



## Manuary: Food Drive For Men



**By Stephanie Mahder**

Especially during the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas, people tend to be in a giving mood and are more likely to donate to charitable organizations. During this time, food banks are loaded with an abundance of non-perishable foods that are distributed to those in need.

But what about after the holidays when the food runs out? How will people in poverty feed themselves? Fortunately, three social studies teachers at our school recognized this problem and decided to jump into action. Mr. Pesca, Mr. Topping, and Mr. Schiffmacher have started a fund-

raiser called “Manuary”. This fundraiser has gotten students and teachers within the high school working as one, while also raising awareness for a worthy cause.

Here’s how worked: Each teacher involved in the competition (a total of 22 teachers!) didn’t shave their facial hair for the entire month of January. Bins were placed at the front of the school, one bin for each teacher. Each bin had a picture of the teacher on it that was updated weekly. Students voted for the teacher(s) of their choice by putting non-perishable food items in the corresponding bin. 1 item = 1 vote.

At the end of the month,

each teacher shaved designs in their beard for the final week of the competition. Votes were counted and Mr. Miller was the ultimate winner. Mr. Phelan came in second place and Mr. Pesca took third. The competition raised a total of 1,553 cans.

The ultimate goal of the teachers was for the students and community to become more involved in charities in order to help people who are struggling to put food on the table. And of course it was entertaining along the way seeing all the crazy beards.

Thanks to all who participated, you helped out a great cause!

## Midterm Week

**By Mimi McCann and Sophie Sacknoff**

The period between Christmas Break and February Break is one of the most stressful times of the year. At the beginning of the year, many syllabi discuss having midterms; however, the dates are never specified. Toward the end of January and the beginning of February teachers arbitrarily announce impending finals in classes, usually with less than three weeks notice. In order to avoid this, most schools have a week dedicated to midterm exams.

With the current system, students have to endure exceedingly stressful weeks in preparation for exams. The end of the quarter is always difficult because teachers want to end topics, get in enough points, and squeeze in the last bit of information. At the end of first semester, students are attempting to hand in all of their work and study for tests while simultaneously juggling midterms.

Exams can be back to back in multiple classes, or spread out over multiple days because 40 minutes doesn’t allow for a complete exam. Even without these hectic schedules, studying for midterms proves almost impossible with the continuation of the regular course load. Each day, we get the same amount of work as usual, as well as other unit tests to study for. Simply put, there is not enough time to be reviewing multiple chapters a night in all core subjects.

A majority of schools in surrounding areas have a designated “exam week”. Much like finals time, each subject is designated an allotted time period to give a midterm exam. This ensures that each day there is only one exam being given, and that the specific teacher has enough of a time frame to give a lengthy test that covers all of the material. The days on which one does not have to go in to take a test, as well as the remainder of the day after finish-

ing an exam can be used to study for the rest of the tests throughout the week. It is also plausible that these non-testing hours can be used for extra help sessions with teachers.

As classes become increasingly more difficult, midterms are a huge factor in second semester grades. These tests are placed at the end of the quarter, and students have no other opportunity to make up their grades. With so much other work being assigned at this time, no one is adequately prepared for the tests. Being that the midterm serves as a midyear review of material that will be on the final, it is more logical to allow students enough time to study to full capacity. Furthermore, students would be better served by a test that is similar in length and format to an end of the year assessment. Inserting a midterm week would be beneficial both to students’ stress levels and their grades.

## What Happened To The Paper?

**By John Toomey**

As our avid readers have undoubtedly noticed, we here at the Harborview have not released a paper since the Homecoming edition. As guilty as we are, this lack of a newspaper cannot be blamed entirely on us. In fact it is your fault, reader.

Do something we can write about!

We are here to tell the stories of the events going on in this high school that we call our own. Unfortunately, due to the size, there aren’t that many events. As a result, there aren’t

that many stories. Sure there are sports and clubs, but there is only so much you can write about those two subjects. We need excitement. And you need excitement too.

It’s February; a month full of school and bereft of long weekends. Doing something exciting will wake you up, put new life in you, and maybe even get your name in this wonderful paper. No, I am not telling you to do something crazy or illegal, and nothing dangerous either, just something that we can write about.

Our lack of paper is also the rest of the world’s fault. We

are forced to stick mostly to opinion in order to keep old news interesting but in this day and age, politics and the election of 2012 is dominating the news world. This is a high school. We can’t vote and while some of you might find it interesting, politics bore me. I also have no desire to be beaten up for my political views.

So please, unless you want to read this exact same article in every edition of the paper from now until the end of the year, let’s bring some stories back into Cold Spring Harbor.

## Model UN Takes UPENN

**By Christina Carmi and Stephanie Mahder**

At this year’s 28<sup>th</sup> annual Model UN conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, delegates from our own school represented the countries of Israel and Samoa. ILMUNC (Ivy League Model United Nations Conference) is hosted by the University of Pennsylvania’s own Model UN members, including the beautiful Alice Kissilenko, one of the head chairs at the conference. The four-day long conference brings delegates from all over the world to represent a plethora of nations and resolve a variety of different problems that our world faces and that the actual United Nations hopes to solve as well. Eighteen students from our school attended this year’s conference and participated in committees such as UNICEF (United Nations International Children’s Fund), UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), SOCHUM (Social Humanitarian and Cultural Aid), SPECPOL (Social, Political, and Decolonization) etc.

Model UN is an academic simulation of the actual United Nations. This program is not quite a form of debate. Students participate in formal discussions that discuss topics in current events, international relations, diplomacy, and United Nations agenda. Each school is assigned a country that they represent, and there are either single or double delegations in each committee. Delegates work together based on their country’s ideals and interests. Similar opinions are taken into account and resolutions are proposed based on the topics at hand. At the end of the four-day conference, the nations in each committee vote as a body as to what resolution they would theoretically like to be passed and despite differences in opinions, each resolution tends to take into account something that every nation agrees upon.

Despite the fact that we were one of the smallest schools represented at this year’s conference, our delegates ripped up the competition. We were able to utilize different forms of intimidat-

tion, such as the ‘eye roll’ and the ‘stare down’, which left many competitors quivering in their shoes. Our eighteen delegates each added unique points that contributed to the resolutions in their committees. Model UN is a club that requires each member to put in extra time for researching the topics at hand, and every member of our club proved prepared. Each delegate spent weeks researching and studying their topics, specifically from their country’s perspective. The event isn’t only a way to learn more about world relations, although it definitely teaches you about things that you might not have known before. ILMUNC is also about meeting new people. People came from all over the world, including China, Japan, Lebanon, Puerto Rico, and about thirty different states to participate in modeling the United Nations. Outside of committee, you have the opportunity to meet new people and learn about their culture while they learn about yours.

Outside of committee, there were plenty of ways for the delegates to spend their free time. Whether it was ordering pizza and chicken wings in the early hours of the morning, sightseeing, or starting “C-S-H” chants on a regular basis, the delegates definitely had a good time. On the last night of the conference, the UPenn students ran a Delegate Dance to celebrate a job well done. And a job well done it was indeed. CSH’s own James Toomey received a “Verbal Commendation” for his excellent speeches in Disarmament and International Security (DISEC). Alyssa Healey, Stephanie Mahder, and Barry Lites also received an award for “Best Dancers” in UNICEF after displaying a choreographed master piece to the song “Rack City” (the clean version). Congratulations to all the delegates and we wish you the best of luck in future conferences.

The delegates would like to specifically thank their amazing chaperone, Mr. Natale, for escorting them on this trip. He was a great support system for each and every delegate and contributed his own input in all topics.



## Catch CSH’s *Barnum* February 3rd, 4th, and 5th!





# 50 Years of Athletics

# Top 5 New Year’s Resolution

By Laura Schipper

Here at Cold Spring Harbor we have all heard the name Ralph Whitney before, but does anyone really know who he is? When asked this question, the most common student response is, “our field house is named after him.” This is true, but Ralph Whitney did many things for this school that today go unnoticed.

Whitney, once the athletic director and varsity baseball coach, had high hopes for Cold Spring Harbor. Because of Whitney’s enthusiasm and assistance, Cold Spring Harbor made history in 1963 with the official opening of the Ralph Whitney Field House. It was the first of its kind to be built on Long Island, and the second field house to be built on the East Coast. The Seahawks took immense pride in the project. Students and teachers took an active role in the development process and everyone was eager to see the final product. Whitney was responsible for many of the plans, and he was very excited because it gave athletes the chance to practice on rainy days. The final product included a lacrosse cage, three tennis courts, a softball diamond, basketball nets and courts, an indoor track, and a loft that hosts gymnastics and wrestling. Without Ralph Whitney, Cold Spring Harbor athletics would not be what they are today. His drive for accomplishment and his interest in Cold Spring Harbor has had a lasting effect and is much appreciated by all members of the community.

Throughout the years, Cold Spring Harbor has excelled in many different athletic sports. Today, we compete in Nassau County Class “C” Championships. Cold Spring Harbor students often spend their weekends attending games and cheering on their classmates. Athletics have always

played a big part in the social dynamic of our school.

In 1990, the girl’s lacrosse team participated in the first ever Long Island Championship. The girls defeated Huntington High School with a victory of 15-2. In 1994, both softball and baseball captured the county title. It was the first time in Cold Spring Harbor’s history that these sports were the Nassau County Class “C” Champions.

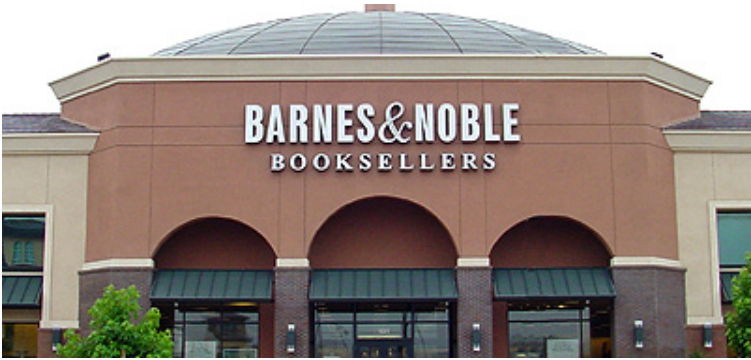
Ice Hockey had its first season in 1973. They practiced at the Huntington Winter Club. The program had a rough start because many of the players were inexperienced, but high enthusiasm kept the program going. Crew gained varsity status in 1992, and began the season well with victories at the Long Island Championship and Mercer County regatta.

A Long Island Championship win put boys’ basketball on the map in 1995. Scoring around 40 points per game, Wally Szczerbiak led the team. With help from the other starting seniors, the basketball team developed a camaraderie that Cold Spring Harbor had never seen before. Similarly, the girl’s basketball team became Nassau County Class “C” champions in 1995 for the first time in CSH history. The girls lost only one game that season, and made it all the way to the Southeast Regional Finals.

Boy’s lacrosse was initially coached by Tom Kohm, and it was the first sport at Cold Spring Harbor to play in the official Suffolk County league. All other sports began playing with a non-league schedule and were slowly entered into the league.

Today, CSH has many successful sport teams, and our school has a lot of individual talent as well as a lot of dedication and school spirit.

## Bye Bye Stores



By Shanna Grant

Stores across Long Island are shutting their doors to customers as they find themselves entangled more and more in the worsening economy. Landlords raise rents; customers stop shopping; products don’t sell; stores suffer and close.

According to the Long Island Press, five Waldbaum’s across Long Island are closing. Of these five stores, one happens to be the local Waldbaum’s in Turnpike Plaza, Huntington Station. The other four closures will be in Commack, Rockville Centre, Lake Ronkonkoma, and West Babylon.

According to the Huntington patch, the local Huntington Toys-R-Us is also permanently shutting its doors. Within the same shopping center, Barnes and Noble closed right after Christmas. The two stores are both rented by the same landlord, and according to Newsday.com, the reason for their closure is because the stores could not reach a rental

agreement with their landlord.

I remember spending hours in Toys-R-Us when I was little, pushing all the buttons on the musical toys and playing with all the scooters and bikes. I would go into Toys-R-Us with my mom while my dad waited for the Chinese take-out next door or bought a card in Hallmark. My first Mp3 player and video game came from Toys-R-Us. It is hard to imagine the local Toys-R-Us – the place of so many childhood memories – going out of business.

Barnes and Noble has been an ever prevalent part of the broader Huntington community for as long as I can remember. It is a national chain that sells all kinds of reading materials, from magazines to review books, and attracts business from people of all ages. With the loss of Barnes and Noble, many customers are going to be forced to go all the way to East Northport before they reach another of these major chains.



By Jade Rechler and Sophie Sacknoff

Number 1: I’m going to work out more: Let’s be real, this may work out for the month of January, but then you’ll realize it’s just not worth it. It’s the winter and you won’t be in shorts or a bathing suit for months. After a few weeks, the gym will be empty and the few people who work out all year round will be free to use any machine again.

Number 2: Second semester, I’m getting straight A’s: This is the promise you make to yourself in hopes that your parents will finally leave you alone if you bring home a good grade. It sounds great in theory, but then you realize how long it actually takes to get your homework done and study for tests. Once the sleep deprivation sets in something has to go, and usually it is the time you’ve begun to invest in school-work.

Number 3: Speaking of sleep, I’m going to get more: It always seems like the 24 hours we have in a day just aren’t enough. There are those mandatory things such as school and sports practice; factor in the all important extra-curricular activities, homework, texting, phone calls, facebook stalking, and those TV shows that must be seen at a certain time ev-

ery week... Well, the list just keeps going. Unless you’re planning on skipping out on personal hygiene or meals, it seems like there is no way to cut it down. By the time we even think to look at a clock it is always, by some kind of magic, far past when we were planning on going to sleep. The advice here is to rack up sleep on the weekends and learn to love the taste of coffee.

Number 4: I’m going to be more organized: This goes hand in hand with doing better in school. For the same reasons, it’s just too difficult. We all have our habits, and throwing our shoes, clothes, and books into a pile is one of them. When the bell rings and your teacher is handing out the homework packet, it’s bound to end up shoved into your assignment pad or tucked into a folder, not to be moved or found again. In the way of school, the only way to retain all handouts is to keep them in one gigantic folder that grows constantly. Social plans always seem to get tied together as well. You think you have a full weekend, only to realize all your plans are at the same time in different places. There has to be a way to better this, maybe we should start using that iCalendar app?

Number 5: This year, I am going to be a generally nicer

and better person: This is the best resolution to have, but it is admittedly unrealistic. There is no possible way to turn into someone without faults and never be rude to another. Most of the time, our rude comments are directed towards friends or family, and usually meant to be humorous; however, this doesn’t make them hurt less. The logic here is that sometimes you just have to lash out, or make a sarcastic comment so everyone can have a laugh. This kind of behavior will never permanently be changed, especially by high school students, but that doesn’t mean we can’t pick and choose those moments to hold back.

After reading this, most of you may have realized that these goals are unattainable. The point of this list is not to be cynical, but to highlight that the most important New Year’s resolution is to be practical. Having goals that are too large will make them seem impractical and too far out of reach. The pragmatic thing is to make smaller goals in each area that may eventually lead you to the larger goal you hope to achieve, without making you feel badly for not accomplishing anything. Throughout 2012, take small steps toward big goals and your life will improve.

## 70 Years Since Pearl Harbor

By Christina Carmi

Over half a century ago, our country was attacked by the Imperial Japanese Navy on the morning of December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941. 2,402 innocent American citizens lost their lives, and 1,282 were wounded. Following the attack, members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association have gathered to commemorate the spark that drew us into World War II. This year, the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, will mark the last year that the survivors will gather and remember the lives lost on that terrifying day in 1941. With the reality that much time has passed, and the fact that many of those who are still alive are either very old or not in the best health conditions, the association will disband on December 31<sup>st</sup>. According to the New York Times, Harry R. Kerr, the director of the Southeast unit, even said himself that there weren’t enough survivors to keep the organization

running.

This disbanding of the organization was inevitable, yet the main concern of those who are still alive is that the event that changed and define their lives will merely be a chapter in a history textbook. Soon, there won’t be anyone who can go to schools and committees to detail their accounts on that horrific day. Children are growing up without true knowledge of what Pearl Harbor was, and the significance it had on thousands of families and our nation as a whole. The Association was founded in 1958 with a list of 28,000 members, all of whom were military officers who had been on the island of Oahu on the day of the attack. As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, the membership had fallen to 2,700. “With the advanced age and ill health of our membership and the declining numbers of members, it was obvious that we could not continue the require-

ments on our membership and on our board,” said Mr. William Muehleib, the national president of the association. In other words, there just aren’t enough survivors to continue to fill the positions of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary.

We were all taught about the events that took place on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941, but for most of us, we were merely taught the facts. As time passes, there will be less and less survivors to tell firsthand accounts of the events that they witnessed. As younger generations get older, ‘Pearl Harbor’ becomes less meaningful. We must continue to inform them of the attack that took so many lives, changed so many families, and pushed our country into the Second World War. We must be the voice for those who are no longer alive to speak for themselves and share their experiences and accounts.



# Pretty Little Liars: Show vs. Book



By Avery Bandoian and Lizzy Libretti

With the wake of popularity trailing the new show, Pretty little Liars, every teenage girl in America seems to be obsessed. Everyone knows this show is based of a series by Sara Shepard, but few have actually read it.

In our opinion, the books and the show are completely different. They may have the same characters and basic plot, but the details are entirely separate. “The books have more meat” says one fan.

The books and show follow four girls in rural Rosewood, Pennsylvania. They are being stalked by the mysterious character “A” after the death of their friend Allison. The story includes all the drama of the girl’s ordinary life plus the drama of being stalked by a mysterious character. The “A” character knows all the

girls deepest darkest secrets, he or she is a psychopath who will do anything, including murder, to get what he or she wants.

“I don’t like to read, there’s no time.” says Olivia Ngai, a fan of the television show.

We get that making free space in your schedule is difficult, but if you spend an hour watching the show, we think you should do the same with the book. The books are intense, and keep you turning the pages. The best part is that if you are starting from the beginning of the series, you never have to wait for a book to come out. Unlike the show, there is no set amount of the mystery that you can figure out in one sitting.

The books are some of the most detailed stories we have ever read. They describe every aspect from head to toe. Sara Shepard also does a great job of tricking you into believing that you know

who “A” (the mysterious stalker in the novels) is.

“The flashbacks are my favorite part” says Keara Walford, “The TV is show is way more obvious who ‘A’ is.” Keara goes on to say that she first started watching the shows but needed more “PLL” so she began to read the books, she still watches the shows, but likes the literature much more.

Adults are always complaining that kids of our generation need to read more. We think that reading the books will get your parents off your back for not reading and you will have fun doing it. So do yourself a favor and pick up the books. Not only will you strengthen your brain with the complex mysteries, but you’ll also get a new view on the Pretty Little Liars situation.

# Social Host Law



By Alex Fontini

District Attorney Kathleen M. Rice arrived at Cold Spring Harbor High School immediately after an appearance on the Today Show. Rice was invited to speak to the school about underage drinking, and more specifically, the involvement of parents hosting underage drinking in their homes.

Rice was elected in 2006 and immediately placed drunk driving as her top priority. In her time as District Attorney, she implemented a drunk-driving education program in Nassau County schools, and also made the

punishment for offenders much harsher than it had been previously. She has also created a separate court for the persecution of those charged with DWI’s, which deals with thousands of cases each year. With these steps, Rice has developed a reputation of being one of the fiercest adversaries of drunk-driving on Long Island. Thus, all matters involved with the illegal consumption of alcohol are very relevant to Rice’s agenda.

Both Rice’s speech and message were straightforward. She began by outlining the consequences of underage drinking, stating that they are harsh not

just legally but personally as well. She discussed the harmful effects of alcohol on the still-developing minds of teenagers and emphasized the importance of being a leader to bring about positive change among friends. These subjects were just a prerequisite to her main discussion; social hosting and the providing of alcohol by parents to minors. Though shocking to some, Rice argues that this is one of the more prevalent sources of underage drinking on Long Island.

Rice clarified the increased penalties for parents who allow underage drinking to occur at their houses, after telling multiple stories in which such circumstances has led to the death of a minor. While the first offense only warrants a fine, repeat offenders can actually receive extended jail time. The District Attorney painted each statement in clear terms, leaving little room for ambiguity. She warned the parents in attendance that it is not their place to befriend their children. She feels that they need to be parents above all else, and that this role is becoming neglected.

After the speech, response around the school was mixed. Many students felt that she came across as cold, while teachers felt she was frank about an issue that requires directness. Either way, her words definitely demanded attention from all viewers.

# Senior Polls

By Peri Colon

The senior polls are out already. The winners for the class of 2012 are...

**Most Scholarly:** Kelly Anne Sherlock and William Smith

**Most Musical:** Julia Biedry and Jacob Lisabeth

**Likely Politician:** Jane Meyer and James Toomey

**Most Artistic:** Alexandra Monks and Evan Cirino

**Best Hair:** Ashton Mallardi and Joseph Limongelli

**Cutest Couple:** Julie Auersperg and Mark Hendel

**Chatterbox:** Danielle Cox and Matthew Hendel

**Most Athletic:** Victoria Kotowski and Kevin Porzelt

**Best Dressed:** Margaret Andrea and Sean Doyle

**Most School Spirit:** Gabrielle Doria and William Xiao

**Best Friends:** Theodore Gold and Alex Fontini and Devon Heise and Alexandra DeBellis

# Huntington’s Newest Edition: The Paramount



By Lizzy DeFelice

The Paramount, which opened earlier this year on September 30<sup>th</sup>, is exactly what the town of Huntington needed. The theater is able to accommodate up to 1,555 audience members with seating and general admission and is sure to keep busy.

The interior was transformed and now includes exposed brick walls, graffiti-style artwork, and loge seating areas that are suspended from the ceiling. The ceiling itself features metal beams and a pair of huge exhaust fans dating from the 1920s, adding to the trendy industrial look. There are three different bars for refreshments, one in the back and two on each side of the dance floor which makes it easier for concert goers to be helped.

One of the biggest problems and downsides of the location of the paramount is parking. As we all know, it’s nearly impossible to find parking in the village especially on a busy weekend. Thankfully, the paramount is paying the town \$9,000 a year for

the use of 344 spaces at the Long Island Rail Road station, from which it runs free trolleys on performance nights, and 217 more at a lot on Elm Street, and at Town Hall.

On the positive side many of the restaurants are seeing an increase in business especially before the shows.

The new theater has already presented the country star Willie Nelson, rock bands like the Pixies and the Goo Goo Dolls and even Panic! At The Disco and All Time Low. Performers will only get better since it has arranged to book performers through Live Nation, the concert producer that also books shows into the Nassau Coliseum, the NYCB Theater at Westbury and the Nikon at Jones Beach Theater.

Now that we have the Paramount, we won’t have to take a train to the city anymore to see our favorite DJ, band, musician, or singer. The Paramount is a New York City venue located right in our own home town.



# CSH Entertainment

## Wanted: A New Pop Band



By Caitlin Yaccarino and Christina Carmi

*The Wanted* is an up and coming pop group of British and Irish artists. They just recently released their chart-topping new single, “Glad You Came”. The band consists of Max George, Jay McGuinness, Siva Kaneshwaran, Tom Parker, and Nathan Sykes and is based in London, England.

The band’s debut single, “All Time Low”, was released in July of 2010 and was the number one single in the United Kingdom for one week. Their studio album, “The Wanted”, was released on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The album

has been greatly successful and has reached number four in the United Kingdom.

Jayne Collins organized a mass audition in 2009, which grouped together the five members of *The Wanted*. Collins is most known for assembling the groups,

*The Saturdays* and *Parade*. The group’s producers are Guy Chambers, Taio Cruz, and Steve Mac. *The Wanted* performed their single, “Loose My Mind” on the show *The X Factor*. The song is currently number nineteen on the UK Singles Chart.

The band is becoming increasingly popular in the United States and will go on a brief tour in America. They will be visiting Orlando, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Chicago, Minneapolis, Dallas, Salt Lake City, San Diego, and Los Angeles.

On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the band will be performing at Irving Plaza in New York City. This will be a great opportunity for New Yorkers to witness the up and coming band and their talent. Tickets are currently thirty five dollars but will be increasing in price, so hurry and buy tickets soon.

## Little Bee

By Chrstina Carmi

Little Bee is a Nigerian orphan who has learned to talk like the Queen. She is a refuge who has been detained in an immigration detention center for two years after narrowly escaping a traumatic fate on a Nigerian beach. This young woman, who has been recently freed, shares a dark past with Sarah, a young mother who is also a British editor. They first meet on a beach in Nigeria, where Sarah is vacationing with her husband, Andrew. Their trip was an effort to save their marriage after an affair, and their brief encounter has haunted each woman for two years. Now together, they face a disturbing past and an uncertain future with the help of Sarah’s four-year-old son, Charlie. In this well-written, heart-warming novel, *Little Bee*, Chris Cleave works his magic and teaches the two women how to help each other. A moral compass allows each woman, and the reader, to believe that even in the face of unspeakable odds, humanity can prevail.

The story alternates between the perspectives of these two women, who both face difficulties in their lives. Cleave in-

corporates a fair amount of flashbacks to slowly give his readers pieces to the puzzle of how their lives intertwine and to show how it relates to present-day. Little Bee herself is much less interested in purpose than in survival, and as such, her character comes off as the more realistic and thoughtful of the two. Sarah,

The full story is more complex, though, and Cleave gives it to us with sympathy. What unfolds between them in a few short weeks as they struggle to right worlds turned upside down is surprising, yet thoroughly heart-warming.

*Little Bee* is a book which is heartbreaking in many ways. Despite revealing the dark side of humanity in his story, Cleave also shows that there are good people in the world. The world may have evil, but it also has hope and goodness. My favorite character in the book was not either of the women, but Charlie – the little boy who refuses to take off his Batman costume. Not only does Charlie represent the innocence in the world, but he is also symbolic of future hope.

Chris Cleave is a columnist for *The Guardian* newspaper in London. His debut novel, *Incendiary*, was published in 2006 and soon after was made into a movie starring Michelle Williams. Inspired by his childhood in West Africa, this novel, *Little Bee*, became an international bestseller and captivated many with Cleave’s powerful diction and moral lessons. Although in a way quite harsh at points, the overall meaning that the novel sends to its readers is one that will keep readers thinking even after they are done with it.

meanwhile, has a life that invites envy: a smart husband, an adorable son, a satisfying adulterous affair and a glamorous career.

## Keeping Time

By John Toomey

“A small gem of a novel”- Kirkus Reviews

*Keeping Time*, by up and coming author Stacey McGlynn, was recently published through Random House. Since its publication, it has received awards and recognitions such as the Barnes and Noble Discover pick and a starred review from Kirkus. It was also selected for Target’s Emerging Authors.

The storyline follows Daisy Phillips, an elderly widow living alone. One of her two sons tries to convince Daisy to move into a retirement home, concerned that she can no longer care for herself. She stubbornly refuses even though that same son is moving away from Liverpool and won’t be able to see or help her as often. Determined to prove that she can care for herself and put her son’s fears to rest, Daisy hires a young boy to mow the lawn and ends up rolling around in the mud with him, trying to free the lawnmower. She also tries to fix her dripping shower head. Things were going well with this until the basement flooded and the fuse box exploded, electrifying the water and trapping Daisy on a ladder. Breaking her back should be the last straw for sending her into a retirement home, but it isn’t.

While doing her plumbing, Daisy discovers some boxes in the basement with her dead husband’s things, their two sons’ baby blankets, and a watch inscribed by Arthur Rubenstein. It is then revealed that during World War II, Daisy loved an American soldier and that watch served as their engagement ring. It is also revealed that, after writing to each other for some time once the war was over, her boyfriend, Michael, disappeared.

Arthur Rubenstein is an incredibly gifted pianist as was Michael, who was striving to become a concert pianist so he could support Daisy. With the Rubenstein inscription, the watch is very valuable and Daisy becomes determined to return the watch to Michael or his family if he has died. Having cousins on Long Island, Daisy makes the trip, staying with hectic mother Elisabeth and her many children. Once there, the reader is immediately brought into the craziness of the family’s everyday life, internal conflicts, and the quest to find Michael re-

sumes, all this winding its way to the happy and satisfying ending.

To more accurately judge this book, I have broken it into four categories; plot, writing, characters and characterization and originality.

The plot of this story sounds pretty basic: an elderly woman trying to prove she can still live on her own in the world. However, it is much more complex. Elisabeth thinks her husband is a criminal. Elisabeth’s mother hates Daisy. Elisabeth’s son, Michael, quit the piano even though he was once a virtuoso. There is quite a lot to this story. Sometimes touching, often times hilarious. While it was occasionally a bit too hectic with the story drifting away from Daisy and her quest a bit too much, I give this book a 4.0 for plot.

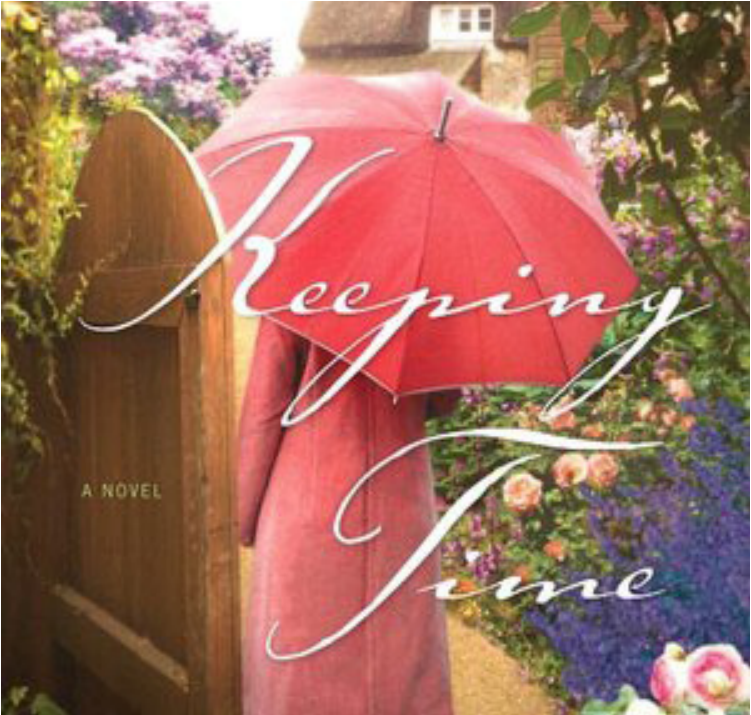
The next category is writing. Stacey McGlynn has an interesting new style. Very often the sentences of narration are incomplete with only a subject and a gerund. “Daisy, not replying.” “Michael, looking up...” While this writing style may aggravate some readers, I found that after a few pages I didn’t realize it was there anymore. Of course, there were some instances where it was glaringly obvious, taking away from the description you would want in a story. Still, a 4.3 for writing.

Characters their characterization can often ruin a book entirely. Luckily, this was not the case in this book. No character was too perfect, no character was stereotypically evil. Each and every one of them had internal conflict and motivation for their actions. I give a 4.5 for these likeable characters.

The final category is originality. Again, simply put, the story might not sound that original, but it is. It is not simply an old lady looking for a lost love; it is an old lady discovering a new side of her family, easing old hatreds, and fixing family problems. I give it a 4.0 for originality.

Average that out and you get a 4.2, a very respectable score.

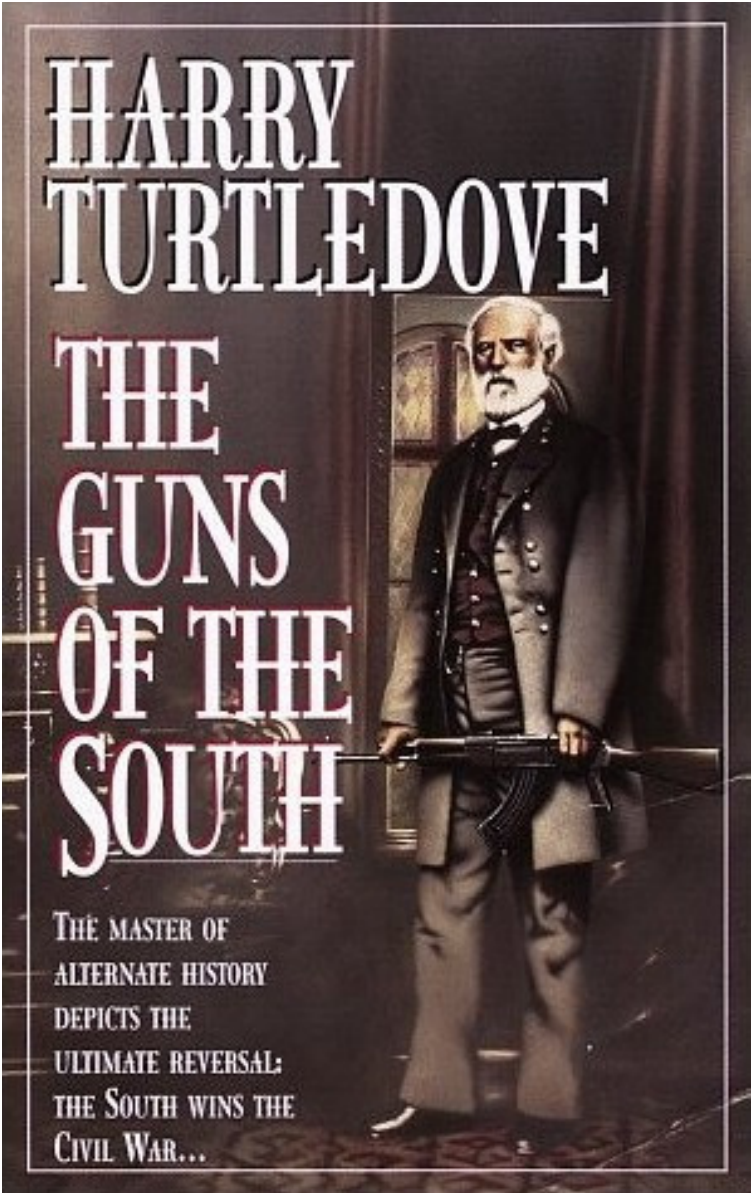
While this was a good book, I would not recommend it to everyone. The story of an old lady may bore many young readers and the action and conflict were more laid back. I will admit it was completely out of my normal genre, but I enjoyed it nonetheless.





# CSH Entertainment

## The Guns of the South



**By John Toomey**  
“...an entertaining and intelligent ride back to a past that never was.” - *The Washington Times*

Published back in 1993 by popular alternate history author Harry Turtledove, *The Guns of the South*, a civil war novel, was met with both positive and negative responses. I have read Turtledove in the past and, reasonably satisfied with those books, decided to try this one. It was a very pleasant read.

The story begins mid-civil war, told in part by General Lee as he faces defeat to the north. Conditions are harsh, supplies and soldiers are low; General Lee needs a miracle. And that miracle comes in the form of a man with an interesting accent, strange clothes, new types of food, and most importantly a new gun called the AK-47. The Confederates are amazed at this new gun and at the price for which these strange men are selling them.

With the addition of the AK-47, the South begins to win more and more battles, for these men have a seemingly unlimited supply of guns and ammunition. Soon, General Lee finds out why these men have what they have. It is as most readers would have guessed: they are from the future.

The problem with this book is that if you think about it too much, the ridiculousness of it will overwhelm you. A time machine can be accepted to a certain extent, but when more men from the future come with this seemingly unlimited supply of guns, ammunition, and futuristic building materials with which they build houses of their own, it gets a little too unbelievable.

Again, I have divided the book into four categories; plot, writing, originality, and characters. The plot, if you overlook certain flaws, runs smoothly and is very enjoyable. The parts leading up to the Southern victory is quite exciting but once they do win, the

plot gets weighed down by politics and diplomacy, creating a boring middle section. However, it speeds up again at the end leading to my rating of 3.5 out of 5 for plot.

The writing is, as predicted, very good, as is the research. Turtledove manages to create this world of time travel and men from the future by taking the real historic world and putting it in so that it becomes believable. I found myself ignoring the fact that he could have easily had the South win the civil war in a different, more realistic way to enjoy what was written. Only thinking back did I realize how invincible and overpowering the men from the future year of 2014 really are. Turtledove has a tendency to repeat himself a lot, both with plot elements, single statements, and even events. This hurt the good parts in the beginning and end of the book and further slowed the middle section of the book. Therefore, I give a 3.7 for writing.

This book isn't very original- many people, historians and not, have contemplated what the world would be like if the South had emerged victorious. I must admit though, South Africans warping through time to help the South win was an original way to do it- strange and unbelievable, but still original. It gives a new view of the civil war and points out that many people in the modern day world we live in are more racist than those of the Confederacy during the civil war. The book asks the whether the South was fighting for slavery or for independence in general. I give it a 3.9 for originality.

The last category is characters. The characters, many of whom are actual historical figures, are well developed. General Lee was a main character, as was another soldier named Nate Caudell that gave the perspective of the war from a fighter. There was also a female soldier disguised as a man that Turtledove probably placed in to make sure that not all the characters were male, while also throwing in that romantic element. This character's storyline was as developed as everyone else's so her presence didn't really seem all that irrational. I give this book a 4.0 for characters and characterization.

Those scores average out to a 3.775, a score I think this book deserves. It was an enjoyable read and I would recommend it to any lover of history, the civil war era, or war-related fiction.

## One Direction



**By Avery Bandoian**

Do you like British people? Do you like pop music? Do you like boy bands? Are you a person? Do you live in America? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions then you will like the brand new band *One Direction* and their CD “Up All Night”.

*One Direction* first made their mark on UK's The X Factor. *One Direction* consists of five boys Niall Horan, Zayn Malik, Liam Payne, Harry Styles, and Louis Tomlinson. Each of the boys tried out for The X Factor for the boys' single category, but none of the boys made it. A guest judge on the show suggested to the boys come together to make on band and *One Direction* was born. They then qualified in the group section of the show. *One Direction* crushed the competition throughout the ten week show. They were the only group to make it to the final show where they came in third place.

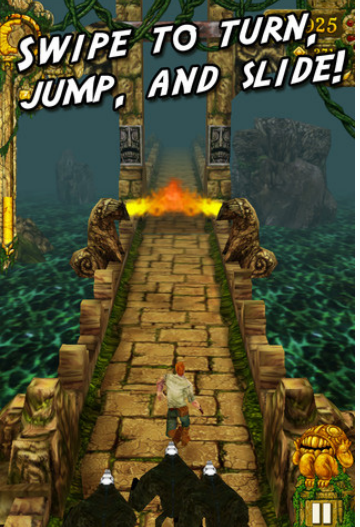
*One Direction's* first single “What Makes You Beautiful”, came out on September 11,

2011. The song instantly made it to #1 on UK single chart, and it's a huge hit with teenagers in the United States. The song has the right amount of pop and sounds a little like the song “Summer Loving” from the 1978 movie, *Grease*, but it is still amazing.

Shortly after unveiling their first single, *One Direction* debuted their next single “Gotta Be You” on November 13, 2011. This of course was a huge hit with the band's growing fan base.

Their album “Up All Night” came out on November 21, 2011. The album has 13 great songs. When the album hit the UK Album Chart it was number two. It sold 138,631 copies, the highest for a number two album in 2011. It also has been on the top of the charts all around the world.

*One Direction* is bringing back boy pop bands. They have the potential to be one of the classics one day (like the Backstreet Boys and N'Sync) with their great songs.



Tope CSH iPhone Apps Hanging With Friends and Temple Run (left to right)

## Must Have iPhone Apps

**By Daniella Rizos and Lizzy Libretti**

Top 5 iPhone apps Cold Spring Harbor students are going crazy over!

**Tiny Tower:** We rated this 7.5/10

Tiny tower is a game where players try to build a tower with all different floors. The floors a person can build are residential, creative, retail, recreation, service, and food. The residential floors are for getting bitizens to live in your building and work for you. If you tap on one of the bitizens, you can see their rating in a job type and what their dream job is. Putting bitizens in their dream job will make the number of items to stock increase while keeping the cost the same. The rest of the floors help you earn money to build more floors. In order to earn money, the players must stock

their floors to sell the products. Bitizens may come to your building at any time and request to go to a certain floor. They will use the elevators, which are slow at first but if you save your bux you can get upgraded ones that will go faster. Some bitizens that come to your building are called VIPs. The VIPs do many different things, one of them takes three hours off stocking, another one takes three hours off construction, and there is one that increases the amount of items sold and a real-estate agent that brings bitizens to your residential floors. The great thing about this game is that it is a progressive game so you don't have to constantly play it. However, the game may get a little annoying with all the waiting.

**Temple Run:** We rated this 9.5/10

Imagine you are explor-

ing a temple, when all of a sudden you find wild, man-eating, crazy monkeys chasing you. What do you do? Surrender? No. You're an explorer. You don't want to die, so you run. Through a series of twists and turns, you manage to prevent the primates from devouring you. But they're still behind you, don't trip, two trips kill you. Don't crash into the fire or run into the tree trunk, you need jump and slide your way through these obstacles. Every time you die, you receive more coins to purchase upgrades in the store. Although this game has fabulous graphics, its sensory can become frustrating when you do not make the move you intended. But be warned! This game is highly addictive, bum-bum-bum.

**Words With Friends:** We rated this 8/10

This game is a variation

of the popular board game, Scrabble. Players compete against their friends or a random opponent. This game can get irritating when you find your competition using a “cheat app” which tells you the word that will be the highest scoring. There is, however, a chat feature where players can communicate with each other. This game can be dull, considering you have to wait for your competitor to make a move. This may be the reason players continue to play. Sometimes you don't want to constantly play a game, so it's nice that you get a break. You can also play multiple games at once.

**Hanging With Friends:** We rated this 9.2/10

This has become a Cold Spring Harbor phenomenon. Students are playing with any competitor they can find. “There are many glitches, but it's a really fun

game! I like playing with people who I don't really know as an opportunity to make new acquaintances!” says sophomore Avery Bandoian. *Hanging with Friends* is similar to hangman, where players use multiple letters to create a word for the other opponent to guess. You must guess letters in order to try and figure out the unknown word. You get a certain number of “strikes” that depends on the length of the word, so be careful which letters you choose. As a bonus, players can connect to Facebook so they don't need to go through the trouble of finding out each other's usernames. Like *Words with Friends*, these games are not continuous, which is both a pro and a con.



# What is SAPP?

By Peri Colon

For the past three weeks, CSH 9<sup>th</sup> graders have been taking a Substance Abuse Prevention Program, otherwise known as SAPP. Through these informative sessions, students learn about the dangers and consequences of drug, alcohol, and substance abuse. Although most of the material isn't new to the students, it reminds everyone about how harmful drugs and alcohol can be. Recently our nation has experienced increasing popularity of some dangerous drugs. Students are thoroughly informed of what these drugs are, what they can do to us, and how we can avoid them. After a few classes, groups of students go and talk to their guidance counselors. During these sessions, students talk about analyzing problems and how to work them out in a mature and smart way. Students are reminded of how the different scenarios can happen to them and have happened many, many times before. Students were also introduced to Suffolk County' Social Host Law that started in February 2011. The Social Host Law was made to discourage adolescent

drinking parties and gatherings in which adults allow underage drinking of alcohol or alcoholic beverages. This law applies to parents and adults over the age of 18 allowing alcohol consumption by people under the age of 21. This law applies to adults who are responsible for allowing the parties or gatherings at somewhere that is under their control, even if they do not provide the alcohol. Also, adults can be charged when they do not take "reasonable corrective action" after learning of the consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages by the minors on their grounds. Reasonable Corrective Action includes (but is not limited to) demanding that the people on their ground must stop drinking and leave. I think this is a very positive program. I believe it will have a good affect on the students participating in it. This program has definitely changed the way I look at substance abuse. I learned that the consequences of substance abuse can be very dangerous and seriously ruin someone's life. I also feel that it has improved my decision making and how I deal with difficult situations.

# CSH's First Ever 3 v. 3 Basketball Tournament



By Victoria Rizos and Chandler Reiter

After the Dodgeball Tournament, many students were left wondering what and when the next school activity would be. Their questions were answered when the freshmen student council members decided to have a 3 vs. 3 basketball tournament to raise money for their class funds. The basketball tournament was originally supposed to be on Saturday, January 14, but due to a lack of participants, it had to be postponed. Only ten teams consisting of three players were signed up to compete originally, as opposed to dodgeball which had fifty teams with five players. When you compare the two tournaments, there is a 192 person difference and the student council just wasn't satisfied. The student council decided that if there was more time for people to think about it, more teams would sign up. On top of this, the council didn't fully work out all of the minor details. However, they still wanted to hold the event, and went through with the plans anyway. Certain teachers decided to support the event by offering extra credit for students who compete. Students of Mrs. Monck-Rowley were given the option to



have Spanish themed team names and costumes for extra credit. As one of the freshman class advisors, Ms. Monck-Rowley wants to support their class as much as she can. The event was finally held on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Much like dodgeball, there were both boys and girls competing for separate titles. There were teams from every grade competing, with many donning basketball jerseys and other costumes. Seniors proved dominant, flaunting their height and athleticism to make up most of the final rounds. However, one junior team, led by Varsity player Josh Brown, proved a worthy match for the older students. They faced a senior team in the finals, consisting of Luke O'Connell, Timmy Schnier, and Matt Bayern. This older group, wearing Hawaiian shirts, specialized in flashy moves, with killer hook shots from each player being displayed all night. However, they couldn't bring down Josh Brown, who hit multiple threes early to put his team up, and eventually win the tournament. The tournament, while not as popular as the dodgeball event, was a great success, and continued the streak of great weekend events offered to Cold Spring Harbor students.

# CSH is Educated on Addictions



By Jacqueline Lefkowitz and Maria Stamatos

Melissa Wayne, from the Pederson-Krag Center in Huntington, works to rehabilitate people facing various types of addiction. Part of this process requires reaching out to kids to educate them about the consequences of drugs and alcohol. She visited CSH on January 9<sup>th</sup> to give a presentation to the junior class about substance abuse. During the assembly, Wayne discussed the many laws that have been created as a result of tragic events involving teens. These laws include minors not being able to check themselves out of rehab and a zero-tolerance policy for a person driving under the influence with children in the car. She also talked about how a rising amount of kids are getting prescription

drugs from their parent's medicine cabinets. This can lead to serious addictions and an increased number of drug overdoses from abusing the written prescriptions. Wayne also discussed the rising use of marijuana and how many teens are viewing it as "good" drug. Most kids believe the drug is not addictive, but Wayne claimed that it was because any drug can break the bonds in the brain which rewires the brain to require the drug in daily life. It is also considered a gate-way drug along with alcohol and tobacco. This means that once a person starts using these drugs, that person is likely to continue on experimenting with other more dangerous drugs. During the assembly, Wayne showed the students how our society and today's media make

drugs and alcohol seem tolerable. She played songs such as "Shots" by LMFAO, which she viewed as a recipe book for drinks, "Empire State of Mind" by Jay-Z featuring Alicia Keys, which states "MDMA got you feeling like a champion, the city never sleeps better slip you an ambient", and "Blame It" by Jaime Foxx. She then showed pictures of several celebrities who have died or abused drugs or alcohol. Pictures of Heath Ledger, Michael Jackson, Charlie Sheen, Amy Winehouse, and David Hasselhoff were a few of the examples in this section of the presentation. The Pederson-Krag Center that Wayne works at offers many programs to help addicts. They offer Admissions and Emergency Services, Assertive Community Treatment, Addiction Recovery Services, Clinic Case Management, Compulsive Gambling Program, Mental Health Services, Partial Hospitalization Program, and Supported Housing Program. Their mission statement is "to offer a continuum of out-patient, community and school based mental health and addiction recovery services; and to provide quality services to children, adults and families in a manner that fosters dignity and respect and empowers individuals to become full participants in their own recovery and independent members of the community." Other than their Huntington office they are located in Dix Hills, Smithtown, Wyandanch, Setauket, and Co-ram. They hope to continue their mission of helping those in need.

# Help With The Prom Theme

By Gemma Colon

Though it's not traditional in CSH, questions have been raised regarding whether or not this year's Junior Prom should have a theme. Junior Prom will be held at Muttontown Country Club. This is a beautiful location which should ensure an entertaining and successful night. If the majority of the students attending prom agree on a theme, then the prom committee can work towards choosing the most appropriate one and acquiring

the necessary decorations. Of course, there are pros and cons to the addition of a theme for prom. If it is something the junior class wants to do seriously, it will cost money. A theme will require more work and expenses for the class. Juniors will need to work harder at every at profitable school event, such as Class Olympics (where the proceeds will go to the victorious class). Class representative Stephanie Mahder has given me the honor of a sneak peek into a

few prom theme options. There are a variety of choices for the prom committee to consider. Some of these include Under the Sea, Hidden Garden, or Hollywood red carpet. The prom last year did not have a theme. However, with this years location change, a theme might be nice. If anyone has any questions or opinions, talk to a class representative or join prom committee!

# A Piano For Art Club



By Daniella Rizos

The CSH Music Department had a piano so out of tune

that it would cost more to fix it than it was worth. So instead of getting rid of it, the Music Depart-

ment decided to make good use it. They gave it to the Art Club to design. The students in Art Club accepted this opportunity at once and began work on it the moment the piano was brought to them. Students in Art Club are painting the piano in the theme of Kandinsky. Kandinsky was a Russian painter who was inspired by music and created abstract works of art. The Art Club feels he is the perfect inspiration because he is a combination of both ideas; music and art. The piano will be seen at various school events, including the school play *Barnum*, in an effort to attract the attention of people in an attempt to receive donations for the music department. Chandler Reiter says, "Its fun to express ourselves by painting the piano while knowing it is helping a good cause." Lizzy Libretti thinks this is a very creative and fun way to raise money for a good cause.



# A Quiz-Testing Day?

By Jane Blumin

Have you ever had more than one test in a day? I know I have, and so have many other students. In the Cold Spring Harbor assignment pad there is a section that assigns each subject a day to give tests. The reason this exists is to balance students work load. The only problem with this rule is that the majority of teachers do not use it.

“Just last week, I had four tests in one day and only one was on its proper day! It was ridiculous!” says Lizzy Libretti, a frustrated student.

Another problem that most students have is how teachers give full period quizzes. In the

Cold Spring Harbor assignment pad it says that quizzes should be about 20 minutes long. Some teachers give quizzes that take 40 minutes to finish, these should not be considered quizzes, they should be tests.

There should not only be a test day, but there should be a quiz day as well. “I study as much for quizzes as I do for tests! Quizzes matter too!” says Chandler Reiter.

In order for students to do well and balance their schedules, teachers should follow their testing days. Do these rules really help Cold Spring Harbor students?

# Walk Off The Earth



By Shanna Grant

The band *Walk off the Earth* has become a top YouTube sensation following its January 5th release of its new cover of Goyte’s Somebody That I Used to Know. Sarah Blackwood, Gianni Luminati, Ryan Marshall, Mike Taylor, and Joel Cassidy perform the song while surrounding a single guitar. During the band’s appearance on January 23rd’s episode of the Ellen DeGeneres Show, Sarah Blackwood stated that the reason for the use of one guitar was simply that there was only one guitar at their disposal.

*Walk off the Earth* has its roots in Burlington, Ontario, Canada. The five person band describes itself as “one of the only ‘truly’ Independent bands in the music industry today” because it has had no help from record companies or labels. Most of the band’s music consists of covers of popular songs such as LMFAO’s “Party Rock Anthem”, Adele’s “Someone Like You”, and Rihan-

na’s “Cheers”. On January 11<sup>th</sup>, the band released its original single entitled “These Times”.

*Walk off the Earth’s* music covers a wide range of genres, but always has the unique feel that comes only with their music. The band takes pride in the originality of their videos and their ability to produce music in its natural form.

One of the band members, Sarah Blackwood, is an independent artist. According to her artist page on facebook, Sarah Blackwood has released 3 albums, 2 full length studio albums, and one live self-release since 2008. She has performed in various locations throughout Canada and Europe. Sarah often performs with *Walk off the Earth* band mate, Gianni Luminati. The two are best friends and frequently write and perform their own music under the name Gianni and Sarah.

*Walk off the Earth* and Gianni and Sarah’s music can be found on iTunes.

# Global Warming in CSH

By Shanna Grant

What happened to a white Christmas? It’s 45 degrees outside, less than half the trails open at New England ski resorts, and Christmas sweaters have been traded in for t-shirts. Will global warming’s impact on vacations and traditions promote increased awareness about the environment?

According to ecologic.org, global warming is an increase in global temperatures and is caused by the addition of carbon dioxide into the environment. If left untreated, global warming can cause increased desertification, hurricanes, and flooding.

What effect does global warming have on people and on society? Are animals affected? Vacations? Agriculture?

Take a look at the polar bear. According to the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), polar bears are marine animals who spend the majority of their time in the water, but who find their food on the arctic ice. As the global temperature increases, the amount of arctic ice decreases, meaning that polar bears have less room to search for food. The NWF states that the average polar

bear’s weight has decreased by 15 pounds, causing a decline in polar bear birth rate. This decreased birth rate has caused a decline in polar bear population. If this continues approximately two thirds of the polar bear population will have disappeared by 2050. According to the NWF, one scientist hypothesized that all summer arctic ice could be gone by 2012. That’s this year. This summer.

What about vacations? During Christmas break, I skied multiple mountains in Maine and New Hampshire. Less than half of the runs were open; those that were, were a sheet of ice. It was too warm for snowmaking; there were patches of dirt and grass sticking through the snow. People in New Hampshire skied without jackets – only sweatshirts.

Skiing is my favorite sport, and I’m not sure how I feel about the worsening conditions taking that joy away from me.

And agriculture? According to the center for global development, an increase in temperature is expected to cause world total crop yield to decline by anywhere from three to sixteen percent by the 2080’s. In developing and warmer countries, the

crop yield decrease could amount to values over 50 percent; in America, up to 35 percent.

Global warming not only causes an increase in temperature, but, according to environmental-graffiti.com, also causes lengthy cold spells and violent thunderstorms. According to BBC’s gardening guide, cold temperatures can cause the water in plants to freeze, ultimately causing damage to roots and leaves, leaving a plant unable to thrive. Plants end up dying, causing a decrease in agricultural output which inflicts upon humanity a decrease in food products that are necessary to survive.

It’s not too late to help the environment. According to ourearth.org, small things like turning off the lights after leaving a room or using cold water to wash clothes can be major steps toward improving the environment. One could also unplug electronics when they are not being used, recycle, and buy fresh, organic fruits and vegetables. It does not matter how small the deed; any action taken towards helping the environment, if taken daily, can help lead to major, noticeable improvements.

# NY Giants In The Superbowl



By Olivia Ngai

This year’s 46<sup>th</sup> annual super bowl is a repeat of the 2007 game at Dolphin Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida, where the New England Patriots took on the New York Giants.

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, the Giants went up against the San Francisco 49ers to see who would go on to play in the super bowl. At the end of the fourth quarter the two teams were tied at 17-17, which led to an exhilarating overtime. New York Giants kicker, Lawrence Tynes, got a chance to win the NFC championship in overtime. Tynes had kicked a 31 yard field goal after the 49ers fumbled a punt in overtime, which led the team to victory with a final

score at 20-17.

Also on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, the New England Patriots played opponent, Baltimore Ravens. It was a close game, but New England managed to take the victory, with the final score 23-20. This means the Patriots are going to play the Giants in the super bowl.

The 46<sup>th</sup> super bowl will take place on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Lucas Oil Stadium. Many crazed fans already have their nights planned out to watch the big game with family and friends. There is even a countdown to kickoff on the official NFL website. This game is especially huge because it is a repeat of the competitors from the 2007 super bowl. That super bowl ended with a New

York Giants victory. Peyton Manning was named the game’s MVP, completing 25 out of 38 passes for 247 yards and a touchdown with one interception for a passer rate at 81.1. This was Manning’s first super bowl title after his nine year football career.

Many people are wondering how the outcome of this year’s game will turn out due to the history between the two teams. Hopefully, the giants will take another win, but we don’t want to jinx them. We have a great half time show with performers like LMFAO and Madonna. Hopefully this will be a great victory for us Giants fans out there!

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# How To Ask Your Date To Prom:

By Gemma Colon

Last year around this time, the first person was asked to prom. What that means is sooner rather than later, the prom date drama will explode. Not sure how to ask your potential date? Don’t fret! Here are a few examples of last year’s prom-asking highlights and a few fresh ideas for this year.

Last year, one of my personal favorite invitations consisted of a junior boy asking a sophomore girl by buying her a pizza pie with the word “PROM?” spelt out in pepperoni. This has the perfect balance of originality and comical

relief. There’s also a gift of delicious pizza to celebrate with after the inevitable answer of “yes” because who could turn that down?

If somebody would rather keep things casual, he or she could just ask his or her date walking down the hallway. If you know your date is shy and hates public attention, you can totally disregard that and ask them over the loudspeaker after morning announcements.

Another clever idea could be bringing him/her into your car and tell them something is on their face. When they look

into the mirror, have “PROM?” written on the mirror.

Here is a GREAT one. Put Hershey kisses all over the person’s floor in their room with a sign that says “Now that I’ve kissed that ground that you walk on, will you go to prom with me?”. So romantic!

There is no reason to hold back on the prom invitation. Have some fun with it and make it special. There will probably only be one time that you will get to ask a guy or a girl to prom, so consider that. Good luck and for more creative ideas just ask Gemma!



# Seahawks in Action

## Girls Basketball



By Harborview Staff

After a spectacular season last year, the Girls' Varsity Basketball team is charging out of the gates, with an undefeated record in their conference. Led by Captains Gabby Doria, Jean Atkinson, and Katie

Durand, the team currently holds a 9-2 overall record, with the only losses recorded against out of conference teams. The continued success of the team hinges on the return of most of the starting players from last year. Gabby Doria is continu-

ing to dominate the low post with her above-average height, and Jean Atkinson has returned with her feisty play at the top of the key. However, this is the last year for those two seniors. The time to capitalize on their play is now. The team hasn't showed any signs of letting up against conference opponents. The final stage for this team to bring home a championship is to solidify their dominance against out-of-league teams, even if these teams' styles of play are new to them. Yet with the experience and chemistry of many returning players, it seems that their chances are as good now as they will ever be. The Lady Seahawks have their final home game of the season on Friday, February 10th in the field house. The Student Council is supporting CSH sports by helping to "Pack the Ralph." The Student Council will be selling pizza, candy, drinks, and baked goods. They will be having t-shirt tosses throughout the night and a half-court shot at half time for one of the lucky fans. This is a great way to build school spirit and support the Lady Seahawks just as we supported the Boys' team a couple weekends ago. Admission is free and the competition should be fierce. Don't miss the last girls' game of the season, which will determine their standing in the playoffs! We hope you can make it.

## Boys Basketball



By Olivia Ngai

A few days before winter break, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, Cold Spring Harbor went up against Jericho. The boys knew they were going to have to play their best because Jericho was sure to be a tough opponent. However, this game was considered to be non-league, therefore not counted towards playoff standings. After a relatively well fought three quarters, the Seahawks collapsed in the final period. The final score was 46-25, with Jericho leaving with a win. The boy's basketball team played Garden City on December 30<sup>th</sup>. New comer, Wes Szajna scored a total of 5 points, and Bobby Vavassis, a total of 2. Captain Kevin Porzelt had a solid game, with a total of 14 points. Though the team made some strides forwards, this loss brought their record to an ugly 0-5. The boys made great progress against conference 2<sup>nd</sup> seed Locust Valley. There was a large home crowd, and it was quite loud in the Ralph Whitney field house. Josh Brown and Ben Jay were available after spend-

ing time with injuries, giving the Seahawks a much needed burst of energy. After losing for much of the game, they were able to pull ahead by one point with 6:35 left on the clock. The crowd went wild. However, with 30 seconds left on the clock, Bradley Conn from Locust Valley gave Locust Valley a 3 point lead. We gained possession and needed a 3-pointer to tie the game up. Sadly, Locust Valley played tight defense, and the basket didn't fall. Captain Kevin Porzelt and Junior Josh Brown scored 21 out of the 35 total points. The final score was 38-35. They finally began to look like worthy competitors. The first victory finally came against Carle Place, sparking a turning point of the season for the Seahawks. Kevin Porzelt was the top scorer with 16 points, and Josh Brown scored 15. Sophomore Ben Jay had a total of 16 rebounds. These contributions led to a 57-29 Seahawks' win. Despite bad luck from Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, the team played great against Wheatley, recording their second win. Josh Brown led the team with a clutch fourth

quarter performance, received 10 out of his 18 points fourth quarter. Ben Jay had another double-digits rebound game, with 13 boards and another solid performance. The final score was 41-38. Another victory against Friends Academy capped a 3 game winning streak, with a double-double from Bobby Vavassis helping the Seahawks to another victory. This victory brought the Seahawks up to 5<sup>th</sup> place in the conference. After a loss to Oyster Boy, the Seahawks recorded their most electrifying win yet. A Friday night game against Malverne brought a huge crowd to the high school, with expectations high for the team to continue their success. After being down for most of the game, Josh Brown, Kevin Porzelt, and Senior Luke O'Connell dominated in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter for a 7 point win. The students in attendance stormed the court after the victory, celebrating the stunning performance from the team. After many struggles early on, it seems as though the varsity boys' basketball team has finally found a groove.

## Varsity Fencing



By John Toomy

The winter fencing season has come to a close. The last meet before the playoffs took place on January 30<sup>th</sup>, where the Cold Spring Harbor Seahawks were defeated by Oyster Bay. This loss brought the team's record to a final 2 to 9. Despite their losing record, the team has high hopes to qualify. The female division of

this team has only five fencers, making it nearly impossible for them to win. They cannot afford to lose more than one bout without losing the overall match. The coaches for the fencing team this year were Coach Wagner, who coached here two years ago, and the new assistant Coach Monfredo. The team captains were sabers James Toomey and Michael Flanagan.

## Varsity Wrestling

By Victoria Rizos

So far this season, the Varsity Wrestling Team has 9-16 record. The team's biggest rivals are Oyster Bay and Locust Valley. Their next big competition is the County Championship. This

tournament is broken up into two days. The first day will be at Minneola and the second day will be at Hofstra University. We wish them good luck at the tournament and hope they do well in their upcoming matches.

## Gymnastics

By Mimi McCann

The Varsity Gymnastics Team has been doing well in their past few competitions. On January 6, their first meet post-holiday break, the Seahawks were able to win against Valley Stream Central High School; a strong start to the New Year. At their next meet at Garden City High School on January 9<sup>th</sup>, they were short some of their top competitors. Senior captain Chase Burke and freshman Maddie Ruocco couldn't make it and unfortunately the team lost. However, the girls were able to come back in their next meet against Port Washington on January 11<sup>th</sup>. On January 14<sup>th</sup>, the Seahawks had a meet against Carle Place. It was close but the Seahawks lost

in the final score. They came out with a win on January 17<sup>th</sup> against South Side High School. Their second exhibition meet on January 27<sup>th</sup> was against one of the top teams in the county, Hicksville High School. Top competitors, 8<sup>th</sup> grader Lindsay Herling and Maddie Ruocco, did not compete on all events which hurt the Seahawks overall score and they unfortunately lost. Cold Spring Harbor won against Roslyn High school on January 30<sup>th</sup>, but they lost their last meet of their regular season to Great Neck South on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The team will be hosting the Coaches Invitational's on February 11<sup>th</sup> in the Field House. Try to come out and support the Seahawks!

