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TALON
A Note From the Journalism Club:

Thank you for all your support this year! The Journalism club had formed at the beginning of second semester but we managed to get five issues out since then! Feel free to join us next year! Just a reminder that the exam order is period 1,2,3,5,4 starting on June 20th. Good luck with your exams! The Talon is also available online! The link can be found on the home page of the Aurora High School website. (http://www.aurora.hs.yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

Student council
By Michael Nash

In this school, there exists a secret organization, a committee that we have come to know as Student Council. But what really is student council? What happens when they meet after school on Tuesdays? How do you get elected? Well, as it turns out, Student Council is not as mysterious and secretive as it may appear to be. Student Council consists of 5 executive members and 7 general members. Once a year, a call goes out to find dedicated leaders to be on next year's student council. Students then apply to run for the council and if chosen, they will get a chance to campaign. Campaigns for Student Council may differ depending on what message the candidates want to send and how they want to send it. Candidates usually make use of posters, flyers, Facebook groups and just talking to people. After the campaign is over, candidates are each allowed to make a two minute speech in front of the entire school in order to try to win the votes of the student body and, ultimately, to get on the council. The student council is given a set amount of funds to divide amongst events, dances, spirit days and anything else the council decides to do. The council creates ideas for new events and they include input from the student body and staff in their decisions. As a part of Student Council, students can gain leadership experience and help make the school year enjoyable for both the students and the staff.

Thank you to all of the Aurora High School Staff for another amazing year at AHS!!! Goodbye to the staff members leaving us and we hope that you will come back and visit sometime.

The Secrets to running for Student council
What an AHS student thinks makes the cut

By Anonymous

I believe that I have discovered the secrets of running for Student Council. Yes, you may think that this is a pretty outrageous statement, especially coming from an anon. But hear me out. Let me share with you the secrets to success for any student election

1. You must first establish a big group of friends (or at least, get to know ¾ of the school – grade 12s do not count since they can’t vote although they’re awesome as well).

This is crucial because if our speech backfires and you randomly mess up, at least you can count on your wonderful army of amigos to back you up.

2. Have the right attitude

Not the ridiculous “cracking-jokes-every-three-seconds” one. Show yourself as a confident and flexible person. This is sure to show your fellow schoolmates what sort of fun person you can be.

3. Promise things

We don’t want to hear your couple billion ideas of decorating the school hallways with balloons and
hiring clowns to come to school (personally, I loathe clowns). You can always suggest a couple of ideas (3 max.) so you can show the crowd your awesome creativity to entice them to vote for you.

4. Do not be boring

I know that there are people that really take this election seriously and truly want to do their best for the school if they make it into the council but if you’re a shy person with a boring speech, people might vote for you (remember your group of friends from point 1?) but you will not win. The reason you’re reading this is to win right?

5. Be entertaining

Most of the students are there because they have to. The majority of them (99%) just want to have a good time. Who cares if you were the prime minister of Canada? Let’s be frank here, people want fun. They don’t particularly care about the credentials that show you can do the job; remind yourself that this is not a job interview. So I don’t care what you do, if you have to set fire to yourself (not recommended) or bring a chicken to strut around the stage while you say your speech, do it. People are looking at you on that stage and seek the laughs. Don’t deny it.

These are just a few ways to winning the election. Often, these do not work individually but require two or three at least. Of course, there will be those of you that are easily insulted and disagree with me but let me remind you that this piece is more to entertain than just to inform (see, I’ve already completed the ‘entertaining’ part of the criteria. If I revealed my name would you vote for me for student council? LOL. Too bad, I prefer having fun too so I won’t be running for a position anytime soon).

Okay, let’s get serious now.

I think this year’s newly elected student council is fine. Although I don’t know some of them personally, they definitely seem nice and friendly. AHS, I think you did a pretty good job voting this year. I hope we have an awesome time next school year!

Congratulations to our new Student Council Executive:

President: Paul Ashbourne
Vice-President: Sabrina Suleman
Vice-President: Marcus Sjolin
Secretary: Ghazal Baradari-Ghiami
Treasurer: Tom Cranston

Upcoming Events:
- Grade 9 Math EQAO (June 14th and 15th)
- Father’s Day (June 17th)
- Gr12 Exams (June 18th - 19th) @ 8:45 AM
- Gr9-11 Exams (June 20th- 26th) @ 8:45 AM
- Graduation Ceremony (June 26th) @ 7:00 PM
- Exam Review Day (June 27th)

DRAMAFEST
By Ally Morin

May 9th and 10th proved to be two very successful nights for Aurora High school’s Dramafest, with fifty-five proud family members and friends arriving on the first night and fifty-two on the second. Dramafest featured a mixture of various different performances and performance styles. “What I liked was the fact that it was structured—we had original student plays, as well as professional. I also like the combination of theatre and film,” says Mr. Markle, head of the drama department. The opening act was a hilarious stand-up comedy piece called “Death Star Canteen” featuring John Willoughby as Darth Vader. The second act was an original comedic play from Amy Ludwig called “Till Death Do Us Part” with a mischievous scheme developed by an evil sister to kill the main character’s fiancé. Mr. Markle states that, “The material was ambitious. Amy’s work, for example, she did it all herself.” Then came along two quick-witted comedy sketches, one of them being “Sure Thing” starring Beatrix Szatmari as Betty and Tom Cranston as Bill, and the other, “Meet the Daughter”, featured Sally Falk as Torri and Madeline Tierney as Angela. The night finished off with Jaclyn Combot’s amazing and well-put
together movie “Kids These Days”, in which she directed, produced, wrote, and edited. “This is the first short film I’ve ever attempted, and making it was difficult and time consuming... but I don’t regret a single moment of it! I find it interesting to learn where people come from and how they became successful. What fueled their dreams and inspirations? What shaped them to become who they are? There is inspiration everywhere,” she says. She would also like to thank everyone involved. “I really couldn’t have done it without the unwavering contribution and dedication of all my wonderful cast and crew mates.”

Overall, Dramafest was a huge success. “Thanks to Mr. Markle and Ms. Charney for their support of our theatre. Also to all the performers, writers, and directors without whom this festival would not have been possible—we thank you! We would also like to thank A.H.S. administration and custodial staff for their ongoing support.”

Washington Trip Review
By Ethan Lin

Washington. For those in the first semester American History Class, it was merely an idea brought forth by Mr. Steep. He made no promises, and indeed, at times throughout the semester, it seemed as if the trip was a no go. There was, therefore, a great sense of satisfaction as 22 students boarded the coach bus accompanied by Mr. Steep, teacher of the Grade 11 American History Class, the Vice-Principal, Mr. Hood and Mme. Moreau the morning of May 9th, set for a five day trip to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C. Anticipation for the trip had been building up for weeks prior to the trip and as a result, not even 13 hour bus drive to Gettysburg could prevent the group from enjoying a late evening in the town of just over 7,600. It was an evening that marked the beginning of what was to become an amazing trip. Throughout the five day trip, we visited some of the most iconic sites in all of the United States. We visited firsthand the vast battlefields of Gettysburg, where over 7,800 Americans laid down their lives over the span of 3 days in what is known today as the turning point of the American Civil War. And of course, no trip to Washington D.C. is complete without a visit to the famous monuments and landmarks that seem forever associated with the United States capital itself. For some, it may have been the Korean War Memorial that they appreciated the most while others may have enjoyed a picture in front of the White House or the recently completed Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. Who could forget missing seeing the President of the United States, Barack Obama by 10 minutes! For Mr. Steep, dubbed the "Master Tourist", the highlight of the trip was no doubt the realization of adulthood dream to visit the memorial dedicated to his idol, Abraham Lincoln, 11th president of the United States of America. The entire group took a group photo sitting on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, the same steps upon which Martin Luther King Jr. had stood as he delivered his historic "I have a Dream" speech on August 28 of 1963. We also had the opportunity to visit the United States Holocaust Museum, a museum dedicated to inspiring people worldwide to confront hatred and promote human dignity. Collectively, I believe that we can agree to it as being one of the most powerful and moving exhibits that we have ever experienced. The end of the trip was capped off with a shopping trip, during which some rushed to buy that last-minute Mother's Day present and where others excitedly and hurriedly purchased that must-have dress from Macy's. Looking back on the trip, whether it be singing Bohemian Rhapsody on the long bus rides, having the coach breaking down for 45 minutes only to be saved by a kind "Red-Neck from Virginia" (in his own words), the seeing the jubilation of the "Master Tourist" with every turn around seemingly every street corner or even being followed by the Sarnia Sting Coach Bus, this incredible trip to Gettysburg and Washington has provided so many unique memories that will stay with me for the rest of high school. Special thanks to Mr. Steep, Mr. Hood, Mme. Moreau and of course all my fellow
classmates for making this a truly unforgettable experience! ‘MERICA!

Long Awaited Meme Results!
By Eleanor Wong
Journalism Club ran a contest last month in hopes to see who can make the funniest meme in school! Since few people submitted their work, the four participants all ended up winners, each receiving a voucher for any food item from the caf!

Here are their memes by order of their names: (Andrew Seguin, Ahmed Akbarali, Jordan Stephenson and Mike Rodrigues).

Karl Marx?
Mr. Morrison marks faster.

I DON'T ALWAYS GO TO JOURNALIST CLUB
BUT WHEN I DO, I PLAY 4 WAY CHESS FOR TWO HOURS

I ONLY HAVE 5 DOLLARS
O.D Y U NO STAY OPEN

One does not simply
Write the Answer
The Fun Page was compiled by
Matthew Grekula and Keshia Farthing

Across
2. A backyard ocean, usually has tiles and a heater
6. Usually has 3 blades, and spins to make you cooler!
8. Everyone loves summer ______!
9. Summer is full of pictures, which we use a _____ to take.
1. Sea shells, sea shells by the _____.
0. First month of summer
3. ______
4. Many people go on a ___ to Florida, or fly somewhere over summer

Down
1. Most people spend quite a lot of time up at their _____.
3. School usually starts in this month.
4. Everyone does this after being in the sun for a few hours before burning.
5. Not as many of these as in Spring, but gorgeous petals come from ______.
7. Summer break starts after these.
11. The month before school starts.
12. Girls typically wear these two-piece bathing suits called ______.

The Journalism Club would like to thank everyone who wrote, read, and spent time working on the Talon! It was a blast, and we hope to continue running the Talon next year!