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# THE SCARLET AND WHITE

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## KAIROS 108

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In the beginning of February, the first of three groups of juniors got to experience their Kairos retreat led by seniors. This was a time for students to turn inward and see who they really are. Kairos is an important part of La Salle because it gives young men opportunities they would otherwise find difficult to participate in. All members of this retreat were given the opportunity for group discussion and prayer in an attempt to better understand their current and future relationship with God.

Self-reflection plays a crucial role, as an important aspect of this retreat is learning how to deal with personal challenges you will face through life. On the last day of the retreat, students are challenged to make their personal Kairos experience last as long as it can. It is important to keep the first group in your prayers, as well as the upcoming groups during March and May.





# LANCER DRAMA ADVANCES TO STATE

Written by Liam Venia

Drama at our very own La Salle High School is something that often goes undershadowed, only being seen at most on the LaSallePride Instagram account or on a sweatshirt of an active participant in the shows. It is time that we end this neglect, however, as our drama program is going to state to perform the show the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee!

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is a show in which six students participate in a spelling bee to end all spelling bees. Released in 2005, Putnam County was originally nominated for six Tonys and took home two of them. Something very unique about the show is that it requires active audience participation while the show takes place. Four people from the crowd are asked to come up to the stage and compete, providing for improv and some of the most uncomfortable situations one could ask for. From awkward songs that we don't need to go into further description about, to Jesus showing up, this show provides everything a person needs to be entertained. I got a chance to talk to senior Charles Gall and ask him a few questions about the show.

Gall talked to me about the significance that the program was invited to show off their adaptation of Putnam County. "It's like going to state for sports basically, we're putting on a show in front of a large audience," he said. Charles went on to tell me that unlike most other schools in the state, the La Salle drama team is given the opportunity to complete the entire show instead of just one act. They are going up to Columbus in a charter bus and staying for a couple days over a weekend. Charles' final words, "I'm really excited, this is the first time La Salle has been given this opportunity in four years and I get to go with all my friends."





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Written by Ethan Riesenbeck

For as long as I can remember, people have argued over what brand of phone is better: Apple or Samsung? The debate sparks tension between consumers with each new wave of cell phone releases each year. I began to ask myself questions; “Why is there such a stigma around Android cell phones? Could phone preferences be reflected by differing demographics? Are Apple products really that much better than their Android counterparts? What makes these different devices so different?” I figured that these questions needed to be answered, so I asked for the opinions of Miss Emily Buckley and Andrew Bobowski, Android users, and Gabriel Logan, an iPhone user.

To kick off the debate, I asked Miss Buckley for her insight on why she prefers her Samsung S20+. She was eager to share that she enjoys her S20+ for its incredible camera quality. She quoted, “I've found that the photo file output on the Droids is much higher quality than the iPhone. And, the video file types are more universal from a Droid .mp4 than the iPhone's .mov. When sharing photos in batch, I don't have to worry about selecting if I want a low resolution, medium, high or original version, like the iPhone.” Miss Buckley is the Director of Marketing and Communications here at La Salle High School, so it would make sense for camera quality to be a large factor in phone preference, seeing as she runs a variety of our social media accounts.

Because she captures so many photos, storage space is also a determining factor. She shared that one of her most favorite features of her Android is expandable storage! “I typically buy a phone with the highest internal storage and the ability to insert a microSD card with at least 200GB of additional storage...perfect for photos, videos, movies, games, etc. (and yes, I nearly fill them within any given year.)” she shared. She added that she also saves time by avoiding syncing to the cloud when she can just pop the card into any device to download photos. “In a hurry, just swap out your SD card without missing a beat at an event, party, wedding, etc. because you ran out of room,” she included.

She also feels that her Samsung S20+ is much more personalized. She argues that “Androids allow you to customize so much of your user experience so that the phone isn't just an out-of-the-box device but really a personal assistant and efficiency tool to keep my real life (and social life) in order. As a Google-based device, it's super simple to manage multiple accounts from one device, syncing all of my communication tools in one spot! Androids are intuitive, easy to use, and typically less expensive than their iPhone peers”

To add to Miss Buckley's argument, Andrew Bobowski shared his thoughts. “The main reason Android is better than iPhone is because of the flexibility and options you have when choosing an Android phone. There are far more options to select from, which means you can choose a phone tailored to your interests and needs,” he included “A few examples would be choosing a phone that fits your price range or picking one that has a higher camera quality if you are into photography. With Apple phones, you are stuck with very basic phone designs that do not have a wide range of differentiating features between the different phones.”



As an Apple customer myself, I feel that the iPhone has a variety of advantages over Android phones, but to keep this debate fair for both sides of the argument, I had to call upon Gabe Logan, an iPhone user like me, for his opinion.

“iPhone has many advantages ranging from the software to the quality of the phone itself,” Logan said. “One of the best advantages would be the ease of use and accessibility of the software. The iPhone is designed to be easy to use for people of all ages. With the way the IOS is designed, the phone’s general interface is fairly straightforward. Because of this, nothing is ever hard to find or navigate within the phone.”

To add to all of the great parts of iOS devices, Gabe was also eager to mention the things iPhone offers that Android doesn’t. “iPhone also offers more than Samsung such as rights to certain games and content. For example, iOS devices are given access to Game Pigeon, an iMessage add-on that allows you to compete in various mini-games against your friends. On top of that, Apple also has its own streaming service, AppleTV, which has private content that is exclusive to the app. Having their own streaming service helps them in countless ways because Samsung and Android do not have this feature. There are loads of great movies and shows, but they can only be watched by Apple customers.”

From what I have learned from this debate, phone preference is mostly based on personal interests. If you want a more personalized experience, I recommend that you take the Android route. If you want an easy-to-navigate phone, then I recommend that you take the Apple route. Both softwares have their advantages and disadvantages, but overall they are both great products.

## THE WORLDWIDE WORDLE CRAZE

Written by Anthony Doyle

Wordle, now owned by the New York Times, has become a trending game throughout the past year. This word game was created by Josh Wardle about a year ago as a present for his partner due to their new interest in word games during the pandemic. Around a month ago Wardle sold the game to the New York Times for over \$1,000,000.

The game has become popular amongst multiple age groups. This audience includes students, teachers, entertainers and pretty much anyone. The word guessing game allows you to play one game per day. For most people interested in the game, it has become a daily routine. It gives people something to look forward to and get excited about each day. Most people’s strategy is making their first few guesses words that use common letters and a variety of letters as well.

**W O R D L E**

**A DAILY WORD GAME**



The game gives you hints by making the letters you guessed that are in the word but the wrong place yellow and letters in the word and the right place green. You use these hints throughout six guesses to try and reach the five-letter answer. The game also keeps track of your progress. It tells you your guess distribution, displaying how many words you have gotten in how many guesses. It also keeps track of how many you have played, your win percentage and your streak of how many you have gotten right in a row. The game also displays a timer of how much time you have until you can play again. This is one of their ways of keeping players on their toes and how their audience looks forward to playing the game again the next day.

A few of my classmates along with myself agreed that the game has become a part of our daily lives at school. Some of them also mentioned the other versions that have become popular as well so that you can play more than one a day or play the game with a twist. The game has become very popular with many people and I don't think it will be going anywhere anytime soon.

## A RECORD-BREAKING CAMELOT AUCTION

Written by Isaiah Roman

Just a few weeks ago, La Salle hosted its largest fundraiser, Camelot Auction. Throughout the 35 years it has been running, the Auction has raised millions of dollars for all students at La Salle High School to benefit extracurriculars including: Athletics, Drama, Vocal Ensemble and the Pride of LaSalle Marching Band.

This year's event had a record-breaking collection of \$132,000 for our Lancers Helping Lancers paddle call. We all greatly appreciate our donors' support of La Salle.



In addition to all of our generous donors, we had many volunteers help organize this event. La Salle parents helped with gift gathering and packing. La Salle staff donated, attended, emceed and ran the auction in support of La Salle. There were also 40 Key Club student volunteers who helped with food service, greetings and coat check. In addition, there were over 100 adult volunteers in attendance. Thank you to all of our volunteers, this event could not have been possible without all of your help.





“Camelot Auction is a fantastic event that is supported by our generous donors, sponsors, parents and friends of La Salle High School,” Auction Director Karen Orth shared “It has been my pleasure and honor to coordinate this event for the past eight years and to witness the overwhelming generosity of our La Salle community.”

As this is her last year coordinating this wonderful event, please give her your thanks for all of her amazing work. Her generosity has helped countless Lasallian families.



## "THE BATMAN" COMPETES FOR TITLE OF "BEST SUPERHERO MOVIE OF ALL TIME"

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Written by Peyton Broering

Seeing Batman being reintroduced onto the big screen is something movie lovers have been craving since the 2012 Batman film, *The Dark Knight Rises*. The Batman, portrayed by English actor Robert Pattinson, focuses on Bruce Wayne's second year of becoming the Batman and the film takes us through the struggles and origins of how he becomes the hero of Gotham City. Batman uncovers corruption within the city of Gotham while working with James Gordon, a commissioner of the Gotham City Police Department. From the cinematography and action sequences to the musical composition, this will always be one of the best comic book movies of all time.

The Batman is more of a crime noir thriller rather than a traditional superhero movie which tends to be more comedic and uplifting. Even the Riddler, who is the antagonist of the movie, is based on the real-life serial killer, the Zodiac Killer.

The Riddler in this film gave us a more cynical view and backstory on the character which we have not seen in any previous live-action Batman movie. Every scene which included the Riddler was blood-curdling and had me on the edge of my seat wondering what decision Batman would make to prevent the Riddler's master plan.

Robert Pattinson didn't just have an astounding performance as Batman but as Bruce Wayne as well. The Bruce Wayne portrayed in this movie has little emotions and no speck of happiness which adds to the somber tone of the movie. There are no scenes where Bruce Wayne acts like a billionaire playboy, but in the future, we will eventually see him adopt a different public persona. Some of Pattinson's best acting in *The Batman* is where he did not talk at all but merely used body language and facial expressions to tell the audience what he is feeling.





This film may be centered around solving clues and uncovering corruption but a Batman movie isn't a Batman movie without intense, well-choreographed action sequences. The director, Matt Reeves, also used practical effects rather than using computer-generated images (CGI) which are less authentic and can have many flaws. The Caped Crusader is more brutal and impulsive in this movie establishing a younger, more inexperienced Batman who nearly kills thugs and criminals. Even though the movie is given a PG-13 rating it pushes the limit for R-rated with its scenes and sequences.

The Batman is everything a superhero movie should be. The film is a multi-layered crime narrative with masterfully crafted shots, efficient pacing, and well-developed characters. Robert Pattinson's portrayal of Batman is unique and remarkable and I can't wait to see his character develop more. Warner Bros. has already confirmed that they will be making two spin-off shows as well as two more Batman movies to complete the trilogy. This movie is a must-see for any moviegoer because the story this movie tells is magnificent, and the action in this movie is unmatched.

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# GRAETER'S INTRODUCES A VARIETY OF SEASONAL FLAVORS

Written by Leroy Hodge

The Graeter's Ice Cream seasonal flavors for the past three months has been Chocolate Coconut Almond Chocolate Chip, Cherry Chocolate Chip and Mint Cookies and Cream.



The Chocolate Coconut Almond Chocolate Chip was not my cup of tea. I felt the coconut and almond taste was very offsetting to the overall chocolate flavor. I would have enjoyed the flavor more if it was a little more balanced. The Cherry Chocolate Chip flavor was one of my all-time favorite flavors that they have. The blend of chocolate and cherry was like a combination of flavors everyone needs in their lives. The Mint Cookies and Cream flavor was a mediocre flavor. It was pretty much just like any other mint flavor that you can find at any other dessert place.