

Wildcat Watch Newsletter

~MADRONA MIDDLE SCHOOL~

“The best preparation for tomorrow is by doing your best today”
-H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

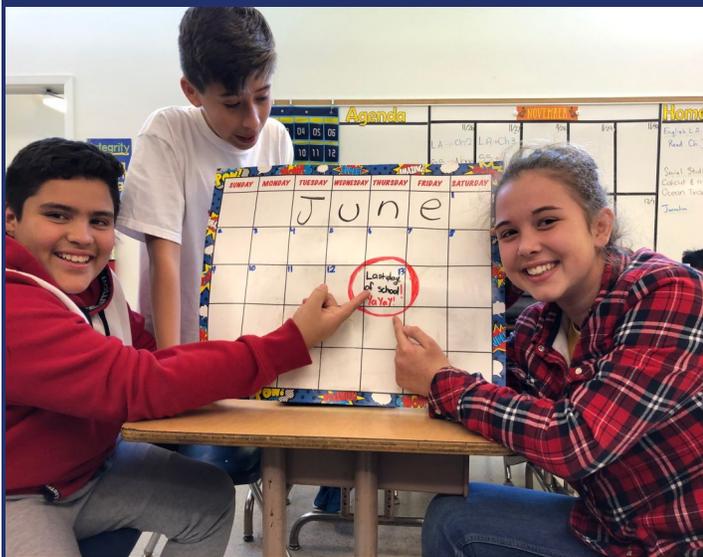


The school is changing and so is the schedule. Be prepared and get inside info on what the school thinks of this change overall. p.2

Have trouble sleeping? Get tips on what not to do before bed to finally get a good night's rest! p.2

Find out more about the new principal in town and learn a little bit about him along the way. p.4





The New School Calendar By Sophia Sklark

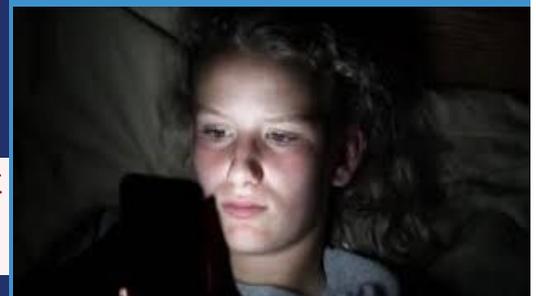
It's the beginning of November and Thanksgiving is coming up! We'll be cooking the turkey in the oven, and baking the pumpkin pie before you know it. But that's not the only news that's coming up, the Torrance district made the a big change to the schools calendar that will take effect next year.
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5 Things You Shouldn't Do Before Bed

1. Don't go on devices, they can stimulate your brain and keep you up. If you can, don't sleep with any devices in the room you're sleeping in.
2. Don't snack on fatty foods like : cookies, burgers, donuts, etc.
3. Even if you're avoiding coffee, steer clear from tea. They can also have a lot of caffeine. Especially black tea which keeps you up and restless.
4. Don't read thriller novels, it's going to make it a lot harder to rest. Instead read a cheerful type of book.
5. You might think it's better to be warm and toasty to get a good night's sleep but, it turns out that, turning down the thermostat can actually lead to a better night's sleep.

Try these out for a change. Maybe you can get a good night's sleep yourself. :)

By Alissa Rivera



The New School Calendar (cont. from p.2)

This judgement has been argued for more than two years now. The Torrance School district gathered around and decided on an early end to the school year (August 26) and an earlier school out (around June 13) that would take effect 2019. An addition to the change would be a longer Thanksgiving break, one week instead of 3 days. The district thought this would be a good idea, but did the teachers think the same way?

The Teachers seem to have a mix of feelings about this change. Ms. Clarke said that "I would prefer the old time, but this year we would only be having 6 weeks in Summer. I like traveling in August, so there will be less travel." She added the comment that, "The way that it (the new schedule changes) was brought upon, I don't approve of it."

Mr. H thought about this and had some strong feelings to say as well, mentioning that "A lot of teachers were against, but some were for it. It's nice to have a week for Thanksgiving though. I'd prefer the old schedule, but I'm ok with the new schedule too."

Last but not least, Ms. McGurk agreed to share with us her opinions about this change, commenting that "We are losing two weeks of summer, so it is a bummer, but I also see the reason why High Schoolers want that done; for college applications and AP testing. Because there is a certain cut off date that colleges need; The counselors there need to get things done sooner."

Of course, the ones who have no control of this situation are the students themselves. Seventh and Eighth graders comment on school starting on August 26th next year, that "We should get a longer summer...I think it's unfair" and "It's stupid...hey it's true!".

Although the reviews seemed extremely negative, the students all loved the idea for a full week of Thanksgiving break for next year, quoting, "It seems better with long breaks to make up for the summer." and "That's so much better!". Overall, the students feel that the change is "No, I hate it. I'm more used to starting school later. People would just get confused and complain more." and "I'm not mad at it, but I don't like it. I guess it's ok..."

What do you think of the overall change? Do you approve of it or not? Make sure to mark your calendars for the new schedule, because there is a big change coming soon, in the summer and the next school year.



MADRONA JOKES

Q: Why did the teacher cross his eyes?



A: Because he couldn't control his pupils

Q: What did the DNA say to the other DNA?



A: Do these genes make me look fat?

Q: Why did the student take the ladder to school?



A: Because he was in high school

Mr. Nielsen Interview by Ilana Ismail, Leyna Miyake, and Samantha Del Monte

THIS YEAR MADRONA HAS A NEW PRINCIPAL! HIS NAME IS MR. NIELSEN, HE HAS COME FROM CASIMIR. WE HAVE INTERVIEWED HIM THE DATE OF 9/17 AND WE HAVE LEARNED SOME NEW THINGS ABOUT HIM.

Q: DID YOU PLAY ANY SPORTS IN HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE?

A: MR. NIELSEN SAID HE TRIED OUT FOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL, HE PRACTICED EVERYDAY FOR 3 WEEKS, THEN WHEN THE DAY CAME FOR THE COACHES TO WATCH THEM TRY OUT, THEY SET A TIMER FOR 5 MINUTES AND DID NOT EVEN LOOK AT HIM. THEN THEY SAID, ALL THE WALK INS TO GET OUT YOU DIDN'T MAKE IT, BUT HE DID PLAY BASKETBALL IN HIGH SCHOOL.

Q: WHAT MADE YOU BECOME A PRINCIPAL?

A: HE LOVES WORKING WITH KIDS, AND HE LOVES TEACHING, AND WHEN THE TEACHERS ASKED HIM TO HELP THEM WITH STUFF HE ACTUALLY LIKED DOING IT. SO, LATER IN HIS TEACHING YEARS HE DECIDED TO BECOME A PRINCIPAL BECAUSE HE LIKED HELPING PEOPLE.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK?

A: HIS FAVORITE BOOK WAS GONE WITH THE WIND AND HIS SECOND FAVORITE IS GAME OF THRONES. "IT'S ACTUALLY THE FIRST THING ME AND MY WIFE HAD A CONVERSATION ABOUT."

Q: DO YOU LIKE TRAVELING?

A: HE LOVED TRAVELING WHEN HE WAS TEACHING IN TAIWAN. EVERY WEEKEND HE AND HIS WIFE WOULD TRAVEL TO A DIFFERENT PLACE IN TAIWAN LIKE HONG KONG.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?

A: HE SAID THAT HE LOVES ALL KINDS OF FOOD, AND HE KEEPS SWITCHING BETWEEN FOODS, SO HE LOVES ALL KINDS OF FOOD. BUT, ONE OF HIS FAVORITE FOODS IS PIZZA.



Why is Fortnite popular?



What's so good about it?

By Jackson Seki

Fortnite has been the world's number one game for a while. That's because it's so fun and it's free. It isn't a pay to win game. When the game starts, everybody starts with just a pickaxe so no matter how long you've played the game you don't get any advantage besides skill. But since Fortnite has added builder pro to consoles, your able to hang with the PC players. Even though Fortnite is a free game, everyone wants skins, and the skins are really cool too. So that's how Fortnite gets all of their money. You can also play with your friends. Usually the max is 4 people in your party. But now since they added in creative to fortnite, you can play with 15 of your friends in one game. Overall, I personally don't think that Fortnite will ever die.

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate!!

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate is the most recent Smash Bros. Nintendo game of 2018. This game is for the Nintendo Switch. Super smash bros is a very immersive game with a maximum of 8 players. Tournaments let more people play in 1 v 1s to become the champion! The game costs about \$60 and boasts a story mode that is single player, and an amazing 74 character roster in the game!

In Super Smash Bros. Ultimate there are 74 characters from many different games. These games are Super Mario, Fire Emblem, Final Fantasy, Splatoon, Castlevania, Kirby, Legend of Zelda, Pokemon, Metroid, Starfox, Pacman, F-Zero, Sonic, Duck Hunt, Game and Watch, R.O.B toy, Kid Icarus, Earthbound, Ice Climbers, Animal Crossing, Mii, Donkey Kong, Yoshi's Island, Pikmin, Electroplankton, Metal Gear, Pictochat, Wii fit, Punch Out, Street Fighter, Mega man, Xenoblade, and Bayoneta. So what are you waiting for? Go play and train to be the best!

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