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## Rock-A-Thon Rocks the Weekend

Anthony Kovach, Staff Writer



A FEW STUDENTS PLAY ON THEIR GAMING CONSOLE.

On the last weekend of February (the 21st – 23rd), the SGO hosted the annual Rock-A-Thon which lasts a full 24 hours. In the commons, students are encouraged to come after school and hang out all while rocking on a rocking chair. Food is served for the participants though they tend to bring their own as if there is a pending nuclear apocalypse.

To entertain themselves, students bring in gaming consoles, card games, board games, and the trivial everyday items like phones

and iPods. Yet the most entertaining aspect of the night is often the other participants. Reportedly, students can chat for hours on end with one another, never once running dry on viable topics.

Overall, the night was a huge success in which the SGO had raised over \$5,000 and donated all the proceeds to the Hugs for Brady charity. When asked about the event, Mrs. Wright stated, “it was great! We had 40 kids attend and it was nice to see everyone interact.”

## INNOVASIAN 2014 IS BACK!

Maitri Patel, Contributing Writer

The MediterrAsian club of NBTHS is back with the most thrilling and entertaining show of the year!

NBTHS Asian American Club dazzled the audience with its culture show last year with InnovAsian 2013.

With over 50 new members, the club entertained the audiences with an energizing and colorful show last year.

Club members had displayed an immense amount of talent and dedication, practicing more than two hours each day after school.

There have been more non-Asian members than ever. With a large group, the club featured a variety of talents, including acting, dancing, and singing.

The show was comprised of several dances varying from Classical Indian dance to Bollywood Fusion.

Last year the club hosted a fashion show, during which participants strutted in Byzantine and formal eastern and western



Members of the MediterrAsian club pose for a picture.

apparel.

Members work extremely hard to make this show a success every year.

Aside from their daily busy schedule, they take their time to learn and teach other the dances and

skirts to be the best one out of all.

Last year audience members really enjoyed the show. Sri Kakumanu, who attended the show last year, said that “I really loved the music and fashion show. I think the show did an excellent job displaying various cultures.”

As a member of the Asian-American club I’ve seen firsthand what this club dedicates to the show. At times, it’s extremely difficult, but the end results are worth it.

All the money goes towards different charity each year.

Overall the Asian American show is a fun experience for the club, audiences and in addition to raise money for charitable causes. This year will be no different.

The MediterrAsian club of NBTHS brings back the most

## Recent Celebrity Deaths

Lindsey Mykietyn, Contributing Writer

Shirley Temple was a popular child star throughout the Great Depression. Franklin D. Roosevelt called Temple “Little Miss Miracle” for holding up the spirits of many from the economic hardship. She was known as an intelligent child because she would know all of her lines and dances. Her first film *Baby Burlesque* won her a contract from Fox Film Production. Later in 1934, she became famous for her signature song “On the Good Ship Lollipop,” in the movie *Bright Eyes* which earned her a special academy award for Outstanding Personality. In 1937 she portrayed a character in *Heidi*, which took place in Germany. As she began to mature, she did not receive many acting parts. Audiences struggled to believe that Shirley Temple, famous child star, was growing up.

As her acting work decreased, Temple began to focus on a career in public service. From 1969 to ‘70, she served as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. In 1988 Temple became the only person to date to achieve the rank of honorary U.S. Foreign Service officer. She changed her name to that of her second husband Charles Alden Black, a Californian business man. Temple had three children: one from her first marriage, and two from her second.

She died on February 10, 2014, near her home of natural causes at age 85. Her family issued a statement after her death which read, “We salute her for a life of remarkable achievements as an actor, as a diplomat, and most importantly as our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and adored wife of 55 years.”

Philip Seymour Hoffman was a New York actor and director. He was known for films such as *Scent of a Woman*, *Boogie Nights*, *The Big Lebowski* and *Capote*. He was also successful in theater, winning three Tony Award nominations for *True West*, *Long Day’s Journey into Night* and *Death of a Salesman*. However, many know him for his part in *Catching Fire*, the second movie of the Hunger Games trilogy. He portrayed game designer Plutarch Heavensbee. Unfortunately, Hoffman died with only one scene left to shoot in *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part II*. Lionsgate will have to digitally recreate him to accommodate to their needs.

Philip Seymour Hoffman died at a young age of 46 years old. In 2013 he registered into a drug rehabilitation center. He was found dead on February 2, 2014 at an apartment in New York City’s Greenwich Village, from a drug overdose.

thrilling and entertaining show of the year.

The North Brunswick MediterAsian Club presents you one of the most anticipated shows of the year. InnovAsian 2014 is back and better than ever! Come and support your friends!

WHEN : March 28th 2014.  
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DOOR OPENS AT 6PM.  
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See you at the show!

### Mr. Bradbury

Jonathan St. Ange, Staff Writer

Mr. Bradbury, the orchestra teacher, devotes a lot of time to his students both during school and after.

Mr. Bradbury's devotion to his students comes from a deep passion for music.

"I love being around kids who are as equally passionate about music as I am"

Mr. Bradbury truly wishes for his students to play their instruments correctly: he wants them to be able to express themselves through the piece whatever it may be.

"I like when they come in at one level and work really hard, and

they grow up and really become musicians"

Recently, Mr. Bradbury became the father of three triplets.

He was amazed at how much they have grown in just a few short days, and his triplet's growth reminds him of his students.

"It's very amazing watching them grow in a few days, very much like

watching my students grow into musicians: they all have their ups and downs, but overall it's a pretty amazing ride.

Photo Courtesy of Geofry McFall



MR. BRADBURY TAKES A BREAK FROM TEACHING AND POSES FOR A PICTURE.

### Zil Naik

Jonathan St. Ange, Staff Writer

Zil Naik, the senior class president, has made many accomplishments and is a role model for success.

As a freshman she had a lack of confidence. Zil was a quiet and not very social person. Since then she has transformed into a person that is not only social, but has won the title of senior class president. After all that she's gone through to

be where she is, Zil looks back and has learned that:

"Confidence is key".

Zil no longer has public speaking issues and is not shy in front of a crowd. She interacts with

many people and is a part of the school orchestra. To help the people around her, Zil works hard and is very diligent. Looking back on how she's grown and succeeded, Zil says

that "Any form of growth is success" and "Success is not defined by the things she's done".

She defines Success as all of the ways she has grown and all the opportunities that are now available to her.

Zil Naik is a very insightful

person and great role model. She has her own views on things that others cannot put into words. Zil manages to lift the spirits of those around her and be a well-rounded person.

Photo Courtesy of Geofry McFall



ZIL NAIK, PRESIDENT OF THE CLASS OF 2014.

## school selfie contest winner!



Photo Courtesy of Shayan Ahmad

WHEN ASKED ABOUT HIS THOUGHTS WHILE CREATING THIS WINNING SELFIE, SHAYAN AHMAD ADMITTED, "I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUNNY."

The Banner was inspired during the Winter Olympics of 2014 and the internet craze recently over the "Selfie Olympics" to create a school Selfie Contest to go with the theme. Students were encouraged to send in creative, school spirited, and appropriate selfies and the student whose selfie was dubbed the most unique by The Banner staff won. Although, we did not get many submissions, a number of them were very creative.

Submitted by Shayan Ahmad, we believe this photo is the most unique, creative, and school spirited and definitely deserves the win. As promised, the winner will receive a 25 dollar gift card to Five Below.

## Congratulations Shayan Ahmad!

## School Day Extensions

*Stephany Mensah-Narh, Contributing Writer*

In his most recent State of the State address, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie proposed a longer school day and an extended school year. This proposal has brought about many criticisms from students everywhere. Most important, it has revisited the debate on education in the nation.

There has been a massive uproar from many students in response to Christie's proposal. "I'm more concerned with the longer school day, than the longer school year. It will take away time from extra-curricular activities. I'm a member of Alchemist, and we need all of our precious time to practice our shows. Without the extra time, we just won't be as good," said senior Neriah Almahdi.

Hannah Sawyer, also a senior responded, "I have more of a problem with the extended school year rather than the school day. I have a summer job and I need that extra money."

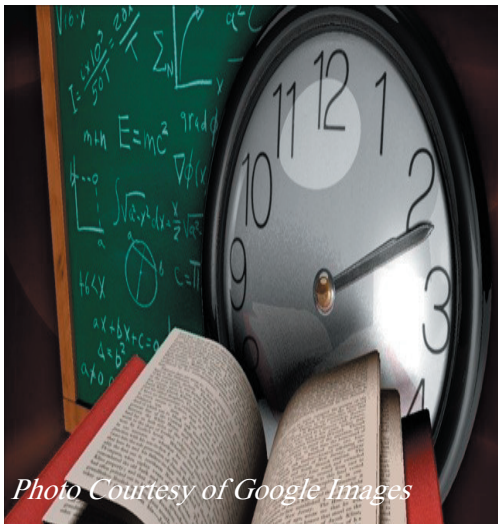
Many students have weighed in in favor of the extended school day and year. Rachel Bosiako, a freshman said, "I think that this extra time in the day and days in the year will help the education at

North Brunswick. It may give me an opportunity to take more classes and expand my horizons."

In all, this proposal would do more harm than good. It would cut back on the extra-curricular activities, which are a vital part of education. Many students want to become professional sports athletes, or Broadway actors.

It would also hurt the economy of organizations and companies that thrive off of the summertime. For example, the Jersey Shore, already crippled by Hurricane Sandy, would lose a lot of its customers, because they would be in school. Christie's proposal, would benefit education, but would also harm many activities, areas and companies.

An extension of the school year sounds great in theory, but would be difficult to enforce. There would need to be a larger school budget to accommodate more uses of electricity, water and heating or air conditioning, as well as more supplies to use during the longer school year. In order for this to be a success, there must be more details regarding what would happen, and willingness from the students.



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EXTENDING THE SCHOOL DAY WOULD DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD.

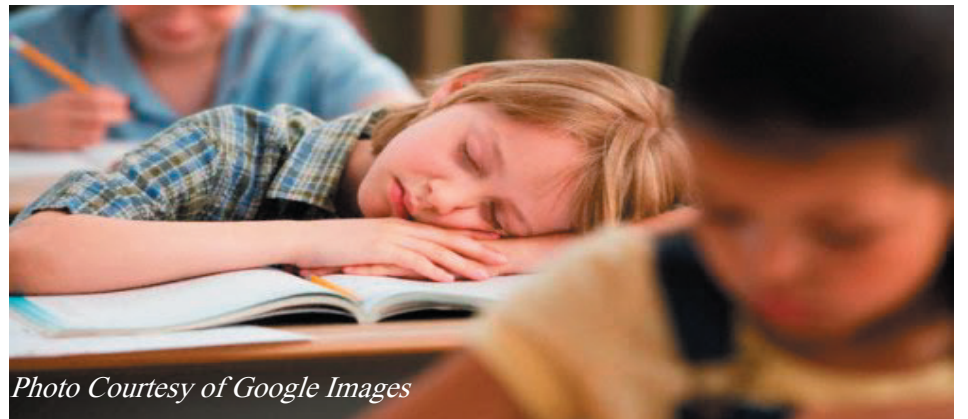
## A Better Atmosphere at NBTHS

*Beran Menneh, Contributing Writer*

Students at NBTHS have to wake up early in the morning and get ready for school. After that, they have to face a dull school day which consists of six periods.

As a result, experiencing a

motivated during school is to set up fun activities during the day. For example, if students know that they have something to look forward to going to school the chance of them working hard is a lot higher.



*Photo Courtesy of Google Images*

STUDENTS LOSE MOTIVATION TO WORK HARD AS A RESULT OF EXPERIENCING A TIRING SCHEDULE EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL.

tiring schedule everyday at school students begin to lose motivation to work hard.

This problem can be solved and prevented if NBTHS begins to give students more freedom during the school day.

For example, if students are allowed to leave school during lunch it would benefit them by giving them a break. However, staff members may disagree with that by saying students would use that as an opportunity to skip school.

In that case, the penalties for students that skip school during lunch should be more severe. As a result, the chances of student's skipping would be less likely.

Another way to get the students of NBTHS to be more

NBTHS can hold fun activities like the game tug of war between the students during lunch. Also, the students can have fun completions like dance contests and win fun prizes.

Although, some staff members like Mrs. Rinko may disagree and say, "Having activities during lunch can end up with a huge mess and certain students may get out of control." However, if they set up security around the students during the activities everything will be controlled.

Students at NBTHS would be a lot more motivated to work hard and come to school if they were provided with more freedom and fun activities during the school day.

### About

### The Banner

As a news publication of North Brunswick Township High School, The Banner serves to provide students with interesting, timely and important information about the school and community. Its staff covers events and stories that are pertinent to the student body at NBTHS.

While honoring the provisions the school has established to maintain a safe environment for its students, the staff upholds freedom of speech as ruled in *Tinker vs. Des Moines*.

The Banner runs in black and white. Throughout the year, the staff maintains a circulation of both a print and electronic publication among NBTHS, the Board of Education and other areas in the community.

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## An Opening Ceremony Not to Forget!

*Sri Kakaumanu, Contributing Writer*

The 2014 Winter Olympics took place in Sochi, Russia in February of 2014. The games were kicked off with the traditional Opening Ceremony. I

The ritual opened with a haunting, yet beautiful tribute to the Cyrillic alphabet, famous Russians, and Russia's vast size and geography. There was a slight hiccup with a malfunctioning ring; however, the show, like all others, went on!

More than an opening ceremony for an athletic event, the show felt like a theatrical play. Throughout the night, viewers got a taste of classical Russian music and ballets, two things all citizens of the country are immensely proud of.

Next, for a portion of the show, dancers recreated Russian history through interpretive dance, and this is where the controversy arose.

Critics of the ceremony argue that the reenactment of Russia's painful past was "smoothed over" when the show's creators decided to soften Stalin's rule.

The Olympics are closely tied to politics. Yet they are also closely tied to forging new friendships and more importantly, a new future. Therefore, critics emphasized that the ceremony did not lack in anything.

In fact, they did exactly what

it was supposed to; introduce the world to Russia and got spectators ready for a great Olympics!

As a spectator of the Games and a citizen of the world, I salute Sochi for their breathtaking show.

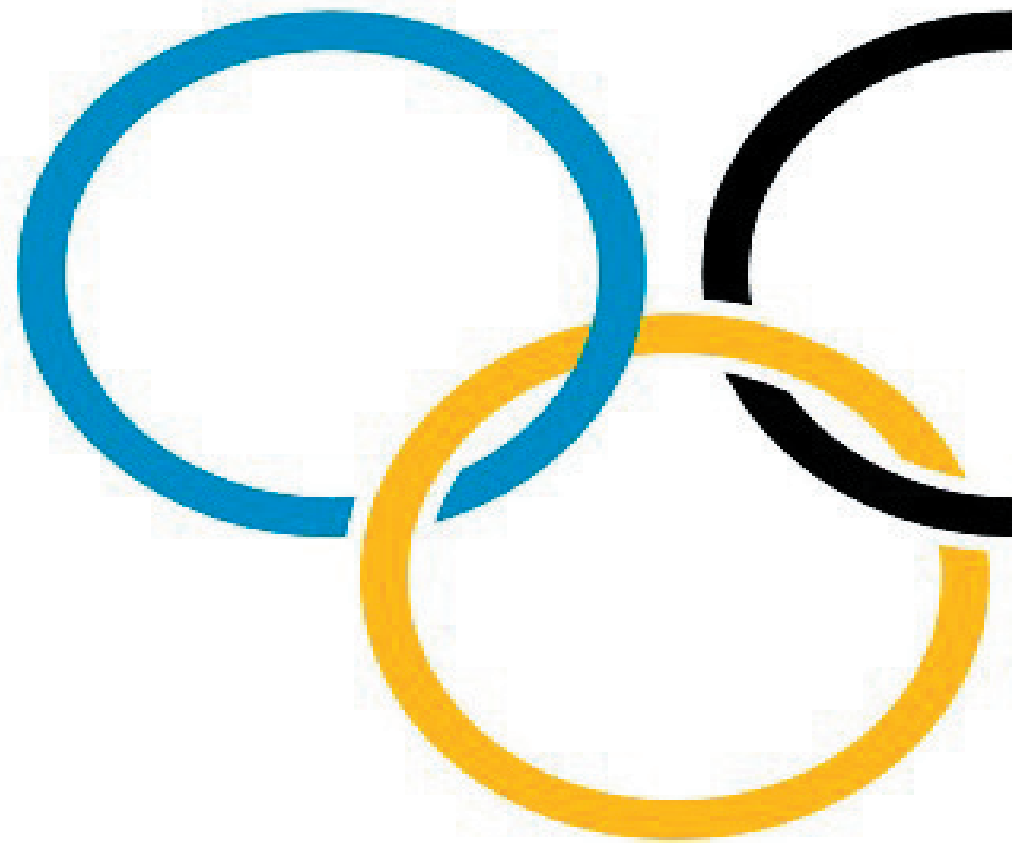
I genuinely enjoyed the Games because it was aesthetically pleasing and had beautiful music and performances. The ceremony also displayed Russia's various cultures and history in a theatrical manner. And to top it all off, the entire event was technologically avant-garde.

Two of the most exceptional moments were the "War and Peace" dance and the light show with huge silver athletes flashing against a pitch black background set to high energy music.

Finally, after the theatricals and athlete parade, came the lighting of the Olympic Torch. The torch traditionally embodies excellence and athleticism.

The Olympics unite the world through sports. For a few weeks, political boundaries don't matter. All that matters is love for sports. That's why in an effort to honor what the Games are truly about, spectators should put aside differences, let bygones be bygones and enjoy all future Olympic Games!

# Winter Oly



## 15-year-old Named Champion!

*Julie Youngman, Contributing Writer*

The host nation of the 2014 Winter Olympics, Russia, has already crowned its Champion of the games.

Russia chose athlete Julia Lipnitskaia, a fifteen-year-old figure skater, as its champion. She is claimed to be the tiniest athlete among the Russians that attended the games this year.

Even though she was tiny, she led Russia to gold on February 9th in the event of figure skating's inaugural team event.

Within the crowd at the games a special guest of Russia, Vladimir Putin, Russia's president, viewed the games. After Lipnitskaia's win, she received a congratulatory pat on the head from the president, and days later she was rewarded with Russia's highest sporting tribute, the Honored Master of Sports award.

Ever since her win, Lipnitskaia has been claimed to be a "goddess", "the princess of the ice", or "the future of figure skating" by multiple newspapers. Her teammates have even

stated that she is a "tiny genius".

During the event she held the world's biggest country's weight

maximum amount of points for her country that even the four-time Olympian Evgeni Plushenko has

athlete is incredible, to be fifteen and to be at the Olympics, it either really works, or it really works against you. I was sixteen at my first world championship, and it really

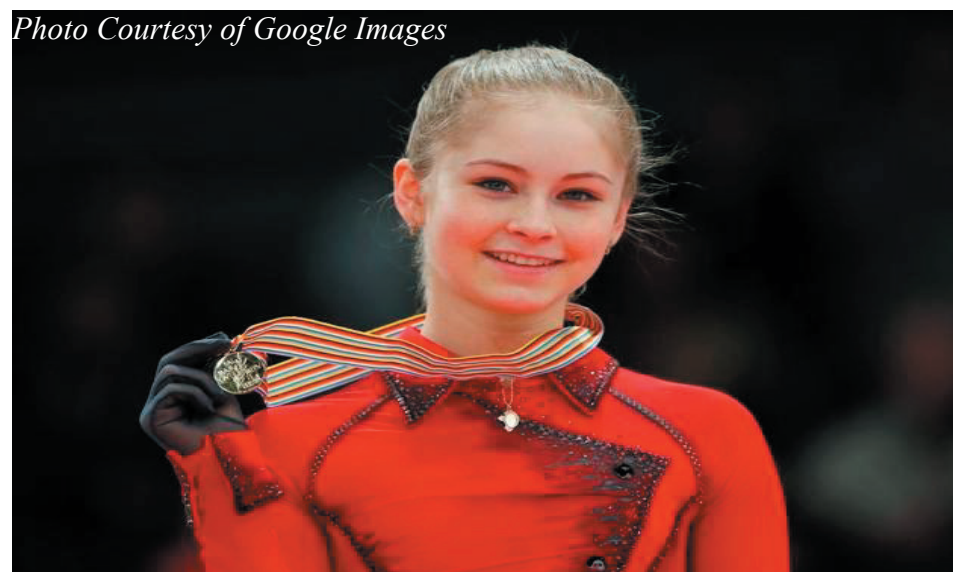
worked against me. So the fact that she has come in here and been so focused and has her eyes on the prize-- that's very admirable for a fifteen-year-old. She's wise beyond her years."

Also Lipnitskaia has become the youngest female figure skater in seventy-eight years to win an Olympic gold medal. Not only this, but in January she became the youngest woman to win the European championships.

Even though she is young, her trainers can tell she has a bright future ahead of her because she is very serious when it comes to her practices.

"I think that a new young star is being lit in Russia right now. She is only fifteen, so all the roads are open for her." stated her coach.

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15 YEAR OLD JULIA LIPNITSKAIA HOLDS HER GOLD MEDAL AFTER HER WIN AT THE 2014 SOCHI WINTER OLYMPICS.

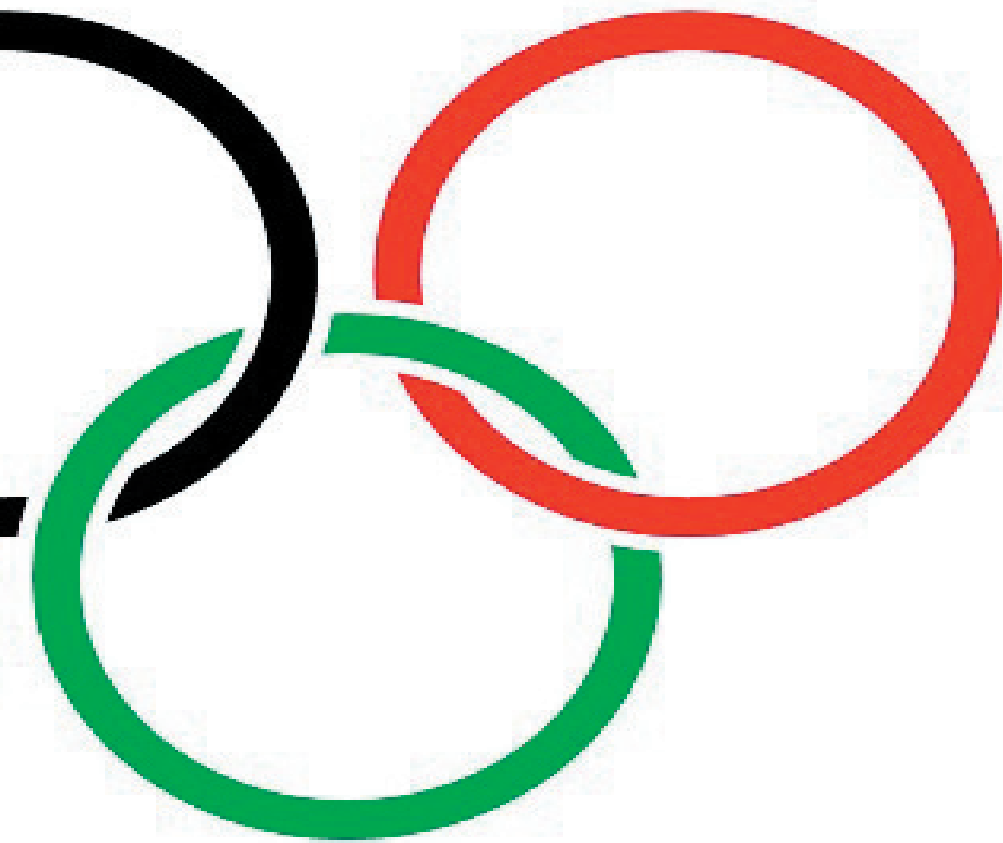
on her shoulders as she skated. As a result, with each task she faced at the games, she claimed victory.

Lipnitskaia earned the

failed to do so.

Ashley Wagner, a two-time Olympic United States Champion, has even stated "what she does as an

# mpics 2014



## A Speed Bump for Shaun White

*Chandler Gorda, Contributing Writer*

At this year's winter Olympics in Sochi, Shaun White failed to defend his gold medal in the men's half pipe placing in fourth place overall.

Despite such a heartbreaking loss at the Olympics, White's athletic track record suggests a potential comeback.

through ramps and half pipes on wheels or on a snowboard, Shaun dominated the competition. His medal count in the Winter X-Games stands at 13 gold, 3 silver, and 2 bronze.

In the 2006 Winter Olympics, White scored a 46.8 out of a possible 50, winning the gold medal in the



*Photo Courtesy of Google Images*

DESPITE HIS LOSS AT SOCHI, SHAUN WHITE STILL KEPT A SMILE ON HIS FACE.

White was born with Tetralogy of Fallot, a congenital heart defect that he had to undergo two open heart surgeries to survive -- all before his first birthday.

Shaun's career took off at the age of 9, when he caught the eye of Tony Hawk while skating at a local park. Hawk took him under his wing and mentored him. By age 17, Shaun was a professional skateboarder competing in the X-Games.

When he began competing in the Winter X-Games in 2002, his talent was evident. Whether he tore

men's half pipe. In the following Vancouver Winter Olympics in 2010, he placed gold again with a score of 48.4, after landing the Double McTwist 1260 in his second run.

The 27-year-old athlete has also been named rider of the year by Transworld Snowboarding. Despite his loss in the 2014 Olympics, White's positive outlook and determination to better himself will undoubtedly show through in his career. In a 2011 White revealed "you take a crash, you get back up and next time you succeed and that's a great feeling."

## Have the Olympics Changed For Better or Worse?

*Jerik Binbinon, Contributing Writer*

The Olympics have evolved substantially over the centuries. The rules, requirements, frequency and more have undergone significant change since they were first held in Olympia, Greece, in the year 776 B.C.E. Although the world now endorses the Winter Olympics, the ancient Greeks only had the Summer Olympics (which occurred every four years) in which they held events such as boxing, wrestling, pancration, pentathlon, chariot races, equestrian races, and running events.

The first drastic change that happened over time was the tests that athletes had to take in order to participate in the games. Back in ancient Greece, each participant was evaluated by a panel of 10 people who would give them their consent.

However, athletes today must go through a series of drug tests (steroids might be present) before they can enter, and failure to do so is an automatic disqualification. They even had bizarre tests in the mid-1900s where several women were

disqualified because the doctors assumed they had male genes that gave them an advantage in their sport (this, however, was proven to be a folly).



*Photo Courtesy of Google Images*  
FROM THE TIMES OF THE ANCIENT GREEKS TO THE MODERN DAY, THE OLYMPICS HAVE GONE THROUGH COUNTLESS CHANGES.

Second, only Greek men could have participated in the games back then. Women were not allowed to participate or even watch the games (for unknown reasons). This is untrue nowadays, where women and men, from various nations can pursue their dreams and compete in the Olympics.

Lastly, the Greek athletes were awarded with a wreath of olive leaves after they had won. In contrast, athletes who win and earn a place on the podium today

are awarded with much more than medals or flowers. They also get more sponsors to support them, meaning they earn money from all the ads, commercials, or products that have their name or face on it.

Although the Olympics have transformed greatly over the centuries, there are problems that arise with it. For example, with

the Winter and Summer Olympics changing locations every four years, it is subject to boycott from different countries. Why would it be boycotted? Because of political nuisances that aim to irritate their enemies. For example, the Olympics were boycotted before World War II and in 1980, during the Cold War. Also, accusations against the host nation arise when competing teams and coaches question the fairness of a referee or the condition of the area the athletes are playing. Current examples are when snowboarders in Sochi complained that the half-pipe was "garbage" and female U.S. hockey players argued that a referee's call in the championship match against Canada (America lost 2-3).

Furthermore, the Olympics have become such a business franchise that they only promote sports that are popular and have a wide fan base. Although the Olympics has undergone drastic changes, it is still able to retain its entertaining spirit.

## FireFly Music Festival

Alyna Reagan, Contributing Writer

Firefly music festival starts June 19th through 22nd in Dover, Delaware. Firefly Music Festival is produced by Red Frog Events, an event production company based in Chicago.

The company is well known as the leader and founder of the Active Entertainment Industry and for its events, including Warrior Dash, the world's largest obstacle race series, and American Beer Classic, a beer festival held in iconic sports stadiums.

Red Frog has received international awards and media attention for its unique company culture and workplace environment, including number 18 on Forbes' "Most Promising Companies in America" list in 2013 and Inc. Magazine's "Fastest Growing Companies" in both 2012 (#9) and 2013 (#60). Red Frog was thrilled to recently be named St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's "Corporate Partner of the Year" of 2013.

When you go to Delaware, you can plan your stay at the camping grounds on the festival, which include close access to paths, entrances, exits, and shuttles.

They have multiple places to stay at the festival such as General Tent Camping, Wednesday Premier Tent Camping, General RV Camping, Wednesday Premier RV Camping, Super RV Camping, Glamping, Premium Glamping, and Companion Car Passes.

They all come at various prices such as the General Tent Camping is \$149 for 4 nights /5 days camping up to 8 people and the General RV Camping is \$299 for 4 nights/5 days camping up to 8 people. So prices vary with how many people you bring and how you want to stay.

You have many places that you can eat at. They have the Coffee House, where there is performances held as well.

If you want healthy food go to "Fresh Co." which serves fruit salads and Asian salads they are vegetarian, vegan or gluten free. Or if you want something more American than you would go to "The New Kitchen" which serves pizza, hot dogs, and water.

At the firefly music festival there is a lot of activities that you can do there besides just listening to music.

The scenerie is different than anything that you have ever seen at an out door music festival. With their lights, trees and relaxing

## Divergent: Diverged From The Rest!

Ami Patel, Staff Writer

*Divergent*, a novel written by Veronica Roth, has been getting a lot of hype lately. Why not? The best-selling novel has been scheduled for a release on the big screen, later this March!

Roth takes the reader into a dystopian world where society has been divided into five factions, each which has their own set of rules, beliefs, and even style of clothing. Each person's faction is determined by an aptitude test and their personal choice on a specific day, at the age of 16. With these five factions, peace has been made in society. For now.

The book takes readers on a heart-pounding journey through a teenager's eyes as she fights with the world to make a place for herself in the faction she chose, from jumping off buildings to fear simulations. It could also be considered as a coming-of-age story. Although the morbid setting may not be relatable,

the struggle of the main character as she overcomes her fears and fights off bullies, as well as learning how to survive without her parents, can be shared by the reader. However, struggles are not the only thing the reader can relate to when it comes to the main character. Other experiences like making new friends, falling in love, and learning new things are present throughout the novel, which can makes the book highly engaging to the young adult crowd.

Roth did a wonderful job in writing the book. She portrayed the main character as a person who was different from the others, in a society where those who are different, or "Divergent", are often terminated by leaders. The main character seems afraid and quiet at first, but, later on, proves herself to be a brave, daring, and helpful person. With her deadly secret, she's plunged into a world where tensions are high, corruption is rampant, and

nothing is what it seems. Roth gave the character a realistic personality, one that is quite tame on the outside, but fiery on the inside. She gives the reader way into the thoughts and feelings of the character, but also pays attention to the world around her. That way, the reader learns about the character AND the rising tensions of her faction and the rest of society.

*Divergent* is a true page-turner, with moments of anticipation, laughter, and shock. And on the big screen, it would be even more interesting than it was before. The concept of factions and being a "Divergent" makes the novel nothing like any other read before. Thousands of enthusiastic readers are eagerly waiting for the release of the film in late March. With a mix of action, romance, and occasionally humor, *Divergent* is bound to make an explosive entrance on the silver screen!

## Divergent: The Movie

Claudia Torres, Staff Writer

First *Harry Potter*, then the *Hunger Games*; Veronica Roth's *Divergent* has now joined the greats by turning a bestselling young adults novel into a highly anticipated movie. Based on Veronica Roth's debut novel, *Divergent* will be set

in a dystopian Chicago. When society is separated into five areas of virtue {Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent)} all sixteen year olds must take a test to discover which specific area they will devote themselves to.

This movie will follow the novel and take viewers through the journey of Beatrice "Tris" Prior (played by Shailene Woodley) as she struggles to find herself. In a society where one's identity is mainly determined by one's faction, Beatrice's test results determine her to have no clear faction (or in other words, a Divergent). As such, she tries to fit into a single faction, taking various tests of character in order to try to get into Dauntless. Along the way she makes both good friends and some enemies at the same time.

However, being a Divergent comes with consequences, and while trying to make it into Dauntless, Beatrice also has to band together with her friends as one of the other factions wishes to cause trouble.

*Divergent* is currently set to be released on March 21, 2014 and features big names such as Maggie Q, Kate Winslet, Shailene Woodley and many more. One of the reasons this is a highly anticipated movie is that there is something for everyone. Action, mystery, romance, adventure are all blend together seamlessly to

provide a riveting and addicting plot that will keep audiences glued to their seats. In addition, teens can escape reality with this creative and very original film, yet at the same time relate to the characters as messages regarding friendship, family, finding one's identity, and preparing for one's future are all incorporated.

Overall, it is definitely safe to say that as *Divergent's* release date comes closer and closer, many will flock to the bookshelves in preparation for this highly anticipated, one of a kind film.

## Tarantino's Outburst

Mark Loshak, Staff Writer

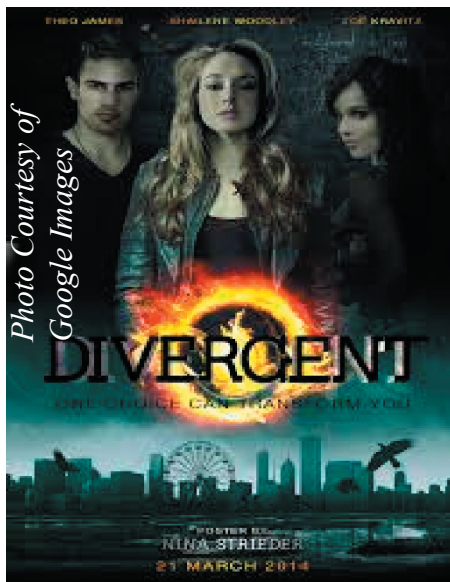
One night during the 2010 Venice Film Festival, Quentin Tarantino, director of popular movies such as *Inglorious Bastards*, *Pulp Fiction*, *Kill Bill*, and *Django Unchained*, announced his new upcoming film in the works by the name of *The Hateful Eight*.

During his presentation, Tarantino kindly asked everyone in the audience to put away any electronic recording devices however, one person did not, even after being personally yelled at by the director, leading to him getting kicked out. Only a week later, a video of Tarantino's performance surfaced on YouTube.

Tarantino completed the first draft of *The Hateful Eight* later and sent it to six people, all part of the production. Just like wildfire, the actors sent copies of it to their friends in Hollywood who then sent it to others, soon ending up on the internet for everyone to see.

Ofcourse, Quentin Tarantino was enraged saying, "I give it out to six people, and if I can't trust them to that degree, then I have no desire to make it." He continues, then announcing he will speak to publishers to turn the screenplay into a book.

After all of this, the director was still enraged enough to file a copyright lawsuit against Gawker Media for a million dollars in damage after it posted a link to the leak of the full script.



COMING OUT MARCH 21, 2014 THE DIVERGENT MOVIE HAS KEPT READERS WAITING IN ANTICIPATION

## Brooklyn Nine-Nine: An Analysis

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A camera focuses on a stone-eyed detective's face. He's speaking to an imaginary audience in front of him, giving a dramatic monologue about the how the pressures of being in the police force are eating him alive. It seems like the cliché cop story of the ages.

...suddenly the camera pans out to reveal an array of electronic store equipment surrounding Andy Samberg, who plays detective Jake Peralta in Fox comedy Brooklyn Nine-Nine, one of the rising television shows of the year. He's play acting, but also parodying the different plots that so often occur in detective dramas—the dramatic entrances, brave and righteous leaders, and heavy footage editing that embody the genre.

Yet Brooklyn Nine-Nine is so much more than that. The show received a Golden Globe Award for Best TV Comedy in 2013 and a showing after the Super Bowl—a considerable gesture of appreciation from Fox entertainment chairman Kevin Reilly, taking into account that shows after Super Bowl hours score enormous ratings. However, it hasn't garnered much attention, which comes as a surprise.

Brooklyn Nine-Nine is a unique comedy about the fictional 99th precinct in Brooklyn and how

the arrival of a new captain, Ray Holt (Andre Braugher), changes the dynamic within the office. It uses a one-camera shooting style, which could have meant a loss in quality and interest, if substituted for any other show. On the contrary, it brings out one of the most compelling parts of this show: the startlingly



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human qualities of every character, and a poignant viewpoint of their interactions together.

Samberg's character, Peralta plays a brilliant but immature detective that is disciplined, but not completely, by strict, masculine captain Ray Holt. Holt plays the straight man to Peralta's antics in all aspects but one—his sexuality. Holt is gay, a fact frequently mentioned in the show, yet written in such a way that is inherently "natural", not forced or self-righteous; the comedy in the episodes isn't surrounding his sexuality, but of the ignorance that often accompanies it. This acceptance, combined

with an accurate representation of the changing roles and attitudes towards the LGBTQ community in the workplace, provide fair social commentary of adult society today.

However, Brooklyn Nine-Nine is ultimately a comedy, and the humor in the episodes is undeniably present. Take the unique relationship

between Peralta and his partner, potential love interest Amy Santiago (Melissa Fumero). The two are often at odds, pulling pranks and throwing jokes, but they have a genuine affection towards each other. A running joke within the series is that Peralta and

Santiago have a year-long bet in which they have to arrest more perpetrators than the other, but the efforts they go through to win this bet are hilarious. Some other characters that feature in the show are tough detective Rosa Diaz (Stephanie Beatriz) and Charles Boyle (Joe Lo Truglio), a clumsy coworker who has an obvious crush on her. Their awkward interaction serves as great comic relief for the series.

Brooklyn Nine-Nine is a wonderfully crafted series that is still on its first season, so new viewers are welcome to hop on the wagon. The seriousness of the job on hand, coupled with the effortless

## Maleficent: The Movie

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Growing up, we've all definitely heard of the story of Sleeping Beauty. It's also more than likely that as a child you sat down and watched the animated movie with Princess Aurora and the evil Maleficent. Well Disney productions are taking this famous children's story into a whole new experience with the new movie Maleficent, starring Angelina Jolie.

Maleficent is centered around the antagonist of Sleeping Beauty, rather than the slightly cliché Princess Aurora. We all know about Aurora's happy ending, however how much did Disney really tell us about Maleficent? Now, her past is going to be completely unveiled. The movie will take you along during Maleficent's childhood, and upbringing. Throughout the film you'll learn why exactly she is so ruthless and careless, and why she is so spiteful and revengeful towards the kingdom. She has interactions with Princess Aurora in this film too, and the entire movie is from her point of view.

The plot has attracted people's interest because of its flip side to the common happily ever after Disney movie. Most of the Disney films revolve around a princess



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and how she earns a happy ending. However, there is always more to a story than the main protagonist. With other Disney movies, we have never really gotten to know the protagonist or heard their story. Therefore, the Maleficent movie will be one of the first to shed some light on why a certain antagonist acts the way she does.

This new Disney movie is starting to catch people's attention

worldwide not only for its interesting plot, but for its star-studded cast. Playing the main role of Maleficent is Angelina Jolie, and if that's not enough to bring to movie,

what is? Playing another main role is Elle Fanning, who is acting as Princess Aurora. Additionally, Robert Stromberg, world-renown director is in charge of directing this film. Other eye-catching names are Juno Temple and Peter Capaldi, who are playing supporting roles. Many people are interested in what this movie has to offer because of its well known sister film, and its significant actresses.

Maleficent is expected to be released on May 30th, 2014, and already has a lot of hype working in its favor. With all the attention in Hollywood on this movie, it is sure to rake in lots of views and ticket sales. The new twist on typical animated films makes this movie highly anticipated and worth the wait!

## American Horror Story

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American Horror Story is a frightening television series that keeps watchers on the edge of their seats. Ironically, this show is created and produced by Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuk who are also known for the musical series Glee. This could be seen through the few musical numbers shown on *AHS*. However, this television thriller is portrayed differently than many other sitcoms. Each season has different storylines, which contain a completely diverse beginning, middle, and end. Mostly the same actors and actresses are used to portray the different characters. The first season, titled American Horror Story: Murder House, takes place in 2011 and follows the story of a family that moves into a home haunted by its former occupants. The second season, titled American Horror Story: Asylum, is set in 1964 and follows the stories of the inhabitants of an institution for the criminally insane. The third season, titled American Horror Story: Coven, takes place in the 1800s and 2013 and follows the battle between witches and the users of voodoo. The time period switches throughout the episodes to explain the repercussions that resulted from the past to the present. There are a lot of different shipping opportunities for characters in this series. Ryan Murphy describes the upcoming season as "crazy, bizarre and Gothic." It will arrive on FX upcoming fall. It is planning to take place in the 50s and another unknown time period. It is certain that Jessica Lange will again be shown in this season which she unknowingly states will be her last season. The popularity of this television show has adapted from its availability on Netflix. Travel through the excitement and become a fan of the already popular series American Horror Story.

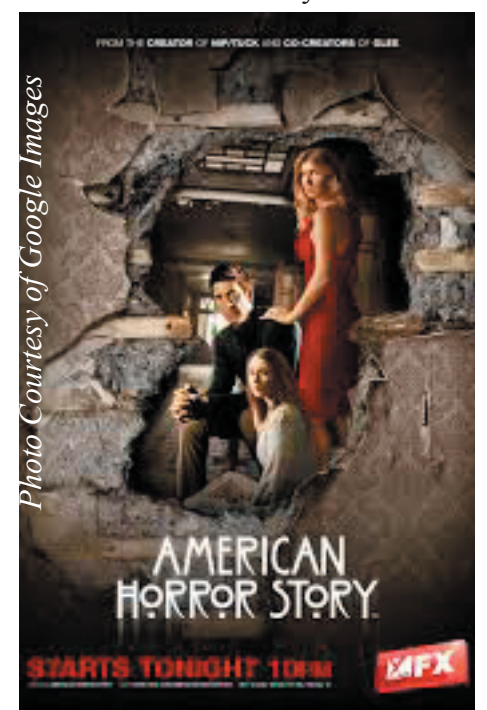


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## Boys Spring Track

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The boys Spring Track team is looking forward to a season of rebuilding and testing out all the fresh, young talent. Although graduating many seniors last year that were the backbone of the team, this year's seniors such as Austin Hernandez, Christian Collado, Nick Fareri and Edward "Fiifi" Coffie also have many seasons of experience and will lead the team along with Coach DiPane this season.

While the seniors will be put to the test with all the hard work they have put in throughout their career with the team, many sophomores and freshmen are just beginning.

Sophomores such as Maxwell Emmanuel, Travis Martin, Michael Veloso, Rahul Patel, Sagar Bhavsar, Isaiah Dennis, Shreyas Ramachandran and Joseph Scariano have some experience already, but will have a much larger role in the team this season.

Maxwell Emmanuel will be expected to help out in 4x100 meters, the 200 meters, and the 100 meters.

Michael Veloso, Rahul Patel and Sagar Bhavsar are also distance runners who will also be carrying some of the load.

Along with Aiden Lewis, Kevin Kuchler, a junior, is the top distance runner on the team. He will participate in the 800, 1600 and 3200 meters this season.

Another junior who has high expectations this season is Rex Thomas, who will be running a variety of sprint races, such as the 200 meters.

Although young, Coach DiPane and the boys Spring Track team will be looking to win the White division and win a few medals at higher level meets such as GMC Relays and Penn Relays.

Coach DiPane has said, "Expectations have been set high for the younger athletes this season. The bar has been set and the athletes will have to work hard and rise to the challenge." This quote will be something that the team will set as their motto and motivation to succeed for this season.

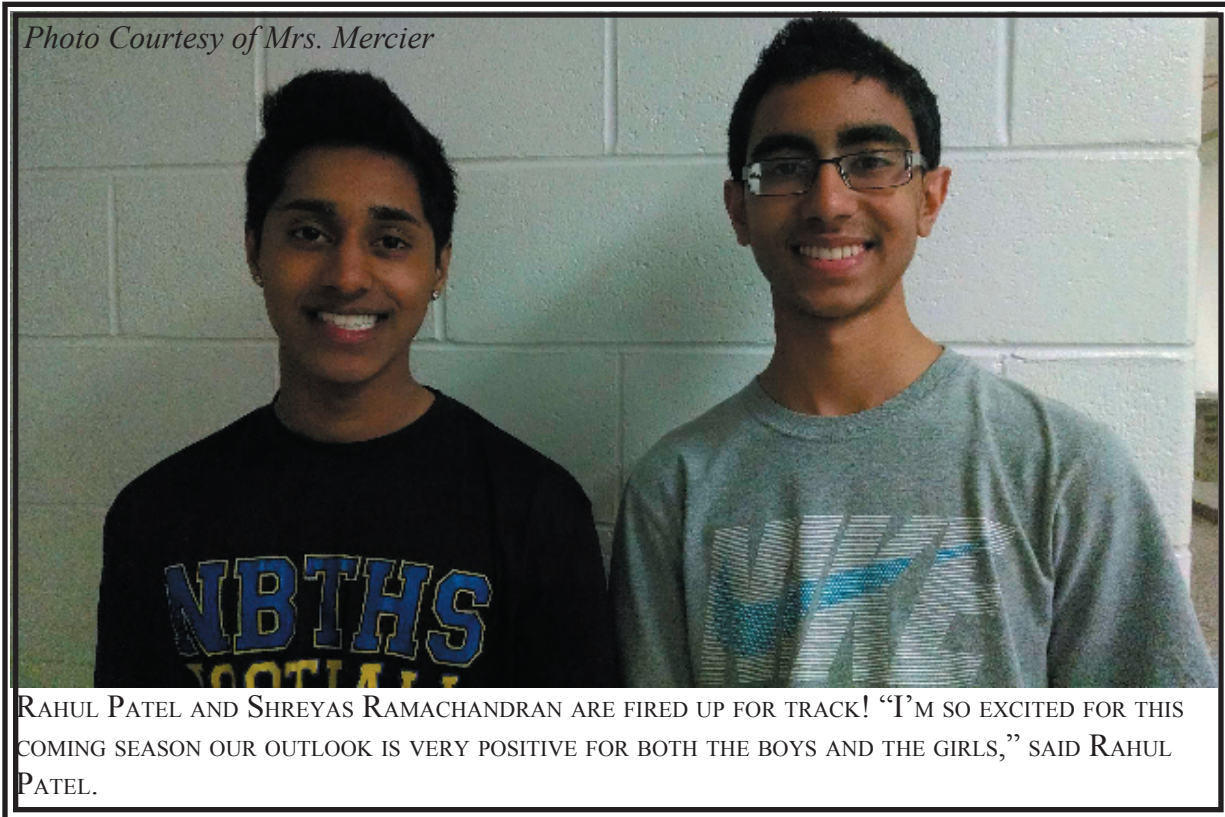


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RAHUL PATEL AND SHREYAS RAMACHANDRAN ARE FIRED UP FOR TRACK! "I'M SO EXCITED FOR THIS COMING SEASON OUR OUTLOOK IS VERY POSITIVE FOR BOTH THE BOYS AND THE GIRLS," SAID RAHUL PATEL.

Travis Martin will be one of the top triple jumpers this season and depended upon to score points.

Joseph Scariano will also be counted on to be run distance races such as the 800 and 1600 meters.

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## Boys and Girls Basketball



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JOE CASTELLANOS AND THE NBTHS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM PLAYS AGAINST THE OPPOSING SIDE. HE IS PERFECTLY SET TO STEAL THE BALL IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE TEAM'S WIN.



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KYRA FOX, FROM THE NBTHS BASKETBALL TEAM, IS AWARDED A PENALTY AND GETS A FREE SHOT. THE NBTHS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM PLAYS AGAINST THE MONROE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM.