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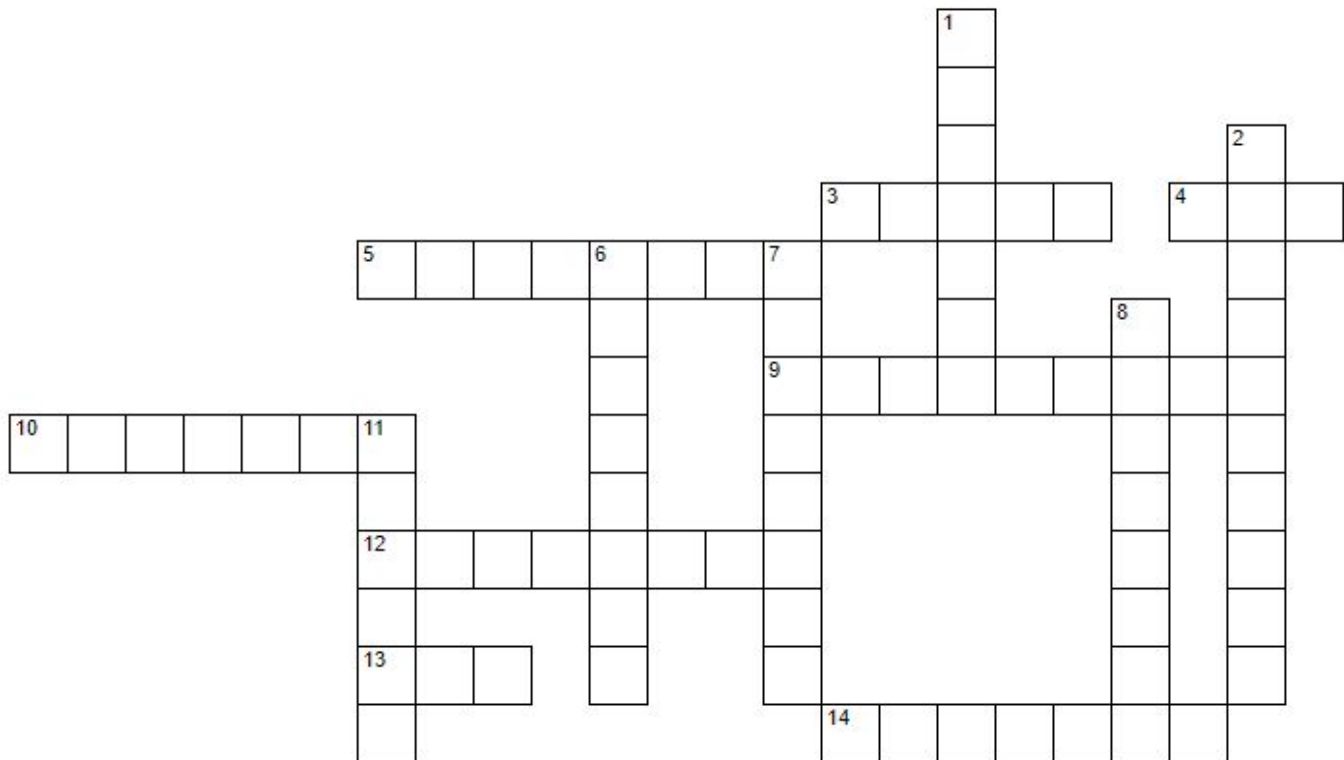
A SPECIAL LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS

Hey Guys!

Hope you have all had a fantastic term and science fair hasn't wore you down too much. Needless to say, the last couple months have been truly incredible. The school year kicked off with a wildly successful orientation at Anvil Island. We enjoyed seeing students of all grades taking on leadership roles through the running of the student-led workshops. The rave-ioactive themed dance was no doubt one for the ages. Soon followed Halloweek. In honour of the spooey season, we hosted pumpkin carving, a mummy catwalk, a skeleton scavenger hunt, topped off with an all-day Scooby Doo marathon. In early December, students escaped to Wonderland. The leadership class put on an unforgettable Prom night for the Mini School. Their hours of hard work and preparation translated into a dazzling evening. A huge thank you to our leadership class and our Prom Chairs! Finally, the term capped off with a holly jolly Winter Week to get the students prepped for the holidays. 501 transformed into a merry winter wonderland. We would like to thank each and every one of you for your non-stop positivity and support and for creating the inclusive, passion-filled, unique community that is Point Grey Mini School. We wish you all a wonderful winter break full of family, joy, and most importantly rest!

Happy Holidays!
Arman and Dayne

A FESTIVE CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 3 This jolly figure is a great gift giver and takes some pretty snazzy photos.
4 A container that probably hides all of Ms. Benson's secrets.
5 "...Why are all the minis crying?" "Oh them? They probably have ____ due soon."
9 This home appliance shouldn't be used to make toast.
10 The 2018 grad skit was based on this movie.
12 The unofficially official Mini sport.
13 "____ tomorrow? Do tomorrow."
14 Three fun-filled days of snowboarding, skiing, and undercooked chicken.

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- 1 Somehow always runs out of paper right when you need it.
2 Minis were transported to this whimsical place for prom this year.
6 People who wore these got candy on Halloween.
7 Almost unanimously the best Mini trip you'll go on.
8 "Now that reminds me of that time where- Wait, I probably shouldn't be telling you guys this."
11 "Ladies and gentlemen, for crying out loud, RELEASE THE ____!"
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HOROSCOPES FOR 2018

Aries (March 21st - April 20th)

Oh no! Your average dropped from a 94 to a 92.8, you will never be able to go to university now! A life of alternative revenue is the life for you, the stars recommend Youtube, where your loud and abrasive personality is conducive to a place in Youtube Rewind. Just be cautious of your fellow star sign, Logan Paul, and avoid trips to Japan. The Aries natural tendency to pursue self, appearance and ego drive will allow you to have many diss battles for subs, while your dynamic and expressive nature will soon have you competing with T-series and Pewdiepie for most subscribers. Life will be fine for you after all.

Taurus (April 21st - May 20th)

Taurus, get moving! Your sedentary nature will be your worst enemy this holiday season, by the time school comes back you'll probably have to run a few 12 laps to get back in shape. Don't worry about your soon to come eggnog belly though, the quickest way to a man's heart is through his chest, and you're booming love life won't suffer in the slightest. Since your star sign is in the house of finance, remember not to be greedy this holiday season as Christmas/Kwanzaa/Hanukkah-afterparty is a time to help the less fortunate. Bah Humduck!

Gemini (May 21st - June 21st)

Phew, that was a close one. Mercury Retrograde effects will have worn off by the time winter break rolls around, thus a successful and fun holiday season is in order. Remember you're wittier than the average bear, if you knock down Santa's sleigh during his tour around the world, don't run, you can talk your way out of it. You are the embodiment of chiaroscuro, nervous and tense or lively and youthful. Thus this winter break, hijack a car and drive to El Dorado so you can be lively and youthful forever. ELIMINATE THE DARKNESS WITHIN This break, find the meaning of Christmas before three ghosts force the message upon you. As a Gemini, you are intelligent enough to discover why Santa died for our sins but too shallow to actually put the time in and discover it.

Cancer (June 22nd - July 22th)

Last Christmas, you gave someone your heart, but the very next day, they gave it away. This year, the stars say don't fear, you'll give it to someone special. Be careful though! As a Cancer, you're at risk of being perceived as clingy or overemotional. As such, this Hanukkah season be sure to give your crush a tasteful gift, instead of the legally binding

marriage contract you originally intended. If you don't, you're at risk of a thank u, next as opposed to thanks for the gift. Speaking of which, if you are up for an award this winter, chances are you'll win if your fellow cancer's Tom Hanks and Ariana Grande are anything to go by.

Leo (July 23rd - Aug 21st)

Uh oh, the House of Gambling is a dangerous house to be a part of! If you have less than a 1/1 bet that you will never miss then do not put money on the bet. In other star news, your holiday will probably follow a similar path to that of the Taurus. You, however, will have more of a broad mind than your bullish brethren. As such, make sure to keep an eye on your bank account this following season. While they are red and white, candy canes do not have much resale value. The stars recommend the supreme candy cane instead.

Virgo (Aug 22nd - Sep 23rd)

Shhhhhh its ok I won't bite, no hear listen, the stars have something to say. Virgo's are extremely introverted, to a crippling point. No, its ok don't run away, here I'm explaining your horoscope. There's nothing to be afraid of, your smart reasonable and reliable, stop being so self-critical. Yeah see no reason to be afraid, don't worry, the stars won't hurt you, the stars are beautiful creatures. This holiday season you will have a great time surrounded by those you love and trust by the fire. Maybe watch some Grinch movies, see a Christmas Carol or two. Listen to some Buble. See that wasn't so bad, no reason to be afraid after all.

Libra (Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)

There would be no Peanut Butter without Jelly, there would be no cookie without milk and there would be no Christmas without Rudolph. It is in a Virgo's sociable nature to find a partner, and oftentimes it can feel like your life isn't complete if you're not in a pair. Something to consider this holiday season, there would still be a Padme without Anakin. Remember to use your massive amounts of charm to your advantage this holiday season. The stars suggest staying up all night to convince Santa to give you all of the presents, and the sleigh to boot. Your urban nature will also benefit you this holiday season, as buying presents for yourself and others are the perfect excuse to spend time downtown

Scorpio (Oct 24th - Nov 22)

This holiday is careful not to get too In Your Feelings. It's God's Plan to have at least an 8/10 enjoyment level on Jesus' Ratchet Happy Birthday. It might be in your emotional nature to scream "I'm upset!" when everyone around you is Emotionless on Christmas morning, looking at you in your tux asking "You got dressed Nice For What?". Your Nonstop need for an Elevated social life will leave you feeling Jaded. Simple comments you make to lighten the mood might cause controversy, and cause you to realize those around you Can't Take A Joke. You might feel you're being finessed by having to spend time with your family, but this holiday season is not about Survival with your relatives. It's about achieving the Peak of family solidarity. Talk up your sibling, After Dark, watch your parent's favorite old movies. Remind your uncle about how he almost made the Summer Games or your aunt about her dislike of March 14th. If you change How You Feel about the holidays, your holidays will go SICKO MODE.

Sagittarius (Nov 23rd - Dec 22nd)

To celebrate or not to celebrate, that is the question, you philosophical fiend. You might be honest, depending on what honesty actually entails in this false truthed world. Does the Hanukkah Cat even exist? These questions and more to ponder in your black turtleneck and silver chain this holiday season. Despite your qualities shared with Camus, your mental state is close to that of St. Nick. A jolly philosopher, perhaps a greater paradox than that of free will?

Capricorn (Dec 23rd - Jan 20th)

The screen is black. You awake in a manger, a crib for a bed. You are now Jesus, your previous life is dead.

Government officials look down on you as you lay, a brand new Jesus, asleep on some hay. You gasp and you panic, you gaze in their eyes, they whisper don't worry, and then they surmise. That world is divided, and you are the one, that government has chosen as God's new son. You sit and you question, why me and why now? You are so driven, we need your bow wow, pragmatic and careful, in pursuit of a goal, your detail oriented with an old little soul. We think your the best candidate to bring hope and cheer, so Capricorn homie put it right here.

Aquarius (Jan 21st- Feb 19th)

This Christmas is a time to get together with family, the friends you can't choose. This means there could be viewpoints from all sides of the political, sporty and media spectrum. No grandma we don't want to play Cards against Humanities again with you. Luckily, thanks to your skills with conversation and your entrenched viewpoints, you will be able to defeat your family's equivalent of Ben Shapiro epic style and become the alpha in your family once and for all. Ooga, Ooga.

Pisces (Feb 20th - Mar 20th)

Honestly, the stars don't know what's going to happen to you this holiday season. Your life is too mysterious, your every move is an enigma. It is impossible to know what your thinking because every brain signal is locked away in a box. Hey, you can tell the stars what you want for Christmas their no snitch. Haha, take off our shirt? Haha, wow this is very, wait no we're not wearing a wire. If you really trusted us you wouldn't ask to see if we were wearing a wire. You know what this is ridiculous, fine be like that. No horoscope for you.

A SPECIAL INTERVIEW WITH ANDREW GUAN

The mini is a school that is filled to the brim with exciting and interesting youths who explore a variety of passions to their fullest extent. There is no student in the school who personifies this mentality and drive for success as much as Grade 10 boy Andrew Guan. But hold on, the gathered masses cry, what is this man's passion that he exemplifies the Oxford English Dictionary definition of what it means to be a mini student? "I watch a lot of Youtube," Andrew exclaims, with the wisdom of a thousand ancient sages. With the amount of knowledge dripping from each word Andrew speaks it could be easy to assume the man is condescending in his Youtube selection. "I watch anything it recommends me." Splendid! The Youtube viewer we need to unite us in these times of strife.

As any man of such character can testify, half the battle is to maintain a routine that benefits mind body and soul. Andrew Guan claims he "is not a god", and his humble daily meal of instant noodles for breakfast, instant noodles for lunch and instant noodles for dinner respects his humble mindset. A man of the people! Huzzah! In true populist fashion, Andrew also partakes in other activities that occupy teenage boys on his trusted PC. video games! How charming. Andrew is a fan of Nintendo, and mains Smeargle for Pokemon and Inkling for Super Smash because he claims they are broken. This is truly the thing that sets Andrew apart from his fellow Mini. Where most minis would see these broken fighters and carry on with their multitudes of after-school activities, Andrew takes the time to spend time with these broken fighters, and work with them until they are fixed.

Being such a good role model himself, is there anybody Andrew looks up to? "I like Jake-, haha no just kidding."

Ahahaha, even in jest Andrew's wit remains supreme! "Elon Musk. He proves that weeaboos can be smart too." A firm defender in human rights? Forget catgirls, Elon, make a factory assembly line so I can have more Andrew Guan!



Andrew Guan, pictured far right

Alas, we don't know what sort of factory line Mr. Guan has in store for us in the future. When we asked him about it, he responded Subway. No Mr. Guan, we aren't doordash, we're your biggest fan! The satchel is for aesthetic purposes only! Andrew was more responsive when we questioned him about which Greek god it was that gave him his Big Guan Energy. "My dad was Zeus and I am Kratos, destroyer of gods!". Lucky us, there are only mere mortals on this staff, Gulp, no haha but for real Andrew none of us are gods. Please put that spear down Andrew, I live to serve and praise, don't, you don't have to hurt me, Andrew, no I don't know too much, haha. Andrew hopes that all grade 8's join band, and if you're an apple user beware! Andrew is traveling to the future to ridicule your technological choices and the house Steve Jobs built in general. Can I get a Motorola up in here? Woot Woot!

Celebrating Shakespeare:

Macbeth

By Phoebe Yoon



Pictured above is the recently remodelled Bard on the Beach logo at the theatre's entrance.

White tents towered over me as I was pushed in with a crowd. As I entered, I sensed a feeling that only exists in a place that's had its years. Established in 1990, Bard on the Beach has upheld a high reputation, setting the bar high for non-profit theatre. As I walked through winding tunnels and thin metal structures, I couldn't help but wonder, 'this is a theatre?' I had been here before but the excitement and curiosity was constant. I walked up some stairs as I looked for my seat: section 4, row F, seat 38. Then I found it. As I sat down and glanced up, the view of the ocean landscape of Vancouver captured my attention instantly.

Eventually the lights dimmed, the commotion slowly dying with it. The back door that separated the world of Shakespeare from ours opened, welcoming the actors. Abruptly, they started to scream with pain and terror as they pounded on a trapdoor beneath them. Confusing, yes, but what a start to *Macbeth*.

Throughout the show I could not help but notice the costumes. In particular, the ones modelled by the three witches: burlap-esque

fabrics layered in various shades. This worked incredibly well in separating the two classes, contrasting them with Macbeth and Lady Macbeth who were dressed in pieces that showed off their high status. I found it worth noting that at night when the nightmares overcame them, they were seen wearing simple beige nightgowns. When reminded of their guilt, they were no longer the queen and the king, but merely people being reprimanded for the terrible acts they had done. It really is a shame that the intense light from outdoors casted a shadow on the actors, making it difficult to appreciate their costumes.

Unfortunately, as a *Macbeth* novice, I found it hard to follow the storyline since I had not read the playbook beforehand. Still, the moments of sadness, greed and happiness were obvious to notice even though I did not understand why they were celebrating or in anguish. Admittedly, if I had read *Macbeth* or its summary beforehand, it would have been much easier to comprehend.

Regrettably, the humour seemed to come and go at uncomfortable moments. As a member of the theatre company at school, I know the pain of reciting a joke and not receiving the reaction you were hoping for. When the audience did laugh however, they were in moments I assume were not originally meant to be comical. The most memorable was when Malcolm learned of his father's death and responded with a plain 'oh'. The audience found the minimized reaction absurdly funny.

Many thanks to the Mini Parent Advisory Council for sponsoring this wonderful experience and of course, much gratitude to Mr. Hamilton for his dedication in organizing this for the students. His words truly express his love for theatre and his desire for young people to experience it:

You're seeing really high level professional theatre; Shakespeare and Elizabethan theatre, right in our backyard... It's a chance to see high level professional theatre in your own city, and hopefully we try to create lifelong learners of Shakespeare in the process.