

Movie Reviews

Marina Ryan

10 Things I Hate About You-

"10 Things I Hate About You" is a classic teenage rom-com, and when I first watched it, I thought I was going to cringe and yawn, however, I was severely mistaken. It is a modern adaptation of Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew". The main character, Katarina Stratford, is a witty and unique character who chooses to stray away from what society wants a teenage girl like her to be, and sprinkles everything she says with satire, providing the movie a humorous tone. Her sister, Bianca, is the polar opposite of who she is and everything she stands for, including her ideology about dating. Bianca is involved in a love triangle, but cannot date, go out, or be with any guys as long as Katarina isn't. When Patrick Verona is paid to take Kat out by the guy who is trying to take advantage of Bianca, everything changes. Through the heart break, in my opinion, the characters who belong together end up together. This is my comfort movie. I have seen it countless times and I would argue it is one of the best movies I've ever watched. Perhaps this is because it is based on genius writing, but who knows?

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days-

When doing research to see how others felt about this movie, I was surprised to find out that so many people seem to not like it. "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" is a romantic comedy where both Andy Anderson and Ben Barry are together, but not for love. Ben is approached with a bet, that if he can stay with a woman for 10 days, he will win a high-paying client's account for his advertising company. Andy on the other hand is writing a piece for the newspaper company she dreads working at, but if she completes this piece "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days", she has the opportunity to climb the ranks in her office. In the end, they have more than what they wanted, and each other. It has a very goofy tone, and overall is a funny movie, which is why I believe anyone who does not like it should give it a second try.

Puss and Boots: The Last Wish-

This may come as a surprise, but "Puss and Boots: The Last Wish" is more than just a kids movie. The culture intertwined, and the mature concepts are creativity included into the vivid storyline. For example, we witness Puss having a panic attack, being frightened to face his problems, and

battling the idea of death. Also, the animation and fight scenes are beyond incredible and the plot is exceedingly entertaining. I was impressed that Dreamworks did not change the integrity of the main story. Considering a majority of middle schoolers grew up with the Puss in Boots movies, this resurgence definitely lives up to the previous movies, keeping the basic ideas, yet developing a fabricating and mature, yet humorous and action-packed movie.

Fun Fact: Did you know that a rotten tomato percentage is based on how many tomatoes have gone rotten? This stems from the idea that people used to throw tomatoes at things that they did not like, and if it was something that they did enjoy, the tomatoes rotted because they were not used. Let me explain this better. If a rotten tomato rating on a movie is high, for example 80%, that means that 80% of tomatoes have become rotten, meaning a majority of people enjoyed the movie. If the rating is low, however, let's say 20%, that means that only 20% of the tomatoes have rotted, so most of the tomatoes were used as a way to communicate that what they watched was bad.



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NJHS:

In honor of Random Acts of Kindness Week, February 13th-February 17th, members of NJHS compiled a list of inspirational quotes they formatted into cards. Students could take the cards off of the bulletin board outside the media center. Themes for these quotes included kindness, forgiveness, encouragement, peace, calmness, courage, respect, and compassion.

Furthermore, NJHS held a SOUP-er Bowl Challenge. This was the collection of soup cans from Friday, February 3rd, to Friday, February 10th - the week before the Super Bowl. Those donations went to our local food pantry. The middle school was not able to collect the 200-cans goal, and unfortunately, did not win a pajama day the following Monday.

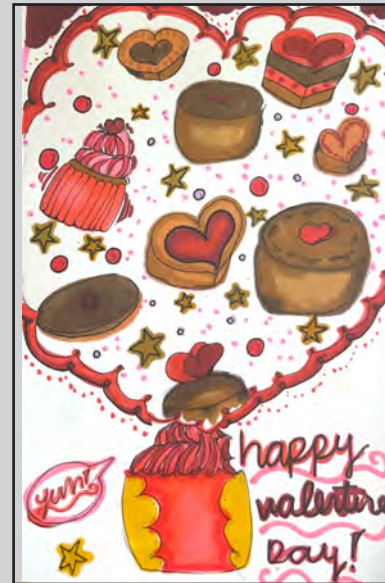


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Student Council:

This February, CPMS student council members held a school Valentine's Day fundraiser. Students were able to order their desired delicacies by filling out a form given to them in their homerooms. Items that were offered included chocolate bears, chocolate heart lollipops, cupcakes, a chocolate ball in a mug, and a chocolate ball in a box.

Additionally, the student council teamed up with NJHS to hold an animal shelter collection drive for an all-volunteer rescue group called Pet ResQInc. Mr.U's 8th period collected the most items and won a chip and juice party!!! The donations were collected from January 25th to February 16th, and included items such as dog collars, leashes, wipes, and nylabones.



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Disrespect

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Disrespect can come in different forms. It could be in the form of bullying, ridiculing, or being rude. Disrespect can be directed toward a teacher, parent, classmate, friend, boss, sibling, or even to a community. Many people are disrespectful. For example, teachers, students, parents.

Consequences of Disrespect:

In school, the consequences of disrespect and other misbehaviors could be: detention, suspension, or expulsion if the case is very serious.

At home, parents can use the following forms of punishment: being grounded, getting yelled at, devices getting taken away, or time-out.

Forms of Disrespect:

Saying inappropriate words to a person or physically being a nuisance.

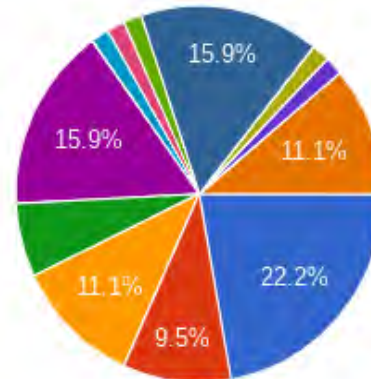
Ways to solve disrespect:

To start, figure out why you are disrespecting someone and find another way to correct the problem. If a person has offended you, it does not make it right to offend them back.

Favorite Subjects Poll

Brendan Park

The winner is . . . M A T H !!!



- Math
- ELA
- Science
- Social Studies
- PE
- Spanish
- Graphic Arts
- Creative Writing
- Animal Science
- Art
- General Music
- Vocal Music
- Band
- BCT
- STEM



Interview with Ms. LaRose/ Advice for High School

Brooklyn Pak and Yasemin Fidan



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Q: What was your work experience in high school?

A: "I loved teaching high school and enjoyed the content and the students. I taught all levels, from students who weren't going to college to students who were accepted to prestigious universities."

Q: Is there anything you recommend that students do before entering high school?

A: "Learn how to type without looking at the keyboard. We are in a digital age and typing is a necessary skill."

Q: On a scale of 1-10, how hard would you rate high school to be in terms of learning and keeping up with assignments?

A: "If you do your work, it's not exceptionally hard. If you don't do your work, it's hard. On a scale from 1-10, I would rate the difficulty of high school between 7 - 10 based on a student's effort. A student's education is the foundation for his or her career. If a student wants to make a good salary, the student needs to have a good foundation. People are paid for what they know and what they can do, not because they're nice."

Q: How do you think students should manage their time?

A: "My number one piece of advice is to not procrastinate. Also, students should ask for help when they need it. Teachers are always willing to help students who try."

Q: Is there a significant difference between middle schoolers and high schoolers?

A: "The expectations in high school are much higher. Students will be driving by junior year. By the end of high school, students are adults. The responsibility is enormous."

Q: What do you advise students to stay away from in high school?

A: "Drama. Not theatrical drama, I mean the gossip and nonsense that takes away from learning and having fun."

Q: What are some essentials you'd recommend for high school?

A: "A homework app and programs that students can practice for exams like the SAT or the ACT. Also, students need to sleep more and eat breakfast. For students that don't go to college, they should look into fields or jobs that they might want to work in and see if they can work part-time in those jobs over the summer."

Q: Are there any clubs or extracurricular activities you would recommend for high schoolers?

A: "Be adventurous. Try clubs and sports that you always wanted to try. High school is a great opportunity to explore and learn about yourself."

Side Note:

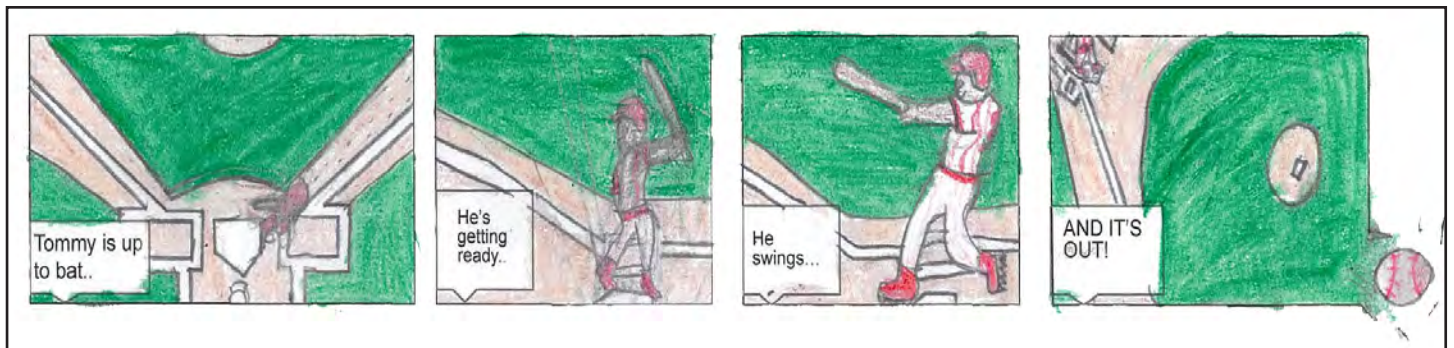
"When you go to high school, you want to use this as an experience. Kids feel like they're in school forever, but when you look back, you're actually in school for a very short time in your life. So, use this opportunity to have fun and learn about yourself. When you leave high school, you will be on your own journey."

Basketball

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