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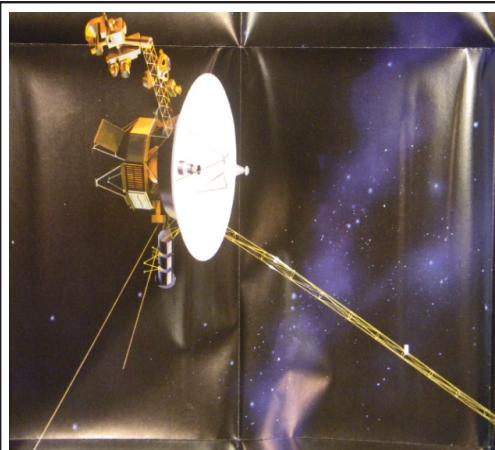
By Francesca

They're going farther than anything from earth has ever gone before. As of October 11th, 2013, Voyager 1 had already surpassed 126.139 AU (about 11,725,437,915 miles) away from earth. The identical voyager spacecrafts, a creation of a group of scientists at NASA, are pushing the limits of the solar system and beyond.

They're on their way into interstellar space (the space between the stars). These unmanned spacecraft are hurtling towards the outermost reaches of the sun's magnetic field, known as the heliosheath, at a rate of 38,000 mph. The Voyager 1, having already surpassed the heliosheath, has entered interstellar space.

It will take 10-20 more years for these ships to completely leave the sun's reaches. Through all this time, they are going to be sending data to earth through

the Deep Space Network (DSN). The DSN provides vital communications between Earth and the Voyagers (approx. 120 degrees apart from each other, they're located in Goldstone, California, near Madrid, Spain, and near Canberra Australia).



Voyager Satellite
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Thor: The Dark World Movie Review

By Francesca

"Thor: The Dark World," the hugely anticipated sequel to "Thor," starring Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman, and Tom Hiddleston, premiered on the 8th of November. In this installation, Thor, soon to reunite with his beloved Jane Foster, faces an enemy that he cannot defeat alone. Against his better judgement, he goes to his imprisoned brother Loki for help.

Thor is part of a series of films incorporating the characters of Marvel's "Avengers." Re-



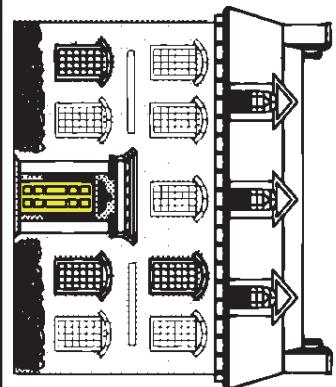
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Halloween Haunts the O'school

by Molly

Halloween is a holiday that is loved by kids and adults alike. Both get to dress up in costumes, but kids get the opportunity each year to roam around their neighborhood during the mid afternoon hours from house to house to speak the notorious phrase, "Trick or treat," and then gather loads of candy in bags, pillowcases, or boxes. While we all love this, many of us really don't know the history behind how this holiday came to be here today.

Though the modern day celebrations that go on during the night of Halloween are very different from long ago when the holiday originated, the bits and pieces of Halloween are very visible in other cultures' version of this holidays. In the seventeenth century, Celtic cultures celebrated the annual holiday of All Hallows Eve. This took place on our current

Halloween night, October 31st. At the time, the celebrations lasted through November 2nd. November 1st being Samhain and November 2nd being All Souls Day. Each of the three days honored the wealth and providers throughout the year including harvesting all of the good crops. These days were also a marking of the end of the summer/fall season and the beginning of preparations for winter.

These three days were also celebrated for remembrance and honor of all of the people who had passed during

the last year. They claimed that All Hallows Eve and Samhain were the only days on which the border between the living and the dead overlapped, providing them with an opportunity to pass sides. The living would claim to leave out offerings of food and gifts in order to protect them from the damage of their land or families done by the spirits when provoked. Sometimes the townspeople would dress in horrific masks and costumes to imitate all the lost souls of those

who died and appease them in the case of their soul becoming evil and dangerous. Their ghosts receive offerings or else they would cause destruction. These were some of the roots of our costumes and what we now call trick or treating.

A source for trick or treating was Samhain Day. On this day, poor people would take the offerings from people's door steps in exchange for their prayers for the dead for the following

day of All Souls Day.

During the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries, The Christians made their attempts to change these celebrations into something less devilish. The Christians originally thought that these celebrations were barbaric and worshiped the devil. During the eighteenth century, the Christians created All Saints Day in order to distract these cultures from the holiday of Samhain. This attempt failed though the holidays of All Hallows Eve, Samhain, and All



Halloween Dance 2013

Photo By YDC Staff

Souls Day spread throughout different regions of Europe, starting with Britain and Ireland. The mid-eighteenth century saw the development of the Halloween we know now and that drifted to the Americas.

It isn't entirely clear how Halloween became a child oriented holiday, but as of today, this is the time when children trick or treat from house to house dressed in costumes to imitate the dead and the dangerous creatures of All Hallows Eve. In more recent years, adults too have become invested in this time to celebrate by going to costume parties and haunted houses.

For the O'school, Halloween is something that we know quite well. This year we had lots of exciting activities. Thanks to our Student Council members, the Halloween dance was fantastic. The dorms and day schoolers had awesome themes this year. It has been an O'school tradition for nearly twenty years to have dorms decorate their areas on a theme. Michelle Zarrilli shared that she thinks this is a great way to connect to each other as a community by doing something fun together.

On October 30th, the dorms celebrated Halloween and everyone's theme was revealed. Starting with the first floor, the Bulls had a "rebellion against staff" theme including the boys dressed in random costumes while pretending to tie up their staff in a very bubbly joking manner. Their costumes ranged from things like Burak's costume as the "monopoly man," to Zander dressed as a giant present.

The Starz dorm introduced an engaging theme similar to the board game, Clue. Each student was a different character and the tourists had to ask questions in order to solve the mystery of their missing dorm manager, Jen Harris. Ms. Claus was played by Bella, and had committed the kidnapping of Jen.

The final dorm on the first floor, the Phoenix, was decorated in the theme of Mount Olympus with the Gods and Goddesses. Introduced by float counselor Janine, dressed as "Hermes," messenger of the gods, each student held a still pose until dorm manager Caroline was introduced as Zeus. Music played and each student began dancing in their area.

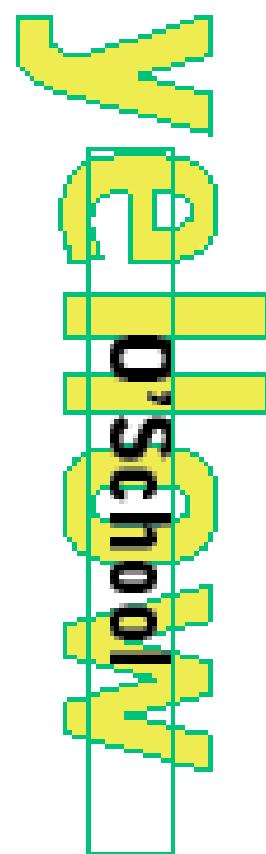
On the second floor, the Broncos had the theme of a haunted restaurant. Guided by Jacob, tourists viewed menus and meals such as Eyeball Split (a dessert) and baby cow brains. Previous Penguin dorm staff, Domenique, dressed as singer and artist Janelle Monet and introduced us to the stars of the Penguins. Artists consisted of people/groups like Deadmau5, Two-chains, and Miley Cyrus. Miley, played by Stephen, gave us a little number at the end of the tour.

In the Gryphons dorm, each student dressed as a differ-

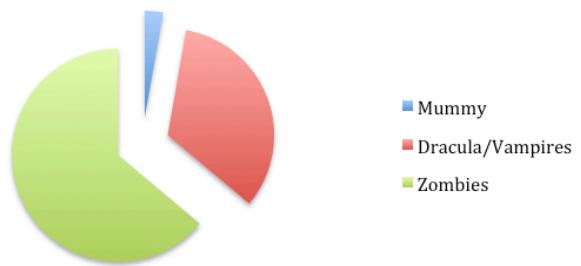
ent video game character. Fake fireballs were being thrown at Jake by Andrew who played Luigi, a Mario Brothers character. Jake played Bowser. Once past the last two students, each person had to punch a tiny box hanging from the ceiling for candy to spill from the top.

Next stop was TLC. Different TLC students led the groups up the stairwell and into TLC. The stairs had piles of leaves in the corners and spilled all over because we were being led into the "haunted forest" of TLC. The myth was that we were entering the forest to discover if it was truly haunted, but we had to be cautious because people often went missing, and when the Pheonix went through, Liz disappeared. The tourists walked around the perimeter of the room until Iva, as Slenderman, jumped out and we saved Liz.

Dayschool had a general Halloween haunting theme where students made strange sounds and hid behind tables and shelves. A strobe light was in the background and the library was decorated with many fake spiderwebs. Students



Which of these is the scariest to be associated with on Halloween?



hid under shelves and tables to startle those who passed through the library. Students dressed in various costumes of no specific theme, like Brandon who dressed in a tie dye morph suit.

Later that night, students changed out of their dorm

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The Barn

By Bre

"I am proud of the barn's history." said Coach. The barn is a very important part of the Orthogenic school. Why you ask? because we store things in there for physical education, maintenance, and other miscellaneous things.

Ten years ago coach and another staff had an idea to clean out the barn. The barn was just used to throw things out and when they cleaned it out they found what coach called "treasures." One item they found was a 1940's balance beam. They also found scrap wood and made shelves and a bike rack out of it.

Coaches crew organizes and cleans out the barn in the morning. The barn is used for many purposes such as storage. Some things stored in the barn are bikes, other P.E. equipment, items that Tyrone and Frank use to fix up the cars, and holiday decorations. The barn has also been used for car washes and as storage for a fire truck. The barn has served the Orthogenic school well over the years.

Although the barn is being used for storage of equipment for P.E. and Urban Farming class it was once used for storage of an antique fire truck. The antique

fire truck was here in Bettelheim's time. He used to take the students on rides in the fire truck. Later on, the barn was also used for a wood working workshop, but very briefly, and was also used for Vocational Horticulture.

Coach said that the barn is a "rustic highly functional facility" and he hit the hammer on the head. At the new school we will have adequate space for our belongings, but it will definitely not be the same as the barn.



The Barn

Photo by YDC Staff

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costumes and into different ones for the Halloween Dance. At the dance, a DJ played songs from the list that students requested and all the students gathered in the middle of the gym to socialize. The little gym was also a nice spot to take a break from the extremely hot gym and to color or have snacks. After a long night, the day of Halloween was yet to come.

Although it was heavily raining throughout the day on Halloween this year, that didn't stop the dorms from trick-or-treating. The Bulls, Phoenix, and Broncos dorms trick-or-treated on Harper street. The houses were quite well visited though the weather was unpleasant. I enjoyed spending time with my dorm trick-or-treating, and I admit that although the children in the lines in front of us weren't beyond age four, it was a good way to spend time with my dormmates. At ages sixteen through eighteen, we still managed to have fun.

"I feel like Halloween went very well. It [Halloween] went better than last year, and the touring was interesting and well put together. The dance was a lot of fun, it was probably my favorite activity," said Rose. Commenting on plan-

ning the dance as President of Student Council, she added, "I thought it was interesting. A lot of it had to do with Student Council, but also Hague, Cherie, Coach Frank, and other staff. In the future, I think it'd be good to have the ability for the all of the students to create community decorations," Rose explained to me.

According to Andrew, "Halloween went really well. My favorite part was going through the preparations, and the dance. It was hectic to plan the dance because we were suddenly supposed to start planning after just being elected for StuCo, but I liked it."

"I did enjoy the times when there was a song that everyone enjoyed and they would run up and start dancing with lots of energy," history teacher Fidal said.

Just as Celtics did long ago, the O'school dressed in their best costumes for the day of Halloween. We also celebrated with the Halloween dance. We did not, however, find any evil spirits to give our offerings to, so we enjoyed all of the treats ourselves!

Magic players battle at the O'school

By: Casimir

During the first half of October, a tournament for the popular trading card game Magic: The Gathering was held at the O'school. The tournament took place on October third, fourth, and ninth during lunch and/or extended base class. The student who placed first in the tournament was Brian, and the runner-up was Chris.

Magic: The Gathering, also known as Magic, is extremely popular throughout the gaming community. It currently has at least twelve video games and over ninety sets, and is printed in eleven languages.

Two commonly used techniques to win a game are to reduce the life of one's opponent(s) to zero by dealing damage to them, or to force one's opponent(s) to try to draw a card while they have none to draw. There are other ways to win the game, but these tend to require specific cards, for example "Biovisionary," a card from the Gatecrash set in the Return to Ravnica block, which has an ability stating "At the beginning of the end step, if you control four or more creatures named Biovisionary, you win the game." Often times, the apparent winner of a game can be changed within a single turn, which makes incomplete games hard to judge.

The game has a unique system of Mana, which according to the official website at wizards.com/magic, "...is the magical energy that powers spells." "Spells" are represented by the cards players use, which are "cast" by spending Mana that players have obtained on the turn they cast the spell. This Mana has six varieties; colorless, which can only be used as itself, and white, black, blue, red, and green Mana, which can be used as either their color or as colorless Mana. Each card has a "Mana cost" in the upper-right-hand corner, which usually consists of a number and/or a "Mana symbol(s)" representing how much Mana of each type is required to cast the spell. Every card also has a "converted Mana cost," a number that shows the total number of Mana required to cast a spell. For example the card "Identity Crisis," from the set Alara Reborn, in the Shards of Alara block, has a Mana cost of ,

or two colorless mana, two white mana, and two black mana, for a converted Mana cost of 6.

This tournament is actually the second Magic tournament in recent Orthogenic School history, as during autumn of 2012, there was another tournament for the game. The earlier tournament was suggested by a group of students, as was our most recent tournament. Much like its predecessor, the most recent tournament was organized into three rounds and a final match. Each round, students would be assigned an opponent who they would continuously play matches against until time was up. During the final match, the two players with the best standing, based on wins, draws and losses, and using final life totals as a tiebreaking statistic, played a match against each other. The two players that were selected were Brian and Chris. In the end, Brian placed first in the tournament, winning a \$15 gift certificate to the store of his choice.

Brian ran a Black/Blue zombie-themed deck, based upon four cards "Grave Betrayal," "Call to the Grave," "Mikaeus, the Unhallowed," and "Rooftop Storm." The deck was based upon killing the opponent's creatures, and then using spells to take control of them after they died.

Do you play magic?



New Middle School Classroom

By Brian

The Pythagoreans are no more. In their place a new Middle school class has risen from the ashes. The class is called the Titans, and the teacher's name is Maggie. The students so far are Paul, Jeramee, Peter, Burak, Schuyler, Anna and Rachel. Though the class started without a Teaching Assistant, Dominique, a former Penguins counselor, took this position at the beginning of November.

When some students arrived, the classroom wasn't in place yet, so they spent time in other classrooms. Barak was originally with the All-Stars, and Peter was originally with the Olympians. They moved to the new classroom once a teacher was found and the classroom was set up.

The classroom will hopefully be filled in the coming months. Setting up a new classroom is not easy. Maggie said, "I needed a lot of supplies. Paper, pencils, markers etc. All the things my students would need to be successful in the classroom." She also had to make a good atmosphere for the class. " I also needed to buy decorations for my room. No, I didn't want the students to walk into a classroom with four empty walls. I also needed to review the curriculum I would be teaching," she explained.

Maggie said that starting a new class was "a little scary." It was her first time having a classroom of her own. She also said that "Even though it has been nerve racking, I have also had a lot of fun."

The Mural in the Dining Room

by Brian Madden

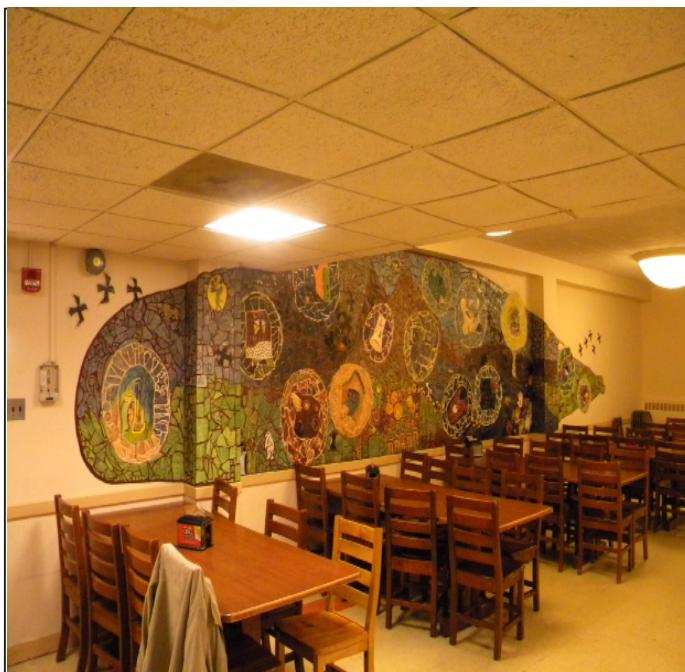
If you've ever been in the Orthogenic School dining room, then you have seen the mural covering an entire wall. Have you ever looked at it and thought "Why was it put up?" or something along those lines? Well you aren't the first one to think about it. It has been here since 2003. It is very diverse and has a lot of different designs, each meaning something different, put together in a single place. It is very interesting to look at and you can notice new things every time you look.

In 2003, the students appealed to the director for a group project and the idea was approved. The main group was made up of ten students. "They came up with the concept that 'The O'School is like a landscape that the students move through when they are here,'" says Michelle Zarrilli. The larger bubbles represent keeping your

sense of self intact while still learning from your surroundings. The birds represent the way to success.

After they came up with the concept, they started making rough sketches. After the sketches were approved they began making tiles. The main group helped everyone else learn how to make tiles. They also got to make the larger bubbles because they were the ones who knew how to do it. They had all the students make a small tile.

The mural was made out of stoneware clay and glaze. It took eight months to make it and 24 hours overall to put it up. There is a space for the mural in the new building, but it is still unclear as to whether or not it can be uninstalled without destroying the work. If it can't be moved, then there will be a new mural project in the future for the O'School students.



*The Mural
Photo by YDC Staff*

The Garden: A Place of Untold Value

By Bre

"I think that the garden is a place of untold value for the O'school and the students," said Sarah Sinsheimer. What Sarah is describing is the garden in the side yard where students and staff alike work very hard to uphold and maintain the garden. The garden has been here for a long time and it is important to students and staff for many different reasons.

The garden is a very important place in the Orthogenic School. It is important because the Urban Farming members do a lot to help out the Kitchen Staff by growing vegetables used to cook for the whole school.

Upholding and maintaining the garden takes a lot of teamwork from staff and students. When I asked those involved to recall a fond memory of the garden, Sarah Sinsheimer reported "I must say, as I think back on them, the common theme of all the greatest garden moments is team

work." Kayla feels that "there are several times where we have to team up and work with each other." Brian also feels that "working together makes the garden functional." Willy notes that "there isn't a whole lot of space so, a lot of it requires working very closely with/next to each other- it always impresses me how much and how quickly things get done when we work as a unit."

The garden is also a place for students to be at peace and be calm. "... but every student has access to a place that is very peaceful and growing. I know of several people in the student body that have identified our garden as a place they enjoy and find refuge," said Sarah. Kayla even said that the garden is important "because at one point in time, a garden was the only thing keeping people alive."

Urban Farming to this day helps people grow in many different ways.

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Chicago honors the Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame

By Molly

In 1991, the Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame was introduced with the intention and purpose of eliminating homophobia and prejudice, the hall of fame was created to help spread unity, peace, and to recognize the accomplishments in gay history.

Though there is no physical site to visit, the Hall of Fame has had its functioning website up and going with their inductees and events held throughout the year. For their ceremonies and inductions, the home location has been assigned to Chicago. Many reasons went into the decision of Chicago as a location; one that stood out was that the Chicago Cubs were the first professional sports team to post ads in a gay newspaper.

A whole new set of inductees were introduced on November 12th, 2013. With over 300 inductees, the hall of fame is thriving. Gay history has reached its peak. Included in the November induction were Galon Alcaraz, James Alexander, James Bennett, Jorge Cestou, Rocco Claps, Rudolph Johnson Jr., Lee Newell, Pate, Andrew Patner, Laura Ricketts, Burr Tillstrom, David Zak, Lambda Legal, and POW-WOW. Friend of the Community status was given to Neil Steinberg and Brenda Webb.

Not only has the Hall of Fame created a first ever recognition for gay history, but it has also opened doors for sports. Professional sports teams are finally starting to really open up and become comfortable without being homophobic. During last summer's induction, different sports representatives were inducted into the Hall of Fame for their accomplishments, honesty, and non-

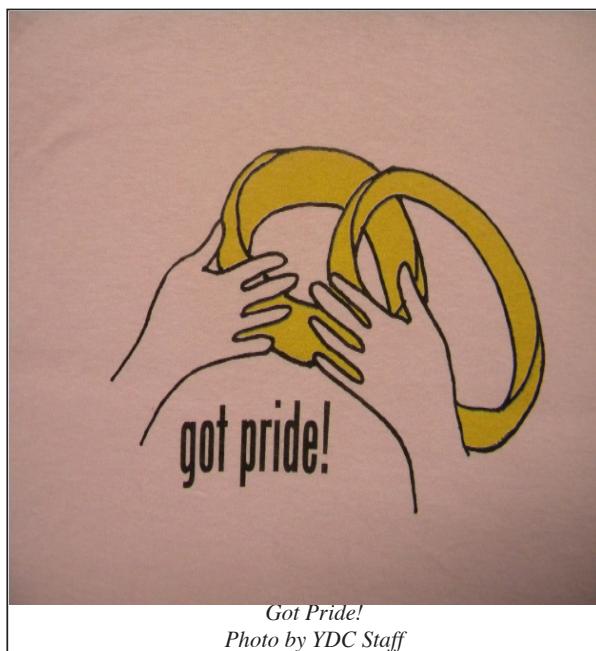
judgmental standing. Martina Navratilova and Billie Jean King, friends and co-tennis players, Olympic diver Greg Louganis, and NBA star Jason Collins were all inducted in August along with other athletes. Jason Collins was the first active professional male athlete to come out to the public about being gay. Dave Pallone, who umpired the first night game at Wrigley Field has already been a huge part of Chicago history, and was also inducted.

"It is a tremendous honor and ... I hope it gives young people and adults alike who happen to be LGBT and want to be in professional sports another example of why they should continue to strive for their dreams," Dave Pallone said while taking pride in this achievement, according to the Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame website.

Sponsored by organizations, groups, individuals, and other supporters, the Hall of Fame has a featured section on their website dedicated to their "friends" and all the people that have contributed to their success. Chicago's History Museum has been the host for many celebrations and ceremonies, and they have been a very active part in the hall of fame's

history. The Chicago Bulls have also been recognized for all the help and donations they've provided in order to help the Hall of Fame keep moving forward. All involved in this new piece of history have said that one day, their kids and their kid's kids will look back to when gay history came to be recognized.

"This will help preserve history," said Executive Director Bill Gubrud.



Blackhawks Preview

By Jake`

The five time Stanley Cup champions are looking for a repeat. The Stanley Cup is the highest honor a team can achieve in hockey, and winning the Stanley Cup means you made the playoffs and beat each team you faced in the playoffs; it is difficult to repeat as champions. The Chicago Blackhawks where established in 1926. Led this year by coach Joel Quennville and captain Johnathan Toews the Blackhawks look to reclaim their 2012-2013 glory of the Stanley Cup.

There are two conferences in the National Hockey League, (NHL), called the Eastern and Western conferences. There are also four divisions, two per conference. The divisions each have seven to eight teams. The divisions are the Central and Pacific (Western), the Atlantic and Metropolitan (Eastern). It is the first year of the new divisions, and the Blackhawks are still in the Central Division, but many teams changed conferences. For example, the Dallas Stars now join the Blackhawks in the Central Division while the Hawk's rivals, the Detroit Red Wings, left for the Metropoltian division.

As of 1/24/14, the Blackhawks are in second place in the Western Conference and are in first place in the Central Division. The Blackhawks have 32 wins, 9 losses and 12 overtime losses. With the new divisions, making the playoffs will be harder for each team. For the 2013-2014 season and onward, the two conferences each have two divisions. Instead of the prior years where the two conferences each had 3 divisions. One less team will qualify for the playoffs from each conference.

To get the Blackhawks to the top of their conference and division you need offense. Patrick Kane, who plays right wing, is one of the leading offensive forces in the leauge. So far this year he has 59 points

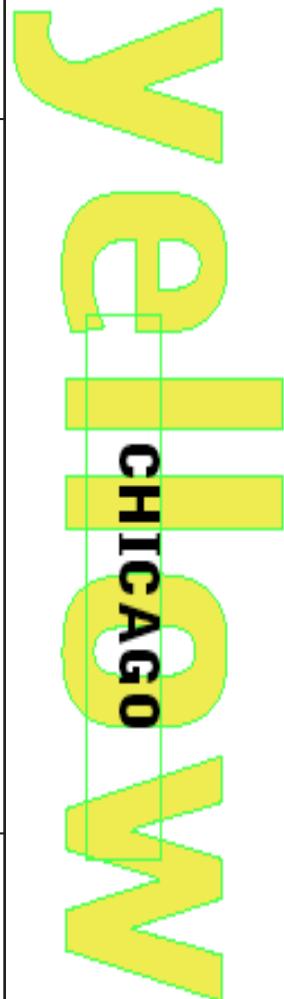


2013 Stanley Cup Champions Memorabilia
Photo by YDC Staff

(24 goals and 35 assists). Side by side with him is the captain Johnathan Toews, who has a total of 49 points (17 goals and 32 assists). Andrew, a part of the coverage team in school, and big Blackhakws fan, said that "Patrick Kane is the most skilled player, but Toews is the best leader."

Also, to keep any team afloat, a team needs to have supporting players. Luckily there have not been many major injuries for the Blackhawk's this season. Though there has been one player sidelined for a bit. Micheal Kostka, a defenseman for the Blackhawks, is out for 4-6 weeks. He was injured during practice on 10/22. There have also been other minor injuries in the Blackhawks organization, such as Michal Handzus who hurt his upper body and missed a game agaisnt the Minnesota Wild. He is on the second line as a center.

Many Blackhawks are playing in the Olympics this year incluiding Patrick Kane (for the U.S.) and Jonathan Toews (for Canada). The Olympics start Febuary 7th of 2013. This will overlap with the NHL hockey season, according to nhl.com, and because of this there will be a two week pause during the regular season.



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The Story of Chuck Pagano

By Jake Stern

Many people every year are effected by cancer or other deadly illnesses. According to cdc.gov, an estimated 12.6 million people are diagnosed with cancer each year. One example of a person being affected by cancer was Chuck Pagano. "My vision is that I'm living to see two more daughters get married, dance at their weddings and lift that Lombardi Trophy several times." These were the words of Chuck Pagano. Chuck was diagnosed with leukemia on September 26, 2012.

Chuck Pagano was the defensive coordinator for the Baltimore Ravens. After the firing of Jim Caldwell (the previous head coach of the Colts), Chuck was hired at the end of the 2011-2012 season to become head coach.

According to usatoday.com, Chuck Pagano began to feel tired during training camp in the summer of 2012. He also had bruises and had no idea how they got there. On Sunday September 23rd, 2012, before the Colts played the Jacksonville Jaguars, Chuck checked with the team doctors. On September 25th, 2012, a nurse came for a blood draw. Chuck then set up an appointment at the Indiana University Simon Cancer

Center. After many tests Chuck then began chemotherapy. Chemotherapy took its toll and he could no longer be on the sidelines.

According to medicalnewstoday.com, leukemia is a disease where some white blood cells, "abnormal blood cells," don't die as easily as "normal blood cells."

This causes an unbalanced reaction of faulty cells with the regular cells. The faulty cells then take up too much space and there is no room in the blood for normal blood cells.

While Chuck was in recovery, Bruce Arians the offensive coordinator (now coach of the Arizona Cardinals) took over. Fans were heartbroken and worried for Chuck and the outcome of the rest of the season. But, for every cloud there is a silver lining. Fans, players, and media jumped on the idea of "Chuck Strong." From the Chemotherapy Chuck lost most of, if not all of his hair. Some players, fans, and cheerleaders; shaved their heads in

honor of Chuck. Among those who shaved their heads was the rookie quarterback, Andrew Luck.

Chuck Pagano's situation touched more than just the Colt's family. According to sportsgrid.com, players from other teams, such as Arian Foster (running back



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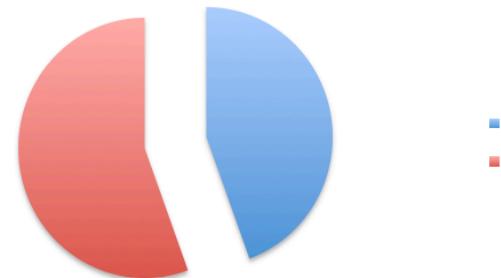
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Initially launched in 1977, the Voyagers were created for the exploration of Jupiter and Saturn. Then there was an extended mission where Voyager 2 went on to explore Uranus and Neptune. Dr. Edward Stone, Project Scientist on the Voyager says, “We discovered things we really didn’t anticipate.” According to the Voyager’s webpage, their discoveries have included: active volcanoes (with 100 times the activity of one’s on earth) on Jupiter’s moon Io, Jupiter’s many hurricane-like storm systems, a sign that there may be an ocean underneath the crust of Jupiter’s moon Europa, and much more. Discoveries like this have “changed our view of the solar system,” says Dr. Stone.

So what about humans travelling through space? Dr. Michio Kaku, a physicist and bestselling author, states in his online article The Physics of Interstellar Travel, “Most scientists doubt interstellar travel because the light barrier is so difficult to break.” Going faster than the speed of light would require enormous amounts of energy. If interstellar space travel were to happen, it could only be possible within the next several hundred, or even thousand years. Among other things, to be able to access a powerful source of energy,

we still need to make more significant technological advancements. Dr. Kaku also says, “...one cannot rule out interstellar travel if an advanced civilization can attain enough energy to destabilize space and time.” So, it may just be possible.

Would you like to travel to space?



Will we all be alive to see the days of meeting new civilizations or travelling amongst the stars? Probably not, but that doesn’t mean scientists will cease exploring the sky from the earth.

Thor: The Dark World Movie Review

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leased movies have included: “Iron Man” (1,2, & 3), “The Incredible Hulk”, “Thor” (1 & 2), “Captain America: The First Avenger”, and “Marvel’s The Avengers.” With such a large fan base, many films are upcoming as well, such as “Captain America: The Winter Soldier,” premiering on April 4th, 2014, “Guardians of the Galaxy,” set to be released on August 1st, 2014, and Avengers: “Age of Ultron” premiering on May 1st, 2015.

The Dark World had it’s questionable moments. For one, the plot is a bit tired. The superhero must save the city, world, universe, etc. from the brink of destruction. It begins with the only way the writers could seem to figure out how to get Thor back to Jane Foster. They write her accidentally stumbling upon space anomalies in a warehouse where she then stumbles upon a portal. The portal then takes her right to what the villain is after; The Aether. The Aether acts like a virus, attaches itself to her, and then she falls back through to earth. So, of course, Thor discovers she’s in danger and takes her right to Asgard. What are the chances, eh?

Contrary to the title, Loki (Tom Hiddleston) really stole the show. Not necessarily in a bad way either. His witty remarks and antics really keep the audience’s attention. He’s the definition of a tragic antihero with many sides to his character. I really appreciated having Thor in the film with his dutifulness, and many curiosities about the human world; it just seemed secondary. Let’s be honest, without Loki, the movie would’ve been a smidge boring.

Even with there being some problems in this movie including a villain, Makelith, who wants to turn the world to darkness for no apparent reason, this movie still delivers. It offers a deeper portrayal of the Asgardians, new sides to old characters, crazy plot twists, great special effects, and lets not forget the two awesome scenes between the credits.

If you’re looking for a movie with great action sequences and some silly commentary, it’s a great movie for taking a break from the real world of taxes and horrible bosses. It’s fun, exciting, and I quite enjoyed watching it myself.

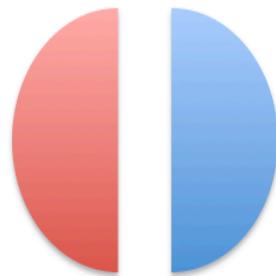
The Story of Chuck Pagano

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for the rival Houston Texans) showed their support. This was shown when he saluted a Chuck Strong banner at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Chuck's illness and the Chuck Strong movement inspired the players of the Colts. Chuck returned as head coach on week 17 of the NFL season. The Colts, thriving on their new found emotional high, beat their rivals the Houston Texans. After a 1-2 start they ended up with an 11-5 record. They played the Ravens in one of the AFC wildcard games and lost 9 to 24.

Fortunately, Chuck is healthy again, and was ready to coach the Colts in the 2013-2014 season, which they finished as champions of their division. They lost to the Patriots in the second round of the playoffs.

Has someone you know had cancer?



Hot Topic: Who's Your Favorite Superhero?

Sebastian- Michelle Zarelli

Anonyms-Spiderman

Jake-Captain America

Anonyms-Star-Fire

Kayla-The Flash

Anonyms-Iron Man

Sarah-Superman

Anonyms-Thor

Brandon-Master Chief

Anonyms-Claire Burnett

Schuyler Walker-Batman

Anonyms-Ellie

Ailish-My mom

Anonyms-I don't have one

J.V.-Green Lantern

Anonyms-Godzilla

Anonyms-Black Widow

Anonyms-Professor X

Anonyms-I'm not a fan of Mainstream American Comics so N/A

Anonyms- Aqua Man

Anonyms-Night wing

Editorial: Go Green!

Green is more than just a color. It represents plants, nature, and now a movement to protect our environment. Plants, animals, and even bacteria impact every part of our day, from what we eat to how we digest our food, and even the air that we breathe. Not only that, but we often use Nature's waste for our benefit, such as oxygen from plants or manure as fertilizer. Unfortunately, Nature can't always use our waste and it can even harm our environment, which is why we need to go Green, and think about what we do with our waste.

The largest landfill in the world known as the Western and Eastern Garbage Patches or the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, is a floating mass of marine debris in the Pacific Ocean. According to Discovery, it has an estimated size 2.5 times bigger than Texas the Eastern Garbage Patch floats between California and Hawaii. The Western Garbage Patch floats east of Japan and west of Hawaii. Slow moving spirals of currents, created by high-pressure air currents, formed these giant masses of trash. These garbage patches can and do cause great harm to marine life. For example, jellyfish and other filter feeders frequently become tangled in the trash.

The environment does have natural systems to keep the earth's inhabitants alive. Rainforests are one such protective system, but humans often damage or destroy rainforests, deliberately or otherwise. Why are rainforests important? Rainforests are important because they are dense masses of trees and vegetation that transform carbon dioxide, which we cannot breathe, into oxygen, which we can breathe. In fact, according to savetherainforest.org, "a hectare (2.471 acres) of rainforest absorbs one ton of carbon dioxide (CO₂) per year." Also, Rainforests are incredibly diverse, containing plants that, according to savetherainforest.org, "of the few rainforest plant species that have been studied by modern medicine, treatments have been found for childhood leukemia, breast cancer, high blood pressure, asthma, and scores of other illnesses [from these plants]." However, there has been an increasing problem with deforestation in and around rainforests, which actually releases more CO₂, while lessening the oxygen levels in the air. This also weakens the forests

abilities to absorb CO₂, and thus its ability to release oxygen. According to the Rainforest Action Network, "If present rates of destruction continue, half our remaining rainforests will be gone by the year 2025, and by 2060 there will be no rainforests remaining." As we destroy our rainforests, we also destroy ourselves, because eventually, the rainforest won't be able to absorb all the carbon we produce, and we will slowly run out of oxygen.

There are other ways to change carbon dioxide levels than just relying on plants. Carbon dioxide comes from things such as burning coal for electricity, fossil fuels going into the air from vehicles, and industrial processes that produce chemicals and metals. Here are some ways we can help reduce our carbon emissions: use energy efficient appliances, conserve energy by turning off lights, turn off running water, and make sure not to overuse air conditioning. You can open a window! You can also help your fuel economy and limit the pollutants released into the air by not excessively idling your car, not accelerating quickly or speeding, or not towing excessive weight.

The environment is a very important part of society today. However people have not been treating Mother Nature in the best way and that's saying it nicely. People are referring to the deterioration of the environment as environmental degradation. Rainforests are being chopped down and in return there is less oxygen being released into the world. There are wastelands in the sea and landfills are getting full so we need new ones. We as a school, country and world should go Green.