

Once a Mustang, Always a Mustang!

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Top Five Netflix Recommendations

1. Stranger Things: Set in Indiana during the 1980s where a group of young people encounter paranormal entities and government secrets.

2. Black Mirror: Not your typical TV series. Each episode is unique and does not connect to the other ones. Think of it as a TV show short story. Each episode explores uncomfortable topics and makes you think.

3. Scott Pilgrim vs The World: Pilgrim is a bass guitarist who practices in his garage. He always has a girlfriend but does not know how to get rid of them. Until one day Romona Flowers sweeps him off his feet.

4. Snakes on a Plane: Just as the title says, this movie shows the ultimate chaos of venomous snakes slithering rampant on a plane to stop someone from testifying against them in court.

5. Thundermans: A Nickelodeon original that revolves around the lives of the Thundermans who are a family of superheroes. The super parents want to lead a normal life while their daughter wants to be a superhero and son desires to be a supervillain.



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Opinion: School Dress Codes Target Females

Nov. 15 - Economic and social changes are ever-changing and the dress code controversy operates within a larger cultural context. It is a hotly debated topic that often divides opinion. These anecdotes have triggered concerns over institutionalizing discrimination over a female body such as stereotyping.

People all over the world have numerous concerns about public school dress codes and their impact on female students. One concern is that many dress codes are explicitly gender specific, targeting only girls, or at least selectively enforced upon certain individuals. Such that they impact female students disproportionately. In addition, young people who don't conform or challenge gender norms can also be easily targeted.

According to the American Civil Liberties Union, school districts continue to implement harsh dress codes and punish students who do comply, they can also violate a student's First Amendment right to freedom of expression and a parent's Fourth Amendment right to raise their children as they choose.

From a female perspective, objectification can negatively impact cognitive and physical function, physical and mental health, sexuality, and the beliefs and attitudes regarding gender roles.

At a societal level, objectification causes the increasing limitations of girls' educational aspirations and performance. One in which girls and women are frequently portrayed as "objects" valued primarily to their physical appearance

These anecdotes have triggered concerns over institutionalizing discrimination over a female body such as stereotyping. How do we balance school interests in educational mission and student interest in identity formation and self-determination? How do school dress codes intersect with the increasing stereotypes in American culture? Is there a point beyond which contemporary fashion, favored by girl students, raises concerns about discrimination?

However, on the other hand, images of girls and women in today's society are filled with stereotypes about who women are and what their roles should be in society. This provides an opportunity for students to critically examine certain media forms and their portrayals of women and girls. Students will consider how the media shaped public perception and can perpetuate bias. This is a two-part lesson that requires the students to conduct investigation work in between the two opinions.

Student Council Updates

Student council is planning a talent show for Dec. 9. There will be four categories: music, dance, comedy, and special talent. Each 1st place winner will get a \$100 prize, and each of those four winners will also have a chance to win an additional \$50 dollars for best in show.

Wyatt Hunter

Jada Good Crow

Smudge Stories

Nov. 15 - To continue on from last week's issue, we have more stories from former janitor, Mr. Darrol Littlewhiteman. Looking back, Mr. Littlewhiteman's stories were enough to send chills down your spine but he still had more to tell.

"In the lower elementary, we always heard little kids running in the hallways. It would happen early in the morning and late at night. Because of the wood floor, you could hear the steps. We would go in there to see if anyone was messing around but all the lights were off. You could hear children giggling in the north pod. However, when we checked the security cameras, we saw nothing and only ever heard them."

Mr. Littlewhiteman shares another story:

"It was after a basketball game and the student council was supposed to have a dance in the little gym. But, because of a snow storm they canceled the dance. The other janitor was cleaning up the gym after the game was over. We were hauling trash out and we had gotten to the cafeteria, all of a sudden we could hear music playing from the little gym. I said, "are they still trying to have that dance?" So we took the trash out and came in, then we walked over to the little gym. We peeked inside the gym and there was nobody there. We walked to the flagpole door and opened it to see it was snowing. We looked down and there were tracks leading to the gym in the snow. I just said "well, somebody's trying to have a dance in here"

No doubt, Mr. Littlewhiteman has some spooky experiences to share. He definitely gave us all something to think about while roaming the halls of our school. At the end of the day, there's more to this school that meets the eye.



Tionna Pourier

COVID Within Little Wound School

Nov. 10- On Wednesday morning, there was an elementary student who tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). To prevent the spread of the virus within the community, the school had decided to be closed the following day. We would return to school the following week. The school would be in contact with the families of the children who came in contact with the positive student.

The Little Wound School would perform enhanced cleaning to ensure a safe

environment for the students and staff when returning to school Monday.

How is it that the Little Wound School community was not released from school immediately? If safety is more important, why would the school stay in session? There is much concern over the return to fully in person school with COVID cases striking so close to home. Students need to be in school to learn social skills and combat depression; however, are students being protected from the virus?

Christina Plenty Wounds
Lakota National

Invitational Updates

Nov. 15 - The 44th Annual Lakota Nation Invitational (LNI) is on everyone's mind as the 2021-2022 basketball season is rapidly approaching. This year will look a little different as more teams are competing.

Each team, boys and girls, will be placed in one of the following brackets: Oceti Sakowin, Makosica, and Paha Sapa. Girls basketball will make an appearance in the Makosica bracket, while the boys basketball team will be in Oceti Sakowin.

On October 30, the LNI board approved the official game brackets. Dec. 15 at 5 P.M, the girls team will play against Lakota Tech in the ice arena. Their second game will be against St. Francis at 8 A.M on Dec. 16.

The boys basketball team's first opponent will be St Francis. They will play at 12:30 P.M on Dec. 15 in the ice arena as well. The second game of the tournament for the boys will be Lower Brule at 12:30 P.M.



Wanakiwin Janis

The Library: Where did it go?



Nov. 15 - Libraries are a great source of information and provide a quiet place to do homework. Little Wound High School has not had a library for quite some time. This may be due to lack of money or the fact that a librarian is hard to find and hire.

Since there is not a librarian it was hard to keep track of the books. Books get lost, go missing, students borrow books but they don't come back. Additionally, students do not have free periods or a homeroom making it difficult for them to use the library.

If students, staff and the school board support the idea of revitalizing the library, then it would be possible for the school to create an implementation plan. It would take some time for this change to happen as LWHS would need a librarian and the counselors would need to revise the master schedule that would reflect a homeroom.

Libraries are an important part of a school. It encourages students to read more, creates easier access to books, and would possibly incorporate scholastic books similar to the elementary program. When it comes to scholastic books, students could start a home library and would have more chances to get to read/research. With a librarian on campus, it would be easier for students to find books and the library would have supervision.

However, in an age where students have easy access to the internet and each individual student was supplied with a chromebook during the pandemic, it makes you wonder if libraries are actually necessary. Libraries are an essential part of a school because it provides a safe place to read and to do homework. Plus the library is equipped with computers for students to use. Additionally, some people like physical books to read rather than staring at a screen all day.

A library is like a forest for books. They have many different things going on inside the pages. It is unfortunate that students don't get to have that anymore. It is similar to the gym or track. When we talk about sports, we can talk about books. Students need the gym and track to exercise just like students need the library to exercise their brain.

Tokala Janis

Falls Sports and COVID-19

Nov. 15 - As basketball season is approaching, it is important to understand the COVID-19 safety precautions.

The school requires all players to have their COVID-19 vaccination. Keith Furguson, Athletic Director, says that all players who are not playing must wear a mask. If you are not on the court playing the game, you will be required to wear a mask while on the sidelines.

Spectators are also required to wear a mask. Players are allowed to have four people in attendance at home games. That includes students and visitors. Remember, if your name is not on a players list, you cannot attend the game.

Hopefully these precautions will allow for the season to go smoothly.



Teachers are people too

Nov. 15 - Educator Fiona Tapp says "Teaching is a rewarding yet demanding career. With long hours and a heavy workload, it's easy to fall prey to teacher burnout. Without proper support, teachers are in danger of being overworked and not taking care of their own mental and physical health needs."

Most often the teachers and faculty are known to be resilient and do their best to be there for students, but no one asks about their mental health. Over the year that COVID has been an interference to a lot of humanity's life, it takes a toll on mental health. Within the previous school year being online it changed a lot of things not only for the students and teachers, but also for the principal, superintendent and anybody that holds a higher accountability in the school.

In 2020, the month of January is when the United States had the first case of COVID-19, bringing it to the media's attention immediately. March, 2020 is when COVID hit the U.S vigorously and that is when schools started to get shut down along with jobs and major business'. Virtual was a new beginning for schools on and off the reservation. With virtual being the "new normal" for essentially a whole school year, it was a drastic change. This drastic change was one not only the students weren't ready for, but also the faculty of the school.

When it comes to a brand new change under relentless circumstances, there's really not much of a choice, but to try and "get with the program." The faculty alone have pressure on pressure; they want to be able to keep a firm schedule along with trying to get the students comfortable with this new adjustment. The faculty have their share of care for the students especially during this pandemic. They want to help the students as much as possible, but it's hard when they are also trying to care for themselves and or their families.

Enola Running Hawk

In the hard times during the pandemic, the teachers should be able to be in a good and positive place mentally. With all the positives, it does make their job easier and to also be there for their students. The way the students have a support system, it should be just the same for the faculty. The amount of work they hold on their shoulders is very much appreciated. A school's faculty handles a lot everyday, it never goes unrecognized because they all help keep the school in order. Show appreciation to the principal, to the teachers, to the superintendent, to anyone who does a lot for the school.

Everyday is a challenge, not just for the students, but for the amazing faculty. The faculty matter just as much as anyone else and definitely need love and support! Thank you to all faculty who put their heart and mind to their jobs and for also being there for the students. You are very much appreciated!



The Immortalization of a Monster it's Lesson Lost To Infamy

Madison Clifford

On May 20th, 1896 in the Palais Garnier, a counterweight to the chandelier plunged through the ceiling onto the audience, injuring several people and killing a young concierge on her first day. These events would go on to inspire French journalist Gaston Leroux when he wrote and published *Le fantôme de l'opéra*. Told from Gaston's perspective as he collects evidence and tells the story of a disfigured man who once lurked under the opera house, and terrorized the occupants of the building.

The investigative journalism point of view was also aided by its serial publication in a French public newspaper, *Le Gaulois* from 23 Sept 1909 to 8 Jan 1910. It was later released in volume form in late March 1910. As the story progresses we learn The Phantom is not an apparition as we were led to believe. He was simply a man named Erik, born with the face of death and dealt all the wrong cards of life. His face carried a resemblance to the deceased and it is this grotesque appearance that hindered his life and halted all his chances at love. With these snippets of Erik's life, Leroux suggests that The Phantom was a creature created by the cruelty of man. Leroux's lesson was lost to the fire of criticism, as at the time he was a celebrated mystery novelist, and his sudden switch to Victorian melodrama confused audiences and wrecked sales. His work was ultimately deemed by critics and audiences to be a subpar romance novel that lacked substance.

Unswayed by the criticism, Leroux would personally hand a copy of his novel to the head of Universal Studios in 1922. Depressingly, Leroux did not live long enough to see his work adapted to the silver screen, and in a way, the death of the author is what led to the death of the Phantom. The Lon Chaney-led film followed the book faithfully till a sudden shift at the end, where the death of stagehand avalanches into an angry mob finding and killing the Phantom. Positively. The film was a milestone in makeup and effects and would become a landmark in cinematic history. Negatively, it launched a trend of watering down characters such as Erik into the main villain role, all elements in the original novel that contemplates Erik's Humanity are tossed to the side in the process.

The trend planted its roots in this seminal piece of cinema and from there grew adaptations that often diluted the core cast, into the boxes of a hero, love interest, and the villain. Erik, in the eyes of pop culture, was a now plain and simple villain, punished in the end by the hero. No longer a study on how the intense cruelties of man shape a monster, he is the bad guy and by the laws of the Hollywood machine, the bad guy gets punished. A narrow view into humanity as the traits that made Erik monstrous, such as being manipulative, possessive, jealous, selfish, and reclusive, are painfully human.

The Astroworld Tragedy

Kylee Whirlwind Horse

Nov. 15 - A Travis Scott concert hospitalized 25 people and killed nine. A total of 50,000 people attended the Astroworld concert.

Before Scott made an appearance, everyone was moving toward the stage. It was becoming more compact towards the front near the stage and harder for people to breathe. Some people quickly began passing out while others relentlessly pushed to get closer to the stage as the time ticked down.

As the concert went on fans and concert goers continued passing out. One fan said she was in and out of consciousness, she remembered telling her boyfriend they needed to get out of there



before Travis even got on stage. After she said that it got harder for her to breathe, the last thing she remembered was being pulled over a fence and out of the compact area.

The Astroworld concert was heavily understaffed for EMTs and medics. Non-Medical staff were pulling passed out people into the VIP section in order to prevent further injury by stampede. The limited number of EMTs did what they could to help the victims.

The fire department later said that 11 of the patients that were taken to the hospital were undergoing cardiac arrest. There was only one AED machine (a machine that helps people who are experiencing cardiac arrest) and four people experiencing cardiac arrest. There was only one ambu bag which is used to give air to people. There were only four medics meaning four people doing CPR and 3-4 people in cardiac arrest to only 1 AED machine.

The crowd was yelling and chanting for the concert to be stopped. Some fans were blocking EMTs from getting to the injured and passing out patrons so it was prolonging the process and shortening chances of saving lives. It was speculated by a group that an individual was injecting these people with drugs and that is how all the chaos happened.

A security officer was reaching over to restrain someone and felt a prick on his neck and soon went unconscious and medics administered Narcan which is used for people who undergo an opioid overdose. They later held a conference and found out that Narcan had been administered multiple times at the concert.

The Astroworld was a tragedy as Scott continued his concert while people were passing out and experiencing cardiac arrest.