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Letter from the President

By Lea McGuigan

President

Dear Reader,

Another crazy and unpredictable school year is coming to a close. We have gone from everyone in-person for the first time since March, 2020 to masks coming off once everyone returned from February break. The Voice worked hard to reflect those changes happening in our school and our society.

Throughout our past issues, we have covered a wide variety of subjects ranging from the door painting at CHS to the problems regarding our school's early start time and everything in between. The success of The Voice would not be possible without all the people involved. Thank you so much to our , Ms. Sullivan and Mrs. LaFlamme for being with us every step of the way and encouraging us to write about whatever we want. Also, deepest gratitude to everyone who has contributed to an issue, whether that be



Chelmsford High School

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through an article or through their art. The Voice would not be possible without them. Finally, thank you to the current board members and future board members for putting hours of their time and effort into making sure that everything runs smoothly. Josie Lee, the only senior on the board, our vice-president and last year's graphic design coordinator is leaving us after years of commitment.

Thanks a million to Josie for being the best right-hand woman a girl could ask for.

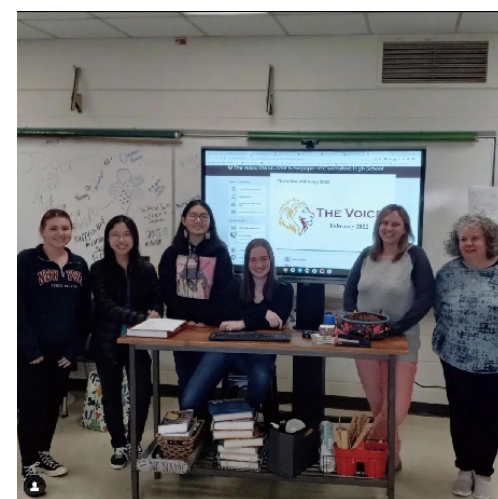
As always, The Voice continues to be a way that students can express themselves through their words or their artwork. If there is any interest in joining The Voice for the 2022-2023 school year, please do not hesitate to contact the advisors or a board member.

With gratitude,
Lea McGuigan

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Thank you all for a wonderful year, and we can't wait to see you all again in the fall!

Cleaning CHS: The ECO Club Townwide Cleanup

By Josie Lee

Vice President

The Ecology club organized a townwide cleanup on April 21st. We focused on cleaning around CHS. We gathered a group of 10 volunteers and split off into groups to cover:

- Woods to Sully's
- Science pond
- Front of the school
- Woods next to science wing
- Plateau and Stadium
- Tennis Courts
- Parking lots
- Roads and field in front of the school

I led a small group to clean the fields and roads in front of the school. There wasn't

a lot of trash in the middle of the fields other than a few stray wrappers and some abandoned clothes. Most of the trash was from the edge of the wetlands between Sully's and the school. After we finished cleaning the fields and roads we headed over to the back of the school. My group found a ton of trash behind the bleachers on the plateau. My group collected 3 bags of trash.

At the end of the cleanup the groups filled a total of 16 trashbags. The vast majority of the trash collected were disposable masks and cups from Sully's. The most polluted places that were visited were both the forests and the areas surrounding the tennis courts. The forests had many vines and branches that caught all the trash. There were also many places that we



The ECO Club successfully completed their CHS Cleanup on Earth day over Spring Break.
Photo taken by Jay Green

couldn't get to because of the branches and thorns. With the school in better shape I would like to ask everyone to please dispose of your trash properly.

Visit the ECO Club's Instagram for photos and updates on their projects at:

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AAPI Month: more than just a month

By **Jennifer Yu**
Graphic Designer

What is AAPI Month?

AAPI stands for Asian American Pacific Islanders, representing the entire asian community! Oftentimes, there is a misconception that Asians are east asians, you know, the Japanese, Chinese, and Korean communities. However, the asian community is a rich and vibrant one. Communities that often get overlooked include Indian, Southeast Asian, and Islander. Every May, AAPI month aims to connect and uplift people who are a part of this community.

Stop Asian Hate

Especially after the rise of COVID 19, Asian American communities have suffered from malicious comments, racial slurs, and even physical violence across the globe. Many were afraid to speak out, but where many voices were silent The New York Times has helped speak out. Author Jill Cowon writes, “A first step toward stopping anti-Asian discrimination and violence, Dr. Siu said, is acknowledging it has long been a part of American history — then working across communities to fight it.” This, acknowledging that hate and violence against Asian American minorities is real, is indeed the crucial first step to making everyone feel welcomed. How AAPI Month Helps AAPI month is much more than just a name or a “month”, it’s a celebration. A celebration of what



Today’s younger generations fight for AAPI rights at the “Stop Asian Hate March” in Cleveland
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Asian Americans have to offer. Just like anyone else, we have so much to contribute, but a lack of representation limits the extent to which we can share our ideas and creativity with the world. The US has a long way to go when it comes to asian representation. Not only in the government, but also in media, schools, and the workplace. Throughout AAPI month, we can bring many of the issues we face to light and help everyone become more socially aware of the world we live in. Because in the end, everyone deserves to feel safe and welcomed. **AAPI Month at CHS** Unfortunately, in areas such as world language and the social sciences, asian history and language are hardly represented in the CHS curriculum. However, CHS isn’t alone in this department. Students from districts across the nation continue to fight for more asian representation within curriculums. For example,

over the last couple of years, students from Lexington High School have been pushing for more Asian history to be included into the History curriculum. Even now, voices across the state are pushing for more Asian languages, such as Chinese and Japanese, to be taught in schools in addition to the seemingly eurocentric Spanish and French classes *Let’s see what CHS students have to say about AAPI representation iat CHS:*

What are your thoughts on AAPI Representation in the CHS student body? *Frankie Ye*
I find that a weird question. Do I feel like Asian American students are felt welcome? Of course. CHS is an inclusive school. But CHS is an inclusive school. But representation? I don’t know. There isn’t really anything that makes Asian American students different from other students. You can say that for other races as well. I don’t think there’s there’s representa

tion, but there is equality by the sheer fact that there isn’t representation at a race level but rather a student level. Everyone is treated by the individual, rather than by what race they are, and that includes Asian Americans. They are part of the CHS community, but there isn’t a representation in the traditional sense. And I think that for an equal opportunity school like this one, that is fine.

How do you think that the pandemic has impacted the AAPI community?
Ishani Dave

The pandemic has increased racism and discrimination against the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community. As a result, the discrimination they have faced has led them to feel vulnerable in various settings, including school. As a part of the community, I feel that it is vital to create a safe space in order to create an atmosphere of inclusiveness, and I also believe that people should raise awareness about the discrimination that the AAPI community faces.

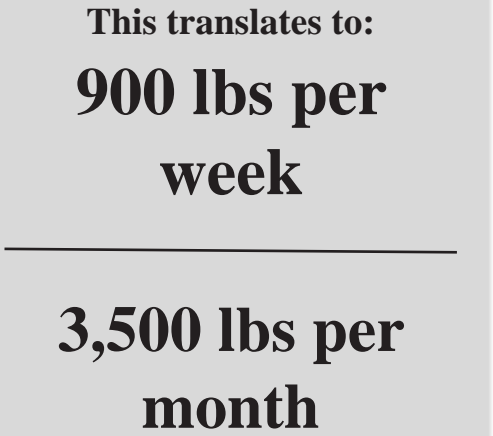
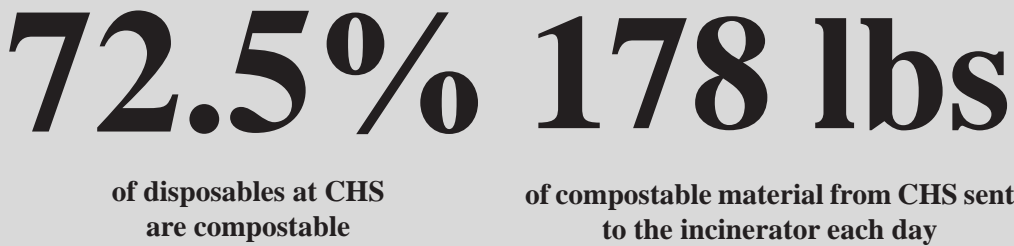
What it’s all about
At the end of the day, AAPI month is a time for celebration. While it is important to raise awareness about social issues, we also must take this time to celebrate everything the asian American community has to offer. So, cheers to the AAPI community and all of the positive change that is to come!

Visit [#StopAsianHate](#) on social platforms for more great information on this topic!

ECO Club Trash Audit: The Results are in!

By **Josie Lee**
Vice President

As you all probably know, the Eco Club hosted a trash audit on Thursday March 24th. Thanks to you and our volunteers the audit went smoothly. Here’s the data we collected from both lunches that day: Every 100 pounds of food burned in a landfill releases 8.3 pounds of methane into the atmosphere. This means CHS’ daily food waste releases 15 pounds of methane into the air when burned in a landfill. This means that approximately 2700 pounds of methane are produced every school year. Every 100 pounds of food burned in a landfill releases 8.3 pounds of methane into the atmosphere. This means CHS’ daily food waste releases 15 pounds of methane into the air when burned in a landfill. This means that approximately 2700 pounds of methane are produced every school year.



The CHS Eco Club, in conjunction with the SNHS and NHS as well as the Chelmsford DPW successfully completed their trash audit.
photo courtesy of CPS

While these numbers will fluctuate depending on what’s for lunch, a large fraction of all food waste is compostable. All of this data shows the waste we can reduce if we work together. We are hoping to implement composting in the cafeteria starting next year and for that to happen, we need your full support. Everyone can do their part to make the Earth a greener place.

A Look Into Spring Traditions Around the World

By Ellora Smith
Writer

As spring is ending, and summer is upon us, there are many different traditions and festivals that are celebrated. These are festivals and traditions that are celebrated all over the world every year. These traditions can be celebrated throughout various countries, or take place in a very specific area. They also mostly take place between the months of March through May, but they all differ.

Although some of them have a serious meaning and history behind them, such as Holi, others contain more of a fun aspect, such as the Rolling Cheese Contest, but that does not mean that they are not passionately celebrated. These festivals and traditions are a good way to bring people together leading into the excitement of the summer months.

Holi

Holi is a festival that is celebrated in Northern India, and takes place between the months of February and March. It takes place between these months because it lines up with the lunar calendar.

Often people relate this festival to vibrant colors, and people throw colored water on each other, but it is a lot more than that. Holi is actually a very religious festival that focuses on the god Krishna. On Holi, people will dress up in all white clothes and then get completely wrecked by covering themselves with colored powder. This is a day in Northern India where your status is not important. This is a day regarded for having fun with your friends and family.

The Two Cherry Blossom Festivals

During the springtime, there are two different festivals that revolve around cherry blossoms. One of them

is in Washington D.C, and the other is in Japan. In Japan during April and March is when the cherry blossoms bloom. People then travel to go and view these beautiful trees in different parts of the country.

There also is the cherry blossom festival that takes place in Washington D.C every year. This festival's history celebrates Japan and the United States connection. In 1912, the mayor of Japan, Yukio Ozaki, gifted the U.S 3,000 cherry blossom trees as a way of showing their friendship.

This friendship between the U.S and Japan has stayed strong and according to the National Cherry Blossom Festival Organization, "In 1981, the cycle of giving came full circle. Japanese horticulturists were given cuttings from the original trees in DC to replace some cherry trees in Japan which had been destroyed in a flood." This year's 2022 festival took place between March 20 to April 17 in Washington D.C.

Although these festivals are on completely different sides of the world, they still share the same love for the beautiful cherry blossom trees.

Is the Rolling Cheese Contest Real?

Yes, you read that right, there is such a thing as the Cheese Rolling competition. This tradition, or some refer to it as an extreme sport, takes place during early June on Cooper's Hill in Gloucester, England. Although this seems a bit ridiculous, this actually is a tradition that is believed to have been going on since the early 1800s.

The goal of this race is to be the first one down the 200 yard hill, and the prize that the winner will receive is the cheese that will also be rolling down the hill with them. People travel from all over the world to compete in this festival, or come and



Tourists visit the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington D.C
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view this absurd sight. Some people have competed multiple times in this competition such as Florence Early, "Florence, who is from Stroud, first ran the race when she was 17 and is the 4-time champion of the Ladies' Cheese Rolling race." (Cheese Rolling in Gloucester). She has not been the only person to have come back multiple times to compete in this highly competitive event because there have been many others.

What is the Songkran Water Festival?

Another fun festival that takes place in Thailand every year is Songkran Water Festival. This festival and holiday celebrates the beginning of the Thai New Year in early April. This is known as the Songkran Water Festival because people squirt each other with water to get rid of the past year, for they are putting that behind them.

Although water is used in a respectful way with elders, there also is a lot of commotion in the street parties. In these parties people will gather with water guns, and other vessels to pour water on each other, and everybody ends up soaked. Before participating in the more fun events in this tradition people will often visit

Buddhist temples early in the morning. The people in Thailand show that they can make a big splash going into the new year.

Final Thoughts

So overall, there are some pretty unique and interesting festivals that are celebrated all over the world. I am not sure if I would like to participate in all of them, for example trying to outrun a wheel of cheese does not sound particularly fun. I am sure that it would be amusing to watch though.

Whether you partake in these festivals or not, they all have a right to be celebrated and appreciated. As the last couple months of spring slip away, the spring festival and traditions will start to also come to an end. As these come to the end, we will get to enjoy the warm summer months, and have to wait again until next year for these festivals and traditions.

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Nostalgic Graduation Songs for the Class of '22

By Jennifer Yu
Graphic Designer

22 - Taylor Swift

This goes without saying. Congrats to the class of '22 who have made it this far ~ good things are to come! And remember, once a CHS lion, always a CHS lion!

There for You - Martin Garrix ft. Troye Sivan

This song is 100% underrated, but absolutely worth the listen. Over the last four years, it is without a doubt that either you had someone to be there for you, or you were there for someone else. This song is an ode to all of those times and memories.

2002 - Anne Marie

I don't know if it's just me, but I feel like I heard this song everywhere in 2019, and hopefully you did too! 2002 is such a light-hearted song, and it's definitely one for you to enjoy when you think back on those happy high school memories.

Payphone - Maroon 5

There are actual tears form in my eyes when I listen to this song. OK - maybe that's a bit of an exaggeration, but something about Payphone is both nostalgic and comforting. So, to all the seniors, if you're feeling lost and confused over your future, give this song a listen, and trust me, it will make you feel better.

Count on Me - Bruno Mars

Two words: Bruno Mars. I am positive that everyone has grown up listening to at least one of Bruno Mars' songs, but this one just has a special place in my heart. When listening to this song, remember the times the person you counted on throughout your high school career, and think about how you want to be someone you can count on in the future.

Hey, Soul Sister - Train

I don't know about you, but the sound of ukuleles in 'Hey, Soul Sister' just makes me feel some kind of way. Listen to this song with your high school soul sister, or soul brother, and enjoy reminiscing on old memories. I can assure you that it will be a good time.

Here's to never growing up - Avril Lavigne

There was no way that I wasn't gonna put this song on here. This is a song of celebration, a song of youth, and a song for you... the seniors! Cheers to never growing, the end of an old chapter, and the start of a new one!

Congratulats on Graduating!

I'm sure you've heard this just about a million times now, but from the bottoms of our hearts congratulation on graduating! Not only did the Class of '22 survive high school through COVID, but also came out finishing stronger than ever. So to that, cheers and we wish you the best of luck!!

The Ukrainian War: What it is and how Shea’s Sole Supporters are Helping

By Sonal Punj
Writer

On February 24th, 2022, Russia’s invasion of Ukraine marked a tragic escalation in the Russo-Ukrainian war, endangering millions of civilians across Eastern Europe. Refugees, especially children are at a higher risk for trafficking and human exploitation, and the weapons inflict damage on infrastructure and other daily necessities. To fully understand the lasting impacts of the Russia-Ukrainian crisis, it is imperative to look back and recognize the history behind the recent conflict.

In the twentieth century, Russia and Ukraine were two of the major Soviet superpowers and adversaries to the United States. For much of history, Ukraine had been under Russia’s rule, with around ⅓ of the Ukrainian population speaking Russian as their first language. Following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, however, both countries became independent nations. Through the Budapest Agreement in 1994, Ukraine exchanged its arsenal of nuclear weapons for the promise of protection and respect to its sovereignty from Russia.

The most recent start of the Russo-Ukrainian conflict can be rooted to 2013, when the former Ukrainian president --Victor Yanukovich-- signed a

deal with Russia in which the latter country would pay off fifteen billion dollars of Ukrainian debt and put the price for gas supplies by ⅓. Protests erupted within the Ukrainian population. To the majority of the Ukrainian population, they believed that Yanukovich sold their country off to Russia. In 2014, Yanukovich was driven out of office and fled the country, angering Russia. The tensions eventually led to the annexation of Crimea—a Ukrainian peninsula located in the Black Sea—and in 2016, Crimeans had voted for the region to become a part of Russia. The legitimacy of the election, however, is still questionable.

In Eastern Ukraine, supporters of Russia began taking over. Ukraine enforcements stepped in, but the Russian army joined these separatists. Eventually, after a series of agreements involving Russia, Ukraine, and the west, both countries reached a ceasefire and signed the *Minsk Agreements of 2014*.

Despite the majority of Europe and the West supporting Ukraine in the recent Russian invasion, there is a complex history behind the relations between them. While the western Ukrainian region is distrustful of Russia, the east views its neighboring country based on the strong lingual, cultural, and historical ties the two countries share. But despite the intrinsic complications within Eastern Europe and the legacy



Mr. Shea’s PLUS Block runs a shoe drive in conjunction with Soles4souls
image by Sonal Punj/The VOICE Newspaper

of the Soviet Union, the most important aspect of this conflict is its impact on the people. As the fight escalates, innocent lives are being threatened and taken. Not only is it crucial to recognize the struggle of the civilians impacted by the ongoing war, but it is all the more important to assist those in need.

In solidarity with the people of Ukraine and our local communities in need, Mr. Shea and his PLUS block have both set up a shoe drive and have collected monetary donations to go toward UNICEF and help support children and families displaced by the war. In cooperation with Soles4Souls, Mr. Shea has raised one-sixty pairs of shoes so far and collected over one thousand dollars in monetary funds toward the cause.

Lea’s Reads: Spring Edition

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The Paris Secret

By Natasha Lester

In 1939, Skye Penrose developed a strong love of flying and at the same time, her mother Vanessa died while attempting to fly to Australia. Decades later, Skye has been turned away from the Royal Air Force but she is still determined to fly for Great Britain during WWII. Along the way, she reunited with her sister and her childhood best friend as well and met the cold Margaux Jourdan and the elegant Catherine Dior, who worked in the French Resistance. In 1947, timeless fashion designer Christian Dior debuted his collection complete with a perfume named after his sister, Catherine.

In the present day, Australian fashion fashion conservator Kat unveils the lost Dior gowns in her grandmother’s house which sparks a mission to find out the truth about her grandmother’s life that was lost in her past. The Paris Secret is every bit as good as it looks and will leave readers laughing, cry-

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As Good as Dead

By Holly Jackson

If anyone is wondering how to get away with murder, look no further than As Good as Dead. In the aftermath of her second investigation, Pippa Fit-Amobi is no stranger to on-line harassment that comes with having a true crime podcast but there is one message that stays with her long after most. Offline, Pip is sure that she has a stalker in her own neighborhood.

After receiving no help from the police, Pip connects the dots only to discover that a local serial killer has been in prison for years. Now Pip is starting to wonder whether the wrong man is behind bars. As Pip goes further and further to get to the bottom of her final investigation, she must rethink everything she thought she knew about her past cases, and watch her back before she is the one that is as good as dead.

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Elizabeth and Margaret: The Intimate World of the Windsor Sisters

By Christopher Anderson

Queen Elizabeth II just recently celebrated her 96th birthday and is celebrating 70 years on the British throne. Seventy years ago, her uncle Edward VIII abdicated the throne and the relationship between Princesses Elizabeth and her younger sister Margaret were altered forever. Margaret was no longer Elizabeth’s equal and Elizabeth was no longer just a princess.

Behind palace walls, things were not often as smooth as they appeared. The “pride” and “joy” of the Windsor family was shaky with the crown often in the middle. Royal expert Christopher Anderson goes behind the smiles and into the lives of the two most famous sisters of the twentieth century revealing shocking truths, disturbing lies, and everything in between.