



The New Library

By Makayla Mckinney

On the first day of the 2015-2016 school year, students not only walked into a brand new year with new classmates and teachers, but also to a new and improved library. Over the summer, our maintenance staff worked hard to build this new state of the art library for the students and staff to enjoy. The new library is equipped with brand new Chrome carts, three study rooms, and a news studio to broadcast the warrior news every morning.

Each study room has a flat screen TV installed, which can be connected to a plugged in computer. This allows students to broadcast their screens to all of their peers in the room. Along with

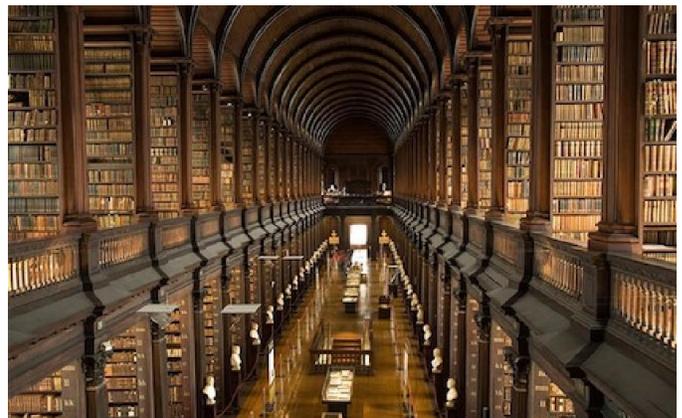
the TV's, the news studio also has brand new equipment. It now has two MacBooks, new cameras, and a room with a green screen painted on the wall. The shelves that were once tall and space consuming have now been shortened, allowing students to have easy access to all books and Ms. Varga to see when students need assistance. A corner of the library now has three comfortable chairs to allow students to work on their assignments quickly and quietly. These chairs, however, are not only used for schoolwork. They are also for students who want to escape reality and curl up to a book of their preference. In all, it cost around five hundred thousand dollars to make

this new library possible. New carpet was added to give it a sleek, modern look.

Six tables were also added to allow students to work together if need be. However, if students prefer to work alone, or if a class is coming in, about seven rows are in front of a project allowing any kind of work to be done. Upgrading the library makes students feel relaxed and determined to get their work done. The modern technology and supplies provided ensure that students can perform to the best of their abilities.

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The Refugee Crisis In Syria

By Chelsea Kun

Syria has been in the middle of a civil war for about five years, and there are approximately four million Syrian refugees.

Half of these refugees live in Turkey, and many of them are making a dangerous attempt to reach Europe causing chaos, especially in Hungary. The refugees in Hungary are not allowed in the country, leaving thousands of people left to sit outside a barbed wire gate.

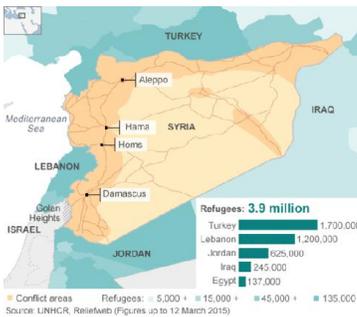
Recently, a new law was passed that refugees can't pass through if they have not been fingerprinted and approved. They began to grow impatient and attempted to break through the gates. They were successful, and the Hungarian police fought back with pepper spray, water cannons,

and tear gas. Then, the refugees started throwing random objects at the police like food, water bottles, and rocks. This chaotic scene lasted for about an hour.

One other tragedy in this crisis is the problem of the refugee children. Many children are arriving in Turkey as orphans. They are being taken to Greece and are being forced to stay in dirty police cells with adult criminals. Volunteers from a non-governmental organization visited the prison and were horrified at the conditions. They only receive one meal a day and some children have gone two days without food. They are not allowed outside, and they are handcuffed when being moved to a different location. The volunteers stated that this is

"not normal for Europe." One volunteer said there is electrical wire sticking out of the ceiling and there was waste on the floor. Eleven children, ages from 11 and 17, are being held at the prison. The United Nations High Commissioners for refugees has been warning the Greek government about these conditions. The UN Convention on the Rights of Children states that children who are refugees are entitled to special help and should not be locked in a prison with adults.

Many organizations are working to end this treatment of children and the treatment of all the refugees, and hopefully it won't be a crisis anymore.



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New French Teacher: Mrs. McMeans

By Jamie Sine

I sat down with the new French teacher Mrs. McMeans, to interview her as a teacher, as an admirer of french language, and, more importantly, as a person.

Jamie: What attracted you the most about the French language?

Mrs. McMeans: I've always loved poetry. Studying French allowed me to read beautiful poems in their native language.

J: What is your favorite part of teaching French?

M: Seeing students progress and the confidence they gain over time, and how they reflect on the language on a personal level.

J: How long have you been teaching?

M: This is my 6th year.

J: What was your dream job as a kid?

M: I always wanted to do something involving travel or something humanitarian.

J: What were some of the best experiences that your college offered you?

M: Temple University is a diverse school and learning a new language with so many international students was very rewarding.

J: As a teacher, what goal do you hope to achieve?

M: I want students to become involved in French and have a passion for it.

J: How do you see

yourself in ten years?

M: Teaching my own children French.

J: Who are your heroes or inspirations?

M: My dad. I also love Frida Kahlo for her experiences and life story, and Pablo Picasso.

J: What was the last book you've read?

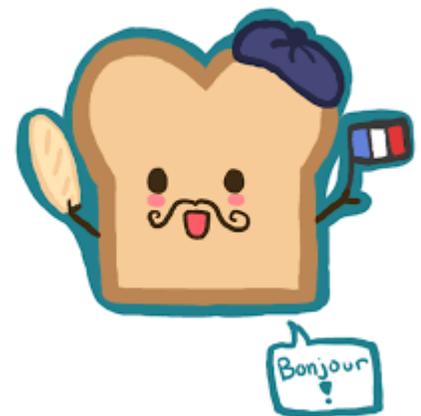
M: *Riders of the Purple Sage* by Zane Grey.

J: If you had one wish, what would it be?

M: I would say world peace, although it's cliché. Probably people to be happy towards each other.

J: Do you have any words of advice for your students?

M: Do what you love and work hard at it.



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AP Classes

By Allison Reiter

AP classes are Advanced Placement classes. They are the most challenging classes a student in high school can take. They consist of a year of learning the material. In May, students take the AP exam, which can be used for college credits if students score between a 3-5 on it.

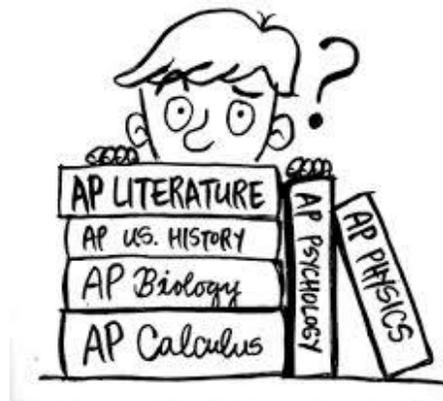
Whether to take an AP class or not is often difficult to decide at times. Many things should be considered when choosing which AP courses to take. If you excel in a certain academic area, take an AP course that revolves around those subjects. Also, taking AP courses requires a lot of work

and time, so if you are an extremely busy person, it would not be recommended to take one.

If you do decide to take an AP course, there are many things to do in order to succeed. Students who have taken them before suggest that you pay attention in class, take notes, and study. Studying is extremely important and must be done as soon as the material is given. This keeps you on top of things and prevents falling behind in class.

Even though the classes are very challenging, they reap great rewards. These classes can improve chances of admission to colleges.

They can also help you earn college credits early. If you score a three or higher on the AP exam, then you can be awarded college credits at most schools. This can save thousands of dollars, which can help in the long run. Also, taking AP courses can increase chances of winning scholarships. According to the College Board, 31% of colleges look at AP experience when making decisions for scholarship winners. Overall, taking AP courses is a good choice if you are planning on going to a four-year college.



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Confident?

By Vanessa Fonseca

For centuries, people like King George III and Cleopatra have exceeded in confidence. Yet there are still many people who lack confidence and are seeking it.

Some define confidence as having a positive and realistic view of themselves and what they do. Confidence according to Mrs. Knopf is: "Being willing to make decisions and take chances in a healthy way."

What destroys

people's confidence? During a survey 21 out of 32 people said that body image is what destroyed their confidence. Ten out of 32 said that bullying affects their confidence.

With bullying and body image living among us, is it possible to have confidence? Sadly, out of 32 people, only 2 were very confident. Although it seems uncanny, it's possible to gain confidence. How? Have a positive attitude about yourself

and your goals. Nineteen out of 32 people said that achieving a goal helps boost their confidence. To have confidence you have to have goals; so when you reach them you can turn back, and see all your hard work.

Being confident is something you can achieve if you maintain a positive attitude and set goals to be proud of.



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Deeper Than Skin: Body Positivity

By Brenna Blanke

Have you ever struggled with body image? People judge American youth on appearance. Recently, a new social media term has surfaced. Are you "Body-Posi?"

I interviewed Miss Arnold, Wilson's third floor history teacher. She defined "Body-Posi" as, "A movement with the purpose of allowing young women to feel good and positive about themselves regardless of how they look." Anyone can be affected by it; we need to be lifted up by people around

us. She continued, "...it needs to be a joint effort amongst everyone to make each other feel positive in general. Everyone should focus more on internal attributes than external attributes." Many people focus on external attributes. This is one of the biggest resurfacing issues of our generation. While body positivity focuses on external attributes, it is deeper than that. Beauty isn't skin deep, that's what The Body Positive Organization

communicates. "Body-Posi" is universally defined as, "A radical redefinition and reclamation of the body." The Body Positive Organization supports that definition. They help people gain skills, like being confident. Body positivity is about loving yourself and being comfortable in your own skin. Once that is established, body positivity can be accomplished.

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Bullying

By Alexis Vitko

Teens are often too worried about popularity and cross the line between joking and bullying. Most people have experienced bullying to an extent whether at a party, at school, or online.

Bullying is harder to catch now because it's not just physical. Our generation has come up with different strategies to accomplish this. 'Grind time' or 'Roasting' is a new method used to

'prove their dominance' to others.

There's no easy way for parents or anyone to find out about what's going on behind closed doors or on the web if no one tells.

Talking to a student in the situation shows they do not take it lightly.

"I feel vulnerable and attacked. Like it'll never end and inside I am humiliated, but I try not to show it because I don't want to seem like I'm 'too sensitive'."

Students laugh along, but what some of these kids go through is not a laughing matter. What about the web? Statistics show about 42% of kids have been bullied online, but only 58% of them have reported it.

If anyone feels trapped in these situations, there is always a teacher or parent that can and will help. You are not alone.



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Time Management

By Kaylynn Betts

Wouldn't it be easier if time were a VHS player? To have the ability slow down, speed up, or just to pause. Time is key, especially to students, whether for homework, socializing, or even a nap. While some of us have a lot more time than others, we manage our time according to our schedules.

Most students are in sports, clubs, or have

jobs. WAHS student, Alexis Vitko, reports how she manages school and her job at American Eagle, "If I know I have work, I get my homework done in study hall. I work about 25 hours a week." Jobs mean strict priorities. Never over-commit with your job, social life, and academics.

Surprisingly, part --time jobs as a student have several benefits. It

demonstrates responsibility, gives us a peek at the working world, and of course time management. The best part is we make our own money. Working during school has benefits. It helps manage schedules and to stay focused in school at the same time. It makes us feel more like adults and helps our self-esteem.



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Student? Athlete? Or Both?

By Rachel Torres

Are you a student-athlete in high school that struggles and juggles with keeping up good grades, extracurricular activities, and having time for yourself? If so, the first step to accomplishing time management in high school is to take advantage of every second that is given to you.

I interviewed student-athlete Chavi Sharma and asked "What does it mean to be a stu-

dent-athlete?" She said, "Being a student athlete means that I am able to participate in both activities that I love; I think that we deserve to be recognized because of our effort." Sharma agrees that being a student athlete can be very difficult, but she is ready to take on any challenge.

Managing time during game seasons is very difficult. In the midst of the season, athletes often come across a

time where they find themselves practicing and playing every day of the week, with the exception of Sunday.

Events can be as far as 30 minutes or more away, so using that travel time could benefit your work load. Homework would be a perfect example. As a student-athlete, filling empty spots can be the difference from being cut from the team and obtaining bad grades.



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Donald Trump

By Andorra Bastien

Republican candidate, Donald Trump, has prompted uproar among the American people in the presidential race. In announcing his run for presidency on June 16, 2015, Trump started with controversial statements towards Mexican immigrants saying, “When Mexico sends its people, they’re not sending the best. They’re sending people that have lots of problems and they’re bringing those problems. They’re bringing drugs, they’re bringing crime. They’re rapists and some, I assume, are good people, but I speak to border guards and they’re telling us what we’re getting.” Those comments have derived more publicity and higher ratings on the polls.

Although he quickly became the highest rated Republican candidate, people

were extremely disgusted with such comments. After his racist remarks, on June 25, Univision announced it would not air the Miss USA pageant, which Trump partly owns. In a statement from NBC, the network that airs Trump’s *Apprentice*, *Miss USA*, and *Miss Universe*, announced they would be cutting all ties and will be ending those programs. Following suit, Macy’s also announced they were removing all of Trump’s clothing line. The Republican candidate quickly fired back saying he would sue all of them.

It seems as though his campaign is proving to be nothing but a publicity stunt. Fox’s GOP debate on September 16, reached 24 million views according to Nielsen data, which makes it the most watched primary presidential debate in U.S. history. The recent presidential de-

bate has been called the “Trump Show” or a “reality show.” When asked about how he would resolve the issues of the economy, Trump continually dismisses the question and answers with self-righteous claims of how wealthy and intelligent he is.

Donald Trump does understand the importance of becoming the President of the United States. This country deserves a serious president that will stand by his word and not make a mockery of what our founding fathers have put in place for the future of the country. Trump’s racist remarks and incoherence to the oppressing problems of this country confirms he is unqualified to potentially be the President of the United States.



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Apple Special Event

By Scott Marceca

On September 9th, Apple unveiled exciting, new products at its annual fall event in San Francisco at Bill Graham Civic Auditorium. Led by Apple's CEO Tom Cook and Senior Vice President Phil Schiller, the event exhibited new devices that sparked the crowd's curiosity and interest.

Undoubtedly, the most anticipated devices revealed at the event were the iPhone 6s and iPhone 6s Plus. The main difference between the two models is the size of their screens. The iPhone 6s has a 4.7-inch display, while the iPhone 6s Plus has a

5.5-inch display. Both phones boast a 12-megapixel iSight camera and a 5-megapixel FaceTime camera. Also, they are powered by the new A9 chips, which enhance CPU performance by up to 70 percent. Offered in four eye-catching colors, the iPhone 6s and iPhone 6s Plus are currently offered in 16, 64, and 128 gigabyte models.

The 16-gigabyte models for the iPhone 6s and iPhone 6s Plus are priced at \$199 and \$299, respectively. In addition to the new iPhones, Apple also presented the iPad Pro. Avail-

able in November, the iPad Pro will cost between \$799 and \$1079. Its 12.9-inch display with 5.9 million pixels is predicted to enhance user satisfaction. Moreover, acting as a stylus, the Apple Pencil will accompany the iPad Pro. The new iOS operating system, iOS 9, was also announced at the event. Overall, Apple's fall unveiling of its new products was successful and received favorable responses from critics and consumers.

New SATS 2016

By Sam Houser

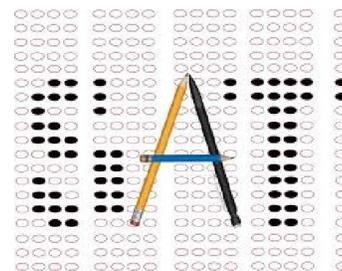
I like to take comfort in the fact that, as a freshman, I won't have to face the SATs for a few more years. However, by the time I take it, it'll be a whole different version of the current test. The same goes for all of the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors of 2015-2016.

By March 5th, 2016, the new and improved SATs will be available for taking. Some of the changes include an

optional essay section, a maximum score of 1600 instead of 2400, a more practical vocabulary section, and no penalty for guessing. Certain topics were altered to better represent the current information taught in schools and studied in college.

The goal of all these changes is to make the test fairer. That means that the test should be slightly easier to take,

and it is hoped that this decreased difficulty will encourage more students to take the SATs. Some people fear that this will lower standards while others believe this is an opportunity to level the playing field for those who are unable to afford the expensive test preps. However, this all remains to be seen.



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Senior Spotlight: Brahmleen Chaggar

By Annabelle Gaardsmoe

This edition of The Echo's senior spotlight allows us to highlight someone who usually sits behind the lights rather than shines in them. Brahmleen Chaggar is the head of lights and tech crew this year in her third and final year in tech crew. In addition to lights, Brahmleen is also on the tennis team, is in the National Honor Society and has been one of the top students of her class all throughout high school.

As head of lights, Brahmleen is in charge of installing new lights, programming current lights, creating light cues for the plays, and

managing the light board for all events that take place in the auditorium. Brahmleen decided to take her position in the light booth because she had been interested in tech crew, but did not want to build sets or do any other labor intensive jobs, so when she discovered there was a place for her in the glowing booth over the balcony, she jumped at the chance.

Brahmleen is very dedicated to her academics and excels in all of her classes. While she is successful in all subjects, she does show preference towards her science classes and plans on studying

chemical engineering after she graduates. One of Brahmleen's fondest high school memories was going on the trip to France and Spain this past spring. When she looks back at her time at Wilson, she will remember the fun times and experiences she shared with her friends. If Brahmleen could pass on one message to future students at Wilson, it would be to get involved as much as you can and do things that interest you. As for the future, Brahmleen is looking forward to putting her headset back on and preparing for this year's drama club production of Gigi.

Pep Rally

By Annabella Bastien

"Let's go Wilson!" rang through everyone's ears on Thursday September 3rd during the pep rally. Students rallied as all of the fall sports teams entered into the gym. The crowd roared in school spirit as cross country, junior varsity and varsity girls soccer, junior varsity and varsity boys soccer, girls tennis, field hockey, boys golf, and the football team walked in.

The Varsity cheerleaders

did a wonderful routine full of stunts and flips exciting the crowd. Afterwards the junior varsity cheerleading team showed us their spirit with an outstanding performance. Then the band played music such as the Alma Mater and Uptown Funk as the band front twirled flags and batons.

Soon after that, the football coach made a speech encour-

aging the football players to have a great season. Captain Mike Fabian made an emotional statement saying, "Play like it's your last game." The annual saying "Go home freshmen" was chanted by the upper classmen taunting all freshmen. The pep rally was a great way to start off the school year.

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Senior Stress

By Taylor Garrison

School is back in session which means new classes, new teachers, and new stressors. Senior year should make the seniors feel on top, but personally, I feel like I'm buried on the bottom of a pile of college applications, AP classwork, and so many other stress causes.

Whether it is at the hair salon, a family party, or the school cafeteria, everyone has one question for seniors and that is, "what are you doing after graduation?" It seems like a fair question, but after you hear it for the hundredth time, it really begins to add on stress. Senior year is the time when

you have to start executing plans so that you do actually know what you are going to do after graduation. This turns into deadlines, deadlines, and even more deadlines! SAT and ACT tests, college application due dates, scholarship deadlines, and so much more all have to be scheduled and prepared for by us seniors.

During the entire college application whirlwind, we still must balance our classes, jobs, volunteering, clubs, sports, and various other activities. Though some claim seniors have "senioritis," the ones I know have extremely busy schedules. It can be a lot to

handle, and even then, many students feel like they are not doing enough; comparing test scores and college choices is common amongst the seniors.

To help alleviate this senior stress, I believe we seniors should stop comparing ourselves to each other. It really is all about doing what is right for your future and yours alone. Choose the college that is right for you, not just because it is Ivy League; if no college is right for you, be confident in that choice. And remember to have fun your senior year, too!

The Battle to the Top

By Michael Jablonski

Every year, courageous adventurers look to cross off the ultimate bucket list item: making it to the top of Mount Everest.

Making the journey, however, is not as easy as it seems. For starters, the only times when the weather is calm enough for the climb to be made are

small windows in May and September. Even then, sudden storms and avalanches can trap climbers on the mountainside for days, which can prove to be deadly.

Both attempts this year would turn out to be failures, unfortunately. An earthquake in Nepal precluded the first

attempt in April. The second attempt failed because of two feet of snow, which blocked mountain routes.

It looks like those courageous adventurers will have to wait until the spring... weather permitting.



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Book Review: *I Hunt Killers*

By Alyson Ellison

As the son of a serial killer, Jasper Dent exhibits emotional turmoil that is more than just the average teenage angst. Though his father is incarcerated for his crimes, he has never truly left him; his voice taunts him constantly, and Jasper struggles forgetting all the “fatherly lessons” from his childhood. When murders begin again in his small town, he feels drawn to the investigation, certain that an-

other serial killer has arrived. However, there is much more going on than he is aware of, and the following events are more than he could have anticipated.

This novel is the first of a fantastic trilogy. It is at times vaguely disturbing though it is often lighthearted. Furthermore, the characters are endearing; Jasper, his friend, Howie, and his girlfriend, Connie, make a charming trio.

The plot is intriguing,

and the overall style of writing creates a fascinating tale that is nearly impossible to put down. *I Hunt Killers* is highly recommended for those who enjoy more sinister literature and self-conflicted protagonists. Full of humor and suspense, this compelling thriller takes the reader on a psychological journey that doesn't end on the last page.

The Tribe

By Luke Mette

Wilson football is back! As this is Coach Matt Seneca's second season with the Warriors, he is optimistic about his young team's future. There have been positive signs shown this year - especially by sophomore Job Goodman. For those who don't know, Job is the brother of Wilson alumnus Kowan Scott, who notably put his name in Wilson's record books for football and track and field.

With another season of football comes The Tribe! This

year, Luke Mette, Morgan Hene-man, Rachel Torres, Justin Edinger, and Brendan Kirkpatrick lead it. The Tribe is looking forward to expanding for a bigger support of the football team. At the first football game at Palmer-ton, The Tribe was dressed up in their beach attire for a Night at the Beach theme with beach balls flying throughout the stands. For Wilson's first home game on Sep-

tember 12th, the Tribe wore their patriotic colors to pay tribute to 9/11. If you are bored on a Friday night, come have a fun night out with the Tribe before the season ends! There are some upcoming fun themes for everyone to participate such as on Halloween Day at home vs. Bangor!