

# THE MEMORIAL TIMES

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### HEADLINE NEWS



## Virtual Learning

Ms. AMENT



## EDITOR'S NOTE

ERIN RYAN

Hello and welcome to the Memorial Times Newspaper 2nd edition. I am so grateful to be the editor of this year's newspaper. The newspaper club is very different this year as compared to the other years where we could go and meet in person and discuss our ideas together and work together. This year we have been meeting over google meets and working through our google classroom. Although it is hard, we are still working our hardest to put out a great newspaper for everyone to read and enjoy. Everyone's writing has improved so much compared to last month's edition. I thank everyone who is in this year's newspaper club with the circumstances of being virtual. Keep up the great work, and let's have a great newspaper club for the rest of the 2020-2021 school year!

In an effort to protect the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, Woodland Park Schools switched to all remote learning on November 10th. All schools are closed for in-person learning. It is anticipated that our schools will return to in-person learning on December 11th.

During remote learning, students will participate in live Google meets everyday and instruction will continue as close to usual as possible. Students are expected to sign in to school on time each morning and for every class.

Please note the following schedule for these online classes:

- Period 1** - 8:30am-9:10am
- Period 2** - 9:12am-9:52am
- Period 3** - 9:54am-10:34am
- Period 4**: 10:36am-11:16am
- Period 5** - 11:18am-11:58am
- Period 6** - 12:00pm-12:40pm
- LUNCH BREAK** - 12:40pm-1:35pm
- Cycles** - 1:35pm-2:15pm
- Small Group** - 2:15pm-2:58pm

All students will attend the core subjects before lunch. This includes science, social studies, language arts, and math. After lunch, students are expected to sign back in to complete cycle classes. This includes music, spanish, gym, financial literacy, art, and STEM.

Small group instruction time is also scheduled in the afternoon. It is imperative that students attend small group instruction time as assigned. During this time, teachers meet with students for various reasons. Some students need additional support, some need enrichment and still others just participate in check in time for a question/answer session. It also provides time for the students who just need someone to talk to or just want to say, "Hi!". We are all in this together and need to support each other in order to have a fun and successful school year!

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## NATIONAL NEWS

## Joe Biden Wins the 2020 U.S Presidential Election!

JOAQUIN VILA

Joe Biden is our 46th president! With 290 electoral votes, he won the 2020 Presidential Election. Joe Biden was the vice president to former President Barack Obama who was considered by many, as an amazing president who possessed good values and knew how to lead the nation. Joe Biden will be the oldest president to date.

Biden's running mate, Kamala Harris, will also set a first. She is the first woman Vice-President. Not only is she the first woman, but she is also of an immigrant parent who is from India and her father was African American.

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris made amazing victory speeches and inspired people around the nation. Meanwhile, current President Donald Trump has yet to accept the fact that he lost and is filing lawsuits in Georgia, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and request a vote recount in Wisconsin. Donald Trump has not made a concession speech or even acknowledged the fact that Joe Biden will be inaugurated as our new President on January 20th. This is typically customary of the losing party. For now, most people believe that Biden is definitely our new President but time will only tell.



## POETRY CORNER

KATHRYN RYAN

### Thanksgiving Ghost

The last piece of pie is gone.  
 How did it disappear?  
 The bowl of delicious stuffing.  
 Had also vanished, I fear.  
 It happens each thanksgiving.  
 When leftover goodies flee.  
 And each of us knows the responsible one.  
 Couldn't be you or me  
 The only way it could happen.  
 Is rarely diagnosed.  
 It must be crafty, incredibly sneaky.  
 Still hungry Thanksgiving Ghost?



## LOCAL NEWS

## Woodland Park Hit Hard with COVID-19

MS. AMENT

As reported by our Mayor, Keith Kazmark, Woodland Park has been hit hard with numerous cases of COVID-19. He stated in his most current letter to the townspeople, "We realize that virus fatigue has set in. People are tired. We get it. But things are heading in the wrong direction. Passaic County has seen the most severe spread state-wide this past week, adding 32.8 cases per 10,000 residents - a 73% increase over the week prior. Unfortunately, Woodland Park had **75 NEW** cases in a week - the highest ever. Based upon the ages of those infected, we believe the spike came from Halloween. With the holiday season coming, this risk will only increase."

Please remember to stay vigilant and use these safety precautions as shared by the school nurses earlier this week:

1. Wash your hands often. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a

public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

2. Avoid close contact. Inside your home: Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If possible, maintain 6 feet between the person who is sick and other household members.

3. Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others. Everyone should wear a mask in public settings and when around people who do not live in your household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

4. Cover coughs and sneezes. Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. (continued on page 3 - **VIRUS UPDATE**)

## Virus Update (cont.)

5. Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.

6. Monitor Your Health Daily. Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.

7. Protect Your Health This Flu Season. It's likely that flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will both spread this fall and winter. Healthcare systems could be overwhelmed treating both patients with the flu and patients with COVID-19. This means getting a flu vaccine during 2020-2021 is more important than ever.

### LIFE STYLE

## Happiness in Baking!

AMAYIAH PENA

Do you like to bake? Baking is a type of cooking, a hobby developed by many and a creative outlet. Baking usually consists of using the oven, sometimes the stove and can be very therapeutic. Many clinical psychologists have expressed that cooking can be a great stress reliever. Baking can be part of family or holiday traditions. You can bake many different food items, such as cakes, muffins, cookies, pies, and much more.

The best thing about baking is that you get to eat what you make. You can also decorate the goodies you make with icing or whatever you desire. You can always make any dessert-no matter what season or holiday it is! They will never go out of style, and they will never be old fashioned. They will always be delicious and easy to make. Now, go on and get those creative juices flowing by getting down to bake that recipe you have wanted.



### SCHOOL NEWS

## Thanksgiving Donations

AVA BEIRNE

Woodland Park Schools hold a Thanksgiving food drive every year. Students in each school are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items which are distributed to families in need. This year, however, due to Covid-19, the district is doing a gift card donation instead. Students are asked to purchase gift cards to supermarkets like ShopRite or Aldi's.

Donations are to be dropped off to the main office of each school at anytime. The food drive is held to give people who don't have a lot of money help purchasing food. To continue the tradition, we will donate these gift cards to people in need. Most of the donations will go to families in our Woodland Park community. This has been a yearly tradition for a while, and it will likely continue for many years to come.



ENTERTAINMENT

# Grey's Anatomy: The Cure to Your TV Boredom!

AMY MOYA

Grey's Anatomy is an extremely popular series that is highly rated by several film critics. This show is highly recommended by others and can be watched on Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime Video, and several other platforms. It contains 16 seasons at the moment, and a 17th one is set to be released this month!



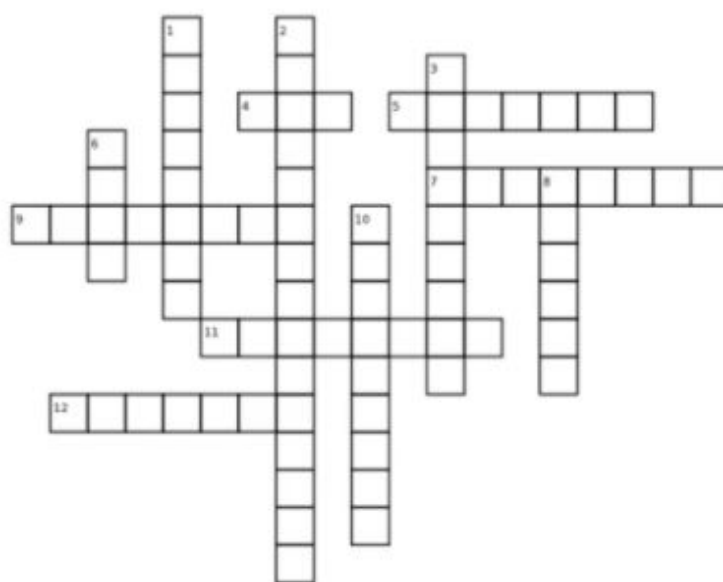
The popular American television series, Grey's Anatomy, is based off of multiple doctors' and work lives and experiences combined into one plot and storyline. It first aired on March 27th, 2005, and has very good ratings from critics due to the immense suspense, drama, and excitement. This show is focused on the lives of aspiring surgeons, attendings and residents as they strive to develop into professional doctors while facing other conflicts, such as maintaining personal and professional relationships. The first season begins with 5 interns who are competing for the top spot. As the years pass by, they are all struggling to survive. In fact, some of the characters even end up passing away. In the most recent season, which is the 16th one (**Spoiler alert!**) the series leaves us off with only one out of five original interns, who is Meredith Grey. She earned the impressive title of being one of the top doctors in the entire world.

As mentioned previously, Grey's Anatomy is a noteworthy series that I would definitely recommend watching! You will not regret the time spent watching it, I assure you that much. But as for now, who knows what plot twists will hit us in the next season?

## PUZZLE CORNER

GONZALO VILLA

### November Time!



Down:

- 1. the term used for the majority of the Western Hemisphere
- 2. an annual holiday celebrating the blessing of the last year
- 3. the ship in which pilgrims sailed
- 6. synonym for Autumn
- 8. a bird that is usually eaten during Thanksgiving
- 10. the lower joint of a cooked chicken

Across:

- 4. a sweet potato
- 5. process of gathering crops
- 7. a popular American sport that uses a ball made of pigskin
- 9. people who fled religious persecution and sailed the Mayflower and founded Plymouth Massachusetts
- 11. 11th month of the year
- 12. a large round orange fruit

SPORTS

# NFL Season Mania

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JASON SYNDER

As the NFL season kicks off there have been many changes due to Covid - 19. There are numerous protocols assigned to all the teams and if not followed, there are fines to pay. Some of these protocols include wearing a mask and having to socially distance from others. The fines can range from hundreds to even thousands of dollars.

This season has already been off to a crazy start. We are currently in Week 9 of the season and Covid-19 has changed many things for some teams. In the beginning of the season, the Tennessee Titans were fined because of how many cases of Coronavirus they had on their team. Now, thankfully, in Week 9, they have not had a case of the virus in over a month.

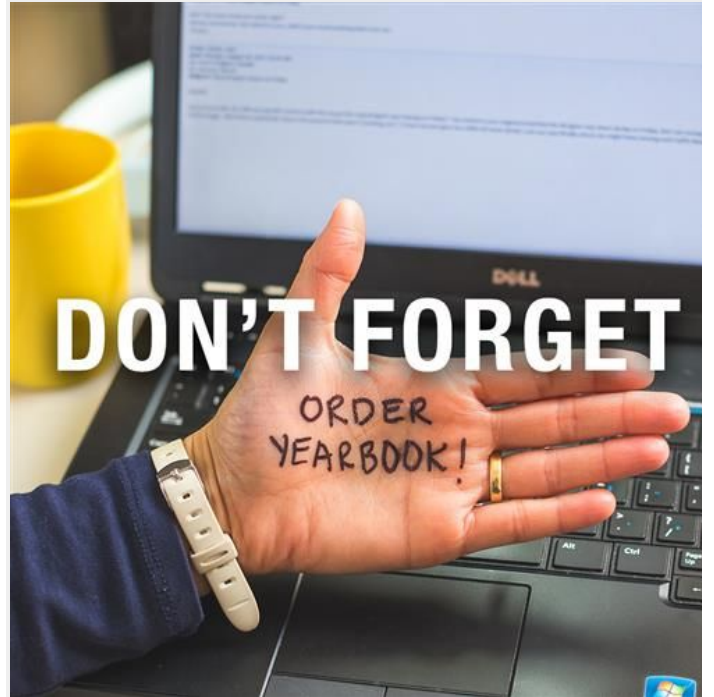
Coronavirus aside, the season has been an exciting one to say the least. There were eight undefeated teams but slowly and surely these teams were defeated. Currently, there is just one undefeated team - The Pittsburgh Steelers. Nobody can beat them so far. They are 8 - 0 .

This season had its ups and downs and hopefully everything gets better and everyone stays safe. Everyone in New Jersey and New York are hoping that the Jets and Giants do better. Currently, they rank as the lowest teams in the league. The Giants have a record of 2 - 7 while the Jets are 0 - 8. Hopefully, over time, these two teams will find their stride and get better.

No matter what, this season has definitely been impacted by the pandemic but luckily, the NFL is continuing to play and we can continue to enjoy these games.



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Woodland Park Special Needs Advisory Committee



Parent to Parent Support Group

This is an opportunity to meet other parents and discuss how you're feeling and dealing with distance learning.

If you would like to join us for a ZOOM meeting on Tuesday December 1, 2020 at 7 pm, please send an email to [WPSNAC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WPSNAC@GMAIL.COM)

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Pickup will be on December 12 only,  
 Pickup Location:  
 7 Hillcrest Ave  
 Woodland Park,NJ  
 Between 1pm and 4pm

Spread the word tell your family and friends.

STUDENT LIFE - OPINION

# Smile for the Camera!

ANTHONY BILLSON

JONATHAN HERRARA

We are taking different steps to stay safe and keep our traditions. Covid-19 is changing how we do things but it's not stopping us.

School photos this year looked a little different than in past years. Each of our schools had a photographer from Picture Perfect Photography set up a station outside with a green screen. We were lucky to have good weather on all picture days.

The in person students had their photos taken during the school day. They went outside, keeping social distancing in effect. Students waited in line 6 feet apart with their masks on waiting for their turn.

The virtual students had a schedule to follow in the afternoon on when to arrive for their photos. However you were allowed to go at any time if it was more convenient.

The big difference this year was group photos were not taken. We are not allowed to sit that close to each other. The school hopes in the spring we will be able to take a group homeroom photo.

If we cannot stand next to each other then maybe we could stand 6 feet apart and have a drone take our photo. I am sure we will come up with unique ways to capture moments of this school year and have these photos in our yearbook.

Not having a group photo also means the Teachers and Staff did not take one either. That photo always appears in our yearbook. Maybe the Teachers and Staff can send photos of themselves wearing masks for our yearbook. We have to get creative.

School photos will be available shortly.



## COMICS

ERIN RYAN

