Rain is in the Air!!

Welcome to our online edition. We are proud to present new articles in a different media. We are able to create more content faster, because we don’t have to go through the printing process. We hope you enjoy this paper; we put a lot of hard work into it.

In This Issue...

- Religious Freedom
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- Writing for the Paper
- Jokes
- And more...
Once upon a time, the hardest type of math was shapes. Now, the easiest type of math would have 5 year old me saying, “There aren’t letters in math.” Most of the time, I wish I was back in preschool, when the most important thing on my mind was the episode of Dora I would watch after school. Now, I have to worry about homework, and studying for that test, and finishing that project. When does it end? I’ve decided to throw it back to when we were kids, and think about the good old times, and then bringing it forward to some of the not so great times.

*Then:* Disney Channel used to be the bomb.com. Like Hannah Montana, yes please. Wizards of Waverly Place was amazing. And, High School Musical? High School musical is *everything.*

*Now:* Okay, we need to talk about Disney channel. First off, Dog With a Blog? What? There is a High School Musical 4 coming out, but it doesn't even include Troy and Gabriella. Really, Disney Channel? I shipped them before I knew what shipping was.

*Then:* Getting ready used to be so easy. Your mom picked out an outfit (It may not have matched, but hey! Less work.) And then you brushed your hair for 0.5 seconds, before walking out the door.

*Now:* Now, it takes like 3 days to get ready in the morning, at least for me. I have to choose an outfit that matches and is comfortable. Then, I have to do my hair, and brushing your hair for 0.5 seconds doesn't do anymore. Lastly, I do my makeup.

*Then:* Homework. I remember this one time in preschool I went to Florida for like a week and the only homework I had was a shape worksheet. All I had to do was color the shapes in. Not draw them, just color them in.

*Now:* Now, however? If I was gone for a day, I would have homework in all of my classes, have at least one test to makeup, and start a project (this actually happened, by the way.) Lets just wait till high school!
SpaceX designs, manufactures and launches advanced rockets and spacecraft. The company was founded in 2002 by Elon Musk to revolutionize space technology, with the ultimate goal of enabling people to live on other planets.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT SPACEX:

Vehicles: 3 | Manifest: 75+ | Employees: 4,000+

SpaceX has gained attention for a series of historic milestones. It is the only private company ever to return a spacecraft from low-Earth orbit, which it first accomplished in December 2010. The company made history again in May 2012 when its Dragon spacecraft attached to the International Space Station, exchanged cargo payloads, and returned safely to Earth — a technically challenging feat previously accomplished only by governments. Since then, Dragon has delivered cargo to and from the space station multiple times, providing regular cargo resupply missions for NASA.

About the Falcon 9:

Falcon 9 is a two-stage rocket designed and manufactured by SpaceX for the reliable and safe transport of satellites and the Dragon spacecraft into orbit. As the first rocket completely developed in the 21st century, Falcon 9 was designed from the ground up for maximum reliability. Falcon 9’s simple two-stage configuration minimizes the number of separation events — and with nine first-stage engines, it can safely complete its mission even in the event of an engine shutdown.

Falcon 9 made history in 2012 when it delivered Dragon into the correct orbit for rendezvous with the International Space Station, making SpaceX the first commercial company ever to visit the station. Since then SpaceX has made a total of three flights to the space station, both delivering and returning cargo for NASA. Falcon 9, along with the Dragon spacecraft, was designed from the outset to deliver humans into space and under an agreement with NASA, SpaceX is actively working toward that goal. The Falcon 9 can either hold a Dragon Spacecraft or a composite fairing for satellite type cargo.

DRAGON SPACECRAFT:

Dragon carries cargo in the spacecraft’s pressurized capsule and unpressurized trunk, which can also accommodate secondary payloads. In the future, Dragon will carry astronauts in the pressurized capsule as well.

COMPOSITE FAIRING:

The payload fairing is for the delivery of satellites to destinations in low Earth orbit (LEO), geosynchronous transfer orbit (GTO) and beyond.

FIRST STAGE:

Falcon 9’s first stage incorporates nine Merlin engines and aluminum-lithium alloy tanks containing liquid oxygen and rocket-grade kerosene (RP-1) propellant. After ignition, a hold-before-release system ensures that all engines are verified for full-thrust performance before the rocket is released for flight. Then, with thrust greater than five 747s at full power, the Merlin engines launch the rocket to space. Unlike airplanes, a rocket's thrust actually increases with altitude; Falcon 9 generates more than 1.5 million pounds of thrust at sea level but gets up to nearly 1.7 million pounds of thrust in the vacuum of space. The first stage engines are gradually throttled near the end of first-stage flight to limit launch vehicle acceleration as the rocket’s mass decreases with the burning of fuel.

SECOND STAGE

The second stage, powered by a single Merlin vacuum engine, delivers Falcon 9’s payload to the desired orbit. The second stage engine ignites a few seconds after stage separation, and can be restarted multiple times to place multiple payloads into different orbits. For maximum reliability, the second stage has redundant igniter systems. Like the first stage, the second stage is made from a high-strength aluminum-lithium alloy.
Religious Freedom Bills

By Wade Boohar

Religious freedom bills have been a hot topic in the news lately, but you may wonder what exactly they are. The one in the news that has been full of controversy was signed into law by the Mississippi state government. This law protects businesses and religious groups from punishment if they refuse certain services such as wedding planning, counseling, and adoption to lesbian, gay, transgender, and bisexual people based on “sincerely held religious beliefs or convictions.”

Advocates of the bill say it protects the First Amendment rights. William Perkins, an editor for The Baptist Record, says, “What the LGBT political machine sees as discrimination, we see as protection of rights as old as the United States itself, and that it is the right to worship as we please.” Others argue that it makes discrimination legal. Page Pate, an Atlanta lawyer and legal analyst says, “In Mississippi, like Georgia, it is already completely legal for businesses to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in housing and employment decisions.” Whichever side of this argument you belong to, you can for sure say that the fate of it will be history for years to come.
Don’t Judge a Person’s Appearance

By Ryan and Quinten

When someone is wearing different clothes you shouldn’t judge them, instead you should tell them that they are wearing nice clothes or that they look good. Sometimes you might hear someone making fun of someone else for not having “the latest fashion”. Not only did you hurt that person’s feelings, but you never know what they could be going through at home. They might not be able to afford it or some other personal reason and if you make fun of them all your doing is making that person get down on themselves. So you can’t judge someone without knowing there personal life.

Sometimes a kid might not have enough money to purchase nice clothes. You never know what will happen. Maybe one day you will end up not making enough money to give your children good clothes and other things that they want. It’s really hard to understand what people are going through or if someone is just out of fashion. Life is not as easy as you think it is, out in the real world it’s really hard to keep a steady job and supply for a family.
Cool Things You Can Do on Google (and other sites)

By Chase and Caden

Do a barrel roll!–
If you search this famous line from Star Fox on Google, the page will appropriately spin in response.

Google philosophy– Have you ever pondered the meaning of life, the universe, and everything? Google can answer, in a nod to Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy.

An interface for everyone!– Have you ever felt that the regular Google interface was not good enough for you? Well you are in luck if you like to speak like a pirate or use 133t sp34k the pirate and hacker interfaces respectively are for you!

Interesting words– upon searching the words askew, anagram, and recursion bring up some interesting suggestions relating to their definitions.

Youtube’s secret game– Google knows how to make the best out of a bad situation, for example, the dinosaur game you can play when you don’t have internet access. A much less known game is Youtube’s version of snake which can be activated by pressing an arrow key while the video loads.
Gay Marriage

By: Aabiyas Wakes

Gay marriage is a marriage between two of the same sex, some people think it’s right and some think it’s wrong. In China, two men took it into their own hands and sued because they were rejected to be married. I’m out to find other people’s opinions about this. These are the questions I asked to students:

Question: How do you feel about gay marriage?
Do you think this is an important freedom law so that people can make their own decisions?
Do you think that laws should change, and why?

Quinten: it doesn't really bother me that much if you want to be gay then you do.
Yes, they should be able to love who they want I mean like if you’re gay go do what ever you want.
I don’t really know if laws should be changed because of this because I don’t even pay attention to stuff like this.

Miya: I think Gay marriage is pretty weird because its against what I believe in.
No, this isn't an important freedom law. God made man to be with woman.
No, because it’s not my choice. If you’re gay, you’re gay, I can’t do anything about that.
Golden State Warriors
Break Record
By: Robert Munch and Zach Willoughby

The Golden State Warriors have broken the record for the best record in NBA history, after defeating the Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday night. The record was previously held by the 95-96 Chicago Bulls, featuring players like Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman, and Steve Kerr. Steve Kerr is also the coach of this Warriors team. The record for best record will now go from 72-10 to 73-9. This record was fueled by a 24-0 start to the season which was also the record for best start to a season.

We also interviewed some students about the game and what their thoughts were between the 95-96 Bulls and the 2016 Warriors. Also if you didn’t know Kobe Bryant played his final game of his career the same night the Warrior’s broke the record.

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Kobe’s Farewell

Kobe has played 20 years for the Lakers and his final game was also Wednesday night against the Utah Jazz. Kobe ended his game historically going 22-50 with 60 points. Kobe ended his career at the Staples center with a speech that ended with “Mamba Out”. Kobe will go down in history as one of the greatest to ever play.
Why did the chewing gum cross the road?

He was stuck to the chicken's foot.

What did the dad buffalo say to his son on his first day of school?

Bison

What animal rotates at least 200 times after death?

A rotisserie chicken

A woman noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scale sucking in his stomach. “Ha! That’s not going to help,” she said.

“Sure it does,” he said. “It’s the only way I can see the numbers.”

What is red and smells like blue paint?

Red Paint

What do you call bears with no ears?

B

How does NASA organize a party?

They planet

What is the resemblance between a red apple and a green apple?

They’re both red except for the green one.
No matter who you are, how famous you are, how rich you are, being racist is not funny. Racism is judging a group of people on their physical appearance and their native country without any regard for their true qualities. Even if you are joking around with your friend and don’t really mean it, people can still hear you, and it is NOT funny to them in the least. Using the N word, even if you are African-American, doesn’t change anything. If you hear people being racist or making racist jokes that are offensive to you or anybody, you need to act, and not just “Suck it up”, as many people will tell you. Racism may be funny to you now, but there’s nothing funny about getting sued, losing your job, reputation, and social status because of one joke or word. Nothing’s funny about that.
Recently the Mississippi governor signed a “religious freedom” bill into a law. This bill is extremely controversial. A similar law has been passed in Dakota. This bill states that the Mississippi government will not punish people who refuse service to people because of their religious opposition to same-sex marriage, extramarital marriage, transgender people or anyone in the LGBT/SAGA community.

People against the law have coined the phrase “no hate in my state.” They say that the law opens up the opportunity for more segregation and discrimination. The Mississippi Manufacturers Association, Nissan North American and Tyson Foods had been advocating for the governor to veto the bill.

Supporters of this law say that it protects people who now live in a country where same-sex marriage is legal, even though they are against homosexuality. Another supporter says that this law reinforces rights that are already given to the American people.

Recently in Kansas an anti-gay segregation bill was passed by the House of Represent-atives. This bill is similar to the law that was recently passed in Mississip-pi, as it protects people who refuse services to people in the LGBT com-munity, and they can’t be punished by the government. This bill has a high chance of being passed by the Re-publican senate and the Republican gov-ernor.

The purple states have laws that protect against discrimination about sexual orienta-tion and gender identity. Blue states have laws that protect sexual orientation. Gray states protect neither.
New Books Coming Out

By Mia Iandolo

There are a lot of new books coming out this year. Whether you like non-fiction, fantasy, or a genre in-between, this year there is a book for you. Even if you just want a few books so that you can participate in summer reading, or if you just need a book, there is always a book for you. Here is a list of some of the must reads.

- Lodestar by Shannon Messenger is the fifth book in The Keepers of the Lost Cities series. It is released on November 1st, 2016.
- The Rose and the Dagger by Renee Ahdieh is the sequel to The Wrath and Red Dawn. It is also set to release on May 3rd.
- Heartless by Marissa Meyer is due to be released on November 8th, 2016.
- A Torch Against the Night by Sabaa Tahir is the sequel to An Ember in the Ashes. It is set to come out on August 30th, 2016.
- The Raven King by Maggie Steifvater is the last book in the Raven Boys series. It is set to be released April 26th, 2016.
- The Crown’s Game by Evelyn Skye is due to be released May 7th, 2016.
- The Square Root of Summer by Harriet Reuter Hapgood is set to be released on May 3rd, 2016.

Read at least one of the books on this list, or if you can’t do that just read the summary. As Ernest Hemingway said, “There is no friend as loyal as a book.” Enjoy your reading!!!
Ideas for SUMMER!!!

BY: Libbie and Savannah

- If you like to cook: Overland Park Farmers Market, Brookside Farmers Market, City Market, The Culinary Center of Kansas City, and lots of food trucks!! :)

- If you like concerts: Twenty-one Pilots, Carrie Underwood, 5SOS, Selena Gomez, Demi Lovato, and Red White and Boom (has artist like Flo Rida and Cash Cash) are all here this summer!!

- If you like sports: Royals games, Sporting games, Chiefs pre season game, Top Golf, Foot Golf, WWE Smack Down, Collage Basketball Experience, and Negro League Hall of Fame are all in town to visit this summer!!

- If it is hot: Oceans of Fun, Schlitterbahn, Black Bob Bay, Coldstone, DQ, Sayla’s and Maddie's, Orange Leaf, and even Costco are great places to cool of and/or get ice cream.

- Free places: Deanna Rose Farmstead, the Nelson-Atkins Art Museum, walk around IKEA, Valley Park, Lake Olathe, JCCC tennis courts, neighborhood pool, and walk around the mall!!

- Authors ideas for places to eat: Jose Peppers, Slim Chickens, Spin pizza, Joe's Kansas City, and Pei Wei!!

- Camps at OE: Basketball (boys and girls), Baseball, soccer (boys and girls), football, softball, tennis (boys and girls), Track ( boys and girls), gymnastics, and volleyball. If any of those interest you check out OE’s website!!

- At CT this summer: Drill Team Camp (drill team only), Football camp, Basketball camp, Volleyball camp, and Basketball camp!

We hope at least one of these things interest you or at least sounds better than watching Netflix!
We asked multiple teachers about what their life was like before they were teachers. We asked them questions about where they went to college, if they have always wanted to be a teacher, and what other jobs they have had. These are the exact questions we asked them...

1) Did you always want to be a teacher?
2) Where did you go to college?
3) What kind of jobs did you have before you were a teacher?

**MR. GOAD**
1) No (pharmacist)
2) KU
3) Tennis instructor, KU book store, dad’s steel shop

**MR. WHITE**
1) Yes, after high school (before high school = dentist)
2) Pittsburgh State University
3) Salesman, railroad worker, construction company

**FUN FACT**: I’ve lived in California, Kansas, New Mexico, Texas, and Missouri

**MR. RUIZ**
1) It was always an option
2) University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC)
3) Quick Trip (free sodas), newspaper delivery, camp counselor for grades 5-8 (where I met my wife)

**MRS. MORRIS**
1) No (pharmacist)
2) University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC)
3) Grocery store cashier, pharmacy assistant, sold scuba diving equipment (12-50 years old)
All students can write for the newspaper.

Will Ridgway

Did you know that even people who don’t take newspaper can write articles?

I want to write an article, how do I write it?

Well, all you have to do is think of a topic that interests you, like about something that angers you or that you believe in.

Where do you turn in the article?

You can attach it to Mrs. Cronan’s e-mail at ccroranct@olatheschool.org or bring it to her. The room number is 301.

Has anyone done this in the past?

While it’s not very common there are people who have done it. Sebastian has an article in this paper about slurs - it’s a really good article you should check it out in this paper. So get writing, we don’t have too many newspapers left this year but there is always next year. Good luck! I’m sure you will find some interesting topics.
Speak Up!
By Sebastian Suarez

When you come to school you want to feel as if you are in an environment where it is safe and you feel comfortable from the time you get here until the time you leave. At CT for the most part, things for us are safe, but there are a few things that we need to change.

For instance, when bullying happens it gets taken care of, right? There are people that can do crazy things but somehow their consequences are so weak that they are able to keep doing it and not be scared of the consequences.

We need to start to speak up. When a racial slur slips, speak up. When you hear a racist joke, speak up. We need to make sure our school is not silent to these type of things. If we are supposedly a no-bully zone and then we remain silent when we hear these racial slurs, then the whole message is basically lost.

Biased “jokes” aren’t funny. Speak up against all biased things, even if it is really just a joke. If you start to hear something that is obviously racist and/or sexist, then you have to interrupt and tell them why that’s wrong. Those words make people really angry and should not be used.

Just because someone calls you a racial slur that isn’t linked with you that doesn’t mean that it isn’t offensive. A word does not have to be tied to you personally for it to be offensive. The goal of this isn’t to stop using the racial slurs in front of people it is tied to, but to stop using them in all.

We also need to watch nonverbal taunts. If a person mocks another’s appearance, mannerism, mobility or ability, tell that person why it is wrong and then report it to an authority figure.

We believe that this is unacceptable and can ruin the atmosphere around the kids at school. If bullying like this is going on what should happen is that their consequence should be so harsh that they truly will think twice before they speak or act again. It makes others feel sick to the core that people can break the rules, get in trouble, and then break them again.

In order to stop this type of behavior we need to make sure that when any type of bad behavior happens we need to address it immediately to the nearest authority figure and make sure that it is heard.
Why People are Celebrities

By: Summer Darpinian

Sometimes, people (including me) wonder why celebrities are even popular. We all get why some are always talked about in the news, and people like Adele and Shawn Mendes (etc.) have amazing songs and voices. But sometimes I wonder why individuals like, oh I don’t know, the Kardashians, have every single camera on them 24/7. So I got to thinking, and then I realized that talent is only a small factor in becoming famous.

Take Justin Beiber, for example. He is (quite obviously) one of the most famous people on Earth. And yes, he does have a good singing voice, but he is just doing what hundreds of other people are doing, which is electronica infused with pop. So what makes him so special?

It’s because it’s basically human nature to love drama. No matter how talented you can be, people will only pay attention to you if you are very out-of-the-ordinary, and are overly-dramatic in almost everything. Kind of like Miley Cyrus, it seems like people only paid attention to her after she cut and dyed her hair and released the overly-suggestive music video to ‘Wrecking Ball’.

Or maybe, if you are a fan of YouTube, you will only click on the video if it looks like it’s something you’ve never seen before. It just looks more appealing.

Stars know exactly how to get the news stories on them, whether it’s the never-ending feud between Taylor Swift and Kanye West, or Beyoncé suddenly going on a World Tour. There is always going to be fame, as long as you have something that the world loves. Drama.
Quotes
By Emily Kite

“Dance like no one is watching, love like you’ll never be hurt, sing
like no one is listening, live like it’s heaven on earth.”
- William W Purkey

“Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind
don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind.”
- Dr. Seuss

“In the end, it’s not going to matter how many breaths you took,
but how many moments took your breath away.”
- Shing Xiong

When you feel like giving up, remember why you held on so long
in the first place. Instead of giving myself reasons why I can’t, I
give myself reasons why I can. If one dream should fall and break
into a thousand pieces, never be afraid to pick up one of those
pieces and begin again. One has to remember that every failure
can be a stepping stone to something better. Go confidently in the
direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined. Forget
about all the reasons why something may not work. You only need
to find one good reason why it will. Use what talent you posses; the
woods would be silent if no birds sang except those that sang best.
Trust yourself. You know more than you think you do.
- many quotes mixed together