My blood stained clothes have been changed. I tried getting up, but my body was paralyzed. A lady comes into the room.

To be continued...
Who is she? What did those people do to her? Who or what is the lady? All will be answered next time.

Stop Animal Abuse

Bryan Eriza
News Writer

Animal abuse is the human infliction of suffering or harm upon animals, for purposes other than self-defense or survival. In this article, students share their opinions on animal abuse and what can be done to stop this.

“I think it’s a despicable act, animals have feelings and are completely defenseless,” Senior Melissa Garcia said. “They are innocent and any human that thinks it is okay to hurt them is a monster who should be put in jail right away. The fact that so many humans hurt animals just proves how much kinder animals are because they never hurt anyone on purpose, while humans, aware of the harm they cause, continue to do it because they have so much hatred in their hearts. It just raises the question: are they really the animals?”

“I don’t see why someone would want to hurt an animal, man,” Junior Ronnie Mason said. “For example, when people make dogs fight just to earn some cash. That is so insensitive. You’re putting the life of a dog at risk for your personal gain. I think laws on animal abuse should be stricter so

things like this wouldn’t happen.”

“It’s probably one of the most infuriating things to see someone hurt an animal,” Junior Gustavo Gomez said. “I’ve seen people deliberately hurt animals in my apartments many times and it just makes me furious. I have pets, so of course, I feel anger towards the people that hurt animals because what if that were my cat they were throwing rocks or bottles at? I’d be enraged and I’d have to take matters into my own hands.”

“I don’t believe it should be tolerated at all,” Junior Franklin Carvajal said. “I think animals are a blessing to have. They’re more than just pets, they’re our friends and we should really take care of them. I have a pit bull named Delilah and I’ve had people tell me I should bulk her up so she can get into dog fights. The thought of having my baby Delilah attacked for other peoples’ enjoyment makes me so upset and I simply will never be a supporter of those acts. If you commit animal abuse, you should be severely punished and put to jail.”

If you see animal abuse, stop it!

Lee High School Athlete of the Month goes to soccer player Alex Heritier

Ashley Perez
News Writer

Although everyone on the soccer team should be congratulated on their hard work, Alex Heritier has been highlighted for his success as Athlete of the Month.

“When I’m on the field playing soccer, I get a good feeling because I’m doing what I love and it’s really nice when you see other people supporting you for what you do,” Heritier said. “It means a lot to me.”

Heritier is the Athlete of the Month because he has been proved that he has great potential, and that he puts the team and the sport first.

“I feel happy for being chosen for the Athlete of the Month,” Heritier said. “I really enjoy playing with my teammates this year and I’m proud for each and everyone of ya’ll.”

Heritier doesn’t just play one position in the field, he plays multiple.

“He plays in different positions of the midfield, depending on the team that we are playing and the dynamics of our squad during a game,” Algebra 2 Teacher and

Coach Mario Carillo said.

This is his third year on the Lee High School varsity team. He has been playing for the Lee Generals since his freshman year.

“I’ve been playing soccer all my life, I even joined the soccer team here in Lee High School since I was a freshman,” Heritier said.

According to his teammates, he is a very well liked player on the team.

“His positive attitude, sincere character and his infectious smile and happiness are hard not to like,” Carrillo said.

All soccer players are distinguished one way or another, and Heritier is a very distinguished player.

“What distinguishes him from other players on the field is his natural grace with the ball,” Carillo said. “He will easily take the ball from behind midfield, and all the way down to striking distance in a matter of seconds with two or three defenders unable to stop him, and sometimes even falling off balance trying to keep up.”



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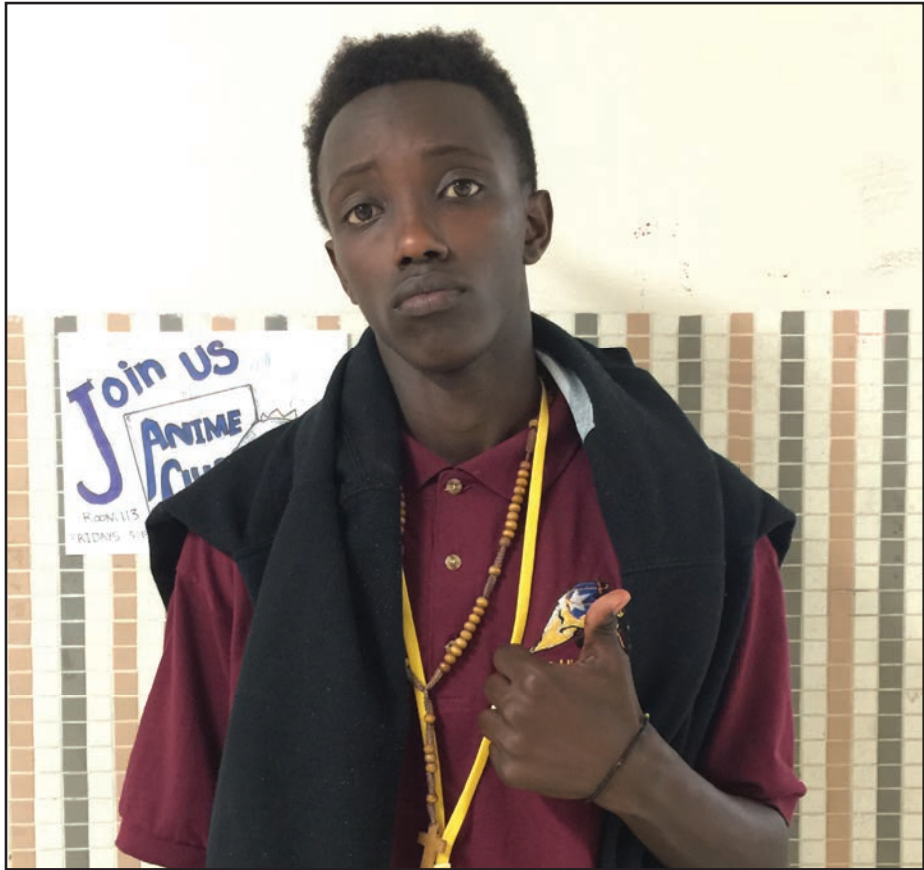


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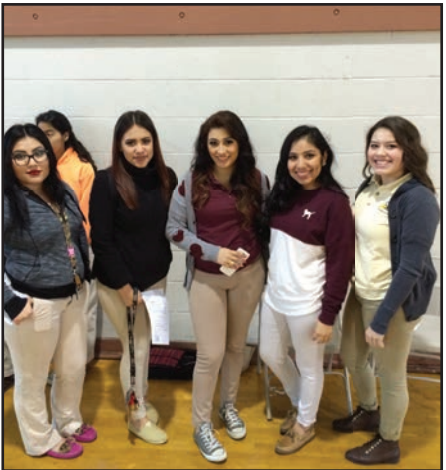


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