

Beeline

Prom 2011

A Night at the Masquerade

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I am sure many of you are planning your “Night at the Masquerade” for Prom 2011. But where do you start your planning? First, prom should be a night about feeling beautiful and dancing with your friends, so make sure

you leave the drama and stress at the door. Prom isn’t about finding the perfect date either; going with a group of friends is a good way to go; that way you know that you are in for a fun night ahead.

Finding the perfect prom dress may get tricky. Girls put hours into what they want their dress to look like, the fit- the color-, the list goes on, but all of these

are important. The local prom shops like Celebration and Caryn’s (in Farmville) are great places to being your search. It is every girls’ dream to feel like a princess for just one night. They get their hair and nails done to match their jewelry and shoes. As for the guys, they have it easy considering they just have to go by the tux shop and get fitted...which takes all of ten

minutes. And don’t forget that they don’t have to get their hair and makeup done! Taking hundreds of pictures and going to dinner is part of the best part of spending it with the people you love the most.

This year’s prom boys and girls should be able to remember it as a fun night in which they feel beautiful. Dance the night away with the cha-cha slide and the

electric slide, and just remember that this should be a night that you remember as the best night of your high school years. So, shout out to all the seniors that this might be our last go around to get down on the dance floor, so make sure we all make the most of it.

Spring Break

Staycation or Vacation?



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Let’s be honest, after the winter holidays and break, the next thing on our mind is summer. Lucky for us, our school system gives us a one-week break in the spring. After returning from spring break, it’s pretty hard to get back into the swing of things, because at that point, we’re all done. Spring break is coming later this year, and when we come back, we won’t have that long left until summer. Spring break is a nice week off, but not everyone gets to take a vacation. Some lucky people leave Lynchburg for the week, while others are left to find things to do all day everyday, instead of just on the weekends. Either way you look at it, it’s a week for most people to sleep in, and most importantly, not come to school.

I talked to some students with vacation plans over spring break. Senior Hillary Dobyms is going on a cruise with her best friend Sarah Warden, also a senior, and their families. They’ll be in the Bahamas for five days, and are spending time in Atlantis, Nassau, and Free Port. Junior Colton Cox is going to Myrtle Beach for the entire week. Freshman Maddy King and her family are going to Mexico. Sophomore Ashley Jones is spend-

ing two days at Kings Dominion. Both Colton and Ashley are driving to their destinations for the first time, which adds to the excitement.

Others are spending that one week break here in Lynchburg, and we all know that our town doesn’t have an abundance of activities for high schoolers to do; especially if you can’t drive. There are, however, some things you can do to keep yourself occupied if you don’t want to sit inside and play Call of Duty or watch reruns for a week straight. Why not hike up the LU Mountain or Sharp Top? If you like animals, go to the zoo or go horse back riding. If you want to use your week off productively you could try to find a local volunteering activity to take some time up and help someone. Maybe even go to the Y for some workouts with your free time. You could even do spring cleaning... that is, if you’re really bored. Take a day trip to a lake, or go shopping for a day in Roanoke or Farmville. Of course, there’s always skating, fishing, mini golf or the movies as well. Spring Break is much needed by the time it rolls around and no one wants to spend it bored all day. Whether you’re going on vacation, or staying back in Lynchburg, try to make the best of your week, because it’s got to last you until summer.

Spring Fever

Roll Down the Windows and Turn Up the Music



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It’s that time of year again when it finally begins to warm up outside; giving us the excuse we’ve been waiting for to roll down the windows, open the sunroof, and turn up the music. After an extremely cold winter season, the warm weather is welcomed as girls pull out their flip flops and throw their boots in the back of the closet. Though spring’s arrival isn’t as much about wardrobe change for guys, all students look forward to the events and vacations spring brings our way. Prom, spring sports, and our much anticipated spring break are finally here, and Brookville students have been anxiously anticipating its arrival.

The most appealing aspect of spring’s arrival is the highly anticipated week-long vacation from school. Spring Break is the last extended vacation students receive before school’s end and summer’s beginning. It not only

allows students to take a break from their studies and spend time with friends, but also serves as a reminder that summer is on the way. Many students use this time off from school to go to amusement parks, the beach, or other sights of interests with friends and family. Others, however, find themselves relaxing at home and enjoying staying up half the night and sleeping in until late afternoon. In any circumstance, spring break is a time for students to unwind and enjoy being high schoolers while the time permits, and everyone is anxiously counting down the days until its arrival.

Now that the winter sports’ seasons are drawing to a close, spring sports are coming to a successful beginning. Spring athletes are ready to conclude pre-season conditioning and step out onto the field to compete and play their game. It is also time to take off those muddy cleats and put on some heels, because Prom is almost here. Countless numbers of days go into the planning

of this event to make it a night to remember. A “Night at the Masquerade” is on everybody’s mind, deciding what to wear, where to eat, and who to go with. Prom is just one of the many reasons why spring fever is spreading rapidly among the student body.

Spring brings many smiles along with its arrival, as the bright sun and warm days constantly remind us that summer is on the way. Spring break, Prom, and the start of spring sports are several things students have to look forward to this season, and enjoy throughout the rest of the year. High school is a time to academically challenge yourself, but also to enjoy the time you have left with your friends and family before you head off to college or the workforce. Spring fever is contagiously spreading throughout the student body, infecting almost every student as we count down the days to spring break while enjoying all the season has to offer.

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Outdoor Track

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After finishing off a successful indoor track season this winter, the Bees now move out to the worn outdoor track and start to train for success. The main key to a successful track and field season for the Bees can be made or broken in the first quarter of the season. The girls and boys outdoor track team is working harder than ever to get prepared for the upcoming season ahead. While receiving some change in the coaching staff and losing some key runners, the Bees are conditioning every single day and they feel they have a great opportunity to do great things this season.

Though some practices leave these athletes with sweaty faces, sore bodies, and extremely fa-

tigued, they all agree that the work is worth it. Janell Elliott, a returning senior sprinter, states “with a lack of girl runners, it is time for each one of us to step it up. We all have to do our part.” While the girls’ team is few in number, the boys continue to grow in number. Jamal Payne, a sophomore sprinter, says, “I think the team will do well this year. My goal this year is to make it to states in the 200 and 400.”

Coach Gary Anderson says, “As a new coach, I hope to incorporate the skills necessary to be an excellent and successful runner. At the end of this season, I hope that all these athletes will become faster than they are now. We have a lot of work to do but it will all be worth it.” As spring arrives, make room in your schedule to come out and support your Bees as they race to the finish line!



Above are this year’s shotput and discus players

Hey Batter Batter

JV Softball

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Intense parents in the stands, tons of coaches waving their hands, and the love of the game—this is what softball is all about and there is no shame. The dirt, the bruises, the hitting, the catching all show that softball season is back in session! JV softball is definitely ready to get out on the field; they’ve put away the basketballs and gotten their bats and gloves ready to go. Soft-

ball teams have officially been made and all the girls are ready to show Brookville what they’ve got.

Freshmen Nicole Nicholson and Allie Walker are returning softball players for Brookville. Walking down the hallway with worried hearts and minds, Nicole and Allie were relieved and excited to see their names on the list for the new softball team. “It was a relief because so many girls came to try out, I kind of doubted myself,” says Allie. Nicholson and Walker get along greatly with their teammates. “I love them all, I really feel like they’re my second family. They all have different tal-

ents which makes it even more fun to work together”, Allie says.

Although Allie and Nicole are very alike, they also have some differences. Nicole started softball when her cousin’s influenced her by playing baseball. Allie on the other hand got started in 6th grade, when she saw a softball game on television, and ever since it’s been something she’s loved. Nicole likes to spend her time in the infield because she feels like that’s where all the action happens. Second and short stop are her main positions. Allie, though, feels like the outfield is the right place for her; it’s what she’s best at and her

dominant position on the field. To prepare for a game, the JV softball team huddles, does their hitting stations, and then afterwards takes a round in the infield. Allie likes to take her spare time before a game or practice and just chill, listen to music, and eat. “I try to concentrate as much as I can,” says Allie.

Coach Daniels is the reason that these girls get to share the bond of softball. Although he’s known as the coach for JV softball, some of the girls also look up to him as a father. “He’s a great encourager,” says Allie, “He’s kind of like a father figure; I look up to him.” Daniels teaches the girls

the love of the game, and even though they are all good at the sport they love, he gives them the skills for the improvement they need to be successful players in the future. “He’s very good at explaining, and he’s patient,” says Nicole.

No matter if you’re a better batter, infielder, or outfielder, once you’re a part of the team, you’re family. You treat each other with respect. If you love the game, then love your teammates. It looks like this year is going to be a great season for the JV Brookville softball family! Good luck bees! Show them what you’ve got.

Serving Up a New Season

Girls’ Tennis

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Brookville High School’s girls’ tennis team is kicking off another great season. This year our lady bees have many new faces including the coach. Their new

coach is our very own history and government teacher, Mrs. Ford. This year our girls are looking to improve their game by having more intense practices. They are excited and determined to improve their game. “We are ready to fight to win,” says senior Katie Nunn. This is Katie’s third year

playing tennis and she is excited for another year to compete.

Brookville’s tennis girls have been working hard to improve their game. Their practices are longer and more intense. Junior Jessica Pham believes, “This year our game will improve and we will have a more successful

season.” Jessica is also enjoying her third year playing tennis and is aiming to be this season’s captain.

Coach Ford states, “This year will be a great learning experience for a lot of the girls.” She says that there are several new players this year who will definitely improve their game this season.

Coach Ford loves to get out there and play with her team at practice. She is a big tennis fan and played for two years when she was in high school. This season looks like it will be a good one, so get out there and support our lady bees!

Keep the Ball in Their Goal

Girls JV Soccer

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When people think about soccer they think it’s just some ball going down a field into a goal, but there is a lot of other details to soccer then just that. Soccer is just not about scoring goals it’s about winning. Soccer has a lot of practice and hard work you have to put into it, you can’t just show up at the games and think you will succeed because it’s more to then just the

games. Soccer is about running, running, running.

Kristy Paxton is an outstanding soccer player that would knock you off your feet. Kristy has been playing for seven years, Kristy played for the middle school in 7th, and JV 8th, 9th, 10th and now captain this year. Kristy decided to play soccer when she was little because she didn’t have a good throw at all, Kristy would spend hours at a time with the soccer ball and her in the front

yard. Kristy’s favorite thing about soccer would have to be being able to be aggressive with the other players and not getting in trouble about it, and just meeting new people that are on the team. Kristy never really thought about playing soccer in the future, but if the college she goes to and they had a Soccer Club she would definitely join it. “Coach Scott is the best coach in the world” Kristy states.

Bobie Hamrick is the

player you tend to keep looking at while is on the field with her magnificent skill. Bobie has only been playing playing for four years and has soccer down pat. Bobie started playing her 8th grade year for the school and hasn’t stopped since then. Bobie choose soccer because she loves to run a lot and knew that soccer was all about running and knew she would love soccer because of the running. Bobie’s favorite thing about soccer is hanging out with the girls and the games. Bobie has always had

thoughts what if she played in college, but she’s decided she would stop but would definitely want to keep going. Bobie always uses this saying during the games “Go for the ball even if it means pushing someone down!”

Coach Scott enjoys getting the girls energy at the practices, but really does at the games it makes them want to win more. “It’s the attitude of the players, not their skills, that is the biggest factor in determining whether you win or lose.” says Coach.

Sports

Swingin' Into A New Season

Varsity Boy's Baseball



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This year's varsity baseball team is trying to take it all. With nine seniors, the team has a lot of experience under their belts and they are ready to see what the season has in store for them. The team has played well in scrimmages, and is 2-0 after winning games against William Campbell.

According to seniors Wil Parsons and Willie Sligh, the baseball team is just looking to take it to the state level. "It is every

player's dream to make it not only to the state level, but to capture the whole title," said Wil. Willie, a transfer from Amherst, is new to the team but has been adjusting quite well, due to all his support-

ive teammates. "I love the fact that when coming to Brookville I fit in so well with all the guys; the team really has a good way of bonding and I really can appreciate that." Schools like Jefferson Forest will

be tough games for the bees; but with a lot of practice and hard work they are expecting to take the lead. All members are looking forward to a successful season.

This year's team is re-

sponding good to the coaching from all the varsity coaches. Coach White and Coach Glaize are great supporters and really give back to the guys. "I love playing for my coaches; they always show support and really push us to be the best we can be," said Wil. Come out and support the guys to see what each player is made of. It should be a great season and hopefully topped off with a state ring.

Hitting In a New Season

JV Baseball 2011



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Baseball season is finally here and in full "swing". While every sport is working hard to get a good team, JV baseball is making sure they choose a great team. Even though some think that it would be easy to decipher the good from the bad that cannot be said for JV baseball. Making cuts is extra hard when you have fifty or more students trying out. Jimmy Moran, who plays second base, says that he is "super excited for this season because he is hoping to get is batting average over 0.330." Jimmy has been playing baseball since he was four and he still considers Jefferson Forest his biggest rival because he loves the feeling of beating them after hearing them "talk crap!"

Jimmy isn't the only one who is excited for baseball. Allen Archangeault says he's excited for this year's season because he is looking forward to "getting back together with the 'brotha-hood'".

Allen who also plays second base predicts that this year's team will be district champs. Allen likes playing JV baseball because he gets to spend time with all of his friends. Good Luck this season Allen!

Blake Brown who is on the team but unable to play because of a broken arm is pretty bummed out about not being able to play his tenth grade year. Blake broke his arm in weight lifting while doing a bench press. He will have to have surgery to fix his arm. The doctors plan on making two small holes in his humerus bone and then injecting marrow, steroid, and graphit. The steroid will make the bone stronger and hopefully make the cyst go away. Blake's broken arm doesn't just render him from playing baseball but also from doing simple tasks. Blake has broken his arm once before and hopefully this will be the last. Hopefully we'll see him out on the field at some point this season.

Mr. McGrath predicts "a successful season. We have depth in pitching & should play a reliable defense." Make sure you come out and support your 2011 Junior Varsity baseball team. Good luck bees; we hope you have a successful baseball season!

Krista Lee
Staff Writer

The weather is changing once again. That means it's time to put away the basketballs and bring out the soccer balls. That's right, soccer season is in full swing and our varsity boys are not holding anything back this year. Soccer is one of the less recognized sports at Brookville, but it's also one of the harder sports; however, that has not stopped any hard-working Brookville soccer player in the past.

According to returning senior, Seth Bohner, last year's season went really well for them. The boys' team made it all the way to the second round of regions. Seth says, "Trying to get to playoffs and states or even a game itself is enough motivation to keep going." Seth has been playing since he was little, and it has been his favorite sport over the years. To get ready for the season, the boys

Kickin' It In

Boys Varsity Soccer



Above some members of the team take a moment to pose for a picture.

have gone to conditioning, however, most of them have stayed in shape since last season. The boys' least favorite part of the season is usually running, so it's important for them to stay in shape. Staying in shape means they won't give up during the game so they get more wins, which is their favorite part.

Sophomore Patrick Regan is more than ready for the new season to start; he loves hanging out with his friends. "They're my bros, my best friends," Patrick says. The boys get along great; they really enjoy being a team and playing together. Like most sports in this school, Jefferson Forest is the biggest rival for the boys. They are looking forward to seeing JF and all the other teams they have to play this year. To prepare for games the boys do two things: practice every day and spend time together before their games. Practice is the main thing for them. After school every day they go to Timbrook Park until 5 that afternoon. As in any

other sport, they run for warm-up then work on drills or scrimmage for a while. Another thing the soccer team does is go to Ian Hogg, a fellow teammate's, house on game days after school until they have to be back at Brookville or on the bus to travel for their game. They love to just hang out, eat, and get ready for a win.

Being a senior, Seth has to become a leader to help the younger ones get ready to take over when he leaves. Seth says it is important for a young soccer player to practice every chance he or she gets and work hard, because he or she is not going to just be handed a spot, they have to work hard for it. Soccer takes a lot of skill and endurance. You have to know what to do once you're out on the field and all the boys on the soccer team are aware of that. Varsity boys' soccer is ready for another great season, so come out and watch these boys dominate on the field! Good luck with with your season boys!

Features

The Sound of Music

“The Hills Are Alive With the Sound Of Music”



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Over the years people have grown to love the musical, *The Sound of Music*. This year's drama department has decided to perform this musical. Mrs. Emanuel, the drama teacher, has high expectations for this production. “I think we have a lot of

dedicated seniors and this will be a big success. We really wanted to do a Rodgers and Hammerstein play because of the music and the strong singers and actors.”

Brookville has always had really funny plays and this time they decided to change it up and produce a play with a more serious tone. “The toughest part of this production for me I think is just

being in charge of set and costume and having things done in a timely fashion”, said Mrs. Emanuel. Members of the cast are very excited. “When I was younger I used to watch this with my nana and it has a cute story line and everyone knows the songs”, said Dora Lankford.

From coming up with the set and costumes to the actual production the cast gets to unite as a

family. “The best part of all of this for me is, watching the progression, it's exciting to see how much things change from when we first read through the play to the actual performance opening day. It's nice to see how the cast grows and actually fits that character” said Mrs. Emanuel. “My favorite part of the musical is performing and afterwards going to meet the people in

the audience because they always say good stuff about it and sometimes I get stuff” said Savannah Scruggs. Come out and see the play because like Mrs. Emanuel said, “this production is rewarding.” The play is April 7th- 9th; tickets can be sold at the door and during lunches.



Easter

Eggs of Color

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Easter was once a time of great resurrection, and now a time of playfulness and games. At times though, Easter was once celebrated on different days of the week, including Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The Easter bunny is not a modern invention, in fact, it is said that the Anglo-Saxons worshipped a goddess, Eastre, through the rabbit. The Germans brought the symbol of the Easter

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rabbit to America. At first it was ignored by the Christians, and in fact, it was not widely celebrated in America until after that time.

The exchange of eggs in the springtime is a custom that was centuries old when Easter was first celebrated by Christians. From the earliest times, the egg was a symbol of birth in most cultures. Eggs were often wrapped in gold leaf or, if you were a peasant, colored brightly by boiling them with the leaves or petals of certain flowers. Today, children

hunt colored eggs and place them in Easter baskets along with the modern version of real Easter eggs, made of plastic or chocolate candy.

Throughout the years, Easter has been practiced in many forms of celebrations, yet it still maintains its meaning for Christians as the day that Jesus rose from the grave. Its other meanings celebrated in ways of expressing love towards one another.



April Fools

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April Fools' Day is celebrated in the western world on April first of every year. Sometimes referred to as All Fools' Day, April first is not a legal holiday, but is widely recognized and celebrat-

ed as a day which tolerates practical jokes and general foolishness. The day is marked by the commission of good humored or funny jokes, hoaxes, and other practical jokes of varying sophistication on friends, family members, teachers, neighbors, work associates, etc.

Traditionally, in some countries such as New Zealand, the UK, Australia, and South Africa, the jokes only last until noon; anyone who plays pranks after this time is known as an April Fool. The earliest example of these jokes can be found in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* (The Nun's Priests Tale).

This is the one day of the year that people can get away with actually pulling these really mean stunts and say “Ha ha April Fools!” As children, our stunts are a little more immature and well, childish. As we grow up the pranks may get a little more, well to say the least,

mean. So needless to say if you are feeling the urge to prank this year start with your siblings first...that's always fun. Have fun with it and make sure others get a good laugh.

A Week on a Dime

Spring Break on a Budget

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With the economic times the way they are, spring break might come little or not much at all for some this year. It might be that your family doesn't take the annual beach trip to a favorite beach or go on a nice cruise this year. Instead, many families might stay closer to home this April. But staying close to home might not be such a bad thing. There are a lot of good

things that could come out of it, like saving money and gas, getting caught up on sleep and school work, spending more time with your family rather than being apart at the beach, getting things done around your house, and just enjoying time with friends. While these are all pros of staying close to home, some might not see it that way.

Sometimes you have to improvise and come up with a better solution to please everyone. Here are some ideas for spending less money over spring break. Start

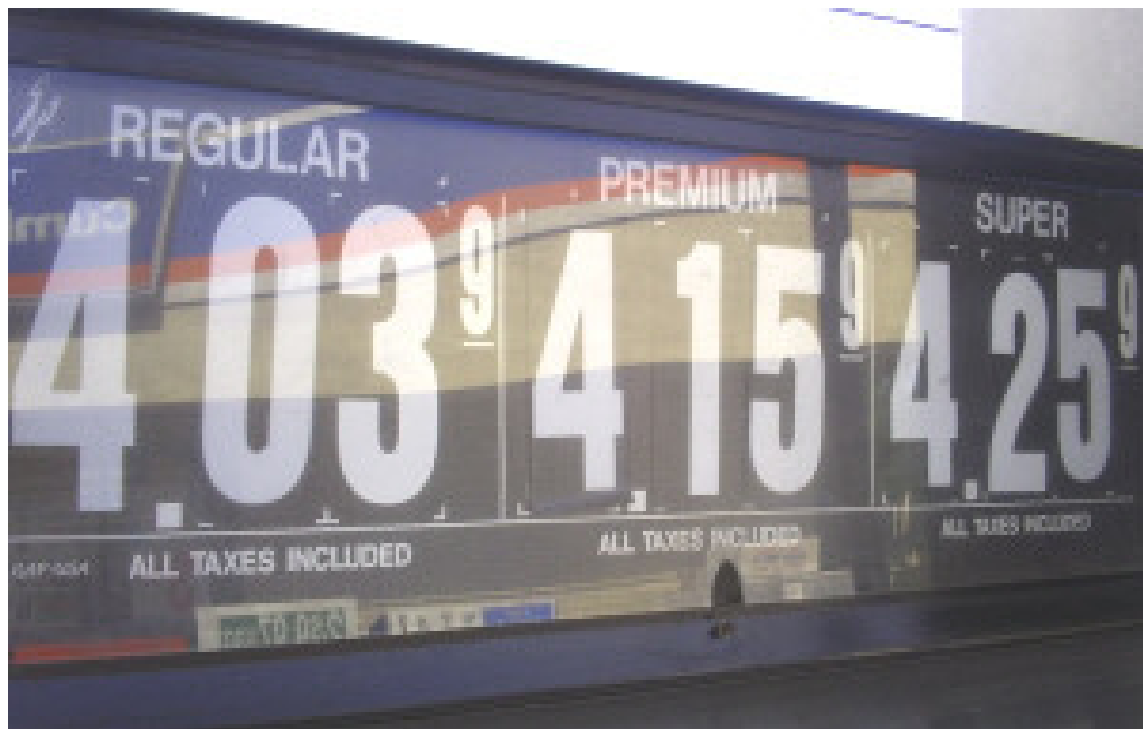
saving up a little extra cash each week so that when spring break finally rolls around you can go to the mall and buy some new outfits, plan a date with some friends and go to Sweet Frog, enjoy the outdoors by taking a hike up to the Peaks of Otter, or just enjoy time spent with your family. So as you can see, just because you don't have a lot of money you can still have fun over spring break without breaking the bank.



Features

Top Ways to Save on Gas Prices

Maybe.



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Gas prices are really high. I don't know why, I haven't really done the research on it. Maybe it's because of the revolutions in Africa and the Middle East, maybe it's because people are using all of the petroleum for rashes. Whatever. All I know is that it makes me mad when I pay a trillion dollars at the pump once a week. I would say that a trillion dollars is exaggeration, but it isn't. I literally spend that much.

Gas prices have not yet reached the \$4 mark like they were in the summer of 2008, but it's probably coming. So, how do you avoid paying so an arm and a leg at the pump? Here are some of the best ways to save money on gas:

- 1. Don't drive when you don't have to.** This one's a dummy reason, but let's face it, we all do it. You just got a new CD and you are DYING to crank up your stereo and sing along. No matter how joyful the experience is, when you're trying to save money cruisin' down 29 with your music turned up isn't financially wise.
- 2. Buy a motor scooter.** These things get great gas mileage and they are a great way to get attention from your peers. What girl doesn't like a guy with a motor scooter? It's an excellent prom night vehicle too.
- 3. Get off your behind and walk.** Wanna lose some weight? You should do it. Seriously, it's not a big deal to walk from one place to another. The cavemen did it, didn't they?.
- 4. Steal gas from other cars.** You know that little tubey thing that allows you to get fluid out of one container and into another? Yeah, buy one of those and you'll never have to pay for gas again. Just make sure you leave enough gas for the victim to get to the nearest gas station. Maybe write LOL THX4THEG@S on their car.
- 5. Develop an engine that can run on pickle juice.** Yeah, I'm a pickle fan, and so should you. So take that leftover pickle juice and either drink it or put it in your car for gas. Think how much money could go into the pickle industry. Pickle farmers and pickle manufacturers would be the richest people in the country and take away the power from the oil companies.
- 6. Quit street racing.** I know street racing in the Burg is huge, but seriously, the sport needs to stop. All this extra acceleration uses gas like crazy! Maybe switch to underground ping pong or underground hula hooping.

New Hope for Failing Freshmen

Freshmen Mentor Class



Haley Driskill

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This year, there are approximately fifty freshmen who are failing two or more classes. Freshmen may have a difficult time adjusting to the new school and new experience, but this many freshmen flunking is not a good sign. As a Brookville family, we need to come together and resolve this issue. Hopefully, a new class led by rising juniors and seniors will give freshmen motivation to succeed their first year here.

Ms. Sale and her "team" came together with the idea of creating a class for peers to help each other and possibly solve the freshmen problem. Meeting with someone older who has more experience may be rewarding for the freshmen. The option of taking this class next year will give fresh-

men, juniors, and seniors the opportunity to excel in the classroom and make close bonds with one another.

When you help someone who truly needs help, you feel helpful and contribute to their whole life. When colleges see that you have taken a leadership role like this in high school, they will look at you more closely and may choose you over another applicant. If you think you are capable to take on this responsibility, you should go to the office and fill out an application form. First, you need to be committed to helping your students and doing them as much good as possible. After the application has been turned in, you will be interviewed and then the guidance counselors or Ms. Sale will decide if you have enough gumption to help. Remember this will act as an elective class and you will get a letter grade based on participation. When thinking about choosing your classes, think about taking the freshmen mentor class to help everyone!

Excited or Not, Here It Comes

New AP Curriculum

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Everyone is aware of the new AP curriculum that is gracing Brookville High School with its presence beginning in the 2011-2012 school year. If you haven't heard of it, you're either a new student or you live under a rock. Here's some advice: if you're an idiot who doesn't even know that the period is supposed

to go inside the quotation mark for quotes, stick with the regular class course...or drop out. I could be nice and say I'm just kidding, but I'm not. (Okay I am, seriously don't drop out.) However, if you're one of those students who happen to be extremely motivated and you love to learn, AP is definitely for you.

Most students who have never taken an AP course have misconceptions of what they are. If you aren't taking AP because you think you'll become depressed

and cry yourself to sleep every night, think again. AP classes require more reading and the ability to stay focused but they are by no means grueling and next-to-impossible. It's important that Brookville students take advantage of this new AP curriculum and get the most out of it while they can. If you've never taken an AP class and you're planning to go to college, now is the time to sign up for one. Being thrown into college with no previous AP experience is pretty much torture. I don't actually know the statistics,

but I'm pretty sure 99.9999% of students who took AP classes in high school adjust more easily to college classes than those who didn't.

Bottom line, serious decisions have to be made for most of us. AP classes or regular classes...maybe some of both? Think about the pros and cons of each, and then make a careful decision. If you plan to go to college when you graduate high school, at least a few AP classes are definitely going to be in your best interest.

If not, regular classes are perfectly suitable. Talk to your guidance counselor about what the best option for you would be and don't stress over it because every other student in the school has the same decisions coming their way too!

Review

It's Friday

And Tomorrow is Saturday

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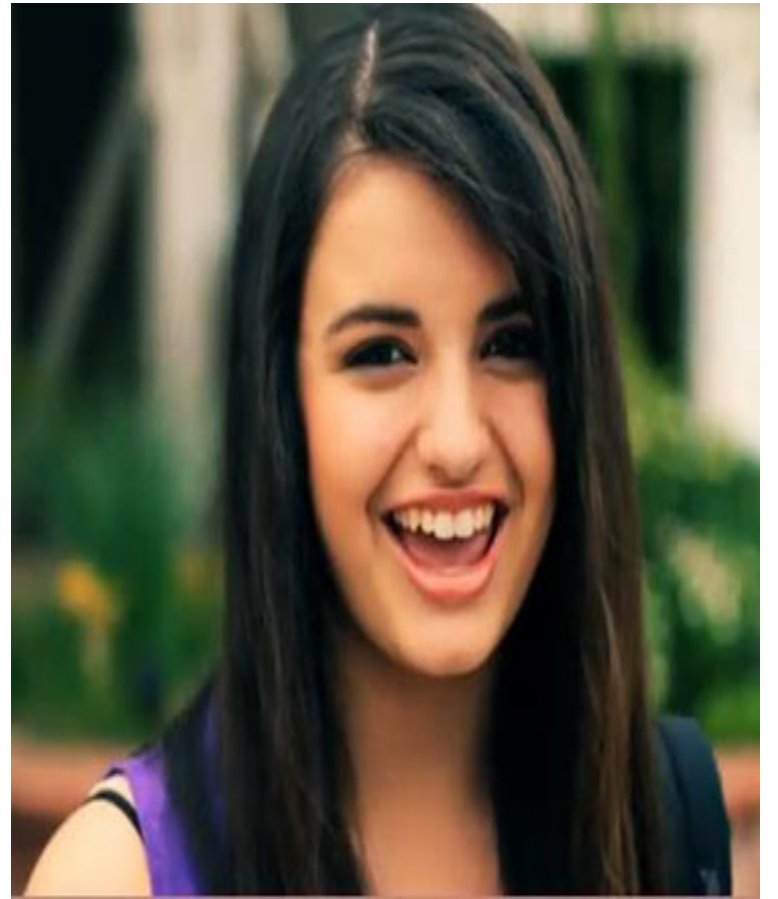
It's the one song that literally *everyone* has heard, topping the charts of iTunes sales, and gaining increasing popularity on YouTube as the most "disliked" video in the history of the site. Rebecca Black's "Friday" has justifiably been given the title "worst song ever" by its critics, which constitutes to be about 99% of the population. The song and music video were written and produced by Ark Music Factory, a company in California in which rich mommies and daddies of teenage girls pay in the thousands of dollars for an original music video for their little "starlets" to star in. Clients are supposedly given the choice between two songs, and in the case of Rebecca Black, it was this ear-wrenching piece, or a song about "being a boy's superhero." Her reasoning for choosing a song that was written to teach pre-K students the days of

the week? She hadn't experienced the "adult love" the other song referred to, and felt that "Friday" was a better fit for her because it was about having fun with friends on, yeah you guessed it...Friday.

So just how did this song even come into existence? Co-writer Patrice Wilson stated that he had been up late writing songs on a Thursday night and then suddenly realized it was Friday. Ever wonder who the random "rap artist" is making an appearance towards the middle of the song, none other than lyrical genius co-writer Patrice Wilson. While lack of sleep can cause a person to do a number of things they will later regret, this has to be the worst. You would think that someone would have questioned the lyrics to a song written at two in the morning about the days of the week before it went viral, but I guess not. Lyrics like "which seat can I take?," "we, we, we so excited," and of course, "yesterday was Thursday, today it

is Friday, tomorrow it is Saturday, and Sunday comes afterwards," remind us that a mockery will be made of the music of our generation for generations to come.

For a song that has had such a large amount of criticism, why do we continue to push it up higher on the charts and wear out the replay button on YouTube? Because we simply can't get enough of this catchy piece, or our friends remind of us of it so often that we can't get it out of our head. This song leaves its viewers either a.) laughing so hard that they can't get enough of it, or b.) staring in disbelief that something this mindless would become an overnight sensation. However you feel about this song, everyone can agree that it will leave its mark on music history as one of the most controversial songs of the decade; one that we will probably keep singing until something even worse comes along.



What To Wear In 2011?

Fashion Review

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Some people don't take fashion seriously or really care about the type of clothes they wear. But most Americans love to look good. If you look good, you feel

good and "you are what you wear." Whether it's your main outfit, up to date accessories, or your must have shoes, fashion is what you make it.

Fashions from the early 2000's have drastically changed: platforms to high heels, Baggy jeans to skinny jeans, tall tees to

fitted shirts. An outfit does not just start with jeans and a shirt; the shoes are a key element into a nice outfit. Some shoe brands such as Nike and Adidas have started to make shirts and accessories to match the shoes they manufacture. In 2010, most guys who usually

wore "urban brands" and started transitioning into "preppy" clothing brands such as Polo by Ralph Lauren & Hollister. But what will the styles be in the New Year?

The new year will bring new style and "swag." Ralph Lauren says, "I hope men and women

will start wearing our 'Big Pony' line." Khaki shorts, polo shirts, and Nikes sound like the way to go in 2011. But if Polo by Ralph Lauren isn't your style, don't be afraid to do your own thing when it comes to what you wear. But make sure you "keep your swag on 100!"



Nature's Palette

Spring Fashion

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Whether it's the low-down on this season's runway trends or simply wanting to look fabulous, Women's Fashion has tips and tricks to play up your assets and play down your flaws.

Spring 2011 has wrapped in a flurry of fantastic fashion. White was the color of the season, with optimistic pops of bright colors in unexpected combinations lending an air of delightful surprise to many collections. Soft, flowing fabrics, modern sportswear, and elegant shoes and accessories will define the trends going into spring.

Women with high stan-

dards in fashion would never be satisfied with only fashionable clothes! What completes your clothes and make you fashionable are your accessories. Don't think only jewelry—your handbags, bow tie, scarves, watches, pins, belts, sunglasses, stockings, necktie, leg warmers, leggings, suspenders and tights are also some accessories that makes you attractive and fashionable!

Using some fashion accessories with your clothes shows your rich style! They add color, detail and energy to your outfit. There were some memorable fashion moments in 2010 whereby ladies could embrace their curves and there was a move towards more timeless pieces that could transcend seasons. Whilst element of 2010 continues to embrace that

theme there are also some dramatic cuts and colors, which carries on to women's fashion for 2011 into the moment. The year 2011 looks set to be one of the most colorful on the fashion front, where black is banished to the back of the wardrobe. Spring/summer 2011 is all about wearing complementary colors in a clever combination of warm and cool tones.