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All 22 inductees to Memorial's NJHS took a pledge committing themselves to the organization and its message.

EDITOR'S NOTE

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Dear Readers,

We know that the school closure has been hard for all the students, parents, and teachers, but the newspaper staff has continued to work hard to publish this issue. This month's newspaper was put together through Google Classroom, a feat that required tremendous effort and responsibility from both our staff and our supervisor, Ms. Ament. Many of the articles in this edition talk about the current state of the country and the coronavirus pandemic, but they are unique because they are explored through students' perspectives. During these hard times, it is important we remain hopeful, and we hope this edition of the Memorial Times helps to brighten your day a little bit. Our staff has shown incredible flexibility because of the current situation and the fact that we cannot be in school to help each other. All in all, enjoy this latest edition of the Memorial Times and we wish you safety, strength, and happiness!

National Honor Society Induction

MEMORIAL SCHOOL

22 students were recently invited to be inducted into Memorial School's first chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. After completing a lengthy application process, a faculty committee reviewed the applications, and chose to accept these students based on their leadership, community service, school activities, and other recognitions.

On April 24, students viewed a virtual induction ceremony in which an overview of the honor society and its expectations were given. Students will have to complete a total of 4 community service hours before the end of the school year, as well as participate in the

group service project which includes spreading messages of hope and gratitude to the students, faculty, essential workers, and small businesses within the community.

Memorial School would like to send a big shoutout to these students who show great qualities in regards to scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. As Memorial Principal, Mrs. Barreto wrote in her induction ceremony remarks, "Being inducted into the National Junior Honor Society is an enormous accomplishment and responsibility equally." We are all certain we will see great things from these students.

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QUARANTINE ACTIVITIES

5 Tips to Staying Sane During Isolation

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The coronavirus outbreak has crept its way all across the globe affecting people's health in a devastating way. However, its effects are not limited to physical symptoms; the coronavirus has affected many people mentally rather than physically. All activities are stopped, the economy is shut down, and people are constantly bombarded with a barrage of information about death tolls, a shortage of ventilators, and other horrific realities. All this can be very stressful to people and take a toll on them. It is imperative that we as a society stay hopeful and continue to reach for the light at the end of the tunnel. We must stick together, albeit six feet apart, and have faith that the amazing heroes on the front lines and those working from behind the scenes will pull us out of this temporary crisis. Moreover, we must jump at the opportunity to do whatever we can to aid in the relief efforts, even if it is as simple as acknowledging and following social distancing guidelines. Here are five tips to stay sane while isolated at home:

- 1) **Make your personal playlist immediately!** - Listening to your favorite songs can help you get through school work, chores, or just the day in general! They will put you in a good mood and actually help you focus on your school work, especially math, because studies have shown that music and math are a match made in heaven. Just use any music app or play mixes on platforms such as "Youtube" so that you have a specialized music experience tailored to your taste.
- 2) **Make lists every day!** - Making lists can really help you be organized, especially at a crazy time like this. Just putting trivial things such as "make bed" and checking them off can really help your psyche feel in control. You do not have to write them down, but it helps to.
- 3) **Participate in virtual hangouts (even if you don't want to)! –** Due to coronavirus, classes, work, and interactions with friends have become mostly virtual. It may not be your first choice to spend your hour in a "Google Hangouts" or "Zoom" session that was organized by your class though, because you don't want to show your pajamas or you would just rather sleep. However, seeing your teachers, classmates, and friends or just hearing their voices over a virtual platform can help you not feel so isolated. What's more, it will really benefit you if you actually participate.
- 4) **Do a substantial amount of exercise and get at least a few minutes of fresh air every day!** – This one is crucial to survive isolation. Do exercise in the house such as yoga, circuit training, jumping rope, or other exercises. There are tons of videos online to help you find the right workout for you. You do not have to do much every day, half an hour a day is perfectly fine. Tune in to your playlist to make your workout fun. Also, go outside every day for at least a few minutes. You can go for walks, runs, or bike rides but remember to stay safe. Follow social distancing guidelines, clean all surfaces you touch as well as your hands, and wear a covering on your mouth if it is necessary.
- 5) **Throw yourself into learning a new skill (or skills)! –** Staying at home gives us a lot of time that we never really had before. Use this time to broaden your skill set. Finish that project you have been working on forever. Complete the book that you've always wanted to read. Bake a pie if you want to! There is always something to learn and there's no time like the present to learn it.



I hope you find these tips to be useful and at least remotely enjoyable. Make sure to be nice to those around you because the last thing you want is to be involved in useless fights during these stressful times. Send good thoughts to those fighting the virus and those working hard to defeat it. Hard times will pass and keeping in good spirits now, will just make the good times even better.

QUARANTINE ACTIVITIES

Video Game: Dragon Quest

MOHAMMED ABUALOUF

Hero, a character hailing from the *Dragon Quest* line of games, was introduced to *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate* as the second DLC fighter on June 11th, 2019. He comes from one of the most prosperous games ever, *Dragon Quest* and is a very controversial character.

To explain what this game is to people unaware of *Dragon Quest*, the first game was introduced to Japan by Yuji Horii on May 27, 1986 and sold over 76 million copies! It is considered one of the first Japanese Role Playing Games. Also, all of the art comes from Akira Toriyama, the same designer for *Dragon Ball*.



Hero comes to *Smash Bros. Ultimate* equipped with a ton of weird and quirky moves. This has caused his position in the competitive community to be heavily questioned, though fortunately people have come to agree that he is perfectly viable. Hero is everything great and horrible about role playing games in one character. His movement options are average at best, and even lackluster. His normal attacks are nothing spectacular and can leave you vulnerable. At the same time, though, his gimmicky moves are absolutely amazing when the cards are in your favor, and can win you games very easily. Hero can allow you to have the absolute most fun you can have in this game. He may seem like the best character in the game in Twitter clips, but the flaws will start to show when playing him in tournament. However, if you can overcome these difficulties with movement, then go straight ahead and play him! Embrace the janky moves, grab the randomness by the reins, and ride off into victory!

QUARANTINE ACTIVITIES

Video Game: Tank Mechanic Simulator

PATRICK RYAN

Tank Mechanic Simulator was released on February 24 and in my opinion, is one of the best games I own. The reason why I like this game so much is that it gives you the opportunity to repair tanks, test drive them, and test out all the capabilities of the tank in a practice range. The list of tanks so far is the T-34/75 and 85 models, the KV-1 and 2, the M4A3E8 Sherman Easy Eight, the M26 Pershing, the M10 Wolverine, two models of the Panzer III, a Panzer IV, a Panzer V, Tiger I, and a Panzer VI Panther. As you can see, there is a wide range of tanks to explore.

In addition to exploring these tanks, there are two types of tanks that you fix for minimum rewards. I highly suggest doing the bare minimum of work on these as you do not get any fulfilling rewards for fully repairing them. You essentially dig out the tanks, repair them, test them, and then place them in a museum or sell them for profit.

All in all, the game is great with no major bugs. The core gameplay can be a little repetitive especially during quarantine. However, I cannot wait for more tanks to be added!

CELEBRITIES HELPING OUT

NBA Stars are Lifting Spirits and Giving Back Amid the Coronavirus Outbreak

KAITLYN AMANULLAH

The National Basketball Association has postponed their season until further notice because of the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus. Each player has a different opinion on when the season should come back, if there should be fans, amongst other things. However, many players aren't worried about it. They know the effects that the virus will have on so many people and families, so they have decided to help out. Some examples include:

Kevin Love:

Cleveland Cavaliers player Kevin Love is trying to relieve some of the stress that workers have by donating money. To explain, Love donated \$100,000 through the Kevin Love Fund to the workers of the Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse where the Cavs play. This money will go towards paying the people that work at the arena because they are currently out of a job. He announced this

action on twitter where he said that the reason for his donation was, "I'm concerned about the level of anxiety that everyone is feeling." As you can see, Love's donation of \$100,000 will benefit a lot of people that are struggling during this time.

Zion Williamson:

New Orleans Pelicans player Zion Williamson is incredibly grateful for "The people of New Orleans [that have] been incredibly welcoming and supportive since I was drafted by the Pels last season" and wanted to give back. So, he is covering the salaries of the workers at the Smoothie King Center for one month. This is where the Pelicans home games are played. He announced this on twitter and explained that his mother told him to always be respectful and grateful with what you have and he knew that this was

the right thing to do. In conclusion, the fact that so many people know that they will have a salary is very helpful and will ease anxiety over this time period.

Bismack Biyombo:

Charlotte Hornets player Bismack Biyombo's home country the Democratic Republic of Congo is also struggling with the Coronavirus outbreak, and he wants help out. He tweeted, "Seeing my home country suffer in this capacity is devastating" and that they have never experienced something of this magnitude. Furthermore, over one million dollars worth of medical supplies donated by the Bismack Biyombo Foundation that he runs. This includes 10,000 face masks and 780 hazmat suits. To end, Biyombo's donation of medical supplies will for sure help the people in his home country and hopefully save lives.



Jersey 4 Jersey was a benefit concert to raise money for the New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund. The benefit raised over 5.9 million dollars.

CELEBRITIES HELPING OUT

Jersey 4 Jersey Benefit Concert

AVA BEIRNE

On April 22, at 7 p.m., actors and musicians born in New Jersey came together to perform "Jersey 4 Jersey," a benefit concert to raise money for the New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund. Bruce Springsteen, Jon Bon Jovi, Halsey, Danny DeVito, and more entertained viewers for an hour. They performed at their houses over Zoom. Not only did they raise money, but they paid tribute to first responders, business owners, and most importantly the people fighting Covid-19.

During this event, celebrities born in New Jersey sang songs and told stories. Bruce Springsteen was the opening act. He sang "Land of Home and Dreams" with his wife. He also performed a song he wrote about the pandemic called "Do What You Can." Next up was Danny DeVito who talked about his life growing up in Asbury Park, NJ. Charlie Puth sang a song called "Smile" while Halsey sang a song called "Finally Beautiful Stranger." Later on, Bruce Springsteen sang "Jersey Girl." Other guests included Tony Bennett, SZA, Chris Rock, Whoopi Goldberg, Chelsea Handler, Kelly Ripa, and John Stewart. There were also segments featuring front-line workers and New Jersey citizens affected by the pandemic. Governor Phil Murphy and his wife Tammy, even made an appearance. It was a great event that lifted the spirits of all viewers.

"Jersey for Jersey" was viewed by more than 2 million people in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. The benefit raised over 5.9 million dollars. Not only was the concert entertaining, it was a great way to earn money for those affected by Covid-19. It was heartwarming to see so many people join together to support and help those suffering.

CULTURAL

Ramadan

AAAYAAN MALIK

You might be wondering what Ramadan is? Well, Ramadan is the most sacred month of the year in Islamic culture. Muslims observe the month of Ramadan, to mark that Allah, or God, gave the first chapters of the Quran to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) in 610. During Ramadan, Muslims fast, abstain from pleasures and pray to become closer to God. Ramadan is special.

A great part of the history of Ramadan depends on ancient Islamic folklore. According to the Islamic texts, Ramadan began with Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), the founder of Islam who was born in 570 CE in the Arabian city of Mecca. Orphaned at a young age, Prophet Muhammad was reared by his uncle Abu Talib. Gradually Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) began to be dissatisfied with his life in Mecca. Having an idealistic and religious temperament from his very early days, he retreated to the caves in the surrounding mountains of Mecca for meditation and reflection. According to Islam, one night during the month of Ramadan in the year

610 A.D. when Prophet Muhammad(peace be upon him) was 40 years of age and was passing the month in meditation in Mount Hira, he had a vision of an angel appearing before him. This angel introduced himself as Jibril and revealed that Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was the messenger of Allah and was born to be a prophet to his people.

‘Eid ul-Fitr’s a Muslim holiday that marks the end of Ramadan celebrates the conclusion of the 29 or 30 days of dawn-to-sunset fasting during the entire month of Ramadan. This is a day where Muslims around the world try to show a common goal of unity. It is a day of recognition of God. Eid al-Adha, which in Arabic literally means the "festival of the sacrifice", commemorates the story of the Muslim Prophet Ibrahim's test of faith. Muslims believe Ibrahim was commanded by God to sacrifice his son, Ismail. Tradition holds that God stayed his hand, sparing the boy, and placing a ram in his place. Eid



Happy Ramadan from the Memorial family to yours.

means happiness. Eid teaches you to laugh and love. There are two major Eids, or holidays, that are celebrated by Muslims worldwide. Each of these have many names, but they are most commonly called Eid al-Fitr, the Festival of Breaking Fast, and Eid al-Adha, the Festival of the Sacrifice.

VIRTUAL LEARNING

My Feelings on Virtual Learning

AMY MOYA

When our school was warned that we might close because of the coronavirus, I wondered what we would do. My first assumptions were either they give us work, we make up the time we miss, or online school. We ended up using choice boards for the first few weeks, where we picked one activity per day for each subject. For specials, we did one or two activities per week. It was pretty simple and easy to understand, so I did it. I liked virtual learning, but it was easier than normal classes. I missed my classmates and teachers and was often bored at home when done with my work.

After spring break, we took a different approach. The teachers posted lessons on google classroom for us to follow. We now take tests and quizzes as well. I like this, but it took me longer than it did with the choice boards, most likely because we are learning entire lessons. While we are moving forward with our education, I still miss my classmates and am bored when done with the lessons for the day. I think how we are doing virtual learning now is going well.

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