



Club Rush!

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After a few weeks from the start of the school year, many students come together to showcase and advertise their clubs to other students. This annual event in JMS is called Club Rush, and it's an exciting opportunity for students to explore their interests and find new ones.

How does it work? In early Fall, every year the JMS office hands out forms for students to create their clubs. These clubs have students as club leaders, and teachers of their own choice as the supervisors. They attend a meeting for club leaders and choose which days their clubs will do activities, so a club is made. All student clubs are during lunch and have chosen days of the week for the club members to attend (Monday-Friday). Then, club leaders create fliers on the Jefferson bulletin board, in classrooms, and more.



Club leader explaining their CJSF club.

Now, about the Club Rush. Club Rush is an annual event in JMS that happens only once, during Early October at lunch. Club leaders come prepared for this event, as it is their best chance to get a lot of members. Each club will have its table on the blacktop to advertise/showcase their club to other interested students, with their Club banners on it. On the tables will be additional information on the club and a list of people who want to join. Students could write their names and grades into these lists and join the club. If too many students want to join the club, the students after will be on the waitlist.

What type of clubs are there? Well, the common themes of clubs could be art, dungeons and dragons,



Students signing up for a club.

chess, environmental support, learning, entertainment, and more! These clubs came from last year but there could be new clubs that will start this year.

Here are some of the clubs we have this year:

“K-pop Dance Club”: “Our club is all about showing community expression through dance, getting to know everybody, and having a good time. In our club, we’re going to do K-pop dances and teach K-pop dances. We’re going to be doing a different dance every week. Some days we’re going to let the people in the club go into groups and create their own dances.”

This club will express themselves through different types of K-pop dances, and will dance as another way to get to know each other. By not using words, but with action and movements.

“Anime-Anim Club ”: “Our club watches and talks about anime And at the end make a paragraph or two about what happened, the elements, and the plot points.”

The Anime-Anim Club is going to talk about and watch some anime themselves during their club meetings. After they watch the full anime, they will describe and write about the points in the anime that stood out to them.

“Manga Club” (For those who don’t know, Manga is a Japanese style of comic books and graphic novels): “Our club is basically like a book club, but for Manga. We discuss books, give recommendations to the other members of the club, and we read Manga.”

Just like the previous years, JMS students are and will keep continuing to create fun enjoyable clubs for anyone to join and participate in.

Dragon Boat Open House

By: Anthony M., Aidan O., Timothy V.L.

Do you know what Dragon Boating is? You probably don't, but dragon boat is a big event in China with races, events, and traditional foods such as eating Zonghi (glutinous savory fillings in bamboo leaves). In San Pedro, there was a small gathering with the L.A. Harbor Dragon Boat Club that had food and games, such as bean bag tossing. People at the event even got to participate in dragon boating by going out on the water. They had to paddle out not too far in the ocean.



(L.A. Harbor Boat House)

At the event, Betty Peterson, a new member of the L.A. Harbor Dragon Boat Club was interviewed, and here is what she had to say. Betty Peterson said she joined the L.A Harbor team in April of this year. She also said that fellow member of the team; Roma Mistry, got her into dragon boating. Betty also stated that "It's kind of in my blood, I'm from Taiwan and dragon boat came from Chinese culture so I've always wanted to do that and I miss doing things with team sports." Many people like to work with a team or with others so Dragon Boating could be a good way to do so.

When Betty was asked what part of dragon boat racing would you recommend for others she replied with this. She stated that, "Everything, it's the camaraderie, the team sport, it's the taking care of each other..." like, little gatherings like this where you build friendships and exercise, and it's a pretty strenuous sport, and I like coming over here on the weekends and getting a good hour of paddling in." There are many other ways you can exercise, but dragon boating is a pretty good way to exercise because it is a good workout for your arms and your whole body.



(Half of L.A. Harbor Dragon Boat Open House Participants)

When Betty was asked what's the weirdest thing she had seen while doing dragon boat, she said, "So we see seals right, so what's cool is like sometimes when were paddling really hard and we take a break and one of the captains would be like; okay, everybody breath in and then exhale, and we'd go, HUH... there was a seal just chilling, and every time we would go HUH, he'd be like; huh?"

The L.A. Harbor Dragon Boat Team does various team and community events. Some things they do is on the last Sunday of every month, they hold a beach clean up by their boat house. They also participate in the San Pedro Holiday Parade. Another thing they do is they go out on the water during a full moon and paddle in the moonlight. They even help boy and girl scouts and foster children.

Captain of the L.A. Harbor Dragon Boat Team Jesse Oani, was also spoken to and he said, "We do Beach clean ups every month, participate in the San Pedro Holiday Parade, Full Moon Paddle out once a month, volunteer for various organizations such as Foster Kids, Boys and Girl Scouts." This pretty much summarizes what was said above.

During Dragon Boat season, they do about 6 races on average. They race in different places in California such as Marina Del Rey, Castaic Lake, Long Beach, San Diego, and some other places. Some members of the team even leave the country to race. They have even come in first place in quite a few races.

Members of the team consist of Co-Captains: Jesse Oani and Laura Andrede, Secretary: Suko Gotoh, Treasurer: Ed Eyas, and many others who enjoy this sport. There is practice every Sunday so don't be late!

Lakers Prepare for the Upcoming Season

By Ashley W., Harshil P.

The Lakers had their first exhibition against the Golden State Warriors on October 7th, 2023. The Warriors had the upper hand because if you look at a tracker over the past 8 years, no one has defended Anthony Davis more times than Draymond Green. This means that Green knows the different tricks Davis has up his sleeves which may have had an effect on the outcome of the game.

After the first half ended, the Lakers were behind by 7 points. With the Lakers falling behind with every play, they started shooting fewer and fewer points, leading to their loss to the Warriors. By the end of the game, the Lakers lost, 108 to 125, down by 17 points. They were off to a rocky start but came back with a successful game against the Brooklyn Nets.

For the upcoming season, LeBron James has changed his jersey number from 6, back to 23. This is to honor Bill Russell who passed away in July 2022. Even though the number 6 has been retired, those who are currently wearing it may continue to do so, but it can't be issued again.



LeBron officially switched numbers on July 16th, 2023.

As a lot of fans have noticed, LeBron James has been benched more often than usual. This is because the more he is out playing on the court, the more his ankle stiffens up. During the game on October 7th, they tried to keep him under 30 minutes total.

On October 9th, 2023, the Lakers had their second preseason game against the Brooklyn Nets at the T-Mobile arena. The Lakers and Nets were constantly neck to neck, one team in the lead by very few points. At the end of the first quarter, the Nets were only ahead by 1 point. In the next quarter, the Lakers were able to pull

through and continued to stay at the top for the majority of the game. With still a little more than a minute left in the game, the Nets were winning by 1 point again, but the Lakers were able to make 4 more points before the game ended, making the win by 3 extra points.



During the Lakers first preseason game, LeBron sat out.

Now back to the games. Just 2 days after winning against the Brooklyn Nets, the Lakers won again, but this time against the Sacramento Kings, taking place at the Honda Center in Anaheim, California. With 11 seconds left on the clock, Alex Fudge makes a dunk, increasing the probability of them winning the game. This led to yet another win, Lakers up 101 to 109.

Unfortunately, their (short) winning streak came to an end on, ironically, Friday the 13th against the Golden State Warriors in the Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles. This time, they were closer to winning than last, but still not quite. Down to the very last second, Jalen Hood-Schifino (No. 0) shoots a 3 pointer and makes it. However the time had run out and it didn't count and the Warriors won. The score is 129 to 125, which means that even if the 3 pointer at the last second did count, the Warriors still would've won, but at least would've made the Lakers closer to winning.

The most recent Lakers game was against the Milwaukee Bucks on October 15, which they lost 108-97. During the second quarter, Jaxson Hayes comes out of nowhere and blocks Bobby Portis from making a shot. Not bad for someone who just joined the Lakers. However, this wasn't enough and the Lakers did end up losing to the Bucks by 11 points.

Next up, the Lakers have another game against the Phoenix Suns on October 19th 2023 at the Acrisure Arena in Thousand Palms, CA. Good luck Lakers!

The Writers Strike!

By: Mason W. Daksh P. Ali A.

Recently there was a Writers Strike going on that meant that there will be a lack of movies and games as with no writers there will be no stories and this is because movie and game writers alike are overworked and underpaid because they work for a company who has them almost constantly writing stories with no breaks.



People protesting for the writers strike.

As of now the Writers Strike have ended. It ended on Wednesday September 27, 12:01 am, P.D.T. Shows have been put on hold due to the strike like Stranger Things, Saturday night Live, The Last of Us, etc. It doesn't stop at shows, movies as well. Movies like Kraven the Hunter, Deadpool 3, Dune part 2, The Batman 2, Spider-man across the Spider Verse, Godzilla and Kong, and many more.

The media and the people are already upset about all these movies and shows that they got excited for. Also the people working on the movies. The whole reason this is happening is because workers are overworked and underpaid as stated before.

For example, Marvel has been announcing lots of movies like in phase 5. The evening announced some movies in phase 6. Movies like, Fantastic 4, Blade, Avengers Secret Wars, etc. The people who work on the CGI are complaining about the long hours that they've been put to work. Their salaries do not compensate for their hours either. Marvel's visual effects team is also understaffed and have insanely strict deadlines, making it harder for them to work along with the unreasonable hours.

The thing that probably makes the workers mad is when fans complain about how, "CGI looks uncanny." After working long hours and being underpaid those people hear that. The reason for this is because it does look a little weird. Not because of not having enough equipment, but because of

not having enough time and energy from the visual effects workers.

For example, in the Flash movie it is no doubt that a lot of the CGI is janky. The movie's budget was 300 million dollars. Lots of work room right? Surely they had enough money to have all the right technology for the CGI, and they did, yet it looks like this.



CGI from the Flash movie all copyrights belong to dc comics llc

If you're wondering, yes that is Nicholas Cage. The movie had a colossal budget and the result is this garbage. No offense. The VFX team was severely overworked which led to this. There are some people that believe that the CGI and VFX was done with ai because there were some very obvious mistakes that could have been easily fixed if looked over properly. As well as it just not looking right being in the uncanny valley which is something looking almost human but something is just missing which generally occurs with ai generated images.

I think that the writer's strike should never have happened. People can not be overworked to the point where their eyes feel as heavy as 2 cars. Then they get paid in 3 grains of rice. They are also met with very strict deadlines. All of this because the directors got greedy. They wanted all the benefits to themselves. They squeezed all they could from the staff for their own benefit.

The writers strike did end and they gave the people what they wanted, well, sort of. It turns out that the writers originally wanted about a 5% to 6% increase but they ended up having to compromise and get a 3.5% to 5% increase and what they were receiving before was a 2% to 4% increase. So in the end, they didn't really get exactly what they wanted. However, at least they got an increase because the actors' strike is still going on. Writers may be getting more pay now, but actors are still striving for it.

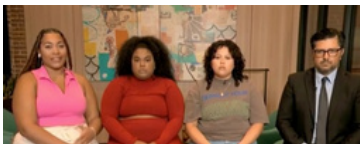
Lizzo is Being Sued for Allegations of Body Shaming

By Sophia Ako, Arya Bharad, Mari Goldberg, Diya Sondhi

Rapper and singer Melissa Viviane Jefferson, better known as Lizzo is being sued for accusations of harassment, bullying, and racial discrimination. Crystal Williams, Ariana Davis, and Noelle Rodriguez are the ones suing. All three of them were her former backup dancers before resigning due to the hostile work environment.

“In one instance, the former dancers asked to be compensated for their downtime at a rate of 50% of their weekly pay, according to the suit. An accountant allegedly responded to the request by offering 25% and scolding them for being unacceptable and disrespectful.”

But that’s not the only thing Lizzo and her team did. They began working as Lizzo’s backup dancer after auditioning on her show “Watch Out For The Big Grrrls.” Shortly after it became nothing like they imagined. *Insider* says, “They alleged in the lawsuit that Lizzo treated black dancers with less respect than others.”



Crystal Williams, Ariana Davis, and Noelle Rodriguez sued lizzo.

Lizzo responded to this by denying and saying that all the lawsuit allegations pressed against her are false. “Usually I choose not to respond to false allegations but these are as unbelievable as they sound and too outrageous to not be addressed.”

In an article by the *NY Times* her lawyer also says Lizzo is planning to countersue. Although Lizzo seems to be denying allegations, more lawsuits just keep coming, with former designer Asha Daniels elaborating on *NBC news*, “I felt like I was living in a madhouse.” and, “I was listening to this black woman on this huge stage have this message of self-love and caring for others, being empathetic, being strong, and standing up for others. I was witnessing myself, the dancers, the background vocalists, and my local team in every city be harassed and bullied regularly.”

With all the mistreatment of the staff and dancers, one would think that someone on Lizzo’s management team was sure to come forward and confront her. Well no, *People* states that, “her management staff sees as condoning such behavior,” so it continues unchecked. Lizzo certainly knows what’s going on but is choosing not to put an end to this.”



Lizzo and her backup dancers.

Attorney Ron Zambrano, who is representing the former dancers who filed the lawsuit, said in a statement to *NBC news Thursday*, “Her denial of this reprehensible behavior only adds to our client’s emotional distress.” He also adds, “Lizzo has failed her own brand and has let her fans down. The dismissive comments and utter lack of empathy are quite telling about her character and only serve to minimize the trauma she caused the plaintiffs and other employees who have now come forward sharing their own negative experiences.”

Her fans are not happy about the sudden allegations pressed against her. An article by *Outlook* says fans react with mixed emotions to the lawsuit but mostly with anger. One X (aka twitter) user writes “What a hypocrite! You can’t say one thing and then criticize the dancers for gaining weight.” While another states, “Lizzo’s dancers are the show for me.”

Now, moving on, what do Lizzo’s so-called “Celebrity Friends” think about this? According to a *Newsweek* article Jersey Shore star Jenni Farley and actress Jennifer Garner liked Lizzo’s instagram post which was, “these sensationalized stories are coming from former employees who have already publicly admitted that they were told that their behavior on tour was inappropriate and unprofessional.” The biggest celebrity fan of Lizzo, Beyonce had “snubbed” Lizzo at the renaissance concert and skipped her name in her song “Break my Soul (Queens Remix)”

For now, people have taken a rest and the drama has seemed to have died down a little. It is still safe to speculate that things are being handled in private away from the public eye.

Israel & Hamas

By Zara K., Kara K. ☁

Have you heard about the ongoing war with Israel and Hamas? Or have you heard about what other states are doing to help? Or maybe you even know why it started?

In early October 2023, Hamas had attacked Israel. Hamas is an Islamist militant group that controls the Gaza strip. People call it a terrorist attack, while Hamas calls it ‘taking its rightful land’. The operation was called “Al-Aqsa Storm” (pronounced AK-SAH) which might be revenge for one of their mosques, Al-Aqsa, which was desecrated by the Israelis. Hamas has taken many hostages and fired plenty of attacks into Israel.



The latest reported attacks between Israel and Hamas

Do you know why this is happening? Long ago, Hitler was killing a bunch of Jews and they needed protection. Palestinians let the Jews have a small piece of land so that they could be safe. The Jews began to grow, taking more and more land from the Palestines. They removed the Palestinian’s ‘rights’ and land. Hamas had said that they were helping the Palestinians get their land back.

This is not the first time Israel and Hamas have fought. They have had an 11-day war full of bloodshed in 2021. Iran is on the side of the Palestinians while the US is helping Israelis by giving them military supplies and food. Israel has already cut off its food and water, making the population food insecure. This is very dangerous as it has caused many deaths from starvation and right now the people of Israel depend on humanitarian assistance.

Our president, Biden, has called the Hamas attack “sheer evil”. He is on the side of the Israelis as he is the one giving them military supplies to defend themselves. Israel has already started to fight back. They have made plenty of airstrikes near the Gaza Strip in Hamas. More than 2,670 Palestines have died from Israeli attacks.



Hamas’ operation has already infiltrated more than 10 locations in Israel.

It has already been eight days since they first started fighting, and lots of damage has already occurred. Thousands of Palestinians and Israelis have died and there are probably many more to come. States nearby such as Iran (and plenty more) are also helping Hamas by fighting alongside them to get their land back. The US is sending help to Israel. This war will probably not be as short as the last war they had in 2021, as it seems both sides are prepared and determined. No one knows how long the war will go on for and are hoping for the best.

Many countries and states are trying to get Hamas and Israel to stop fighting. Hamas is determined to free their Palestinian prisoners, stop Israeli aggression on Al-Aqsa Mosque, and to break the siege on Gaza. They are ready to protect the Palestinians and get their rights back.

Sources: [Spectrum News](#), [CNN](#), [New York Times](#), [PBS](#), [Washington Post](#) 🤖

Pumpkin Carving Ideas

By: Esaias A, Zara K, & Kara K.

Halloween can be a fun holiday for everyone to enjoy with activities such as costumes and trick or treating. One example of a fun activity many people enjoy on Halloween is going trick or treat. That's not the only fun activity for Halloween, so here's a list of fresh ideas for 2023 Halloween.

Instructions On How To Carve a Nice Pumpkin:



Step 1: Grab a sharp ware and a marker and draw an outline on your pumpkin.

Step 2: Cut the outline on your pumpkin and cut a large hole on the top of the pumpkin.

Step 3: Take out the insides and carve your design!

Step 4: Lastly, add a light inside and decorate!

One idea for your pumpkin is a car, it's cute and simple to make. Check it out [here!](#)

Sometimes you want to go all out for Halloween 2023 with your pumpkins, but sometimes others just do an unoriginal pumpkin design and light it with a boring candle.

If you have scary pumpkin ideas you can get a cheap LED light to place inside of your pumpkin so your pumpkin can glow in different colors!



If you want the link for the different colored LED lights, [Click here!](#)
Have a fun Halloween! And a cool pumpkin!!

Halloween Costume Ideas

By: Marisel G. & Diya S.

Are you looking for Halloween costumes for you and your friends? Don't worry we got you covered! This section will provide you with halloween costume ideas for trios, duos, singles, and big groups. For this first costume, all you need to do is get your BIG friend group's attention because this one is HUGE (literally though.) Have you ever heard of strawberry shortcake? Well surprisingly, you can be her and her other cakes!



(How cool is that?) Here is the link for strawberry shortcake (you need to diy others)

[strawberry_shortcake_costume](#)

The next costume is for trios and it can be for boys and girls. The minions and a banana costume is a good costume for anyone in a trio. If you and your friends love the minion movies then you will love this costume. Here is the link for the minions and the banana.

[Minion](#), and [Banana](#).

We have a single costume for you! Which is perfect for one person. Taylor swift is an icon in the celebrity world and this costume is also an icon. (Since 2019 ish too!) This costume is from the "You Belong With Me" music video. All you need is markers, white tee, blue flannel pants, and black glasses. Here are the links.

[Shirt](#), [pants](#), [marker](#), and [glasses](#).

The very last costume is sort of basic but really cute. It is the m&ms! This costume is nice for every duo and it can even work as a trio costume.



Here is the link to the store and it also provides different colors and 3 sizes. [m&m costume](#). Remember to get these costumes before

halloween!. I hope you like these costumes and before halloween!. I hope you like these costumes and have a very happy halloween!

Student Shout-Outs!

By Madison Mitchell

Ryder Meloncon: 7th Grade -Appreciate your willingness to help in the office with a smile. Thanks! - Ms. Morgan

Callie B, Nate P, Kento K, Gen S: 6th Grade - Great improvement in your iReady minutes! Keep up the good work!

-Mrs. Sweet

Manoel Oliveira: 6th Grade -Great start to the school year! I am so proud of you for completing your work on time and being motivated to work independently.

Zak Kureshi: 6th Grade -You are such a kind student and a huge help during science. Your selflessness and drive to help others is very admirable!

-Miss. Haley

Madeline N, Amie H: 7th Grade -My science sleuths! Amazing job with the challenges so far -Hall of fame status is just around the corner!

5th Period Science: 6th Grade -You are all amazing and always brighten my day!

-Mrs. Cho

Barnington W: 7th Grade -Great encouragement towards peers during class especially in math!

Derryon Prince: 8th Grade -Helping keep others safe and making smart choices to model for others.

-Mrs. Nunes

Chin C: 7th Grade -Your positive energy is contagious! Layal M: 7th Grade -You are an amazing artist! I can't wait to see what else you draw this year.

-Mrs. Sapien

Camilla G: 8th Grade -Thank you for all of your hard work and for being kind to all of those around you! I also appreciate your leadership on campus!

Hailey C: 8th Grade -Thank you for always staying focused! You are a bright young lady! I also admire your artwork!

-Mrs. Aragon

Maddie W: 6th Grade -Thanks for being so helpful, kind, and studious in class. You're a rock star!

Mayo N: 6th Grade -I appreciate you for helping out your seat partner when he needs it! Arigatoo Gozaimasu!!

-Mrs. Chang

Harper M, Xzavier S, Walie: -Thank you for always having a smile for me and helping keep our campus clean.

-Ms Maribel

Jadelynn G. 8th grade- "Your hard work is really paying off! I'm so proud of you."

-Ms. Inouye

Deven A. 8th grade- "Thank you for asking such brilliant questions in math and giving top-notch effort. Keep it up!"

-Ms. Inouye

Guess That Scary Movie line!

By: Mason Wasserman

Halloween Is right around the bloody corner. So let's test your Halloween knowledge on movies, scary movies. Some may be harder than others, unless you get it all down. Are you the master? Time to find out.

"Here's Johnny!"

"You'll float too"

"I'm your friend to the end."

"What's your favorite Scary movie"

"Whatever you do, Don't fall asleep"

"We all go a little mad sometimes."

"I wanna play a game"

"We're gonna need a bigger boat."

"Sometimes it's better to keep the genie in the bottle."

"He slimed me."

"Get to the Chopper!"

"If it takes us over, then it has no more enemies, nobody left to kill it. And then it's won."

"In space, no one can hear you scream."

"It's alive! It's alive!"

"Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice."

Scary Movie Possibilities -

Beetlejuice-Frankenstien-Predator-The Thing-Alien-The Shining-Child's Play-Jigsaw-Psycho-Nightmare on Elm Street-Scream-Jaws-Ghostbusters-The Conjuring-IT.

I hope that you got at least a few of these. If you got none right, try watching some of the classic scary movies, if you dare!