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MIGHT ENSEMBLE BE YOUR NEW FAVOURITE CLUB?

by Sophie Godsman & Charlotte Robinson

Ensemble is Glebe's thrift store that takes in clothes by donation, so students can buy items at whatever price they choose. We interviewed Darrah Boudreau and Nora Perry, two heads of the club, to learn more about what Ensemble is all about.

The club was first created in 2017. It was originally started to raise funds to buy prom tickets for students who could not afford them. The founders of the club believed that everyone should have the opportunity to go to prom. Currently, the club still fundraises for prom tickets, but has shifted its focus on providing clothing for people of all financial situations. "Clothes can be expensive, so we try to make it an inclusive space for

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ENSEMBLE IS HERE TO HELP YOU LOOK YOUR BEST AT GLEBE

FACES IN THE CROWD: PROFILES ON TALENTED GLEBE STUDENTS

by Charles Rands

Glebe cross-country is in safe hands with Saul Taler.

The Gryphons claimed the OFSAA boys cross-country championship on November 4th, in part thanks to Taler, who finished 7th overall despite facing runners two years his senior. It was his second provincial cross-country title in as many years, to go along with his 2022 individual win.

"I definitely came into last year's race with a chip on my shoulder." Said Taler. "Going into the season, I'd missed out on the podium in the track championships. That really motivated me to put in the extra work... so when I won the individual [City and OFSAA races], there were a lot of emotions. All that work paid off."

He carried that effort into 2023, easily qualifying for OFSAA for a third straight year. Taler knew that facing older opponents would be a "huge challenge", but

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TEACHER OF THE MONTH: HANIFE SINGOR

by Sebastien Drouin

Our teacher of the month is Ms. Singor, math teacher extraordinaire. Let's learn more about her, shall we?

Ms. Singor, what is your favorite thing about being a teacher?

"I love seeing the light in students' eyes when they learn something."

Tell me some of your accomplishments that you think made you teacher of the month.



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NEW YEAR, NEW ME: A GUIDE TO KEEPING UP YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

by Ege Ercin

While 2024 is on its way, starting the new year with goals can be a great source of motivation. Things like a new language, going to gym or playing an instrument can all inspire you during the new year! Don't forget: the key is consistency. Here are some tips to help with your resolutions for 2024:

Reflect on the Past Year:

Think about your achievements. What were your goals and did you achieve them? If not, try to learn from your mistakes. This can help you with your goals this year.

Set Specific and Realistic Goals:

Make your resolutions specific and achievable. Instead of setting vague goals like "exercise more," consider something more concrete like "Go cycling 4 times a week for 45 minutes." This makes it easier to track your progress and stay motivated.

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TALER DURING OFSAA TRACK '23:
"LIT. CRAZY. MOVIE."

TALER

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one that he was prepared for. "I was pretty intimidated at the start of the season, but once I got to OFSAA, all that fear went away. I know how hard I train. I know I can compete against anyone in the country... there's no doubt in my mind."

Despite starting slow in most races, Taler frequently paces himself to snatch



TALER CROSSES THE FINISH LINE TO WIN

podiums and wins away at the last second. Kirk Dillabaugh, Taler coach at both Glebe and the Ottawa Lions Track & Field club, attributes this to mental toughness: "I've been coaching Saul for over two years... he can beat and perform [against other] athletes simply because he refuses to give up. He can push through the pain." Taler agreed. "Running is 90 percent mental. If you don't believe in yourself you won't succeed... it takes a lot of grit."

So what's next for Saul? Hopefully a chance to pursue running past high school. "I definitely want to run in university. I haven't had a lot of communication with coaches yet, but that doesn't happen during Cross-Country season. [The University of] Oregon is my dream school... There's a rich running culture, and Nike's close by, so the gear is crazy. There's so much talent."

He'd also relish an opportunity to compete against the world's best. "I'd love to race against (Jakob) Ingebritsen. He's insane. It would be an honour to compete against him."

SINGOR

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"Thank you for choosing me to be teacher of the month, I have been here since 2022, and I have been teaching since 2009. I work closely with students. I'm very approachable, accessible, friendly, and caring, which makes me an easy person to talk to. And I love what I'm teaching, my passion shows when I'm in the classroom. I run certain clubs like Math contest club, trivia club, Turkiye club, and Muslim Students Association."

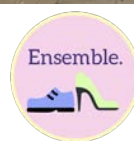
Why are you passionate about your work?

"I really love working here because it makes me happy. I didn't know that I would become a teacher when I was in high school. But I always liked helping others, and it was always easy to learn. In high school, you never think about going into teaching. So in life, I tried many other careers, office assistant, administrative assistant, at one point I was a recruiting consultant. I traveled to the United Kingdom, and I was born in Germany, so I have been around the con-

tinents. I love resources, sales and marketing, management, and learning. When I arrived in Canada, I noticed there were so many newcomers, and they didn't know much math, general experience, and general cultural norms. It was very easy for me to teach them, either volunteering at the high school or the hospital. And when I was volunteering, I realized I was very good at teaching other people. Even though I didn't know I was going to be a teacher someday. I took teaching pedagogical courses at Istanbul University, and I started working on it after I arrived in Canada. And maybe I should go about learning how to be a better teacher. It made me a very versatile person. I share the love of learning."

How does it feel to be the teacher of the month?

"This is the first interview I have done at Glebe. Thank you so much for choosing me."



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everyone," says Boudreau. In addition to clothing, they also provide free personal hygiene products and other items that you or a friend may need.

Besides selling used clothing, Ensemble puts together fun events throughout the school year involving both students and teachers. Perry explains that to showcase the club, they have done fashion shows and plan to do photo shoots in the near future. Last May, a fashion show was hosted that featured many students as well as teachers like Mr. Kachi, Mme. Markov, and Mr. Dillabaugh. Boudreau and Perry both hinted at

the possibility of more fashion shows in spring that are sure to feature more of your favourite people from Glebe.

When asked about when it's possible to join Ensemble, Boudreau says, "It's always open, people can join at any time." There is no deadline, explains Perry - people could join in June if they wanted to. "It's a fun club to be a part of if you want to help out with other students getting clothes, or other students being able to go to prom," says Boudreau.

Ensemble is located in room 427 and is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays at lunch. The heads are looking to have club meetings on Thursdays, although times may change. Perry makes the point of saying "It doesn't hurt to just knock on the door."

RESOLUTIONS

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Prioritize:

Identify the most important goals among your list. This could include health, relationships, career, personal development, or any other aspect that matters to you. Choose a few and focus on those above all others.

Be Flexible:

Life is unpredictable, and circumstances may change. Be flexible with your goals and willing to adjust them if needed. It's okay to modify your resolutions as the year progresses to better align with your evolving priorities and circumstances.

Share Your Goals:

Consider sharing your resolutions with friends or family. You can also find a buddy with similar goals, making the journey more enjoyable and motivating.

Focus on Habits:

Instead of only focusing on end goals, concentrate on building positive habits. Habits are the building blocks of long-term success. Build your habits with time and you'll see how easy it can be to achieve your goals.

Celebrate Small Wins:

Acknowledge and celebrate your achievements along the way. Recognizing your progress, no matter how small, can boost your motivation and confidence to

continue working towards your goals.

Don't forget:

"You're not judged by the height you have risen, but from the depth you have climbed." -Frederick Douglass

I hope you achieve your goals!

FUN THINGS TO DO THIS WINTER!

by Amy Taillefer

1. **The Rink of Dreams:** This outdoor skating rink is located outside City Hall and is open until 11 pm! Ice skating is a great activity for the winter because of all the lights that are displayed around the rink. With food stands surrounding the rink, this is perfect for afternoon or evenings. Skating is completely free of charge and it is a wonderful experience to check out this winter!

2. **The Lansdowne Holiday Market:** Lansdowne's holiday market is a great place to buy handmade gifts that are perfect for friends and family! It also has a large variety of food and drinks. The market is a great place to walk around and enjoy a weekend evening.

3. **Winterlude:** If the weather permits this year, the Winterlude festival will be hosted February 2nd-19th, 2024! With lots of games and food, Winterlude is the perfect winter spot to check out with your friends and family.



THE LANSDOWNE CHRISTMAS MARKET

by Alison Whike

Every year, Lansdowne hosts a Christmas market with dozens of stands and decorations. People come from all over the city to watch the lighting of the huge Christmas tree and buy holiday gifts. But is it worth it?

The set up and ambiance of the market itself is amazing. There are soft white lights that form a canopy outside and live music happening on a stage at the back. All the stalls are small wooden shacks and there are festive decorations all around as well as an indoor section in the Aberdeen Pavilion (large yellow building). There is even a skating rink open to the public and decorated for the holidays! Everything is completely free to walk (or skate) through and is overall a very enjoyable experience. However, beware the prices. Handmade crafts and foods are sold by many different local small business owners but unfortunately, their prices are not cheap.

We highly recommend visiting the Lansdowne Christmas Market this year, but treat it as an outing rather than a place to do your shopping. Go with some friends to watch a movie at Cineplex, go skating, or go out for dinner and walk through the market as a festive way to finish the evening. There is a good chance that something will catch your eye or you will want a tasty treat so walk around with. We encourage you to take advantage of this local event as it is worth stopping by. In order to get the whole experience, we recommend going in the evening so that the lights are visible. The market is open Fridays (5:00 pm-10:00 pm), Saturdays (10:00 am-10 pm) and Sundays (10:00 am-8:00 pm).



WINTER GIFT GUIDE

by Carolina Lawlor

Picture this: its two days before winter break, snow is falling, the canal is frozen, and you can almost taste the warm hot chocolate you'll soon be drinking by a cosy fireplace - but something is off. Whether you have the annual Secret Santa coming up, or you just want to give someone a gift to

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CAPITAL FASHION

by Zoe Wagman & Alma Etcheverry

EXPLORING FASHION AROUND THE WORLD: NORDIC STYLE AND ITS INFLUENCE ON NORTH AMERICAN WINTER FASHION AND MINIMALIST WARDROBE TRENDS

As cold weather Canadian girlies, dressing cute for winter can be a challenge. We are tested when we must ask ourselves which pants go best with brown/gray slush and hail? Or to play everyone's favourite winter game, where we all love to test our limits of how deep can the snow be before we stop wearing sneakers, because boots are 'sooooo embarrassing'. With all of that said, we wanted to look into the most coveted and viral winter fashion style, known as Scandi or Nordic Style.

Nordic style is commonly encompassed in interior design and art, but in fashion the term Scandinavian style or Nordic Style comprises of Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Iceland and Finland, with subtle differences between their popular styles. It is important to recognize the aestheticization of Nordic fashion and to be careful when generalising style according to geography because it can of course be reductive.

A balance between function and aesthetic defines the style through its recog-



nizable silhouettes, colour palette, and clean lines. Quality over quantity is the name of the game for this style, prioritizing minimalistic wardrobes of well fitting, clean, timeless, basics. Emphasis on well fitting, or interesting fitting clothes, which makes the difference between an oversized white t-shirt and a perfectly fitting one, creating the effortless chicness of the style. Some characteristics of Nordic style include polka dots, horizontal stripes, white and black t-shirts, oversized suit pants, gold jewelry, wide-legged jeans, white button up shirts, trench or wool coats, and clean white sneakers or kitten heels. The simplicity and cleanliness of the style makes it popular among Pinterest users and off duty models.



Big Nordic fashion brands like Acne and GANNI have gone viral over the last couple of years, as they take inspiration from this beautiful simplicity while challenging its limits when it comes to style and runway.

Not only is the Scandinavian style greatly in tune with sustainable and ethical fashion, ensuring friendlier production processes by respecting animal rights and

avoiding the use of harmful substances, it is also more economically conscious. Pieces of clothing are good quality and can last a life-time if taken care of properly. Neutral colour palettes, accessories for layering and textures, and the presence of feminine and masculine silhouettes ensure that not only are normative pressures avoided, their simplicity, chicness and cool factor are highly favoured. My theory is that in our fast fashion economy, people will slowly lose interest in following micro-trends and will begin minimizing their closets. This simple, but clearly more sustainable option could be a gamechanger for fashion going forward.



THE PERFECT GUIDE TO A NORDIC WINTER CAPSULE WARDROBE

it can be hard adjusting your closet to the drop in temperature and still maintain a somewhat fashionable look. Luckily, many living in nordic countries have mastered the art of staying both warm and fashionable, popularising a chic, minimalist style known as 'Scandi Style'.

The key concept behind this chic winter style is simplicity: clean cuts, neutral tones, and stand-out stripes. Connecting all these staples in your closet can be hard, so creating a capsule wardrobe is an easy way to ensure you have all your winter outfits ready to wear.

What is a Capsule Wardrobe?

A capsule wardrobe is when you have a collection of basic staples in one style which all go together, allowing you to endlessly mix and match, never running out of outfits. They can contain as many or as few clothes as you like, but they usually



follow a common theme and include timeless pieces (think little black dress).

Comfy Sweaters

We all know how cold Canadian winters can be, so what better way to stay warm than a big cozy sweater? You could opt for a warm turtleneck or a nice crew-neck, and don't shy away from patterns or prints as well! While we do want to emphasize neutrals, a pop of colour or fun pattern is always appreciated, and can add some life to your closet and the frosty weather outside. Good brands for cute sweaters include COS and Hollister.

Loose-Fitting, Low-Cut Pants

This style doesn't feature many form-fitting clothes, so to go with the look, baggy jeans are preferred. Low-rise is also in trend right now but feel free to do what you feel comfortable with, it's your closet after all. I will always recommend Levi's for jeans as they're a classic and any denim purchase should last you a while. When choosing pieces for your wardrobe you should always look for better quality, organic fabrics (cotton, wool, etc), instead of synthetic materials - not only will they be more comfortable, they'll last longer as well. Fashion tip - wear leggings under your jeans to provide an extra layer of insulation!

Plain Shirts

Button-up, long sleeve, or tank tops, all work and are perfect for layering with your sweaters! With your shirts, try to aim for a more neutral colour palette as to not overwhelm when combined with sweaters and to make matching clothing easier. Kotn is a great brand for high quality basics, providing sustainably sourced cotton from Egypt. Uniqlo is another good brand for cheap basics as well - conveniently, a location recently opened in the Rideau center!

Oversized Jackets

You can't talk about winter fashion without including jackets, and luckily there are plenty of options. Oversized jackets are preferable as they can be easily added over top of lots of layers. Suit, denim and puffer jackets are the ideal, and you can find many good quality ones on vintage resell sites or classic brands such as Gap.



Big Scarves

Big scarves have been making the rounds recently with brands like Acne releasing viral knitwear. Elevate your look with a giant scarf, and I mean giant. Don't be afraid to drown in it, you can do so many cute styles the bigger the scarf. While the Acne scarf is the most recognizable, it's pretty pricey; brands such as Asos have much cheaper versions that give the same effect.

Uggs

To finish your look add on some fluffy Uggs to keep you warm! You might even have some leftover from the last time they were trending.

FASHION TIP: Buy a waterproof spray for your Uggs to prevent salt and slush stains, Uggs even sells a spray for this purpose.

GIFT GUIDE

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remind them how much they mean to you, finding the perfect present for family and friends can be a daunting task. With the holidays right around the corner, it's time to start thinking about gift ideas. Do yourself a favour and skip the frantic last minute gift shopping this year with Glebe Collegiate's 2023 Gift Guide.

Firstly, nothing says you care like a personalised gift. Try digging into your memory to find something they once mentioned to you or something that applies to their interests or hobbies. Maybe they like to settle in with a good book. In this case, make your way over to Indigo, perhaps even venture to the holiday section.

However, not everyone is the book worm type. Others enjoy spending the holidays outside playing sports. For those people, they might prefer a warm new hat or gloves.

Second, if you're feeling crafty, or on a tight budget, maybe this is your chance to showcase your creativity by hand-making a gift. This could include a variety of baked goods - there's nothing like some candy cane bark or soft ginger molasses cookies to cheer you up on a chilly winters' day. If baking isn't your thing, you can always make them something a little more long lasting. Do you know how to knit or crochet? If so, this is the perfect way to put

those skills to use. Try using yarn to make a scarf or even a blanket!

Thirdly, maybe you'd like to give back this holiday season. In this case, you should consider volunteering for a charity or soup kitchen. During winter break it's important to be mindful of all the people in our city who are less fortunate than us.



TEN TOES COFFEE HOUSE

by Ayan Isse

Right in the heart of Chinatown, just off Somerset, is (in my opinion) the cutest coffee shop in town. Ten toes is a quaint café full of personality. From the decor, to the music choice to the overall feeling of the place, it's a great spot to relax, get creative or productive, or to simply escape from the cold with a warm drink.

As soon as you walk in, you're met with a retro vibe. With warm-toned stained-glass, and plenty of plants the place has a very cozy feeling. They house a unique jukebox playing vinyl records that fills the background with a calm vintage soundtrack. There is also a small collection of vintage clothing and shoes to browse through or purchase, as well as loads of books to flip through while enjoying a warm drink.

The coffee house has a large variety of baked goods, from fudgy brownies to flaky

croissants to (really, really delicious) cookies. They also have several delicious looking sandwiches, as well as savoury pastries and other warm foods. Depending on your drink of choice, they have some great options, plenty of fancy coffees, lattes, cappuccinos etc as well as a large selection of loose-leaf teas.

Overall, this is a great spot for a weekend study session made enjoyable with a nice atmosphere, an escape from the cold with your favourite warm drink, or a cute lunch out with friends.



MOVIES AND NOVELS TO WATCH/READ THIS WINTER

by Ayan Isse

The best way to kick off the winter season is by cozying up for a wintry movie night, or sitting down to read the perfect holiday book. So, grab a fuzzy blanket and a hot tea, and let's find the perfect one for you.

If you're looking for a novel to read, these are some of my favourite classics that are perfect for a quiet, chilly evening:

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott is the perfect re-read for a snowy night in. For some mystery, *Sherlock Holmes* by Arthur Conan Doyle and *The Secret History* by Donna Tart are both very suspenseful wintry feeling novels, that you won't be able to put down.

And finally *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, a novel re-read every year, is the perfect snowy fantasy novel to really take you out of this world.

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SPORTS

Glebe has excelled in a large number of sports this fall. Many athletes have worked very hard these past few months, and it's great to see their work pay off. Go Gryphons!



THE GRYPHONS SCOOP

by Annika Scrivens

From cross country to rugby, Glebe has seen many sports successes in the first few months of the school year.

Glebe's junior boys, senior boys, and senior girls rugby 7s teams all earned their spot in the city finals this year. The senior boys finished in second place after a strong effort, while the girls team defended their trophy for the seventh consecutive year. Great job Gryphons!

Glebe also has a long history with cross country success, and this year was no exception. On October 26, the junior girls team came second at city's, led by Julia van Wesenbeeck who earned a silver medal in her race. Both the senior girls and boys teams came first, led by Lauren Alexander, who won her race, and Saul Taler who was a runner

up in his race. These results qualified the three Glebe teams to run at a provincial level at OFSAA, in Etobicoke. On November 4, the senior boys team were crowned OFSAA champions. This impressive team consisted of Saul Taler, Russell Heins, Kiefer Melinz Dupuis and Derek Strachan.

The Gryphon's accomplishments do not stop here. The Glebe junior boys soccer team had an undefeated season, leading up to a snowy city finals. An overtime corner kick header scored by Leonid Liakhovit won them the game 2-1 against Saint Francis Xavier High School on November 13.

While the senior boys basketball team has not yet begun their in-season games, they were the champions of the John Cullen Tournament, which they hosted from November 16-18. This is an excellent start to what we can expect to be a very successful season!





GCI HOCKEY BOUNCES BACK

by Josh Lang

Fall 2023 brings with it the start of the Glebe Varsity Boys hockey season.

There have been many changes to the roster this year with only 2 returning players and the return of coach Graham Long. With last year's team finishing with zero wins - five losses and 3 ties - this year's team had nowhere to go but up.....and up they went!

The Glebe Boys hockey season started with a 2-0 win against Samuel-Genest - their first win since 2021. This victory was followed up with a great third period comeback in a game that defeated St. Peter's 3-2. Glebe would then face one of the league's most dominant teams, Osgoode Township, and take them down with a 2-0 win.

Their first home game of the season was a nail-biter against long-time rival Franco Cité. The hard-fought game saw both goalies standing on their heads. But Glebe prevailed with a 1-0 win, scoring in the last minutes of the third period. They would then go on to defeat Philemon Wright 3-1 to wrap up their home games.

Glebe went into their final three games hoping to clinch a playoff berth. Their hopes came true with a 2-0 win over John McRae. The only game of

the regular season that didn't go their way was a 1-2 loss to Longfields-Davidson Heights. Glebe quickly bounced back and ended their season with a 4-0 drubbing over St. Joseph.

The win against St. Joseph earned Glebe a by to the quarter finals where they once again defeated Franco-Cité (4-0). At the time of writing this article, Glebe has their eyes set on a semi-final duel against longer-time rival, Nepean.

This is a big game. The two teams have a storied past, including the fact that Nepean ended Glebe's season last year, eliminating them from any hopes of playoffs.

However, if the team keeps playing the way they have, their chances of winning it all are definitely within grasp.



WINTER SEASON SPORTS REPORT:

Junior boys basketball are 6th but are very driven to improve – while the seniors are 2nd, and pressing hard for 1st place in their division.

WINTER SEASON SPORTS REPORT:

Senior girls volleyball is now tied for 3rd with 1 win and 1 loss... but they definitely want more wins in coming games!



WINTER SEASON SPORTS REPORT:

At the city swimming finals, Gleebe's open boys team placed 1st, men's team ranking was 4th and women's team ranking was 7th, leading to a combined team score of 4th. 14 students qualified for OFSAA, including Sam Lanca, Hayley Galbraith and Angus Charland – who each placed first in their events.



WINTER SEASON SPORTS REPORT:

Curling season has begun, and the boys started off with two victories. The girls didn't get a win but are getting stronger with every game!



Looking to get involved? Nordic Skiing is already getting prepared for the season, Junior girls volleyball are doing tryouts, and Badminton tryouts are in January – with spring sports coming soon!

Dodgeball

TOURNAMENT 2023





If you're not the kind who enjoys reading a novel outside of your English class, then here are some movies that'll fit the winter vibes just the same. Of course, the classics like *Home Alone*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *Polar Express* and *Elf* are must-watches this (and every) holiday season. If you're looking for a good laugh, *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* is a hilarious holiday movie starring John Candy, Steve Martin and Kevin Bacon.

The dramas of the season (and my personal favourites) are also the perfect cozy movies to watch as the snow begins to fall. Some of the best are *You've Got Mail*, *Bridget Jones's Diary*, and *Love Actually*, which are all swoon-worthy holiday romances!

And finally, *The Grand Budapest Hotel* is a great winter watch for some of Wes Anderson's signature filming style.

So be sure to add these suggestions to your must-watch/read list for a cozy, and festive holiday season, and some fun entertainment this winter break.



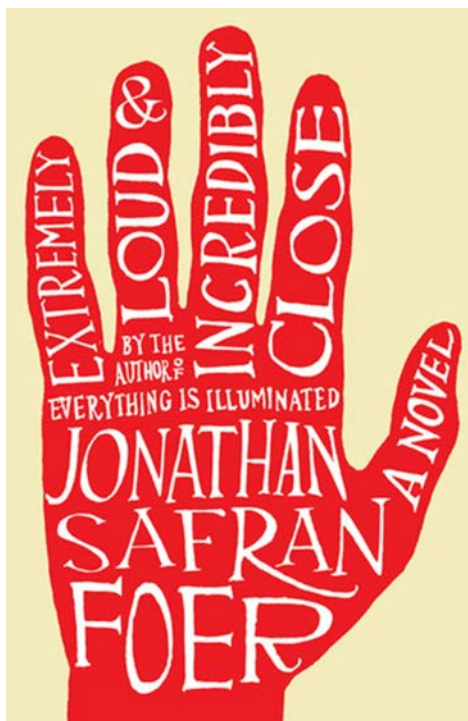
BOOK REVIEW:

EXTREMELY LOUD AND INCREDIBLY CLOSE BY JONATHAN SAFRAN FOER

by Annabel Scott

Jonathan Safran Foer's *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* is an inventive and ingenious novel set in New York City in 2003. It follows the protagonist Oskar, a young boy who lost his father in the attacks on 9/11, as he journeys around the city to find a lock that fits a key he found in his father's wardrobe. Oskar can only be described as a unique character, and Foer's writing style captures the essence of his spirit effortlessly. Readers are lead to feel as if they are in Oskar's mind whenever he narrates, and they are shown how different the world can appear to someone like him; the creativity shown throughout the work is unlike any other contemporary novel I have read. Foer also uses flashback throughout the novel to strengthen our understanding of Oskar's background, journeying through several decades leading up to the present.

Possibly the most intriguing element of the novel was the use of visual aids throughout - Foer add pictures at various key points throughout the story which are



both mysterious and thought-provoking, and deepen our perception of the events as they unfold.

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close is a perfect blend of complexity and simplicity. The relationships between the characters, the city and their roots are complicated and thoroughly interwoven, however the author achieves perfect balance in the novel by using the protagonist as a vessel to simplify the work. Oskar's narration shows us how simple some of the seemingly complicated events are, when looked at through the mind of a young boy who is grieving.

At the end of the day, this novel is one about connection and interdependence. It shows us that while relationships may appear very complicated, they - like anything - require hard work and compromise. Through moments of pain and grief, and ones of beauty and joy, Foer takes readers through a meaningful literary journey, and I would highly recommend this novel to anyone looking for a unique, thought-provoking read.



MOVIE REVIEW:

HOME ALONE – A TIMELESS HOLIDAY CLASSIC

by Guillermo Guijarro Peñas

Home Alone, a beloved 1990 film di-

rected by Chris Columbus, has become a staple in many households during the holiday season. Starring the adorable Macaulay Culkin as Kevin McCallister, this comedic gem is the perfect blend of laughter and heartwarming moments.

The story kicks off when Kevin, an 8-year-old troublemaker, finds himself accidentally left behind when his family jets off for a Christmas vacation. What follows is a series of hilarious events as Kevin realizes he is "home alone" and decides to make the most of it. From booby-trapping his house to ordering pizza, Kevin takes the phrase "making your own rules" to a whole new level.

What makes *Home Alone* a high-spirited delight is the ingenious and over-the-top traps Kevin sets to fend off burglars Harry and Marv, portrayed by Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern. From flying paint cans to slippery ice on the stairs, Kevin's creativity in defending his home is nothing short of genius. The audience can't help but cheer for this pint-sized hero as he outsmarts the bumbling burglars at every turn.

Yet, beneath the slapstick comedy and pranks lies a heartwarming message about the importance of family and the true meaning of Christmas. As Kevin navigates the challenges of being alone, he learns that family is more than just annoying siblings and chaotic dinners – it's the love and bond that make the holidays truly special.

Home Alone is more than just a movie: it's a nostalgic journey back to the '90s, filled with John Hughes' signature humor and a memorable soundtrack. Culkin's charming performance and the film's timeless appeal have turned it into a holiday classic that continues to bring joy to audiences of all ages.

So, this holiday season, gather your family, grab some popcorn, and revisit the McCallister residence for a good laugh and a reminder that, no matter how chaotic, the holidays are best spent with the ones we



love. Home Alone is a feel-good adventure that proves even the smallest among us can make a big impact when it comes to spreading cheer and creating unforgettable memories.



MUSIC REVIEW: GIRLHOOD IS 1989 (TAYLOR'S VERSION)

by Sophia Mitchell

In 2023 - the year of *Barbie*, *GUTS*, *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*, and Taylor Swift's The Eras Tour - *1989 (Taylor's Version)* brings a powerful conclusion to the phenomenon and exploration of girlhood. The surge of mainstream media created by women has struck a chord in female audiences and allowed reimagination and exploration of the characters and themes that were important in our childhood. Originally recorded as a dramatic genre shift from country to pop music and a complete reinvention of Swift's image as a performer, *1989* was an album that defined the pop music sound of 2014. It established Swift as a role model by proving that after eight years in the industry, she was capable of re-inventing herself to stay culturally relevant. The re-recording released on October 7th is an impressive resurgence of the 80s-inspired synth sounds and pensive lyricism that dominated the charts nine years ago. Today, Taylor Swift is famous for her 10 different eras, each studio album presenting a new sound, aesthetic, and listening experience.

With the re-recording project, Swift aims to legally own and be able to license the music she wrote, and *1989 (Taylor's Version)* is the fourth album to be rereleased. This year, *1989* represents a happier, healthier version of Taylor Swift, and even directly addresses some of the media issues that have plagued her career for over 15 years. Details down to the cover art reflect Swift's evolution as an artist. In a 2014 interview with *TIME Magazine*, she stated that she chose the original polaroid cover because "I didn't want people to know the emotional DNA of this album. I didn't want them to see a smiling picture on the cover and think this was a happy album, or see a sad-looking facial expression and think, oh, this is another breakup record."



The *1989 (Taylor's Version)* album cover is the first ever in which Swift is smiling, and is hugely symbolic knowing how important the journey to reclaim her stolen work has been to her. In "Slut! (Taylor's Version) [From the Vault]", Swift tastefully addresses comments about her dating life in the media with lyrics like "But if I'm all dressed up/They might as well be looking at us/If they call me a slut/You know it might be worth it for once". The juxtaposition of the pointed and heartbreaking lyrics with the dance/pop/Top-40-Hit sound on the record create an entirely unique album that Swift has recreated and expanded on in this re-recording.

1989 (Taylor's Version) holds massive meaning to people who were influenced by Swift's lifestyle in her *1989* era, because it now represents a more self-assured, carefree image of Taylor Swift. The re-recording communicates that people do not need to base their image or identity on what is dictated by the general public, and shows how much happier one can be when allowed to have fun doing the work they love. This subtle shift adds to the



girlhood phenomenon of 2023 by expanding on the version of Swift many girls knew in 2014, showcasing how Swift is maturing as an artist, brand, and person to become more confident and in-control of both her music and her life.



WINTER PLAYLIST

by Nat Jack

- "Winter Love" by The Doors
- "Vienna" by Billy Joel
- "Inside Out" by Duster
- "Angel In The Snow" by Elliot Smith
- "Back To December (Taylor Smith)" by Taylor Smith
- "Ms. Magic" by Strawberry Guy
- "The Colour Violet" by Tory Lanez
- "505" by The Arctic Monkeys
- "Snow" by Ricky Montgomery
- "Female Robbery" by The Neighbourhood
- "Dancing In The Kitchen" by LANY
- "Beautiful" by Lana Del Ray
- "If We Make It Through December" by Phoebe Bridgers
- "Pale Blue Eyes" by The Velvet Underground
- "Snow (Hey Oh)" by The Red Hot Chili Peppers
- "Night Shift" by Lucy Dacus
- "Spectre" by Radiohead
- "Sweet Nothing" by Taylor Swift

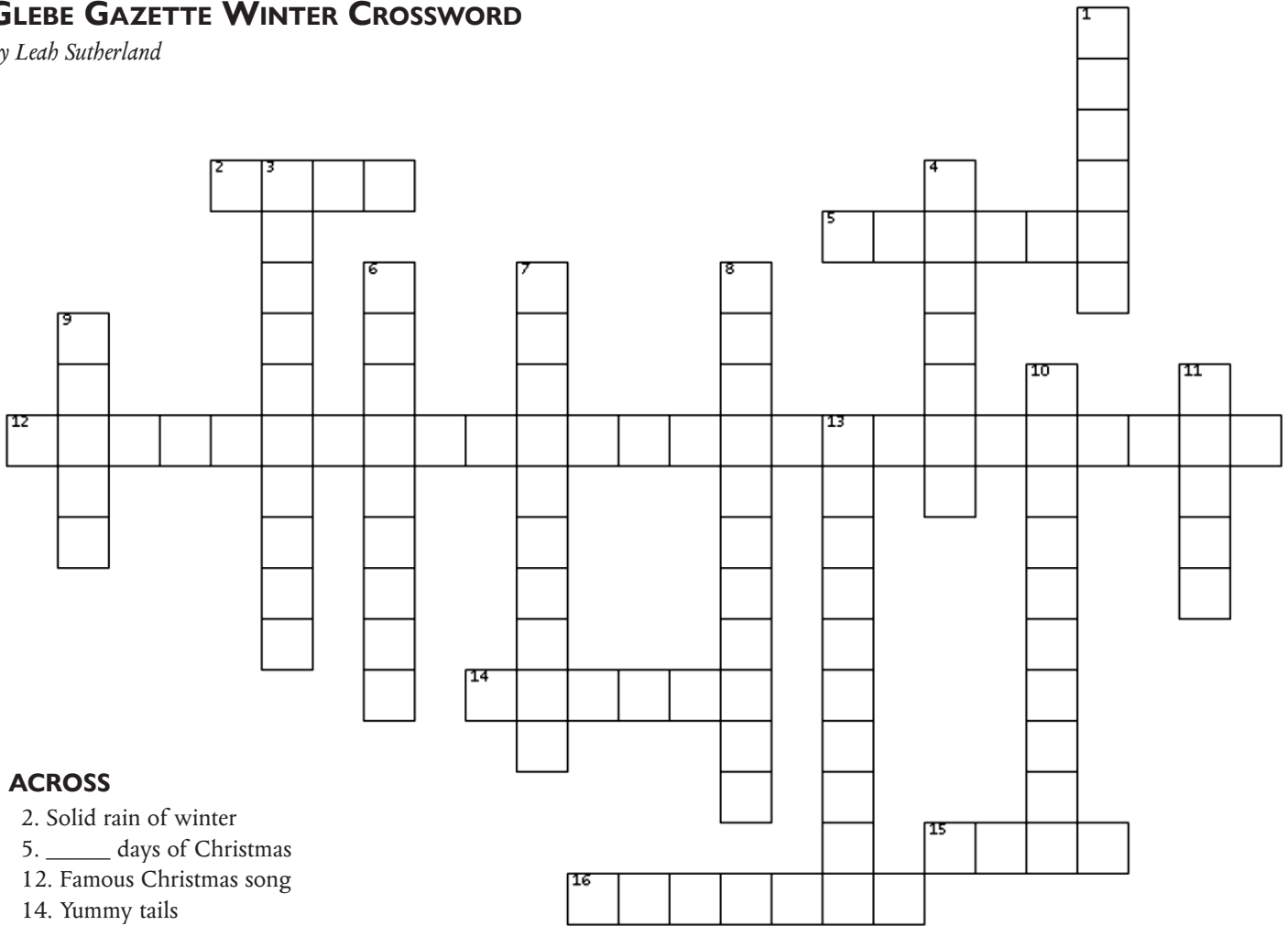


Want to hear a song before morning announcements? Bring your school-appropriate suggestions to the office and it might get played!

PUZZLES

GLEBE GAZETTE WINTER CROSSWORD

by Leah Sutherland



ACROSS

2. Solid rain of winter
5. _____ days of Christmas
12. Famous Christmas song
14. Yummy tails
15. _____ and Olaf (from *Frozen*)
16. Activity on the Rideau Canal

DOWN

1. Coldest season
3. Famous holiday ballet
4. Event on the 1st of January
6. Red flower of love
7. School event often before holidays
8. Famous female singer of the holidays season
9. What Snow does
10. Winter festival in Ottawa-Gatineau
11. Footwar of winter
13. Frosty

WINTERY RECIPES TO KEEP YOU COZY THIS SEASON

by Ava Claypool

Even with the coldness of winter, there are lots of fun things you can make to keep you warm and raise your spirits! Here are some great winter treats!

CHOCOLATE LAVA CAKE



INGREDIENTS:

- 6 ounces of dark chocolate
- ½ cup of unsalted butter
- ¼ cup of flour
- ½ of sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 egg yolks

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat the oven to 450° F.
2. Spray 6 ramekins with cooking spray and dust with cocoa powder.
3. Add butter and chopped chocolate in a bowl and melt until smooth.
4. Whisk flour, sugar, and salt in a bowl, and eggs and egg yolks in another bowl.
5. Pour the flour mixture and the eggs into the bowl of chocolate, and stir everything together.
6. Spoon chocolate batter evenly

into each ramekin.

7. Bake for 12-14 minutes until the sides appear solid (the tops will look soft).
8. Allow to cool for a minute, then cover each with an inverted plate and turn over to serve.



GINGER MOLASSES COOKIES



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 ½ cups softened butter
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ cup of unsulphured molasses
- 2 eggs
- 4 ½ cups of flour
- 4 teaspoons of baking soda
- 1 tablespoon of ground ginger
- 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon salt

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Whisk together flour, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves, ginger and salt.
2. In a separate bowl, cream the butter and sugar together, adding in the eggs one at a time. Then add molasses, and mix until everything is evenly combined.
3. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and mix until

combined.

4. Set the dough aside to refrigerate for 2 hours.
5. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
6. Roll dough into small balls and coat in sugar.
7. Bake for 8-10 minutes.



BLUEBERRY CRUMBLE



INGREDIENTS:

- 3 cups of frozen blueberries
- 2 tablespoons of lemon juice
- ⅔ cups of brown sugar
- ½ of flour
- ⅔ cups of quick oats
- ⅓ cups of butter
- ¾ teaspoons of cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoons of salt

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Heat oven to 375°F.
2. Spread blueberries in a square baking dish (8 x 8 x 2 inches). Sprinkle it with lemon juice.
3. Mix all remaining ingredients and add over the berries.
4. Bake for 30 minutes or until the topping is light brown and the berries are hot.

EXAM STUDY TIPS

by *Annabel Scott*

We all know that exam season is a particularly stressful time of year, and there's nothing worse than exam-anxiety interfering with your winter holidays. Here are some exam preparation tips, inspired by the University of Toronto's suggested study methods!

Understanding > Rewriting:

The best way to make sure that you forget everything you're studying is if you don't truly understand the material. While it can be tempting to rewrite all the information you need to learn dozens of times, it will become increasingly difficult to apply what you've memorized if you don't understand it - particularly once you get to university. To combat this, try explaining your study material out loud or to a friend in your own words!

Repeated Study Sessions > Cramming:

We've all been there - it's the night before your test and you haven't found the time to study. You frantically spend the night scribbling notes and skimming what seems to be the important information. Maybe it works out - maybe it doesn't - but either way this is not an effective study method, especially in the long term. Studies show that repeated, shorter study sessions are far more effective than one long study session, so try to dedicate time to studying everyday leading up to your tests, even if it's only for a few minutes.

Asking questions > Youtubing-answers

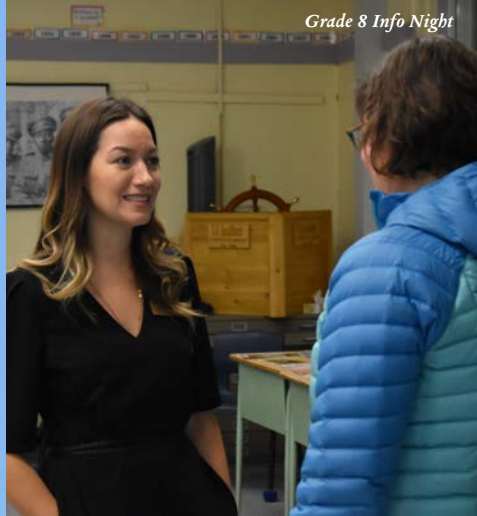
While the internet can be an extremely useful tool for studying, it can often be difficult to sift through the thousands of online resources and find the exact material you need to study. It is much easier to simply ask your teachers for extra help and advice if you're feeling stuck - not only will they appreciate the initiative you're taking towards your learning, but they will be able to give you the exact resources you will be tested on, which will eliminate the potential for confusion.



Glebe's first Trivia Night of the school year was its biggest yet, with alumni Gabe McMurren and his family placing first. *Look for an announcement about the next Trivia Night event coming soon* – and get some practice by coming out to one of our team practices!

EVENTS

It's been a busy start of the year – so here's some photos to help remember those events.



Grade 8 Info Night



ICP & SHSM Learn About Carleton's BGIInS Program



Visual Arts Trip to Montreal's Art Gallery & Concordia University

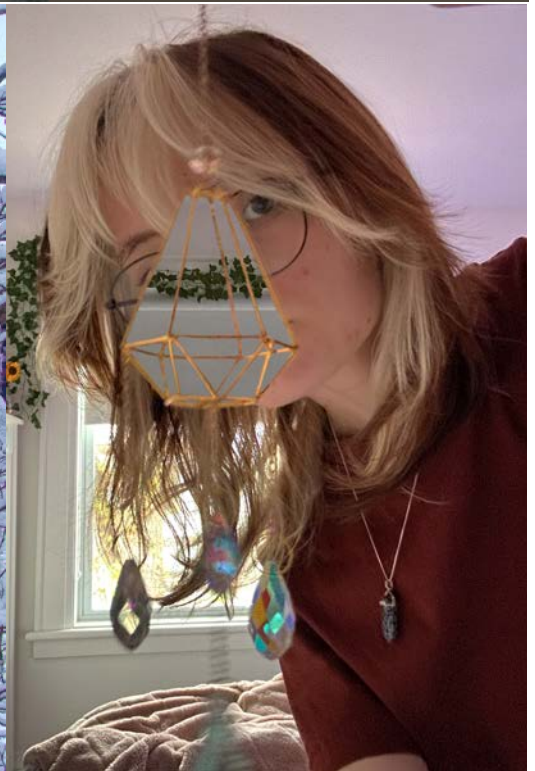


Human Library



Alumni Presentation to Senior Students

PHOTOGRAPHY
by Mr. Fried's photography class





BACKSTAGE THEATRE 2023



UPCOMING DATES

Winter Holidays begin – December 22nd
School Returns – January 8th
OUAC Application Deadline – 15 January
Finals Week – January 24th - 28th
Term 2 begins – February 1st
PD Day – February 16th
Family Day – February 19th



YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

The School Council is a group of guardians, parents, teachers and community members. We want to:

- * Build a community
- * Have a voice
- * Support exciting learning
- * Connect with staff
- * Find out more about the school
- * Make Glebe an even better place for our children

The School Council Executive invites all parents of Glebe CI students to join the Council virtual meetings. We need your energy and voice to contribute to the learning experience of our students. Announcements from the school will confirm the Council meeting dates which are usually the third Monday of every month.



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IMPORTANT INFO FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

School starts promptly at 8:50 AM and again at 12:25 PM – students need to be **in the classroom** at those times so that no important learning is lost.

Parent-approved departures and returns (that is, for an appointment parents/guardians can be contacted for) need to have students sign in and out at the main office.

Late to class without a parent-approved reason? Go directly to the classroom and your teacher will mark you arriving at the time you come to class.

Cell phones need to go into the 'hotel' and remain there through class unless the teacher specifically asks students to use their phones. Let's keep the focus on learning!

Lost ID cards can be reprinted – for a cost of \$5.00 each. Please pay at the office in order to request one.

Students are reminded to keep checking their emails and Google Classroom alerts to stay current on all important events at Glebe.



MEET THE EDITORS

Hey Glebe! We're Ava, Annabel and Becca, and we are this year's co-heads of the *Glebe Gazette*. We've been apart of the school paper through our high school years, and we are so excited to bring you many more exciting issues in the upcoming months! If you want to be a part of our amazing team, you can join the google classroom with the code: yxo42oh. If you have any questions or ideas for the *Gazette* this year, don't hesitate to reach out!

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GLEBE'S YEARBOOK IS NOW ON SALE!

Log in to Cash School Online via the link on the right side of the GCI website to buy one. It is hardcover, square-bound, in full colour and will be the largest yearbook yet. Cost is \$80 each.

Grads are also reminded to submit a baby photo for the grad section soon!