

# THE RAMBLER



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### **Politics**

#### How are Voting Seniors Feeling this Election Season? Lilly Price

In the November 2024 election, Generation Z will make up one-fifth of the electorate. Forty point eight million members of the generation will be eligible to vote, including 8.3 million newly eligible voters who will have aged into the electorate since the 2022 midterm election.

In fact, more than a quarter of Bush's senior class will be able to vote. The 21 seniors eligible to vote this year were asked to complete an anonymous survey. Nearly three-quarters responded.

### How high is election engagement among voting Bush seniors?

This year's voting seniors are extremely attentive to election news. Everyone surveyed said they intended to vote, and almost 90% were already registered. 70% of respondents watched either or both of the June 2024 and September 2024 debates, with slightly more seniors tuning in for the September debate. When asked if they watched any or all of the party conventions this year, about a quarter of respondents said they kept up with the Republican National Convention, and 60% said they watched the Democratic National Convention. When asked how often they were paying attention to election news, on a scale from one to five (one being rarely, five being daily), the seniors had an average answer of around three point five.

Additionally, in Washington State, registered voters who will be 18 by the November 2024 election are eligible to vote in March and August primary elections. Only 21% of the respondents surveyed voted in the March primary election, but nearly 50% voted in the August primary election.

### Where are voting seniors getting election information?

Besides debates and conventions, voting seniors primarily get their election information from family members, social media, and newspapers (digital or print). When asked to rank sources of information based on influence from one to seven (one being least influence, seven being most), 40% ranked social media or television news a six or a seven, and 47% ranked newspaper or family members a six or a seven.

Twice as many ranked Bush teachers and classes a one or a two as a six or a seven.

When asked specifically about news sources, Instagram came up the most times with Tiktok in tow, and YouTube just behind that. Respondents mentioned the social media account 'KamalaHQ' as many times as the New York Times. News sources like CNN, MSNBC, FOX, The New Yorker, and The Washington Post were mentioned, as well as public radio. For seniors who voted in the primary elections, 100% said they used the State Voter Guide for information, rather than

### What topics are most important to voting seniors?

third-party voter guides like The Stranger.

When asked what topics they felt were most important this election season, reproductive rights came up for nearly 85% of respondents, the most predominant topic. Following abortion were economic and immigration issues, and then environmental and foreign policies.

Overwhelmingly, voting seniors feel division in the United States. Some students are conflicted about what to think; one respondent wrote "could be better," while another wrote "could be worse."

Many feel anxious and scared, but hopeful, about the November 2024 election and "tentatively optimistic" about the future of the United States. Largely, respondents feel a pull between fear, confusion, and hope.

### How high are the stakes of this election to voting seniors?

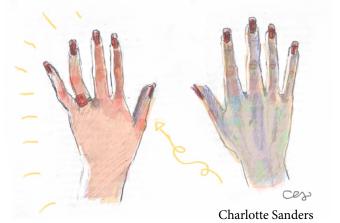
More than 90% of respondents gave a four or five out of five when asked how much of a difference they thought the November 2024 election would make for the United States. 80% of respondents gave a three or a four when asked how satisfied they were with their options for the November 2024 election.

Despite the high stakes for this election, voting seniors don't feel like their vote makes very much of a difference on the national level. The average response was just above two point five. On the other hand, the average was a point higher, at about three point five, for respondents when asked how much they felt their vote made a difference in the primary elections.

Although the stakes feel high, no respondents said they definitely had or will do any political activism or

### **Review**

Vice and Virtue Charlotte Sanders and Clara Thorsen



Happy October, lovely lovely readers of the Bush School Rambler! For the first Vice and Virtue article of the school year, with Halloween (the best holiday) coming up, and (unfortunately) an upcoming Broadway musical, here is a review of the best movie possibly ever... (in the opinion of some)

#### Virtue

A hole in the stomach has never been quite as chic as in Robert Zemeckis' 1992 satire Death Becomes Her. The ghastly wound is the result of a petty fight between two women, seductress actress Madeleine Ashton (Meryl Streep) and celebrity writer Helen Sharp (Goldie Hawn), brawling over the love of undertaker/plastic surgeon Ernest Menville (Bruce Willis aka Die Hard man). The above-mentioned laceration was not fatal, however. Both Madeline and Helen are immortal, stuck in the bodies of their 20-something-year-old-selves, continuously ruining their bodies as their feud continues getting more and more out of hand. Hopefully, our school sports rivalries will never become this ghastly. After Madeline steals away Helen's fiancé Ernest, Helen vouches to get her back. In the zany mind of Helen, the ultimate punishment for Madeline is, firstly, to take Ernest back; secondly, to murder Madeline; and thirdly (and most importantly), to be more beautiful than her by way of a magical purple potion. All three are extremely valid things to do for a man who messed up surgical procedures on alive people so badly he had to start operating on people who were already dead.

As you may have guessed from the opening paragraphs of this review, being over-the-top was not a concern in the making of this film. However, the lack of rumination on what is considered "realistic," "clear," or "serious," is exactly what makes this film iconic; it's delightfully campy and over the top. As long as you

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watch this movie expecting the same narrative quality as your middle school siblings' short story project, you can have a great time.

Watching Death Becomes Her is like eating a piece of candy corn. It's vaguely related to Halloween, (but let's be real, you'd still consume it outside of October); it's small, it's tasteless, and it's extremely colorful. The visual aspects of Death Becomes Her are so vibrant you might even mistake them for the new Bush School logo. The visuals of haunted castles (in LA), surprisingly good practical effects, and amazing costuming (the only jackets Madeline wears are sheer shawls) make this movie.

As the Los Angeles witch who has the power to make people immortal says, it's a "touch of magic in a world obsessed with science." As long as you take this movie for what it is—a very, very odd movie that's a mix of satire, the haunted house themed venue two years ago, and Meryl Streep and Goldie Hawn having a lot of fun—then this movie is worth the watch. Also, a fun fact, although you don't need any more convincing, is that Sabrina Carpenter's new music video is inspired by this movie.

#### Vice

Robert Zemeckis's cult classic Death Becomes Her is an unconvincing, yawn-provoking movie about two women obsessed with looking young, as they try and win the love of cosmetic doctor Ernest. Both of them drink a glowing purple substance that keeps them youthful, but with a price. Death Becomes Her is full of flaws, plot holes, and is frankly a waste of time, undeserving of its iconic status.

First, the opening scene is blatantly offensive. Meryl Streep's character, Madeline, puts on a delightful Broadway performance that the movie feebly tries to convince you is bad. I, however, find the creative choreography accompanied with thought-provoking lyrics ("I see me/I see me/Actress, woman, star and lover") very poetic. The audience melodramatically dozes off or just walks out, but let's be realistic: Who would do that at a Meryl Streep performance? Following this scene, Madeline looks wistfully into a mirror, and mutters, "Wrinkled, wrinkled, little star," the movie's second attempt at creating some outlandish imaginary flaws for her character.

Shortly after, the movie switches focus to the other protagonist, Helen. She has recently had her fiancé Ernest (Bruce Willis) leave her for Madeline, who was previously her best friend. The writers attempt to degrade her character and show the tragic downfall of her life by emphasizing the state of her house: full of cats and books. First Meryl Streep, now this? Just like Bush with clapping during Open Forum, Death Becomes Her is relentlessly trying to make me disapprove of what I really just can't!

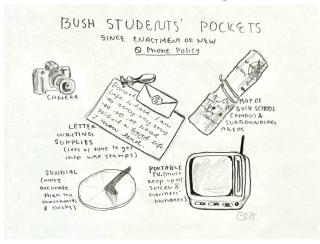
Although both women are successful, rich, and famous, their

motivation throughout the film is to win the love of Ernest, a frankly boring man. I didn't even recognize it was Bruce Willis because his character looks so generic. Both women are admirably brave for taking an unknown purple potion (I would be so scared), and skilled in their individual artistic pursuits. They are clearly complete, well-rounded characters, and deeply committed artists, who do not deserve their fate of being obsessed with Bruce Willis.

Save yourself the two hours of 90's CGI, physically impossible wounds, and questionable outfits. Pay about as much attention to this movie as Bush students do school dance themes. Skip this one for your Halloween movie night and experience something truly terrifying, like the wrath of Bill Baber.

### Satire

#### What To Do at Bush Without Your Phone Teoman Champagne



Charlotte Sanders

Upper school student, are you struggling with how to spend your twenty-minute passing periods or lunch/conference time without the presence of your phone? Do you feel lost, directionless, empty, and confused, like you have lost a close friend or family member? Well, you're in the right place. We here at the Rambler have a special stake in this issue, because now, without our phones, we stare at ceilings and walls during our lunchtime meetings. So, without further ado, here are nine great ways to fill the deep void in your life that this new rule has left:

- 1. Read the iPhone Manual. Reading this needlessly long document will help you feel close to your phone even in its absence just like reading letters written by someone from whom you are physically separated. Rumor has it that, somewhere in these hundred pages, there are reflections about the meaning of life and the origins of the universe.
- 2. Pretend It's There. Spooky reports from across campus indicate that students are experiencing what we will colloquially refer to as phantom phone: the feeling that your phone is in your pocket, even though it isn't. Use this to your advantage. Purposefully fall prey to your delusions, and revel in the safety and warmth that accompany them.

3. Walk Busily Back and Forth Between USS and Wissner. Now that you can't shield your loitering in one place by going on your phone, you'll need to



be constantly on the move. Walking with elevated shoulders, a grave countenance, and an imperious stride will ensure that you are seen as a busy, significant individual within our school community.

- **4. Do Homework.** OK, just kidding on this one.
- **5. Reenact Brawl Stars in Real Life.** Purchase costumes, create makeshift weapons, and have fun. Entertain the rest of your peers by performing in the Wissner courtyard. If you're really serious about this one, contact the Drama Department.
- **6. Mentor Freshmen**. The freshmen, who can no longer benefit from the sagacity of upperclassmen in traditional advisory experiences, are keen on receiving advice from veterans of Bush. During your free time, find the kindness in your heart to help a freshman out. Some very helpful advice might include, "Essays are always written best past 10:00 pm," or "Sit in senior corner to make connections."
- 7. Apply to another High School. Free from the trappings of social media, underclassmen might even have enough time to complete applications to other private high schools in the Seattle area. Choose a school that does not have a nophone policy.
- **8. Student Activism.** Espouse Bush's commitment to community-wide action and civic engagement by staging an all-school student protest in response to the new policy. Ideally, your protest should last for at least three days and be forceful enough to shut down classes entirely.
- **9. Join the Rambler.** At least you'll have someplace to be once a week: Gracemont 107, Wednesdays, 1:00 pm.

# **Opinion**

#### Relief from the Opiod Pandemic Samuel Checkal

Drug overdoses: A heavy topic that has been increasingly relevant as death rates within recent years have reached new heights. According to the NIH's National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), there were over 106,000 deaths in the United States in 2021 from drug-involved overdoses. Yet so many lives could be saved with one simple tool that requires minimal training: naloxone (Narcan). I recently received my Wilderness First Responder (WFR) certification, and during that course, I was taught how to administer Narcan, among other drug overdose and toxic substance treatments. Narcan is highly effective and reverses 93% of opioid overdoses.

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During my training, I realized that the path to improving the opioid crisis is a combination of the knowledge I received through the WFR training and addressing the stigma associated with addiction and drug overdose.

In King County, Washington, there were 22 youths, age 19 or younger, who died of opioid overdoses in 2021, which is more than double the 2019 rate. The significant increases in overdose deaths can be linked to synthetic opioids, particularly those containing illicitly manufactured fentanyl. The market for fentanyl continues to change, and it can be found in combination with heroin, counterfeit pills, and cocaine. Unfortunately, in King County public schools, only nurses and security guards are mandated to be trained to use Narcan, and many schools lack full-time nurses or security staff. A group of parents are pushing Seattle Public Schools to require training for all school staff to administer Narcan. However, I believe it is crucial for the whole school community, including students, to learn the easy and straightforward steps to administering Narcan.

The challenges of educating others more broadly about the lifesaving ability of Narcan can stem from resistance in some parts of the community who do not want to talk about drug addiction and overdose. Education on the use of Narcan is naturally linked to a discussion about drug usage, addiction, and overdose. As students, we need to advocate for the community and make sure that the reality of the drug epidemic is front and center with local politicians. Local politicians need to demonstrate their leadership by creating an environment in which their jurisdictions can discuss drug usage and addiction openly and respectfully. This will enable more knowledge to be shared about what to do in the event of an overdose, which will directly contribute to saving lives within our community.

Getting past the communication barriers will help ensure that Narcan can be administered quickly and immediately after someone is found with a potential overdose. Let's talk a little bit about what an opioid overdose looks like. Symptoms could include respiratory arrest, hypoventilation, a limp body, and a coma. Administering Narcan quickly is crucial because, for many people, their condition will deteriorate quickly and become challenging to stabilize if the overdose is not treated soon, which can ultimately lead to death. Even if you are not 100% certain that the patient has an opioid overdose, do not be afraid to give Narcan. Narcan will have little to no effect on someone who is not experiencing an overdose.

In order to advocate for Narcan availability, it is important to learn a little more about it. Narcan is used in people of all ages if an opioid overdose happens or has possibly happened. Narcan comes as a nasal spray; each device contains one 4 mg dose. Narcan treats opioid overdoses by blocking specific receptors

in the body that opioids bind to. Blocking these receptors helps reverse symptoms of opioid overdoses. In 2014, only 12 states permitted EMS to administer Narcan for overdose. Today, all states allow the drug to be administered by anyone, which means that you can save a life without any medical experience, training, or certification. A study by the NIDA found that bystanders were present in more than 30% of overdoses involving opioids. In March 2023, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Narcan for OTC use. This means Narcan is available without a prescription, and you can purchase it at most pharmacies for under \$50 for a pack of two. Now that you can carry and buy naloxone, you can give it to someone experiencing an overdose and potentially save a life.

With the need for a fast response, especially as the potency of opioids increases, it is essential for Narcan to be readily available in schools. However, in Washington, only high schools with over 2,000 students are required to have Narcan on hand. While the Biden administration has called on schools to stock Narcan, they are not required to do so. As students, we need to advocate for our safety as well as the safety of others within our community against drug overdoses. That means we must advocate that our leaders shine a light on this issue and bring drug usage and overdose out of the shadows. Furthermore, we must advocate for Narcan to be stocked at local schools and spread awareness to everyone on how to administer Narcan.

There are some free resources available that you can take advantage of, such as the CDC. They have a page dedicated to naloxone called "Lifesaving Naloxone." This page has short videos and detailed descriptions of why, how, and who can administer it, and free training can also be found at the Get Naloxone Now organization.

The opioid pandemic has become a significant public health crisis in the United States, and the increasing number of deaths due to drug overdose is alarming. The availability of Narcan and the knowledge of how to administer it will save lives. It is essential to address the stigma associated with addiction and drug overdose and educate the community on the use of Narcan. Advocating for the availability of Narcan in schools and spreading awareness can contribute to saving lives within our community. Let's work together to drive change and save lives.

### — Local -

Seattle's Most Terrifying and Haunting Halloween Celebrations Ella Will

#### Georgetown Morgue

One of Seattle's most famous haunted houses, the Georgetown Morgue, has an eerie history. In 1968, nine of its staff were forced into a crematorium chamber with no surviving witnesses or suspects. The morgue was transformed and is now an

interactive experience based on the story of the character Dr. Simons and his henchmen, Rigor and Mortis, who opened a catacomb and



now capture people and release toxic chemicals. The actors are described as very professional, scary, and realistic. The house takes about fifteen minutes to complete when walking (though some will run), and tickets can be purchased on their website.

#### The Fright Factory

Located in Buckley, the Fright Factory was rated one of the fifteen best haunted houses in America in 2019 and has been a FrightFind top haunted house in four recent years. The attraction is set in a creepy, old industrial building. Special effects and detailed sets are designed for different levels of fear, so some parts are scarier than others. Also, since this haunted house is on the farther side, it is recommended to arrive early, especially on weekends.

#### Nile Nightmares

The Nightmares at the Nile in Montlake Terrace features escape rooms alongside its main event. Set on the Nile Shrine golf course, there are six different experiences with their own themes. They offer a mix of indoor and outdoor scares, from haunted houses to cemeteries. They also host special events/nights. Like most places on this list, Nile Nightmares has a "no touch" policy except for their freaky clown baby, who you may see once or twice.

#### Wild Waves Fright Fest

On Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from October 4th through November 5th, starting at 6 p.m., the Wild Waves Theme and Water Park transforms into a terrifying Halloween festival. The attractions include haunted houses, live entertainment, a gory pumpkin patch, traditional Halloween foods (e.g., candy apples, fudge, elephant ears-all with scary decorations), and rides/rollercoasters in the dark. Monsters and Ghouls roam the park throughout the night, scaring guests as they make their way around. Additionally, minors under 18 must have a chaperone over the age of 21 (one chaperone per six minors).

# **Opinion** –

Sustainability in Fashion: Why you should join Thrift Club Kaia McCready

Is it ethical for resellers to spend fifteen bucks on a ton of clothes at the Goodwill bins and then heavily overprice them on Depop? Personally, I think it's a little shady, especially when the "vintage y2k baby tee" is labeled a size 3-4 Toddlers. Other people consider reselling a full-time job that requires a specific eye for fashion and the patience to look through hundreds of clothing items at a thrift store.

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Non-resellers will usually thrift because of cheap costs or sustainability purposes, if not both. With 100 billion new garments made every year-the top contributors being China and the USthrifting is the most sustainable option, as these are clothes that are already made. Now let's get into the big questions of thrifting versus fast fashion: Is it okay for people to shop at super cheap thrift stores when they can afford to buy sustainably elsewhere? This is where the issue of reselling comes in. If someone can afford to buy something more expensive but finds something they know they are going to wear for really cheap, it isn't wrong for them to buy it. But when someone is taking a TON of clothes that they don't even plan on wearing and then overpricing that item so that no one ends up wearing it, that can be problematic. Of course, no one is going to stop resellers, but we can laugh at how outrageous the descriptions of a Justice tank top listed for \$50 online

The problems with Shein and other fast fashion brands are pretty well known. Why do people continue to buy fast fashion if it's so bad for the environment? Well, it is incredibly cheap and accessible, which isn't always the case for thrift stores. Also, many fast fashion brands like Asos have more plus size options than, say, a small clothing store that only really serves one body type. Unfortunately, a big reason fast fashion clothes are so cheap is because they fall apart pretty quickly. If people don't throw away items after they stop liking them or they fall apart, they'll donate them to thrift stores. This leads to thrift stores ending up with a ton of fast fashion items from places like Shein and Princess Polly, so it all comes full circle.

I'm not one to judge someone for their clothes-purchasing habits. Clearly, there are a lot of reasons why people shop at different stores, online and in-person. But what I do judge is people not joining the Bush School's official (brand new) Thrift Club. And some may be thinking, what happens to the money when people buy clothes in our upcoming Bush School Thrift events? Great question. We'll be choosing from a variety of charities including Lifelong Thrift, which supports those fighting AIDS/HIV, Treehouse, a non profit serving youth in foster care, and any other charities students would be interested in supporting! Our mission is to bring cheap, sustainable clothing to The Bush School through our students, and we look forward to hosting many events this year. And to end off, the current amazing leaders are seniors, meaning the leaders of next year are TBD. If you're thinking you wanna spice up your college app activities list, improve your carbon footprint, finally clear out your closet for a good cause, or just buy some cute new clothes, Thrift Club is the place for you. Thank you for reading to the end of this shameless plug.

### **Sports**

#### Sports Report Ben Foltz

Author's note: This sports section has information as of September 25th. To get more updated information about Bush athletics, you can go to ESPN.com.

Welcome, Blazers, to the first Sports Report of the 2024-2025 school year! In this sports report, I'll go over the start of the Bush fall sports season, give a recap of this summer's sports, and wrap up with a national baseball and football update.

Girls' Soccer: The Varsity Girls' soccer team has dominated the start of the season. Their first game had them heading to Lake Chelan High School, where they smoothly won 6-0. Since then, conference games have begun, with multigoal wins over Granite Falls and Overlake and a tie against Northwest. At a record of 3-0-1, they remain undefeated and have games against Bear Creek on September 27th, East Jefferson on October 5th, and Eastside Prep on October 8th coming up. The JV team is 2-1 after dismantling Granite Falls 7-0, and looks to continue that success against Cedar Park Christian and King's.

Girls' Volleyball: Girls' Varsity Volleyball is currently 2-2; however, they're 2-0 in conference. With a big win in the home opener against Granite Falls and another in-conference win against Northwest, they prepare to face Summit Sierra on September 26th and Sultan on September 28th. Girls' JV Volleyball has started 0-3, with a matchup against Northwest coming soon. Finally, the Girls' JVC team comes in with a record of 1-3.

Boys' Golf: The Boys' golf team is off to a great start, with a current record of 1-1. The first match of the season was a tight showdown at home against Bear Creek, where they lost off of a double tiebreaker. However, they bounced back with an upset win against UPrep, ending a losing streak from previous years. "It was a good team win, everyone played their part," said a member of the team. There is certainly an atmosphere of optimism around the current state of the Bush golf program.

Boys' Ultimate: Boys' Varsity Ultimate has had a shocking start to the season, currently at four wins and just one loss. Coming off of a defeat of Summit Sierra 12-1, they are preparing to face Eastside Prep at home on September 26th before heading to Northwest on September 30th. JV is also crushing it with a 3-0 record and a combined score of 39-11 over their first three games. They face Eastside Prep on September 26th and Northwest on September 30th.

Boys' Tennis: The Bush Varsity Tennis team is 3-4, but is currently on a two-game win streak with victories over South Whidbey and Bear Creek. They'll prepare for a road match against South Whidbey on September 26th and a match against UPrep on September 30th.

**Cross Country:** Finishing with the Cross Country teams, the Blazers are

coming off of their first big invite of the season, Fort Steilacoom. Bush finished 7th out of 18 teams, with Benjamin Hester '24 coming in



with a Personal Record 5k time of 16:34. Nearly the entire Boys' team PRed, and both teams look like they're primed for extremely competitive seasons. Both Varsity teams are now preparing to head to Portland for another invite on September 28th. That recaps the start of the Bush fall sports season. Now, let's move to national sporting news.

**Olympics:** The most noteworthy sporting event this summer was the Olympics, heldfromlateJulytoearlyAugust in Paris. 12 world records were broken, 7 countries won their first gold medal, and around 15,000 athletes competed across the 56 venues. Team USA tied with China for the most gold medals, finishing with 40. They had 126 total medals, by far the most out of participating countries. Some highlights for Team USA were Simone Biles leading the gymnastics team to gold with three medals, Katie Ledecky getting two gold medals out of four total, and Noah Lyles winning the 100-meter dash, earning the title "world's fastest man." Team USA saw lots of success in track and field, with standout performances from Sydney Mclaughlin-Levrone in the 400-meter hurdles, Rai Benjamin in the 400-meter dash, Grant Fisher in the 5 and 10-kilometer races, and Cole Hocker in the 1600-meter dash. In Men's Basketball, Steph Curry, Kevin Durant, and Lebron James teamed up to lead Team USA to a gold fueled by a marvelous performance from Steph Curry.

**Baseball:** Another notable summer storyline was the Seattle Mariners' roller coaster 2024 season. At one point, the Mariners were leading the sub-par AL West by 10 whole games and seemed to be a shoo-in for the playoffs with their historic pitching rotation. Since then, the offensive production has plummeted, and the Mariners have been one of the worst offenses in baseball. This led to a shocking climax, as longtime manager Scott Servais was fired and former Mariners' catcher Dan Wilson was hired as the new manager. The Mariners made up some ground in the playoff race. However, with just three days left in the regular season, they were eliminated. In the wider MLB landscape, playoffs start in October and Dodgers' phenom Shohei Ohtani became the first player ever to hit 50 home runs and steal 50 bases in just one season.

Football: The University Washington's first football season in the Big Ten has seen a dramatic start, as they currently have a record of 3-1. They are coming off of a big conference win against Northwestern after a heartbreaking rivalry loss to the Washington State Cougars. In the NFL, the Seahawks are boasting one of the best defenses in the entire league under new head coach Mike Macdonald. This has led to them starting 3-0 with big wins against the Broncos, Patriots, and Dolphins, and allowing an average of just over 14 points per game. They're one of the five remaining undefeated teams alongside the Steelers, Vikings, Chiefs, and Bills.

Every month, the Rambler randomly selects four people from each grade and asks them the same question. This month, we asked, "How are your classes going?" Here are their responses:

Nicholas Hufnagel '25, "They are going very skibidi." Kate Hutchison '25, "Great." Benjamin Hester '25, "My classes are going really well, and I think this week we're going to jump into content after last week was a lot of introductions." Cam Macfetridge '25, They're going awesome. I have my four hardest classes on Monday Bing Kawasaki '26, "Okay." and it sucks." Dahlia Wandasiewicz '26, "Good." Zedonis '26, "I need food, can you follow me? Going alright." Vivienne Hunter '26, "The start to my school year's been pretty smooth and pretty exciting." <u>Hussein</u> Hussein '27, "Going pretty good." Lombardi '27, "They're really boring, but I push through, I carry on." <u>Gretchen</u> Stroble '27, "They're good. They're stressful but they've been good." <u>Harper Vedder</u> <u>'27,</u> "So far, so good. A little boring." Zane Zilliax '28, "Good." Ethan Im '28, "They're going good. It's just kind of easing into the year, but overall it's going fine." Neisweinder '28, "They're going good. There's a lot of homework so far. There are already two tests that are planned." <u>Luke Stanley '28,</u> "They're going pretty okay."

### What's up?— Word Search

Spanish Speaking Countries & Territory

Kaia McCready



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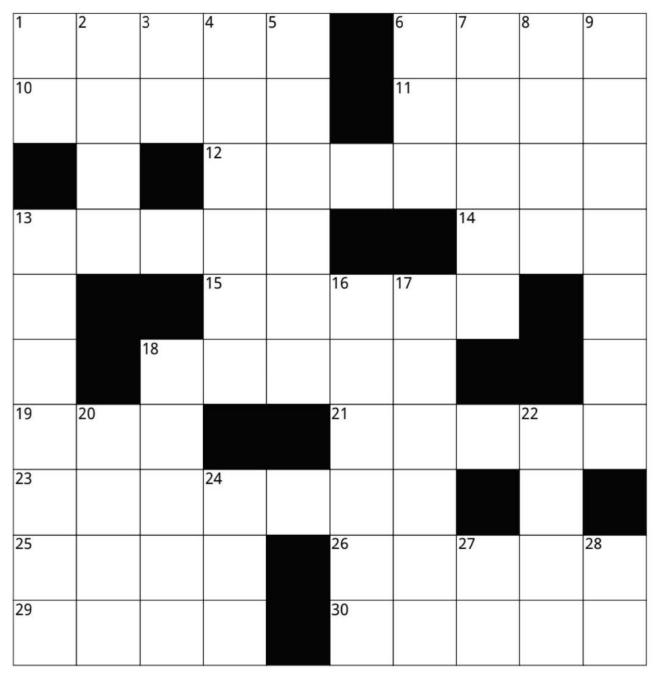
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### Crossword

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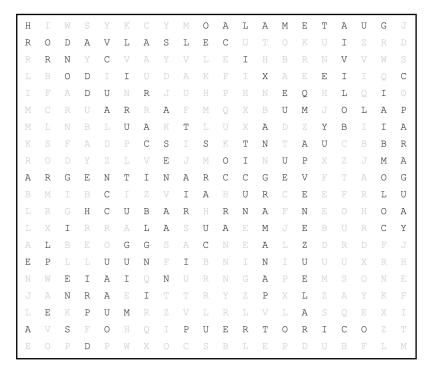
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