



First Annual Fun & Fright Festival A Success

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Photographs By: Mrs. Jennifer Cummings

Pictured Above: (from left to right): Charlie and Stella Kacani stand in front of their “The Nightmare Before Christmas” themed trunk; Evean Roman and Keri Maheu stand in front of an “IT” Themed Trunk; Ana Julia Szelmenczi Alves and Jorge Vazquez pose for a photograph at the Trunk or Treat.

By: Ashley Meira and Michael Tellado

The Fine Arts Department and PFO hosted the first-ever Kaynor Fun & Fright Fest on Oct. 28 from 5:30-7:30p.m.

“We had over 100 young students coming to truck or treat, over 30 faculty and staff, and over 55 student volunteers putting together the event and working,” Mrs. Sarah Patel said.

The evening featured 15 different performances by the fine arts department, and 6 murals created by various members of the art department.

Showcased at the event was a hand carved Jack and Sally Pumpkin that was hand-made by Chef Justin Williams that was raffled off as a prize.

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Bus Driver Shortage Leaves Students Waiting



Photograph By: Isabella Minacci

Pictured Above: Mr. Friedman standing in front of three Durham School Services buses, waiting for additional buses to arrive.

By: Isabella Minacci

Parents, students, and staff at W.F. Kaynor Technical High School have been experiencing the same issue, busses have been continuing to show up later and later and the main problem is the bus driver shortage in Waterbury.

Some seniors who take the bus regularly commented on this major change.

“My bus is almost always second to last, and arrives about two hours after the final bell rings,” said Ta’Janay Valle, senior.

According to Joshua Ramos, “My

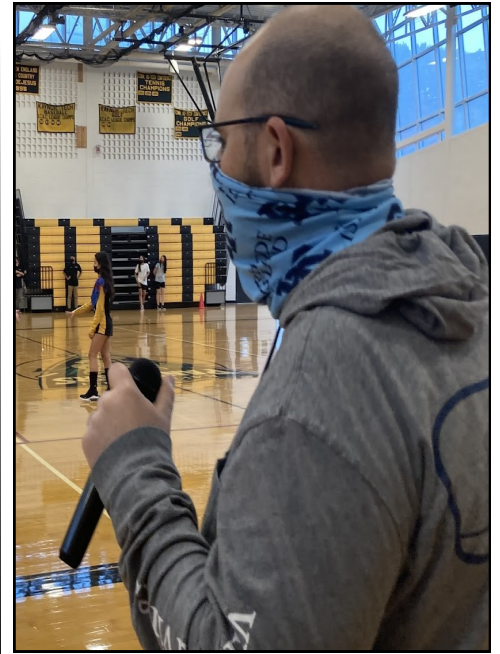
bus comes [between] 3:00-4:30p.m., and [it arrives] either last or within the first five [minutes].”

Mr. Friedman discussed plans for a resolution to students waiting such long hours for their bus to arrive. He said, “I’d say, at this time, there isn’t a definitive date for when all the busses will arrive here on time.”

“We will continue to work with Waterbury. Progress is happening, it’s just taking a lot longer than we expected,” he added.

Durham School Services allotted Kaynor Tech. 3 busses that regularly arrive on-time for student dismissal.

Wallace Joins Staff



By: Daniel Useda

Mr. Robert Wallace joined the Kaynor Technical High School faculty as the new Health and Physical Education teacher this school year

Seasoned teacher/coach, Robert Wallace transferred to Kaynor from Bullard Havens Technical High School.

It’s only been a few months since he’s joined the Kaynor family but already, students feel like they have known him for years.

“It honestly feels like he’s been there the whole time. I think he fits right in, it really seems like he knows what he’s doing.” said senior Michael Tellado.

“Being a part of the Kaynor Tech Family has been outstanding, working with a ‘Rockstar’ like Mr. Dobrydnio has been all that I could ask for,” Mr. Wallace said.

Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser: Pink Out A Success



Photographs By: Paula Paccadolmi

Above: Ms. Anthony, Mrs. Petrucci, Ms. Sirowich, Mrs. Gervais, Jeff Felton, Brooke Richardson and Ben Pucci.

By: Pasquale Petroniro

The Kaynor School Community observed breast cancer awareness and held a school-wide Pink-Out Fundraiser on Fri. Oct. 22.

The event consisted of students and staff dressing up in pink attire. The Kaynor community members paid \$3 to partake in the event. All

proceeds went to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Students that participated were automatically entered into a raffle.

The winners of the day were: 12th graders Jeffrey Felton, Carter Medina, Alexia Maldonado, and Keyanna Hewitt, 10th grader Ostin Rivera, and 9th graders Analyssse Steele and Jylissa Patterson.

“[The event] raised almost \$500. Participation was better than in years past. People mainly made donations even though they didn’t wear pink [which] showed the character of our students. We’ve been doing this event for the past 20 years And will continue to hold the event.”

Kaynor Tech. School Community Shows Up In Drove



Photographs By: Jennifer Cummings and Evean Roman

Pictured Above (from left to right): Dr. Kenneth Hilliard, Keri Maheu, Jennifer Cummings and Jessica Nagy.

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There were also 15 student-carved pumpkins that were all donated for the pumpkin contest.

Students, faculty and staff, decorated their car trunks and saw an excellent turnout from the Kaynor Community for the trunk-or-treat.

Lia Silveira, a member of the Kaynor Fine Arts Department per-

formed a solo of “Love In The Dark” by Adele at the event.

“I was so nervous [because] it was my first time performing in two years and all the nerves were there. But, after it was done, I [realized] I loved every second of it and I felt like my old self again,” Silveira said.

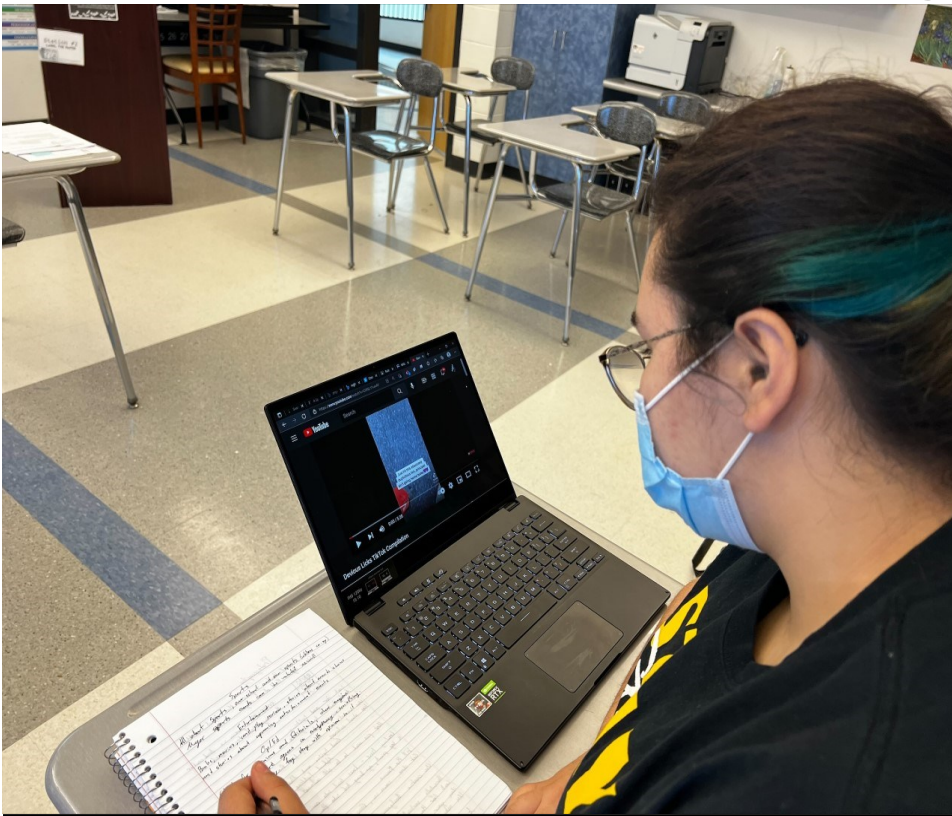
According to Mrs. Jessica Nagy, “Teachers and administration were really excited to get everyone to-

gether after classes and to have an event at Kaynor for the first time in a long time.”

Tamra Leary a senior and member of the Fine Arts Department said, “The Fright Fest was so much fun.”

The Fine Arts Department and PFO plan to make the Festival an annual event.

Devious Licks Trend: TikTok Challenge Turns Destructive



maturity [and] this trend is starting to ruin its atmosphere. This trend offers the opportunity to become famous online but with no positive impact on our lives, only negative,” he said.

“There have been two incidents at Kaynor one being the soap dispensers in the boys bathroom being taken and a teacher having one of her class decorations taken,” according to security guard Eugene Bertrand. “We have been trying to isolate the incidents and [are] being more careful now and, thankfully, it has been working,” Bertrand added.

Former superintendent Jeffery Wihbey weighed in saying, “I am disappointed that these viral challenges have made their way to CTECS schools as they go against everything we strive for and value in a school environment.”

Wihbey added, “Our goal at all CTECS locations is to foster a positive school culture and climate where everyone feels safe and respected. With that in mind, we will not tolerate these types of pranks at our schools.”

Some districts have responded by suspending and expelling students, installing additional cameras or limiting students bathroom breaks.

At Kaynor, the boys bathrooms on all but the first floor have been closed and according to Assistant Principal, Dr. Celadon, administrative action will be taken if students damage property.

very difficult to prepare for natural disasters like a flood.

“I don’t know that you can prepare for everything. I know that there are tons of services and classes that police officers take, EMTs, and firemen have to constantly take and update. I just don’t know that you can plan for every single thing like a rising flood.”

Sergeant Mohl was a 26-year veteran of the Connecticut State Police and graduated from the academy in 1994.

Mohl achieved the rank of Sergeant in 2000 and his death was the 25th line-of-duty death for the Connecticut State Police.

Photo By: Anthony Valenzuela

Pictured Above: Ashley Meira researches the Devious Licks trend on TikTok.

By: Anthony Valenzuela

Students at Kaynor have been participating in a TikTok trend to gain popularity on social media by vandalizing school property.

Ever since the trend went viral, many schools have been trying to combat stolen or damaged property. Some schools have started locking

bathrooms or providing students with only virtual class options or taking disciplinary action to prevent further damage/destruction.

There have been cases across the country where law enforcement has been involved. Senior, Oliver Gomes said he is disappointed in the behavior of his peers. “Kaynor has an atmosphere of respect and

pate [what could happen and learn] through the incidents from the past and to think through [possible scenarios].”

“The rain and the floods was sudden for that trooper but because of that, residents, law enforcement, and first responders should now be more aware and more prepared,” DeJesus said.

“They know that when they come up to this area this is what’s happened before and this is what may happen so they can be better prepared like that,” he added.

According to Mr. Mark Vincent, a Social Studies Teacher at Kaynor, it would be

Trooper Dies: Cruiser Swept Away By Flood

By: Hersh Joshi

A State Trooper passed away in September, after his patrol vehicle got swept away by floodwaters in Woodbury.

State Police Sergeant Brian Mohl was working in Woodbury when his state-issued patrol cruiser became engulfed by the floodwaters of the Pomperaug River.

According to School Resource Officer Eugene DeJesus to avoid situations like this in the future troopers should “Train as best as possible and antici-

FarmFest Music Festival Draws A Crowd

The Procrastinating Perfectionist: An Emotional Struggle

Live Music Festival in Branford Showcases Local Connecticut Bands, Artists and Food Trucks

By: Oliver Gomes Jr.



Photograph Credit: @FarmFestCT Instagram Account.

Pictured Above: Luke Kraszewski playing his guitar for a crowd at FarmFest.

By: Ashley Meira

Hearing live music is a fantastic experience that everyone should feel at least once in their life.

The Farm Fest is one of those one of a kind experiences.

Farm Fest had a line up of 10 different artists in the Connecticut area on Sansone's Farm at 3 S Montowese St, Branford, Ct.

Running from 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Sunday, October 24, the event had many different genres of music from indie to pop punk. There were also local artists

selling jewelry, prints, and merchandise. The acts went on for 30 to 45 minutes.

The Taco Flores food truck was there with churros, carne asada, pescado, and chorizo tacos.

Pondview, one of the leading bands, was actually the event manager.

Luke Kraszewski, Josh Sansone, and Matt Nagy put together this event with the idea of wanting to spread the word about local Connecticut music.

If you ever want to rock out on a farm be prepared! Next FarmFest is spring of 2022!

I consider myself to be painfully studious (or I at least try to be). I try to earn the highest grade on any given assignment.

Recently a teacher asked me to create a project and present my research. "It will be done," I told my teacher confidently...and then, I procrastinated.

Thinking I had two weeks of no work until the day I presented, but wanting to feel productive, I spent two class periods just picking out a template. Don't make this mistake. A template, though it makes a presentation pop is not as essential as the content, which is what secures the grade.

Time passed and so did my opportunity for progress.

I proceeded to talk to friends, play Apex Legends, and watch Netflix instead of working on my project.

I am in I.T. and work on a fast computer that literally stares back at me, begging me to do my work. And did I? Nope.

As the extended deadline drew closer, I had many late nights and early mornings grinding out the presentation, well the aesthetics anyway.

With no content, I was hustling during every academic access period to fill in the content of my slides.

From some interesting source of luck, every time I had to present, something would happen that postponed my presentation and every extra day I got, allowed me to hone my perfectionist tendencies.

When my turn finally came around to presenting, I did well. So what was the lesson learned? Procrastinators never prosper.

The axiom, "tomorrow is the busiest day of the week" holds true, but only if you let it. My advice to my fellow procrastinators, don't put off for tomorrow what can be done today, it will fester.

Hawaii's Kilauea Erupts After Months of Dormancy



Photo Courtesy of CBSNews.com.

Pictured Above: Mt. Kilauea erupting for the first time in 5 months.

By: Matthew Naples

Mt. Kilauea, a volcano in Hawaii, began erupting Wednesday, Sep. 29 for the first time

since May, spewing lava at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

This is expected to go on for months, counting the last eruption

(destroyed 700 Hawaiian homes/forced evacuation) lasted around 5.

Luckily this Volcano eruption is not a danger to mankind just yet.

Yet, geologists say the seismic activity will be going up and danger can be imminent if residents are not careful.

Hawaiian residents are strongly urged to "stay indoors to avoid exposure to ash clouds."

According to the USGS volcano agency:

"Increased earthquake activity and changes in the patterns of ground deformation at Kilauea's summit began occurring as of approximately noon on September 29, 2021, indicating movement of magma in the subsurface."

Technology Breeds Socially Awkward Students

By: Eveen Roman

Many people have said and continue to say that our generation has been socially delayed as a result of covid-19 and our reliance on devices.

Some argue that we have been putting all of our attention into social media and/or other technological devices and we do not get enough face-to-face time.

As a result it is the view of some that our generation is socially awkward and we do not know how to interact with people.

We are often seen as blinded children by our elders. Our generation is being looked at through a thick wall of hypocrisy.

However, it is those same judgmental people that put technology and

media into our hands.

Newer technologies were built to be more advanced and addicting, no matter what the cost may be to society.

"Our generation is being looked at through a thick wall of hypocrisy."

Are we the ones that are socially inadequate if these other generations are those that are working with the technology constantly to keep on developing it?

Technology and media are constantly evolving to be more addicting and to keep your attention. We are being used to help the media earn money

off of social media usage and click-bait.

Today technology can be found everywhere: in a fridge, a freezer, doorbells, etc.

We are told to be careful of technology but, there is no escaping it, it is all around us.

Even in school, we utilize ChromeBooks and more screens have been added into our educational lives with GoogleClassroom and it seems as if nobody thinks of the effects of excess screen time.

The adults in our lives are expected to think with our well-being in mind. This is our call-to-action: what can be done to focus on less screen-time?

He Said/She Said: Is Chivalry Dead?



Photo By: Selena Vazquez Pictured Above: Anthony Valenzuela

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Chivalry is very much alive. Chivalry should be encouraged because if a person is chivalrous, they are kind, sweet, respectable, and loving.

Haven't you ever heard the saying, "you get more bees with honey than you do with vinegar"?

Does chivalry have to be a battle between men and women and their roles? Well, to a degree, I think men and women should be considered equals.

It doesn't seem fair that a guy is required to open doors and foot the bill? The expectation should be both the guy and the girl be chivalrous toward one another.

Just look at me, for example. I would consider myself a chivalrous gentleman. I am kind, welcoming, and funny.

However, when it comes to a date situation, if a girl asked me out I see it is her duty to pick up the bill or, at a minimum, we should split the bill.

Girls are always talking about gender equality and how they want to be treated as equals. Here is their chance! Help me to equally pay the bill!



Photo By: Selena Vazquez Pictured Above: Nancy Nham

By: Nancy Nham

A chivalrous person is a courageous, honorable, courteous person. Based on this definition, chivalry in 2021 is 100% dead.

Let me start by saying, women are not "the weaker sex." I am not some weak woman who needs a man to save me. I am a capable, intelligent, hardworking, female. I define myself. Not a man.

That said, being treated well by someone I like is nice! A man being chivalrous and courteous and opening a door for me is polite, kind and makes me feel special and valued.

The problem is, the guys I know are just courteous. Guys are just not chivalrous anymore. They think relationships are only for fun and they are not in it for the long run.

"How many people have you dated?" is the question being asked. Is that something to flex about? Asking something like that is simply disrespectful.

For women to be seen as less valuable in society, wanting equality does not mean wanting to not be treated like a queen. If my date and I go out to dinner together, offer to pay! Be the knight in shining armor for the person you want to impress.

Have an idea for the next: *He Said She Said* topic? E-mail the columnists at anthony.valenzuela@cttech.org or nancy.nham@cttech.org!

The Post-Pandemic Impact on Kaynor Tech. Athletics



Photograph By: Ines Rodriguez

Pictured Above: The Girls Volleyball Team captains meet with opposing team and referees prior to their Senior Night Game against Crosby High.

By: Greg Mason

Covid-19 has affected many things since its abrupt appearance in the Spring of 2020, most notably sports teams, and their athletes.

Due to Covid-19, professional and high school sports everywhere have been affected by games getting cancelled, social distancing, and people getting sick.

These things have left mixed feelings among the student players here at Kaynor.

Some see the effects of the 2020-2021 year as negative, and others have a more positive outlook about coming back and playing like they used to.

Back in 2020 when Covid was having more of an impact on sports games, players and audience members had to

social distance during games, and players had to sit out on the bench during games, which definitely made the games less enjoyable for both sides.

Some teams are still suffering from Covid contact, leaving players unable to play at all.

“This year we will have a full season but many people have had to sit out due to covid contact tracing protocols. Personally it's pretty sad to finish out my last two years of high-school having to sit out and have limited seasons,” said Jake Ashmore.

It's upsetting to see the student players unhappy about the current state of their teams, but as the year goes the effects of Covid should

lessen, and the players should have a better year.

One long lasting effect from Covid is that players have to wear masks during their practice and games.

This is difficult because it makes it harder for the players to breathe, and are most likely pretty uncomfortable to wear while being so active for a long time.

“With this year, masks have stayed the same but with all the running and movement, it's been pretty difficult having to keep it on when you have an urge to just rip it off.” Says Nancy Nham

Wearing the masks is obviously an annoying task, but the players are willing to push through it in order to enjoy their games.

After their games being limited, or even being unable to play, some of the students are just happy to be back even if it means dealing with a few changes.

It's great that our team can compete this year with all the talent we have and still keep it a safe environment.”

With things slowly going back to normal, it's good that some of the players are keeping their spirits up and trying to have a positive outlook on things.

There's no telling how long these effects from Covid-19 will last.

The sports teams at Kaynor are slowly going back to how they used to be, teams are going back to meeting more, playing against other towns, and the teams and audience don't have social distance during games anymore.

Even though the feelings left by Covid-19 are mixed, it's good that it's no longer having such a big impact on the sports at Kaynor; and soon enough things may go back to normal completely.

Talk Of Changing School Start Times: Driver Shortage Stirs Up Conversation

By: Hersh Joshi

As a result of the current bus driver shortage there has been some talk about changing the school hours to accommodate for driver inadequacies.

This can't happen. The current school hours, are perfect.

In spite of students having to wake up earlier, students are able to get out of school earlier and in-turn they have more free time after school to do whatever they want.

If school were to start later and end later students would have less free.

Most students likely do not have activities to do before school starts, so those students are taking a loss of

a few hours of free time.

Have you ever fallen asleep on the way home from school?

Most, if not all of us, have at least once in our lives. Driving home on the bus just seems to lull you to sleep. The hum of the buses engine, the warm sun peering in through the window.

After a long day it is just too easy to fall asleep given the atmosphere of the bus.

Many students feel tired in the morning due to the early start time hours, however, students are compensated by being let out earlier which for many students works.

Getting out of school at 2:00 p.m. makes up for a 7:00 a.m. start time.

Many students have after school activities going on and if they get out of school later, they'll have less time for these activities.

The current hours, 7:00 a.m.-2:00p.m., are preferable for most students.

Students can compensate for the earlier starting hours by going to bed earlier and most students who came to this school were already used to similar school start times.

I hope the discussion around later start times never gets off the ground.

If we keep the school hours as-is we get a whole afternoon of time to do whatever we desire: work a part-time job, complete homework, or even take a nap on the bus!

Potential Shift in Math Curriculum: ALEKS Program May Be Out

By: Imraan Feroz

The Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces (ALEKS) Program is an on-line math program that the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System has used for many years.

After the current student body has graduated there is a rumor that the ALEKS program will no longer be utilized.

The district may be deciding to revert back to previous ways of teaching. Since the inception of the ALEKS Program there have been students that have excelled in math via an on-line learning platform that is self paced, and there have been those that prefer traditional modes of teaching (face-to-face) learning.

While the ALEKS Program has the benefit of a self-paced, student-centered learning structure, many

students are hung up on the drawbacks of use of an on-line platform.

In a post-covid-19 learning environment many students are yearning for the personal connection, rather than simply interacting with a screen via an on-line program.

The students that meet check-points along the way in their math courses do well, however, some students that fall behind have learned that their lack of "completion" can take a toll on their math grade.

"ALEKS isn't preparing us for college, it's just preparing us for the next test," senior Ahmed Shabbaz said.

Shabbaz added, "My friends that graduated recently said the ALEKS Program did not prepare them for college and/or career." Mrs. Amy Tavares said she thinks the ALEKS Program "shows where

my students struggle and where they need help. A traditional math class could never do that."

"The ALEKS Program is a highly effective program when implemented properly," according to Mrs. Darlene Marks, junior and senior math teacher.

Junior, Jazmin Morales said, "Even though ALEKS isn't a bad program, a normal math class would be more beneficial to students."

The Related Education Department Head, Mrs. DelPiano weighed in saying, "The way we used ALEKS in the beginning was different than how we wanted to use it."

"As a tool to assess if students have mastered things, it's very beneficial. The way we rolled it out, we didn't necessarily do the best that we could have," DelPiano added.

New Season Brings New Life To The Kaynor Co-Op Football Team



Photo Courtesy myrecordjournal.com.

Featured Above: Head Coach, Trevor Jones oversees Wilcox/Kaynor practice.

By: Nancy Nham

Due to the closing of Sacred Heart High School, the Kaynor Tech. Co-Op Football Team had a rough start this fall season. New Coach, Chef Williams

has taken on an assistant coach role. The team includes players from Wilcox Tech, in Meriden While coaching is a first for Chef Williams, this football team has gone through a journey.

Previously, Kaynor Tech. had a com-

bined team with Sacred Heart High School in Waterbury. After the recent closing of Sacred Heart before the start of the 21-22 school year, Kaynor had to find another team to combine with..
“They were very welcoming, and had jerseys that said ‘Wilcox/Kaynor’ across the front”

“Both schools never feel like two different teams, they got along very quickly and work well together,” Williams added.

The integration of both schools means a deeper bench to assist with multiple injuries.

“We have a [player with a] fractured hip, a few knee injuries, and concussions. We have seniors dedicated to learning...it’s been a positive experience, everyone is trying hard doing the best they can.”
The Wilcox/Kaynor Co-Op team has their senior night on November 13 at Falcon Field in Meriden.

Lesbian Representatives in Modern Media

By: Isabella Minacci

It’s always satisfying to see yourself represented in any form of media.

Seeing your skin color in a new Disney movie or seeing characters with diabetes or any other illness featured in a new animated show.

Even seeing Superman come out as bisexual in the latest edition of the titular comic series.

But there are many people that see themselves as underrepresented in T.V. and animated media in the Lesbian community.

We need to make a change. There are a few famous animated characters that

are lesbians.

A great example is Ellie from *The Last of Us*. This, whilst being a step forward in the direction we need, it’s just a drop in

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the bucket as far as representation is concerned.

As a lesbian, I can’t speak for everyone in the community when I say this, but I can make points that have been restated over and over.

We value what we can get, but when it’s hidden between layers of subtext and implications, it’s hard to appreciate. It creates a way for anyone who’s not a lesbian to argue about it, and that’s not something we want.

It becomes frustrating when a character who is clearly a lesbian is suddenly downplayed as something they aren’t because people can’t accept it.

The only way to eliminate this entirely is to state explicitly that a character is a lesbian.

It makes sure that you can’t argue about anything layered in subtext and it’s another drop in the bucket in lesbian representation

Dress Code Procedures: Difficult For Some



Photograph By: Evean Roman

Pictured Above: Anthony Valenzuela talks with security guards, about dress code compliance.

By: Evean Roman & Selena Vazquez

Since the return to school after the Covid-19 hybrid schedule, some students have found it difficult to follow the dress-code.

Many students are up in arms about not being able to wear ripped jeans or crocs, for instance.

The administrative team at Kaynor has made it known that they will be strictly enforcing the dress-code, even stopping by during homeroom to check that students are in compliance.

Senior, Ta'janay Valle argues, "I get why we have to wear a school shirt with [a] Kaynor Tech [logo] on it, as it's a state school, but why can't we wear cardigans or flannels that don't have Kaynor [logos]?"

The school uniform has many options to choose from. There are multiple color options for shirts and sweat-shirts, hoodies, fleeces, jackets and other items that can all be purchased on-line.

There is also Spirit Wear Friday's

which allow students to wear their Kaynor team jersey, NHS shirts, Chorus shirts, Generation Leadership shirts, Strong award shirts, St. Baldrick's shirts, Students are encouraged to wear clothing of their choice on dress-down days as long as it is school-appropriate.

We use dress-down days not only to boost school morale but, to also raise money for school and/or class events. Dress-down days are administration-approved events/fundraisers.

Students are not allowed to wear crocs because according to the Student Handbook they are considered footwear "that damages or marks the floor."

Per the 2021-2022 Student Handbook, under "Student Dress and Grooming, Including Uniforms, prohibited from wear, #3," the handbook details that the following items are prohibited:

"Footwear that damages or marks floors or that is a safety hazard, including backless shoes, flip-flops, and toeless shoes, crocs, heelies or slippers."

For students in some shops, the enforcement of this rule is frustrating since they were allowed to wear crocs in the past.

Throwback T.V. Shows



Photos By: Pasquale Petroniro

Featured Above (from left to right):
Anthony Valenzuela, Ryan Lang & Hersh Joshi

By: Pasquale Petroniro

We all have a T.V. show that brings us a sense of joy and nostalgia when we hear about it or watch it.

To revisit some happy memories, I asked a few seniors about the throwback shows they enjoyed.

"Power Rangers was the first show that really got me into Super Heroes, and it's such a classic with a good story and action involved," said senior, Anthony Valenzuela.

Hersh Joshi said, "Well, I'd have to say SpongeBob simply for the fact that I watched it a lot and it was my favorite show."

"George Lopez used to wake me up at 3 in the morning and my dad and I would dance to the song" Ryan Lang said.

Regardless of what show brings a person that feeling of nostalgia, everyone has one that they believe grew up with them.

From Power Rangers, to Sponge-Bob SquarePants, to The George Lopez Show, our generation grew up with these shows.

Class of '22 & '23 Holds Costume Contest & Fundraiser



By: Allison Escamilla-Alvarado

The Class of 2023 and the Class of 2022 held costume contests and fundraisers on October 14 and October 28, to raise money for their respective classes.

The junior class representative and Student Council came up with the idea to bring back the fundraiser.

They called the fundraiser a “costume dress down” in the hopes that the students that do not normally participate in a costume day would participate by dressing down.

This was meant to be a nice option for those students that do not celebrate Halloween, this was a nice option.

Teachers thought that it would be a great idea to bring the schools community back together again after the covid-19 hiatus.

Ms. Anohony and Mrs. Gervais gave prizes to the winners, and also made sure that everyone was wearing a costume and not dressed down.

According to Mrs. Gervais, the fundraiser was a success, however, “[We] wished it went a little bit better, [we] was hoping to see more participation.”

Moving forward the Class of 2022 plans to advertise for fundraisers more in order to achieve a greater turnout and more student involvement.

“We are hoping for one hundred percent participation with the freshman and seniors and are looking forward to all the appropriate costumes.”

The money raised will help defray the cost of prom.



Photos By: Amanda Serrano

Pictured Above: Lilliana Moreano (Top left) Allie Wester (Top right) dressed as “cops” and Llibeth Moreno (bottom left) and Ryan Samuel (bottom right) dressed as “robbers.”

Bottom Left: Jennielys Dias (dressed as a joker) and Yadhira Mejia (dressed as a devil).

Bottom Right: Elmir Bukalo dressed as a cowboy.

Q&A with Mr. Dobrydnio: A Privileged Gen. Z



Photograph By: Anthony Valenzuela

Pictured Above: Mr. Dobrydnio talks with Matthew Naples about generational

days and travel, usually by bicycle. We did this photoshoot in under two minutes.”

This conversation was eye-opening because it helped me realize that Generation Z., is able to use technology to ultimately become more autonomous, more efficient and life-long learners, in school, life, social life, and their professional life.

“I think it’s wicked cool that Gen. Z has the tools/technology. Generation Z people aren’t often as privileged or lazy as people think, there [are] many different Gen. Z people, hard workers and non-hard workers.”

To me, Generation Z people are privileged. Essentially, I agree with Mr. Dobrydnio but I think that we have begun to rely too much on technology, and that’s only a cycle that will continue.

In a way, we are just becoming more independent but we are ironically simultaneously becoming dependent on technology.

For example the actual idea of self-driving cars is and has been coming into practice for years.

Imagine 20 years from now when we have our car steering wheels turning on their own 24/7 while we sit back and read our text messages.

I think though, “Doby” meant that technology is becoming more autonomous/independent, rather than human beings becoming more independent.

Therefore, I agreed to disagree with “Doby,” but we all can agree that our generation is only getting more reliant on technology, whereas technology is only getting more reliant on us. The connection grows stronger everyday.

By: Matthew Naples

As the generations pass, so do the way social constructs and culture in America works.

However, we see a significant influence from the media and internet on younger generations.

This can only raise the question: How smart and progressive is each generation of people up to their early 20’s?

Is there one that is better than the other, or do all generations have the same type of thinking?

Additionally, do generations think

similarly to other generations or does technology impact humans thought processes?

In talking with Mr. Dobrydnio about how generations evolve, he weighed in with a well-developed set of conclusions.

He said, “Generation Z can be broken up into two facets. One, they might be the generation that has the ability to become autonomous. This means self-governing, and two, [they] may become life-long learners.”

He added that when he was in high school, “I’d buy a black and white disposable camera, get it developed, and edit it by hand. This would take

5 Simple Steps To Jump-Start A Car

By: Anthony Valenzuela

Every once and a while we have one of those days where we just can't get going! Unfortunately for many of us, so do our cars!

If you have a day where your car just simply lacks the drive to turn on and get running, you are not alone!

It is times like these that your car needs a little extra juice in its battery to get it back up and running.

If you are in need of a jump start, rather than relying on trusty old youtube.com, follow these easy steps:

How-To Jump A Car

Step 1: Gather jumper cables, another car with a good battery or a jumper pack.

Step 2: Hook up the positive battery cables, one to each car.

Step 3: Ground the negative cables (not to the battery but) to something metal on the car and away from the battery.

Step 4: Turn on the ignition switch.

Step 5: If the car turns on, carefully remove the negative cable, then remove the positive cable and you are in business!

Safety Fact: Since car batteries start to get low on charge, they discharge fumes so be extra careful to not create a spark so your battery doesn't go boom-boom!



Changing Pronouns

An Evolving Conversation

By: Selena Vazquez

When you are a student, you are perpetually learning.

High school is meant to be a time where you are learning about yourself and trying to grow and develop.

Oftentimes, students are so stressed about doing well in school and maintaining their social life, that it is difficult for people to understand how/ why students would want to focus on things like pronoun selection.

Some people are now non-binary and being referred to as they/them.

She/He is no longer accepted without asking first. People shouldn't be shamed for not asking about your pronouns.

People who are older now are expected to re-learn grammar to accommodate the they/them community.

I don't think its fair to expect people to instinctively know how to label someone and it is difficult to have to retrain your brain to say things like they/them rather than he/she.

To expect someone to ask you or just know that you are non binary seems presumptuous.

People are used to they/them being plural not being equivalent to he/she. This is just my thought process and I have nothing against the LGBTQ+ community, since I am part of it, but expecting people to say they/them or changing your gender to non-binary is confusing for people and just too extra.

Volleyball Senior Night Marks End Of Season *New Conn. Laws Passed*



Photograph By: Ines Rodriguez

Pictured Above: Alison Mancilla, Genesis Ginorio, Yasmina Benjamin, Alivia Dunn, Nancy Nham and Brianna Bonilla.

By: Ashley Meira

Senior Night For Girls Volleyball Marks The End Of The Season
The Kaynor Girls Volleyball team had senior night on Oct. 28 to celebrate the 6 seniors on their four year tenure playing volleyball.

The game vs. Crosby High School was the last home game for the seniors, but they still have tournament games left in the season.

Senior night is a bittersweet event that celebrates the camaraderie and the achievements of the seniors over the last 4 years.

Coach Darlene Marks said, “The

friendships on the team are incredible and make my heart happy. We truly work as a team, always helping one another get better as athletes and people.”

“I love the bonds we formed and the fact that we grew together. They definitely made it a memorable senior night!” said Brianna Bonilla, a senior on the team.

“I felt special on that night. This night felt important to me. I’m glad that the JV players were there to celebrate. It’s been an amazing 4 years. I’m not done yet!” said senior Yasmina Benjamin.

The CTC league begins the first week in November. Going into the state tournament the team is ranked 6 in their division with a record of 17-3.

By: Imraan Feroz

According to CT Insider, new laws regarding recreational marijuana, smoking, employment, driving, and more, have taken effect in Connecticut as of Oct. 1, 2021. Below is a breakdown of the new laws:

1. For the first time, medical marijuana patients will be allowed to grow marijuana in their own homes with a maximum of 12 plants per household, 6 per person. Marijuana smoking is now treated as if it were a cigarette with minimum restrictions on where it can be smoked.
2. Employers will no longer be allowed to ask for a graduation year or birth date on their initial application. This new move protects especially older yet experienced adults who are often discriminated against jobs based on their age.
3. Drivers will be required to stop if a pedestrian is within any part of the crosswalk, steps to the curb at a crosswalk’s entrance and shows intent to cross.
4. “Tristan’s Law” requires drivers to proceed with caution when passing an ice cream truck, it also prohibits ice cream trucks from serving in high traffic areas.
5. Backseat passengers over 16 must now wear a seatbelt. Before only those seated in the front and children were required to do so.
6. Employers are required to tell all job applicants how much they pay.

Although the aforementioned laws have been passed, there are some that have been signed and will take effect at a later date.



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What is your favorite throwback song?

Senior Edition

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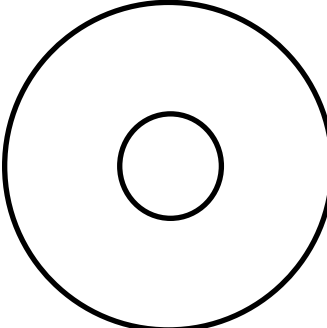
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