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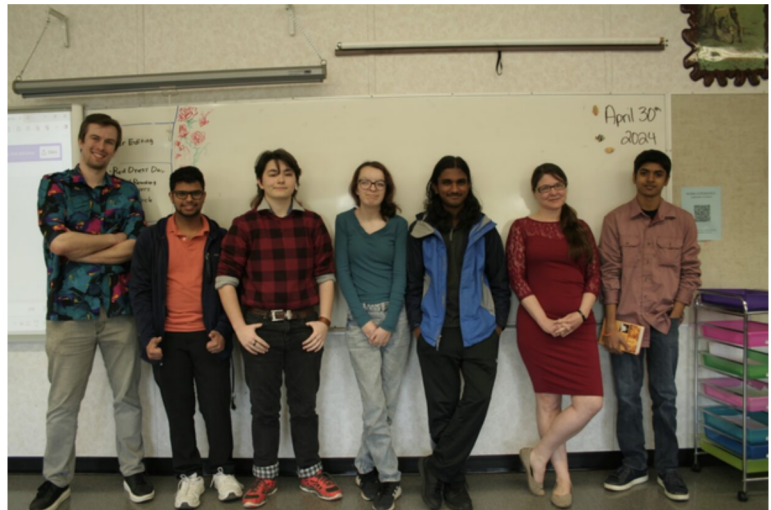
From MSS students, we present to you the MSS Gazette!

ABOUT US

Thank you for opening the first issue of the MSS newsletter. It has been a long time coming, and it's exciting to see it going out into the world. We hope you enjoy the newspaper that we have concocted together.

This is a student run newsletter, so we decided to include a little something about ourselves as an introduction!

Hello, my name is Kuber, I run the MSS Gazette as editor, and I enjoy reading as a pastime. Moving to Abel B, also known as the overthinker of any group he partakes in. We have Maria, photographer extraordinaire, and



Left to right: Mr. Shunamon, Abel, Maria, Ava, Kuber, Mrs. Hall, Arav

interviewer for the newspaper here at MSS. We also have Ava, interviewer for the MSS Gazette, She enjoys reading as a pastime. Namaste, I'm Arav K, he is the go-to guy for anything

that needs done in the MSS Gazette, probably the most shy person you know. He lives on Indian cinema and reading. We'd like to thank Mrs. Hall and Mr. Shunamon for helping us put this newsletter together!

NEW PHONE LAWS AT MSS



HON. DAVID EBY, KC
PREMIER OF B.C.

A BIT OF BACKGROUND...

In January, the Premier announced a directive expecting schools to include restrictions on the use of cell phones in their codes of conduct. Districts were given broad leeway on how to implement this; in our District, the Board is in the process of deciding a proper method of enforcement.

The first draft of a policy on tech use was presented to District Staff and Principals for feedback earlier this year. Please note that while it includes cell phones, it goes beyond that, into both ‘personal digital devices’ and school-owned technology as well. Staff is planning to consult with students and the public via EngageMPSD.

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT YOU?

We interviewed some people around the school to see what they think of the new phone policy; let’s see what they had to say.



Counsellor Mrs. Hall:

The phones are useful for students in the classroom who are dealing with anxiety. They can just go on their phones and either reach out to their counsellors or go onto the Mindshift app when they are stressed. The phones are also not useful because students are overly dependent of them, and it causes disruptions in the classrooms. Overall, the phone policy could or could not be beneficial to our school

Counsellor Mrs. Nguyen:

The policy could or could not be beneficial to our school staff and students. It can make students' lives tougher and may make their mental health deteriorate. On the other hand, it could better the students and help them if they are battling with some addiction on their social media.



Teacher Mr. Gill:

I think this phone policy would be very hard to enforce. I would have no clue on how to enforce it without making the students go crazy. I think it should be up to the teachers like it was before. I think the phone policy would help with our student's social development because they would actually have to look at people and communicate with them. I think it's okay to use your phone as long as you communicate with your teacher first.



Sra. Vetter:

The phone policy is a fascinating creature, and it can be an amazing tool. It may be harder for teachers to access school technology when needed, so that is why it is easier for students to use their phones instead. I think the phones are fine if there are rules set in place, like there are now. If students and teachers respect each other, the phones aren't that much trouble.



Student Interviews:



Max A:

It's a matter between desire vs. need. The ban will be helpful towards getting rid of distractions, but students will find another form of a distraction. It'll be helpful, but maybe not much when it comes to some emergency situations.

Nigella P:

The upcoming phone ban in BC schools may very well strip students of a useful tool. While the intention behind the ban is to remove unnecessary distractions, many students and teachers alike use them in education. They serve as calculators, sources of information, and organizers, promoting students independence and enabling their access to information. With the ban, students may have to resort to more traditional and perhaps outdated methods, lose out on important opportunities to work with peers and learning how to find reliable resources, doing nothing but hurting their futures in our ever-progressing community.



Annika L:

“I think that is stupid, we are in highschool, we have people that would try to contact us, maybe in case of emergencies. In case of family emergencies, it would be more effecient and quick if students have their own phones.

Phones are quite useful in terms of researching and project development. I think that teachers should take away students' phones in case they are misusing it, instead of implementing the phone policy/ban.

MEDIA REVIEWS

Here are some movie, book and other reviews from MSS students!



Film Review - Arav Kumar

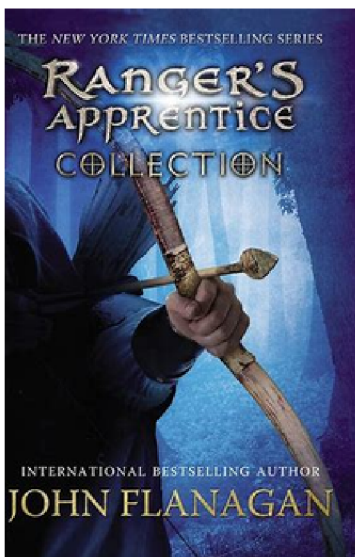
'RRR' is a cinematic marvel that combines high-octane action, deep emotional bonds, and a visually stunning spectacle. Director S.S. Rajamouli masterfully weaves a tale of friendship and rebellion, set against the backdrop of British colonial India, with the lead actors N.T.R Jr. and Ram Charan delivering powerhouse performances. The films' music and choreography are standout elements, perfectly complementing its epic narrative. While the movie occasionally veers into over-the-top sequences that might not appeal to everyone, its heartfelt story combined with breath-taking visuals makes "RRR" a must-watch.



Song Review-Ava Mugford

"Beautiful Things"-Benson Boone

The song "Beautiful Things" by Benson Boone is a popular song on both radio and Tiktok. It is on Billboard's top 100 songs, placing at number 15. This is a great song to listen to when you need to boost your motivation with its powerful downbeats. The best time to listen to this song is in the morning, or the afternoon so you can wake up a little bit more while belting the chorus.



Book series review – Abel Biju

The Ranger's Apprentice is a low fantasy, high adventure young adult book series. The author, John Flanagan, has wonderfully made this book series in the setting of a fantasy twist on Medieval England, that follows the story of Will, an orphan who was chosen to be trained in an important but mysterious profession in the Kingdom, his instructor "Halt" and his friends. His action and adventure-packed life will surely spark some form of suspense within you. Enjoyable humour, well-developed worldbuilding, amazing suspense, bits of romance, and adventurous stories that will hook you in, all meld together into this intricately made series. A wonderful read I recommend to all, and a must-read for those who love fantasy.



Hello readers, this is our thinking corner! I'm Abel, a member of the Student-run Newspaper, and the main writer of the Thinking Corner.

I like learning about geopolitics (country matters/issues), cultures, languages and philosophy.

To think is to expand your mind.

Note that much of this section will be mainly discussed in either an objective view and/or in the author's view. I encourage you to develop your own perspective.

TOPIC: ONE DAY TO LIVE

What if you knew you had just one day to live?

For me, I would try to find as much closure as possible, saying sorry to those whom I have wronged, because of the urgency, and the fear that I won't ever have another chance.

And with that, I ask what about you?

- Would your overall character or behavior be different or would it stay the same?
- Would you do what ever you want without anything or anyone stopping you?
- Would you strive for closure and to resolve issues and regrets, like apologizing for things or saying "I love you" to a parent
- Would you be overcome with sadness?

All these questions come up and more. And all of these answers depend on you, your beliefs and your values.

So the question remains, "What Would You Do?"