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IS OUR FUTURE TICKING AWAY?

BY: ELLORA SMITH

As climate change becomes more prominent in every aspect of our lives in everything from increased temperatures to rising sea levels, it demonstrates the increasing threat it poses to our lives. In the midst of all of this, scientists are trying to send a stark signal through the Doomsday Clock. Making headlines all throughout January, the Doomsday Clock was set to 89 seconds until midnight, illustrating the imminent danger that climate change poses to our life because for the first time it is under 90 seconds until midnight, or in grimmer terms, one step closer to the end of the earth.

What is the Doomsday Clock?

The Doomsday Clock was created in 1947 by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, which is an organization founded by the group of scientists who worked on the creation of the atomic bomb during WWII, also known as the Manhattan Project. It was created as a metaphor to show how human activity such as nuclear bombs can destroy our planet, and in 2007 climate change was also added to the equation. If the Doomsday Clock ever reaches midnight, it means that the earth is completely uninhabitable as a direct result from human destruction. Each year the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists meets and discusses current world events to further decide whether or not to move the clock. While this year in 2025 they decided to move it forwards, in other years it has not moved at all, further demonstrating that the future of the Earth is truly in our hands.

How much time do we really have left?

While the clock shows that there is only 89 seconds left until midnight, that does not mean that humanity has barely any time left on Earth, but it rather serves as a warning that our time is limited. The metaphor of the Doomsday Clock advocates for climate change and the dangers of nuclear weapons to serve as a powerful metaphor that if we do not change our habits and destructive practices, we could eventually reach midnight.

What does this mean for us?

While this news may seem daunting, just because the clock has struck 89 seconds it does not mean that time can not increase as well. The Doomsday Clock is ultimately controlled by us as humans, and our actions towards preventing additional climate

change can actually help turn back time. While some events that the Doomsday Clock also takes into consideration such as nuclear threats and related events are out of the control of the average person, staying well informed is extremely important to fully understand global implications human activity can have. Practicing a more sustainable lifestyle through simple changes such as decreasing plastic usage and utilizing renewable energy may increase just a second or two on the clock, but in reality adds years for future generations. So, will you be an advocate for change, or let our planet crumble? The future is in our hands, but be careful, it might tick away.

To find out more about what you can do to help stop us from reaching midnight, please visit the Doomsday Clock website: <https://thebulletin.org/doomsday-clock/>



THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

BY: CHARLOTTE WARE

On January 20, 2025, Donald Trump was inaugurated as the 47th president of the U.S., marking a return to office after his original term served from 2017-2021. Although the ceremony was initially planned to be at the West Front of the Capitol, it took place in the Capitol Rotunda, due to cold weather. Chief Justice John Roberts administered the Oath of Office, by which Trump swore to protect constitutionality. Significant figures such as former presidents and notable politicians attended the event, side by side with tech big shots like Elon Musk, Mark Zuckerberg, and Jeff Bezos.



In his inaugural address, Trump declared the beginning of a “golden age” for America, promising renewed prosperity in various aspects of the nation, including safety, sovereignty, justice, and unity. He went on to criticize the current state of the government, which he proclaimed he would immediately and rapidly remedy. He outlined an aggressive agenda, concentrating on reinforcing border security, increasing domestic energy production, and implementing tariffs on nations by the establishment of the External Revenue Service. Trump pledged to end the so-called weaponization of the

Justice Department. He emphasized his aspiration to be remembered as “a peacemaker and a unifier”, and bring Martin Luther King’s dreams to fruition. Trump’s promise to prioritize the American people will be tested in the next four years.

After the ceremony, Trump signed some executive orders to inaugurate his policy objectives. The directives, with measures to strengthen border security, grow domestic energy production, and impose tariffs, reflected the agenda he laid out in his address. The events of the inauguration were capped with inaugural balls and a national prayer service.

CHELMSFORD’S SNOWLESS WINTER?

By: Deepika Bollu

This winter has been a strange one for Chelmsford High School students—only one snow day? In Massachusetts? Unbelievable. Normally, we’d be celebrating a few extra mornings of sleeping in, but this year, the weather has been surprisingly unpredictable. One day with a blizzard, the next in the 40s! While some students might be happy to avoid making up extra days in June, many are wondering: where did all the snow go?

The numbers don’t lie. Chelmsford has had below-average snowfall this season, with only a few moderate storms that didn’t pack enough punch to cancel school. Even Boston, which usually gets buried, recorded only around 22.3 inches for the season—better than last year’s tiny total, but still not enough to bring on the beloved snow days. Whether it’s climate change, bad luck, or Mother Nature simply taking a break, the usual winter chaos has been noticeably absent.

Of course, Chelmsford Public Schools is always prepared to cancel school if conditions become too icy. But so far, there hasn’t been a storm big enough to warrant it. While some students are enjoying the uninterrupted schedule, others are holding onto hope—maybe March will bring that long-awaited snowstorm. Until then, it looks like we’ll just have to keep setting those 5 a.m. alarms and showing up on time.

THE ARCTIC TUNDRA: HOW OUR LIONS SUPPORT THE WINTER HOCKEY SEASON



By: Riley Tambo

Saturday, December 14th, was Chelmsford High School's varsity hockey home opener at the Chelmsford Forum.

This was the first hockey game our reporters have ever attended, and the enthusiastic environment and competitiveness of those both on and off the ice definitely won them over. They were pleasantly surprised by the environment .

The infectious feeling of school loyalty was visible in the student sections for both Westford and Chelmsford. Chants like "Westford forum" rang throughout the rink, proving that the rivalry is still thriving.

All ages attended the opening game, from enthusiastic parents and supportive grandparents, to the tiny tots buzzing around the stands with excitement dressed in their jerseys. Some whose heads barely peeped over the rink's border.. The entire community comes together to support the sport, and our very own Chelmsford Lions.

Between the first and second periods the town team played a scrimmage, with the crowd cheering them on almost as much as the varsity team. It was clear that the next generation of Lions is loaded with potential. Some of the kids there were very talented for their age. A promising future for the CHS hockey team. were high off and on the ice. Sticks banging against the side of the rink was the sound of team morale, along with hugs and fist bumps for good luck exchanged between teammates.

An ex-CHS hockey player (who now plays club and focuses more on lacrosse), Josh King, shares his past experiences on the team here at CHS. He says that the high school teams are a very tight-knit group because everyone already knows everyone from school, it makes the team very supportive of one another.

When speaking to many hockey spectators, it was revealed that it was many of their first times at a hockey game here's what they have to say:

"The intensity of the game is like nothing I've ever seen before. It's beautiful to see how these fellow Lions get together and put up a good fight" Ewura Paintsil (Grade 10)

"I'm here to play my instrument it's chill you know, its cold but it's fun"(Millie Dukes grade 9 Pep-Band)

"It's actually my first pep band it's pretty fun, I'm enjoying the game more than I thought" (Jackson Childzisky Grade 11 Pep- Band)

When speaking to Ry-Guy in the aftermath of the game "It was a great turn out, our tundra came out strong. I mean lotta penalties but we gotta work on it. First game of the season you know, Westford - they're good." "Season's gonna go well. I have good luck with these guys cuz you know I mean I'm their number one fan" (when asked about the morale of the game overall) clearly the support for their team is high.

Though the score was not in our favor for the first game of the 24-25 season, clearly the school spirit and community around the sport will (hopefully) carry our team to victory.

UPDATE- January 21 2025

The Lions have done exceedingly well so far in the season including a 5-2 win against Shrewsbury , 1-0 win against Central Catholic, 4-0 win against Bishop Fenwick, 6-4 win against Danvers, and a 3-2 win against westford! GO LIONS!!!!

Five O'Clock Tea

CHELMSFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

By: Jhanvi Kichannagari and Samhita Badhri

Hi everyone! Welcome to the Spring edition of Five O'clock Tea: A segment of The Voice where we interview impactful people to better understand and appreciate the Chelmsford Community. Voting is a crucial part of being an engaged and civically active citizen, and even if we don't realize it, these elections—perhaps most especially the local ones—have an immense impact on our daily lives. In this issue, we focus on a group that impacts students, teachers, and residents' everyday life immeasurably: the School Committee. Composed of five members elected for three-year terms at a time, their primary responsibilities are: to oversee the annual school budget; develop school system policies; hire and review the performance of the Superintendent; and advocate for the school system with citizens, town government, and state government. This year, three candidates are running for two spots on the School Committee: Incumbents Maria Santos and John Moses are running to retain their seats against challenger Doreen Deshler. To get a better understanding of their policies, goals, and values, we reached out to each School Committee candidate with the same set of questions, and to ensure full transparency, we are presenting their responses exactly as provided.

What motivated you to run for the school committee

Maria L. Santos: School Committee is in the middle of implementing a strategic plan that I would like to see fully implemented. We have an upcoming building to get approved and built that will require town approval and lots of work that I want to be a part of. Plus the next few years will present policy and equity in academics and academic achievement challenges for our district and I bring something to the table on all these issues.

John Moses: I've been a member of the School Committee for nine years. During that time, we've worked hard to make sure that your education in our schools was the best it could be. I'm running because I believe there is still work we can do and investments we can make to help local children grow in our communities.

Doreen Deshler: I'd like to help bring Chelmsford Schools to a higher level and improve national and state rankings.

If elected, what do you hope to accomplish?

Maria L. Santos: "Equity for our students in all areas of their achievements. I would like to continue to be part of a school committee that works together to achieve results for our students rather than battle over the unachievable. Over the next several months, I would like to complete the new school project to replace the Parker Middle school. Some of you may have younger siblings that would have a chance for an upgraded and bigger experience in their school."

John Moses: "Besides that, I want your schools to be safe, open, and a community that will have a stable education for students. This is done through the regular hard work that I have been grateful to do for you."

Doreen Deshler: "If elected I'll work to lift Chelmsford's rankings from Niche 45th and USNews 88th in the state by getting back to basics, focus on reading, writing (including cursive, math, science, social studies, technology, and civics. I would look for a curriculum that would enhance these subjects especially in elementary education. Parental Rights ensure transparency and answers about curriculum. I believe that parents have a right to know what is being taught in their children's classroom. Student Readiness Hold students back if unprepared rather than ahead to struggle, teach resilience - how to win and lose. Opposition to Divisive Ideologies, Reject Critical Race Theory which is racist and divisive and harmful. Keep all talk of gender ideologies out of the classroom this should be a discussion between child and parents and or child's doctors. Fiscal responsibility, protect \$5,969 million in federal aid by adhering to federal law on DEI, Critical Race Theory, and transgender policies. Our schools cannot afford a 6 million dollar loss of revenue. I want our students and teachers to have the resources they need to compete at the highest level locally, nationally, and globally."



What aspects of the Chelmsford School System do you dislike or believe could be improved?

Maria L. Santos: "I wish things would move quicker and I wish school committees had more input in DESE policies."

John Moses: "As I look at the school system, I often try to remind myself that it is built to serve us, the people, and I believe we have fostered that throughout the district. One improvement that seems small but matters is moving our dual enrollment that last step to a full associate's degree. I also know through my experience and time that it will happen because of the staff that takes care of you and a committee that works for you."

Doreen Deshler: "Our state and national rankings I believe we can improve these scores and be among the top schools in the state."

Is there any additional information you would like to share with your constituents?

Maria Santos: "I ask for the opportunity to continue to serve Chelmsford as a School Committee member and for your trust in my ability to contribute."

John Moses: "Go Lions!"

Doreen Deshler: "I am running to represent your family on

the Chelmsford School Committee. I am a 36- year resident and mother of 4 children who attended our local schools, I have a deep connection to this community and a personal stake in our education systems success. I am a Behavioral Interventionist working with Autistic and developmentally disabled children. I am Board Certified Autism Technician

(BCAT), with a Bachelor's degree in Psychological Science. I have been a reading teacher/tutor and after-school program director, substitute teacher, Inclusion Support Aide for students with IEP's and 405's. a long-term paraprofessional in a Special Education classroom. I respectfully ask for your vote on April 1, 2025. Together we can build a stronger future for Chelmsford's students."

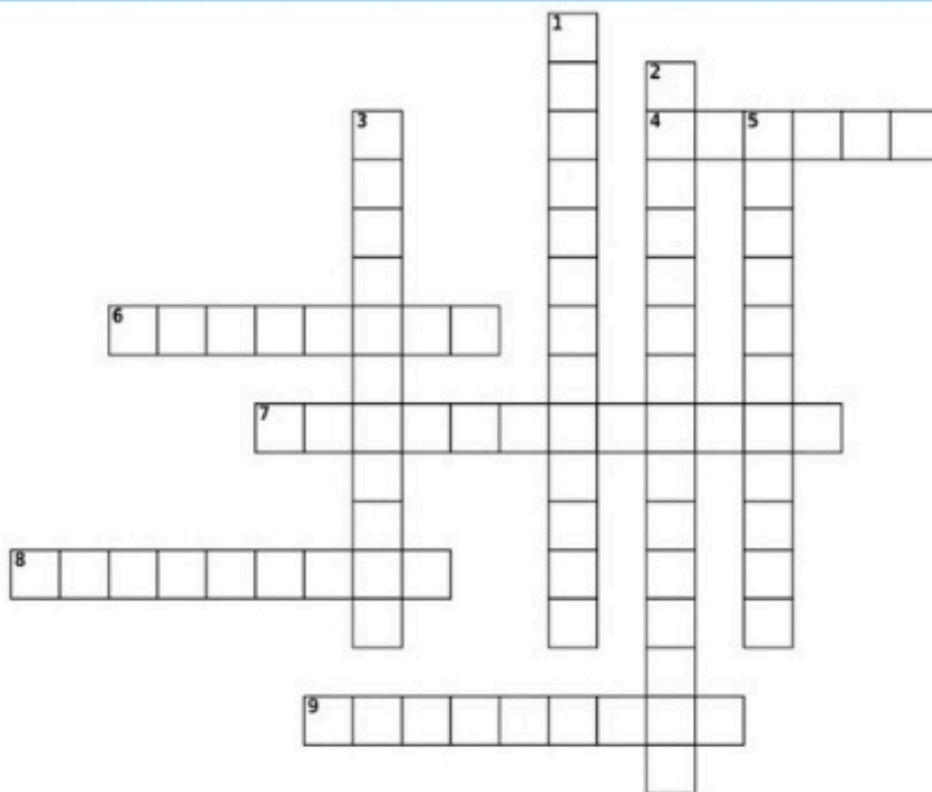
Many of us are or will soon be eligible to vote. For those who can, we urge you to read the above responses, look at further sources, and please cast your vote to ensure that your voice as a student, alumni, or resident is represented. To high schoolers who are not yet eighteen, please continue to inform yourself about the candidates running. Oftentimes, we get caught up in the hullabaloo of presidential and primary elections and fail to give credence to the crucial role of local elections. Election day is April 1st—to those who can, get out and vote! And to those who are not yet able to, stay educated, stay informed, and when you are able to, register to vote and be sure to cast your ballot!

Snow Day!

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- TRACK
- HOTCOCOA
- FREEZE
- SKIING

HOUSE OLYMPICS CROSSWORD



Across

- Seniors vs. Staff Game
- The winner of House Olympics
- Wednesday Spirit Day Theme
- Monday Spirit Day Theme
- Half day sports game

Down

- Friday Spirit Day Theme
- St. Patrick's Day Dance
- Tuesday Spirit Day Theme
- Thursday Spirit Day Theme



Spring Word Scramble

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