The great compromise: district and teachers come to agreement

By Rachel Ueda
Staff Writer

Our campus is filled with unique individuals; however, it’s easy for many of us to feel lost in the sea of people. That’s why Kaily Bigley, a member of Liberty’s Leadership, came up with the idea “Humans of Liberty.” It’s an account on Instagram that imitates the famous blog “Humans of New York” created by street photographer Brandon Stanton. His blog captures bits of the everyday lives of strangers and asking them questions, commenting, “I feel like it would make it really authentic.” So far they have posted a story on one of our seniors, Hannah Richardson, and the swim school she founded in Nicaragua. However, they do plan on posting one to two times a week once they get accustomed to the works of their new project. When asked if students are welcome to make suggestions on who should be featured next, Kaily responded with a very enthusiastic “yes, yes, yes!” and students or staff can contact them on Instagram or Twitter.

The hours of study time may go up in high school. Not because of classes getting harder, but because of the large amount of competition for spots at the UC colleges. Competitive students will have to create new dorms to be able to house an increased amount of undergraduate freshmen in the future. Not only will the number of dorms have to go up, but the amount of teachers and classrooms will have to go up as well, which will cost tons of money for the universities. One thing is certain: an increasing number of UC applicants will cost money, since it shows that more students are striving to become more educationally successful.

The great compromise: district and teachers come to agreement

By Matthew Cailotto
Staff Writer

In a recent calculation, over 200 tweets were made with hundreds more re-tweets and likes. Some postings include a Liberty student with the username @madiereppert tweeting “…they care and wake up earlier than most to make sure we all get a proper education.” Additionally, @smallfluid_1999 tweeted, “These are the people inspiring and guiding our future leaders. Don’t let greed permeate public education.” In response to the initiatives taken by students and parents, teachers have expressed how grateful and appreciative they are. Mrs. Cailotto exclaimed, “Knowing students and families appreciate all that we do, going above and beyond for our students, makes it all worthwhile.” If you are interested in “going above and beyond” then attend a future LUHSD Board meeting, since it is held in public for anyone who feels the need to speak on subjects regarding education here at Liberty and throughout the school district.

2nd Place award-winner from the American Scholastic Press Association
Virtual Enterprise takes on the Bakersfield trade show

By Troy Dias

There aren't many ways to experience what it's like to run a business without the risks and consequences of failure. However, there is a way for young entrepreneurs to experience the virtual simulation of a business that feels very real, called Virtual Enterprise. During this class, students create, design, develop, and manage a company. The money, aside from grants, is virtual and so are most products but the work the students do is very real. Liberty has its own V.E. class with their own company called The Courier. The Courier is a newsletter subscription and marketing analysis that other companies can purchase to help them make more successful. On January 13-15th The Courier's stall took a trip to Bakersfield for a trade show. This is the time that companies look forward to because they get to see all their hard work in action. During the trade show, companies set up booths displaying their companies and compete against each other in friendly competition. It is also the time to sell their products to individuals of other companies. Beth Decker, the adviser of the class, said, "The best part of the trade show is getting to see all of the companies the hard work put into action." The Courier had a few complications, such as not signing up for all possible competition events due to paperwork errors. They still managed to do exceptionally well for a first year company placing 5th for newbie booths and an honourable mention in salesmanship. LHS senior Lindsey Hennessey closed 25 sales at the trade show three times more than the best Courier salesman and the company made a total of $24,000 in sales. The Courier will be attending another trade show in Oakland very soon. When asked what they would do to prepare for next trade show, Nathan Reinders, the CEO of The Courier, replied by saying, "All we have to do is refine what we've done so, polish it up a bit and add a little more flash to it which isn't hard to do." We wish them luck in their next upcoming trade show.

2016 and the laws that come with it

By Michaela Callahan

Copy Editor

From minimum wage, to the high school exit exams, things are changing for many teens all across California. No matter how one may feel about these laws, everyone must follow them. The most recent trend that is rolling across California, is the hoverboard. These laws have caused an immense amount of controversy everywhere. For that reason, taking effect on January 1st, 2016 there will be laws to study for the High School Exit Exam. As the exam was only testing a small portion of all the students, it was not a huge concern for students. However, the exam was released with the album Blackstar on January eighth (Bowie's birth day), beginning: Look up here, I'm in heaven. Two days later, he died of brain cancer. David Bowie often came across as being a "mysterious character," adapting his style to musical trends at the time, but this moniker often underestimates his influence. His impact on pop music has been undeniable, and his skills to turn his music into artistic pieces reflective of not only himself, but the culture of the time. David Bowie was born as David Jones in Brixton, London, back in 1947, and began playing the saxophone when he was 13. He later changed his name from David Jones to the Monkees became an international star. After his graduation he would play saxophone for several bands and release a few singles before releasing David Bowie after singing on with Dream records. Perhaps Bowie's prevalent theme of science fiction is indicative of how he always seemed ahead of his time. Nowhere is this more prevalent than in his persona of Ziggy Stardust. Having already made a name for himself with his self-titled debut album and The Man Who Sold the World, Bowie started doing Ziggy Stardust while promoting Hunky Dory. Ziggy was a "pre-fabricated" rock-star whom Bowie sold to his audience, to the point where the two became almost indistinguishable. Ziggy Stardust was, contrary and put into another bucket. All of this is done while being told with others in the arena watching. Currently, the club is in their primary stages of the club: acquiring funding, organizing, getting ideas, and communicating. Mrs. Ruddick also says that the club is in the process of ordering parts. Now that this club has been granted $1000, more people are joining and are more eager than ever. They have a paraprofessional, a counselor, Liberty’s Tech expert, and are being mentored by the team at Herriage High School who has welcomed them to come by and shadow their process. For the future of the club, it needs members who will join this year and will be available for the next couple of years. “I would love to see freshmen because they would be available for three years, really forming the club and making it solid,” Ruddick adds. She also explains that she really wants young leaders to come in and guarantee that the club continues, because currently most of the leaders are seniors who will be leaving. Whether it’s the excitement, the high point of smartness, or becoming the next generation of robotics club, it’s a really good time.

In memoriam: David Bowie

By Samual Zehnfennig

Staff Writer

With a sort of haunting finality, Dav- id Bowie will likely be remembered as the artist who reinvented himself over and over again. While his persona, Ziggy Stardust, has been a sort of reincarna- tion of Ziggy, and is widely recog- nized as its creator, David Bowie was more than just an artist. In "The Man Who Sold the World," Bowie expresses his desire to be a real person, not a symbol of something greater. The song: "Ain't that just like me?" embodies the feelings many fans had when they heard the news of his passing. However, his multiple personas are what make him so special. In "Lazarus," we see the general public, have this image of an old man. We’re peering into his eye. The Thin White Duke was a sort of reincarnation of Ziggy, and is widely recog- nized as its creator. In "Lazarus," we see that he felt this way, and that he was reborn. While the song was release with the album in 1970, it grew in significance following the literal death of Ziggy in 1972 and Bowie's ever changing identity. In the end, Bowie practically became his persona. In "Lazarus," we see him literally levitate off his bed as he gives one final performance. It's fitting that we, the general public, have this image of his death; a great man levitating off his deathbed, instead of a dying old man. We're peering into his head to see the legend that he, and all of us, try to be. As he says in the song: “Ain’t that just like me?”
Cars that drive themselves but don’t wreck themselves?

By Ian Sullivan
Copy Editor

Electric and hybrid cars are both widely thought to be the most modern cars on the road today. However, the past decade has been a veritable golden age for new car technology; particularly self-driving cars. While the Google self-driving car may be the most famous for driving around the streets of Mountain View, California and Austin, Texas, many other companies have jumped head first into the world of autonomous vehicles. Tesla, BMW, and Mercedes are just a few of the car companies that have been caught up in the race to create the first truly autonomous automobile. Self-driving cars, once thought to be a far off concept in the reality of science fiction, may be closer than we thought. Tesla’s CEO, Elon Musk, has claimed many times that he believes self-driving cars to be the future, and that they will be something that is normal in the future.

“I think [autonomous driving] is going to change the game big time, certainly if you believe driving is going to be as mainstream as it is today,” Musk said in 2015.

Yet these accidents have all been very minor and each has been because of human error on the part of the other car. So are their lives perfect? No, they still have their ups and downs. Some of the winners are now. Are their lives perfect or have they fallen into pieces? For instance, Carmelo Mercado was one of the first investors in the company and was asked by the interviewers about what he thought of the product. He stated that the company has to continue to grow and that they need more money. He also expressed that he was happy to be a part of the project.

Your head is spinning and every- thing seems surreal. You have won the lottery and everyone around you now seems to want to be your friend. A second ago you were a middle class individ- ual and now you are a millionaire.

Air lottery winners across the country experience these thoughts as their world changes drastically before their eyes. People may say that they are not happy with their newfound fame and fortune, but in reality they are.

In 2010, a report from USA Today showed that drivers without a speeding ticket do not have a speeding ticket. In fact, 82% of drivers without a speeding ticket do not have a speeding ticket. This is mostly due to the fact that they are taking the extra time to drive slower and avoid speeding tickets.

However, a report from USA Today says that the drivers are not the only ones creating the technology for self-driving cars. According to an article by John Brandon of Inc.com, Cruise Auto- mations—a tech startup in San Francisco—has developed a sort of “eye” put on the roof that has sensors all around its circumference and is connected to a computer in the trunk that controls everything that a human driver should. Brandon also points out something interesting about the safety concerns that have plagued the driverless car craze.

“The system can think faster than any human, “sees” without blinking, never gets tired or irri- table or intoxicated—and is never, ever, tired.”

When teen street racers were ques- tioned about passengers besides them while racing they all had the same answer. “I never drive stupid when I have a passenger in my car,” says SM. “Usually it’s my girlfriend and I couldn’t live with myself if I did something that got her killed.”

One example of a racers “rules” every racers should go by to keep safe and to stay out of trouble. “Don’t race on frequently busy streets, day or night, espe- cially if there is a school in the area. If you want to act cool in front of your friends, you should risk your life by racing. If it’s not your car, you shouldn’t be racing it, and know your area if you don’t know the road or the area, you are asking for big trouble and, use common sense.” But if drivers are caught while street racing there is a price to pay. A first offense of this crime could cost from a minimum of 500 to maximum 1000 dollars in fines. For a sec- ond offense, you will have to pay a fine and the court can order you to stop for a period of imprisonment or immo- bilization on your car; third, you will be charged with a first degree misdemeanor, and pay the fine, your license will be revoked for up to two years, a law enforcement agent may seize and forfeit your vehicle, and possible jail time. So why do they do it? “I race because it’s a rush. I don’t race, I’m just having fun,” says SM. “I even have my own rally car!”

In hopes of also getting a part of his money. Overall, William Post ended up with millions of dollars and with a couple of years in prison for taking a shot at a bill collector. According to the Washington Post, William Post revealed the fol- lowing: “Everybody dreams of winning money, but nobody real- izes the nightmares that come out of the woodwork, or the prob- lems.” He later confessed, “I was the main cause of that is using the lottery to make money. Over all, winning the lottery ended up being a disaster.”

For example, William Post, who won around 16.2 million dollars in the Pennsylvania lottery in 1988, started out with debt before buying himself an airplane and a restaurant with his winnings. Shortly after winning the lottery, Post’s ex-girlfriend sued him and won a share of his winnings. If he wasn’t bad enough for Post, his brother hired a hit man to kill him on the matter, “They’re not only being paid but are satisfying their thirst for power.”

However, huge car companies like Tesla, BMW, and Audi are well known as such, however, there are many movies you probably didn’t know were books. The first being Lord of the Rings, followed by Harry Potter, and The Hunger Games are well-known books that were turned into blockbuster hit movies. However, movies like Jurassic Park, Die Hard, and the James Bond film Casino Royale are one of the most successful movies. The most popular books are made into movies that are part in a major part. The titles of the book and the movie are often the same; on the contrary, the fa- mous movie Die Hard, was a book called Nothing Lasts Forever by Roderick Thorp, which breaks that pattern. With these movies, the special effects really bring the pages and paragraphs to life and the movies can often be great adap- tations and draw in major amounts of money. Which is probably why Bond went on to help turn a good book into a good movie. The three abave listed movies all did quite well in the box office and continue to work their way on top of the list. Another right part of the book and using cinematic magic in just the right places. Therefore, Casino Royale did a great job turning the book, 007 Casino Royale by Ian Fleming into an action-filled movie with Daniel Craig playing the M6 agent. Whatever the film industry has planned for making novel-inspired films, it is at the quality is there, the fans will go.
Imagine: you walk into a grocery store and spend an hour looking for the ingredients you need. You find them in an aisle far from where you started, and as you walk up and down the aisle to retrieve what you went for, you realize you are surrounded by products that you didn’t necessarily want. Imagine how children without spending power feel when they walk onto campus for the first time. Being a new student is usually a hard and uncomfortable moment, especially those who undergo it always come through with friends and an amazing outcome. Conor Park, a senior at Liberty, reflects on his transition from Calasanscous College in Galway, Ireland to Liberty High School in Brentwood, California. He explains, “At first it was rough, not knowing anyone and having to make friends, it was weird because I was so close to my old friends and I had to start all over.” Not only is making friends a hard transition but also the classes and new teachers can be a rough start because the lessons and teaching styles are not always the same in different school districts. Conor explained that in Ireland the classes were very different because teachers were strict on uniforms and they also had to wear uniforms. “Classes went from 9am to 4pm each day and there were 9 periods. We had small and big break, small break being after third hour and there was never a 30 minute break after 6th period.” He concluded with, “Although the transition was hard and new I love my new life and I wouldn’t want to change a thing.” In conclusion, being a new student is something not everyone goes through, but those who do end up going through it has to deal with a lot of stress but overall the experience is an eye opening one. New students learn to step out of their comfort zone and make a name for themselves and while doing so they are able to meet new people and learn more about themselves, which is an uplifting experience.

As your brain revs up, its electrical activity increases and neurons start to race – the exact opposite of what should be happening before sleep. A second reason has to do with your body. The physical act of responding to a video game or even an email makes your body tense, explains Rosekind.” In addition to effected sleeping patterns, abnormal brain development, shorter attention span, radiation problems, and unhealthy sleeping patterns, abnormal brain development is being caused due to the viewing of television in children before age two since their brains are still greatly developing. It is difficult for some adults to make sure they do not begin to think that what they are watching is their reality, imagine how children without fully developed brains must feel. The article “Why to avoid TV before age 2” by David L. Hill explains that “if you are what you eat,” then the brain is what it experiences, and video entertainment is like mental junk food for babies and toddlers.” He describes how children are programmed to learn through people interaction, like facial expressions, tone of voice, and even body language, but not a television screen which can negatively affect the brain development. Technology also causes children to have shorter attention spans. This is caused by children beginning to need instant gratification when finding whatever they want whenever they want. When this does not happen, they not only get frustrated but they stop paying attention to the situation as they find distraction from the problem. “A recent study by Microsoft Corporation has found this digital lifestyle has made it difficult for us to stay focused, to see the attention span shortening from 12 seconds to eight seconds in more than a decade,” according to Lizette Borrelli’s “Human Attention Span Shortens To 8 Seconds Due To Digital Technology: 3 Ways To Stay Focused.” If it only took about a decade for the attention span of people to drop four percent, it will be a mere four seconds by the time young children are in high school. While long term radiation from cellphones worries people of some day getting cancer, it has not been scientifically consistently proven at this point. That does not mean that it may not be causing cancer and it is advised that children have limited cell phone time to prevent this radiation beginning at an early age. At the moment, there is a lead to how non-ionizing radiation, (cell phone radiation), can be harmful through heat. “A recent study showed that when people used a cell phone for 50 minutes, brain tissues on the same side of the head as the phone’s antenna metabolized more glucose than did tissues on the opposite side of the brain” (www.cancer.gov). Along with all the health issues that come along with the use of technology, many children can not sufficiently participate in society because of the fact that they grew up glued to their cellphones and other technological devices. For example, children, including some in high school, cannot write in cursive, tie their shoes, nor read a clock unless it is digital. All people want is human interaction and students feel as though they get that through texting, blogging, and “People still feel alone in the crowd. Being the new kid in school can leave students feeling alone in the crowd. “Although the transition was hard and new I love my new life and I wouldn’t want to change a thing.” In conclusion, being a new student is something not everyone goes through, but those who do end up going through it has to deal with a lot of stress but overall the experience is an eye opening one. New students learn to step out of their comfort zone and make a name for themselves and while doing so they are able to meet new people and learn more about themselves, which is an uplifting experience.

Imagine walking onto campus not knowing anyone or anywhere, with everyone being intimidating and loud. That is exactly how a new student at Liberty would probably feel when they walk onto campus for the first time. Being a new student is usually a hard and uncomfortable moment, especially those who undergo it always come through with friends and an amazing outcome. Conor Park, a senior at Liberty, reflects on his transition from Calasanscous College in Galway, Ireland to Liberty High School in Brentwood, California. He explains, “At first it was rough, not knowing anyone and having to make friends, it was weird because I was so close to my old friends and I had to start all over.” Not only is making friends a hard transition but also the classes and new teachers can be a rough start because the lessons and teaching styles are not always the same in different school districts. Conor explained that in Ireland the classes were very different because teachers were strict on uniforms and they also had to wear uniforms. “Classes went from 9am to 4pm each day and there were 9 periods. We had small and big break, small break being after third hour and there was never a 30 minute break after 6th period.” He concluded with, “Although the transition was hard and new I love my new life and I wouldn’t want to change a thing.” In conclusion, being a new student is something not everyone goes through, but those who do end up going through it has to deal with a lot of stress but overall the experience is an eye opening one. New students learn to step out of their comfort zone and make a name for themselves and while doing so they are able to meet new people and learn more about themselves, which is an uplifting experience.
Air Jordan vs Chef Curry
Can the Warriors beat the Bulls’ all-time record?

By Jack Harris
Staff Writer

The Golden State Warriors are trying to strike gold this year as they try to beat the record of the 1996 Chicago Bulls for the most wins in a season. Twenty years ago, Michael Jordan, along with Scottie Pippen, led the 1996 Chicago Bulls to a 72-10 record and later went on to win the NBA Championship. Now, people have said that this year the Warriors could end up as being the best team in NBA history. The 1996 Chicago Bulls are known as the best team ever led by the best NBA player ever, Michael Jordan. He led the Bulls to a 72-10 record and then helped win the championship. Other than Jordan, the Bulls had other key players such as Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman. The Bulls changed the way the NBA is played; teams would love to play slow and give the ball to the big man to score but that’s not how the Bulls played; they were a fast, guard-heavy team. The Bulls were a great team overall with good shooters, big men, solid defense, and maybe even the greatest player of all time. There are a lot of similarities between the Warriors and the Bulls; for example, Steve Kerr was a member of both the Bulls and Warriors when he was a player in the NBA. He played for the Bulls back then as a point guard known for his shooting and is now the head coach for the Warriors. They both started half-way through the season 40-4. They both have all-defense first team players in Dennis Rodman and Draymond Green. They also both have two of the greatest players in NBA history: Stephen Curry and Michael Jordan. So who would you choose as the best team ever, the Golden State Warriors or the Chicago Bulls?

LHS Unified Sports: the fast lane to a positive athletic experience

By Nick Duarte
Staff Editor

Pins falling, your team behind you to support you at every second: these are the things that make Unified Sports students hear while bowling at Harvest Park Bowl this quarter. Here at Liberty, the Unified Sports program is well known, yet at the same time, not many people know exactly how it works. Unified Sports unites students with and without disabilities through sports and whole-school involvement activities that provide them with the knowledge, experience, and skills necessary to create and sustain school communities that promote inclusion, acceptance, and respect for all students. All of this is amazing to know we have. This quarter, the students will be focused on bowling. “The students love the program and the sports offered. In past years we only offered basketball and bowling. The addition of soccer was new this year and students really enjoyed it,” said Ms. Gates, the director of the Unified Sports program at Liberty. Ms. Gates says that the students love the sports they get to learn and that the kids are there more for the teamwork and fun rather than the competition. Ms. Gates loves to be involved in the Unified Sports program and she stated that, “It not only helps raise awareness and build relationships between students with and without disabilities, it also allows students to feel like they are part of something very special, which they are.”

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Bye Bye Kobe

One of basketball’s greats to retire at the end of this season

By Joshua Rush
Layout Editor

Getting 33,084 points, 1916 steals, and 635 blocks isn’t luck; it’s the effort, care, attitude, and grades. Other sports writers say that Kobe should have retired earlier and others say he should not have retired yet. But Kyle Ruff, Liberty High School varsity basketball player states, “I feel that Kobe retired at the perfect time because he was able to have a perfect farewell season.” Since Kobe is one of the best players to play in the NBA, he has been put into some tough spots in his career. He has been trusted to make last second shots, game-winning free throws and clutch passes where the needs weren’t met. Another great player, Michael Jordan, once said, “I’ve missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I’ve lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I’ve been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeeded.” Kobe has changed the way the NBA has been, being an inspiration to not just fans, but to other players. He has been in the league for 19 years and has broken NBA records. He was the youngest player to reach 50,000 points in his career. Kobe played every game like it was his last. He proved that even through injuries, you can still succeed.

Athletic placement test
How do coaches decide who to place on JV and who to place on Varsity?

By Nicole Schaffer
Staff Writer

Losing a game, getting injured, and not being able to play in a rivalry game are athlete’s worst nightmares, but playing all game, getting a scholarship, and playing on a national team are an athlete’s dream. Before achieving any of these dreams, one goal that one must achieve is making varsity for the school. But what is considered when placing an athlete on JV or Varsity? “Well, coaches consider many things when choosing athlete’s to be on JV or Varsity,” said Mr. Cunningham. Coaches may not consider all of those factors, but what they have to consider is that seniors cannot play on JV.

Athletic Spotlight:
Liberty’s wrestler Bryar Edwards

By Brady Peterson
Staff Writer

Speed, strength, quickness, stamina, mental toughness, and confidence are some of the attributes that you need to have to be a great wrestler. Liberty High School’s wrestler, Bryar Edwards, uses these attributes when he is at his wrestling matches. “I got inspired to wrestle because I could not play any ball oriented sports because I had a problem with my cornea; so I was interested in combat sports such as wrestling,” Edwards explained. He plans to attend the Air Force Academy and wrestle there when high school is over. Edwards said, “For wrestling, my diet is eating lean meat, fruit, vegetables, and a lot of water. I cannot drink any soda throughout the week.” Edwards explained that for his pre-game ritual, he likes to bounce around and pace back and forth to loosen himself up before his matches. Edwards also illustrated, “I like to stand off on the side and watch the other wrestlers wrestle and really just focus in to prepare myself for my matches.” Edwards gains his confidence for his matches by just knowing that he gets the opportunity to go out and wrestle every single day. This is Edwards’ tenth year of wrestling and he wants to continue in this sport that he has been dedicated to for all these years. Overall, Edwards has faced adversity in his life because he wasn’t able to play all the sports other kids were able to play, but he found a different passion and enjoys the opportunity at hand.
Editor

Donald Trump: the man, the myth, the legend. A presidential candi-
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By Madison Fagundes

Staff Writer

The controversy over this year’s Oscar award ceremony

By Alec Douglas

Staff Writer

The Academy Awards, also

known as the Oscars, is a

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or vote for him jokingly. Donald
Trump makes good move after
good move and is doing better in
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train rolling if it will hit a wall.

By Daja Zuniga

Staff Writer

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Opinion

The above freshmen were asked...

Do you feel ready for sophomore year?

By Giovanni Martinez and Troy Dias

Staff Writers

As it gets closer to the end of 2015-2016 school year, it’s also almost time for freshmen to start picking classes for their sophomore year. Since it’s almost time for freshmen to become sophomores, my fellow classmate Troy Dias and I, Giovanni Martinez, asked several freshmen how they feel about their upcoming sophomore year. Wendy Tinoco said she is “Not ready” for her sophomore year. She’s not ready for her sophomore year because during her freshman year she picked up a bad habit of procrastinating towards her school work. However, she also said she wants to take AP biology her sophomore year because she finds learning about genes very interesting. Also, she would like to join the TLC Academy for she would like to become a teacher someday. Brady Young said he is ready for his sophomore year. He’s ready because he’s been in school for so long that he’s got the hang of it, and also he got used to Liberty High School so it’s pretty easy for him now. The classes he plans to take his sophomore year are Sociology, and Literary Analysis through Film. Keeping with the same pattern, Kirsty D’almanda Remedios said she thinks she’s ready for her sophomore year as well. She thinks she’s ready because she is used to being under pressure from taking very advanced classes and she’s always busy so she feels ready for it. She plans to take AP Psychology, Pre Calculus and Intermediate Art. Robert Taylor also said he feels he is ready for his sophomore year. He feels ready for it because he plans to take Strength and Fitness and 3-D design. Many of the freshmen spoken to gave credit to Lion’s Crew and their teachers for helping them adjust to life in high school. By Meghan Fraser

Staff Writer

Chocolate, tears, and loneliness. What do these things have in common? Some people may think of a breakup, but most girls’ minds fly directly to Valentine’s Day. Sure, this day of love and relationships is nice in the Hallmark cards, but only when you have a significant other to share it with. It definitely has its pros and cons. If you have a special someone to spend it with, Valentine’s Day may very well be your favorite holiday. You can go to dinner, wear your favorite outfit, and exchange gifts with your boyfriend/girlfriend. While deciding on the perfect gift for your Valentine, it’s always worth it when you see how much they love it. My favorite part about spending Valentine’s Day with someone is picking out a stunning outfit and planning flashy, glamorous makeup to really wow your date. But Valentine’s Day isn’t always hearts and flowers. Sometimes it’s a really depressing holiday for people who don’t have any one to share it with. Personally, if I don’t have a special someone to spend the day with, I grab a group of friends and do go something fun! You could all dress up and go to a flick you’ve been wanting to see. Valentine’s Day doesn’t have to be about an inseparable couple; it can also be about a loving friendship. No matter what your Facebook status is, just make the best out of the day and have fun!

Not so typical teenagers

As teenagers, we are aware of what adults have to say about us. It is no secret we are thought of as lazy, disrespectful, delinquents. We may be at times, just like anyone else, but it’s deal with hate those negative labels stamped on our foreheads. When our parents were adolescents, the world was a lot different. For one, kids weren’t as overprotected. Parents didn’t have total accessibility to their kids like we do today, they had cell phones. Instead, teens would have to rely on themselves when out and about. Additionally, help and support was a lot easier to find. For one, teenagers at that time also had less stress. Over top of that, we had the luxury of our parents to help us get through college. Today, young teens would have to work hard to get through college, and many would end up with a large amount of debt. But not every teenager is a bad student or unreliable. We are expected to be about life-changing decisions and responsibilities, yet these labels are attached to us without any giving us a second thought. These generalizations need to stop. Being young, adults say we don’t have the right to question authority and we have to do what we are told. No, we don’t. We respect our elders. So we, respect adults, but they do not deserve to be disrespected and treated any other way.

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