



Second Quarter Awards

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Last Friday the school hosted the Second Quarter Awards. This event happens around one week after we are in a new quarter. The Second Quarter Awards are given to 3-4 period classes. This award is a very prestigious award that is given by teachers to students who deserve it in multiple ways, such as putting in full effort during their classes, participating in activities, and turning in their assignments on time or getting the highest grade in the class.

Each grade has its own time and place to participate in the awards ceremony with 6th grade on the blacktop, 7th in the Cafeteria, and 8th grade in the gym, during homeroom with 5th period. This year students received a ticket to get a prize from the paw cart for being a part of the 87 students who've been honored with an award.



(6th grade students with the award)

The Quarter Assembly Awards celebrations have been going on for as long as 17 years, or maybe even more. Mrs. Sapien usually organizes this event with the PBIS team, which stands for Positive Behavior Intervention Support. And all the other teachers in the school will pick their top students to give the awards to. Unfortunately, classes with mixed grades rarely get awards, although there was an exception from Mr. G in the first Quarter Awards.

The reason why these mixed grade classes rarely get any Quarter Awards is because this event is split by grades. These teachers giving recognition to their top students cannot be at 3 different places at the same time if those students come from different grade levels.



(8th grade students with the award, Mr. Pacheco on the left)

Now, many students make getting this award their goal, and it is certainly hard to become a top student in a class, it is also very hard for the teachers to pick these top students to give the award to. Out of roughly 10 or so top students in a class, it should be difficult to only pick two of them. As all teachers can relate to this, this event could be a little stressful for a lot of teachers in this school. But for us students, winning this award would be an absolute win. Plus, winning an award isn't the best thing about being among the top students, but it will boost confidence, improve your social life, and lead you to new opportunities.



(7th grade students receiving awards)

Torrance Farmers Market

By: Anthony M., Aidan O.

Every Tuesday and Saturday, the city of Torrance and many local farmers get together to form the Torrance Certified Farmers Market.

They don't just have freshly grown fruits and vegetables, they also have lunch like chicken and fried shrimp. But not just lunch, they also have breakfast and snacks. Things like kettlecorn, pancakes, chips and salsa and much more. They also have things like meat and fish.

3 people at the Torrance Certified Farmers Market were interviewed, two farmers, Daniel Lopez and Pedro, and one manager, Joyce Chan.



(Daniel Lopez selling flowers)

Daniel Lopez grows seasonal flowers from March to October and nothing through winter. He said he has been working at the Torrance Farmers Market for 5 or 4 years. He also said that the thing Daniel likes the most about the farmers market is the people. They are like friends to him, going there every weekend. Daniel's store is called Patty Farms. He goes there on both Tuesdays and Saturdays, but half days sometimes on Saturdays. What Daniel does with the flowers that don't get sold is he chops them into tiny pieces and uses them for composing.

Now for Pedro, his shop's name is Pedro's Ranch, and he goes there on both Tuesdays and Saturdays. He sells fruits and citrusy things. He has been working there for 16 years and has been farming for 18 years. Pedro doesn't think there is anything bad about the Farmers Market. Pedro said that the food that hasn't been sold is used for fertilizer. Also, one thing that Pedro

would change about the market is that water is hard to get and is very expensive.



(Pedro's Ranch's Booth and its produce)

The third person interviewed was the person who manages the whole thing, a woman named Joyce Chan. She told us that she had been working for the TCFM for 10 years, but she has been working as a manager for farmer's markets for 20 years. She also said that the farmer's market has been going on since 1983! That is 41 years where the TCFM has been around!

When she was asked what her favorite part of the farmer's market was, she said that it was talking to the farmers about their growing practices. But when she was asked what her least favorite part was, she said, "In foreseeing all of the rules and keeping track of the rules the farmers have to follow." It can be very hard to keep track of things like that, especially when there are a lot of people. Finally when she was asked if she liked working for the TCFM, she said that she loved it and that she couldn't imagine working for another job.

Because it is such a busy place during a busy time, it was hard to find parking and it was pretty crowded. But all of the merchants and farmers there selling their food were very friendly with all of the customers. Some of them would even offer samples. The longest line there was for a person selling their homemade salsa.

There weren't just food stands too, there was one place trying to get signatures for something, and another trying to get donations for a cause.

The Torrance Certified Farmers Market is every Tuesday and Saturday from 8AM - 1PM. If you would like to visit and take a look at all of the produce and food they have there, the address is 2200 Crenshaw Boulevard.

Super Bowl LVIII

By Ashley W.

On February 11, 2024, over 123 million people turned on their TVs to watch the Super Bowl LVIII. Playing at the Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas were the San Francisco 49ers and the Kansas City Chiefs. These were the same two teams who played each other in the Super Bowl LIV. Before the game started, Reba McEntire performed the national anthem.

In the first quarter, no one managed to score so it was 0 to 0. The 49ers were the first to score with kicker Jake Moody attempting a 55-yard field goal which was successful. This broke the mark of the longest attempt ever made in a Super Bowl. However, 49ers' linebacker Dre Greenlaw tore his Achilles and was carted off the field. Travis Kelce's frustrations emerged and was seen during the second quarter yelling at coach Andy Reid. He was held back by his teammate Jerick McKinnon to hopefully cool him off. The score was 10-3 with the 49ers in the lead at the end of the first half.

This year's halftime performer was Usher with guest stars like Alicia Keys and Lil Jon. Now back to the game. In the third quarter, Harrison Butker kicked a 57-yard attempt and broke Moody's short-lived record. The score was even 16-16 in the fourth quarter, but then J. Moody scored a 53-yard field goal and the score turned to 19-16. The Chiefs caught up and were able to score another field goal and force overtime.



Chief players splash the coach to celebrate their victory.

Including this game, only 2 Super Bowls in the whole NFL history have gone into overtime. The first game to have overtime was the Super Bowl LI in 2017 with the Patriots and Falcons playing each other.

The 49ers won the coin flip and decided to go first. They successfully kicked a 27-yard field goal so the score was then changed to 22-19. When it was time for the Chiefs' possession, they scored a touchdown and won 22-25.

Potential Uprise for the LA Lakers

By David O.

Before the Trade Deadline:

The NBA trade deadline is getting attention from NBA fans. Fans consider this their last chance for redemption but others think it isn't that big of a deal. There are many rumors about who will be traded and who would be traded for. Either way, the Lakers are currently winning more games. Lakers fans are theorizing who might be traded and who would be best to trade. Gamewise, they have been getting more wins lately and drastically improved.

After the Trade Deadline:

Unfortunately, the Lakers didn't make any trade deals so no trades were made involving them in the trade deadline. However, they did pick up Spencer Dinwiddie, previously from the Brooklyn Nets. He specifically joined the Lakers because the general manager of the Lakers asked him first. Currently, Spencer is an incredible addition to the Lakers. Not only is he a good shooter, but a good defender. The Lakers have been winning more games ever since he was added to the roster. They've won against the Utah Jazzs, the Detroit Pistons, New Orlean Pelicans, and the Charlotte Hornets. Only losing against the Denver Nuggets after the trade deadline.



LA Lakers VS New Orlean Pelicans

Fans of the Lakers now have hope of the Lakers becoming a great team again. Other teams in the NBA now fear the Lakers more than ever, with the addition of Spencer Dinwiddie. Spencer has said, "You're seeing a team that, when everything's on the line, they can rise to a level that no other team can get too." Perhaps, the Lakers will be able to sustain this rise into the playoffs.

Black History Month

By Mari G., Diya S.

Happy February and Happy Black History Month! Now that we're in February, that brings the question, how did Black History Month start?

Well, in 1926, Carter G. Woodson was launching what was originally Negro (black) History Week.

Woodson launched Negro History Week in the second week of February so it would overlap with Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass's birthday. In 1970, Black History Week expanded into what we know now, Black History Month.



Now moving onto the iconic Harriet Tubman helped with the movement to abolish slavery. She worked in the Underground Railroad conductors to help free slaves and get them to the North. She saved over 300 slaves without missing a person. Harriet Tubman was a slave herself. In 1849 she was scared she was going to be sold to a new plantation. So with some assistance from others Harriet escaped and became a free slave. In fact she is so important in this slavery movement that a movie was made about her life and how she played a part in the rescuing of slaves.



Another person who changed the world was Rosa Parks. She changed the world by refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white man while being a black woman. On December 1, 1955 she got arrested for this matter, however she did launch the Montgomery Bus Boycott which included 17,000 black citizens. She is such an icon that she made history for everyone.



Martin Luther King Jr. was a pastor but after the Rosa Parks incident on the Montgomery bus he had decided to start a bus boycott that successfully lasted for a year. He had gotten arrested but that didn't stop the boycotting and movements for the black community. He was assassinated April 4 1968. He was a remarkable hero in the black history movement by giving meaningful speeches.



All of these and many more idols that have together made black history month noticed. While not mentioned, Barack Obama, Alice Ball, Josephine Baker, Mary Jackson, Maya Angelou, Jocelyn Elders, and Colin Powell all helped contribute to black history month.

You might be wondering why they choose Black History Month to be in February? Carter G. Woodson wanted this (BHM) to coincide with Abraham L And Frederick D's birthdays. In case you didn't know, Abraham Lincoln is the 16th US president, and Frederick Douglass escaped slavery and was an activist and author. He helped end slavery by becoming a prominent leader in the abolitionist movement.

Why is it so important to celebrate Black History Month? There's so much stuff to say about BHM but we don't have a lot of space. African Americans can get closer together with this. We can understand the importance. And lastly we can honor the people that fought for equal rights.



There are many other black history activists but we decided to focus on the important 3. Shout out to Rosa Parks , Harriet Tubman , and Martin Luther King for helping black lives today. We honor this month of history.

Hackers and Scammers

By: Mason W. Daksh P. Ali A.

Hackers, the puppeteers of the digital world. They lurk in silence and out of nowhere, all your personal information, gone, deleted without a trace and now they have their hands on it. On top of that, they have actually been around for over a century, and even though we have better protection now, we still need to be cautious as even when you have protective measures, you can still be hacked as you will see soon.

However, we should first see what hackers do/look for. Some hackers leak and obtain people's personal information, like where they live, all the medical records, their bank account numbers, etc. Hackers can use this information to steal money or use other people's credit cards to buy things for themselves.

Most hackers are much more harmless than this but are still a threat as they generally hack into video games and choose to make the game much less fun for everyone else playing it but this is in the online world as they can steal your information through a public wifi access as an example you could be doing your work in a Starbucks and a hacker could use the public wifi access to hack into your computer and steal all your data, or they can steal your ip address from online and this can be scary but often times (and yes I'm speaking from experience) the worst they will do is send you a pizza.



Picture of Jordan Belfort and Leonardo DiCaprio, who played Jordan in the movie about Jordan Belfort

There are some hackers that scam you for money. There are even full companies dedicated to scamming, full corporations. Wall Street is the perfect example of this. In 1987 Jordan Belfort ran a whole company for scamming people and stealing their money, and then laundering it. There was even a movie about this and Leonardo DiCaprio depicted Jordan.

Scammers on the other hand will steal your personal information or money in a different way instead of taking it without your knowledge scammers will scam you often times their targets are older people as they are less well versed with the internet and technology so they can convince them of something that isn't real or sometimes they will use scamming to gain access to someone's personal information. So, now that you know that, you may be wondering how bad it really could be? Well, some real-life examples are on Facebook.

Facebook is infamous for the amount of times it has been hacked, however, only about 530 million people got their information leaked which is small compared to the great hacking of 2013-2016 when Yahoo was hacked and over 3 billion people got their information leaked.

However, these problems are not so common anymore, or at least major since as time goes by, technology gets better and is able to protect us from these hackers more and more, but, those are for the big companies, but what about us at school?

Well, now let's look at how our school deals with hackers. Thankfully our school has never been really hacked according to Ms. Nunes. There was only one instance where a student was hacking in the school. She says, "There was a hack that got into Blooket, a student got into Blooket and did a hack where it allowed them to reproduce the bots." It was only kind of a small thing, nothing that threatened the school. But the reason that our school has never been hacked is because of the I.T team in T.U.S.D, She has stated that, "We don't have anything that is specific for JMS" and, "Years ago there was a hack into the district server that the I.T team was able to jump on and take care right away."

So this shows that we are mostly safe and there is not too much to worry about since we really only have small "childish" hacks like when someone messes with their friend. So we are not at any immediate risk but make sure to always be aware of where you are going on the internet and be cautious.

So, what can we take from this? Well, we should always be careful and be aware of what type of websites you may be visiting and also not mess around with any sketchy links. Also, don't be too afraid of being hacked at school as long as you are doing what you're supposed to. When it comes to home only use safe and official websites, don't use any random websites with lots of random stuff like links, and all this may seem obvious but you would be shocked at how many people still do this while knowing. So stay safe, and don't get hacked.

Pakistan's Prime Minister Is Arrested For Corruption

By Zara K., Kara K.

Have you heard about what's happening in Pakistan? Imran Khan, Pakistan's prime minister, has been found guilty for corruption on a Wednesday, officially being sentenced to 14 years. The reason for this may be because he was accused of leaking state secrets and selling illegal state gifts with his wife, Bushra Bibi. Both Imran and Bushra denied wrongdoing.

It was his second conviction in a while and was the harshest yet. It was seen as a part of the huge struggle between civilian leaders and the large military in the troubled Western ally. More than 15 other cases are currently pending against him, basically challenging their military. It even got higher when he was ousted out of the government in a vote of no confidence and was taken on by the military publicly.

"The message is Imran Khan will remain behind bars for a longer time if he does not change his rhetoric against the country's institutions," said Chaudhry, who is an independent, Islamabad-based analyst.



Imran Khan and his wife pleaded that they were not guilty.

Imran Khan was Pakistan's former cricket superstar. He was known for being the best cricketer in Pakistan. A right-arm fast bowler who represented his country from 1971 to 1992, Khan was described as "one of the finest fast bowlers cricket has ever seen" and "the greatest cricketer to emerge from Pakistan, and arguably the world's second-best allrounder after Garry Sobers".

It has also been figured out that Imran Khan's marriage with his wife was also illegal. This is because

in Muslim family law, women are prohibited from remarrying for a few months after their husband dies or divorces them. Bushra was accused of not completing the waiting period mandated by Islam, called "Iddat", after divorcing her previous husband and marrying Khan. The Khans signed their marriage contract, or "Nikkah", in January 2018 in a secret ceremony seven months before the former cricket superstar became prime minister for the first time. So they were sentenced to seven years in prison because of their 2018 marriage. The couple was fined 787,000,000₹/rupees (about \$2.8 million) each.



Many people think putting him in jail for this is very unnecessary, especially since he is already jailed for 14 years.

Khan was convicted in what is well known as the cipher case, where he was accused of exposing state secrets by waving a confidential document at a rally. Pakistan's government has not made the document public, but is believed to be diplomatic correspondence between the Pakistani ambassador to Washington and the Foreign Ministry in Islamabad.

As protesters, supporters of Imran Khan, horde in front of ministries. The elections delivered a split mandate amid a cloud of questions over the fairness of the climate in which they were held, allegations of serious manipulation, and challenges to the accuracy of the vote counts that dragged on for three days. But in all, Imran Khan has still been added to his previous sentence.

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Anticipated Movies of 2024

By Sophia A. and Arya B.

The new year has kicked off and so have the movies! There are a bunch of movie fans and viewers who have been waiting for this since last year. From genre to genre, producers and more did not hold back with adaptations and continuations of classic originals that'll jog your memory!



First is a movie about a singer and guitarist most known for his distinctive vocals and songwriting abilities. [Bob Marley: One Love](#) releases in theaters February 14th, *today's* article gives further information on the movie details. "Kingsley Ben-Adir stars as legend Bob Marley in this Valentine's Day-premiering biopic. The film will highlight the life and legacy of the late music icon, seeing his global rise to fame and hardships." The movie is rated PG-13.



Second, a popular and controversial film, [Snow White](#) is going to be released. Although, the release date might be in 2025. Actresses Rachel Zegler and Gal Gadot would be on screen. Despite some online backlash of the Latina actress taking on the role. Turns out she was shading aspects of the original movie. Moving on, the film is set to add a "modern edge" to the story. While not much is known about the remake, it is set to follow the original 1937 musical "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." In it, the jealous wicked queen orders the murder of her stepdaughter Snow White, who is later rescued by seven dwarfs that live in the woods.



Snow White 2024 Live Action

Remember that movie about a panda fighting animals and eating noodles? [Kung Fu Panda 4](#) still stars Po as he embarks on another action-packed trip in ancient China. Along with new friends says *today*, "For the fourth installment in the animated franchise, Jackie Chan, Angelina Jolie, Lucy Liu and Seth Rogen are joining in on the fun." The movie will be released on March 8th but fans are already dissatisfied with a new character, says *Game Rant*. "The new character, Zhen, is receiving negative reactions due to both her portrayal by Awkwafina and her generic design that doesn't match the stylized aesthetic of the series." To note, this movie is rated PG.



Moving on, [The Fall Guy](#), which is rated PG-13, is a new movie following Ryan Gosling as a retired stuntman forced back into business as he tries to track down an actor's sudden disappearance. *Today* further explains, "Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt co-star in this action-filled comedy inspired by a hit 1980s TV series with the same name. Colt Seavers returns to the business when the star of a big budget movie, his ex Jody Moreno (Blunt) goes missing." The Fall Guy will be released on the first day of March.



The gang's all back! Pixar is going to release a sequel to *Inside Out*. Nine years after "Inside Out" that made people feel all the feels, the sequel is headed to the big screen in 2024. [Inside Out 2](#) The Pixar movie is set to follow Riley, now in her teenage years, as she encounters new emotions.

March will be a month of entertainment as most of these movies are releasing in the early days of next month. Be sure to book your tickets early because theaters will sell out fast as fans await these new releases!

Shout-outs!

Ann Smith: (6th Grade) -You are such a great student and are so kind to everyone. You are always sharing your supplies and being a great friend!

-Miss Haley

Dane Jenson: (6th Grade) -Way to go! You are always on top of your work and on task in class. Keep up the outstanding work!

-Miss Haley

Fatima Saqei: (6th Grade) -You are always helping teachers out anyway you can. This shows so much about who you are! Keep being you!

-Miss Haley

Shayla Perez: (6th Grade) -I can tell you care so much about learning which is so admirable and you are so determined with your work which is outstanding.

-Miss Haley

Chris Ramirez: (6th Grade) - You are a great student and an amazing friend. You're always focused and on task as well as incredibly respectful to both friends and adults. Keep it up!

-Miss Haley

Skye H. : (7th grade) - Thank you for being such a team player in Life Management. "Donut" forget that!!!

- Ms. Numark

Amelia S.: (7th grade) -Thank you for being a star student! You are always ready to work and put in 100% effort in everything you do!

-Ms. Sapien

Yssabella Keys-B. : (8th Grade) -"Thank you for always being kind to others. You are such a great leader."

Diego Casilas: (8th) - "Your positive attitude is contagious. Thank you for putting a smile on our faces every morning."

-Ms. Inouye

Leah S. : (7th grade) - Great job keeping up with your work and being on task:) I'm very proud of you.

-Mrs. Hagerman

Shout out to the 2024 Jefferson Middle School Basketball teams!

-Ms. Swartz

Unique

By: **Abimbola T. Alibi**

A poem for accepting yourself

Because I know who I am,
I'm at ease and free.
I can't be like others,
And they can't be me.

I've got fading scars,
An unusual physique,
But it all works together
To make me unique.

I've got hidden strengths,
Some obvious flaws.
Still I am who I am,
For better, for worse.

I don't have to blend in;
I won't live a lie.
I can't please everyone;
I won't even try.

Some call me proud;
Others stare at me in alarm.
But I'm not one to bother,
Because I know who I am.

JMS Reminders!!!

By: Aidan O.

Jefferson has some reminders that they want you to know, here are a few of them;

1. Keep phones off and out of sight.
2. Keep hoods on shoulders.
3. Don't forget to book your tutorial!
4. Be respectful, responsible, and safe.
5. Stemtacular is on 2/20 at 5PM in the gym.
6. Flag Football tryouts for the girls is on 2/20 at 3:30 after school.
7. Most importantly, be nice!