



## GET OUT OF THE WAY!

By Wesley Ziemer

Recently we've lost the cold lunch option and waiting in line can take up most of the lunch period. Everyday you get the choice between a PB&J or the hot lunch, which can range from a bowl of crunchy chips to a mouthwatering slice of pizza, with cheese flowing over the crust, forcing you to hold the greasy, scalding lump of chow. Meals at Hamilton hit all the bases with their nutritional requirements, there's fresh fruits and vegetables just waiting to be chosen. In the past, there were two lines for us to stand in. It was too spacious for my taste, and quite frankly, I felt separated from the other students. Now there's twice as many people in my line who I can share my space with and it's been a treat



talking to my peers during the wait. My only issue is that the school hired some bruisers in the hallway to try and stop people like me from getting my lunch quickly.

People seem to think their place in the lunch line is important, but in reality it isn't. Everyday I get dirty looks from people as I move in front of them to get to my food faster and I just can't understand why. Usually you can simply move in front of people and they won't complain too much but once you're in front of the horde, they'll try getting their yahoos to intervene in order to stop me. This never works. Sometimes they will say something like, "Do you understand that what you're doing

is wrong? Cutting in the lunch line is a very disrespectful thing to do." If they say this, you know that they have a toxic elitist mentality, and you can disregard what they're saying completely. Stopping people from moving up in the lunch line and therefore, increasing the wait is extremely inconsiderate of others around you. These people need to show a little empathy, and gain some perspective for once. I can personally sympathize with the seniors, they got their line privileges taken away due to the ignorance of others, who were not willing to make way for people short on time.

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### Today's Lunch:

Ultimate chicken bowl  
Whole grain biscuit  
Fruit  
Milk

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**Spring is here, and so is**

### NERF CLUB!

Do you like to play nerf? Because this is the club for you!  
Nerf club is going to be a very intriguing experience for all ages. Did I hear someone ask what we are going to do?

Well, we will play a variety of game types, including, but not limited to, Capture the Flag, Team Deathmatch, Solos, and King of the Hill. What do you need? All you need is a Nerf blaster, and whatever else you want. We are supplying darts, so you won't have to worry about not having darts.

Safety glasses, or any form of eye protection (sunglasses, glasses, safety glasses, etc.) are required, because we want this to be a fun experience for everyone, and we do not want anyone getting hurt. If you are interested in joining, or have any further questions, please talk to An Xin, the head of the club. JOIN THE NERF TASK FORCE NOW!

**What country 's flag is this?**



country is Andorra

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Personally speaking, I've considered running for student office to address the shortcomings of our student body. It sickens me that people could be so closed minded in regard to their fellow classmates suffering in the lunch line.

If someone moves in front of you in line, a more appropriate response would be "thank you, I appreciate it", rather than an arduous, malinformed lecture. Here's a quick guide to being a good lunch patron:

1. Proper etiquette involves basic manners, "please" and "thank you's" are appreciated.

2. In a situation where you can tell someone may be short on time or wants to speak to their extracurricular needs, you can simply use step 1 and say, "Of course you may take my spot in line, I know you have more important things to do than me."

3. Being more considerate of others, this is helpful for step two, where recognizing and empathizing with someone else's needs comes in handy.

4. If they move in front of you then they most likely have a good reason, sometimes it's ok to leave it at that!

5. (last resort) If you're still suspicious they may not have a good reason, don't be!



6. You're probably wrong and even if you were right, you'd be causing conflict.

In today's world, a helping hand is always appreciated. As a society, we're just not the type to waste our time and we all have better things to do than create unnecessary conflict and divide amongst each other. I hope you consider my suggestions in regards to the lunch line dilemma because it'll help you avoid conflict and make everyone's day a little easier!



## Rye Berry Rundown

By Noa Stahlberg

On February 12th, the city of Hamilton, NY got devastating news. Our beloved local Michelin star cafe, Rye Berry, would be shutting down. The Rye Berry founders, Krista and Patrick sent out an announcement through NextDoor Hamilton saying that they would close at the end of February. The restaurant had to close, unfortunately due to staffing and the process of making high quality foods, along with raising their baby.

As the feeling of sadness runs through our community, we also received some good news too. You know what they say: a rainbow after a storm. In this case, the rainbow is Flour and Salt taking over the Rye Berry area. Allegedly, Flour and Salt is going to use the Rye Berry space and expand. With the expansion there are rumors of this hot new spot being open until 5. A coffee place / lunch spot open until 5 has never been heard of in this town.

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## How to Identify a British Spy

By June Loranty and Owen Arquiett

Since our school is in New York state, which is in the United States of America, you may find yourself wondering how to protect yourself from British propaganda. The first step is identifying British spies. You can always ask them, "are you a British spy?" If they say no, then you have your answer. Move on. If they say yes, the Brit has already told you they are a British spy. There is no longer a need to investigate. Now that you have learned of their Britishness, you can avoid or harass them. It's your choice, but be careful as they may try to corrupt you with their British values.

if you choose to avoid them, you must take action to rid the area of British features. For example, if you see crumpets, you should dispose of it to avoid a flock of British people in need of a snack. If you choose to harass them, you should target all their most British features. For example, instead of ridding the area of crumpets, throw crumpets at the Brits until they flee. No matter what course of action you chose, you MUST be careful not to be seduced by their unattractive British talk and you must NEVER enter a pub with them. Especially if 'football' (American translation: soccer) is playing in said pub.



**Bottle  
of water**

**Bo'ohw'o'wo'!**



## Today In History March 25: Florida Man & Banana Splits

By Ingrida Morkevicius

Saturday, March 25, 2017, was an ordinary day for most. It was a sunny day with temperatures around 85 degrees Fahrenheit. Florida Man was up to his usual mayhem, cutting fences and eating pancakes in the street dressed as the Joker.

But on the other side of the globe, in Australia, the town of Innisfail was creating the world's biggest banana split. Made from over 40,000 bananas, 650 gallons of ice cream, and 528 gallons of toppings, the banana split was 26,337 ft long (4.9 mile). It took the volunteers 12 hours to create it in a special cardboard box designed by Boxwars.

The previous record belonged to the residents of Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, who constructed a 4.5-mile long banana split. We, the American people, have a crisis at hand. We no longer hold a world record for the largest banana split. We must join together to beat the

record. We must prove that once again, America is the second greatest country to exist (after Florida, of course). Back to banana splits. After further research, banana farming is a large industry in the Innisfail area, giving them an unfair advantage, having more access to bananas. Either way, to

celebrate the world record achieved on this day four years ago, enjoy a banana split.



## Turning Red Review

By Jonah Rood Creel

Disney Pixar's newest film, *Turning Red*, is just another film in its long line of formulaic and uninteresting movies. The movie follows 13-year-old Meilin Lee, an overachieving girl who lives her daily life as a helper and docent at the temple her family runs. She finds out one day that her family has been hiding a secret where the daughters turn into disproportionately sized anthropomorphic red pandas when they get emotional.

Many movies that I've seen follow a set formula, but more recent films use an incredibly boring and predictable set that goes as follows:



person or persons x are unkempt and wild, while person or persons y are uptight and tame. Then, something happens that changes their worldviews and they realize they're not so different from each other. Person or persons x proceeds to become more tame, while person or persons y becomes more edgy and uncouth. *Turning Red* is also guilty of using this formulaic approach, making the film incredibly boring. This movie was so forgettable that I had to watch it three times within the span of a week in order to write this review. Disney has used this formula for many of its recent movies, from its newer Disney+ era examples such as *Encanto*, to some of its older theater-era films like *Big Hero 6* and *Up*.

*Turning Red's* Character design doesn't work with how the writers wanted the story's direction to go. The characters proportions are way



out of whack, which probably was something that they were going for. This movie's about being a teenager, and proportions are weird when you're that age. The problem is that the disproportionality of all of the characters is far too

inconsistent, with some having no necks, no spine, and some even having severe scoliosis. The character design just doesn't look good. Disney could have made the animations far less smooth and flowing to accentuate the weirdness of being a teenager, but decided against that. Pixar is famous for pushing the boundaries of animation and publishing technical marvels, but this movie falls short on that.

The lighting in this movie is also not the best, with it being incredibly bright and oversaturated throughout the film.

What would have been better is basing the saturation and color schemes based off of Mei's emotions, like making them oversaturated when she's happy or incredibly overwhelmed, and muted when she's feeling down.

All in all, *Turning Red* is still just the newest movie in a long line of terrible, formulaic Disney Pixar movies that seem to be the norm now. 4/10



## A Review of a Review; *Turning Red*

By Emma Crespi

Although I shed many tears while watching *Turning Red*, I found myself feeling lighter and more whole afterwards than I had in a long time. This movie perfectly encapsulated the beauty of being an awkward teenager and celebrates it in a way that makes me feel proud. As a Chinese teenage girl, I saw myself a lot in Mei and her struggles. She's confident, passionate, and unabashedly herself in a way that breaks the stereotype of always being respectful and obedient.

Mei's security in her identity and culture really stood out to me. She isn't a protagonist who happens to be Chinese-Canadian, she is a Chinese-Canadian protagonist. It is not common to see culture be portrayed in Disney movies in such an honest way, rather than their racial identity acting as a separate portion of their personality.

Of the many homages to Chinese cuisine through mouth-watering cooking montages, one scene in particular stood out to me. When Mei looked for her parents' approval on her bao wrapping skills. Wrapping buns and dumplings is something I've done growing up with my own mother and it's so refreshing to see Hollywood movies capture how central food is to many Asian

cultures.

Whether it's Rachel Chu bonding with her fiancé's family in 2017's *Crazy Rich Asians* or the

2018 short film *Bao*, it's clear that dumplings hold a special place in Asian families' hearts all over the world.

My favorite aspect of the film was that Mei and her dorky groups of friends didn't need to overcome their "cringeiness" or awkwardness to find social and self-acceptance. Mei and her friends are so unapologetically themselves it inspires viewers all over to release the weird part of themselves and embrace their inner red panda.



## Club Interview: Tech Club

By Naomi Meyers

**What is your club?** Craig A: I am in Tech club we make the news reel and enter video competitions and morning announcements on Mondays and Fridays.

**What is the coolest thing that your club has done this year?**

Craig A: The coolest thing my club has done this year is win money for

the school in the BBB competition. We don't know what we're doing with the money yet but we're thinking of getting secret cameras to put in the school. We are actually probably going to get another Smart Board or something else on the B&H website. Dr. Helfant, HCS Tech Club Advisor: After consultation with everybody, we plan to buy a teleprompter possibly with an accompanying iPad to facilitate reading the announcements and other scripts straight into the camera. We also plan to purchase more green and blue chromo paint to enhance the video effects in the Knights Knook studio. Next, we hope to order some adjustable stools for extra comfy seating when holding meetings there. The \$3000 budget needs to be finalized by April 1st and that is no joke.



**What is one goal that your club has for the future?** Craig A: To make more money for the school and for us we would spend that money on more stuff that we totally need. Dr. Helfant, HCS Tech Club Advisor: Our middle school tech club is hoping to release soon their first podcast while our high school tech club is finishing up on their March newsreel.

**What is something you wish people knew about your club?** Craig A: We do a lot more film stuff than the name implies for example we do the newsreels and film the basketball games. Dr. Helfant, HCS Tech Club Advisor: In the past we have also created an ad for the Emerald Knights sports apparel, a virtual HCS tour during covid when our open school night was canceled, and we entered a second

film competition called Beyond the Peaks. Our HCS tech team in 2021 won the best documentary award in this competition.

HS AND MS Tech Club meet on Fridays during their respective lunch times; HS in the Knights Knook and MS in Dr. Helfant's classroom.

## Horoscopes

By Emilija Morkevičius

**Aries:** Me, an empath, sensing your birthday is coming up. Live it up, everyday counts.

**Taurus:** The world is your oyster, it's well past time to seize the day.

**Gemini:** Your ability to continually delete and redownload Instagram is impressive. Addiction is hard to handle, not to mention going cold turkey. Try to distract yourself by planning an awesome weekend to spend with your best friend.

**Cancer:** Dang, those seasonal allergies are not treating you well. Keep tissues on hand and maybe look into nasal spray?

**Leo:** I'm well aware that those Cheez-it crumbs at the bottom of your gym locker look appetizing, but trust me, they did not taste good. Very dry.

**Virgo:** You are desperate for love, but you don't have to look too far. You're lucky it's so nearby.

**Libra:** You have an uncanny ability to decipher what others are feeling, but you don't have the words to express it. Dictionary, my friend.

**Scorpio:** No matter what your mom says, your room is actually not that messy. Cleanliness is a social construct.

**Sagittarius:** As the superior zodiac sign, it can be exhausting. You may never be rid of the burden of being the best, but have fun with it anyways.

**Capricorn:** You've been feeling wary and suspicious recently. This is not your usual pessimistic attitude, something is definitely wrong.

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## Tier List of the Week

S	Prom is very soon
A	Spring sports started, Brown butter cookies
B	Had a ½ day on Wednesday
C	Floor hockey, April Break in 2 weeks
D	Kayne West banned at performing at the Grammys
E	Kentucky ruining most people's brackets
F	ACT next week, Bird Flu cases increasing



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**Aquarius:** I've been informed that this is an air sign. Psh. I don't care, I make the rules here. Stay hydrated, drink water, buy an aquarium, be as aqua and watery as humanly possible.

**Pisces:** Just keep swimming? Maybe watch Finding Dory? Definitely cry a bit. Because of the movie. Not for any other reason.

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## In the Knight Light: Mr. Snyder

By Noa Stahlberg

**Movie:** Raiders of the Lost Ark

**Book:** My losing Season by Pat Conroy

**Actor:** Denzel Washington

**Artist:** Norman Rockwell or Mr. Bane

**Song:** Turn Up the Radio - Autograph

**Food:** Ribeye Steak

**Condiment:** Chick-Fil-A Sauce

**Season:** Summer

**Color:** "Emerald-Green BABY"

**Place:** The Green-Mile...

**Ice Cream Flavor:** Stargazer by Stewart's-Brand

**Phrase:** "See You Later Bye..."

**Web Site:** YouTube or the School's Home Page

**Store:** "Definitely Parry's"

**Article of Clothing:** My Leather jacket...

**Sport:** "I am a HOOP-Lover til I die"



### Long Answers:

**What would you bring to a Deserted Island:**

My Wife...

**Biggest Pet Peeve:**

"I HATE ACRONYMS with a passion "

**Awkward High School Memory:**

"In my 8th grade year I decided to try out for the school-play. On opening night, when delivering one of the few lines I was given, puberty struck, and my voice cracked in front of the entire crowd of more than 200...."

**VS:**

**Nike vs. Adidas:**

I keep it real, definitely NIKE...

**Slices vs. Oliveri's vs. Pub:**

My daughter will get married in either Stewart's or Slices...

**Coke vs. Pepsi:**

They both stink, Lemonade....

**Cow juice vs. Milk:**

Definitely milk.

## Dear E. Knight

Dear E. Knight,

I think my sister is plotting a murder. It all started with her obsession with true crime podcasts. But now, at every dinner, she tells us twenty different times someone was brutally killed with a fork. There's a horrible glint in her eye whenever she describes this, as if she is inspired. Suddenly, she's begun stealing forks from our kitchen and stockpiling them in her room. To make matters worse, she's really mad at me for spilling cow juice on her fully-functioning guillotine model. What should I do?

In distress,

Help I'm Gonna Die

Dear Help I'm Gonna Die,

Has your family considered switching to chopsticks?

Yours Truly,

E. Knight

## WANT TO WRITE TO OUR DEAR E. KNIGHT ?

If you would like some anonymous advice, leave a letter in the library in the "E. Knight" box or write an email to the following email:

[e.knight.advice@gmail.com](mailto:e.knight.advice@gmail.com)



# Question of the week:



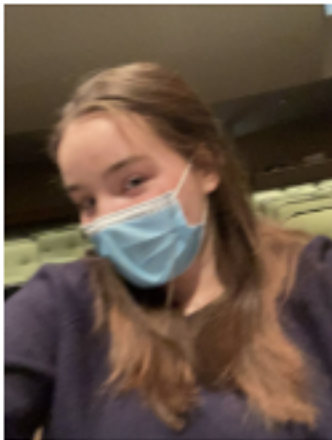
"Alien" - Nico Hay



"Stain" - Luke Jackson



"Crane" - Abby Hagos



"Adieu" - Noa Stahlberg

What is your  
starting  
Wordle word?

*By Noa Stahlberg*



"\*\*\*\*\*" - Aoife Douglas



"Early" - Mr. Jones



"\*\*\*\*\*" - Ingrida Morkevičius



"It's different everyday, sometimes  
aisle, stale, or place" - Klara