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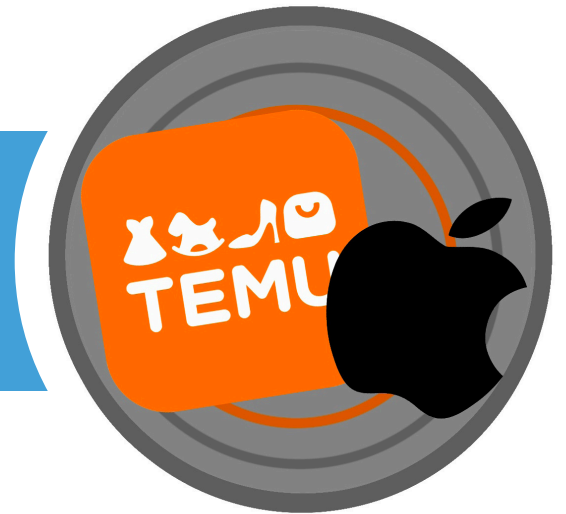


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# ONE DIRECTION IS BACK!

One Direction was an English-Irish pop band created in London in 2010. The group had five members, Niall Horan, Liam Payne, Harry Styles, Louis Tomlinson and Zayn Malik until his withdrawal from the group in 2015. Their style and pop-rock songs captivated their fans and their careers skyrocketed off of the show X-Factor. Each member auditioned alone but was then encouraged to form the band. With their recording contract from Simon Cowell, they recorded their first album *Up All Night*. The song "What Makes You Beautiful" attracted lots of publicity and was named the best British single at the Brit Awards. Their album then debuted at number one on the Billboard album chart. The

band continued to make hit songs, influencing the media worldwide. The band announced their breakup in 2015.

Harry Styles claimed, "This is just a break, we wanted to focus on our careers for a bit, but we will be back."

This break, however, has lasted eight years and has left fans questioning if they would ever see the five together again.

Sally Stockholm is a 1D fanatic. She stated, "All I want for Christmas is for One Direction to get back together."

Just last night, One Direction made Sally's wish come true. They announced that they would be having a reunion world tour! This has taken the media by storm and

has become a big shock to their fans around the world. They plan to tour various continents this summer, singing their most hit and missed songs for their fans. Fans are creating different conspiracies.

Allie Almighty claimed, "I think they are going to release a new album when they arrive in London for the tour!"

Almighty also said, "I'm going to stay up all night to get pit tickets, there's no way I'm missing this!" The anticipation for the tour continues to escalate as the summer of 2024 inches closer. The reunion tour may be the biggest success yet in their careers.

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**Story by Soapie Nguyen**

# ONE DIRECTION

## THE REUNION

### W O R L D T O U R







On April 1st, Epic Games stated in a recent post that they would be basing the up-and-coming Fortnite season on WWII.

Many players have mixed feelings about this upcoming season. However looking at a recent survey, over 87% are displeased and upset that Fortnite would choose such a prominent and sensitive top-

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ic. When asked if this would lead them to find other games to play, many players agreed that their love for the game would overpower their dislike of this new season. Especially because the season will come and go, some even adding that people will most likely forgive and forget this new season.

Ayesha, a loyal player stated, “This may not be my favorite thing Fortnite has done, but I still enjoy the game and would hate to quit it.”

Many believe this will tarnish Epic Games’ reputation and cause many to leave the company altogether. Epic Games has never had a fallout this bad until now. Still, many people are excited about this upcoming season and what it could offer. Many new weapons are being brought into the game like nukes, also with the addition of tanks and technical cars.

“Honestly sure this seems bad, but the gameplay will probably be amazing!” said Bob, a former player of Fortnite.

Not only are players upset and questioning this decision, but now parents are enraged over this. Numerous parents have brought up the argument that while already being a violent game introducing such a topic as war into the game would only make it more violent. This has led to social media platforms being overwhelmed with posts and communities full of upset parents.

“I feel like this might not only promote war but also make the younger players see war as something less than it is. I’m scared that this will desensitize our children to war,” committed Denny, a parent on social media.

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**Story by Aubreyella Synder**



# CLOSING SOON

## NWHS AND WHS MERGE

On April 1st, 2024, the Waukee School District held an emergency board meeting where they announced that Waukee and Waukee Northwest would be merging back together to avoid the financial troubles the district has been experiencing. To avoid bankruptcy, students will return to Waukee High School and Waukee Northwest High School will shut down. This news has shocked students, parents and staff. The board also introduced new ways to cut spending, including cutting back on the amount of school lunches purchased by the district and ending the lease on all school-provided technology.

The decision was based on how the district operated before the Waukee School District split into Waukee and Waukee Northwest. One student conveyed his disapproval of the decision.

He said, "I already have some trouble navigating the halls at Waukee, and with all of these new kids coming from Northwest, I think that will just amplify the problem."

Teachers at Northwest High School will keep their positions at Waukee High School to accommodate the teacher-to-student ratio required by the district. New plans for

the district will go into effect starting August 23rd, 2024, at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year.

A teacher at Northwest stated her dismay at the decision to combine staff into Waukee High School. "I am worried about how we are going to manage all of these students. Most classes only require one teacher, and I don't think it is fair to split the responsibilities between two or more teachers, especially because our pay could be affected by this switch."

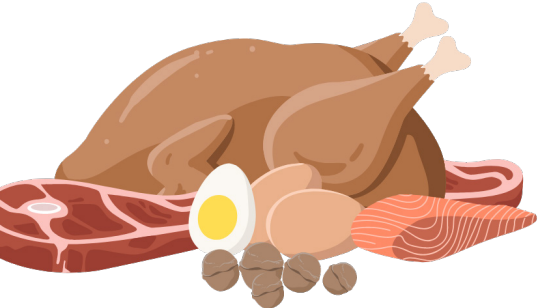
After the announcement, school board members were bombarded with questions as they left City Hall, but declined to answer any specific inquiries. However, later in the day, a statement appeared on the board's social media page.

It read, "We are working with government officials as well as the staff from both high schools to make sure the best possible solution is reached. Please rest assured that your students will have all the needs they require despite the unfortunate cuts in the budget."

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**Story by Lukas Wrestler**





On April 1st, Kadie Karen Diekmeyer, who is well-known on TikTok for her account “That Vegan Teacher Who Sings” was caught eating chicken drumsticks from Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Diekmeyer is an animal rights activist from Canada who grew in popularity on her TikTok and YouTube accounts for her controversial takes on homophobia and racism. She first went viral on TikTok after posting her song “Eating Animals is Wong, McDonalds,” in 2020. Many trolls made edits of Diekmeyer to the song as she ate her drumsticks from KFC.

“This morning I woke up, made a healthy breakfast, and turned on the Channel 13. I was in shock seeing the pictures of Kadie eating our friends. I’m hurt by her actions and I’ve already texted her that we no longer can be friends,” stated animal rights activist and ex-friend Karen Sharon.

Diekmeyer’s few fans even called her a fraud and think TikTik should ban her account because the one reason she is famous is for being vegan. She has already lost over 100 thousand followers on TikTok and 50 thousand subscribers on YouTube. She continues to lose her fans and TikTok has removed her creator title.

Diekmeyer did make a post on TikTok saying, “I’m sorry for my actions, but I was really hungry and KFC had no other options than chicken on their menu.”

Because of the uproar over Diekmeyer’s actions, Northwest students held an after-school mourning group to mourn Diekmeyer no longer being a true vegan. Students filled the auditorium dressed in black and had their favorite vegan snacks. The students celebrated everything Diekmeyer did for the vegan community and some were seen with tears.

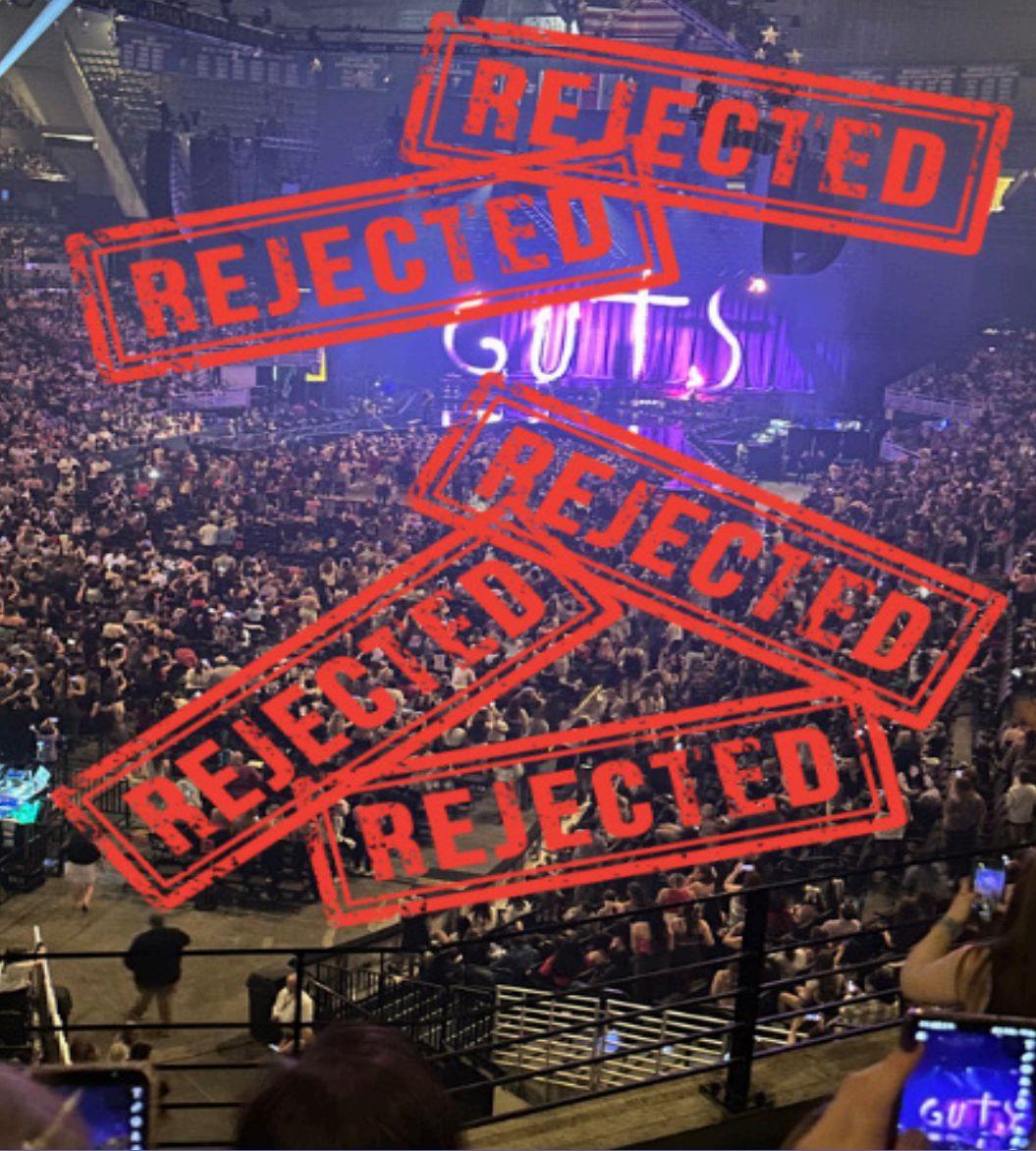
“I’m saddened by Kadie’s decision to eat the chicken leg but all vegans must respect and honor her because she fought for animal rights for a long time,” stated junior Bob Bobby.

**Story by Laurel Dixon**



# VEGAN TIKTOKER SEEN EATING KFC





## OPINION: GUTS TOUR

Olivia Rodrigo GUTS tour? Bad.

Olivia Rodrigo is currently touring the world performing her newly released GUTS album, and it did disappoint.

Rodrigo's GUTS album is comprised of 12 songs and is 39 minutes long. She also sang some songs from her previous album, SOUR, which was released in May of 2021. Both albums soared in popularity, topping the Billboard 200 chart, and received much praise from critics and fans alike. Rodrigo was projected to have a very successful world tour premiering GUTS, but everyone was wrong.

"I just wanted everyone to have a good time, like they're living their own teenage dream. I guess GUTS isn't for everyone," stated Rodrigo, regrettably.

I was thoroughly upset after attending Olivia Rodrigo's GUTS world tour. First of all, she did not even sing in the beginning. Some random person was let on stage and sang for an hour. It was also very dark. The only lights that were on were on the stage, which was annoying because what if I wanted to take selfies? I thought that was very inconsiderate of her. Before I even entered the concert, there were multiple stands selling shirts and clothing with her face on them. I was just shocked. I mean, the amount of narcissism shook me, honestly. I was having such brutal secondhand embarrassment. I thought I would be happier once the concert started, but they did not even sell hot dogs at the concession stand, so I was too hungry to

enjoy it. A baseball game topped a sold-out concert in the food category, which is frankly super embarrassing for Rodrigo. The seats were also abysmal. I mean, they were not even heated. They did not recline, had no massage feature and worst of all, no cupholders! All I wanted was an enjoyable concert experience, and Rodrigo acted like a traitor. I was full of jealousy for my friends who had the foresight to stay home and far away from this mess of a performance.

Joshua Bassett exclaimed, "I would recommend seeing Sabrina Carpenter next time. Olivia's concerts will never compare- it's just a bad idea to go, right?"

I almost bought a ticket for my dog, but I am so glad I did not. I would never subject my poor little puppy to such unbearable conditions. Almost immediately, my feet and back were hurting because I was wearing 20-inch heels, which I blame on Rodrigo. She never sent out an organized packing list for me to follow, and now I am suffering because of her mistake. What kind of performer does not prepare properly and help me wear the proper footwear? I was forced to take them off anyway because, apparently, the people behind me "could not see." Even the crowds were insufferable.

Security Guard Steve commented, "I don't know what kind of person would wear those to a concert. They were taller than my two-year-old."

I like to arrive in style, and some people just do not understand that. Speaking of style, Rodrigo also had the nerve to wear the same exact color I was wearing! I bought the only shirt in my favorite shade of purple to ever exist in the entire world, and Rodrigo just had to also wear a purple shirt. She was definitely jealous of me because I outshine her. Pretty is not pretty enough for her compared to me. Overall, I was hungry, 20 inches shorter than my outfit called for and unattended to.

I will never forget this awful, horrible, terrible experience and will forever hold a grudge against Olivia Rodrigo.

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Story by Sarah Wigtonne



# QUEEN ELIZABETH II: *FOUND ALIVE*

On April 1st, Queen Elizabeth II was spotted watering her flowers in the castle's garden around 10:45 pm. Fimmy Jallon, a thief who attempted to break into the castle and a well-known thief around the London area, stated, "Yeah it was random, I had just hopped the fence and knocked out the security guards to break into the castle, and there she was just watering the flowers."

After this incident, news crews from all over the London area swarmed the castle with cameras and questionnaires. The queen supposedly had passed on September 8th, 2022 but was found alive on April 1st of 2024. Two years later the

queen was alive. Other officials say that someone was after her so she was hiding in another country to remain unknown for the time being. Bodyguard David Michel said, "I have worked for the queen and her family for over 20 years, I didn't even know she was still here."

Queen Elizabeth II had gone off the travel the world as she was aging quickly. The queen wanted to travel but did not want to be followed or stalked by any threats, so she posed as an ordinary citizen and traveled the world.

Queen Elizabeth II stated, "Hello my people. I know you must all be so very confused. I am alive. I was

traveling through parts of the world I had never seen before. I was off the map in places that needed help but didn't have technology so no one was able to find me."

The Queen also discusses in her speech that she will be ready to get back into her normal duties as far as being queen as of the following week once she can get caught up on work.

With the queen being "dead" the world was so stunned that other countries were mourning her loss. Turns out she just needed a little adventure.

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Story by Ava Oozberg



# ★ THE STATE OF WAUKEE ★

Waukee, Iowa declares independence and becomes the 51st state of the Union on April 1st, 2024.

In a stunning and unexpected move, the city of Waukee, located in the heart of Iowa, has officially declared its independence from Iowa and the United States, paving its way for recognition as the 51st state of the Union. Mayor Clarke, leading this charge for Waukee's independence, struck a desire for greater local governance, unique cultural identity and economic growth.

President Bo Jiden stated, "This has been a plan for years, as we emancipated Waukee growing as fast as it did."

Waukee is known for its rapidly expanding population and technology

increase. Waukee has been a city for a long time, overshadowing the state's metropolitan areas. With overwhelming support from Waukee residents and local businesses, the city council passed a historic resolution asserting its sovereignty and drafting a new constitution outlining the rights and responsibilities of its citizens.

Senior at Northwest High School, Josh Stalker said, "I think this is a great opportunity for Waukee, as it is a very fast-growing city."

The newly formed government could have spent more time in establishing diplomatic ties with neighboring states and reaching out to the federal government to formalize its status as a separate entity. As news of Waukee's bid for statehood spreads,

reactions have been mixed.

Supporters laud the city's bold move as it beacon of independence and self-determination.

While critics warn of potential legal challenges and the implications of fragmenting an established state. In the meantime, celebrations are underway in Waukee as residents embrace their newfound status as the 51st state of the United States.

"I can't wait to see where this goes and if it will make an impact on the Union," said Senator Michael Jorge.

With a bright future on the horizon, Waukee stands poised to make history and redefine the American landscape.

**Story by Onyaa Van Zeten**







# NATIONAL FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

As of April 1st, 2024, the NFL is officially changing from tackle football to flag football.

The NFL will no longer be the NFL instead, it is officially changing its name to the NFFL, which stands for the National Flag Football League.

Due to concerns over player injuries, the NFL has finally made the rule change to go from tackle football to flag football. This change has been in development for many years, and many players and coaches have expressed their support for the change.

Quarterback and MVP for the Kansas City Chiefs Patrick Mahomes said, "I support this change because I have seen far too many gruesome injuries on the field, and we need to focus on keeping us safe."

Mahomes is not the only player who thinks like this in fact, every NFL player was surveyed on the change, and almost every one said they were in favor of such a change.

Those who opposed included defensive back for the Miami Dolphins Jalen Ramsey, who said, "It is already hard enough to stop these players, and now you make it even harder by forcing us to grab a tiny flag to down someone."

Ramsey's complaint is legitimate this rule change does heavily favor offensive players, but for the safety of the players, the NFL thinks it is worth it.

How the new rule would be enforced is any hit that brings a player to the ground is then deemed either accidental and a part of the game, or if the referee decides the hit was a tackle they will penalize the player with a personal foul and 15 yards given to the opposing team.

NFL Commissioner Robert Goodell stated, "We have thought long and hard about how to enforce such a

game-changing rule, and we think as a league this is the best way to go forward. We will change and adapt as needed but for now, this is how we as a league will progress."

This change is a big step forward in promoting the idea of players over revenue, and it will be very interesting to see

how the players adapt to this rule during this upcoming season.

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**Story by  
Braidyn  
Strudel**



# APPLE AND TEMU TEAM UP

The popular brand Temu this 2024 has collaborated with Apple to make affordable products for everyone's budget. Apple and Temu both popular companies have collaborated to create an all-new brand of devices, Tapple. Tapple is currently under development but will be released around late April 2024.

"Temu and Apple? That sounds like a terrible idea!" said an Apple employee.

Many Apple workers are shocked to find out about this collaboration.

"This is very interesting to find how this is all going to work out, how can such expensive devices be made affordable?" said a loyal customer of Apple. But little does anyone know what Tapple is planning for the future!

Many have concerns about how this is going to be done. Tapple explains how the company will be using cheaper materials than the regular phone. However, Tapple also makes an important point that the quality of Tapple's new line will be just as good if not better quality than Apple's standard products.

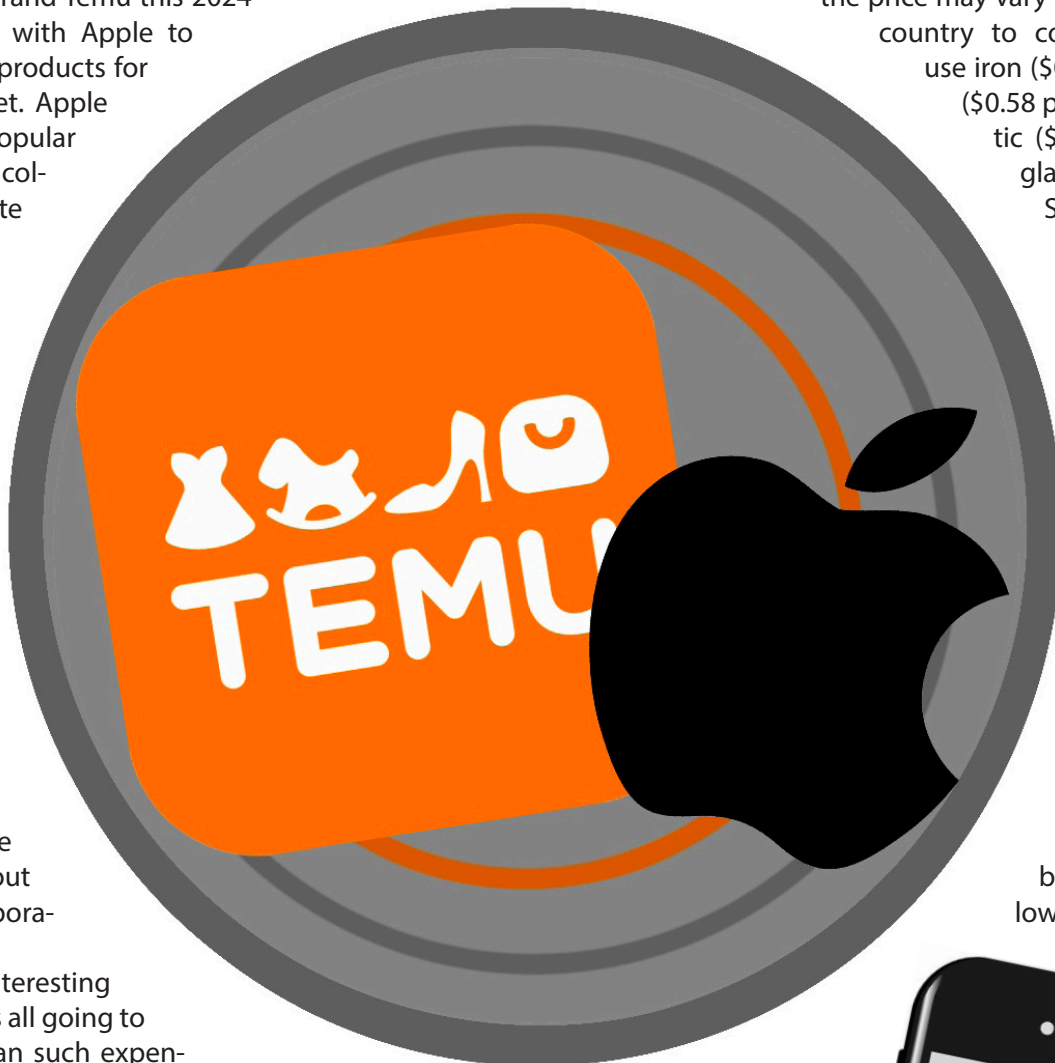
"We want to make Apple an affordable company for all incomes, so this is why we chose to collaborate with Temu and create our new brand Tapple. Affordability and quality is our top priority!" stated a Tapple brand representative.

Some of the materials they will be using are various plastics that are environmentally friendly and cheap metals. As far as the price the price will be starting as cheap as \$15, though

the price may vary due to tax prices from country to country. The products use iron (\$0.04 per pound), silica (\$0.58 per pound), LDPE/plastic (\$0.58 per pound) and glass (\$10.00 per pound).

Some people may be worried about the impact it may have on the environment, but experts say otherwise,

"The material being used to manufacture this technology won't do any harm to the environment, Tapple has taken this as an extreme priority and we are making sure everything is kept under control by the protocols we follow," said Apple CEO.



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Story by Graycee Hutchkins



# PETITIONS FOR PANGEA

Recently a petition has gone global and filled out by people in nearly every single country to reunite Pangea.

Pangea was the original continent on Earth before being split up by seismic and volcanic activity. Throughout millions of years the continents have split up into the way they are now and are continuing to split apart, but many residents of Earth want that fixed.

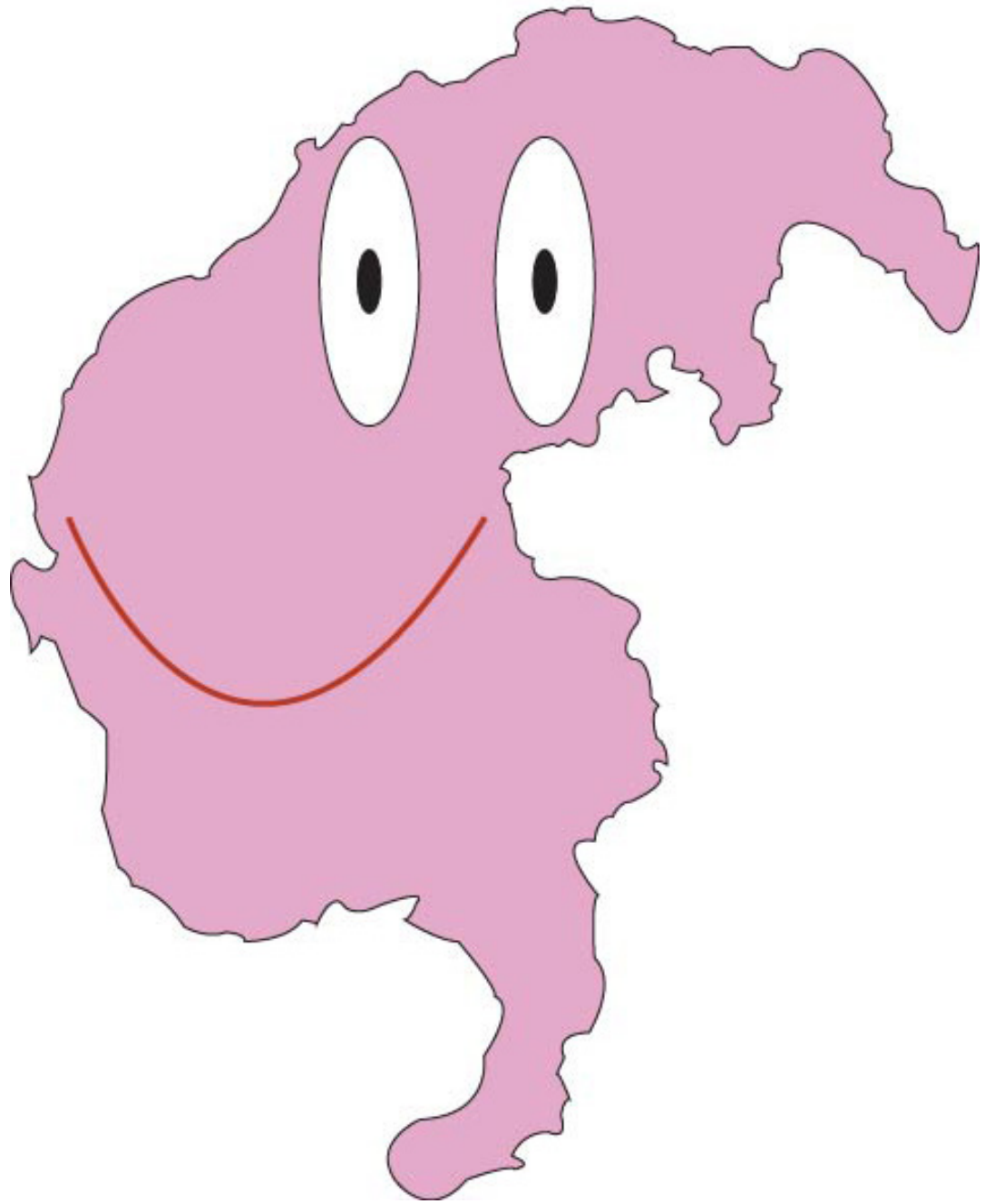
The petition has nearly one billion individual signatures including Michael Jordan, Jennifer Coolidge and Vladimir Putin. Coolidge stated, "Oh my gaahhhddd, I want Pangea back real bad."

Despite many scientists warning about how impossible this would be to do, many are still convinced that the continents can shift back together with enough rope and enough pulling by tug boats. Scientist, Neil De Grasse Tyson, stated during his two-hour-long interview, "It's just simply not possible, I don't understand how a near-eighth of the planet has united on this one thing. It's truly fascinating really and..."

Without thought to many of the warnings, many cruise ship companies had already started drilling at the edges of Mexico and the United States to begin trying to pull them together with their cruise ships. Many who live on these coasts with the drilling are not happy with their beachfront houses being shifted consistently. A resident stated, "I was really excited about this Pangea thing but man, I really don't like my house being almost torn apart constantly. But whatever brings back this huge country!"

Another resident yelled, "I hate this. The drilling is so loud and I have a gosh darn Disney Cruise ship right outside my house and I keep hearing that stupid jingle at 1:00 a.m. and it is so loud I've lost my hearing!"

Despite all of this, many still want Pangea brought back



together. People have stopped flying to other countries as they believe they will be able to drive to different countries in a matter of months. Spirit Airlines has gone out of business due to the slow flying season. A spokesperson said, "We have tried day and night to tell people that using ships to move continents does not work. We have so many scientists and have spent so much just trying to understand why people believe this will work."

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**Story by Ca\$\$ie Height**

# JAMES CHARLES PREGANT?

Since July 2021, social media star James Charles has been hiding a secret from the internet and his fans.

Fans have been speculating as to why Charles's stomach became bigger and bigger. It led to the point where people pointed fingers that he might be pregnant. Because the secret was let out, Charles posted to his Instagram of his maternity photoshoot.

Comments under the post went crazy and congratulated his pregnancy. But the main question is, who is the father? Fans think it might be TikTok star Noah Beck or his best friend, Larray.

"This is so crazy! I think it might be Noah Beck, honestly, because James and Noah have been really close lately," shared Sophomore Jalick Korn.

Others agree and some d i s -

agree but no one knows for sure.

Fans also caught Charles at a fast-food restaurant. "Sorry for the big order, I'm eating for two today," he told his fans. "Thanks. My baby's going to love that."

This made fans go even more crazy. Some cried and praised him while others asked how far along he was. With all the attention, the paparazzi followed Charles around, which made him very uncomfortable.

In a now-deleted Instagram Story, he expressed, "Why are all of you so weird? Stop stalking me and let me live in peace with my baby."

This made fans get upset with the internet and caused an uproar on Twitter with hateful tweets towards the paparazzi. Some even caused riots and threw a lot of backlash at anyone who spoke poorly about Charles and his baby.

With all of the support, Charles shared how much he loves his fans for defending him. He also announced that he was expecting soon and reminded people to check in for any future updates.

Currently, he is now making videos with his baby, Jolene.



Story by  
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# GRADUATION AT THE ZOO

The Northwest High School graduation has been moved to the Blank Park Zoo.

The graduation committee said that the decision to move the event came very quickly. "The idea just came up at one of our meetings and we were like 'Oh that would be perfect!'" said Maggie Sanderson, a junior on the student council. For the past two years, graduation has been held at Wells Fargo Arena and this year the council wanted to start a new tradition of having it somewhere fun, instead of somewhere practical.

The committee explained that this commencement ceremony would be unlike any other in Northwest High School history, and be the most exciting graduation to date. The tickets will come with amenities such as a personalized t-shirt and "I am a graduate" temporary tattoos. The young, undercover band Def Leppard will be performing Pomp and Circumstances as the graduates walk the stage.

The keynote speakers of the event will be Judy Hopps, Nick Wilde and Flash. You may recognize them from the Academy Award-winning film Zootopia. "This... will... be... the... great... est... grad... u... a... tion... you... will... ev... er... go... to," drawled Flash.

The commencement will also feature many amenities that the Blank Park Zoo offers, like golf carts to take you right in front of the door, rides on the carousel, free food and of course, several animal experiences.

One of the special activities that has been planned is a commemorative photo with a live wolf after graduates walk the stage. "We think that this will be extra special for the graduates, especially since they are the last of the original pack," said Joe Stuco.

The Northwest High School PETA chapter is outraged

about this. Pita Bread, a junior at Northwest, planned a protest that happened last Tuesday at the zoo. "Free the birds!" chanted hundreds of seniors as they stormed the exhibits. They broke the chains from 8 cages and let some of the animals free to roam the zoo.

**Story by Emma Bad**



# REAL LIFE JUMANJI AT THE WILC!



10 Waukee Northwest students are in critical condition after an After Prom turned into a real-life Jumanji.

On February 18, 2023, the Northwest student council announced that prom this year would occur at the Des Moines Blank Park Zoo, with the idea of “escape the jungle.” Although the zoo location was shut down and moved to the Waukee Innovation and Learning Center, the theme remained.

Because of this, After Prom took on a theme of the loveable child-hood movie Jumanji. None of the students knew that the theme would appear to come to life that afternoon.

After Prom started at 11:00 pm on Saturday, April 13 and began like normal. That was until Senior Amina Sargent brought the game of Jumanji alive by rolling a pair of dice and magically spawning three giant monkeys.

“I thought I was hallucinating it at first when I turned and saw [the animals],” Sargent said.

After that, more students joined to finish the game and escape this crazy Jumanji, as the box claimed that everything

would revert to normal once the game was finished.

Lions were seen finishing their homework, birds were found running in the halls and flamingos were found washing up in the school sinks. Although the prom was not at the zoo, the zoo was brought to After Prom.

Many students took shelter in the inflatables set up around the school, whereas others hid under the make-shift casino.

Students took turns braving the jungle to roll the die and escape until finally, the final die was rolled and the zoo was sucked back into the board.

“I’m just glad it’s over,” Junior Gabe Engie exclaimed.

Students joined together after the game to celebrate their win and continue their party, but many say they still hear the sound of the board ringing through the halls, calling for someone to play the game.

**Story by Lilley Bayliff**

# NORTHWEST SCHEDULE

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY



SATURDAY



SUNDAY



Weekend



## NORTHWEST'S NEW 4-DAY WEEK

Starting Thursday, March 28, 2024, Northwest High School will switch to four-day weeks after students stormed the district office.

Senior Makenzi Morgan said, "I feel that Tuesdays are the worst day of the week because it feels slow and you realize that you aren't even halfway through the week, but with four-day weeks Tuesdays will be the much-needed halfway point."

The Monday after spring break ended, students flooded the district office with parents, siblings and even pets in hopes of being able to switch Northwest High School to four-day weeks. The students had riot signs on sticks and pages of signed petitions to try and influence the school board's decision on the matter. After almost two hours it was finally decided that starting in April, Northwest would switch to four-day weeks, getting rid of Fridays.

This was finalized by an administrator. They stated, "It

has come to my attention that numerous people would benefit from having no school on Fridays, and so the school board has come to the conclusion that having four-day weeks would be best for Northwest High School students and teachers."

The benefits of Northwest switching to four-day weeks is it increases attendance, saves the school money, and provides both students and teachers with a mental health or catch-up day. Some statistics on four-day school weeks are that it decreases bullying by 39% and provides students with an extra day for extracurriculars.

Junior Lucy Shutlz says, "I am so excited for four-day weeks because this now gives me the opportunity to get more hours in at work so I can add more money to my college savings funds and it also lets me have more time to dedicate to soccer practice."

Removing Friday from the school week is looking to be a great addition to Northwest already.

Story by Tessa Batatani



# NEW NORTHWEST CLUB

On February █, 202█ Northwest Fight Club...ahem...a new exciting club hosted its very first bi-weekly meeting. This meeting included a fun tournament in which █ won it all.

NWFL (Northwest █) is a club started by Senior █ and Sophomore █. This club hopes to █ the unique experience of █ by inviting all and any students to █, for free!

Sophomore Vivek Kothari stated, "What fight club?...I'm not a fighter I never claimed to be."

Those who attended this meeting had to pay a █\$ entrance fee both as collateral and as an insurance deposit in case █. This begs the question of... well best not to dwell on it. This club is not one to be thought of outside if it...

The tournament that was hosted was very █ with lots of upsets and shocking █. Members were split up by █ and by █. Each fighter was given █ min to prepare. Each round lasted █ mins or until █. Lucky that didn't happen, this time.

"It was definitely, something I can't talk about," said Senior Koty Iper.

The winner of the tournament █ won their match by █. Their awesome display of █ and █ was undoubtedly a thing that happened...as for their prize was a █ and 500 █. Which was surprisingly provided by local █ over █. Not much more can be said about that.

"Fight club? What's that? I've never heard of it," exclaimed Junior Peter Walker.

All in all NWFL is a great place to █ ones inner █ while also battling tough topics such as █ and █. I for one am excited to attend the next meeting at 1431 22nd St, West Des Moines, IA 50266 behind the █. And remember not to talk about it. Or else.

Story by █ Lago





# DUMPY 2024



Following his presidential candidacy announcement on October 17th, 2023, Waukee Northwest's very own Dumpy the Wolf continues to lead in the polls.

Many have raised concerns about Dumpy's social media absence, particularly on the Tenth Street Times Instagram page, where he first rose to prominence. However, Dumpy's campaign managers reached out to confirm that the mascot is alive and well, just focused on his campaign. Rarely making public appearances, Dumpy sticks to interacting with voters on an individual basis. This strategy has kept him out of media scrutiny, while also leading to him being labeled as "a president for the people," a phrase the candidate has taken to heart. Dumpy stated, "Wolves Up is more than just a slogan, it's a lifestyle. I give the people what they want, a true alpha for the pack. The pack being the United States of America."

Dumpy has run on a few key issues. As a representative for the Tenth Street Times, Dumpy has advocated for freedom of the press. He has guaranteed protections for media outlets and social media organizations to express ideas without government interference. Dumpy has also advocated for the expansion of political representation, arguing for voting rights to be extended beyond just American citizens. Being the first wolf to ever run for president, he believes that his species lacks proper representation in politics. Dumpy argued, "If the strength of the wolf is the pack, then shouldn't the strength of the pack be the wolf? Do you get it? Yeah, you get it."

He has also promised to better the health of the American people, with the U.S. currently ranking as one of the most un-

healthy countries in the world. His plan for public gyms and ering the price of making it more Dumpy for America includes increased funding school sports, as well as low-nutritionally beneficial food, accessible. Dumpy proposed, "A

Dumpy has been noted by historians as an extremely unconventional candidate for multiple reasons. He is not only the first wolf to run for president but also the first Palm Pals™ plush, a milestone in the political success and history of American stuffed animals. He is also the first presidential candidate of the third party "The Northwest Wolves." Historians have noted his overwhelming popularity in contrast to previous presidential candidates. The other two front-runners were asked about this new challenger.

Democratic Nominee and Incumbent President Joe Biden stated, "Huh? Who? Oh yeah, I'll vote for him again."

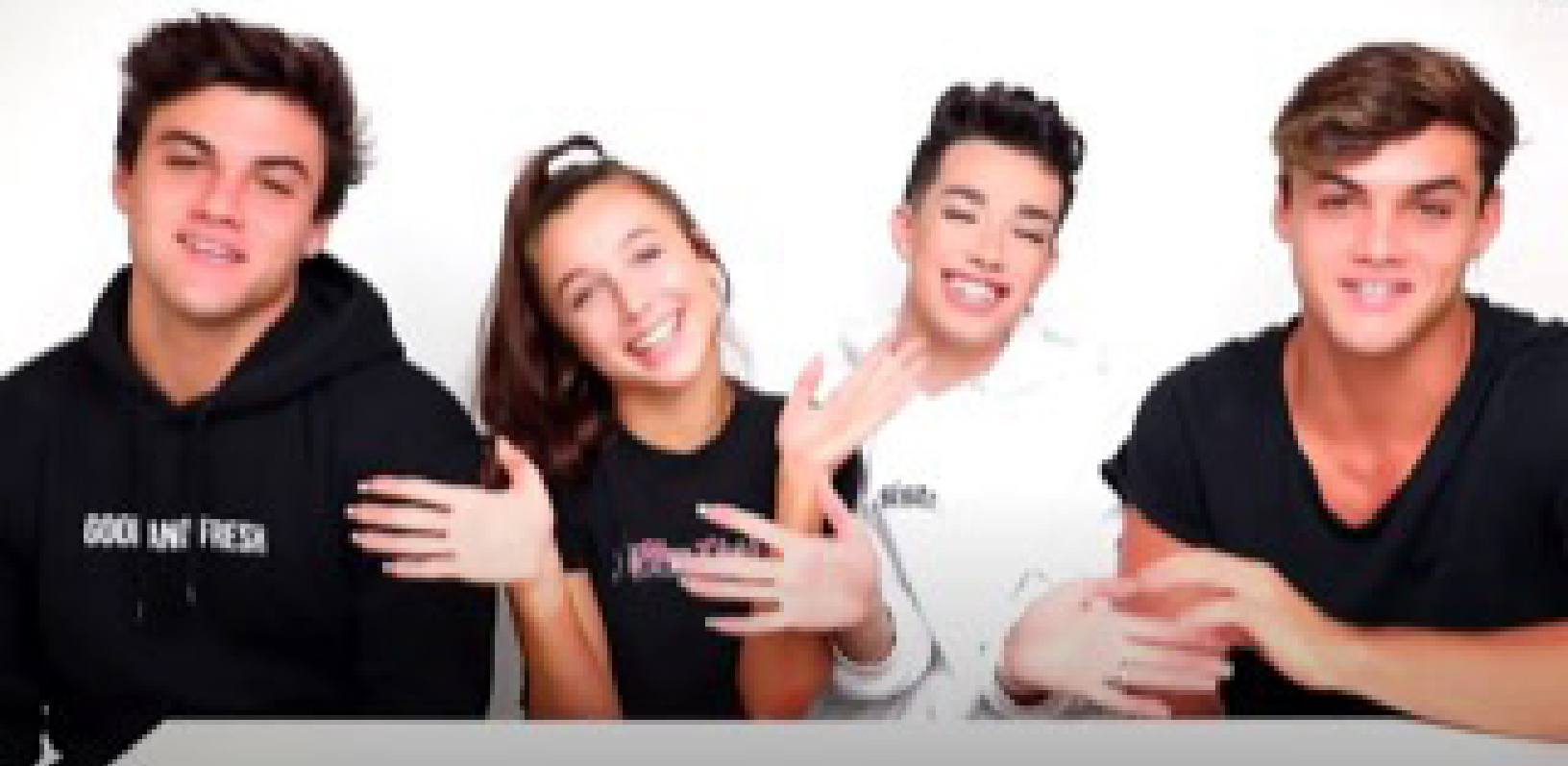
Similarly, Republican Nominee and Former President Donald Trump described, "Dumpy the Wolf is the... the wolfiest dump... the dumpiest wolf... the biggest." Overall, very positive responses from both sides of the political spectrum.

Dumpy the Wolf plans to continue his presidential campaign but is seeking a potential Vice President to run alongside him. He promises that the first person to comment #VoteForDumpy on the newest Tenth Street Times Instagram post will be selected as his running mate. Dumpy leaves off with his slogan, "Three Claps and a Vote for Dumpy!"

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**Story by Noullan Krayg**





# THE SISTER SQUAD IS BACK!

In 2018, YouTube influencers overtook the app, naming themselves the “Sister Squad,” now, in 2024, they are finally reunited.

The squad included James Charles, Emma Chamberlin, and twins, Grayson and Ethan Dolan. These content creators made funny, entertaining videos that had everyone wanting more. These videos included trips to Vegas, muckbangs, switching outfits and a multitude of comical things. Unfortunately, within the same year, they broke up and stopped creating content together.

Hallee Stirling fan of the sister squad stated, “When I was younger I absolutely loved watching the content of these creators, I loved all of their funny videos, so to say the least I was devastated when I found out they had split up.”

Each of these content creators has big platforms that are still doing better than ever. James Charles posts and makes lots of make-up videos, Emma Chamberlin makes lifestyle videos that lots of people can relate to and the Dolan twins still posted lots until 2021 when they stopped posting all together.

The content creators were first seen together in Los Angeles California at Belle’s Bagels on March 18.

Considering this group of people is odd enough to be seen together after their split up in 2018, it definitely threw lots

of people off. Stirring up the question are they actually reunited or is something else going on behind the scenes?

Bella Yam witness of the group together said, “To say I was shocked when I saw the Sister Squad back together is an understatement, I never thought I would see the day where all of them would be in the same room again, especially in public.”

Now that the news has spread like wildfire around social media about the sighting of all of them together, everyone is wondering when and if videos will be posted. In the past six years, lots have changed. They have changed as people, and the world has changed as a whole.

Emma Chamberlin speaks out saying, “We are just old friends meeting up and hanging out with each other. It does not mean we are back together, but there might be some videos of the way.”

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Story by Allison Kingrey



# URBANDALE TO BE WAUKEE'S THIRD HIGH SCHOOL

This just in, Waukeee Community School District has acquired the Urbandale School District to act as its third high school. This deal was announced this Thursday morning at 10:45 after a city council meeting between the two cities and other parties. The terms of the deal stipulate that Waukeee Community School District will commend the school district at the start of the 24'-25' school year. The existing Urbandale High School will be renamed Waukeee Northeast, due to the location based on City Hall. The high school will encompass all of the original Urbandale students and will gain some Waukeee students on the edge of Waukeee.

In an official joint statement from Urbandale's Superintendent Dr. Rosalie Daca and Waukeee's Dr. Brad Buck outlined the reasons for the deal.

"This is a monumental deal in the world of high school academics. This is the first time that this has been done on this level of schooling. We have seen successful collegiate takeovers and we knew that Waukeee and Urbandale would be a good partner. Amid the recent financial struggle and strain on Urbandale's district, we thought it would be best to get acquired and take the Urbandale school district to the next level that

we see it going to.

We have been partners and collaborators on many projects over the years. We have found that Waukeee is top-class when it comes to operations and management. One of our problems from reaching the level that we could was our financial problems. With this deal, 100 million dollars will be invested into the school system and athletics to bring it to the level that we know we can achieve. Waukeee is a strategic partner that will bring Urbandale to the glory of the academic and athletic worlds."

Urbandale's student-athletes will now have the opportunity to participate in the athletic programs of Waukeee and Northwest. This is a new concept in high school athletics and aims to complement the current athletic programs. To save costs, all Urbandale athletics will be discontinued. Waukeee High School teams will use all existing Urbandale facilities. Any external facilities will be sold to pay for the cost of acquisition. Unfortunately, all Urbandale clubs will be disbanded to reduce expenses.

**Story by Detroit Mendenhall**



# LEAPING INTO LEARNING

For the 2024-2025 school year, the Waukee Community School District plans to supply high school and junior high schools with LeapFrog tablets instead of Apple products.

Though the WCSD was originally planning to replace school MacBooks with iPads, new plans have recently been revealed indicating that the district will be moving to LeapPads. This announcement was made on February 29th during a surprise school board meeting.

“We just can’t wait to hop right into our partnership with LeapFrog,” said a WCSD executive at the meeting. “Though it might seem strange, this change will be beneficial for all of us.”

According to the educators behind this decision, LeapFrog tablets offer many benefits to high school students. For example, they can teach basic reading and math to anyone who needs to brush up on elementary school topics.

“It’s important to keep all students on the same page. We don’t want our high schoolers so far ahead that the kindergarten kids can’t catch up,” a waukee educator explained. Additionally, LeapPads do not need an internet connection. This will make



inconsistent school WiFi much easier to deal with.

Some students who have already trialed the LeapPads are excited about the new devices. “My favorite part about the LeapPad is how durable it is. I’ve

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thrown it against the wall three times now and it still works,” described Northwest sophomore Dennis Menis, who was in the test group for LeapPads.

Others are less enthusiastic about the switch and would prefer a different product. Northwest junior Alec Smartt commented, “I feel like a pre-schooler using this thing. Are they going to child-proof the doors next?”

The CEO of LeapFrog himself, Frank Hopper, greatly supports the company’s partnership with Waukee. At an official press conference, he stated, “We here at LeapFrog are committed to high-quality education. We hope that the LeapPad will be a ribbeting new addition to the classrooms of Waukee.”

When asked about his peculiar speech patterns, Hopper only asserted that he was “toadally not a frog” and that such an inquiry was “unfrogivable.” Further questions were dismissed.



**Story by Tylar Pittmen**



# CLIVE IS CANCELLED!

On February 30th, 2024, the big cities of Waukee and West Des Moines absorbed Clive. The mayors of Waukee and West Des Moines had enough of Clive's shenanigans and decided that it should not exist. Both mayors of Waukee and West Des Moines were heated that the city of Clive did not have their own school system, so they decided to take over. There is no pride in Clive.

Clive has one of the lowest populations in the state of Iowa. It is so small, it does not have a school district and barely has a little league team. This city does not feel like a small town with it being ranked one of the richest cities in Iowa and having a gas station or grocery store on every single corner.

Citizens of Waukee and West Des Moines find the citizens of Clive to be severely annoying.

"They think they're better than us since they spray for mosquitoes. Jokes on them, I have amazing bug spray," an anonymous Waukee citizen shared.

Clive is not your traditional city. They spray the city for mosquitoes and all their electricity is buried underground. This means Clive is less likely to have a power outage.

This also means they need to be humbled. Clive is nothing but a large trail system and a Kohl's. Citizens of Clive are able to go on a walk and cross into Urbandale, Clive and Waukee all in the same mile.

The kids in Clive are split into the Waukee and West Des Moines school districts.

"I feel like there's no point to [Clive] even existing. Half the time I say I live in Waukee because Clive is so irrelevant," a bothered Clive mother said.

The Greenbelt Goats will be adopted by West Des Moines.

"Baa, Baa, Ba, Baa," the oldest Greenbelt Goat shared.



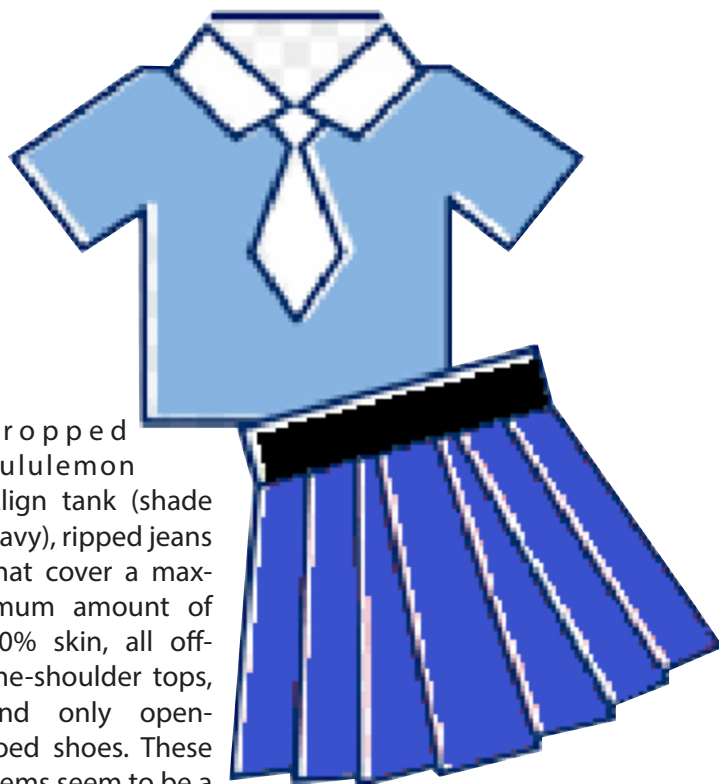
# NEW NORTHWEST UNIFORMS

The recent announcement of Northwest High School's proposed dress code has students and faculty shocked.

Northwest High School's current dress code policy, found in the student handbook, states, "Students may not dress or groom themselves in a manner that causes material or substantial disruption to the educational function and school purpose...Clothing or other apparel promoting products illegal for use by minors and clothing displaying obscene material, profanity or reference to prohibited conduct are disallowed."

More simply put, currently, any clothes are allowed to be worn as long as they are legal and reasonable, that was until the email sent to teachers on the morning of March 31, 2024. This new plan was hidden in a typical NW announcement email sent out to faculty. This email exposed the plans for the 2024-25 dress code. It described the board's disturbing plans for the next school year. It initially introduced the weekly plan and the apparel expected each day.

For Monday-Thursdays, the board has decided to instate school-wide uniforms. Instead of a typical female, male assigned uniform, the board has decided to approve an assortment of items for uniforms that students can then select from. The board has released a tentative list of approved items that are expected to be added upon. Some of the currently approved items are Nike Pros (only the 3" length), the



cropped Lululemon Align tank (shade navy), ripped jeans that cover a maximum amount of 50% skin, all off-the-shoulder tops, and only open-toed shoes. These items seem to be a reaction to the recent less skin movement in the fashion community.

It has also been proposed that Formal/Furry Fridays will be introduced as well. This would require students to dress in black tie for school. The student board suggests that dressing in formal wear can actually improve the productivity of students. There is also an alternative option to dress in furry-wear for school spirit!

A school board member who requested to stay anonymous explained that, "No, furry-wear doesn't have any productivity benefits, I'm just a sucker for school spirit!"

These recent developments have raised concerns among the student body as rumors slowly spread about this dress code. Some concerns are individuality, comfortability, and legality. Students are concerned about being stripped of their self-expression by being forced to wear revealing clothing. There is also a concern for safety and comfortability as this clothing is not weather-friendly.

Board member Live Nam said, "Students will figure it out," when questioned about this concern.

It seems as if this dress code will be a permanent change in the next coming school year and students will have a big change. Hopefully, more items will be added to the approved list to address concerns, however, as of now it appears that the school board is unbudging in their decisions.



High School Menu

[View the Menu Calendar Here](#)

Student Breakfast: \$2.05 2nd & Adult Breakfast: \$2.35  
 Student Lunch: \$3.10 2nd Lunch: \$4.85 Adult Lunch: \$4.85

Fall Menus Begin: Aug. 23  
 Winter Menus Begin: Nov. 27  
 Spring Menus Begin: Feb. 26

Vegetarian Options highlighted in Green

Weekly Breakfast Menu				
<p><b>Beans on Peanut Butter Toast</b> OR <b>Green Eggs and Ham</b></p> <p>Iceberg Lettuce Green Tea Milk Popsicle</p>	<p>Donut with Hot Sauce Frosting OR <b>Porridge</b></p> <p>Brown Hash Patty Cauliflower Juice Cup Room Temperature Water</p>	<p>Chilled Egg Pops OR <b>French Toast with Queso</b></p> <p>Assorted Raw Veggies Unsweetened Tea Warm Smoothie</p>	<p><b>Paprika Roll</b> OR Lunch Leftovers</p> <p>Pepper Jack Cheese Cubes Greens Juice Cup Black Coffee</p>	<p>Breakfast Soup OR <b>Surprise Waffles</b></p> <p>Assorted Exotic Fruit Kombucha Warm Milk</p>

Week 1 Lunch Menu				
<p>Beef Liver OR <b>Crispy Tofu Bites</b></p> <p>Blue Cheese Walnuts Baked Beans</p>	<p><b>Beanboozled Jelly Bean Challenge</b> OR Mutton Leg w/ Day Old Bread</p> <p>Raw Potato Relish Sauce Green Bean Casserole</p>	<p>Pickled Herring OR <b>Cheese and Apple Pie</b></p> <p>Mashed Cauliflower Spinach Salad Wasabi + BBQ Sauce Dip</p>	<p><b>Prison Meal (Hunk of Cheese and Bread)</b> OR Mystery Burger</p> <p>Assorted Root Vegetables Celery Sticks Figs</p>	<p>Mince meat Pie OR <b>Pee Pee Poo Poo Pizza</b></p> <p>Steamed Peas Cashews Whole Tomato</p>

Week 2 Lunch Menu				
<p><b>Jello Salad</b> <i>Served with Black Beans</i> OR Rainbow Chile</p> <p>Green Beans Celery Sticks Pomegranate Seeds</p>	<p><b>Kitty Litter Casserole</b> OR Frog Legs</p> <p>Steamed Broccoli Fresh Carrots Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>Bangers and Mash OR <b>Blue Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce</b></p> <p>Spinach Mix Pecans Turnip Fries</p>	<p><b>Fart Tacos</b> OR Crispy Fried Spiders</p> <p>Raw Broccoli Cherry Tomatoes Gravy</p>	<p>Oyster Casserole w/ Day Old Bread OR <b>Fruitcake</b></p> <p>Martini Olives Steamed Corn Roasted Beets</p>

Full Fat, 300% Fat, and Extra Sugar Added Chocolate Milk are offered with each meal.  
 This institution is not an equal opportunity provider. **Vegetarian Options highlighted in Green**

# NORTHWEST'S MEAL MASHUPS

Beginning in term four for the 2023-2024 school year, the WCSD School Board has decided to implement a “new and improved” menu for the school cafeteria. The new menu will include nutrition-packed meals from across the globe, hoping students will try new foods and find a love for healthy eating.

“We want students to be able to experience foods different from those that they are used to eating in the past,” said Ma-keen Grub, head of the WCSD nutrition department.

Grub announced she is excited to be still able to offer at least one vegetarian option each day, as well as two to three vitamin and mineral-packed side dishes to accompany each meal. It is not just the head of the nutrition department that helped make these changes, but all of the cooks in the cafeteria have been hard at work preparing these meals as well.

“Yeah they gave us different food to make so we just prepared what they asked us to, I didn’t really ask many questions,” stated cafeteria worker Grate Cook. “Personally I thought some of it was kind of funky, but it’s not my place to say.”

Though there have been some varying opinions within the kitchen of this new menu, overall these changes have been received with positive feedback.

Professional nutritionist Lotsa Prohteen discussed the nu- trition changes in the menu and how these changes will help students in the long run.

“It may not seem like it at first glance, but when you really an-alyze and research the macros in each meal, one can see how the benefits stack up. The extra protein, fiber and vitamins will boost students’ brain power by at least 200%. Teachers should expect their students to be up to 300% more productive after consuming these meals.”

Each new breakfast meal will contain at least 75 grams of protein and each lunch option contains 150 grams of protein at a minimum. Exceptions from this include the vegetarian breakfast and lunch options, which overall contain little to no beneficial nutrients.

The cafeteria has released the first two weeks’ worth of meals and the breakfast menu for students and parents to review. Currently, any suggestions for changes or edits are not being accepted. Happy eating, Wolves!

Story by Bailee Mahomie



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