

# O'School Plays Hard to Best JCFS

By Casey

The batter steps to the plate, anxious with ideas of glorious homeruns and bat-breaking hits. He taps the plate, swings the bat behind his head, and assumes the famous batter stance of the Great American Past Time. The pitcher eyes him nervously, but is confident. He grips the softball in his hand firmly, and rears his hand back, then gently swinging his arm forward, sends the softball in an arc towards the batter. The ball floats towards the batter, finally making contact with the bat. THWACK! The ball is sent flying into the outfield, and the batter is off, dust flying in his wake. The outfielders begin running towards the ball in order to catch it and...



JCFS Softball Field

That was the general feeling of the softball game on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was a game filled with excitement, skill, and most of all, fun. Though it wasn't a major league World Series game, it was com-

petitive. Both teams wanted the win, and both were willing to give it their all to best their worthy opponents. JCFS and the Orthogenic School both played valiantly. Though the atmosphere was competitive, it

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# Facebook's Nearly as Large as the Population

By Angie

Did you know Facebook is nearly as large as the U.S. population? It

is. Facebook has 3 hundred million active users, and, according to the U.S.

Census Bureau, there are 307 million people living in the United States right now. Facebook's Press Room statistics on International growth say that about 70% of these Facebook users are outside of the United States, and Facebook has more than 70 different translations available, even though it has only been around for 6 years.

Facebook is a social networking site on the web

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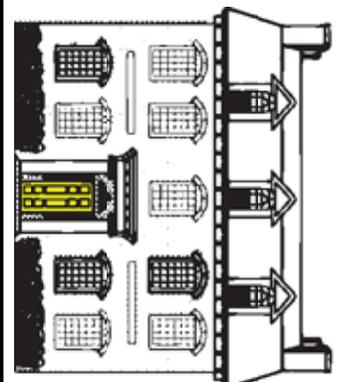


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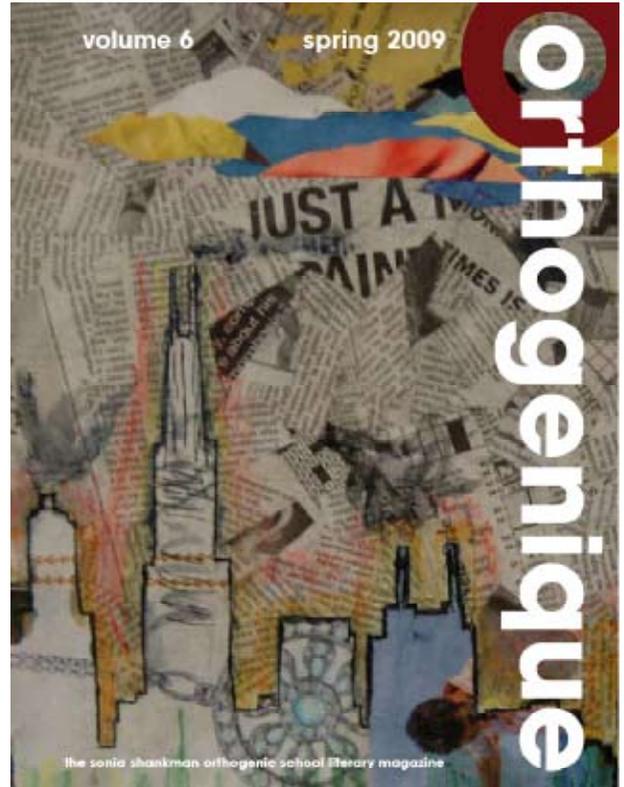
## Congratulations Orthogenique Staff, Volume 6

By Michelle P.

All year, the staff of *Orthogenique* works hard to create entertaining, thought provoking, visually powerful works to make up the three magazines produced through the class. Each spring, Michelle Z. and Michelle P submit the year's final issue of *Orthogenique* to two prestigious associations for comment and review: The Columbia Scholastic Press Association and the National Scholastic Press Association.

This year, the magazine received high honors from both organizations. Columbia Scholastic Press Association, which operates out of Columbia University in New York as a subsidiary of its graduate school of Journalism, honored our students' work with a Silver award. This was an improvement over last year's bronze.

The National Scholastic Press Association,



a non-profit agency based in Minnesota, honored the magazine with an All American Rating giving us marks of distinction

in Content, Writing and Editing, Photography/Art/Graphics/Typography, and layout.

The awards are proudly displayed next to the art display case in the school hallway. Stop by and take a look.

Both organizations give detailed feedback that the magazine staff incorporates into their work on the upcoming issues of the magazine. The magazine staff values the feedback as much as the awards.

Congratulations to last year's magazine staff for a great showing in the competitions and improving the program for the students to come.

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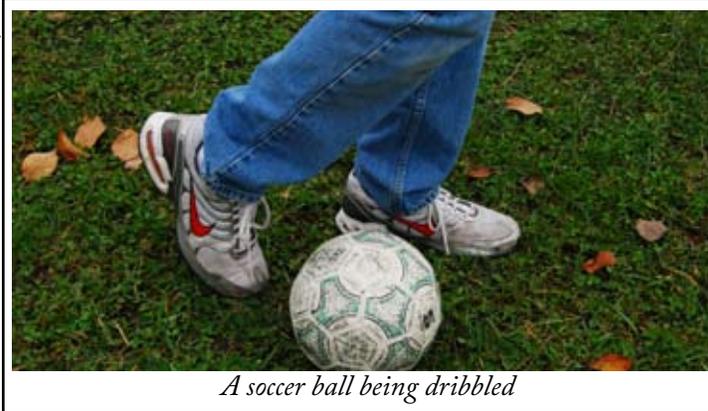
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## Extended School Day: The Extra Two Hours

By Matt N.

Imagine walking into base class on a Monday morning. You are tired, and you want the day to end as soon as possible. Upon sitting in your seat, your teacher makes an announcement. Whether you let out a huge groan or are just not paying attention, it's an extended school day. Extended school days are four Mondays of the year when school stays in session until five o'clock instead of the usual three o'clock. To make up for the extra two hours, students partake in selected activities, with each activity lasting an hour.



*A soccer ball being dribbled*

According to Pete and Diana, extended school days were created so counselors and residential staff had a time to get together and talk, as well as learning how to be a better staff member. They also said the reason why it is an extra two hours was so students had enough time to meet together as a

dorm in order to plan the rest of the day before dinner. They planned extended school days on Monday because it is the day most of the counselors are in discussing dorm topics, making it easier to set up.

During this time, while the students are participating in selected activities, the counselors

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## New Online Programs Introduced to O'School

By Matt N.

Do you ever have nothing to do in study hall? Trying to pass the time and have no success? Well, not anymore! Say hello to the newly obtained programs that help students! Yes, an online program that has been recently introduced to the Orthogenic School.

There are programs that the school uses to help that include Lexia, Reading Plus and two math programs that include elementary and high school levels.

Never before has there been a reading system so advanced that it's rumored to put flash cards to shame. Lexia involves what they like to call



*The frontpage of Lexia, the program in question*

reading decoding, which focuses on root words and how to sound out words when you see them. Reading Plus focuses on reading fluency and tests you on how fast you can read as well as

your ability to understand what you are reading as much as possible.

According to Reading Plus, students who have used Reading Plus have shown to

greatly exceed the limitations of students who don't use them, and students who have completed the recommended 40 lessons are proven to be better than say those who only completed 10-20 lessons.

O' school students don't have enough time during the school day to complete all 40 lessons. Some students are required to spend one academic support or base class on the Reading Plus program. Teachers sign off on your time sheet in order to keep track how long you were on the program. Of course, you don't need to do it all at once; you can divide your time in half by splitting

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# hot topic

## How do you feel about the 2016 Olympics Decision?

I wish we could have had it. It would have given some people jobs opportunities. Although we do not even know how economy will be in 6 years. So I would have been happy either way.

It's sad. Chicago should have got them. Boo. Go USA.

Meh, wish it could have been here. But traffic would have sucked!

It's stupid

The bunnies and I do feel quite sad about it.

There will be less chaos in Chicago.

Whatever

Ecstatic

Don't care

If Chicago can get its finical trouble taken care of, we should try again.

I feel proud that South America is hosting its first Olympics games.

I'm glad. There wont be extreme traffic now.

Glad it was rejected if it was in Chicago it would have had to shut down and spent too much stuff and money.

I don't care

Just slightly disappointing

I really don't care cause I don't live here.

I was surprised we were the first to get voted out. I think having the 2016 Olympics would have helped Chicago in many ways, but having them has never benefited a city long term, as far as I know, so I'm neutral. It would have been cool, but it is what it is.

Doesn't bother me. The city has bigger problems to deal with. I would have been happy if we got it through.  
- Casey

I don't care I wont be here for them anyways. -Mackenzie

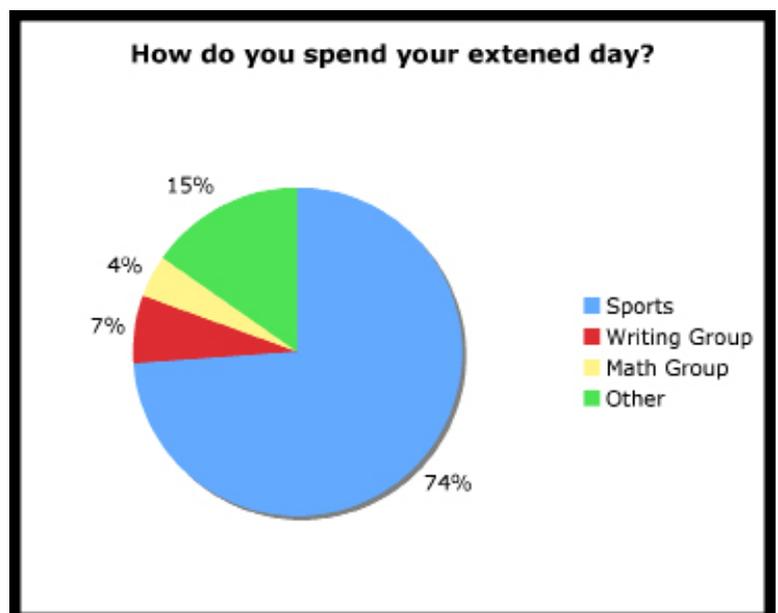
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participate in what they call In-Service Training, which is a special training session where they basically learn how to be better counselors. Certain things they go over include medical billing and licensing regulations, various medications that affect emotions and behavior, and a kind of psychotherapy O-School staff use that focuses on therapeutic environments. Ariel Gains, a counselor in the Gryphons dorm, stated, "I enjoy these training because I've always liked learning new things and because I appreciate information that helps me meet the needs of the students here." The In-Service Training explains a lot in terms of why we have extended school days. If we went up to the dorms at three, there wouldn't be any counselors available.

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into two different periods. Just as long you use Reading Plus long enough to fulfill your time spent on the program for that week.

The math program is called Symphony math, which goes over basic math skills such as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Although Symphony math is set for an elementary level, it can also be for older students who struggle with math. Symphony math is divided into three separate tiers, or difficulty levels. The first level focuses on developing important mathematical skills set at a grade level. The second level focuses on more advanced math that emphasizes fundamental skills. Lastly, the third level surpasses grade level expectations and specifically targets the student's struggles to ensure their progress. Every time you advance a level, you are expected to use the program more often during the

week. The first level is suggested to use the program 15 minutes 3 times a week, while the second level suggests 20 minutes 4 times a week and the third level suggests 20 minutes 5 times a week.

The students and teachers also have their opinion on the new programs. Mick, a student in the Gryphon's dorm, said, "The programs seem to help even though they feel a little under aged." Michael C., another student in the Gryphon's dorm, said, "It's a good way to exercise your skills in reading." Geoff, the assistant teacher in the Crusaders classroom, stated, "I think the students can learn from these programs and hope to see improvements in the future." These new programs are sure to add a twist to the school day and perhaps to improve our skills even further.

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was friendly, and both teams were happy that this was the school they got to play against. "We all played pretty good, it was fun playing against [JCFS] again," noted Denzel S. of TLC. "My position wasn't all that hard to play, but I think I did it good, so it all worked out to a fun game."

All of the students involved enjoyed the game and are looking forward to future interscholastic sports activities. Getting out of our environment to play some semi-competitive sports against people we don't really know seems to be a great challenge and a lot of fun for the students of the Orthogenic School. "It was awesome cracking the ball into the outfield [somewhere besides the sideyard]" James No. said,

sporting his Sox cap as usual. "Yeah man, I loved it, can't wait for Basketball. It was a blast last year." Joe had said, eager for future games in other sports. The general consensus was that the game was fun and everyone seemed as though they really enjoyed themselves.

There was a crisis situation involving one of the students from JCFS, but it was dealt with quickly and effectively, and the persons involved cooperated in the intervention so that the situation could be diffused. With the situation dealt with, the game was allowed to continue.

At the end of the day, the game ended with a score of 18 to 15 with the Orthogenic School in the lead. The coaches of

both teams decided to call it a draw due to the fact that it was 18 to 15, but JCFS had the last at-bat coming up after the Orthogenic school had finished theirs. The reason this situation occurred was because the game had to be cut short because of an unexpected injury due to a collision in the outfield. Even though such events occurred, the students of the Orthogenic School still rejoiced as the score was in their favor. "It's all good... I had some fun messing around in the outfield, so it was fine in the end," Nick A. said. Both teams played their best, and their best was very good. The match up seemed to be pretty equal, and all of the students enjoyed the great game.

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During extended school days, there are many activities. Some that you can choose freely, others that you are required to sign up for.

The activities you can choose freely include standards such as a sports activity with Coach Frank, which gives you the option of different sports activities that can depend on the time of year. The activity can range from soccer, softball or capture the flag to indoor sports such as wally-ball, nuke'em or jumanji. Good ex-

amples of other occasional activities that pop up here and there would be activities such as karaoke and video game tournaments. Karaoke of course is singing along to everyone's favorite songs. Video game tournaments are where students compete in video games such as Guitar Hero, Super Smash Brothers and Mario Kart to see who's the best and have fun. Aside from that, there is also math and writing group, which allows you to do schoolwork if you don't want to participate in the other

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# Where Does the Trash Go?

By Sarah

According to recent studies done by the US Environmental Protection Agency, the average Chicagoan throws away 4.5 pounds of garbage a day. Nationwide that's 236 million tons a year, making the US the worst garbage generator on Earth. But once it gets thrown away, what happens to the trash? Does it magically disappear? To us, it would seem so.

Currently, the process goes something like this: you throw away your garbage into your wastebasket,



*O' School dumpster located behind the building*

put it outside on the curb, and the magical collection truck picks it up and "poof!" the garbage is gone and never your problem again, right? Well, would it surprise you if I told you

that Chicago is built on garbage? It's true. Chicago is known for dumping the 66% of garbage thrown away into landfills, and covering them up to be built on top of. But what

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# Wolf Hunting Season Opened

By Stephanie

Wolves are now being hunted after 35 years of being on the endangered species list. The gray wolves had been eradicated from the Rockies by the 1930's due to the wolves preying on landowner's livestock but were reintroduced in January 1996. Since the great success of repopulating the wolf community back into the northwestern region, people have been making the argument of whether or not they are allowed to hunt them. Many questions are being asked on this matter and it has created a big controversy.

In 1974, the gray wolf was put on the endangered species list after being completely eradicated from the northwestern region. By January 1996 the world wildlife fund set up a program to reintroduce wolves back into the region by placing 20 wolves into the wild. The end of 1996 produced the first pups and there were 3 known packs in the wild. On January 28th 2008, a law was passed allowing farmers to kill wolves in order to protect livestock which would eventually set



*Wolf Drawing by Alison*

up some of the framework for laws on wolf hunting. On March 6th 2008 Idaho Fish and Game adopted the 'Wolf Management Plan' that would eventually lead to passing a wolf hunting law for the future.

How did we go from protecting wolves to hunting them, many have asked. With the rapid repopulation of gray wolves and the forming of natural packs in the wild the wolves are beginning to prey upon live-

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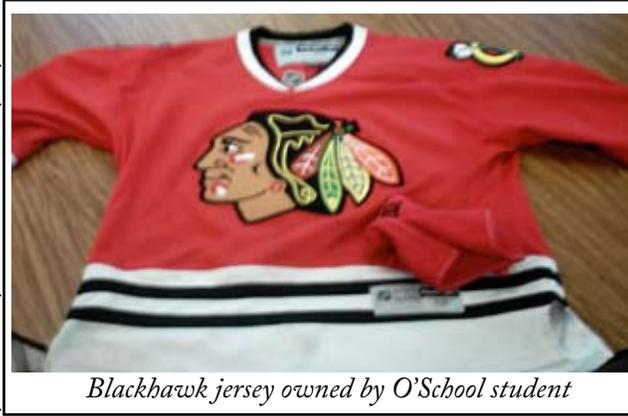
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# Chicago Blackhawks Plan for a Successful Season

by Casey

The Blackhawks went through a tremulous and painful period of just plain not doing so well. From around 1997 until the year 2007, the hawks were considered one of the worst franchises in all of professional sports. Many Chicago hockey fans preferred the Chicago Wolves due to the fact that they were far more successful at winning than the Blackhawks. The Blackhawks continuously finished in the bottom four of the western division, occasionally finishing second to last and last. In 2004, ESPN deemed 'officially' the Blackhawks as *the worst* franchise in professional sports.

Well, come 2007, the Black-



*Blackhawk jersey owned by O'School student*

hawks picked up major draft picks such as Patrick Kane, and Jonathan Toews, pronounced Taves, and made some smart trades. At this point, the Blackhawks began moving into a space where they were winning more than losing, which is something that hadn't been happening for many years. In the 2008-2009 sea-

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# Facebook's Nearly as Large as the Population

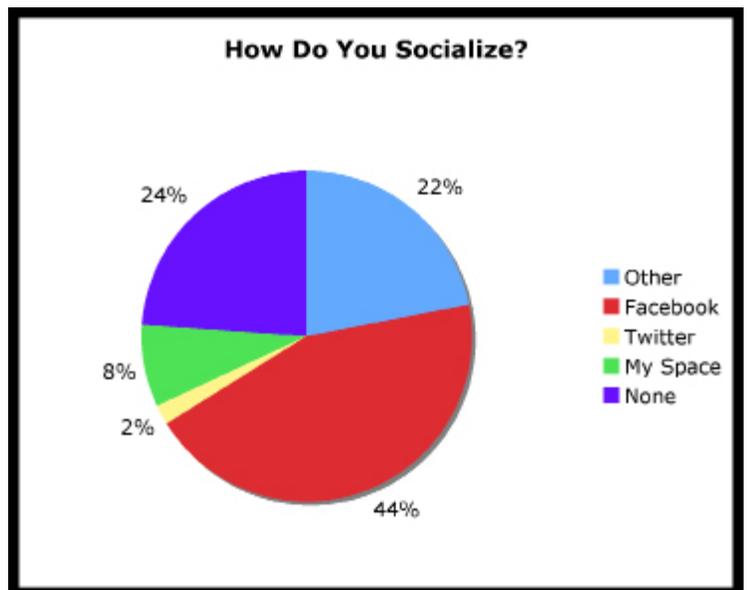
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that's designed to help people keep in touch with their family and friends. For example, people use it because it allows them to be able to share their pictures, and have live chats as well as sharing messages with one another. Plus it's convenient because you can add unique applications that allow you to have everything you want on the Internet

all in one place. Unlike other social networking sites like Myspace, Facebook allows you to find users with similar interests.

Facebook started within the Harvard college community. It started out just for Harvard college students to use for a variety of online college-related tasks. At that time it was known as the houseSYSTEM.



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son, they finally ended their playoff drought, which for the Blackhawks had been since the 2001-2002 season. In fact, not only did they make it to the playoffs, they made it to the semi-finals where they lost in 5 games against the Detroit Red Wings. Even though they didn't go all the way, it was considered a very successful season and was an amazing turnaround. This year, the Hawks have eyes for the Cup, and are playing as hard as they can to get there. According to Sports Illustrated, the Blackhawks are the most likely to win the Stanley Cup in the 2009-2010 season.

This year, the Hawks feature a superb offensive force. The key offensive players are Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews, and Marian Hossa. Patrick Sharp is also a prime goal scorer, and a talented sniper (A shooter who's focused on taking accurate powerful shots). Both Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews were prime prospects in the NHL draft, and have since proven their worth. Patrick Kane ended with 70 points

at the end of the 2008-2009 season (25 Goals, 45 assists) while Jonathan Toews ended with 69 points (34 goals, 35 Assists). Marian Hossa has had 9 straight seasons totaling 25 goals or more, some seasons ending with 40+ goals. Although he is injured, he is a primary scorer for the Blackhawks and considered a superstar/all-star. Once he is back, mid-November, it is expected by many Hawks fans for the scoring to ramp up quite a bit. Though Patrick Sharp wasn't a number one prospect, he still made a difference with 44 points (26 goals, 18 assists).

To put it into perspective, 60-79 points in a season is considered quite high, 40-59 is more in the low-high range area. 80+ points and you are just a scoring machine. The hawks don't need scoring machines, as long as they have their depth through a ton of good players instead of relying on a couple superstars to lead the team. Every forward and many defensemen are a part of the offense and a part of the overall scoring.

The core of the Hawks defense consists of Brian Campbell, Duncan Keith, and Brent Seabrook. Each of them are high +/- players which means they have been on the ice for many more goals against the other team than goals against their team. All three of their +/- stats are in the 20-30 range. You get a - for every goal against you while you're on the ice, and a + for every goal made while you're on the ice. Other upcoming guys on the Hawk's defense are Niklas Hjalmarsson, and Brent Sopel, both of which are maturing quickly and quickly becoming a huge part of the team. Cam Barker is a solid offensive defenseman who can not only get the puck out of our zone, but also add to the scoring quite a bit.

The only true concern is goaltending. Last season, the Hawks had the injury prone but skilled Nikolai Khabibulin of Russia, nick-named the "Bulin Wall" for being very savvy in net. He was a major reason we made it as far as we did last year into the playoffs. He

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Six months later the developers changed it to Facebook.

Facebook was founded in February 2004, and originally was used just by a wide variety of different colleges, though it didn't stop growing there. Soon Facebook was reaching a much bigger audience, people from the ages of 13 to 55 and up. People like it because its easy to use

and most likely everybody they know uses it. It was created to help people stay in contact with family members, friends and, coworkers, which it does.

You know almost everybody uses Facebook when most of the users are 55 years old and older. On July 4<sup>th</sup> of 2009, the Facebook's social ads platform found that more than 5.8 million Facebook users fell in the 55

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# Avoid Becoming a Victim of Cyber Crime

By Angie



*This is what many internet thieves do through hacking and many other illegal cyber activities., they steal.*

Cyber crime is a criminal activity committed on the Internet. It is becoming a bigger and bigger problem that's been growing within our community. Cyber crime can be divided into 3 major categories, crimes against persons, crimes against property and, crimes against the government. The most common cyber crime that's committed against you and me belongs within the category of crimes against persons, which is the crime where people are hacking into our own personal Internet accounts.

People can hack into any of our facebook accounts or any of our e-mail accounts without us even knowing it. They have the capability to be able to learn and take what they want from them. They can mess with our profiles and harass us if they want. The only way we can hope to prevent hacking is to educate ourselves about it.

One example of a cyber crime against people is the group called Anonymous. The group Anonymous is actually just a group that uses the Internet to protest their views against the Church of Scientology. Like their name they choose to remain anonymous, and they do this by wearing masks and using the Internet

to stay unknown. Although they do use the Internet for targeting the Church and harassing them so that they can express their views on the Church, not all the people who hack into Internet accounts and harass have a purpose.

Another example of a crime against people is email accounts getting hit by the phishing scams. A phishing scam is a type of deception designed to steal people's valuable personal data such as credit card numbers, account data, passwords and other information that you might have on your account. They try to steal this information through e-mail messages and pop-up windows. It has even become a big issue for some of the big Internet companies, like Google, Yahoo, Comcast and, Hotmail. According to Computer world UK, Microsoft and Google deny that their customer's information was stolen due to their lack of online security. Even though someone could have an e-mail account on one of the most secured Internet companies they should be mindful that it could have faults.

There are computer scientists who are working hard

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stock and even household pets. So the delicate balance of nature is always a good debate. Risk eradicating wolves once more, or set up a wolf management program.

By the end of 2008, there

were 846 wolves in Idaho and 1,500 found in Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho all together. By May 4th 2009, Idaho Fish and Game delisted the gray wolves in the north-western region and permitted wolf

hunting. The first hunting season opened September 1st and ends as late as March 31st with a quota of 220 wolves allowed to be killed per state.

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activities.

There are also activities that some students are required to sign up for. If you are in Vocational Horticulture, Junior Achievement or Literary Magazine, you are usually required to sign up for one of the hours while some of the student workers spend one of the hours in training. Math and writing group may be required in order to get rid of those pesky missing assignments. It is always a good idea to catch up if you are behind. Sports group has a little twist as well. Since the sports activity is sometimes held on the Midway, off-grounds are needed to participate.

Of course, students have their opinion on extended school days. Nick Albro, a member of TLC, said extended school days were "oodles and noodles of fun." Aaron Stanfa, a member of the Gryphons dorm, said, "I don't like them very much. They cut away from my free time." Since extended school days only happen four



times a year, it never really crosses anyone's mind until a week before one is scheduled, or if they spot it on the calendar. Extended school days, whether you like them or not, only come every so often.

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and older age range. That was just 6 months after it was found that there were fewer than 1 million users aged 55 and older.

Facebook does make a lot of money. The people who run Facebook make money by selling ads. Already big companies are advertising their products on Facebook. Sony Pictures Television and Verizon Wireless have signed up for Facebook Ads. The companies are using the top 10 questions Facebook asks you when you create a profile, including where you shop and what

you buy, as well as the kind of food you like to decide whether to advertise. The advertising Facebook is doing is helping it grow by putting Facebook out there to the world to see. It is making money from the companies at the same time.

It's no shock now that Facebook is almost as large as the U.S. population. It's growing at an extreme rate. You can be part of this huge Facebook population by just going to Facebook .com and clicking sign up.

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happens to the other 44% of garbage?

Of that amount, 8% of garbage ends up being incinerated, and 36% is recycled.

Incinerating garbage produces unhealthy fumes but, while incineration does not completely replace land fill-

ing, it reduces the volume of disposal significantly.

So next time you think of simply throwing something away, think twice-because when you throw something away, it doesn't really go away.

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everyday to try and find ways that we can protect ourselves on the Internet from the everyday cyber criminals. The Science Daily said that on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2008, scientists observed that the common victims of cyber crimes usually have common passwords and user names. Experts believe that people should create and regularly update their

passwords, which should contain some upper and lower case letters and some numbers. They say that you should also run a regular virus checks on your computers.

Cyber Crime is a criminal activity committed on the Internet. It is becoming a bigger and bigger problem so let's try and not be one of the victims. Microsoft and Google have

a good security system but they got hacked as well, so all we can do is use the tools we have available, by using more complicated passwords and always making sure to run a virus check on your computer. We can help ourselves as well, always be sure that you know who you are giving personal information to and don't just depend on the company.

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was, however, let go into free agency in favor of our new starting goaltender, Cristobal Huet, who could not be traded due to the fact that his 4-year contract has a NO TRADE CLAUSE in it, meaning that he cannot be traded to another team without his permission, until his contract is done. However, it seems as though the coaching staff have a lot of faith in him and are not ready just yet to give up on him.. With a defense as strong as theirs, though, it's easy to see how the coaching staff might feel a little less worried about it.

In the game against Calgary on Monday October 12<sup>th</sup>, Huet allowed 3 goals in about 50 seconds, and was pulled and replaced by Antti

Niemi, the current backup goaltender. Niemi let in 2 more, but then started to play very well through the rest of the game and allowed the Blackhawks a 6 goal comeback from being down 5 to 0, the biggest comeback in Hawks history. What the coaching staff decide to do now with the goaltending situation is a mystery, and is a very tense issue among fans. On paper, though that doesn't mean everything,

According to NHL.com, the official website of the NHL, Huet's stats are pretty dismal. His save percentage is .844 which means 156 out of every 1000 shots will go in in his net statistically. His goals against average is 3.25. So just over 3 goals go in against him in every game he

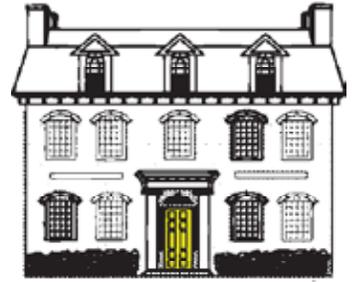
plays. Those are the basic concerns against him.

As of the writing of this article, the Hawks are 5-2-1. This is from an OT loss to the Florida Panthers, and a win to the Panthers, a loss to the Detroit Red Wings, a win against the Colorado Avalanche in a shootout, and a win against the Calgary Flames in OT which, once again, was a 6 goal comeback, the largest in Blackhawks history. That is no minor feat considering the Blackhawks are just shy of 100 years old. Following that, they had wins against the Oilers and then Nashville, and two losses in a row to the Stars and Canucks.

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## Innaugural Poetry Slam

The O'School Hosted its first ever Poetry Slam. Five students performed their original poems for an audience of students and staff in the big gym. Congratulations to Danica, Jill, Kayla C., Olivia & Brooklyn for performing their work. The first poet to take the trophy into her possession will be Olivia! Congratulations to her and bravo to all who participated.

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*By Olivia*

Smiles go miles,  
She told me,  
Smile for the day,  
Perhaps a week,  
It will bring you happiness that is oh so sweet  
Again,  
That girl told me.  
As feelings erupt inside,  
I feel weak,  
Sad,  
Depressed,

She smiled at me,  
I felt better,  
Less weak,  
Less sad,  
Less depressed,

Then it hit me like a rock on a piece of glass,  
Smiles do go miles,  
They help everyone,  
Near,  
Or far,

I feel like,  
Well,  
I can't really explain it,

I feel hope,  
Spirit,  
Like I have a friend,

Smiles go miles I told another,  
The other was like I was once'  
Sad,  
Depressed,  
Possibly even weak,  
I repeated,  
Smiles go miles,  
Tears welled up in her eyes,  
She said, "No, no smile goes anywhere"  
I said, "It does"  
"It did for me"

I smiled at her  
She said,  
"I see the light at the end of the maze, where I achieve my goal"  
She smiled back at me,

Now we are the best of friends,  
All three of us,  
We smile,  
We laugh,  
We talk,  
But,  
The most important thing of all is that we  
all realized smiles do go miles,  
Thousands,  
Or even just a few

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