



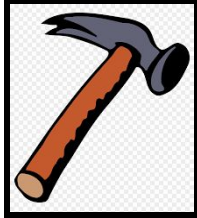
The Talon



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Construction Update



By Chloe Vasseur and Elen Issahhanjan

The construction happening at Skyview is making some students tired and many students hoping it will all end soon. Students have also wondered when this construction will end, and when will the school be good as new. Well now we have answers to some of the most popular questions. We have interviewed our beloved principal Mrs. Mark, and she kindly answered many of our questions.

Q: When will the construction end?

A: 95% of it will be finished after Winter Break

Q: How long has the construction been going on?

A: It has been about four years of planning along with a year and a half of the construction itself. Overall the project has lasted for four total years.

Q: When do the construction workers take breaks?

A: Each company took different breaks. For example, electricians took breaks on certain days and the cement workers take breaks on others.

Q: Has our school ever had "updates" like these before?

A: The only construction that happened while Mrs. Mark was here was when the stage was rebuilt/remodeled.

Q: Do you think the construction will help Skyview?

A: Absolutely, there will be 14 new classrooms, a new gym facility for resistance training, a new art studio, drama and technology classrooms with the latest upgrades, new theater lights, new tables in the cafeteria, new bus loop with no traffic for walkers, new covered area, new kitchen, more office space, more parking for staff, and the cafeteria will be fully remodeled.

Q: What do you think about the new building?

A: I am excited. The new building offers the latest architectural design to support student learning.

Q: What grades will be using the new building?

A: Some teachers have 7th and 8th grade classes as well as 6th grade. There will be clubs for movement and connection as well as after school activities.

Skyview Sports

By Stella Philip and Juah Lee

It is getting cold and rainy, but why not become more active and stay healthy?! Season 2 sports run from November 4, 2019 – January 9, 2020. Season 3 Sports: Girls Basketball 6/ 7&8 and Pep Squad January 20th through March 21st. *Records as of 12/11/2019.

| Sport | Record* | Words from the Athletes |
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| 6th Grade Boys Basketball | N/A | Question: What made you want to join the boys basketball team? Aaron Lim: "I have been playing basketball for a long time, and I really enjoy it... so yeah." |
| 7th and 8th grade Boys Basketball | 7th: 4-1 8th: 5-0 | Question: What's your favorite part of being on the basketball team? Basketball player(7th grade): "I like playing the games, and even though my parents forced me to do it, I really enjoy it." Basketball player(8th grade): "I like playing the games as well, and being here really. I met a ton of great people..." |
| Pep Squad | N/A | Question: What's your warm-up/ routine? Makenzie Maehl: "Well, we all first stretch because we want everyone to be safe, and then we start practicing our dances." |

Comic Strip BY Juah Lee



An Inside Look: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

By Layla Johnson

Skyview's actors and actresses spent months preparing for the Fall play, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. I was lucky enough to sit down with some of the cast and crew as they share their experiences.

Katie Ross, played the main character Charlie:

LJ: Were you nervous before the play and how do you feel now?

KR: I was freaking out! But after I got my first scene over with I felt a lot better and more confident.

LJ: What was the hardest part about being the lead in the play?

KR: Memorization wasn't as hard as I thought it would be mainly because I practiced a lot, but putting myself into the character was probably harder because I've never really done anything like Charlie. It was a little difficult but once I got it down it was a lot of fun!

Now for the stage crews turn!

Here I have Sadie Wright a backstage crew member:

LJ: Were you nervous before the show and how are you feeling now?

SW: I definitely was nervous before but I'm a lot better now! Even though I am in the stage crew it's still kind of nerve racking but still loads of fun!

And now for Willy Wonka! Here is Akal Singh and his view on the play:

LJ: How do you feel about the overall production of the play?

AS: It was great! It was my first play, and I had fun! I think the fun part was working with everyone the stage crew worked really hard and everyone did a great job as well.

LJ: Do you think you became close friends with the people you performed with?

AS: Yeah! I didn't know anybody except for a few people, and now I know almost everybody!

I truly enjoyed watching my peers perform in this play. I am looking forward to seeing the Spring Musical, *Aladdin* (especially the magic carpet). Look out for audition announcements in the spring.

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Ask Bonnie



If you would like to submit a question to Bonnie drop of your anonymous letter in the turn in box in Mrs. Doty's classroom (A105) in the 8th grade hallway.

Dear Bonnie,

I am sometimes bullied and called short because I'm tiny. I don't like it and I'm too scared to stand up to them and tell them to stop... What do I do? *-Short and Scared*

Dear Short and Scared,

First of all, it is never okay for someone to bully you and I am sorry you are feeling this way. Your next step might be to make an appointment with your counselor, this can be done in the attendance office here at Skyview. Your height does not make you any less smart or not a good friend, own it! Let your close friends know what is going on so they can help you if they are around. Be proud of who you are inside and out. You are awesome! -
Bonnie

Dear Bonnie,

All of a sudden my friends started ignoring me and they act like they never knew me. I'm tired of their company and want to make new friends but I don't know how. I'm worried I might not find any new friends because I don't know anyone else. They were my only friends. I am confused about what I should do and I hope you can give ideas.

- Lonely Linda

Dear Lonely Linda,

I'm sorry your friends were mistreating you. I think if you want to make new friends you should recognize the people you noticed were kind to you, then you should reach out to them but don't get too clingy. Give them space to get to know the real you! Then take it from there! Good friendships can sometimes come from places you least expect. *-Bonnie*

Skyview and VSCO- a match made in heaven?

By Isabel Loomis

Hydroflasks, scrunchies, plastic straws, puka shell necklaces, #save the turtles. Sound familiar? You most likely know of the popular social media app, titled VSCO.

The app, VSCO (Visual Supply Company), was created in California in 2011 and "allows users to capture photos and edit them with preset filters and tools. The app lets pictures look like they were taken with a film camera," (*Google*).

However, its original intention has been hijacked by what we know to be VSCO girls and/or VSCO boys. Something you have probably seen around the halls of Skyview Middle School. This article asks Skyview's very own students to examine the side effects and trends.

Charlotte Buholm 6th Grade (VSCO)

Me: What is your general opinion on VSCO?

Charlotte B: They're kind of annoying but I'm one myself.

Me: Do you think the trend will stick around?

Charlotte B: Yes.

Me: How much longer do you think it will be popular?

Charlotte B: About 2 months.

Larisa Carlson 6th Grade (Non-VSCO)

Me: What is your general opinion on VSCO?

Larisa C: It's an odd trend!

Me: Do you think the trend will stick around?

Larisa C: Yeah, because memes and trends stick.

Me: How much longer do you think it will be popular?

Larisa C: 2 or 3 years.

Isabelle Smith 7th Grade (VSCO)

Me: What is your general opinion on VSCO?



Isabelle S: They're wrongly judged.

Basketball player 7th Grade (Non-VSCO)

Me: What is your general opinion on VSCO?

Basketball player: I dislike it.

Me: Do you think the trend will stick around?

Basketball player: Nope

Me: How much longer do you think it will be popular?

Basketball player: A month

John Bowen 8th Grade (Non-VSCO)

Me: What is your general opinion on VSCO?

John B: I don't like it.

Me: Do you think the trend will stick around?

John B: Yes because they think it's cool to be VSCO.

Me: How much longer do you think it will be popular?

John B: About 2 years

Elen's Cooking Corner

Curated by Elen Issahhanjan

I have always LOVED cooking and baking. I am excited to share delicious recipes with all of you in each issue of *The Talon*. I will be linking all the websites so you can make these delicious treats at home too!

Peppermint Cheesecake

Cheesecake Ingredients:

- 3 8-ounce bars of cream cheese (softened)
- 1 cup of sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1/4 cup of sour cream
- 1 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 cup Crushed candy canes (if wanted you can add more)

Crust Ingredients:

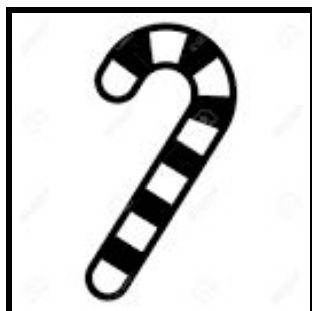
- 1 sleeve graham crackers, finely crushed in blender
- 5 tablespoons melted butter
- 1/4 cup of sugar
- pinch of salt

Topping Ingredients :

- Whipped cream
- Crushed candy canes

Cooking Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 325° and grease an 8" or 9" springform pan with cooking spray. Wrap bottom of pan with aluminum foil and place on a baking sheet.



2. Make cheesecake filling: In a large bowl using a hand mixer or in a stand mixer using the paddle attachment, beat cream cheese and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, then sour cream, flour, peppermint extract, and salt. Gently pour in crushed candy canes.
3. Make crust: In a large bowl, mix together graham cracker crumbs, melted butter, sugar, and salt. Press mixture into prepared pan.
4. Pour filling over crust. Bake until the center of cheesecake only slightly jiggles, about 1 hour 30 minutes.
- 4.5. If you want to bake the cheesecake in a water bath, wrap bottom of pan and place in a deep baking pan. Pour in enough boiling water to come up halfway in the baking pan.
5. Turn off heat, prop open oven door, and let cheesecake cool in oven for 1 hour, then remove aluminum foil and refrigerate cheesecake in pan until firm, at least 5 hours and up to overnight.
6. Add whipped cream along the border of cheesecake and sprinkle with crushed candy canes after.

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