

Meet Mr. Brendle

by: Sydni Williams

Not only is this Mr. Brendle's first year at Rolesville High School, but it is also his first year teaching. This past spring Mr. Brendle graduated from East Carolina University with a double major in English and English Education. At ECU, Mr. Brendle was a teaching fellow, which means he received money to attend ECU as long as he teaches in NC for at least four years after he graduates. Determined to find employment after graduation Mr. Brendle discovered open teaching positions at the Wake County Job Fair. After impressing Mrs. Gualpa with his English knowledge he met with Mrs. Lucas and was offered the job! Being impressed with all that Rolesville had to offer he accepted his first teaching job.

Currently Mr. Brendle teaches English I and II, "He was a good teacher and made the lessons relatable to us, he always made it fun," said sophomore Konner Edwards. Abby Taylor agreed, "Mr. Brendle was a great teacher to have. He taught us a ton of information and he really cares for his students. His class was the most fun part of my day." In addition to teaching With his expertise coming from years of swimming growing up, Mr. Brendle is also currently the assistant coach for the swim team and aspires to be head coach in the years to come. "Mr. Brendle is a great coach that knows how to push you and make you a great swimmer. He is very competitive and makes you want to become a better swimmer," said Jordan Reeves. A random fact about Mr. Brendle is that he doesn't do any school work at home! Instead, he stays after school every Thursday to do lesson plans for up to the next two weeks. He said he likes to have his school nights free



so he can help out with swimming. His favorite thing about Rolesville is his coworkers; he said "There isn't anyone I don't like!"

Mr. Brendle has many goals that he wishes to accomplish. He wants to become certified to teach AP English soon, obtain his CDL to drive buses, and become certified in other subjects areas like history, P.E., and psychology so he won't always have to teach English. In his free time Mr. Brendle has traveled to Alaska and Costa Rica, he lifeguards, and does Taekwondo. His favorite movies are "Shawshank Redemption" and "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," "Harry Potter—Series" and "The Color Purple."

Mr. Brendle grew up in Winston Salem. In high school he played football, tennis, baseball, and was on the swim team. He participated in the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) club, The Crosby Scholars, and National Honors Society. Mr. Brendle's advice to high school students is "Take nothing for granted. Enjoy it while it lasts because it is about to get a lot harder. Time goes on; life goes on. In a few years you'll miss how easy high school was and how easy you had it."

Shamrock Smoothie

by: Carson Evans

Ingredients:

- 1/2 Banana
- 1/2 Cucumber
- 6 Romaine Leaves
- 1/2 Avocado
- 2-4 oz (30-60 ml) Coconut Water
- 8 oz Ice

Directions:

Wash Cucumber and Romaine. Peel and Cut Banana and Avocado.

Blend all ingredients together.

Serve and enjoy.

Substitutions:

Leave out avocado for lower fat version

Romaine – leafy greens like Chard or Kale

Add frozen blueberries or fresh mint for a different twist.

Servings: 1



Black History Month

by: Eboni Williams

Black History Month takes place in February and it is a time to celebrate African American history and culture. During this month you may hear names such as Fredrick Douglass, Harriett Tubman, Abraham Lincoln, Carter G. Woodson. Black History Month was originally Black History Week, which started in 1926. Historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week of February to be "Negro History Week." This week in February was chosen because both Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12) and Fredrick Douglass (Feb. 14) were born. Both of the dates were celebrated in the black community and are remembered for their everlasting impact they had on the advancement of the African American community. Mr. Williams, African American Studies and World History, teacher at Rolesville shared "I can remember when Black History month was just a week in February. This celebration has come a long way. It started with a day of recognition for African Americans, evolved into a week and now it is a month long celebration!" Last semester when Mr. Williams taught African American Studies he focused on the evolution of this important month.

Throughout February, Mr. Williams will be gave his World History class daily "fun facts" He focused on what African American History meant to him

and why is it was important for this generation with his students. He focused on the following message with his students, "I think African American history is American history. You can't tell the story about America without listing the contributions of African Americans and other minority groups that helped build this country into what it is today. African American history is a part of American history. It's important to all Americans. For young African Americans it's important to know about your history and culture. It's important to know the sacrifices that were made so that young African Americans today could be accepted fully into society without issues or concerns."

In Raleigh, local events took place such as, the African American History Tour, where you can explore the lives and accomplishments of African Americans from the Antebellum Period to the Civil Rights era. Another popular event that many attended was the MLK Jr. Dreamfest Day. This was a soulful celebration featuring the JUDA Dance Ministry. You can experience the story of Fredrick Douglass, who was born into slavery, through The Bright Star presentation of "Fredrick Douglass" which is currently still playing.

Timeline Then and Now

1500's - 1750 Slaves arrived in America

1800-1865 The Underground Railroad Abolition

1863 Emancipation Proclamation

1865-1872 Road to Freedom

1905-1909 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was formed

1920's The Harlem Renaissance

1954-1955 Fighting for Civil Rights

1960-1965 Malcom X makes his mark

1963-1965 March on Washington

1968 Martin Luther King Dies

1972 Affirmative Action Law Enacted

1983 Jesse Jackson Announced Presidency Campaign

1995 The Million Man March



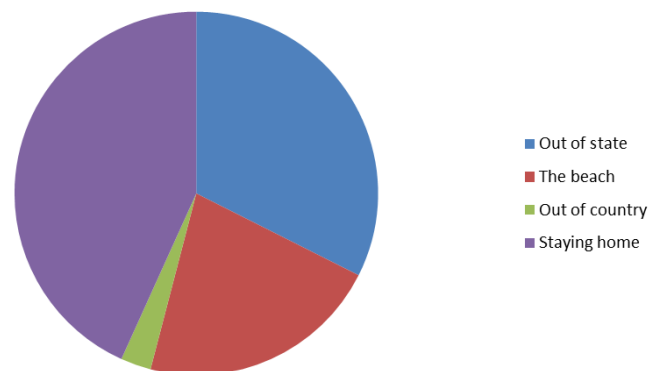
55 years ago the march from Selma, Alabama to the capital in Montgomery took place.

All About Spring Break

by: Lacy Eisler and Latoya Tillery

Spring break is the pre-break before the long awaited summer break. Unfortunately this year we only have two days off for our spring break due to the cold and icy weather. That didn't stop us from asking peers and staff what they will do for this shortened vacation. They told us about their best and funniest memories from the past. We took a survey to find out where the majority of people will be going for spring break: out of state, to the beach, out of the country, or staying home with family.

Where Will You Be?



The Brave Brooke Parrish

by: Lacy Eisler

Brooke isn't just any student here at Rolesville High School. She was diagnosed with Hepatopulmonary syndrome, in the 6th grade. Hepatopulmonary syndrome causes low oxygen levels which in turn effect the lungs and heart. Brooke and her family have waited two years to get Brooke a liver transplant. Before the transplant Brooke went on with her life making videos on her iPod and hanging out with her friends. At times she got tired of having to keep her life on hold because she wanted to get back to doing the things she loved such as dancing and playing softball. Her mom describes her as beautiful, kind, compassionate, and a hard worker.

Last October on the 5th at 10 o'clock p.m. they got the phone call that they had been waiting for. Sadly, Brooke and her family found out that there was a liver issue, they were devastated. Charlene Parrish said, "Our hearts were broken because we were doing this all over again." This unfortunately was

not the family's first encounter with sadness hardship, in 2006, Brooke's brother, Gregory, died of neurofibromatosis, a genetic disease that disturbs cell growth in the nervous system. He was only 12 years old when he passed.

After all the medical bills and the traveling to doctors and with the passing of her brother, the community has decided to step in. The community wanted to help Brooke's family financially. Many businesses in Rolesville put up, and still have, donation boxes. Neighbors have joined together to raise nearly \$15,000 through the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA). COTA is a national charity dedicated to organizing and guiding communities in raising money for a family's transplant expenses.

The cost of a transplant usually exceeds \$500,000 and many of the transplant families are unable



to handle the financial burden. In Rolesville, volunteers are raising funds through COTA to help Brooke and her family with their expenses.

If you would like to find out more about Brooke and her condition or donate money to her family visit

<http://cotaforteambrookep.com/>.

Thankfully Brooke had rejoined the Rolesville family and is back at school!

Wrestlers put up a fight

by: Ana Marban

On January 28, the Rolesville Rams hosted a red out and fought against the Garner High Trojans resulting in an overall finish of 2nd place in the conference. The school showed their support for the wrestling team by wearing red and cheering! Unfortunately, the Rams lost by a close score of 9, making the final match score 44-35. The Rams overall conference record was an impressive 4-3.

Although they lost, it's still not over for many wrestlers. Matt Mims, a sophomore, won second place in the conference making him eligible for regionals. "The season was great and full of success, I'm happy to leave the season with a record of 20-8 and being on one of the most successful varsity teams," shared Matt Mims. The Coaches, Grether, Smetana and Davis all worked together to make this team successful. "We showed a lot of growth this year and if we continue growing, next year will be great," stated Coach Smetana. Coach Davis wrapped up the season by say-

ing," This year's wrestling season was a success on so many levels. The team accomplished many of the goals set out at the beginning of the season and began to take shape into the vision we have had for it since its induction. We had tremendous team success as well as individual successes. We learned a lot about who we are as a program. We had people set up into roles of leadership and really made a name for ourselves in the conference and in the state. Our boys really represented what Rolesville athletics are about and our fans showed great support for all of the hard work the boys put in throughout the season. We are extremely excited about the future of Rolesville wrestling." As a result, the hard work and dedication paid off for our Ram wrestlers, the Rams closed their season on a fantastic note!



Meet the Team

The coaches this year included Head Coach Mr. Grether, Assistant Coaches Mr. Christian, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Smetana

The team consisted of Anthony Frie, Matt Mims, Brandon Acklin, Trevor Brenton, Chandler Barnes, Justice Jones, Rusty Black, Brandon Greenlaw, Matt Snyder, Gregory Harris, Andrew Bardsley, Patrick Harris, Thomas Buckland, A.J. Nasser, Stephen Strong, Aaron Le, Joshua Harris, Khalil Crudup, Addison John, Jordan Laurio, and Ryan Parker

The teams managers, or mat statisticians, included Alysson Valverde-Torres, Kelly Thomas, and Ashley Kress

Movies Thus Far

by: Latoya Tillery

The year 2015 has just begun and so far it looks like a great year for many films. Big movies have grossed millions of dollars after being in theaters for only a few short weeks. Many predict that there will be better and more epic movies to come this year. Some of these movies are already nominated for awards such as a British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA), Academy Awards, and Golden Globes.

Critic Reviews for Taken 3

"The new script... is empty of ideas, fun and purpose... The only thing getting taken this time is the audience."

By Peter Travers (Rolling Stone)
January 9th, 2015

"...large swaths of Taken 3 remain wildly entertaining."

By Kyle Anderson (Entertainment Weekly)

January 9th, 2015

Critic Reviews for the Wedding Ringer

"An affably crude bromatic comedy with an appealing set of Bros."

By Steve Parsall (Tampa Bay Times)
January 21st, 2015

"There's not much new here..."

By Roger Moore (Tribune News Service)

January 15th, 2015

Critic Reviews for Paddington

"It's so funny...The human actors interact playfully with the computer-generated bear..."

By Peter Travers (Rolling Stone)
January 14th, 2015

"...a bit off-center."

By Elizabeth Weitzman (New York Daily News)

January 15th, 2015

Critic Reviews for Strange Magic

"...dares to be different."

By Drew Taylor (The Playlist)

January 21st, 2015

"Strange magic is strange all right, but hardly magical."

By Claudia Puig (USA Today)

January 22nd, 2015

Taken 3

Bryan Mills (Liam Neeson) hunts down the killers that murdered his wife, Lenore (Famke Janssen) while being framed for a crime. The FBI and CIA being right behind him does not make the situation better on top of his promise to protect his daughter, the only thing he has left. This last film concludes the trilogy that started back in 2009.

Paddington

From producer David Heyman, internationally known from his legendary character in the Harry Potter series, Paddington tells the story of a young Peruvian bear who travels to the city in search of a home. It doesn't turn out to be like he imagined until he met the Brown family. It seems his luck has changed until this rare bear is seen by a museum taxidermist.

The Wedding Ringer

Doug Harris (Josh Gad) is soon to be married with one problem, no best man. He comes in contact with CEO of Best Man Inc., Jimmy Callahan (Kevin Hart) who provides best men for guys like Josh. A hilarious wedding occurs and the unexpected bromance between the Groomsman and his fake best man.

Strange Magic

Strange Magic is a new animated musical that depicts from "A midsummer night's dream." This fairy tale includes popular songs from the past six decades and a cast of goblins, elves, and fairies. Disney brings visual effects and life to these magical misadventures in the best way.



Back to the Future

by: Jared Kuhns

Playing in the Super Bowl is one of the greatest achievements any football player can dream of. It all started during the days of Vince Lombardi, the coach of the Packers, in the sixties who won the first two Super Bowls in NFL history. He is forever immortalized in the sport of football as the name of the Super Bowl trophy. This year's Super Bowl featured The New England Patriots and The Seattle Seahawks.

Super Bowl Forty Nine took place in Phoenix, Arizona. The New England Patriots went 12-4 this season. They were led by quarterback, Tom Brady, who competed in his record tying sixth Super Bowl. Along with a unanimous first team all pro tight end Rob Gronkowski.

The Seahawks entered the game as the defending Super Bowl Champions after defeating the Denver Broncos 43-8 last year. They finished the season with an impressive 12-4 record. Led by young quarterback, Russell Wilson, who made his second

Super Bowl appearance in just his third year in the league. The Seahawks are a team built on defense and the power running game. These philosophies help them to be successful with the "Legion of Boom" in the secondary which is wildly considered the best defense in the NFL. On offense the main factor for the Seahawks is power running back Marshawn-"Beast Mode"-Lynch.

The Super Bowl was played on February 1, 2015. The Seahawks went into the fourth quarter with a ten point lead over the Patriots but the Patriots quickly scored a touchdown on a pass to Gronkowski. Then after Seattle punted the ball, the Patriots went on a drive that would prove to be the game winner. It was capped off by a touchdown pass to Julian Edelman with 2:02 left in the game. Seattle had an opportunity to score with less than a minute left because one of the craziest catches in postseason history set them up on the 5 yard line with less than a minute left. They then ran the ball once and got to the 1 yard line.

Then with the play call,



now known as one of the worst play calls in the NFL postseason history, the Seahawks opted to pass the ball instead of handing it off to Marshawn Lynch. The pass was intercepted by Malcolm Butler, an undrafted rookie out of West Alabama University. This play just about ended the game as the Patriots knelt the ball on the next play to run out the clock down. Tom Brady won his third Super Bowl MVP award as he finished the game with four touchdown passes. This win also gave Tom Brady the record for the longest time between first and last Super Bowl wins, assuming this is the last time he wins a Super Bowl with thirteen years in between. Interestingly ESPN simulated this game on Madden 15 and it ended with the Patriots winning 28-24, just as the real game.

Q&A: St. Patrick's Day

by: Carson Evans and Ana Marban

What is Saint Patrick's Day?

Saint Patrick's Day is a cultural and religious celebration. It is celebrated on March 17th every year and is the death date of one of the most recognized patron saints of Ireland, Saint Patrick.

How did it become a holiday?

St. Patrick's Day became a holiday when the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick died on March 17, 461. Did you know that he wasn't even Irish? Saint Patrick was actually British, and became known to Ireland through his patron dedication, to spread of Christianity throughout the country.

Why do we wear green?

St. Patrick's Day historians thought wearing green would make you invisible to leprechauns and fairy creatures

that would pinch anyone not wearing green. People began pinching those who didn't wear green as a reminder that leprechauns would sneak up and pinch green-abstainers.

Why are shamrock's associated with St. Patrick's Day?

In the old Irish legend, Saint Patrick used three-leafed plants as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when he was first introducing Christianity to Ireland.

What's so lucky about four leaf clovers?

Four leaf clovers are so uncommon that when discovered, they bring good luck to their finders, especially if found accidentally. In the early days of Ireland, the Druids (members of the educated, professional class among the Celtic peoples of Gaul,

Britain, and Ireland) believed that they could see evil spirits coming when they carried a shamrock, which gave them a chance to get away in time. They thought four-leaf clovers offered magical protection, and warded off bad luck.

Fun Facts

The color associated with St. Patrick's Day should actually be blue because several pieces of art work displaying the saint, show him wearing blue vestments.

Saint Patrick's real name is Maeyn Succat.

There are more Irish people in the USA than Ireland.

The very first St. Patrick's Day Parade was not held in Ireland, it was in Boston, MA.

The 87th Academy Awards

by: Charles E. Douglas, III

Awards season in America has just passed. People casted their ballots and placed bets on their picks. Anything that was made by an artist or visionary is being nominated for something, from television, to the theater, and on the front page of a newspaper. In the case of the Academy Awards, movies were the main subject.

An Oscar, or an Academy Award, is considered to be the highest honor in filmmaking. The first award ceremony was in 1929 at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. Emil Jannings was the first person to win an Academy Award for Best Actor for his roles in *The Last Command* and *The Way of All Flesh*. The winners were decided by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Since then, over 2,000 awards have been given.

The year 2014 was a strong year for movies. There were many action/adventure movies for men, romantic dramas for women, and animated movies for children. Millions of dollars were made at the box office, with *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay—Part 1* being the highest grossing film in America. The runners-up being *Guardians of the Galaxy* and *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*. Other films have also reached critical praise, like *Boyhood* and *The Grand Budapest Hotel*.

The 87th Annual Academy Awards acknowledged many of these amazing films. They were all addressed as works of art by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The awards ceremony was held at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood. With actors and performers walking on the red carpet and photographers trying to blind them with the flashes of their cameras. It's no surprise that people all over the country have tuned in for such an event.

Neil Patrick Harris has fulfilled his duty as the master of ceremonies in a tremendous way. "We have known him his entire adult life, and we have watched him explode as a great performer in feature films, television and stage," said Craig Zadan and Neil Meron, producers of the Academy Awards, "To work with him on the Oscars is the perfect storm, all of his resources and talent coming together on a global stage."

There are eight films that were nominated for "Best Picture of the Year." They include *American Sniper* starring Bradley Cooper, *Birdman* or (*The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance*) starring Mi-

chael Keaton, *Boyhood* by Richard Linklater, *The Imitation Game* starring Benedict Cumberbatch, *The Grand Budapest Hotel* by Wes Anderson, *Selma* by Ava DuVernay, *The Theory of Everything* starring Eddie Redmayne, and *Whiplash* starring Miles Teller. All films reached both critical and financial success.

There are many wonderful actors and actresses being nominated for Oscars. Marion Cotillard and Julianne Moore are both being nominated for Best Actress in a Leading Role, along with Felicity Jones, Rosamund Pike, and Reese Witherspoon. For Best Actor in a Leading Role, there's Michael Keaton for *Birdman*, Bradley Cooper for *American Sniper*, Benedict Cumberbatch for *The Imitation Game*, Steve Carell for *Foxcatcher*, Eddie Redmayne for *The Theory of Everything*. There also actors and actresses nominated for their supporting roles. They include Ethan Hawke and Patricia Arquette for *Boyhood*, J.K. Simmons for *Whiplash*, and Emma Stone for *Birdman* or (*The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance*).

Many other films were nominated for Oscars. There's *Foxcatcher* by Bennett Miller, *Interstellar* by Christopher Nolan, *Mr. Turner* by Mike Leigh, *Inherent Vice* starring Joaquin Phoenix, *Into the Woods* by Rob Marshall, and *Unbroken* by Angelina Jolie. These films were nominated for categories such as Best Director, Best Cinematography, and Best Production Design.

Many singers performed at the Academy Awards this year, including John Legend and Common who sang "Glory", a song originally made for the movie *Selma*. Rita Ora performed the song "Grateful", even the host, Neil Patrick Harris, performed a song in the opening alongside Anna Kendrick and Jack Black. Other performers included Tegan and Sara and The Lonely Island singing "Everything is Awesome" from *The LEGO Movie*, and Adam Levine singing "Lost Stars" from *Begin Again*.

Beside the guests and presenters, all the winners and their speeches stood out in the show such as Patricia Arquette's speech on feminism and Graham Moore's on being weird and different. With inspirational actors and actresses winning Oscars, it's safe to say that movies are going to influence people in the future.

Red Velvet Valentine Crinkles

Ingredients:

- 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups flour
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup unsweetened natural cocoa powder
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking soda
- 2 tbsp. baking soda
- 1 tbsp. red food color
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. white vinegar
- 2 sticks (8oz) butter, at room temperature
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup light brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 325°. In a bowl, whisk flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, salt and baking soda. In a small bowl, whisk the buttermilk, food color, vanilla and vinegar. In a large bowl, beat the butter, sugar and brown sugar with an electric mixer on medium speed until it's light and fluffy. Add eggs 1 at a time, and beat them in. Add the flour mixture and beat until blended. Beat in buttermilk mixture. Cover the mixture and refrigerate for 2 hours.
2. Make tablespoon size balls; roll in confectioners' sugar to thickly coat. Place 2 inches apart on non-stick baking sheets.
3. Bake the cookies until puffed and crinkled, or 12 to 15 minutes. Let cool before eating. Enjoy!



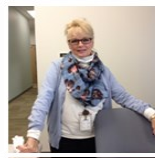
The 87th Academy Awards (cont.)

by: Charles E. Douglas, III

CATEGORY	WINNERS
Best Picture	<i>Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)</i>
Best Actor	Eddie Redmayne <i>The Theory of Everything</i>
Best Actress	Julianne Moore <i>Still Alice</i>
Best Supporting Actor	J.K. Simmons <i>Whiplash</i>
Best Supporting Actress	Patricia Arquette <i>Boyhood</i>
Best Director	Alejandro G. Iñárritu, <i>Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)</i>
Best Foreign Language Film	<i>Ida</i> (Poland)
Best Original Screenplay	<i>Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)</i>
Best Original Song	"Glory" by John Legend and Common <i>Selma</i>
Best Adapted Screenplay	<i>The Imitation Game</i>
Best Cinematography	<i>Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)</i>
Best Animated Feature Film	<i>Big Hero 6</i>
Best Animated Short Film	<i>Feast</i>
Best Visual Effects	<i>Interstellar</i>
Best Film Editing	<i>Whiplash</i>
Best Costume Design	<i>The Grand Budapest Hotel</i>
Best Sound Mixing	<i>Whiplash</i>
Best Documentary Feature	<i>CitizenFour</i>
Best Production Design	<i>The Grand Budapest Hotel</i>
Best Live-Action Short Film	<i>The Phone Call</i>

What are you doing over Spring break?

"I'm going to go snowboarding in Sugarloaf, Maine".
Ms. D'Orazio



"I am going to visit my sister in Belmont, North Carolina".
Mrs. Davenport



"Work".
Ms. G

MLB 2015 Season Preview

by: Jared Kuhns and Sha'Quan Gardner

The Chicago Cubs

Chicago is a baseball organization that has struggled for a long time, but for a team that hasn't won a World Series since 1908, this season they are looking like they will be very good. The Cubs were aggressive during free agency, signing one of the most coveted pitchers, Jon Lester, to help boost their bullpen. They also made some good trades such as the one that brought them a great young catcher, Miguel Montero. The most significant move they made though was when they signed Joe Madden to be the new manager. Madden, who is considered to be one of the top five managers in baseball will be a great leader for a young and talented team. The Cubs are projected to have a successful season in their division with possibilities of making a run in the playoffs, and many think the Cubs are one year away from being World Series Contenders.

Seattle Mariners

The Mariners have been very unlucky in previous years. This year they signed outfielder, Nelson Cruz, who led the MLB in home runs last year, and will provide a powerful bat to the lineup for the Seattle Mariners. They have also done a great job

of developing their prospects to give them a solid team. Returning player, Felix Hernandez, is always a contender for the American League's C.Y. Young Award, which is given to the best pitcher in the American League. The Mariners will be contenders in their division but are a possible wild card because they will have a tough time beating the Angles.

Los Angeles Angles

The Angles won a league best 98 games last year and look like they will repeat. They still have star outfielder, Mike Trout, who at age 23, is already widely considered the best player in baseball. They have a better starting rotation and a pitching staff than last year. Which should make them much more formidable and one of the few teams to beat in the American League. The Angles look to be better than last year and are considered the team most likely to be in the World Series from the American League.

Washington Nationals

The Nationals are a World Series Pick for most baseball fans because they have a fantastic rotation featuring four guys who could be considered aces and one who is an

above average pitcher. They have a great bullpen. The only doubt with this team is, how good their batters will be? They also, still have a hole at second base and with Ryan Zimmerman transitioning to first base; they will need to count on some prospects to come up big. The Nationals will more than likely win their division and if their pitchers get hot in the playoffs, they will be extremely hard to beat.

Los Angeles Dodgers

The Dodgers have quietly improved, even though they came into the offseason without many holes. They were able to make room in the outfield for prospect, Joc Pederson, who is considered the best prospect in baseball. They already have one of the top rotations in baseball, headlined by a man who is unanimously considered to be the best pitcher in baseball, Clayton Kershaw. The Dodgers are a team that if they stay healthy will be extremely hard to beat and will likely make a run in the playoffs.

What is the Poetry Slam?

by: Sydni Williams and Eboni Williams

Every other Thursday classes meet in the auditorium and perform different pieces of literature they wrote themselves. These pieces don't have to be classwork, they can be pieces students have made outside of school on their own time. These literary pieces can be anything from a poem, to a rap or song, or even a short story. Students use this time to express themselves and show their creativity to their fellow students.

The Poetry Slam is a time when students can share personal pieces with infused vocabulary from units they have been learning. It is also a time for students to appreciate and listen to other student's pieces. It was started by the English teachers last year, because they wanted a fun way for students to incorporate SAT vocabulary words that they were learning into literary pieces. It evolved into much more than that – with students expressing their thoughts and opinions on various social issues through poetry and other forms of writing. “I wanted my students to be exposed to



different forms of speech and writing,” said Ms. Newsome. “It allows students to meet the speaking/listening requirement for the course. It also builds fellowship among students and staff,” added Ms. Collazo.

The Poetry Slam currently involves the English and History classes, but any teacher/class can come participate or just watch during 2nd and 4th period on Poetry Slam Thursday's. The Poetry Slam is open to any students who sincerely want to perform a piece they've worked on or if you want to listen to your fellow peer's literary pieces.

What if your class doesn't attend the Poetry Slam?

Ask your teacher if your class can start participating. The more the merrier!

What if you class cannot participate in the Poetry Slam but you still want to attend or participate?

Ask your teacher if they will allow you to stop by for a visit. Get a pass and come share your literary piece or come listen to your peers!

New Shows in March

by: Charles E. Douglas, III

Three months have passed in the year 2015. New television shows have already taken over, like spin-off *Better Call Saul* and the groundbreaking drama *Empire*. With beloved shows ending, someone needs to fill their shoes. Here's what's coming up in the month of March.

What's on TV?

Battle Creek

From Vince Gilligan and David Shore, the creators of *Breaking Bad* and *House*, comes a show about two cops with very different views of the law. *Battle Creek* blends the drama of the average cop show and the comedy of a sitcom. The show stars Josh Duhamel and Dean Cain as crime-solving partners. New episodes premiere on Sundays at 10/9c on CBS.

The Last Man on Earth

Phil Miller, a survivor of a deadly outbreak, enjoys his life alone and having all the freedom in the world. *The Last Man on Earth* adds comedy to the post-apocalypse genre, unlike *The Walking Dead* and *Falling Skies*. Will Forte takes the role as the lone survivor in this highly original series. New episodes premiere on Sundays at 9:30/8:30c on FOX.

American Crime

John Ridley, Oscar-winning screenwriter delivers another story of racial inequality. In *American Crime*, a group of people on trial involving racial motives must face the struggles of the aftermath. The series stars Timothy Hutton, Felicity Huffman, and Joe Nieves. The show premieres on Thursdays at 10/9c on FOX.

Ask RAMbo

Remember to email any of your school questions, requests for advice, or upcoming events to rhrampagenews@gmail.com, or drop them off at room 2406!

How do I boost my GPA?

To boost your GPA you need to take the highest level classes you can and receive an A or a B. You shouldn't load up your schedule with honors classes if you cannot earn an A or a B because poor grades in honors classes can also hurt your GPA. Try to take classes that will challenge you but you will still be successful in! A great way to be successful is with good study habits for this semester is to manage your time. Make sure you have time for studying, time for sports, time for your friends, time for your family, and most importantly time for yourself.

Dig

In this new mini-series, an FBI agent (Jason Isaacs) uncovers a two thousand-year-old conspiracy while investigating the disappearance of an archaeologist. He must try everything in his abilities to separate fact from fiction. New episodes premiere on Thursdays at 10/9c on USA.

CSI: Cyber

Another installment in the CSI franchise, *CSI: Cyber* follows Avery Ryan (Oscar winner Patricia Arquette) as she solves crimes as a cyberpsychologist. This series evolves more technology than its predecessors with hackers and geniuses in mechanics. New episodes premiere on Wednesdays at 10/9c on CBS.

iZombie

Yet another live-action television show from DC Comics and Warner Bros, *iZombie* follows a medical student (Rose McIver) who becomes a zombie and uses her newfound abilities to solve crimes. This new show intends to add amusement in the zombie genre. New episodes premiere on Tuesdays at 9/8c on The CW.

Weird Loners

A group of young adults who have never been in a relationship come together under one roof and form an unlikely bond. The show stars newcomer Meera Rohit and fan favorites Becki Newton from *Ugly Betty*, Zachary Knighton from *Happy Endings*, and Nate Torrence from *Hello Ladies*. The show is set to premiere March 31st on FOX.

What's Streaming?

Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt

An all-new original Netflix series, *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt* follows a woman who spent

fifteen years in a doomsday cult trying to start her new life in New York City and catch up with the rest of the world. The show stars Ellie Kemper and Tituss Burgess and the executive producer is Tina Fey from *30 Rock*. The show is streaming on Netflix now.

Community (Season 6)

Just when we all thought it was over, *Community* gets another season. The beloved series returns with its lovable characters and comedic gags. With Joel McHale, Danny Pudi, Danny Glover, and other cast members returning, fans of this unusual sitcom are expected to be forever thankful to Yahoo. The sixth season of the show is on every Tuesday on Yahoo Screen.

Bloodline

Another Netflix original series, *Bloodline* follows adult siblings with dark secrets that they try to keep when their black sheep brother comes back into their lives. With surprises and turns on every corner and stars like Kyle Chandler and Linda Cardellini, *Bloodline* is made for binge-watching. The show is currently streaming on Netflix.

Movies

God's Not Dead (2014) on Amazon Prime

How to Train Your Dragon 2 (2014) on Netflix

Life Itself (2014) on Netflix

The Imitation Game (2014) on Amazon Prime

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay—Part 1 (2014) on Amazon Prime

Unbroken (2014) on Amazon Prime

What can I do outside of academics to help me get into college?

Good grades alone will not get you into college, so get involved in different activities. Well-rounded students are appealing to colleges, there is so much you can do! Athletic? A sports team in school is a great way to get involved. Not Athletic? Clubs that you're interested in can also be fun and a good use of time. For example, if you're artistic then join the National Art Honor Society. If you're interested in a certain club that isn't at Rolesville yet, find a teacher that's interested too and see if you can advise your club. There are plenty of opportunities and activities that you can do to help get into college. Colleges want to see that you will add to their campus life.

Where can I get information about available college scholarships?

There are many college specific websites you can go to in order to find scholarship information. Websites such as fastweb.org, cnfn.org, and zinch.com are great resources to see what is available. These websites allow you to find scholarships across many different personal interests and organizations. As early as your junior year make sure you pay attention to the scholarship bulletin that student services publishes monthly. The bulletin will have important local scholarships that students can apply to.