

7th Fall Soccer

Sports Fall Cross Country

It was the beginning of our long and strong 7th grade Town School soccer season. In the first game we beat Brandeis eleven to nothing. We knew they were not going to be our main competition after that game, but it still felt great to start off the season with a decisive win. That game started off with a cross by Johnny Mrlik and a finish by me for the first goal of our season. This would a successful partnership that would score many goals for Town throughout the season. Our game against Cathedral was much closer, but we came out on top with a score of two to one. In our league we were next matched against the Crystal Springs eighth grade team, but again we came out with a win in a high scoring game for both teams. The goalies did a great job that day with lots of saves, and the offense and defense gave 100%. On the 4th of October, Town played MCDS and went down 4 to 1 in the first half. Town never gave up and ended up tying MCDS, who turned out to be the other strongest team in the league, with a final of 4-4. The final season record for Town 7th grade is 6-2-1. We ended up losing to MCDS in the semi-finals in a hard-fought game. "We have had a great year and we will do better next year" promised Johnny Mrlik who was one of the scoring leaders on the team as well as myself and Noah Springwater. "We had a great season but we came up short" says Witt Deluca, our strong right back defender. Soccer is a great sport and a lot of fun to play with friends and Town 7th will certainly do better next year.



**Congratulations
Town**
for a great
running season!

TOWN'S GREATEST RIVALS

By Johnny Mrlik, '07

"Mostly, all the schools in the ISAL want to play and beat Town because we have been very good for a real long time" says Mr. Cheeseman about Town sports. All of the grades in our school have different rivals. But mostly, all of the opposing schools always want to beat Town. In 7th grade our basketball and soccer rivals are Head Royce and Cathedral. Head Royce has always beaten us in basketball by five points or less, resulting in some pretty exciting competitions. But we are getting pretty fed up with never coming out on top. We know the Cathedral kids really well and it is always a battle when we play them. In cross country our school's rival is Crystal Springs because they always beat us. One of the reasons is because they have better run-

ners, but another one is that they have a track field to run on. Pretty nifty, huh? Different upper school grades have different rivals. The 6th grade soccer team had three other teams in their division, but their real rival was MCDS. Town tied them 1-1. Although Town controlled the ball for the whole game, it still ended up in a tie. That was their only tie. They won every other game. In basketball, the 6th grade will go up against some difficult teams, but we are all pulling for them. The 7th Grade's soccer rival is MCDS. We have tied and lost to them. The 7th grade's loss to them was in the semifinals. Town School's 8th grade has many rivals and you will hear more about them in the next edition of the Town Crier.

A New Holiday?

by Philip Scott, '07



Pink Appreciation Day is not your every day school holiday. It was not started to honor a famous person or celebrate a history-changing event. Pink Appreciation Day was made because one child in KB was made fun of for wearing pink. So early in September, Gabe Ruimy and Graham Abbey went into the kindergarten classroom during 3rd lunch to explain why they themselves wear pink and why there is no such thing as boy and girl colors. Asked later, Graham said that the idea of Pink Appreciation Day is "swell." Upon further questioning he said Pink Appreciation Day was a "bonanza. My lawyer advised me not to share further information," he joked. There are many people in the upper grades at Town School who wear pink. The 7th graders enjoyed talking to the kindergarteners and answering their questions. The visit even moved on to funny conversation with questions such as "When is your birthday?" or "What grade are you in?" We all learned something about ourselves that day. "Pink is gnarly" announced a kindergartner.



Walker's Sister Wows The Crowd

by Walker Willett and Neil Moore, '09

Photos by Jackson Klein, '09

On Tuesday, November 22, Nora Daly Willett came and visited Town School and the 5A class. Daly was born on October 13, 2005. She weighs almost 11 pounds now and was 8 pounds 15 ounces at birth. She likes to watch football games and prefers to be held on a person's arm. McCarthy Willett, Daly's older and Walker's younger brother, said that "her nose is a bump on her face."

The class thought she was very cute and admired her small features. It's hard to believe that we were that small once!



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The total amount raised by the Town School coin drive benefiting Hurricane Katrina victims was a whopping \$ 3,008!



The Town School Thanksgiving Drive raised 57 boxes of food for Cobb School and its neighborhood!

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WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM???

Advice from the Wise...Thousands Ask Laszlo

Dear Laszlo,
I feel that the homework load is far too great for the weekend. I am pressured and stressed in a time that I should be relaxed and happy. I no longer have time to do some of my favorite activities as much as I would like. I think that by reducing the homework load I would do better in my studies and surely have more fun.

- UPSET IN 7B

Dear Upset,
I agree with you that the weekend homework load increases greatly in seventh grade. Try to prioritize and do your most important work first, perhaps even on Friday if you have an especially large amount of homework. However, I agree that the teachers should realize that this is our first experience with so much weekend homework. If any seventh grade teachers are reading this, I hope they understand our situation. The decision is entirely up to the teachers, though.

Elective Focus: Digital Photography

by Hunter Masseau, '10



In Digital Photography we have been making really cool stuff like making photo passes that work like press passes so that we can take pictures around the school and outside. In DigiPhoto, our nickname for Digital Photography, we have learned how to take pictures and use the computer a lot better. We worked on making great portraits and right now we are studying action photography and taking pictures of each other in motion and putting these photos on different layers in Adobe Photoshop to create a funny postcard that we can mail to family, friends or even to ourselves when the project is finished. The school has about 10 cameras for our elective classes, and we started out this fall with Nikon 950 digital cameras that were about 6 years old, bought for the first year Town started a Digital Photography elective. But this semester we were the first class to use 10 new Minolta cameras and we have been having fun exploring and figuring out these great new cameras. The good news is that all of the old cameras are still in good shape so some of the teachers will get to have them in their classrooms.

WRITE FOR THE TOWN CRIER!

We would like to include your news and views. If you have something going on in your class that you'd like to report to us for consideration in this paper or a piece of writing you think would be of interest to our school community, please email Editor Jack Hamm at hamm07@townschool.com and cc Advisor Mrs. Page at page@townschool.com with your story idea.

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American Dad & Futurama: A Glimpse into their Animated Worlds

by Henry Lerdal, '07



Animated television has come along way since The Flintstones. Old sitcoms would focus on simple problems for their humor such as inviting two dates to the same prom, but now they spotlight political issues and involve Hollywood celebrities. Matt Damon was the subject of a now famous episode of American Dad. American Dad is a spin off of the popular show Family Guy. It has been running for almost one year now and is nearing the close of its first season. Futurama, another incredibly popular animated sitcom is a spin off of the popular show The Simpsons.

In American Dad, a man named Stan Smith has a job at the C.I.A. He has a loving family including a wife, a talking fish, an alien, a son named Steve, and a daughter

named Haley. Stan is extremely patriotic and wants his children to be like him. However, there are a couple of problems; his daughter is 18 years old and an extreme hippie, and his 13 year-old son is a big nerd. This results in many hilarious conflicts with Dad as the kids try to be themselves and he continues to try to mold them towards his own beliefs. Roger is an alien who escaped from the Roswell incident, and the reason that Roger lives with the family is because he saved Stan's life. Klaus, the fish, was once a German skier but had his brain exchanged with that of a fish. He now has an unnatural crush on Stan's wife, Francine, who is the model housewife.

Futurama, a show that has been canceled, is now in reruns but still wildly popular. It had five successful seasons airing on Fox. Futurama has a few main characters, such as Bender, Leela, and Fry. Fry is a 21st century man who was cryogenically frozen and woke up in the 31st century. He is very annoying and desperate. Leela is a one-eyed mutant from the sewers who is constantly made fun of. She is very nice to Fry and she is the space captain of the interplanetary delivery company that they all work for. Finally, Bender is an anarchistic robot programmed to bend large heavy things. The company they all work for is called Planet Express and is the only company working on nights and weekends.

Though both shows are very funny and complex, they are both strong in their own ways. Futurama has the more classic taste to it and American Dad is just silly and funny because of the family dynamics and the grave misunderstandings made by Stan and the C.I.A. that he works for.

Both of these shows are good modern animated sitcoms but overall American Dad is much funnier and I recommend it to all comedy fans.



MOVIE REVIEW

Two For The Money

by Brodie Vogler, '07



Matthew McConaughey plays the part of Brandon Lang, a football star who suffers a career ending injury. He receives an offer to go to New York and work for Walter Abrams (Al Pacino), the biggest sport advisor in New York. Rene Russo plays Toni Morrow, the mysterious wife of Walter Abrams. Lang soon realizes that this business which involves a flashy car, expensive suits, and a nice house, is not what it appears to be. This frantic, exciting thriller, directed by D.J. Caruso (Taking Lives), is a must see movie! Keep in mind that this movie is rated R and may only be appropriate for teenagers and above.

FINE WHINES..... by Graham Abbey, '07

Imagine that you are out to dinner and the waitress comes to the table. In my family the first person to order always gets "just water". By making that statement nobody else can get water without feeling like the odd man out. This also applies to dessert. Personally I always would prefer to have a soda or a slice of cake.

Protesting is sometimes necessary but really gets me going. Americans have it so great that we get bored and just have to find something to protest about. Why can't we just chill out? We get three square meals a day, drive cars, watch TV for hours at a time, and are still not content. We get to elect our leaders, for crying out loud! Why don't we just sit back and watch the politicians run the government?

Kids who have really strong political opinions also tick me off. Aside from a few choice kids, if you asked someone why they are a Democrat or Republican they would give you 1 of 2 answers. "My parents like them" or "So how 'bout them Knicks". I know who I think I like but I just don't know enough to not sound like an idiot.