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## Halloween Moved From October to April 1st

By Tori KARGMAN '13

The Livingston Board of Education unanimously approved a proposal last week to move the town-wide celebration of Halloween from October 31st to April 1st after consecutive years of the historic celebration being rescheduled or canceled entirely. The unforeseen snow storm of late October 2011 and Hurricane Sandy in 2012 created war zone-like road conditions, making it dangerous for children to navigate through wires and fallen trees.

"We only have the Livingston students' best interests at heart," explained Pam Chirls, one of the strongest advocates of the proposal and a devoted member of the Livingston Board of Education. "Since we had to cancel the holiday two years in a row, it seems easiest to simply reschedule to nicer weather."

During the 2011 storm trick-or-treating was rescheduled to a later date, and students were able to wear their costumes to school, once class resumed. However, the following year, both the candy-collecting activities as well as parading costumes during the school day were canceled. Students, young and old, were crushed; money spent on costumes, and was wasted.



Image Source: The Atlantic

While parents and board members are thrilled with the new arrangement, saying the warmer weather conditions will add to the array of costume choices available to their children, Livingston students remain unconvinced. With qualms about too much daylight in April for the spirit of Halloween, high school students have already begun to boycott the motion.

"As the student representative for the Board of Education, I try to stand up for student interests," said senior representative Moshe Pasternak. "We want to celebrate Halloween with friends from different towns and feel that spookiness that the holiday embodies. If Halloween is really in April, people will be uninspired."

Livingston students have immediately backed their student representative creating a petition to overturn the board's decision. So far, the "Candy Corn Crusaders" have already received over 120 signatures, with signers ranging from freshman to senior students. The petition is also open to students in Heritage Middle School, Mt. Pleasant Middle School, and the six elementary schools. Additionally, there is a scheduled boycott outside the Board of Education meeting on April 1st.

"We are always looking for more support," proclaimed Pasternak. "Bad weather can ruin roads but it cannot ruin passion." Livingston students will not let the Board of Education rain on their parade.

## New Electives Announced for 2013-2014 School Year

By Jillian GAIER '13

The LHS guidance office has recently announced its intention to do away with some of the school's most popular electives, in order to make room for additional options in the 2013-2014 course guide. Creative Photography, World Film, Study, Chorus, AM Wired, Sociology, and Ceramics will not be offered next year, due to their overwhelming demand. The administration made this decision to prevent complaints from parents that their children did not get into their first-choice classes.

While this may seem like an inconvenience to students passionate about taking the discontinued electives, Principal Stern believes that the scheduling process will run more smoothly than ever before.

"This decision will take some pressure off of the guidance staff, that works all summer long to accommodate kids who signed up for classes that are overbooked," said Mr. Stern. "And besides, I really think the students are going to like the changes we've made to the course guide!"

Mr. Stern would not disclose any additional information regarding the new electives, but further details were leaked from



Members of the hit boy band, N'Sync.

Image Source: Last FM Radio an inside source. A list and description of some of the new additions goes as follows:

1. Sock Puppet Performance  
Students will have the opportunity to create their own sock puppets with diverse personalities, voices, and back-stories. Then, they will produce a short show that displays their creations and talents in the art of ventriloquism. Socks will not be provided. Any students who bring socks that are deemed unsanitary will be asked to leave immediately.
2. The History of N'Sync  
Students will study the evolution of the boy band that took the year 2000 by storm. From "Bye Bye Bye" to "No Strings Attached," there was never a dull moment in the career of these 5 pop-stars. Taught by

Justin Timberlake doppelganger, Mr. Carr.

3. Scuba Diving/Fishing  
This course is divided into two parts, one per semester, students can get a taste of different aquatic activities. Both the scuba diving and fishing components will take place in Littel's Pond behind LHS. Uniform bathing suits will be provided.

4. Farm Techniques  
Were you like me growing up? Did you idolize Old McDonald? Now thanks to LHS' new elective, Farm Techniques, you can learn the same farming methods as the man himself. Some of the main chores that will be introduced include: milking cows,, tending sheep, cleaning a chicken coop, and operating a tractor.

5. Bus Drivers Education  
Students will learn how to maneuver a full-sized, yellow school bus so that they could eventually obtain their Commercial Drivers Licenses. Every morning, students who are enrolled in Bus Drivers Education will shadow a professional bus driver on their journey to LHS.

If you are interested in any of these new electives for the 2013-2014 school year, see your guidance counselor to sign-up!

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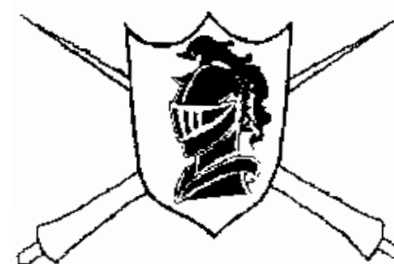
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**THANK YOU, AND HAVE A WONDERFUL...**



# -EBae and AGilz



# Features



## Mr. Trad: Voice of Treason?

By Jana RUTHBERG '13

Say his name, and the entire body at Livingston High School, students and teachers, custodians and coaches alike let out an oh-so-loving swoon of admiration. He is known as exceedingly handsome, stunningly brilliant, impeccably dressed, and not to mention, the most hilarious teacher throughout the school. Those who scoff at him are only jealous that they merely stand in the shadows of the radiant light he emits. When we say, "The Voice of Reason," there is only one name that pops into our heads. Mr. Trad, the be-all-end-all of... well...everything. Or so we thought.

Yet it turns out, the name for Mr. Trad, our shining mentor and all-knowing role model, should merely be "The Voice of Lies." The voice of all that is treacherous, the root of all that is evil. For 12 years in the Livingston School District, heck, for all 41 years of his life, Mr. Trad has played us all the fool.

It turns out, back in Lebanon, Mr. Trad, whose real name is Mr. Bad, was an evil and conniving young boy. An anonymous source, who refuses to be named for fear of Mr. Bad's (Trad's) wrath, stated, "Mr. Bad, could made his strict private school teachers cry with a single glare." The Lebanese liar constantly told his sisters they were fat,



*The flag of Joe Trad's home country, Lebanon.*

*Image Source: www.flags.net*

smashed every bug in plain sight, and left bruises on everyone's arms he met with his powerful pokes. When describing his personality, our source described him as being, "Pure selfishness, that's for sure," a common phrase Trad has adopted as his own, to insult others.

After 18 years of abuse, his small Lebanese village chased him out of town and exiled him to the U.S. They paid for his education at the lowly institution of New York University in order to keep him away for as long as possible.

And it did. Mr. Bad, upon his arrival to

the United States assumed a new identity, calling himself Mr. Trad, and started advertising himself as the "Voice of Reason."

He tricked his classmates, his friends, and worst of all, his students into believing he is smart and hilarious and unbelievably generous, when in reality, he is just a mean, bad, Joe "Trad."

"This crushed me," said Junior Randy Posner, "I held Mr. Trad...I mean Mr. Bad to the level of a celebrity. I loved him. Now? I'm simply crushed."

Forget the Voice of Reason, more like the Voice of Treason.

## Underground Staff Rappers

By: Shivangi KHANNA '13

The Lance Staff was surprised at the LARGE number of teachers who enjoy rapping in their free time! Check out their stage names below:

**Mr. Breschard as  
Dr. Bre**

**Mrs. Mirsky as  
Lil' Mirsk**

**Mr. Jesse Carr as  
Jay-C**

**Mr. Megaro as  
Megatron**

**Mr. McMurry as  
McFlurry**

**Mr. Peklo as  
2-Pek**

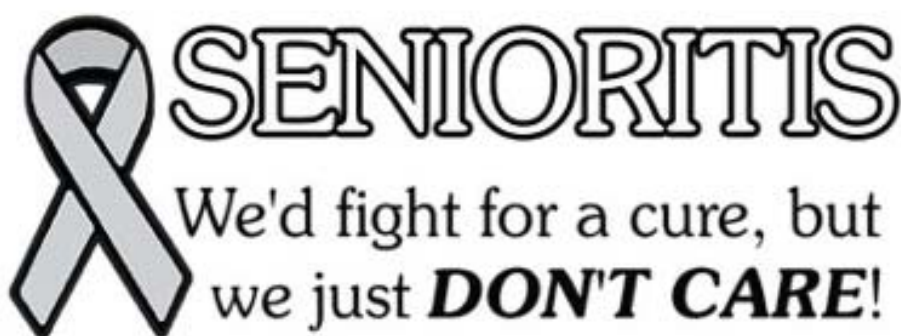
**Mr. McCulley as  
Run DMC**

**Mrs. Alvick as  
Notorious A.L.V.**

**Mr. Munley as  
Munster Cheez**

**Mrs. Rosenzweig as  
Rosen-Swag**

## Senioritis: Sayonara Senses!



*Image Source: myrawrecovery.com*

By: Crystal SONG '14

For years, Livingston High School seniors have drawn upon a litany of excuses to skip out on studying. Now, they might just need a doctor's note.

Senioritis, a disease—known to cause chronic inattention and fatigue during classes—has struck the LHS student body with a vengeance. Believed to be caused by three and a half years of incessant schoolwork, the disease has created virtual zombies out of the entire senior class, who prefer sleeping through Ceramics to studying for calculus.

"It's ridiculous," reported an uninfected senior, Sammy Skwid. "We've

been watching documentaries in class for a week."

Frantic school nurses and local doctors are searching for the roots of this particular strain, which seems to be stronger than most: even teachers in charge of senior classes are slacking. "I'm a second-semester senior teacher," said Mr. McCulley. "Why should I continue to teach? The year is almost over!"

Another anonymous victim put it more succinctly: "I just don't care anymore."

As star students and prized teachers alike while away class time, heatedly debating Oscars winners and weekends marathoning Duck Dynasty, the uninfected wait in

terror, fearing for their lives—and GPAs. Juniors, who have yet to endure AP season and the college application process, worry that this strain of senioritis—which seems to not discriminate between grades—may impact them as well.

Indirectly, it already has: teachers who instruct both juniors and seniors can barely summon the strength to open PowerPoint presentations.

"AP testing is right around the corner. If I don't get all fives, my life is over," fretted one LHS junior Larry Lawbstur. Other students, however, are less concerned and are taking advantage of the epidemic in order to stay home and play League of Legends. The numbers of LHS students "in all grades playing hooky" have risen to "extraordinary levels" in the past two weeks.

Parents are unsure how to react to this outbreak. "I don't know what to do. It takes an hour just to get my son out of bed for school, where he goes to sleep again," a concerned mother stated.

Another dryly observed, "To be honest, not much has changed."

With no known cure, the senioritis outbreak may never end and is expected to spread to its nearby arch rival, Millburn High School.

# Bye-Bye Baseball Team



Image Source: Kona's Korner

By Doug Bresnick '13

The room is dark. An enormous television lies at the far corner of the room, surrounded by an endless sea of chairs. In the other corner, there is a stack of iPods sitting next to a boom-box. But that's not all. Each locker in the room is filled to the top with drinks and snacks, which are available to all. There is no discrimination. So I know what you're all wondering: who does this dream locker room belong to? It's not found in a professional sports complex; it's not a part of a fraternity house; it belongs to the

Livingston Lancer Xbox Team.

"Honestly, I'm happy we decided to

switch from baseball to Xbox," senior gamer Mike Botti exclaimed. "We save a lot of money on Gatorade."

Coach Schroeder, head coach of the old Lancer baseball team, was in complete shock when he entered the place that was supposed to be the team room. He found garbage scattered about the floor and the eyes of who were supposed to be the starters on his team glued to the television screen. Now, he's concerned about whether or not he'll be able to even field a team for this upcoming season. However, the players have no intentions to return to baseball any time soon.

"It's an exhilarating rush: my natural high," said former short stop Nick Striglia, when talking about "NHL 13," his favorite video game.

The boys are looking to enter a competitive tournament at some point in the upcoming future. Although they have grown extremely lazy, it's refreshing to see that their competitive spirit has not been lost.

## "NFL Street" Rankings

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| 1. Doug Bresnick   | 5. Evan Miles    |
| 2. Danny Sullivan  | 6. Alex Haberman |
| 3. Pete Webster    | 7. Mike Cilenti  |
| 4. Jake Beinhacker | 8. Mike Botti    |

# Anthony Newest Honey-Nut Cheerios Spokesman

By Dan Greenstone '13

According to the Associated Press, Knicks' star, Carmelo Anthony, has signed on as the new spokesman for Honey Nut Cheerios.

General Mills CEO, Ken Powell, is enthusiastic about the 6'8" addition to his brand. "Mr. Anthony is perfect; he is a genuine lover of our product and has been for many years—long before he ever became our endorser," said Powell.

Anthony is well-known for being the Knicks' star forward and leading his team to the playoffs in each of the three years he has been in New York.

"I've been eating Honey Nut Cheerios since I was a kid! It's my breakfast every morning and they're extremely sweet and tasty," said Anthony, when asked about the General Mills product.

Mr. Powell also announced an upcoming commercial that will feature Carmelo and his wife, Lala Anthony.

"It's a simple, but genius concept," explained Powell, "Carmelo and Lala will lethargically start the morning eating a bland, disgusting cereal, like [our competitor] Raisin Bran. Then, Carmelo will grab our Honey Nut Cheerios and offer them to

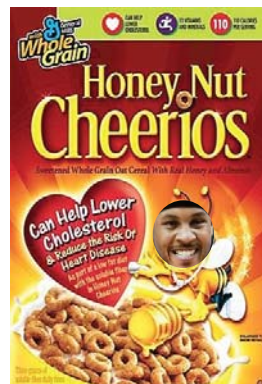


Image Source: Jeff Pearlman and ballislife.com

his wife. The Cheerios will brighten their whole morning!"

"I'm really excited about the commercial," said Lala, Anthony's wife of three years, "My favorite and only line is 'mmmmmm, sweet like honey'."

Anthony's lucrative deal is causing a stir among other NBA players. "Good for Melo", said LeBron James, of Miami Heat, "He could never get on a Wheaties box, but this is nice."

Kobe Bryant, of the LA Lakers, commented, "Is this actually a news story? I mean c'mon Melo's 'ight, but a real man

sponsors Frosted Flakes."

The Denver Nuggets' fan base failed to comment because they are still booing Carmelo from last week's game and have ceased to stop since the former star forced his way out of Denver.

Kevin Garnett, who supposedly argued with Anthony earlier in the season over a box of Honey Nut Cheerios, declined to comment on Carmelo, but said he hopes Lala is able to do a commercial with him one day.

With Anthony as a spokesman, look for sales for Honey Nut Cheerios to increase.

## Spring Sports Updates

By Randy Posner '14



Harry Potter snatches the golden snitch  
Image Source: Harry Potter Wikia

### Quidditch

After a quick stop at Home Depot for broomsticks, the Lancers began practice last week. Captain Johnny Coyne looks forward to grasping the golden snitch for the fifth year in a row, and beating Millburn yet again.

### Curling

The Zamboni is ready to go for yet another sport to hit the ice at Cody Arena. Coach Mary Ann Dellosa is ready for yet another promising season, and ensures that this year she will not slip on the ice in front of everyone for the third time.

### Jellyfishing

Jesse Francione, captain of the squad, has restrung his net and is "pumped" for a great season. Jana Ruthberg, JV fisher is hoping to letter this year, and not get stung in her nostril yet again.

### Shuffleboard

Meeting at the Community Center, the shuffleboard team looks to capture the "Prune Cup" for yet another year. David Strumeyer, the first ever non-senior citizen to make the team, earned captain honors for the upcoming year, and will look to bring some young leadership to his squad.

### Belly Dancing

Coming out of retirement, Mrs. DeProspero is back for another season of Belly Dancing. The competition is fierce this year, with defending champions Seton Hall Prep on the Lancer's schedule.

### Crochet

Basket weaving is so last year. Crochet is the newest sport to hit LHS. Captain Jesse Kirsch will look to lead this young group of weavers to their third first-place finish in the "Fabulous Fabric Festival."