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BACK TO SCHOOL!

THIS ISSUE IS LOADED WITH NEW STORIES, FROM THE POLITICAL DEBATE TO WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN THE VOYAGER. PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE ISSUE TO FIND OUT!

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On the front cover: A picture taken by Angela D. that spreads awareness to vote this coming Election Day if you are eligible to!

GEN Z: A NEW WAVE BY TYLER LUTKOWSKI

Just like how the grass is green and the sky is blue, it is almost inevitable that political ideologies will alter with each varying generation. While Gen Z as a population is continuing to grow older and enter the workforce and universities, their political stances on certain subjects are starting to take full shape. With the progression of technology and easier access to just about any information, ideas can be formulated much faster and efficient. Finding the answer to determine if the constant allowance of information is fact-checked and reliable is not yet found. What is known however, is that there is a monstrous shift with philosophies in present day politics that intrigues the new Generation Z.

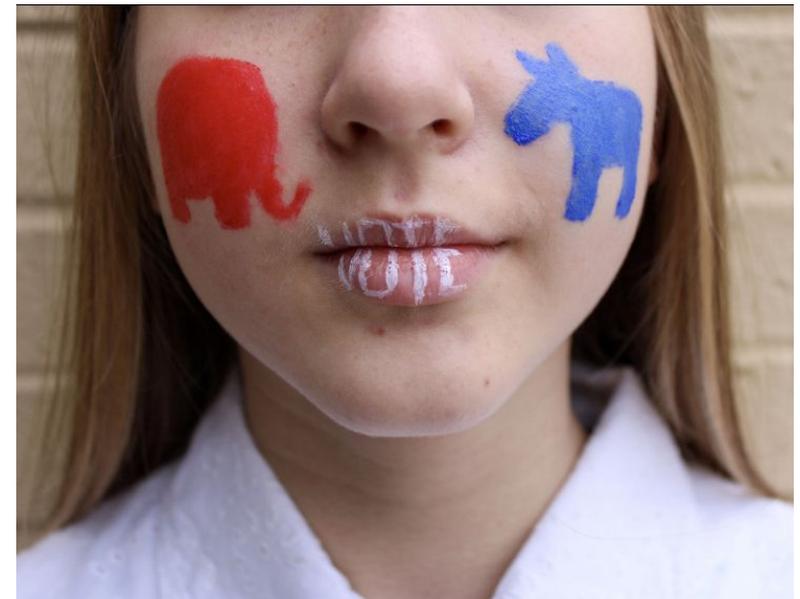
Gen Z has taken a more liberal view of life which is in complete contradiction to the older generations and how they have operated for 50+ years. One major and changing aspect of our culture is the acceptance of the LGBTQ+ community and allowing them to live their lives in peace. One astonishing fact however is that 35% of Generation Z people know somebody with gender neutral pronouns. This makes complete sense as the Transgender community has recently made huge strides to help themselves and their peers. What makes this study conducted by Pew Research News is that the Baby Boomers say that only 12% of them know somebody that is gender neutral. This 23% difference with people who live in the same world shows how different life can be for anybody.

Another study conducted by the Pew Research Center looks at the percentage of people that were accepting of President Trump. The president shares highly conservative views that don't necessarily correspond to the younger generations. In fact, only 30% of people in Generation Z approve of Trump's job performance, while the Baby Boomers have a 13% difference

with 43% of them approving of his job. This political shift has only been more and more evident with the presidential election coming up soon in November 2020.

Even the right leaning Republicans of Gen Z are begging to take a different approach to how their previous generations handled things. Whether it be the view on treatment of blacks in the U.S., role of government, or climate change the differing factors which are affecting the opinions of younger people. This idea is supported by the fact that a Generation Z republican is 23% more likely to have differing opinions than a Baby Boomer with the same political identity. Even as this younger generation is growing up they will have significant differences in day to day life, that will ultimately alter the course of the Earth.

No matter how many older generations decide to speak out on this matter, it will not affect the trajectory politics is in right now. The question is, will you go out and vote once you can to make a difference in the world we live in?



Another picture taken by Angela D. that is promoting upcoming and new voters to exercise their right to vote.

HOW SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN MANAGING COVID BY MEEKA VARDI

As of August 1st, 2020, the CDC has released new information on guidelines for schooling nationwide. This includes screening students and staff, cleaning/ disinfecting, and overall protection of the school community. Now schools must adjust in order to meet new requirements, but also plan for the, well, for the inevitable. They must have a clear understanding of what is to be done should a student or staff member fall ill.

Managing the pandemic in and of itself is difficult, however, controlling a pandemic while in school can be extremely tasking on the students, teachers, and administration. Those who are remote learners must adapt to the new environment, while those in school must adjust to the new rules and regulations. I myself am a remote learner, and have, like many of my peers, have had to cope with the major changes the pandemic has brought upon us. While there are some benefits such as being able to take breaks during passing time, there are a few major roadblocks as well. Personally, I find it harder to focus on the task at hand, considering the many distractions a household provides. Regardless, schools must mitigate the loss of learning one way or another.

There is a very detailed description of how to best protect oneself as well as those around you on the CDC's website, I suggest everyone take a look. I am sure no words of mine can do it justice.

Schools have been adjusting worldwide to have reached their current points in the pandemic. The administration is doing all they can, as well as those higher up. Though my hope has had its peaks and troughs, I can confidently say that I have faith in the school system, and everything will go back to normal... eventually.

COVID-19 AND THE EFFECT ON SPORTS BY MASON KERRIGAN

The global pandemic that we are experiencing has changed everything. It has changed everything in my life, your life and everyone else's life. When times are hard and people are sad, they look to entertainment to relieve stress and keep themselves occupied. For me, personally, I look to the amazing world of sports. Initially all of the leagues cancelled their seasons but in time reconfigured an abbreviated season. Every league had a different approach but in all, for most die hards anything was better than not having any season at all.

The NBA season just concluded with the Lakers claiming the championship, while these players lived in a bubble. This bubble served the purpose of players not being exposed to the outside world, so they could not get Covid-19. These bubbles gave players a living area, food, entertainment areas and the court to play on. This bubble was very successful with 0 cases happening in the bubble through players and staff. Overall, people would say this bubble was successful because no one got the virus and it kept everyone safe. In addition to this, the NHL ran a similar system with two bubbles with half the teams at each bubble. These bubbles were just as effective as the NBA and kept players and staff safe while they were there. However, there are two major problems with these bubbles. The players are away from their family and houses and not as comfortable, but the other major drawback is the cost. It is much more expensive to have these bubbles for each team.

On the other hand, the MLB and NFL are allowing players to come and go from their stadium and their houses. This is more normal than what the NBA players were doing, but these players are far more at

risk and transmitting the virus. This system made players much happier but you can clearly see the consequences. The MLB season just ended crowning the Los Angeles Dodgers as champs, but early in the season saw the Miami Marlins missing some games because almost the whole team got the virus. Additionally, other teams that missed games because the team got coronavirus were the St. Louis Cardinals, Philadelphia Phillies, Cincinnati Reds and the Oakland A's. The NFL, who is only in week 6, has had many teams with that became infected such as the Atlanta Falcons, Arizona Cardinals, Carolina Panthers, Kansas City Chiefs, New England Patriots, San Francisco 49ers and the Tennessee Titans. One can see that having these players come and go is not nearly as safe as if they were to play in a bubble. This is a choice the leagues and owners must decide. Personally, I think that leagues should opt for the bubble because it keeps players and staff much safer and safety should be the league's number one priority.

every Tuesday morning in the library - it was quite daunting at the time. Before my first meeting, I was a nervous wreck. A list of what could go wrong filled my head. What if I was the only freshman? What if I did not write well enough? What if I do not know what to write about? Needless to say, I woke up the next morning far earlier than was required of me, out of pure anxiety. I walked into the conference room that morning and found a group of students that were warm, welcoming, and who immediately put me at ease. I felt myself calm down and focus on the task at hand. I was thrilled to be there and honored to be a part of this incredible club.

While some have gone onto better and brighter things, graduating from Parsippany Hills with a myriad of new skills, others have joined and have made the newspaper what it is today. From writing, to editing, to publishing, The Voyager is a team effort. Without its talented members, it would be impossible to produce as great content as is composed.

I implore you to join The Voyager. Not only will it look good from an educational perspective, but it will also teach you countless lessons that cannot be found anywhere else. Come be a part of a group of aspiring young journalists. What have you got to lose?

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN THE VOYAGER BY MEEKA VARDI

There is a lot that goes into publishing a newspaper. The Voyager has been putting out issue after issue, volume after volume, never failing to not only grasp but keep the reader's interest. Most of what the newspaper staff has to do is gone unrecognized, and I truly believe that my peers do not receive enough credit for all of the time and energy that is put into The Voyager.

Prior to the pandemic, the newspaper meetings were held in PHHS's library conference room - at 7 am. I can distinctly recall the first time I heard this information: It was my freshman year. I had emailed Mr. Pavese, asking about the newspaper and if I would be able to join upon hearing an announcement advertising the club. He notified me that they met at 7

ADDITIONAL PICTURES BY ANGELA DUSZKIEWICZ



A spooky pumpkin carved with stars to get in the Halloween spirit!