GODSPELL JR. ROCKS IHM AUDIENCES

Maddie Merrill ‘23

As you may know, IHM just wrapped up another hit spring musical, and this year it was Godspell Jr! The show was performed on March 25th and 26th, bringing in a large audience both nights. Both performances went great thanks to the amazing cast and crew of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. And of course Mrs. Noppinger our director, and Ms. Datz our Tech director. The show follows Jesus, played by Tristan C., John the Baptist/Judas, played by Josh S., and the ensemble during a Saturday detention, where they have a few laughs, and learn lots of different parables from the Gospel according to Matthew.

But we also can’t forget about the wonderful song and dance numbers that take place too! I talked to Grayson B. ‘23, who was a part of the stage crew in Descendants Jr. last year, and a soloist this year. Grayson said that performing in Godspell Jr. as his first ever show as an actor was a fun experience, and although he was nervous about performing his solo, he said it was still fun to do. Grayson also said that he enjoyed being a part of a cast, and last but not least, he wants to thank Mrs. Noppinger and Ms. Datz for working so hard on the show, and he just might continue to work in some aspect of theater in high school.

I also talked to Evie W. ‘23, who was one of our stage managers in Godspell. She also stage managed last year’s musical, Descendants Jr. Evie said that although being a stage manager is stressful sometimes, it can also be super fun! She also said that if she could do it again she would, and she especially liked working alongside Ms. Datz and Mrs. Noppinger. I think that both of them had some really great things to say! This show also has a super special place in Mrs. Noppinger’s heart because she performed Godspell during her time at IHM! I hope that everyone enjoyed the show!
Welcome back to Between the Bells! We only have one poll for this issue. We put up a very good one which has many different opinions. Coke or Pepsi? This poll was mostly answered by the middle school with 93 respondents choosing Coke, and 63 choosing Pepsi. We had many interviews with our many school students debating this topic.

Molly B in 8th Grade said “I prefer Pepsi because it's sweeter and it's more carbonated.” Thanks Molly! Another 8th Grader we interviewed was Adam M. He said “I like Coke more because it tastes better and is more iconic.” Thanks for sharing Adam! Now moving onto a 7th grader, Reagan A. She said “Coke because it has better flavor and a bigger flavor variety than Pepsi which makes it just better.” Thanks for the good detailed answer Reagan!

Got an idea for a Between the Bells poll? Email Ms. Datz at mdatz@ihmschoolmd.org!

Movie Review
By Josh Schneider ’24

Welcome to Movie Review. Today on Movie review is the new movie “Puss In Boots” which is a creation of “DreamWorks.” This movie is rated PG for ages 9+ because of a little bit of violence like battle scenes, and language like crap. Puss In Boot is about a cat who realizes he has used up 8 of his 9 lives, after he realizes this he goes on a long journey to find this magical wish to restore his nine lives. In my opinion this movie is a family movie. I recommend if you haven't started the series of movies you should start now because this movie is the best of them yet.
Easter Sunday is almost here! Start off this Easter season right by making these cute paper roll bunnies. This adorable activity is something that anyone can do and will help you get into the Easter spirit.

By Alyssa Cramer ‘23

Materials you’ll need:
- Paper roll
- White Paint
- Small googly eyes
- Pipe Cleaners
- Small pom poms
- White Cardstock and Colored Cardstock
- Glue
- Scissors
- Black Sharpie

Instructions:
1. Paint the toilet paper rolls with white paint (may take a few layers of paint)
2. Trace and cut some ear shapes out on the white cardstock and make smaller ear inserts with some colored paper of your choice (Glue the ear shapes together)
3. Glue two small googly eyes on to the paper roll
4. Twist three small pipe cleaners around each other and glue this down to the paper roll
5. Glue a small pom pom on top of the pipe cleaners for the nose
6. Glue the ears to the inside of the paper roll
7. Draw the month with a black sharpe

Now you made your own paper roll bunny!
Movie Review

By Mayah Njoroge ‘24

AVATAR: The Way of Water

Recently, James Cameron is returning with a new addition to the Avatar franchise! This is definitely a movie that people have been waiting for. The first movie came out in 2009, and they have been saying that they were going to be making more movies ever since (but if you’re worried you do not need to see the first movie before, to understand the storyline of this movie). This story follows a family from the Na’vi tribe, the Sully family as they have to make some changes to their environment as something from Jake Sully’s past is coming back as a threat. This is a PG-13 movie, and would definitely recommend this if you were someone who loved the first Avatar. This movie has so much beautiful scenery as they explore the world of Pandora, the animation, battles, and everything was amazing.

I could talk about this movie for hours, but there will be no spoilers here! As of the writing of this article, this movie is only in theaters, but will be coming to Disney Plus after its sensational run. Also as a bonus if you do decide to see this movie in theaters they are offering it in 3D where you can get splashed with water during underwater scenes, or your chair will shake when something happens! This might not be everyone’s cup of tea but I personally had a really fun time. Be on the lookout for the next couple years because they are planning to make a total of five movies! This is definitely a “You Gotta See It!” movie that will bring a lot of nostalgia to people who watched the first one when they were younger and hopefully you enjoy it as much as I did.

IHM MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

By Evelyn Weaver ‘23

This year the middle school dance was on January 28, 2023. This is one of the highlights of the year for many students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades and all you needed to get in was three dollars and a canned good! This year we also welcomed a new class of sixth graders. The dance involved snacks, friends, music, and of course, dancing! There was lots of entertainment like “The Um Game,” line dances, dancing contests, and talking to teachers and friends. One eighth grader said “I am very excited to be here and hang out with my friends!”

Everyone left the dance satisfied, with lots of memories for next year. The dance is something that everyone will remember! Since a lot of people were sad to leave, some of the dances coming up to look forward to are another middle school dance, and the 8th Grade Dance!
Spring is here! Inspired by the blooming flowers, you can make this pretty hyacinth flower art. This simple activity is for everyone to try and will make a beautiful Spring or Easter decoration.

Materials you’ll need:

- Light Blue/White cardstock
- Green cardstock/construction paper
- Purple paint
- Empty water bottle
- Small paper plate
- Scissors
- Glue

Instructions:

1. Cut out skinny green stems with your green paper
2. Glue the stems on to your light blue/white cardstock
3. Pour some purple paint onto the plate
4. Dip the water bottle lid into the paint and print it around the stem on the cardstock
5. Continued dipping the the water bottle lid into the paint and back onto the paper until you have filled the space around the stems

You now have an created some pretty hyacinth flower art!
One period of Planning for Success, I was tasked with researching any topic I chose. I am very indecisive in timed situations like this, so I decided on whatever subject closest to the first fun fact I could think of. The trivia that my mind tapped into must have been somewhat related to rock-paper-scissors, but I don’t even remember what specific thought started this commotion!

With a full period of recess and nothing to do, I set my agenda on brainstorming ways to acquire rock-paper-savoir faire. I started by reducing the game to its simplest form: the attack triangle. Oversimplification would be my greatest regret, laying exposure to the rock-scissors-plague everywhere.

At home, I look into my DVD collection, and find my copy of *The Grinch*. That gives me an idea for a new game! Do you want a way to solve quarrels with a friend quickly? Then, challenge them to a round of Santa-Krampus-Grinch! The miserly green creature captures Santa as part of his grand larceny scheme, the goat-like warden of mischievous children proposes punishment for his crimes, and the employer of elves tries to veto his coworker, knowing how Seuss’s tale ends.

Doesn’t that concept sound familiar? Let’s brush it off as a friendly coincidence. I sit at my desk, ready to do homework. The paper requires me to do some coloring, but I can’t seem to find the right hue! I lay everything from my pencil case in front of me, and among them are scissors. Also, my eraser could be a substitute for rock…

I’ve got to slow down. Have you ever seen a rock the shade of an eraser’s pink? Have you ever seen a stone shaped like an eraser’s lopsided, rectangular build? I’m taking things to the extreme a bit. After I finish my homework, how about I play a video game to clear my mind?

I decided to put in an RPG cartridge. I looked over my team, and was especially focused on the first unit I ever got. At the beginning of the game, you’re given the choice between creatures that can control water, fire, and plant life respectively. These three types can directly counter each other, in obvious ways (plants absorb water, water puts out fire, fire burns the flora). This creates a system where there is no ‘best’ starter; unless you tally the bosses their types are effective against, all three of the beginner units give you a similar experience.

Wait, that sounds like rock-paper-scissors! It’s completely identical to Santa-Krampus-Grinch! I’d assume I had double vision if you put these virtual creatures and my scholarly stationary from earlier side by side!

The good thing that comes out of that rock-paper-scandal is the discovery of my thesis: like bacteria, attack triangles and advantages are everywhere. I’d like to apologize for my labeling of this phenomena as a plague earlier; this is simply a fundamental concept of natural life. A simplistic game that only needs hands to be played is just how we explore it.

Stay tuned for more Twisted True Tales in upcoming issues of the IHM Eagle Eye News!
Deltarune is yet another game made by Toby Fox, a music composer and developer. He is also the creator of Undertale, another popular game.

Deltarune is about a person named Kris, the main protagonist. The setting for this game takes place in the light world/dark world. The light world is where the game starts. There are two chapters to this game so far. The light world is where you meet characters like Toriel, Sans, Asgore, Noelle, and many others!

In the first chapter you meet Susie, a lightner. Susie is more considered a “Bully” in this game. The first interaction with susie is where you find her eating chalk. She sees you and thinks you are going to tell on her so she can get suspended. But Kris and Susie go to a closet to get more chalk since Ms. Alphys told Kris to go get more chalk. This is where the game really begins.

You walk into the closet and it's nothing but pitch black and infinite walking. Kris and susie decide to walk back and tell the teacher they couldn’t find any chalk, But the door shuts on them. And right after the door shuts on them, the floor breaks and they fall through the floor. This is where they enter the dark world.

In order to return to the light world, they need to seal a fountain. They meet a character named Raslei, Who asks them to be nice to everyone they fight and asks Kris to SPARE. SPAREing is where you not fight back and you let them go. Susie doesn’t agree with this opinion so Susie goes to be one of the “bad guys.” This is where you meet Lancer, AKA teardrop boy.

You play as Kris. You can SPARE or FIGHT. I personally think SPAREing is better than FIGHTing because it actually reflects on chapter two.

You fight mini-bosses and Final Bosses, Just like Undertale. If you want to know more about this game, I recommend watching Shayy or Merg on YouTube. They do a lot of videos on it.

Where the game name originated from: The name Deltarune is actually just Undertale but scrambled up into different wording.

Where you can download it: Deltarune is NOT a mobile game. You can only get it on Nintendo Switch, PS4, Macbook, and Desktop.

I have played this game before and I really recommend you play it! It is one of my favorite games and things to watch on YouTube.

Deltarune’s Music: Deltarune’s OST (Original Soundtrack) is one of the best soundtracks I've ever heard! You can find it on YouTube, Amazon Music, Spotify, Pandora, and other streaming services!

Thank you for reading my Game Time review!
IHM’S NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

By Chloe Bell ’25

Have you seen our new fire alarms around school? Take a second to look at where you are. That’s right, IHM got a new fire alarm system! It’s way better than our old fire alarm system which just sounds like a school bell never ending.

Here are some things the new system includes:

- It flashes whenever it goes off.
- It’s got a loudspeaker so it can basically be heard in every room.
- It’s way louder than our old one.
- Its range is amazing.

If you have any questions about our fire alarm, please ask your homeroom teacher or the principal about it. Thank you for taking the time to read my article about our new fire alarm system!

Got an interest in journalism, photography, or reporting? Then this is the perfect activity for you! The Eagle Eye is always looking for new members in 6th to 8th grade to take part in a fun extracurricular activity!

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