



# THE TAG TIMES



## AROUND THE SCHOOL

### AFTER SCHOOL: GIRLS ON THE RUN

By Jozelyn M

**Girls on the Run** is school group that runs around to get fit and prepared for a 5k in June. Practice is every Wednesday and Thursday. There are multiple coaches that help us train and they come on different days to help. In girls on the run we don't just run we also learn a lot about each other, and we have group activities. We also run a few laps and miles around the track outside.

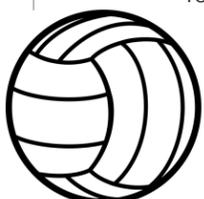
Before we stretch, we run and after we run, we stretch. Then we do an activity. For example, one of the activities we did was we had three areas of the cafeteria: one was "agree," one was for "disagree," and the final one was normal. Then the coach would read a card and it would have a question on it and you would have to pick a corner. For example one of the questions asked "do you have a hard time speaking and making friends?" Then you would walk to what you think it is based on your opinion.



### AFTER SCHOOL: VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

By Cenaya S.

Luckily volleyball is my favorite sport, so I'm pretty excited to tell you all about this topic. Volleyball - the sport - was created by William G. Morgan on January 23rd, 1870. The reason why we talk about it now in March is because just recently the girl and boy students of Chestnut Accelerated Middle School have been getting ready for volleyball season because of spring.



What we do here for students wanting to better understand the game is instead of tryouts right away we start off with a Volleyball

clinic for a couple of weeks. This gives students the opportunity to decide whether they want to proceed in playing the game or just say "Eh, it's a waste of my time."

During the clinic we're taught the volleyball basics. What I mean by that is the right way to serve, your posture when receiving the ball and etc. I personally find this helpful because say for instance you want to play volleyball, but you don't know how to play. Instead of jumping right into tryouts or practice the "eager to learn more" kids can make up their mind and have some time to do so.

Also, the volleyball clinics aren't so much learning the sport, but also learning about the people. We have time to make friends and talk to people we potentially might be on the same team with. When there I think judging by the looks on peoples faces is that there enthusiastic about it and enjoy playing the sport. Volleyball is a wide world known sport and here at Chestnut we make it accessible to learn the game.

### "MARCH" MANIA

By Ny'Jaela J.

#### **What It Is**

Starting on March 1, 2019, 6-8 grade band students who attend Chestnut TAG were told about how the Marines will be performing different pieces of music and how the classes would have a bracket, and would oversee voting which songs the marine band got to play. The classes listened to about two songs per day. Fun fact: If you wanted to vote for a piece of music because you liked it a lot, the website was written on the board in the band class.

#### **How It works**

The way that March Mania worked was that all the band students voted which songs should be played and then our wonderful band teacher, Ms. Bowker, would put the song we chose on the bracket and the most voted song on the top of the bracket and least voted song on the bottom.

#### **How Long It Lasts**

March Mania lasts from March 4 until April 3. And as I said before, the band classes listen to about 2 minute song a day. Most times, you would've already listened to one or both songs. For example, on March 29, 2019, some or all band students listened to the circus bee and king cotton. Last Sunday March 24, 2019, the marine band hosted a concert at Symphony Hall in downtown Springfield.

Next up is an exclusive interview with a sixth grader named Angelee who attended the concert!

#### **Interview**

Now the time you have all been waiting for, an exclusive interview with Angelee K, a sixth grader who attended the marine band concert

*Q: What pieces did the marine band play?*

A: Liberty Fanfare, The Star-Spangled Banner, Variations on a Shaker Melody etc.

*Q: Did anybody who was performing using any instruments we have at Chestnut TAG?*

A: Yes, in fact, they played all the instruments in Chestnut TAG beginner band.

*Q: In your opinion, How was the concert and would you participate in march mania next year?*

A: The experience was fun, and I would appreciate if we did March Mania next year for band.

#### **Closing**

In my opinion, I feel that March Mania is fun and that if you're currently in band, for March 3 of 2020, ask Ms. Bowker about doing march mania again. You may have the same experience as me, you may not.

### PI DAY AT TAG

By Eglis T.

Since Ms. Muusse is the Math 6 grade teacher she did something special for the 6th graders for pi Day and this is what she did. What we did in Ms. Muusse's class was find the circumference of circle shaped objects in the room. After that we needed to find a ratio for that number. Then compare it to the people next to us because we worked in pairs and we had to find them together.



**Mr Malinoski went to get little pies for ALL of the TAG students!**

So, then we find the square root of the ratio and find the number closest to pi. We measured the objects with measuring tape, and we would write down everything on a paper that she gave us to track are objects and stuff. After that we read a book about finding the circumference of objects. So, we could have measurements of circled shape objects easily like the bottom of a cylinder-shaped lotion.

So, then we would find the diameter and the radius of the objects too. Then when we were done with that, we read a book that was call what is pi it was a book about what would happen if we didn't have measurements in the world and if there was no diameter or radius or any of that stuff then as an example there was a picture of a road if it didn't have any measurements. That's what we did for pi day in Ms. Muusse's class. Then in our advisories we had our own individual pies.

# STUDENT OPINION

## Go see: *Captain Marvel*

By David R

The movie *Captain Marvel* was based on the Marvel Comics. The movie *Captain Marvel* came out in March 2019 on Women's Day and the person who played Captain Marvel was a girl. Captain Marvel becomes one of the most powerful hero when the earth was in a war with aliens, a galactic battle. Also, Captain Marvel is a United States Air Force Pilot.

Captain Marvel got her memories wiped and she also, got her powers suppressed so she wouldn't be able to use them. Then she finds out that Yon-Rogg has been manipulating Captain Marvel for years. So that what happened in Captain Marvel.

## Go see: *Jazz Festival*

By Omar A.

I am writing about a Five College Jazz. The Five College Jazz Festival showcases music of various Five College Jazz Festival student ensembles. The Five College Jazz Festival also shows vocal groups and big bands. In the best tradition of Five College cooperation, jazz musicians from each campus will perform for each other, listen to each other, and play together throughout the day.

The Five College Jazz Festival will be hosted at Mount Holyoke. The tickets to get there are free. The campus contact is David W Sanford. The time to be at the festival this year is March 29, 2019 three o'clock pm to ten o'clock pm. Mark Gionfriddo and David W. Sanford are this year's hosts for the Jazz Festival.

Some of the jazz bands playing are UMASS Jazz Ensemble, I, Chapel Jazz, Vocal Jazz, Jazz Lab, Chamber Jazz Ensembles. Those are just a few of eleven bands that are playing today. That is what the Five College Jazz Festival is.

# IN THE NEWS

## OPENING DAY

By Lailah W.

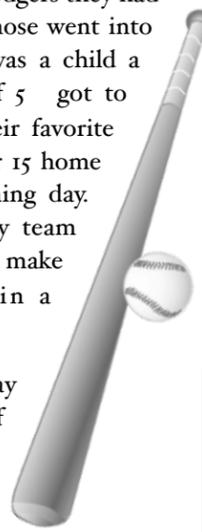
Have you ever cared about MLB opening day? Opening day for MLB players/fans starts March 28, 2019. The season starts off with 30 teams in Japan. While in America opening day starts at

1:05 on March 28, 2019. Each Japan and America start on the same day but have a different number of games each team has or the total of games in the season. The season schedule consists of 162 games for each 30 teams. That means that there are more than 2,430 games a season. Each team is in a category such as American League East, AL Central, AL West, National League East, NL Central, NL West. Each category has more than 10 teams in it, this was the first day of opening day but, the next day will have who played last night which team won the games.

It is now the 29<sup>th</sup> of March the second day of opening day and the team that won yesterday at 1:00 is the Tanka. At the 4:00 game the Ryu. The last game at 7:00 is Gonzales. Those are the teams that started off opening day with a win. The next game is tomorrow March 30, 2019. Each game is not at their home, the teams will have to travel either its far or not.

The first opening day for the Dodgers they had over 12 homeruns and half of those went into the stands. One game I saw was a child a little bit younger at the age of 5 got to catch the ball from one of their favorite players. The Red Sox's had over 15 home runs in the last years of opening day. Lastly, in each game not every team hits a home run and some teams make more than 12 home runs in a game.

In conclusion, on opening day March 28, 2019 there is a total of 30 teams that are in the opening day. While there will be 162 games in the total.



## NO MORE OBAMA CARE?

By Davian S.

Obamacare allows millions of people to get health insurance by expanding eligibility on affordable care. Obamacare also helps senior citizens get cheaper prices on probably better medication. Obamacare also requires many restaurants to post the calorie counts of their menu items, letting kids or parents see if something has too much sugar or fat, and that helps a lot of people.

Obamacare has also meant lower prices for the roughly 60 million senior citizens and disabled Americans who are part of the program. Under Obamacare, people with Medicare also receive free preventative benefits for being healthy, such as heart disease and diabetes. Obamacare helped close the gap in Medicare's drug coverage and was on track to eliminate it by 2020.

Before Obamacare, most Medicaid enrollees were low-income children, pregnant women, parents, the disabled and the elderly, now they're everyone. And now, A court judge in Texas, A DISTRICT court judge says that Obamacare cannot stand.

## ETHIOPIA PLAN CRASH

By Angelee K.

On March 10, 2019 a tragedy happened... A plane crashed from the Ethiopia airlines. This plane was one of the fastest planes in the world and it started to prepare for takeoff, and it took off and the pilot had lost control within 4 minutes of the flying the plane. The pilot started calling the airport to land back but only six minutes in the flight the plane started swerving back and forth and then landed straight into the ground.

This plane crashed on March 10, 2019 leaving no survivors. The plane crashed near Addis Ababa and there was a total of 157 people aboard and out of those 157 people all had been killed.

The US national transportation safety board had sent a team to investigate what happened. This plane shattered into a million pieces. Everyone and their loved ones were devastated when they heard the news, people who were trying to take vacations, business trips, see families, and more had all gotten on that plane. But within 6 minutes of that plane ride the Ethiopia plane was rocking back and forth and had crashed. Like I said 157 people died which was all the people on that plane including the pilot, flight attendants, and all the people aboard. In photos you can see that everything was everywhere including passports, luggage, hats, glasses, and victims.

Many planes from Ethiopia airlines have crashed they mostly say because on how fast it is and nearly almost no one's survive. My personal thought on this is plane crash is that it is really sad and scary most people have phobias of plane because they are scared that something might happen to them, well I think that makers of the Ethiopia planes should make them a little bit slower because like a said there is a lot of Ethiopia planes that have crashed and other planes have too I personally think that this is because of the speed you're going while flying the plane because if you're flying an airplane really fast you can start to go too fast and loose control research is found that oxygen levels may go down and while you losing control the plane could be going haywire which is how most airplanes crash, so I don't think they should make Ethiopia planes super-fast.

To conclude this how article I think that this is a very sad tragedy that has happened.



Ethiopia planes should be more slower so no more crashes happen and so no more people die and family members loose a relative but this is my article on the recent Ethiopia plane crash that shouldn't ever happen again.

# MONTH OF MARCH

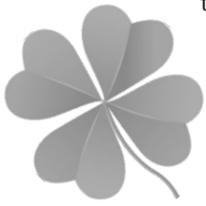
## ST PATRICK'S DAY

By Pablo C.

Saint Patrick's Day is a feast day to remember Saint Patrick. Today many people spend their time at home, parades, and pubs. But the history of this day starts with a story many years ago.

This story starts in the fourth century. In the 4th century a boy was born in Roman Britain. Then at the age of 16 this boy would be kidnapped and brought to Ireland to work as a slave. Years later he would escape from his slave work. But then around the year 423 he would come back to Ireland to convert the Irish people into Christians. This boy would be known as Saint Patrick. During

his time in Ireland he would grow into the culture and teach the Irish the Christian faith. He would build churches and schools for the people. By the time of his death in March 17, 431 he had made Ireland into a place of Christianity.



Throughout the years many legends were made about what he had done for Ireland. One legend is that Saint Patrick used the shamrock to teach the Irish people about Trinity or the Christian faith. Another famous legend is that he chased out all the snakes from Ireland and into the seas.

As the years passed the way people celebrated this day changed. Today there aren't any of the original Irish traditions. But instead countries have set up new ways to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. But today people celebrate St. Patrick's Day however they want.

## NATIONAL PUPPY DAY

By Josselyn M.

National puppy day was on March 23. It was founded in 2006 by an author Colleen Paige and adopted by other groups and organizations since. The way people celebrate National puppy day is by the giving their puppy more attention than usual and by spoiling them.

People also show images of cute puppies to show how cute they are. People also throw parties and celebrate their dog in different way. Vets will have some special treats as well as a pet store to give them special treats and to show them that they are being celebrated. This is the day were people adopt dogs from a local shelter. They also donate to a local shelter to help



dogs in need. It is also celebrated by bring your dog to the community park to play with other dogs. You can volunteer to walk dogs at a shelter.

Some owners go above and beyond and even give their dogs massages. Extra owners like to dress them up all fancy and take cute photos. Some people also pledge to never hit and yell and to be kind and to give them the love that they deserve.

## NATIONAL CRAYON DAY

By Sangam G

National crayon day is a day when you get to celebrate color and crayons. Colors are part of our everyday life if we didn't have them than we wouldn't be able to look as good as we do, and we also would all be the same. If the world didn't have color than everything would be boring, and we wouldn't be able to draw to show ourselves and how we feel.

National crayon day is celebrated on the 31st of march no one really knows who started it or when it was started. But crayons were first introduced in 1903 by Binney and Smith when they invented the Crayola Company. They have been used ever since for coloring and making kids happy with all there bright and wonderful color.

There are many ways to celebrate this holiday. You can find a piece of paper or a coloring book and then get a pack of crayons and color away. You can also draw something then color it and post it on social media for others to look at. One day you may even become an artist and still use crayons like you did when you were young. With crayons you can also add feelings to your drawings with different colors like if your trying to make a scary mood in your drawing than your better of using black instead of pink.

## SOMETHING ON A STICK DAY

By Oriana D.

National something on a stick or stick day is on March 28. Stick day is a holiday that you can eat anything on a stick like corn dogs, fruit on sticks, popsicles, lollipops, and more but not all food can go on a stick like liquids. Basically, every solid thing we can eat can go on sticks. Also, stick day doesn't have in inventor because our researchers haven't found a creator of national something on a stick day and the specific date and year that this has been in celebration are unknown as well.

There're so much delicious foods in the world that can go on a stick so that's probably one reason why it got its own day. But there can be multiple reasons why it got a day. National something on a stick isn't like a mop, broom, pencil/ pen, or a rake but it is about celebrating food we love to eat, that come on a stick or that can be put onto a stick.

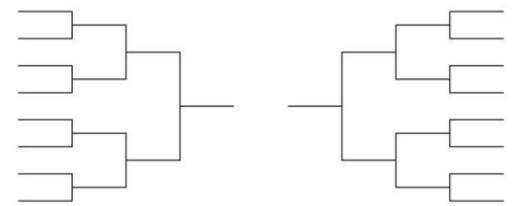
Food on a stick is believed to be among the earliest examples of human tool use. Instead of humans using their hands to cook a hot dog/ sausage over a fire they used sticks to cook it over the fire. The stick was the tool that the humans used to cook sausage with like we use tools to help us bake and more.

Benefits about this holiday is that it can be fast and easy. You can go buy or make food that you can put onto a stick. And after you're done with your food on a stick you can simply throw it out and you don't have to worry about washing the dishes, you can just throw it in the trash and continue doing what you got to do.

## MARCH MADNESS

By Kyle C.

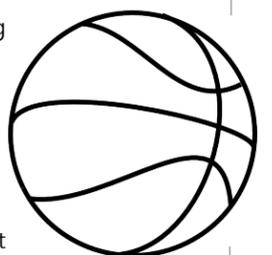
Have you ever wondered were March madness came from? Well if you were, it was made in the states of Illinois by an official named Henry V. Porter in 1939, when he was writing an article called "March Madness" for the organization's in-house magazine.



Ever since this event was created there have been 80 NCAA tournaments since 1939, and there are five schools that have been to more than half of them. From what I have found the colleges that have won the most champion ships are the UCLA with 116 wins, Stanford University with 118, the University of Southern California with 107, and Pennsylvania State University with a total of 50. Last year's winners were the Villanova Wildcats, the runners up Michigan Wolverines, the semifinalists Kansas Jayhawks and many more teams.

Every year I keep on hearing is March Madness a trademarked term, or is March Madness copyrighted. And well the answer is yes, the word March Madness is trademarked but not copyrighted. Here is a little tip for you that want some March Madness merch. You can use the college name or team name for your personal T shirt or a banner for cheering your team up. when it comes to selling a Trademarked Logo printed on a shirt, t shirt or sweatshirt becomes a copyright issue, unless It's for business purposes which in this case is illegal.

If anyone was wondering how much the people hosting March madness are making, the answer to that is millions you might be asking yourself how many millions they are making, it's about 900million. If your school is the lucky winner of March Madness, you get payed 10 million dollars.



## THE PERFECT BRACKET

By Derick G.

As I am writing this, the perfect bracket will not be a thing or the hype will be over in the following days.

The chances of getting a perfect bracket are 1 in 9,223,372,036,854,775,808. So you have a higher chance of winning the lottery which is 1 in 13,983,816.

The man that has the perfect bracket right now is named Gregg Nigl of Columbus, Ohio. He has a perfect NCAA tournament bracket of guessing 49 games in a row correctly. This is the longest recorded such a big feat for Gregg Nigl. On an interview from NCAA March Madness that was posted on YouTube of Gregg Nigl talked about his pick and he said most of his picks were on personal thoughts and him hearing people on the news talking about them and what the school, he liked better and so on.

### The "Warren Buffett Challenge"

Warren Buffett is offering \$1 MILLION A YEAR FOR LIFE to anyone in his company who can pick the Sweet 16 correctly. The sweet 16 is the final 16 teams in March Madness.

## ATHLETE SALARIES

By Samantha T.

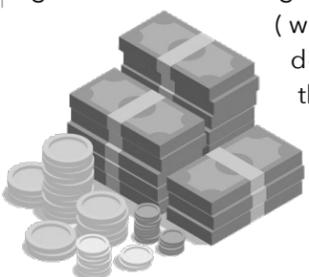
Athletes get paid to play sports like basketball, tennis, soccer, baseball, etc. But what some people don't realize is how much money they're getting paid to do this.

They make a combined annual salary that tops \$778 million, according to the latest listing by Forbes magazine. These athletes also pulled in more than \$500 million in endorsements. At least three athletes on the list make more money from endorsing products than they do playing their sport. Some of the lowest payment rates have been around 500,000, and imagine, that's around the lowest payments for athletes.

Although this does seem unfair, which it can be, most people do realize that these athletes put their bodies to risk. Believe it or not, most athletes get extremely injured just by falling. But all athletes do this to themselves. They sign up for "guaranteed money" and if they sign a certain contract, they take many risks. But along with this, some athletes don't get paid the same amount if they get injured, if they're not good enough, or if their a cap

(when the team doesn't allow/want the teammate)

A player that has been injured before would be



Brandon Roy. Brandon Roy had a very knee injury and his knee was bruised. So, it did affect his career and his salary. So, this does come to prove that if athletes get injured in some way it can affect their career and how they get paid.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

By Chris D.

What is Daylight Savings you ask? Well, it's an event where time is set 1 hour back. For example, if it was 2:00 right now, it would be 1:00 after Daylight Savings starts.

Daylight Savings started on Sunday, March 10 and will end on Sunday, November 10. It will both start and end at 2:00 AM. So, what is the purpose of Daylight Savings? It's purpose is to make Daylight longer.

Why do they want to make it longer? To make better use of daylight. The places that participate in Daylight Savings are mostly place in North America and Europe. You might not enjoy daylight savings. Why? Because you get 1 hour less of sleep. When it ends, you'll get an hour extra of sleep. VERY GOOD. Do you think daylight savings is necessary? My opinion, no.

## CREATIVE COLUMN

### "MIKE"

By Vincent B.

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"Mike"

"Mike" is a humanoid "demon," made for the purpose of deceiving ██████████ or other subjects and hunting them down in some of the mazes. They have been recently nicknamed "Demon of 1,000 Eyes." Their first model is located within MAZE\_01, but due to having multiple models, there are other additions in a few select mazes. They appear as a black humanoid, made of charred human bones with sharpened claws. They wear a black tuxedo, which is engraved on the back with the name MIKE, dark gray undershirt, black tie, black pants, black shoes, and a black belt. Their main feature would be the head, which is an amalgamation of charred human skulls in such a manner that it almost resembles a beehive. It has many red, glowing eyes, no nose, and one mouth with rotted teeth. Its head is divided into sections, which can spin at rates up to

██████████ mph. "Mike," despite what it would seem, can understand and use human speech in Latin and English, yet refuses to listen or communicate back most of the time. They are commonly breathing very loudly and heavily. They can walk, but commonly glides across the floor without leg movement. "Mike" is immensely quick and can outrun the average human. They will seek out the guilty, and then hunt and eat them alive. This is a very gruesome process. Due to this nature, they are currently being used in attempts to terminate ██████████. They would normally be a very difficult foe and hard to contain within the facility, but they do have one weakness. A material found in one of the facility vaults mysteriously, dubbed Mindstone, seems to be a weakness to "Mike." If they stand within 5 feet of it, "Mike" will begin to boil and burn, causing it pain. It will dart at its top speed as far away as it can. Currently, the outsides of the maze wall have been surrounded in Mindstone. Mindstone itself is a red, crystal-like solid material that glows and sometimes sparks when a "demon" approaches, such as "Mike." Mindstone has shown little effect on demons that aren't "Mike." All staff who are authorized to be inside of the facility are to be armed with a staff topped off with an octahedron of Mindstone, dubbed a "Deflecting Rod." No "Deflecting Rods" should ever be introduced to subjects, and they should be immediately terminated if they end up with one. Every model of "Mike" combined currently has ██████████ registered fatalities.

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Note from ██████████, 3/20/██████████: No model of "Mike" cannot escape under any conditions. God knows what terror would be unleashed if that thing got out. Even if we made it, there's no way to turn it off. Begin construction on an emergency bunker somewhere, for if any of these creations escape. Be sure to tell nobody we made them. Blame aliens, I don't care. And don't forget to give every person involved major anesthetic after the situation is handled.

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## RIDDLES

1. What kind of room has no doors or windows?
2. What kind of tree can you carry in your hand?
3. What has a head and a tail, but no body?
4. What has hands but can not clap?
5. What belongs to you, but other people use it more than you?



