

The Horizon Newsletter

"Our goal as teens of this community is to inform the public in the Triangle area about our generation's view on topics in our world. We hope to connect with others of our age and allow them to voice their opinions on relevant issues. Above all, we would like to encourage our peers to do their part as active members of this society."

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Hello, people of the Triangle Area! Welcome to the first issue of the Horizon Newsletter! We are a group of teens dedicated to changing our community one step at a time. People of our age are so often overlooked for being "too young" to change anything. We believe that anyone can and should have a stake in the society around them. We hope to give a voice to others like us who wish to create a change in their community. With that said, we will be reporting on current events both locally and worldwide, as well as offering up some study tips and other interesting facts. We hope you enjoy!

Local Events

Triangle Oktoberfest (Shrihan)

The 4th Annual Triangle Oktoberfest will be a fundraising event focused on great beer & family fun to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. There will be entertainment from Peak City Sound & The Polka Brothers. Teens are encouraged to attend this event to support people with Leukemia & Lymphoma cancer. The Triangle Oktoberfest will include dog races and many performances by bands such as "The Polka Brothers". There will also be many contests.

Date: 10/6 - 10/7

Where: Cary's Booth Amphitheatre

Contact: 1-800-514-3849

Triangle Heart Walk (Shrihan)

The Triangle Heart Walk is a fundraising event designed to help fight heart disease and stroke. It helps people make a commitment to lead healthier lives. Teens are encouraged to attend and volunteer.

Date: 10/1/17

Where: PNC Arena

Contact: Tori Sancho-Bonet (919-463-8376)

Cary Diwali (Amuktha)

Diwali is a well-known celebration in India and shows the good over evil, light over dark. Cary is bringing the triangle a truly Indian experience. It will include dances, performances, food, art & culture and also eco-friendly fireworks. There are activities for all age groups. This event will allow the Triangle to celebrate their Indian heritage while having fun. Indian teens are encouraged to attend this event.

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2017

Where: Koka Booth Amphitheatre

Contact: Jennifer Hocken (919-460-4963)

Developments in Technology

iPhone X and 8

By: Sumant

The iPhone X is being released on November 3 2017. The new glass back allows for the two iPhones to be wirelessly charged. The iPhone 8 has already been released and can be purchased right now. The X has two cameras and the 8 has a new camera visualization. The 8 is now in stores to buy and get a data plan with. Call your service providers to see if there's a way to get this iPhone 8 or on the Apple website and pre-order an X or an 8.

Academics (Shrihan)

Take a look at these great study tips:

- Use what benefits and supplements your learning style.
- Don't try and cram everything in; space your study sessions out so your brain can retain information.
- STAY MOTIVATED!
- Don't try to fit other activities around studying; instead, set aside a time in the day you will always be able to study in, and use the rest of the time for extracurricular activities.

Great note-taking strategies:

- Pick up main points
- Divide into sections
- Use visual aids
- Use symbols and abbreviations

Entertainment

By: Pranay, Sumant, and Pavitra

1. Wolfenstein 2: The New Colossus



This sequel to 2014's Wolfenstein: The New Order is being developed by MachineGames and it's being published by Bethesda Softworks. Debuting at this year's E3 Wolfenstein 2 became one of this year's most anticipated titles. It's a single player first-person shooter that we here at Horizon can't wait to play.

2. Super Mario Odyssey



One of the more light-hearted titles on this list, Super Mario Odyssey returns to the sandbox style gameplay of Super Mario 64 rather than going for

the classic platforming style of the Super Mario Bros. series or one of its spin-offs like Mario Party. It's one of the most anticipated titles for the Nintendo Switch, so we really hope this new Mario game is good.

3. Assassin's Creed Origins



Releasing two years after Assassin's Creed Syndicate, Ubisoft opted to stop going about their yearly release schedule so that they could make this Assassin's Creed extra good after the last few received mediocre reviews. This Assassin's Creed takes place in Ancient Egypt and puts you in the shoes of Bayek, an Assassin who works to protect the people of Egypt from the threat of the Templars. Can't wait for this one!

4. 10 Cloverfield Lane's Sequel



Although very little is known about this movie (We don't even know the name!), what we do know is that it is going to be a sequel to 2016's 10 Cloverfield Lane which was very well-received by both fans and critics. The sequel will be directed by J.J. Abrams and we hope it is just as good as the first one, hopefully it's even better.

5. Stranger Things Season 2



Taking place shortly after last summer's breakout hit, season 2 of Stranger Things will hopefully be just as good as the first season at keeping us on the edge of our seats. In this season, even though Will Byers was able to make it back from the upside down, he still isn't quite himself. Sadly, this show is only available to people who have a Netflix account

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6. Jigsaw



Jigsaw is the next installment in the saw franchise and the sequel to 2010 Saw 3D. In this movie a group of innocent people are rounded up by a mysterious man and they are forced to play sadistic games. After the appearance of this madman police find evidence linking him to the Jigsaw Killer who died 10 years earlier. This movie isn't shaping up to be all that good, but time will tell.

Source:

<https://www.polygon.com/2017/7/11/15952768/october-27-2017-release-date-games-movies>

7. Geostorm



In this sci-fi thriller directed by Dean Devlin, a satellite designer must race to stop futuristic weather satellites, set place to control the weather, from destroying the Earth. Starring Gerard Butler, this sci-fi action movie is one we here Horizon are dying to see.

Source:

<https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/geostorm/>

8. Happy Death Day



Releasing on October 13, 2017, just about a month after the release of the popular horror movie IT, Happy Death Day is a movie that brings you into the mood of fear and fright. In this movie, Tree Gelbman (Jessica Rothe), a college student, who repeatedly experiences the day of her murder must discover who her killer is if she wants to stop the horrendous chain of events.

News

Racial Issues in Schools

By: Amuktha

As we all know, recent developments in American politics have caused an increase in discrimination based on color, culture, ethnicity, etc. This has always been around in our country, from the Jim Crow laws of 1896, to a more recent influx of white supremacist beliefs. However, it had been mostly restricted to those of older generations, rarely do you see in the news that a teenager is attacking people due to a political/racial bias. It's almost blasphemous that someone could perform such horrific acts, especially at such a young age. This is why many schools have now become a very dangerous place for some students. Children of all ages committing hate crimes against their peers, racial slurs being thrown around casually, and discrimination against other cultures is readily found in some schools. In others, the discrimination against colored students is nearly tangible. The New York Times reported that on August 28th, a group of teenagers attacked an 8-year old biracial black boy for his color, forcing him to hang himself, and nearly die. His 11 year old sister, who was also present, later said that he was "turning purple, and grabbing at his neck". The amount of trauma and suffering that would cause to a regular person, let alone an 8 year old boy, is almost unbelievable. That this act was done by teenagers, the generation set to next run our nation, is even more unsettling. Is this the way the land of the free is supposed to be? A nation started by immigrants, built by immigrants, run by immigrants? But in order to solve this problem, we need to go back to the start. These teenagers were children once, they grew up surrounded by their parents' beliefs, their parents' ideals. They may have been taught, either voluntarily or involuntarily to think differently of people who are different from them. So does this mean it is entirely parents' fault that their children discriminate? No, but it does mean that parents play the biggest part in changing these beliefs. Exposing children to other cultures, and other ways of life at a young age will help them form their own beliefs based on their surroundings, as well as

acclimate themselves to the ever-growing environment that is the American nation.

Hurricane Maria Causes Mass Destruction in Puerto Rico

By: Amuktha

On September 20th, devastation struck our country again, this time in the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico. Hurricane Maria, the third major hurricane to strike the United States in the past 3 months, made landfall at Yabucoa, Puerto Rico as a Category 5 storm. It blazed through Puerto Rico, and made its way up the East Coast to just offshore of North Carolina, where it veered away and weakened into an extratropical cyclone. It caused major damage to almost the entire island, leveling entire buildings, and flooding entire cities. The electric grid was also damaged, leaving all 3.4 million residents without power. Even now, two weeks after the storm, civilians do not have access to clean water or electricity. Part of this is caused by inability to get to danger spots- blocks in the road caused by wreckage are difficult to maneuver, and most times, impossible to cross. Because of this, volunteers and relief workers are unable to get supplies to places that need them. Officials estimate the damage will take nearly six months to recover from, and up to three years to rebuild.

You can donate to relief efforts in Puerto Rico by going to <http://unidosporpuertorico.com/en/> and clicking the "donate" button. Every dollar counts!

There are also lists of other charities working to help Puerto Rico at

<http://www.charity-charities.org/PuertoRico-charities/PuertoRico.html>.

Extracurriculars

By: Pavitra

The Triangle is a great place to get engaged in many activities. Extracurricular activities play a huge part of this area. These activities include volunteering and things that you can do for your community (i.e. clubs, events), and the Triangle area is perfect for this type of engagement. Volunteering is one extracurricular activity you can do. There are many volunteering opportunities, especially this month because of Halloween. Here are some in the Triangle this month:

- Assisting at Safe-n-Sane Halloween.
 - Here, people dress up for Halloween and come for trick-or-treating at the Cary Towne Center mall on Halloween Day.
- Herbert's Haunted House is another opportunity where you can assist at.
 - In this event, Cary Teen Council (a volunteer organization) will take people on a spooky walk into their house of horrors.
- Volunteer at The Harvest Festival.
 - Here, people come to enjoy outdoor games, live-entertainment, and food trucks.
- Miracle Leagues are also great opportunities.
 - Volunteering at a Miracle League means that you serve children and adults who suffer from mental or physical difficulties.

These are just a couple of events from the hundreds of events the Triangle offers. Volunteering organizations include Cary Teen Council, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and the Borgen Project, just to name a few. Another extracurricular activity is to participate in different types of activities. Participating in various clubs, such as book clubs, can help you out. Participating in sports or in sport tournaments is also another extracurricular activity you can do. There are so many more activities and events in which you can contribute to our community. Be sure to check them all out!

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